

Palmerston Lake Association



Annual General Meeting
October 23, 2021



The PLA Team

Directors

- Andrew Waywell - President
- Jim Getman - Vice President
- Joan Cotton - Newsletter
- Robbie Viets - Membership
- John Viets – Lake Stewardship
- Rene van Diepen - Website

Officers

- Leslie Viets – Secretary-Treasurer

Since our last AGM, Nicole Doyle has resigned from the board for personal reasons. We thank her for her contributions.



Motion to add Paragraph 4 to Article 13 of the Constitution

“A meeting may be held by such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and a Member participating in the meeting by those means is deemed to be present at the meeting.”



Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions – Andrew Waywell, PLA President
 - ☐ Motion to amend constitution
 - ☐ Motion to approve agenda
 - ☐ Motion to approve Minutes of 2020 AGM
2. President's Report – Andrew Waywell
3. Membership Report – Robbie Viets
4. Finance Report – Leslie Viets
 - ☐ Motion to Approve Financial Report
 - ☐ Authorize the Directors to set a Budget according to the needs and resources of the Association
 - ☐ Motion to Not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit or review
5. Nominations for and Election of Directors
 - ☐ Call for Nominations from the floor
6. Committee Reports
 - ☐ Lake Management Plan Steering Committee – Jim Getman
 - ☐ Lake Steward's Report – John Viets
 - ☐ Website – Rene van Diepen
 - ☐ Newsletter – Joan Cotton
7. Question Period for Members
8. Closing Comments – Andrew Waywell
9. Adjournment



President's Report

Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

Primary Focus Areas...

The board has met eight times since our last AGM, main topics of discussion were:

- Membership
- Lake Stewardship
- Lake Management Plan



President's Report

Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance...

- Continued recommending Mandatory Septic Re-Inspection for all lake property owners.
 - In March, Township Council passed a motion to continue the voluntary re-inspection program for another year while costing out a mandatory system.
 - Major lobbying effort underway – some Councillors opposed to it.
 - Members are encouraged to request a re-inspection of their system to demonstrate that we are in favour of all lakefront property systems to be re-inspected.
- Requested Council to form a Committee to review options for controlling behaviour at commercial cottage rental operations.
 - Some lakes are having serious problems with excessive noise, late night partying, careless boating, etc.
 - Need to find a way to control behaviour without penalizing property owners who rent their property on a short-term basis to help defray costs.



Questions Regarding The Presidents Report?



PLA Membership Report

We are pleased to announce that we have 43 voting Members, and 14 Associate Members. This is a small increase from last year and is encouraging considering the slow return to normal for many lake users as the Covid pandemic continues to keep the brakes on.

In spite of this I think it is fair to say that Palmerston Lake Association is well underway and is earning more of a presence as people realize that our goals and objectives to preserve the quality of our lake environment will benefit the whole lake community.

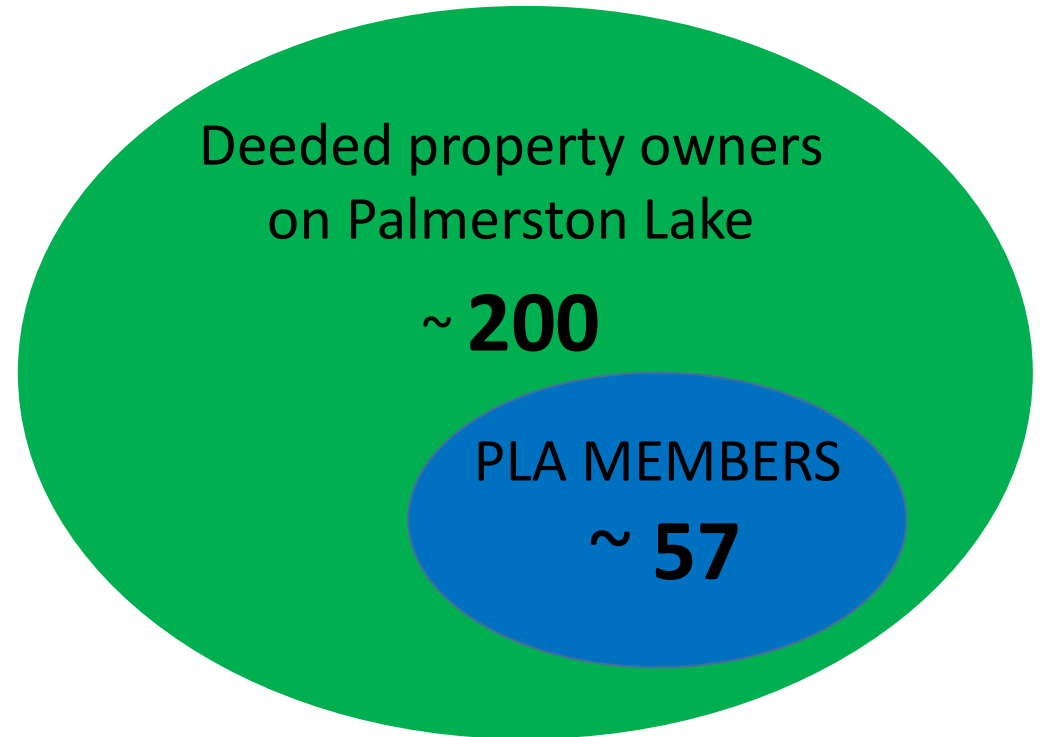
During our first three years, memberships were based on the calendar year which sounds simple enough. In practice though it makes more sense to start your membership year on the date you pay your dues and to have it expire on the first or second anniversary of that date, depending on your choice of one or two year membership. We will now be sending an email in the month before your membership expiration date to remind you to renew.

