

# The Laker

## *Morrison Lake News*

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This is the latest edition of the ML Newsletter. Again we are asking for your feedback and input into this newsletter. Should you be willing to provide input into the newsletter, please contact Paul Kelly at: [kellysp@sympatico.ca](mailto:kellysp@sympatico.ca) or at (705) 687-5605.

## Get In Touch

Provide your email address and get regular updates on Morrison Lake at: [www.morrisonlake.ca](http://www.morrisonlake.ca)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ***Morrison Lake Regatta: July 30 – August 1, 2016***

*Thank you Jenny Fairbrass for coordinating the Regatta again this year.  
(See attached schedule of events)*

#### ***Morrison Lake Residents Meeting:***

**Sunday September 4, 2016 – 1pm - North Morrison Lake Road Landing.**

### *Morrison Lake Rate Payers Association Executive 2015-2016*

**President: James Doyle**

[jamesdoyle@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:jamesdoyle@rogers.blackberry.net)

**Vice President: Ian Pegg**

[ianpegg9@gmail.com](mailto:ianpegg9@gmail.com)

**Treasurer: Katie LeMoine**

[katie.e.lemoine@gmail.com](mailto:katie.e.lemoine@gmail.com)

**Secretary: Chelsea Doyle**

[chelseaaikodoyle@gmail.com](mailto:chelseaaikodoyle@gmail.com)

**Membership Secretary:**

**(TBA)**

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED For Regatta 2016

Donations to the Silent Auction at the Regatta are once again greatly appreciated.

Please contact:  
Geraldine Debes at:  
geraldinedebes@sympatico.ca

## ASSOCIATION DUES 2016

All residents/cottagers of Morrison Lake are requested to join the Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association. Your \$25 dues can be paid at the Regatta or by mail to:

*MLRA 1051 Evanswood Dr.  
Kilworthy, Ontario, POE  
1G0.*

Cheques should be made payable to: *Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association*  
Your dues contribute toward the website, the newsletter, insurance and this regatta!!!



### Morrison Lake Apparel Sales

Once again this year t-shirts, tank tops men's and women's and ball caps will be on sale at the Regatta on Saturday only.

You can reserve your order. Email [j.a.kelly@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.a.kelly@sympatico.ca). There will be a limited number of items so get there early while quantities last.

- \* T-shirts \$15 (heather sapphire)
- \* Women's tanks \$20 (sapphire)
- \* Unisex tanks \$15 (black)
- \* Ball caps \$15 (khaki)

All proceeds go to Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association.

Please see John & Alison Kelly at the Regatta.

### Treasurer's Report

Hello Morrison Lake!!  
The current bank balance is \$15,242.75. We are happy to accept dues for 2016! They can be submitted by mail, given to a member of the Association, or come see us at the Regatta and receive a vintage ML waterbottle!!! (Limited quantities).

Katie LeMoine  
Treasurer

Please avoid boating at the north end of the lake during the ski competition (Saturday morning) and ski show (Sunday evening) and during the Cross the Lake swim Sunday morning. Help keep the water calm!



### Reminder:

Support your association!

Please make payments at the Regatta or by mail

Lake Association Dues: \$25/year/cottage

Membership Benefits Include:

Ratepayers Insurance

Regatta – paid members and guests

Representation of Morrison Lake Community concerns

Morrison Lake Newsletter

Website: [www.morrisonlake.ca](http://www.morrisonlake.ca)

### A Big Thank You to:

All of the hosts and volunteers! This weekend wouldn't be possible without you and I really appreciate all of the support I got this year with new volunteers hosting events! There are many people who do a lot to make this weekend possible!

Special thanks to the Burns family, Mausner family, Titus family, the Fisher/Sims families, Tsioros family and Engelhardt family for the use of their properties!

### It's not too late to get involved!!

Please contact Jenny at [jenny\\_fairbrass@hotmail.ca](mailto:jenny_fairbrass@hotmail.ca) or call 613-929-4418 if you would like to be involved with the weekend or if you have an idea for a new event! We're always looking for more people to get involved!



