



FIMLA Newsletter

Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association

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Message from the President

Well, another summer season has come and gone! The COVID-19 pandemic was still very much in the news, and for much of the year, social gatherings were restricted and the border was closed to non-essential travel. Thankfully, we were able to hold our Annual General Meeting on July 31st at the home of Janine Knackstedt and Richard Nageleisen. Thanks to all that were able to attend. And happily, in September, our friends and neighbours from abroad were able to return to the lake – welcome back!

As approved at the AGM, the Board

filed for articles of incorporation for *The Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association* and received confirmation of incorporation on December 1.

Good news on the fundraising front! FIMLA was successful in obtaining a **\$10,000** grant from the Township of South Frontenac through its Lake Ecosystem Grant Program. We will be using the funds to conduct a scoped dam safety assessment, which is required to obtain permits for the repairs to the dam.

Social fundraising events were again on hold for 2021, and contributions and membership fees were our primary source of funds. Thank you to those who have made contributions. In the New Year, we will be organizing a meeting of those members interested in organizing fundraising activities. If you are interested and have not volunteered, please contact Dan Gilbert (dgilbert@dcgmarketing.ca) or myself (mary.rae@14island.ca).

Have a safe and happy winter!

Mary Rae

14 Island Lake Dam Update

In August 2019, the FIMLA membership identified the repair to the Fourteen Island Lake dam as a priority. Since then, we've accomplished a lot!

Following the 2019 AGM, the FIMLA executive requested Quinte Conservation Authority to conduct a dam

inspection which was completed on August 21, 2019. The inspection report concluded that the dam is in fair to poor condition overall, and that large portions of the dam are deteriorated and should be repaired.

The following year, we retained D.M. Wills Associates – an engineering firm which specializes in dams. Wills completed a structural inspection of the dam and topographic survey; prepared a report outlining the scope of the recommended repairs and the permitting requirements; and, provided an opinion on the feasibility of adding a rocky ramp to the structure. This work was completed at a cost of \$9,616.30.

Wills report recommended repairs to the dam including crack injection, replacement of the top slab, replacement of the drains and sluice wall and installation of drains in the downstream face. The estimated construction costs, which include upgrades to the access road, are

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\$141,000 plus HST.

There are several steps to be taken, however, before construction can proceed. These next steps (described as Phase 2 in Wills' report) include: undertaking a scoped dam safety assessment, which is required for permitting purposes; completing detailed design drawings and specifications; securing the required permits and approvals from the province and Quinte Conservation; and retaining a contractor to undertake the rehabilitation work. Wills' cost to complete the dam safety assessment and detailed design is \$41,910.

At this year's AGM, the FIMLA Board of Directors was authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the proposal from Wills, as funds permit. We are expecting a detailed proposal from Wills for the Phase 2

work shortly, and once received, will instruct Wills to proceed with the scoped dam safety assessment, at a cost of around \$12,000. This summer, FIMLA was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant through the Township's Lake Ecosystem Grant Program for the studies required for permitting for the dam repairs. This will cover most of the cost of the safety assessment.

Following the safety assessment, we can proceed with the detailed design, at around \$30,000. We hope to commence this work in 2022. We will need to continue our fundraising efforts, however, to raise sufficient funds for the construction costs. As we get closer to that goal, we will proceed with the permitting process (as the permits are only valid for 2 years) and retaining a contractor.

We have raised \$72,000 so far – thanks everyone! That includes

\$10,000 in grant money and an additional \$15,000 that the Township has earmarked for the dam.

So far, we have spent \$9,616.30 for Wills' Phase 1 report, and will be spending another \$12,000 for the dam safety assessment. The detailed design will cost another \$30,000, and the estimated construction costs are \$141,000.

While we have made good progress toward the dam repairs, we must continue our fundraising efforts. At least \$128,000 additional funds will be required to complete the work. We hope to have fundraising events this coming year, and the Board continues to investigate government and other funding opportunities to help with the costs.