Thanks to all of you for your support. As always we ask you all to help your association grow by encouraging your friends and neighbors on the lake to join and you can do even more by volunteering to join the Membership Committee 😊



We need more Members!

- ✓ Reach out to your neighbours
- ✓ Tell them what we are doing
- ✓ Encourage them to come to the AGM
- ✓ Ask them to sign up and give their voice



Questions About The Membership Report?



PLA

Financial Report

Presented to the 2021
Annual General Meeting

PALMERSTON LAKE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT
PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING October 23, 2021

2020			
	Bank Balance January 1st 2020	\$	1,816.73
Add: 2020 Revenues:			
Membership fees	\$	1,460.00	
Interest	\$	4.41	
	Total Revenues 2020	\$	1,464.41
Less: 2020 Expenditures			
Board Meetings and AGM (phone and GoTo)	\$	429.87	
Bank charges	\$	12.50	
FOCA membership fees	\$	315.82	
Website	\$	35.00	
	Total Expenditures 2020	\$	793.19
	Net Income 2020	\$	671.22
	Bank Balance December 31st, 2020	\$	2,487.95

2021			
Add: 2021 Revenues to date			
Membership fees	\$	1,140.00	
Interest	\$	4.22	
Donations	\$	-	
	Total Revenues 2021 to date	\$	1,144.22
Less: 2021 Expenditures			
Board Meetings and AGM (phone and GoTo)	\$	339.00	
Bank charges	\$	5.50	
Website	\$	30.00	
FOCA membership fees	\$	317.50	
	Total Expenditures 2021 to date	\$	692.00
	Net Income 2021 to Oct 19 2021	\$	452.22
	Bank Balance to date October 19, 2021	\$	2,940.17

Questions About The Financial Report?



Motions For The Financial Report:

- Motion to Approve Financial Report
- Motion to Not Appoint an Auditor and Not to have an Audit or Review
- Motion to Authorize Directors to set a Budget according to the Association's needs and resources



Nominations for Director from the floor

- There are 3 vacancies on the Board
- We are very pleased to announce that Christina Sass-Kortsak and John Livernois have been nominated for positions on the Board of Directors and have agreed to let their names stand. A poll will now open for Voting Members to cast their votes.
- Leslie Viets is continuing as our Secretary-Treasurer, an Officer



Committee Reports

- Lake Management Planning Committee – Jim Getman
- Lake Stewards Report – John Viets
- Website – Rene van Diepen
- Newsletter – Joan Cotton



Lake Management Planning Committee Report

- A Palmerston Lake Management Plan Steering Committee has been formed. Co-chaired by Jim Getman and John Viets
- We had 7 respondents to a survey sent to all members earlier this year
- Efforts are underway to develop a Project Plan and management for this effort
- Still in early stages and hopeful to have more results to report next year



Lake Stewardship

Our Stewardship of Palmerston Lake focuses on water quality.

We Monitor

We Maintain

We Enhance



Lake Stewardship Continued...

