

Palmerston Lake Association



6th Annual General Meeting
July 22, 2023



The PLA Team

Directors

- Andrew Waywell - President
- Jim Getman - Vice President
- John Viets - Lake Stewart
- Robbie Viets - Membership
- Christina Sass - Kortsak - Membership
- Rene van Diepen - Website
- John Livernois - Website
- Liz Jackson - Lake Management Plan

Officers

- Leslie Viets – Secretary-Treasurer



Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions – Andrew Waywell, PLA President
 - ☐ Motion to approve agenda
 - ☐ Motion to approve Minutes of 2022 AGM
2. President's Report – Andrew Waywell
3. 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
4. Nominations for, and Election of Directors
 - ☐ Directors who are in the second year of their term
 - ☐ Directors nominated for re-election
 - ☐ Call for Nominations from the floor – one position open
6. Guest Speaker – Bruce Moore, President of the NFLAA
7. Committee Reports
 - ☐ Membership Report – Christina Sass-Kortsak
 - ☐ Lake Management Plan Committee – Liz Jackson
 - ☐ Lake Steward's Report – John Viets
 - ☐ Website – John Livernois/Rene van Diepen
8. Question Period for Members
9. Closing Comments – Andrew Waywell
10. Social Hour Get Together



President's Report

Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

Primary Focus Areas...

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

- Membership
- Lake Stewardship
- Lake Management Plan
- Gravel Point/ Lafolia Lane development application



Other specific activities...

President's Report

Highlights of matters dealt with since last AGM

- Beach Party in August was a great success
- Meeting with Mayor Lichty and our Ward 3 Councillors
- Questioned development application for Gravel Point/Lafolia Lane
- Tree planting project sponsored by MVCA shared with Canonto
- Dock to Dock Membership drive
- Continuing efforts to control Eurasian Water Milfoil
- Work on the Lake Management Plan continues
- Attendance at NFLAA meetings
- Attendance at FOCA seminars
- Continually adding information to our website
- We have until October, 2024 to comply with ONCA



Questions Regarding The Presidents Report?



PLA – Financial Report for 2022

Presented to the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Palmerston Lake Association
Statement of Income and Expense 2022

Retained Earnings Y.E.2021	\$3,284.81
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Expenses

Bank charges	\$ 6.00
Other Associations FOCA Membership Dues	\$ 350.00
Insurance	\$ 648.00
AGM 2022	\$ 150.00
Milfoil event	\$ 70.00

Total Expenses	\$ 1,224.00
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Revenue

Membership Fees	\$1,665.35
Bank interest rec'd	\$ 18.38
Donations	\$ 100.00

Total Revenue	\$1,783.73
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Net Income 2022 (to Dec 31)	\$ 559.73
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Retained Earnings at Year End 2022	\$3,844.54
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Palmerston Lake Association
Statement of Income and Expense to July 16, 2023

Retained Earnings Y.E.2022	\$3,844.54
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Expenses

Bank charges	\$ 15.05
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Events - Beach Party	\$ 100.00
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Other Associations (FOCA and NFLAA Dues. Seminar)	\$ 526.77
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Insurance	\$ 648.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 1,289.82
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Revenue

Membership Fees	\$ 610.68
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Bank interest rec'd	\$ 41.89
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Donations	\$ -
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Total Revenue	\$ 652.57
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Net Income 2023 (to July 16)	\$ (637.25)
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Retained Earnings at July 16 2023	\$3,207.29
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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

- Directors who are in the second year of their term and are continuing
 - Andrew Waywell
 - Jim Getman
 - Robbie Viets
 - John Viets
 - Rene Van Diepen
 - Liz Jackson
- Nomination of Directors who have completed the second year of their term and have agreed to let their name stand for election
 - John Livernois
 - Christina Sass-Kortsak
- Nominations are open to the floor
- Leslie Viets is continuing as our Secretary-Treasurer, an Officer



Guest Speaker

Bruce Moore, President of the NFLAA



Committee Reports

- ☐ Membership Report – Christina Sass-Kortsak
- ☐ Lake Management Plan Committee – Liz Jackson
- ☐ Lake Steward's Report – John Viets
- ☐ Website – John Livernois



Committee Reports: Membership



Membership Report

Goals for the 2023

- Continue social events and communications to strengthen our community
- Increase the number of members; target is at least 85 voting members, which would represent just over 50% of lakeshore owners

Membership Committee

- Janette Hayhoe
- Liz Jackson
- Christina Sass-Kortsak (Chair)
- Leslie Viets
- Robbie Viets (Membership tracking)

Events/Activities for 2023

- **Dock Visits:** Board Members reached out to everyone on the lake, mostly by boat, between July 1-9, 2023
- **Get to Know One Another:** at the AGM July 22/23; ask questions, share stories
- **Encourage Volunteers:** Any involvement, large or small, is welcome
- **Beach Gathering** (meet your neighbours) with live music, snacks and kids crafts (hopefully!); August 19/23



We are growing!