# Morrison Lake Regatta

July 30 – August 1, 2016

## Saturday, July 30

7:30 AM - Waterski Competition (Fairbrass)

Meet at Titus' dock (behind the ski jump).

All ages encouraged!!

10 AM - Morrison Lake Run (3km) (Pegg)

Meet on Balfour Woods Rd at the sign at the entrance to the common area. (Between 1024 and 1028 Balfour Woods Rd)

12:45 PM - Volleyball Tournament (Tsioros/Engelhardt)

1051 North Morrison Lake Road

12:30 – 3:30 PM

Silent Auction

Accepting Membership Fees – get a free Morrison Lake water bottle with your membership payment (while supplies last!)

12:30 PM - Morrison Lake Social (Burns)

Bring a few dollars for the BBQ and enjoy lunch with your fellow Morrison Lakers!

BBQ food sale will run through the afternoon

1:00 PM – Water Balloon Toss (Balfour)

1:20 PM – Tug of War (Abrams)

1:40 PM – Dory Ball Toss Game (Alexandrea Lee)

2:00 PM – Junior Olympics (Bennett)

2:20 PM – Hula Hoop Contest (Carly)

2:40 PM – Limbo Contest (D'Souza)

Afternoon kids activity times are approximate.

Please stick around to get in on all the fun!

## Sunday, July 31

10 AM – Cross the Lake Swim (Mausner)

Start at Squaw Island and cross the big bay to the beach at 2859 Southwood Rd. Every swimmer MUST have someone paddling with them (canoe/kayak)

11 AM – Swim Sprints (LeMoine/Mausner)

2859 Southwood Rd

12:45 PM - Volleyball Finals (Tsioros/Engelhardt)

1051 North Morrison Lake Road

7:30 PM – Waterski Show

North end of the lake at the ski jump

## Monday, August 1

9:30 AM – Gord Kobe Memorial Bike Ride (Pegg)

Ride to Torrance Barrens and back. Meet on Balfour Woods Rd at Southwood Rd. Children under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.

**\*If you were a recipient of a trophy last summer please ensure to bring it to the event this year so it can be awarded to this year's winner\***

Unless otherwise stated all events take place at 1075 North Morrison Lake Rd.

Please treat the property as you would your own.

Please no glass and no pets.







# Let the games begin

**MORRISON LAKE  
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

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**REGATTA 2016**

**TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM:** Text Nick Tsioros at 416.526.0722 or message Nick through Facebook. Include team name, contact person and your cell #. Last year had 20 teams, so be sure to register now!

### SATURDAY, JULY 30th

**12:45 pm VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT\***  
Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051)  
& Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)

### SUNDAY, JULY 31st

**12:45 pm VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051)  
& Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)



Barbecue and drinks will be on sale during the volleyball tourney, so please bring your money for food and help support your lake association.

**Please join us – open to all Morrison Lake cottagers and friends.**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## *SOUTHWOOD ROAD*

*A note from Paul Kelly – Gravenhurst District Councillor*

Please be advised that the culvert/bridge over Morrison Creek on Southwood Rd (MR 13) is being repaired.

The following information was provided to District Councillors on July 20, 2016.

Here are the details:

“ Culvert # 013189 on Muskoka Road 13 (Southwood Road) is a 3.6m rise x 5.5m span CSP culvert and has severe corrosion with some perforation at the normal water line. The corrosion and section loss has compromised the strength of the culvert barrel. Above the water line, generally above the rows of bolts connecting the lower arch to the upper arch, the culvert is in very good condition with very limited corrosion. The recommended rehabilitation strategy is an invert lining rather than replacement. This will avoid a lengthy road detour of 30km (if the road was to be closed, as would be the case for a full replacement) and with a relined and reinforced concrete invert liner, the culvert life will be extended by 50 to 75 years.

The Contract for relining allow for **temporary closure of 1 lane during working hours with flag persons to control traffic**. These temporary lane closures allow the Contractor to deliver and unload materials, park equipment such as concrete and grout pumps, etc. for which there is no other alternative lay down or staging area within the ROW.

