

## Hello to All Pickerel Lake Property Owners

Finally, it looks like spring has arrived! We are considering having an outdoor meeting in early summer, date to be determined by Covid Restrictions. You will be advised further.

We need your input concerning our website for the Lake Association. We have been notified by Go Daddy that our website hosting is up for renewal in early July and up in price. We are considering not renewing the website itself, as most people use our Facebook page which of course would remain. For those of you that are new to the lake and may not know the history, the website was created a few years ago to counter-act the negative press that the lake was getting due to the Drug and Alcohol Centre at the lodge. Since that problem has gone away, we do not see any reason to continue with this.

We are considering buying more Regulation Marker Buoys for the lake, like we have at the reef, so they are all consistent. We will need a Committee to install and remove these buoys before and after the boating season. The executive will NOT be responsible to do this.

Thank you to the Duin Family for their donation of \$142.00 for the bottle drive. Thank you to Fred and Nancy McLaren and Michelle Passera for their help with sorting the bottles.

A huge, thank you to Graham Whitwell for all his volunteer time collecting water samples and taking those samples to the North Bay Lab. The Water testing results for Escherichia Coli are as follows:

The three numbers represent tests in July, August and September

Water Lake Inlet 83, 91, 47.      Lake Centre 3, 2, 0

Water Outlet 0, 36, 41      Halcyon Beach 5, 12, 9

Dobb's Beach 11, 1, 0      An additional test was added for September-river by Pevensey Bridge 35.

The results from the lake are excellent, with the exception of the River inlet. Provincial Guidelines for swimming water is maximum of 100 Cafu/ 100ml. High readings at the river mouth might be farms located near or on the river or an overpopulation of water fowl nesting. We don't recommend swimming there. Thank you to Armour Township for reimbursement of the costs involved with the water tests. Remember folks, the lake filters with vegetation near the shore line so please do not clear cut your shoreline. Please get your septic tanks looked at and pumped.

We would like to hear from all residents on the lake concerning new activities and suggestions you may have regarding improvements for the lake. We also want to see people volunteer for committees for buoys, lake maintenance, and social

Nominations for new executive are open now. Please put forth your name to Herb Sutcliffe if you are interested. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Media Administrator positions are open. Our current executive have done an exceptional job. A big thank you to all, but it's time for a change.

For those of you who have rental properties on the lake, please advise your guests to be considerate of their neighbours and lake restrictions. i.e. garbage removal, No daytime fires, Noise Levels.

It's your Lake, Let's look after it.

Sincerely, Herb Sutcliffe

President.

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