Year	Voting Members	Associate Members	Total Members
2022	39	19	58
2023	51	29	80 ★

Help the PLA grow by encouraging your friends and neighbors on and near the lake to check out our web page and consider joining (only \$25!) and helping us in our efforts to preserve the quality and character of the lake. The more members we have, the stronger our voice will be.



Questions About The Membership Report?



Committee Reports: Lake Management Plan



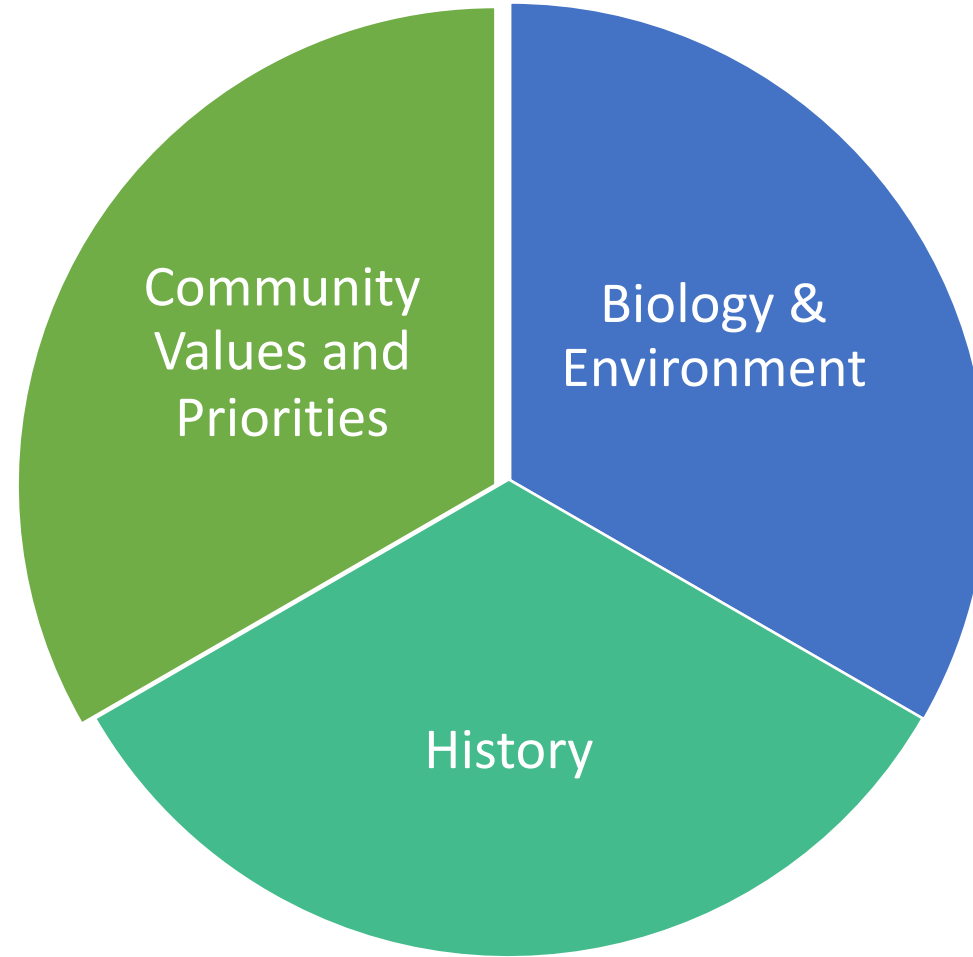
Lake Management Plan

‘Data For
Light Not
Heat’

