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We are now watching the birds gathering and heading south. I know for a fact summer has been here but somehow it seemed shorter than usual. Our American neighbours arrived late but it was terrific that so many were able to revisit albeit too short. Your board has met virtually 8 times since our last Annual General Meeting considering several important issues. We missed getting out for dock-to-dock visits or being able to have any gatherings, but we continue to try to increase our membership and involvement.

2021 Annual General Meeting

Our fourth AGM will be held virtually on Saturday October 23 at 10 am. The Board decided that a virtual meeting would be preferable due to restrictions on in person meetings. You should have received your formal notice by email. The agenda, last year's minutes and instructions on how to join will follow. There are three vacancies on the Board, so we hope you will consider serving. We are using GoTo Webinar again as it seemed to work well last year. We hope you can join us for what should be a very informative meeting!

Lake Management Plan Steering Committee

The Lake Management Plan Steering Committee is well on the way, connecting with the Township of North Frontenac, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Canonto Lake Property Owners Association and watershed neighbours. Although the pandemic created a challenge, a survey was sent out asking for interest in helping to develop and write the plan. The survey was well received, and we would like to thank everyone who participated and volunteered their time and talents. As the Steering Committee moves forward, we would like to remind everyone that we are all stewards of Palmerston Lake and encourage you to volunteer any talents, knowledge, or training, to assist in this important endeavour.

Lake Concerns

There have been several issues brought forward that could affect all of us. The surface water temperature was noticeably warmer than normal and some members experienced swimmers itch for the first time. Eurasian water milfoil seems to be increasing with a large and very tall patch

located in the west end of the lake. The water level seemed higher than normal throughout much of the summer and weeds were noticeable at the marina breaking the surface in the middle of the harbour. We are working with MVCA and other agencies to try to determine what action, if any, should be taken.

It was interesting to see the increased number of day users of the lake (non cottagers) and the marina is now at capacity. We are considering ways to encourage these users to participate in our Association.

Burns Island Fire

The Burns Island fire was a tragedy, and we are grateful to the Ompah volunteer Fire Department as well as North Frontenac, Snow Road and Clarendon Miller for their quick response and efficient control of what could have been a major disaster for our lake. We don't know the cause but we would like to remind everyone to monitor the local fire hazard warnings and to ensure all fires are extinguished when unattended.

North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance

The NFLAA is an association that represents the interests of twenty lake associations in the Township of North Frontenac. As a member association of the NFLAA we attend meetings and co-operate on matters such as the effort to move all lakefront properties to a mandatory septic re-inspection system. Other issues that don't seem to be affecting our lake at the moment, (but certainly could in the future) include disturbances caused by commercial rental operations such as Air BNB's and the management of commercial forestry operations.

Other stuff

We have continued to pass information on to you from the Township of North Frontenac and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations which we hope has kept you informed about the pandemic and local news and other important matters that could affect all of us on the lake.

We hope you have been a regular visitor to our web site. We are providing information and useful links at <https://palmerstonlakeassociation.com>

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday October 23. Hope you can attend!