



Paint Lake Association News

HI, PAINTLAKERS!

SEPTEMBER 2020

Needless to say, this Summer has been one we will never forget. As you have assumed, we will not be having our Annual Car Rally this Fall. We hope to resume this fun activity next Fall, providing COVID-19 is not continuing to rear its ugly head. We did, on short notice, re-introduce our Boat Parade over the Labour Day weekend. A big thank you to Ardith Symmes and Joanne Kourtz for initiating this fun event around our Lake. We couldn't get around to all areas of our lake because of the many pontoon boats participating and not being able to go under our covered bridge. We will be reviewing this further and hopefully making this an annual event. In addition, Cathy and Dave MacKenzie opened their property for a live band concert on their boathouse deck. Many Paint Lakers enjoyed the concert from their boats overlooking the boathouse. Dave and Don King (and their Families) were also very involved and supportive of the evening concert.

We completed our water testing in July and the results are very positive for our lake in 15 sample areas. Ted Hancocks, our Lake Steward, was very pleased with the testing process co-ordinated through Aquatic and Environmental Laboratory in Barrie. Ted has a full analysis of the e-coli and coliform testing results for all locations and if anyone is interested in reviewing specific areas further, he will be pleased to hear from you. Ted's email address is tedhancocks@gmail.com.

There are still some concerns as it relates to rental property around our lake. It is important for the owners of the property to make sure the short-term renters are aware of the Township by-laws and to be respectful of all neighbours, from a noise, speeding automobiles (Maximum speed is 40KM) and excessive garbage thrown around. Attached is a one page Township of Lake of Bays by-law sheet. Rental property owners should copy this and send it to your Rental Agency and place it in an appropriate spot in your cottage (i.e. on the fridge).

We continue to monitor safety on our Covered Bridge and trail. We have met with the Roads, Parks and By-Law Departments to make sure everything is in order for safe walking and biking to and from our Little Libraries. One concern that surfaced was with ATV's and Snowmobiles on the trail. The By-Law Officer is checking to see if the trail is for non-motorized vehicles only. We expect to hear further by mid-October. We will email blast all updates. We have donated the Peter and Joanne Kourtz park bench on the trail to the Dorset Lion's Club and the Children's Little Library will be relocated beside the Adult Little Library on the trail. The Parks Department is planning to replace the bench, next year.

A special thank you to those who have paid their 2020 Membership dues. Our Treasurer, Karen Brigden, has noted that our Accounts Payables have not been deferred for our Annual Insurance coverage, our memberships with FOCA and Safe Quiet Lakes, donations to the 2 area Hospitals and Dorset Volunteer Firefighters, as well as ongoing lake costs for beautification, boat launch maintenance etc. If you are in a position to pay your membership dues, you can e-transfer directly to Karen, at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at treasurer@paintlake.com.

We want to make sure we have current information for our Members, so Eric Campbell (Member & IT Specialist) has generously offered his expertise to create a PDF file (attached) to complete. Please return, at your earliest convenience, to Cathy McConnell at secretary@paintlake.com.

Enjoy The Fall Colours!
Tom