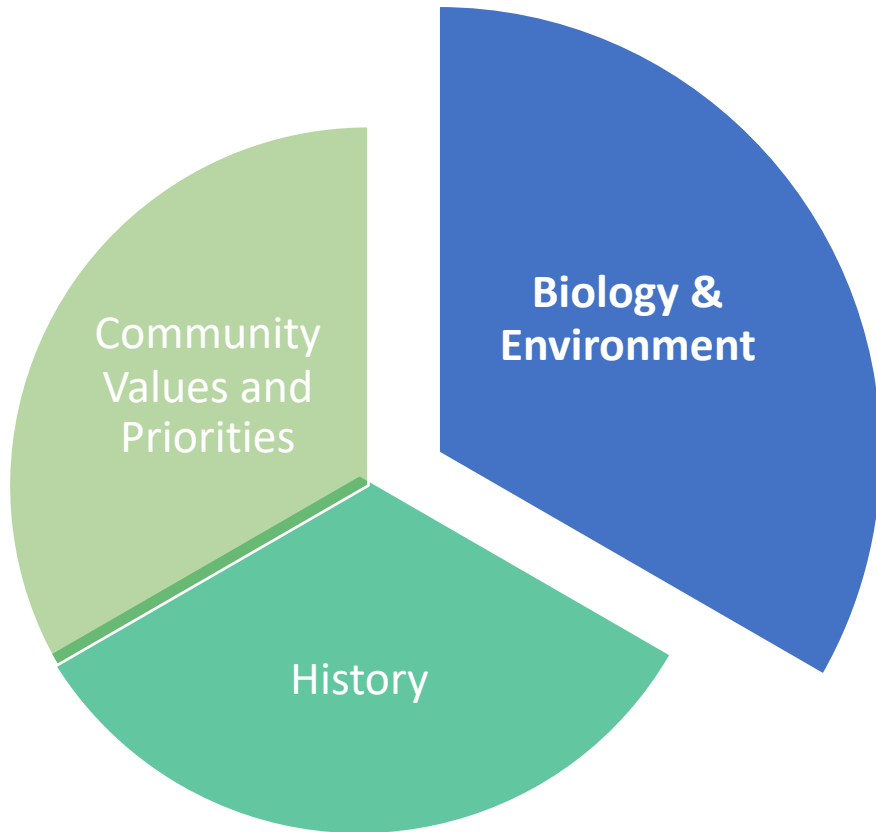
- Long term ‘living’ project engaging our partners
- Evidence based
- Describes our lake
 - Environmental features and status
 - History
 - Community values and issues
- Tools
 - Raise awareness and educate about our lake
 - Engage public officials on issues of common concern to property owners from an evidence-based and representative position.
- NOT a legislative or regulatory document



Palmerston Lake Stewardship Plan



2023 Update



- Canonto Lake Plan as template
- Support from MVCA
- Data: limited
 - Water quality: clarity, pH, phosphorus/chlorophyll
 - Topography/soils
 - Flora and fauna
 - Endangered species
 - Invasive species

Next steps: ✓ Fill data gaps
✓ Disseminate
✓ Work on other parts of the plan

Huge thanks to Marissa Okum, Stewardship Technician, MVCA



Questions About The Lake Management Plan?



Committee Reports: Lake Stewardship Plan



What is Lake Stewardship?

- Stewardship is an activity that focuses on:
 - **responsible planning and management of resources.**
- Palmerston Lake Stewardship focuses responsible planning and management on our greatest resource:
 - **the quality of our lake water.**



How are we focusing on the quality of our lake water?

First we must ask the question...

What kind of a lake is Palmerston Lake?



Palmerston Lake is an Oligotrophic lake

Oligotrophic lakes are generally clear, deep and free of weeds or large algae blooms. Though beautiful, they are low in nutrients and do not support large fish populations, However, oligotrophic lakes often develop a good food chain capable of sustaining a very desirable fishery of large game fish



Facts about Oligotrophic lakes

1. Flora, fauna, aquatic life and waterfowl all flourish on oligotrophic lakes.
2. Any reduction in the numbers of any of the above can indicate negative changes in the quality of the lake water.
3. Any increase in the numbers of the above can indicate positive changes in the quality of the lake water.
4. Successful Stewardship activity has proven to increase the numbers of these types of organisms.

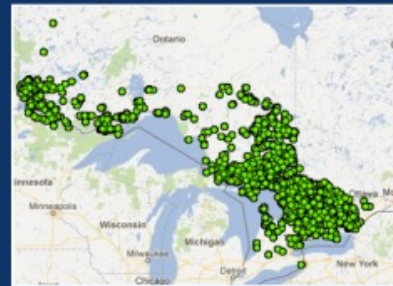


PLA Stewardship Activities – Lake Partner Program

Monitoring and collecting water quality data as part of the Lake Partner Program. Conducted in the spring.