Monitoring Activities 2021

1. Canadian Lakes Loon Survey
2. Canada Geese
3. Lanark-Mazinaw Forest Management Plan 2021 to 2031
4. Water Quality
5. Invasive species - Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

1. Canadian Lakes Loon Survey

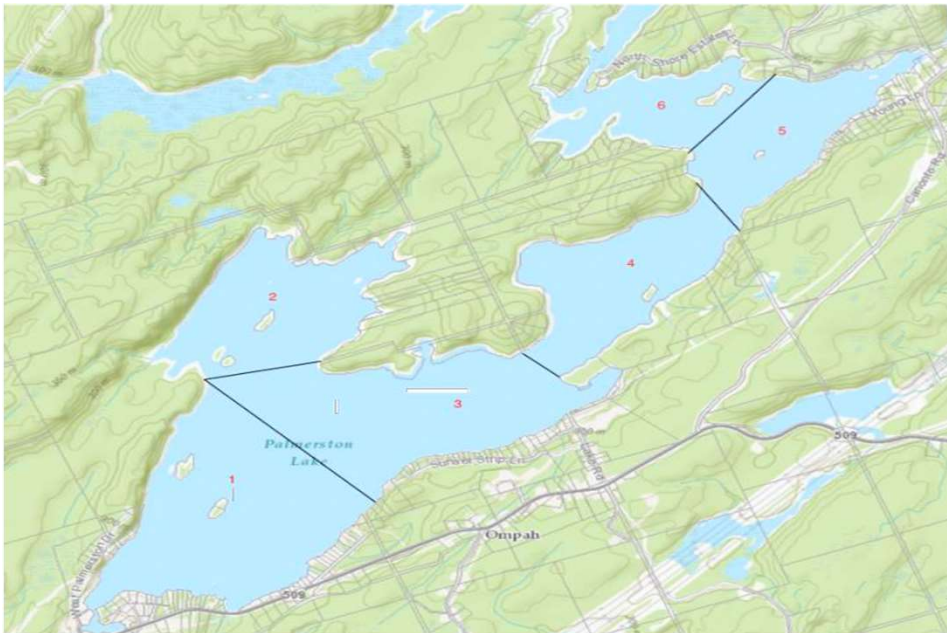
- Coordinator: **Mary Rothfels** (mary.rothfels@gmail.com)
- Contributes to a national survey for the conservation of an iconic bird that is also an indicator of water quality.
- A conservative estimate would be a total of 2-3 pairs of loons with only one pair successful in producing small young (possibly a second nesting effort) that might not be capable of flying south in the fall.



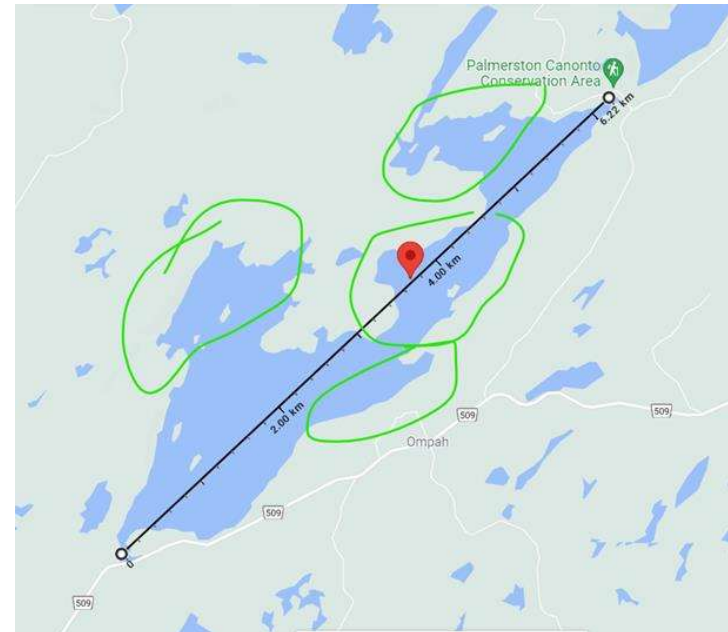
Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

1. Canadian Lakes Loon Survey

Lake Management Zones



Possible Loon Nesting Areas



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

1. Canadian Lakes Loon Survey

Thanks to our 2021 Loon Observers!

Zone 1 Incidental observations while boating to / from the marina

Zone 2: No reporting

Zone 3: Peter, Heidi and Ben Roberts (lafolia.forestproducts@gmail.com); also John, incidentally
Section 4: John Livernois (live@uoguelph.ca); also Heidi, incidentally

Zone 5: Calum de Hartog and Family (calumdehartog@me.com)

Zone 6: Mary Rothfels (mary.rothfels@gmail.com)



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

2. Canada Geese

- The north end of the lake is experiencing an increase in the number of migrating Geese stopping over in Palmerston Lake.
- Some properties are being negatively impacted by this.
- We are looking for someone to monitoring, research and prepare an approach for dealing with the situation.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

2. Canada Geese

Record

Numbers, location, nest sites, feeding sites, arrival and departure etc.

