



LRML Joint Water Quality Committee

Communication #3

It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone and we are now enjoying the beautiful colours and weather that the fall brings. We most certainly benefitted from the hot summer days and we were most fortunate that our lakes remained relatively clear and usable throughout the season. It was noted that the vegetation which had been decaying and dying the past few summers, has now begun to return to a healthy state.

Although it is very challenging to pinpoint the reason for our lakes to return to a more aesthetically pleasurable and healthy state, it is possible to suggest that that collective commitment on the part of our residents has in some way made a positive difference. The LRML Joint Water Quality Committee would like to thank each one of you for your part in making this difference. Whether you eliminated fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, and used phosphate free soaps, made certain your grass cuttings did not go in the lake, emptied your hot tubs safely without spilling into the waters' edge or had your septic system inspected to ensure it is in good working order, it all added up to lakes that we can all enjoy.

In short, we must all recognize that our lakes are vulnerable and in order to make them thrive, residents, both individually and collectively, must assume responsibility for their care.

Have you checked your soiled underwear? I bet that got your attention! Some of you brought home a pair of underwear that was provided at the meeting at the airport in the spring. If you planted the underwear according to the instructions, it is time to dig them up to demonstrate soil health.

In our last communication, we invited you to take part in a survey and we would welcome you to do so again just so that you can visibly see the difference that you have made from the first attempt. Hopefully you will notice that your score increased from the first time!

TAKE A START – DO YOUR PART

Please score one point for each “YES” and 0 points for each “NO”.

1. I am aware of the bylaw and do not use any harmful pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers on my lawn.
2. I sweep up leaves and grass clippings in order to prevent them from being carried into the lake where they decompose and use oxygen.
3. I commit to replacing failing septic systems or those that are not in compliance with current rules.
4. I read labels carefully and ensure that I am using non-phosphate detergents, soaps and shampoos.
5. I keep solvents, plastics, paper, diapers, and other similar products out of my septic system.
6. I make certain my boat is clean before putting it in the lake (no zebra mussels etc.) and make certain “guest boaters” do the same if entering from my property.
7. I do my best to stop water run offs into the lake especially when cleaning vehicles and boats.
8. I practice slow-no-wake boating in the near-shore areas. (waves produced by boats contribute to shoreline and causeway erosion and churning up of the bottom sediments).
9. I have become more educated about shoreline planting and I have/will do my part to keep my shoreline “lake healthy”.
10. I keep my septic system in good working condition and have the system pumped regularly or inspected if on a contract.

At our last Joint Water Quality Committee meeting, a recommendation was made to request the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association (LRPOA) to purchase two “Veed Cutters” similar to the one purchased by Rick Kalte (Marl Lake). These cutters will be used to decrease the growth of invasive weeds from the lake. Teams will be established to safely remove these weeds so that they are not given the opportunity for further growth. Once the cutters are purchased, residents will be able to borrow them for their own personal use for their property and surrounding lake area. Please let Diana Goodwin (Lake Rosalind) or Rick Kalte (Marl Lake) know if you are interested in being part of a weed cutting team.

The LRML Joint Water Quality Committee recognizes that there is no easy answer or quick fix to a consistent high standard of water quality; however, we are dedicated and passionate about our lake communities. We deeply thank you for your efforts in joining in a shared voice and vision and for demonstrating your understanding of how our individual actions affect the long term health of our lakes.

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