

# PERCY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes Directors' meeting

May 21, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams; Host Peter Mills

Anna opened the meeting at 19:30. All present: Anna, Koko, Peter Mills, Ted Mills, Lou, Bob, Shelley, Tim, Mark and Brian

### **Membership update** (Brian /Anna)

Currently 20, versus 19 at week prior to meeting at same date in 2023. By the end of the meeting, we were 24 paid but by May 21 last year we were at 32.

### **Treasurer's report** (Koko)

Cash on hand ~3300 after payment of memberships: FOCA, CHA and CEWF

### **Lake Meeting Updates**

#### Coalition of Haliburton Cottage Associations [CHA]

Anna discussed the presentations made at the May 4 meeting at Sir Sam's to the FOCA Lake Partners. See attachment.

#### Woodlands and Waterways Lake Testing

Brian discussed the initiative to do more focused, but user-paid, testing. See attachment.

**Action:** Brian and Anna to present a proposal for testing at next meeting.

### **Bell Fibre, Rogers Cell Towers**

Ted mentioned that the tower, C8611, on North Lake Rd [Bishop Rd] towards North Lake has been erected. [It's visible above the tree line driving east towards Ross Lake Rd]. Subsequently Ted found the EORN presentation to Minden Council. C8611 is scheduled to be in service in 2025. The tower on Percy C8609 (Bryson Trail) and on Haliburton C8610 (Curry Rd) are scheduled to be operational in 2026.

Bell or it's subcontractors are currently stringing fibre up Percy Lake Rd from Haliburton Lake. Crews don't have a date [or can't share] for activation.

### **Roads – (Ted)**

Culverts are marked and the plan is to repave Percy Lake Road from Haliburton Lake to ~1635 PLR (the plow turnaround). Attachment – post meeting update

### **Bass Fishing Tournament Lou**

Morning of August 17. Date is optimized for Bass and before the Lake Trout spawn.

### **Junior Fishing Contest [Bass, Trout]**

This year it's to be a live-release contest: photo of catch, then return to lake.

### **Golf Tournament Bob**

Lakeside Golf, Sept 14. Reserved 5-6 foursomes. Save the Date included as an attachment.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Mark obtained Management approval to host the AGM on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter / Communications**

Difficulty in filling out a membership form as a pdf may discourage new members. Shelly suggested having it fillable on-line and sent automagically to Treasurer.

Action: Shelley to generate a fillable form.

Action: Lou to check with Claire [Webmaster] on feasibility

### **New Member canvas –**

A list of non-members [name, lake address] – and sorted by 3 condo corps and non-condo corp.

A welcome page [Newsletter?] that identifies benefits of membership. Peter noted that 10 new members would pay for lake testing of 3 samples [spring, fall, winter; one location]

### **Projects**

Preserving the spit, contacting Dysart [their property] for suggestions. Anna discussed this matter and may investigate further.

Bird spotting photo contest. Peter to bring plan to AGM? Also mentioned was a weekend hike. Need to liase with Haliburton Forest for approval.

### **Next board meeting**

Wed June 19<sup>th</sup>, Ted Mills volunteered to figure out how to host.

### **Meeting adjourned at 21:14**

Attachments: 4

Lake Health Meeting – May 4 2024 - Theme “ecology on the lake” (Love your Lake Program)

Some of the topics of interest dealt with wakes from boats, invasive species (specifically Eurasian watermilfoil), and mystery snails (12-mile lake).

link (Coalition of Haliburton Cty Lake Assoc.

<https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/>

Current Impacts on Lakes

Wakes – boats

Invasive species - e.g., Eurasian Water Milfoil -

A perennial aquatic plant that grows under the water surface. Its leaves are feather-like with 12 or more thin segments.<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatic/plants/eurasian-watermilfoil>

“Mystery snails” (e.g., 12-mile lake)

These snails can clog water-intake pipes and may also transmit diseases and parasites to fish and other wildlife. They compete with native snails for food and adversely affect aquatic food webs and on the rise.

Algae bloom

Phosphorus

Septic systems

Shoreline protection

<https://www.cohpoa.org/2016/04/08/practical-lake-protector-tips/>

Attachment 2

I spoke with Dave Coulter, Operations Manager for Public Works, Dysart et al this afternoon and got an update regarding our **Percy Lake “township” roads**:

**Percy Lake Road** - all culverts needing replacement, including those at driveway entrances, will be replaced by Township staff starting next week, hopefully. This will take a while to complete and may result in some traffic delays. Starting in August (this year), Miller Paving will resurface the whole of Percy Lake Road. In the same manner as was done to Haliburton Lake Road over the past two years, first they will grind up the existing surface, then add some gravel and then apply the liquid treatment that binds the gravel to make a solid surface, in time. As we know, this resurfacing process lasts several weeks. They are aware of the water surfacing in the road, on the hill, just up from the Johnson Bay Road intersection. Dave and I discussed that last Summer. They will install appropriate drainage under the road before completing the resurfacing. There will be traffic delays resulting from the resurfacing, and dust, but once completed we will have a much improved road surface.

**Johnson Bay Road** - will be graded in the next few weeks. Recent rains have created lots of potholes.

This can be shared with all our members.

Ted

Ted Mills

From Bob Wong:



## Woodlands & Waterways Lake testing

There is a slide deck available on request. It's 50Mb, so would consume much of our web page allotment.

No idea what tiny bit of this may be new to you, so please ignore, or correct me, as appropriate.

☞ Until ~2015ish the Ministry (Lands & Forests, now MNRF: Natural Resources & Forestry) used Lake Stewards to take water sample and measure turbidity (Secchi disc).

☞ Then, when the program was cut, FOCA stepped up called the program Lake Partners but used (I think) the same lab to test the samples. (Percy had two sample locations: deep spot in north and south basins)

☞ the water sample was taken in the Spring and tested for phosphorus (driver for algae) and ?

☞ although samples were sent no results were posted. Discouraging.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/total-phosphorus-report?id=43180003>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/secchi-depth-report?id=43180003>

☞ other lakes (Kennisis seems to have been leader in Haliburton cty) had similar issues and increasing wondered if we were testing for 'the right things'.

☞ the program mentioned in the slide deck seems to have started in 'Muskoka' and then adapted for ~10 test lakes in Haliburton over past ~2 years (possibly only actually taking samples last year). There is a similar (parallel?) effort being promoted by CHA (coalition of Haliburton cottage associations). Oddly, CHA seems only supported by Dysart; the slide deck program got funding from the County.

☞ cost: ~106\$/sample. They are recommending 3x/year/location. One location = 336\$/yr

☞ slides:

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