

# NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2018



### *Our Mission:*

*To promote and maintain a healthy lake environment, and to encourage the responsible use of Bay Lake for the enjoyment and benefit of our community today and for the future*

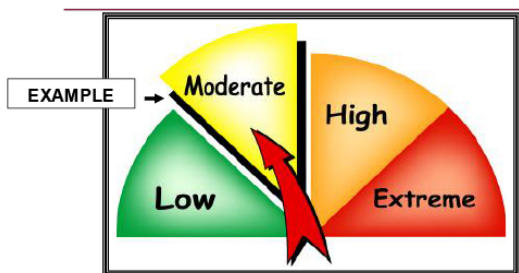
### **A NOTE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE**

We are all happy to see the buds on the trees and feel the first warm sunny days signifying that Spring is finally here after an exceptionally LONG winter! We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that we could not function without our wonderful volunteers! All of our successes and accomplishments are the result of individuals giving generously of their time. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way! We are still in need of volunteers for this year's pancake breakfast; if you would like to help out for a few hours please contact Gaynor Moore at [gmoore0711@rogers.com](mailto:gmoore0711@rogers.com) and she will be happy to assign you a task!

We are always looking for suitable donations for our Silent Auction. If you wish to make a donation, you can drop them off at the home of Pat Nimigeon or contact her at [bpnimigeon@hotmail.com](mailto:bpnimigeon@hotmail.com). We are all looking forward to seeing you there and out on the Lake this summer!

It is that time of year we want to enjoy the outdoors as much as we can, and that includes spending time by the fire on warm summer evenings. Please be responsible and abide by all fire bans and restrictions!

### **Fire Hazard Rating** EXPLANATION SHEET



**NO DAYTIME OPEN AIR BURNING  
FROM April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>LOW</b>	"NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED". Open Air Burning, Incinerators allowed from 6.00 pm in the evening to and/or be completely out by 10.00 am in the morning. Camp Fires allowed for cooking and warmth only.
<b>MODERATE</b>	"NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED". Open Air Burning, Incinerators allowed from 6.00 pm in the evening to and/or be completely out by 10.00 am in the morning.
<b>HIGH</b>	NO OPEN BURNING including Incinerators and camp fires. Camp Fires allowed for cooking and warmth only.
<b>EXTREME</b>	NO OPEN BURNING including Incinerators and camp fires. TOTAL FIRE BAN

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### BOAT LAUNCH PROPOSAL

*At our Annual General Meeting last August, a motion was passed supporting an Association request that Perry Township make some improvements to the Bay Lake boat launch area. Specifically, the request included that the ramp be re-aligned more appropriately with the shoreline, some dredging and rock removal take place and a dock be installed.*

*In August 2017, Council directed Township Staff to look into costs associated with rejuvenating the Bay Lake boat launch. Subsequently in January 2018, Council defeated a resolution to proceed with pricing for a dock. All other work was to be determined in 2018, once the snow and ice has melted and the area can be assessed.*

*The Township has informed us that “dredging” goes against the Official Plan and could not be supported. Some rock removal might be a possibility. It has also been pointed out that work in the water and along the shoreline would require Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry approval and this could be a lengthy process.*

*Bill Paterson, a former BLPOA President, is the Association’s liaison with the Township on this initiative. He will continue to be in contact with Township representatives as the weather allows the site assessment to move forward.*

*The Association will keep you advised of any significant developments with regards to this project.*

### PITCH-IN DAY

It was a long time coming, but spring weather finally arrived to melt the ice and snow from the ditches. After postponing for two weeks, we ended up with a fairly nice day (a bit cool and windy) for the 16 volunteers who came out to clean up the roads around the lake and surrounding area. They collected 5 large bags of recyclable cans, plastics, paper and cardboard, a large bag of garbage and an assortment of large pieces of wood, metal and plastic. In addition, there were 2 bags of beer and liquor cans and bottles that were donated to the Lion’s Club at the transfer station. Thanks to the many energetic and dedicated volunteers who come out every spring to make this event such a great success. They not only keep our roads and lake clean, but they will enjoy a complimentary Pancake Breakfast on 20 May in appreciation of their efforts from the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.



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## MEMBERSHIP

*The Pancake Breakfast is an excellent time to renew your membership, re-instate those that have lapsed, and we welcome all new members.*

*This year, with each renewal, you will receive a 2018/2019 sticker which is applied to your appreciation plaque, and your membership card is receipt of payment.*

*We will also be selling the laminated placemats again, which show the water depths throughout the lake at a cost of \$5.00 each.*

*Mark your calendars and please come out and join us for delicious pancakes/ local maple syrup on Sunday May 20th.*

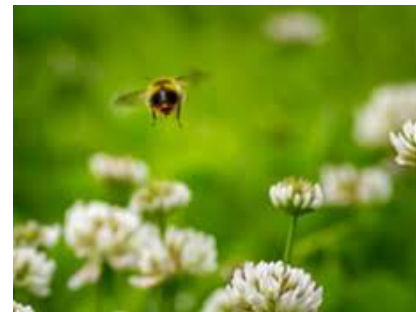
*If you are unable to attend, membership payments can be made via Paypal through the website [www.baylakeontario.ca](http://www.baylakeontario.ca) or by cheque mailed to: BLPOA P.O Box 120 Norvar ON PoA 1R0*





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### BAY LAKE BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

*Bay Lake Cottage Association regrets to inform you that we hit a 'snag' and were unable to 'reel in' a walleye (pickerel) stocking deal before fall of 2017. We are currently looking into new hatchery providers and plan to stock walleye fingerling by beginning of the summer. In the meantime, if you can think of more terrible fish puns... let minnow.*

*Members have been 'producktive' preparing for the return of waterfowl. Over the winter, members did an inventory of the wood duck boxes. It appears that the boxes fit the 'bill', as two of them were previously occupied. Feather work needs to be done to repair and replace a couple more boxes. Nest up; keep an eye out for the new floating loon nest, located on the north-west side of the lake, north of the boat launch. We will monitor the occupancy this year, and if successful will look into installing more in the future.*

*Fun Fact: The name "loon" comes from old English or Scandinavian terms meaning "awkward" and "clumsy". This probably refers to the loon's difficulty walking on land, but being a little awkward is cool these days and I think the loon just knows what it likes, which is water (and hopefully our nest!).*

*Extra-extra read all about it! Everything you'll need to know about catch and release, bait disposal, and tips for cleaning your boat, will soon be posted at the boat launch. In the meantime, if you have any questions/concerns about any of the above, please reach out to one of the Executive.*



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### WATER TESTING – 2018

*In the next few weeks, we will begin taking secchi disc readings twice a month and collecting water samples in May for phosphorus and calcium analysis at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre.*

*Shortly after that we will begin collecting samples at the 12 sites around the lake that we send to the lab in North Bay to test for e-coli levels and other more comprehensive tests later in the season. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the test sites for e-coli monitoring you can sign up at the Pancake Breakfast. The cost for each site to be tested for e-coli 4 times during the season is \$54.00*

*Stay tuned for information about this year's Benthic Biomonitoring, which we hope to schedule with the District of Muskoka during the summer. If we are able to get on the list this year, it will be our tenth year of Benthic testing.*





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