A bypass pumping system will be required. The Contractor is ultimately responsible for the design of the bypass pumping system, however we expect the discharge pipe will be hung from the top of the CSPA during construction. Alternatively a shallow temporary asphalt ramp will have to built on top of the road to accommodate the bypass pump discharge pipe.

The liner is a concrete invert cast in place, with the concrete being pumped from the road above.

After relining the culvert a new guiderail will be installed which will also require temporary closure of 1 lane during the day with flag persons to control traffic.

Given the relatively low volumes of traffic on both these roads we do not see any significant impacts to users.”

**This contract being handled by Fowler Construction is scheduled to commence on August 2, 2016 with a targeted completion date of November 4, 2016.**

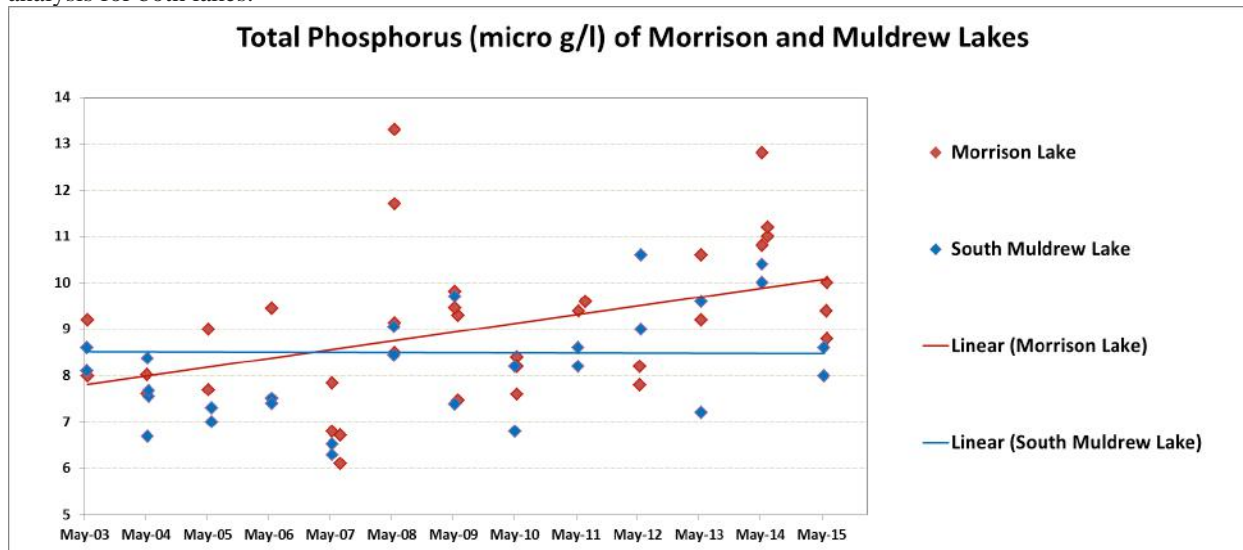
# Morrison Lake Water Quality Report

May 22 2016

Water quality measurements have been taken for several years under the Ontario Ministry of Environment Lake Partners program, a program whereby volunteers take water samples for testing of phosphorus content (micro grams per litre or  $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), water clarity (Secchi depth-m) and temperature measurements ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) through the year. Phosphorus measurements are most important as high levels can cause algae growth (called blooms) which can consume oxygen in the lake and kill the fish. When the algae die it reacts with oxygen in the lake making it unavailable for fish etc. in the lake. As algae grow the water clarity drops because sunlight cannot penetrate into the lake. Morrison Lake is currently being monitored under this program at two locations, called Deep Spot, North End and S of Bell Island. The exact locations and details of the program can be found at their web site - <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner>.

Water quality is also monitored by The District of Muskoka with the data for Morrison Lake being reported at <http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca/images/lds/Morrison.pdf>. The specific location of the testing site is not published.