① Sample kit
(arrives in winter)



⑨ Data posted
online after
QA/QC



② In May, Measure
and Record Secchi
depth at deep spot



③ Rinse 2x with filtered
lake water, obtain an
integrated water sample,
1x Secchi depth to
surface



④ Filter
with 80- μ m
mesh

Lake Partner Program Sampling Protocol



⑧ Analysis at
DESC chemistry
lab

⑦ Affix
return
postage
and mail to
DESC



⑥ Fill
plastic jar



⑤ Fill 2 glass
tubes on site



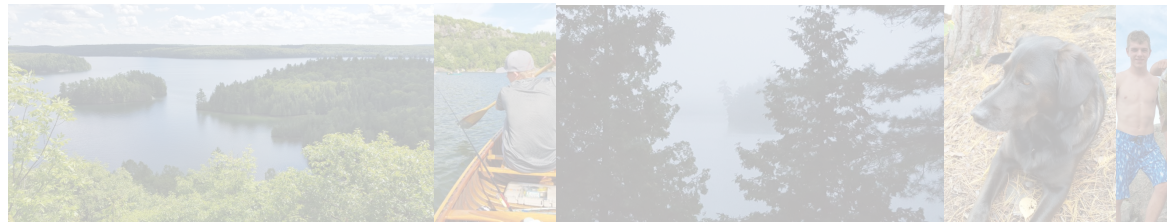
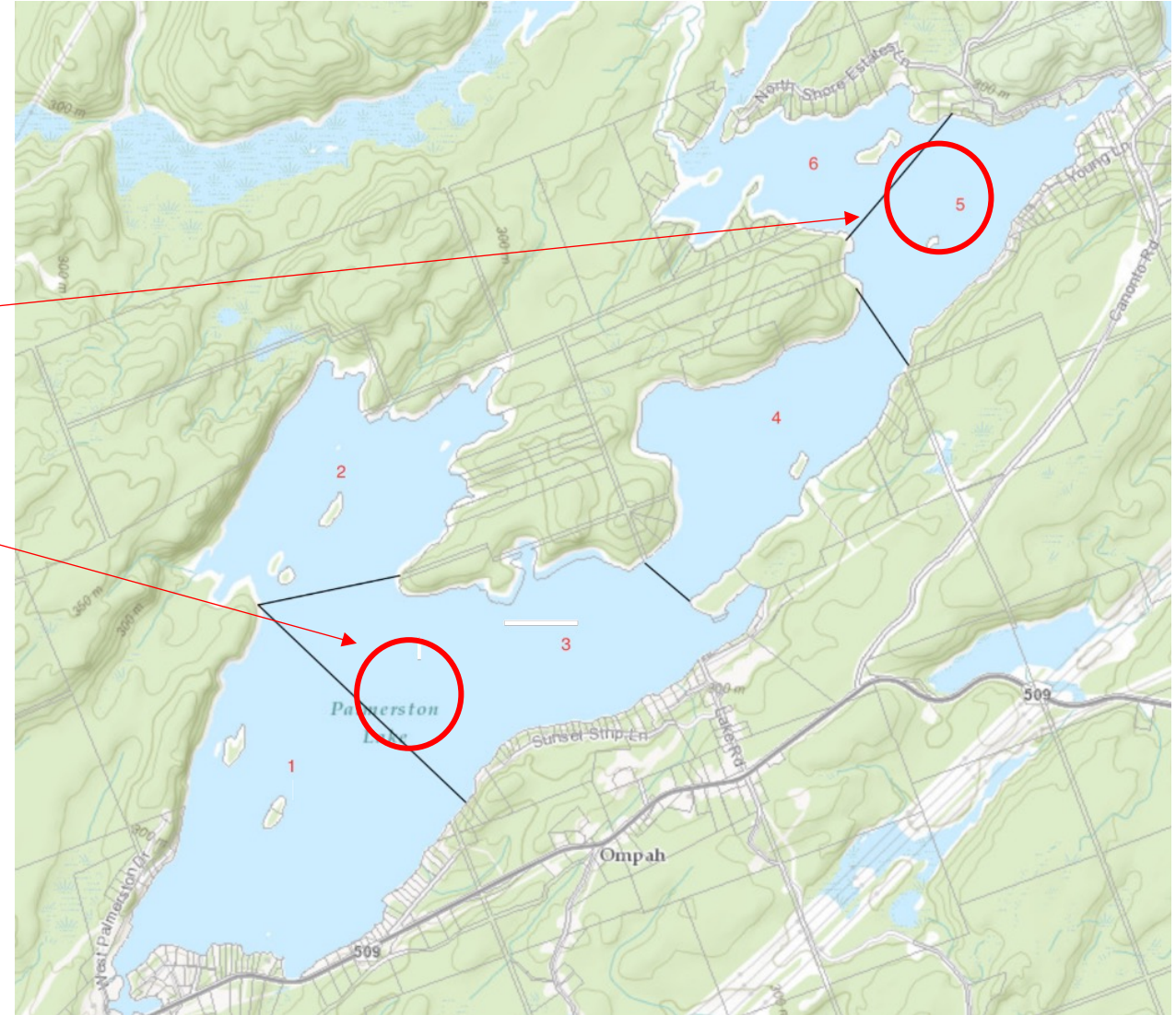
PLA Stewardship Activities – Lake Partner Program