Research

What has been done in other places, what is recommended by wildlife professionals, type of locations geese prefer etc

Educate

Put together an information package to place on our website and email to our members.

If you can help out, send an email to: stewardshippla@gmail.com



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

3. Forest Management Plan 2021 to 2031

- Palmerston Lake is within this Forest Management Zone.
- A Forest Management Plan is revised and renewed every ten years.
- There are public consultations which occur during this process.
- We have been monitoring a resolution process carried out by neighbouring lake groups. These groups are more directly impacted by the Plan than are we.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

3. Forest Management Plan 2021 to 2031

- We may in the future be impacted by some of the same things that concerned them this time around. We expressed support for their initiatives.
- You can read about the plan in the link below. It includes a map of the zone and our location in it.

<https://www.mlfi.org/planning/forest-management-planning>

- A map of the zone

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/1df8c5b3-95e0-4be8-b108-711fe31d9c67/Map.pdf>



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

4. Water Quality

- Based on Secchi depth and surface water total phosphorus results in 2019 (Table 9, Figure 15) the lake maintains an oligotrophic status.
- The water temperature and dissolved oxygen profile data from the 2019 sampling events are available in Appendix A.
- All good news.

[Integrated Monitoring Report 2019](#)

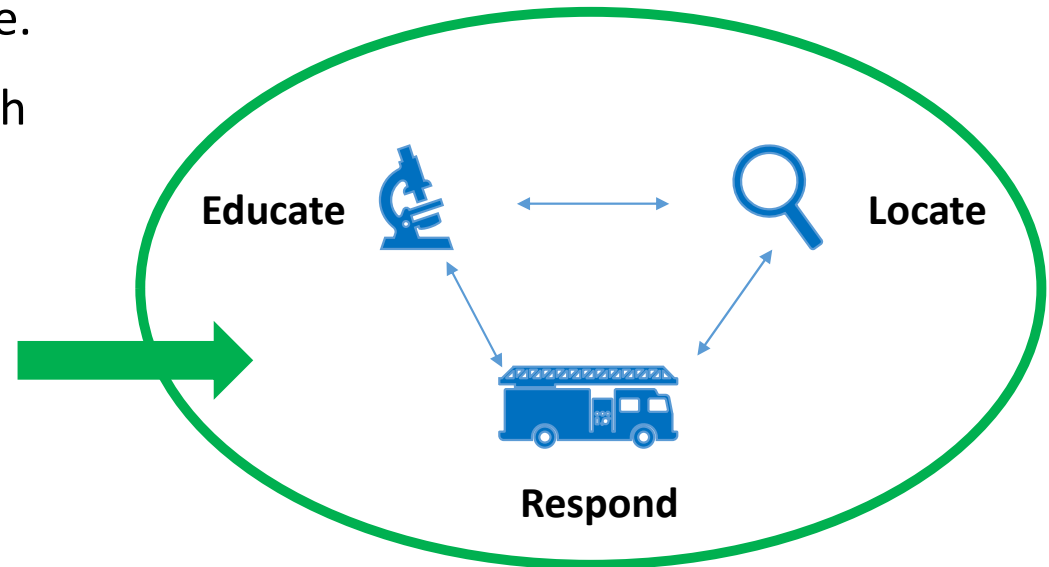
Reference: Integrated Monitoring Report 2019-Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

- This invasive species is growing in our lake.
- We need to develop a measured approach when managing this.
- A three-part response will keep us moving in the right direction.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



2) Locate



3) Respond



EWM has 12 or more pairs of fronds on each leaf .

Native water milfoil has less than 12 pairs



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



2) Locate



3) Respond



- In this picture the brownish colour is Eurasian water-milfoil.
- We have confirmation (Kelly Stiles | Aquatic Biologist | Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority) that this invasive species is present in Palmerston Lake.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

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1) Educate



2) Locate



3) Respond



This is a close up of the same weed bed. Our sample came from this bed. There are other locations in the lake, although not nearly this dense.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



2) Locate



3) Respond



- Collect a sample to confirm species
- Place sample in a shallow white container.
- Take a picture and zoom in/out and try to count the pairs of fronds.
 - Less than 12 pairs = Good
 - 12 or more pairs = Bad



Lake Stewardship Continued...