Details of the test results for the past several years can also be found at the web sites. In general, the Lake Partner results for 2015 showed improvement over 2014 with the average phosphorus levels dropping from 11.5  $\mu\text{g/l}$  to 9.4  $\mu\text{g/l}$ . There was no significant difference between the two sampling locations. The Muskoka District data gave lower numbers at 7.4  $\mu\text{g/l}$  for 2015 and a 10 year average of 8.5  $\mu\text{g/l}$ . Levels above 10  $\mu\text{g/l}$  may result in some algae blooms and above 20  $\mu\text{g/l}$  ongoing blooms are expected. Overall this looks like good news! More detailed analysis of the data is cause for some concern, however. The Lake Partner phosphorus data for the past 12 years is shown in the graph below for both Morrison Lake and South Muldrew Lake, the lake directly upstream from our lake. The graph also shows a trend analysis for both lakes.



Although there is considerable scatter in the data, with peaks and valleys being experienced by both lakes, the linear regression trend analysis shows that:

1. The Morrison Lake trend (red line) shows a significant upward trend from about 8  $\mu\text{g/l}$  in 2003 to about 10  $\mu\text{g/l}$  in 2015. This shows an increase of over 20% in 12 years.
2. The South Muldrew Lake trend (blue line) shows no increase remaining at about 8.5 over the same 12 years.

The obvious conclusion to draw from this is that the rising phosphorus levels in Morrison are the result of our own activity on our lake. We are not getting this phosphorus from upstream.

Secchi depth clarity data was submitted for 2014 and 2015 but was not reported. Data has been sent in once again and hopefully this will appear with next year's data. This data is more variable and while there appears to be some reduction in clarity it is difficult to draw conclusions here.

In light of the trend in phosphorus levels we will try to do more water testing at different locations in order to get more detailed information about possible sources of phosphate. This will help us turn this around.

Meanwhile what can we all do to reduce this trend?

A few suggestions below, obvious perhaps, but worth our attention if we are to protect our lake.

1. Look after our septic systems. They are living biosystems that must be cared for. Keep them healthy by not adding poisons (bleach, chemicals, etc.), by minimizing water flow through the septic system and above all else by not letting them leak to the surface.
2. Do not use fertilizer on your property (or other chemicals for that matter). Under no conditions should you use fertilizer with phosphates (the middle number on the bag describing the nutrient content - 10-0-10 for example)

3. Use eco friendly cleaning products. TSP is a great cleaner but it stands for tri sodium phosphate. Since 2010 it has been limited to 0.5% in cleaning products but it is still commonly used. Cleaners for cottage, cars, boats, etc. can also contain other chemicals that are bad for our lake. Use GREEN products.
4. Leave plants growing along the water's edge and downstream from your septic bed. The plants will consume some of the phosphate before it gets to the lake. Mother Nature can help us if we let her.

We are lucky that our lake is in good shape and does not suffer from the problems that we hear of in other lakes. It is fragile, however, and we must watch for threats to water quality and natural habitat.

If we look after our lake it will continue to look after us!

Bob Bruce and Bradie Debes of Morrison Lake

## LET'S TAKE CARE OF MORRISON LAKE!

### DO:

- Buy phosphate-free soaps, shampoos, cleansers and detergents (especially dishwasher detergent)
- Maintain a natural shoreline with trees and bushes that absorb nutrients before they reach the water
- Buy biodegradable products
- Make sure all wastewater goes through your septic system
- Use environmentally safe cleansers or natural alternatives.
- Call your Municipality and ask about the disposal of paint, paint thinners, oils, wood preservatives, and poisons
- Check all gas and oil storage tanks regularly for leaks and always use a funnel near water.
- Keep it natural - avoid using pesticides and herbicides

### DON'T:

- Bathe or shampoo in the lake
- Use fertilizers anywhere near the water
- Alter the natural shoreline by adding sand or other fill
- Bury household hazardous materials or pour them down the drain.