Collected at the deepest parts of the lake in 2 locations:

- One in the North Basin
- One in the South Basin

June 25, 2023 Secchi disk readings:

- North Basin = X.X metres
- South Basin = 8.59 metres

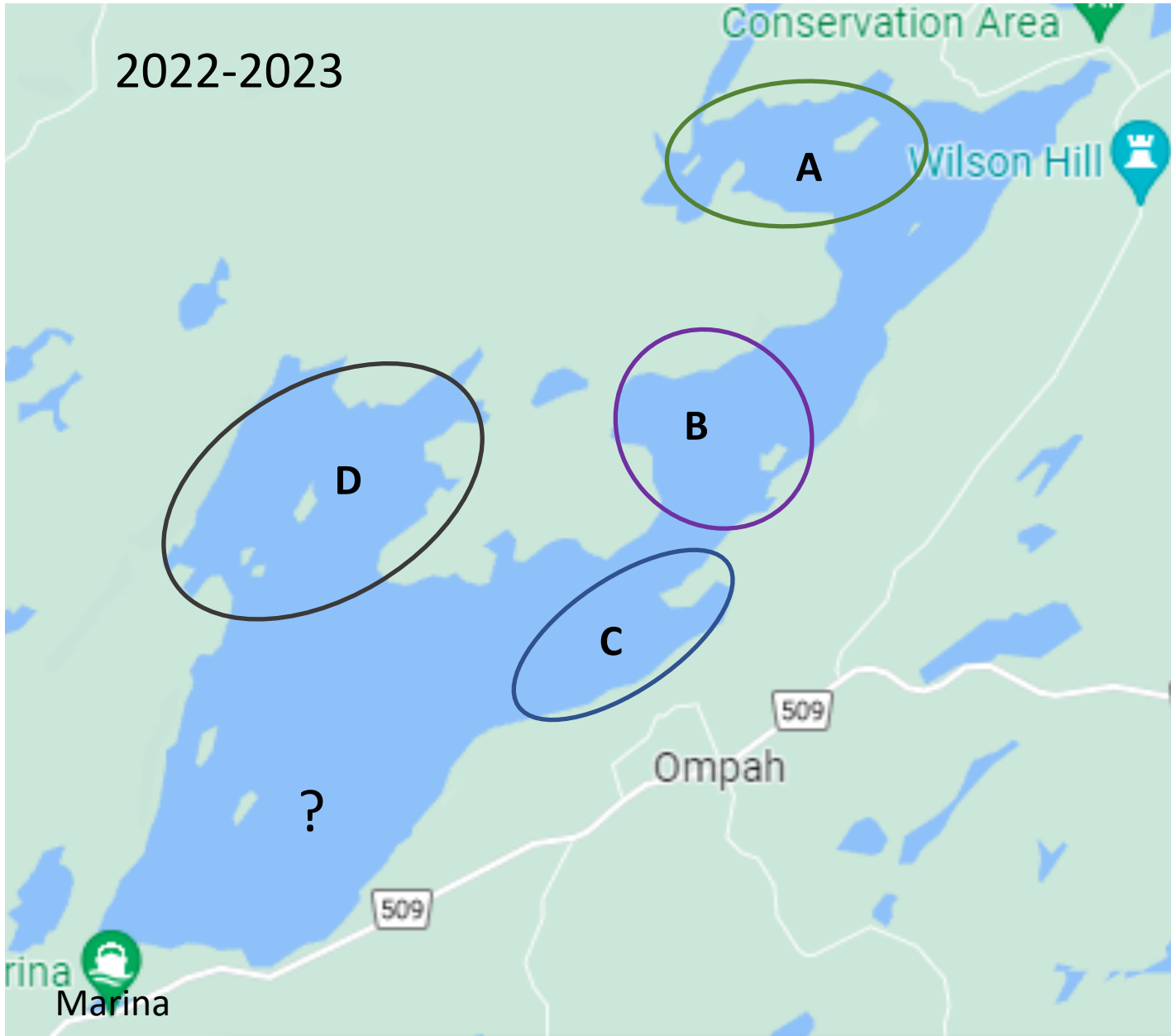


PLA Stewardship Activities – Loon Survey

- Monitoring of waterfowl through the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey on Palmerston Lake
- Organized and Facilitated by Mary Rothfells