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



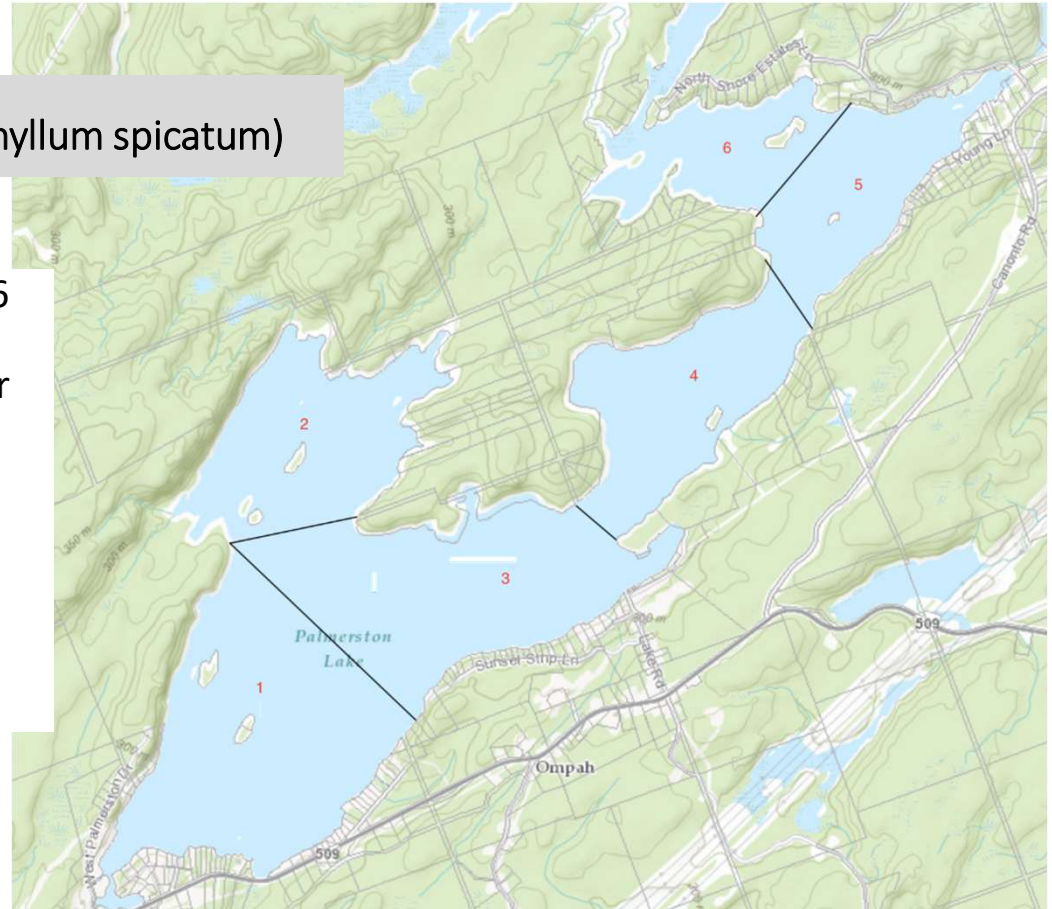
2) Locate



3) Respond



- The lake is partitioned into 6 Lake Management Zones.
- During the summer, monitor conditions in your zone and mark any suspected occurrences of EWM on a map.
- If you find EWM, send a picture of your map to: stewardshippla@gmail.com



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



The Response to EWM

The aim of a response must be to limit the spread of EWM in the lake.

- Inform ourselves and others not to drive boats - including power boats, inflatable water toys, canoes, kayaks and paddle boats - through EWM weedy sections of the lake
 - Small fragments grow roots and take hold in the lakebed
- Any boats coming from elsewhere must be cleaned before going in the lake. EWM came here from another water body.

2) Locate



3) Respond



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

5. Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

1) Educate



This invasive species is growing in
Palmerston Lake.

2) Locate



3) Respond



We have to treat all weeds in our lake as
if they include Eurasian Water Milfoil.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

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1) Educate



2) Locate



3) Respond



If you must cut weeds

- A. CHOOSE A CALM DAY OR A DAY WHEN THE WIND IS BLOWING TOWARDS YOU. THIS WILL HELP KEEP THE WEEDS FROM GETTING AWAY FROM YOU.
- B. WORK ON SMALL SECTIONS OF WEEDS THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTAIN AND REMOVE FROM THE LAKE. THEN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SECTION.