# TOWN OF GRAVENHURST NEWS

## OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING PROPOSED NEW TOWN OFFICIAL PLAN

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst will hold a Public Open House and a Statutory Public Meeting, pursuant to Sections 17(15), 17(16) and 26 of the Ontario Planning Act, respecting a new Official Plan as a result of the Town's Five Year Official Plan Review.

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, August 13th, 2016 from 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

The purpose of the Public Open House is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed new Official Plan with representatives of the municipality in an informal setting.

**STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016 at 5:00 PM**

The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to formally present the new Official Plan to Council and provide the public the opportunity to comment to Council on the proposed new Official Plan.

Both Meetings will be held at:

**Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, 3-5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst**

**AN OFFICIAL PLAN** is the municipality's key planning document, intended to guide and control future land use development, and establishes policies for the use and management of land within the Town of Gravenhurst. The Town's current Official Plan was approved in 2008. The Planning Act requires that an Official Plan be reviewed to ensure that the Plan is consistent with the most current Provincial and District land use planning policy and legislation, and provides the opportunity to ensure it continues to reflect matters of interest to the community.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT** of the new Official Plan is to update the Town's current Official Plan as a result of the Town's Five Year Official Plan Review. The new Official Plan is intended to be consistent with all current provincial plans, policies and legislation and in conformity with the District of Muskoka Official Plan. In addition, the new Official Plan incorporates policies identified through the review process and public input.

**A KEY MAP** is not provided as the Official Plan affects the entire Town of Gravenhurst.

**ANY PERSON OR AGENCY** may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Official Plan. Written submissions can be submitted to the official listed below.

**IF A PERSON** or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Gravenhurst before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Gravenhurst or the District of Muskoka to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**IF A PERSON** or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Gravenhurst before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Council of the Town of Gravenhurst on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the official at the address listed below.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** including a copy of the proposed Official Plan may be obtained by visiting the Town of Gravenhurst Municipal Office, 3-5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, or emailing Katie Kirton, Manager of Planning Services at

**[Katie.Kirton@gravenhurst.ca](mailto:Katie.Kirton@gravenhurst.ca)**

**SUBMISSIONS AND NOTIFICATION:** Scott Lucas, Director of Development Services, Town of Gravenhurst, 3-5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1Z3, Fax: 705-687-7016,  
E-mail: **[Scott.Lucas@gravenhurst.ca](mailto:Scott.Lucas@gravenhurst.ca)**

# MPAC PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

## **Information Session/Open House August 10 4:00 – 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Gravenhurst Town Hall**

MPAC, in partnership with the Town, will conduct an Open House on Wednesday August 10th to provide more information on this assessment update. There will be a 45minute presentation followed by some time for general questions. Specific questions can be addressed at a one-on-one meeting with the MPAC advisor. Town staff will be on hand to schedule these appointments for attendees. Alternatively, residents may call Town Hall to schedule appointments with the MPAC advisor.

### **MPAC Property Assessment Notices Will Be Sent Out Earlier:**

For the 2016 province-wide Assessment Update, MPAC is delivering Property Assessment Notices up to five months earlier than in the past. The intention of early Notice mailings is to give municipalities and property owners the opportunity to resolve concerns before final Assessment Rolls are returned for 2017 taxation.

**The residential Notice mailing date for the Town of Gravenhurst is July 11, 2016. For non-residential properties, Notices will be delivered starting on October 11, 2016.**

### **MPAC Request for Reconsideration (RFR) Deadline for Residents:**

If property owners feel their assessed value and/or property classification is incorrect, MPAC will review it, free of charge. Property owners can do this by filing a Request for Reconsideration (RFR), which can be done through [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://aboutmyproperty.ca), or by filling out a Request for Reconsideration form, available at [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca). They can also write a letter to MPAC requesting reconsideration. Starting in 2016 property owners will have 120 days from the Issue Date of their Property Assessment Notice to file a Request for Reconsideration (RFR). This means that for residential property owners in the Town of Gravenhurst who will receive their notices July 11, 2016, **the deadline to submit a Request for Reconsideration will be November 8, 2016.**