PLA Stewardship Activities – Loon Survey



Palmerston Lake Loon Survey Results

2022

- A. North end: 2 adults, no chicks
- B. Narrows: ?
- C. Gravel Point: 2 adults, no chicks
- D. Deep Bay: 2 adults, **2 chicks**

2023

- A. North end: 2 adults, no chicks
- B. Narrows: ?
- C. Gravel Point: 2 adults nesting
- D. Deep Bay: 2 adults, **2 chicks**

Loons as Indicator

Species

Survival of Loon Chicks is Influenced by:

- Lake acidification
- Mercury poisoning
- Loss of habitat for nesting and fish spawning
- Water level changes from May to July
- Boat wake swamping nest or separating chicks from parents
- Predation
- Disturbance / harassment
- Lead poisoning from discarded fishing tackle
- Entanglement

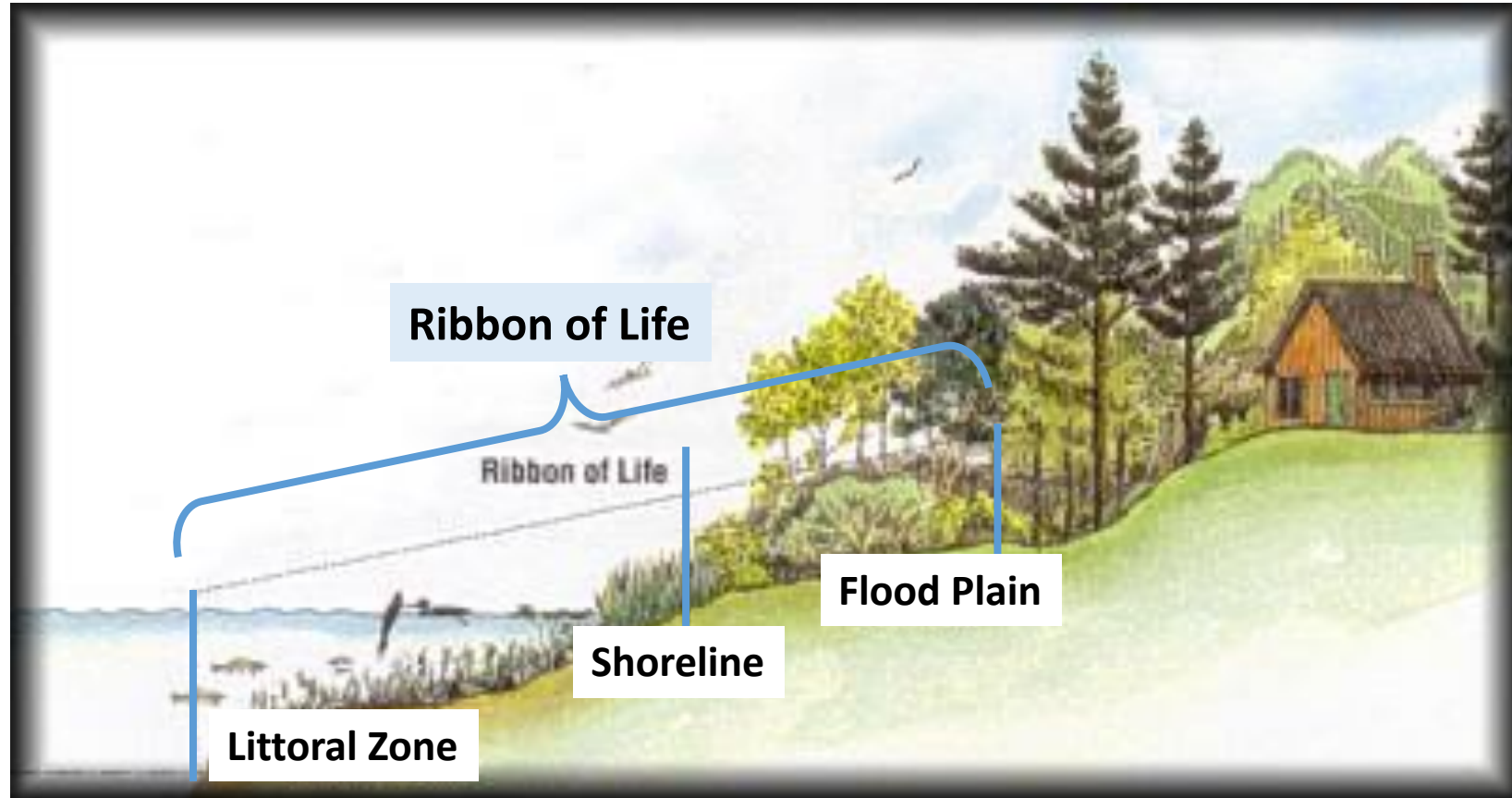


- Top of food chain
- Long-lived species
- Biomagnification of pollutants and contaminants