Lake Stewardship Continued...Monitoring Activities 2021

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If you must cut weeds

- C. Dispose of weeds above the ordinary high-water mark, preferably in a flat, vegetated area so the EWM fragments cannot wash back into a nearby water body. Compost piles, farm fields, gardens, and landfills are good places.
- D. Please see this link for a broader look at hand pulling EWM. These techniques can be applied to removal of weeds in your waterfront area.

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr->

[ap/UWEXLakes/Documents/programs/CBCW/publications/EWMhandpullingbrochure.pdf](https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Documents/programs/CBCW/publications/EWMhandpullingbrochure.pdf)

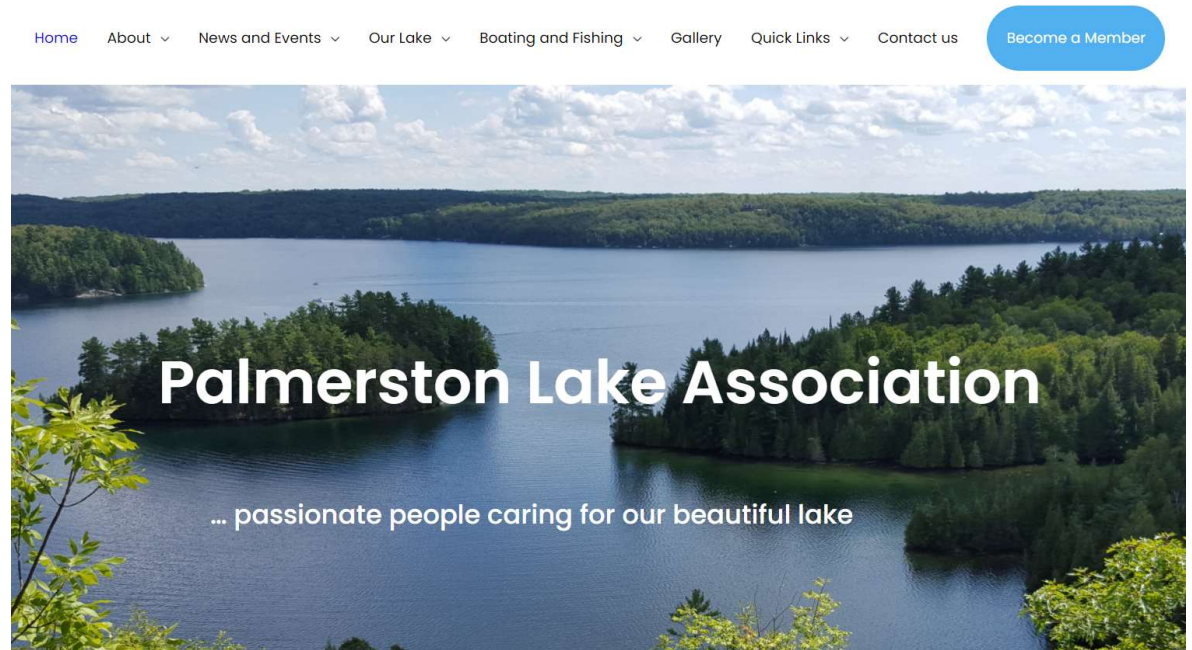


Questions About The Lake Stewardship?



palmerstonlakeassociation.com

- The website has great content that we are continually building.
- We are designing it to be the central source for information about the Palmerston Lake Association.



What can I find on the Website?

- When is the AGM? What local events are happening? Where do I go to find out about septic systems? Building a new dock? Or how about getting involved in developing our Lake Management Plan? Where's that last issue of the Palmerston Post?
- The website is also your one stop shop for Quick Links to building codes and regulations, local businesses, the Frontenac Township, waste and recycling, Citizen Science.
- We even have a photo gallery – so submit your photos to see them up on the website!
- And of course, all the information and steps to become a PLA Member, or renew your Membership.
- And if you would like to volunteer, the areas where we are looking for help and how to volunteer.



Questions About The Website?



Newsletter

PALMERSTON POST

FALL 2021 - VOL.3 - ISSUE 2

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.



Newsletter Continued...

Barne's Island Fire

The Barne's 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!



Questions About The Newsletter?





Open Forum

At this time we will open a forum for questions and comments with Andrew as moderator.
Please unmute your microphone and say your name if you would like to speak.



Closing Comments from the President



Thank you for your participation and interest!

Closing Remarks – Andrew Waywell