PLA Stewardship Activities – Tree & Shrub Planting Program

- Planning and implementing a Tree and Shrub Planting Programs
- Replacement of trees impacted by **storms**
- Planting of **shoreline** shrubs and trees to restore and improve the **ribbon of life** and littoral zones of our shoreline



Eurasian Water Milfoil

photos

Eurasian Water Milfoil – What can we do together?

The presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil has been the focus of this activity

The takeaway from our work on this invasive species:

- Clear your shoreline (littoral zone) using hand harvesting technique(s)
- When on the water carry a net and if you see floating weeds, gather them, bring them home and dispose of them in the garbage
- Stay out of the weeds



PLA Stewardship Activities – We need volunteers!!

- The larger our human resource base is, the more effective our Stewardship Activities can be.
- The Membership Committee has been successfully active on this initiative



Do you want to be a Palmerston Lake Steward?

- We want to engage our volunteer base
- We are always looking for numbers and types of anything!
- Fish, tadpoles, spiders, butterflies, trees, aquatic plants, wildflowers
- You can also visit Citizen Science in Ontario at Watersheds Canada (watersheds.ca) for ideas
- Send in your results to Palmerstonlakeassociation @ [gmail.com](mailto:Palmerstonlakeassociation@gmail.com)



Questions About The Lake Stewardship Plan?



Committee Reports: Website



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Palmerston Lake Association

... passionate people caring for our beautiful lake

Join or Renew

- [AGM and Beach Party dates](#)
- [Underused housing tax affects non-Canadian cottagers. Learn more here.](#)
- [The PLA's letter to Council regarding the proposed Lafolia Lane development](#)

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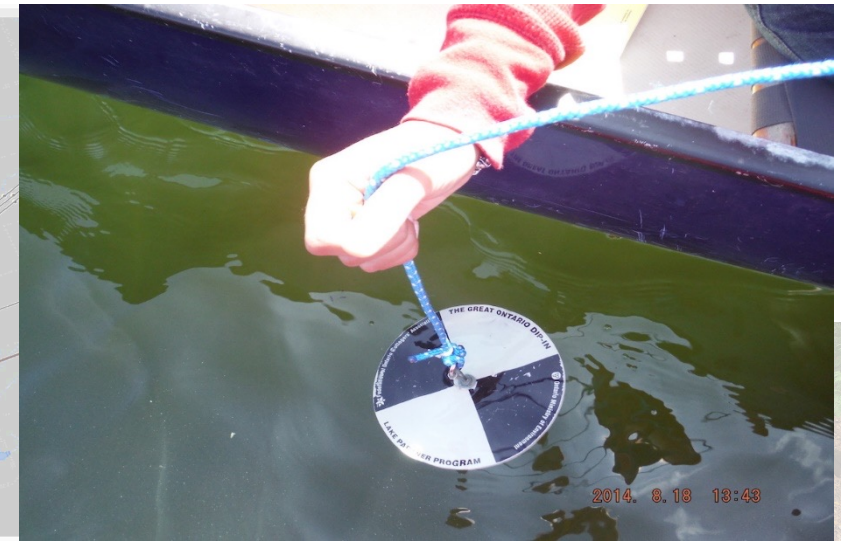
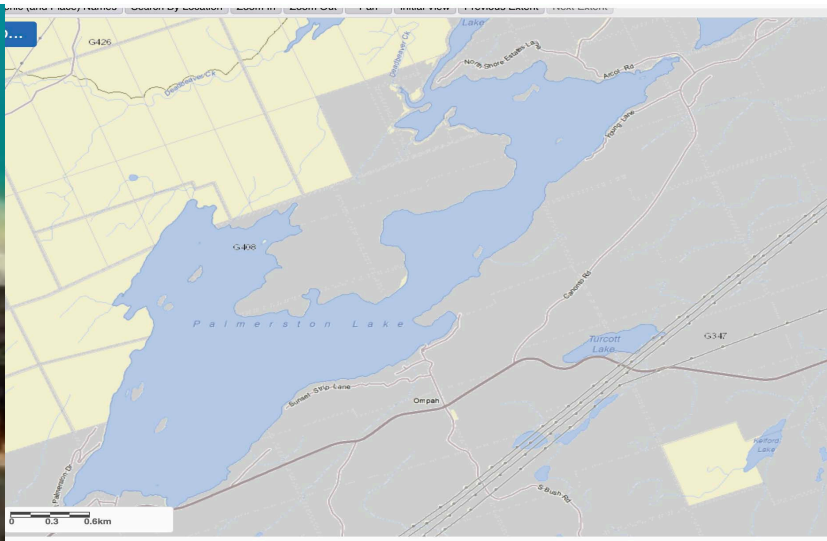
Our Lake

- About Our Lake

- Lake Trout designation meaning
- Map of property boundaries on lake
- Map of the subwatershed
- Map showing crown land on lake

- Water Quality

- Phosphorus and DO levels and clarity measure in lake compared to other lakes
- Links to other resources
- Other info on impact of septic systems, tree-cutting, and invasive species



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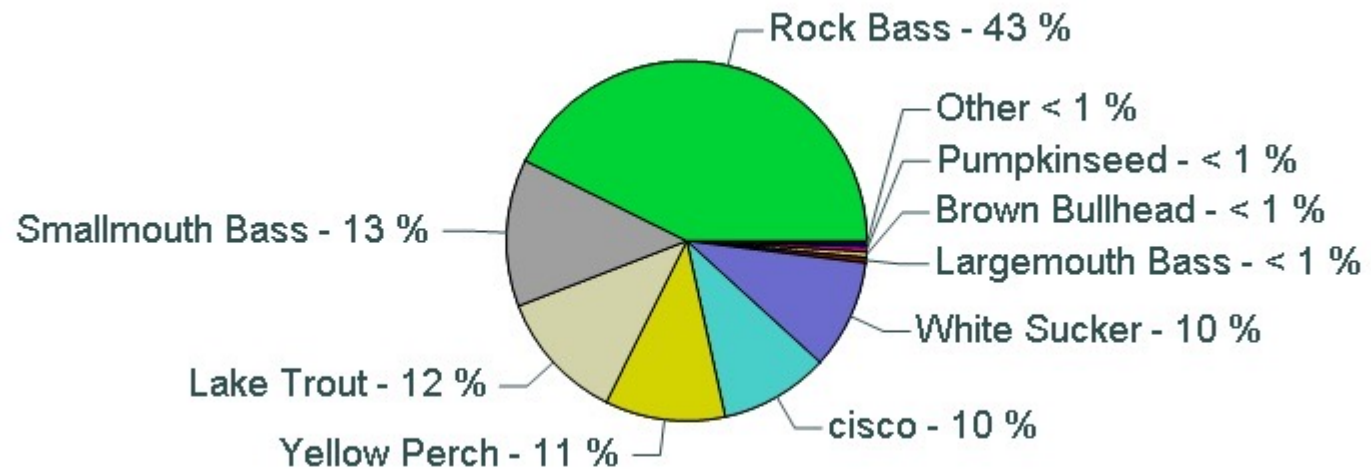
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Boating and Fishing

- Right of way regs, speed limits, safety
- Composition of fish species
- Fishing seasons and limits



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Resources

Links to useful sites such as:

- local business directory, permit applications, waste and recycling hours, complaints process etc



<https://palmerstonlakeassociation.com>



Questions About The Website?





Question Period



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

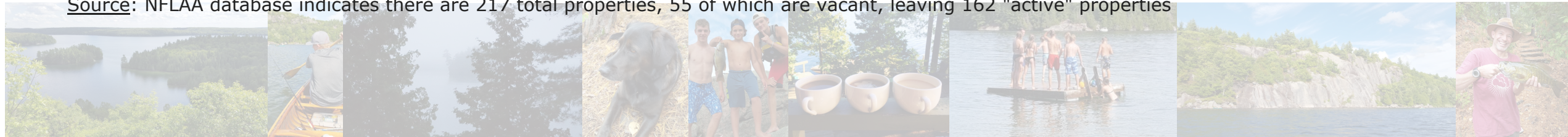
Deeded property owners
on Palmerston Lake

~ **162**

PLA voting
members ~ **51**

Also **29** Non-voting members

Source: NFLAA database indicates there are 217 total properties, 55 of which are vacant, leaving 162 "active" properties



Thank you for your participation and interest!