Mary Rae

On Behalf of Joyce & Sandy

In memory of two wonderful women – Joyce Hodgins, deceased March 22, 2020, and Sandy Caswell, deceased December 29, 2020. Sandy and Joyce were both



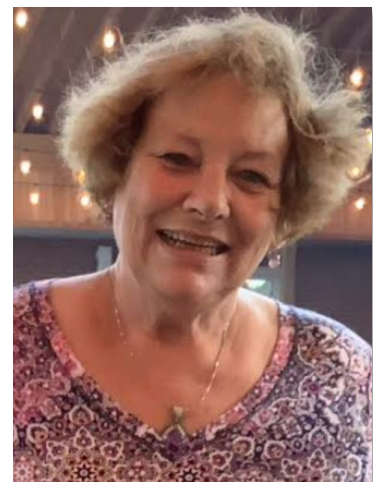
Joyce Hodgins

members of our local book club, comprised mainly of women from FIMLA, like Joyce and Sandy, with a few "infidels" as well (non-lake women). Each had their distinctive personalities, and slant on the books we read, which were both informative, and entertaining, sometimes in fact, hilarious! In addition, during our monthly coffee time, pre-book discussion, we often got to hear the latest on folk around the lake and beyond. A book club set has been donated in memory of each woman – Joyce, and more recently in memory of Sandy – by members of the book club. In addition, I am pleased to make a donation to FIMLA in celebration of the lake life of both of these dynamic

women. I miss each of them so much.

Linda Brown

Book Club Member and Friend



Sandy Caswell

Swan Lake

We were blessed in the summer of 2021 with the presence of three Trumpeter Swans. These magnificent birds were serene and regal as they conducted their daily circuit of Fourteen Island Lake. They seemed, somehow, to be above the daily hurly-burly of life, to be beyond the mundane. Most nights they set up their evening quarters in the shallow marsh that lies adjacent to the channel leading into our infamous dam outlet. To the west are the cottages of the Browns and the Babcocks; on the southern shore nearby can be found the camp of Yvonne and Tom Bourne.

The Bournes were awakened one mid-August morning by the sound of a cacophonous squawking coming from the marsh shore near their cottage. The noise was from two of the huge white swans. The third, the Bournes saw, was immersed upside down in the water, its wings spread wide and completely motionless.

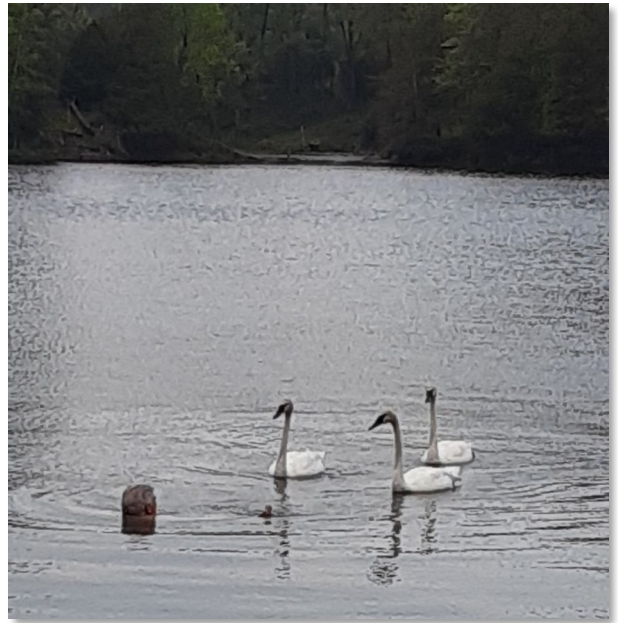
Quickly Tom jumped into his old punt and rowed to where the bird was. He did not know what he would find once there. Would it be dead or horribly injured? He approached the wide-spread wings and with one of his oars attempted to lift the head of the swan. His oar slipped from under the bird's neck. Again Tom tried to lift the neck and head and this time he was successful. But as the swan's head emerged from the now muddy water Tom saw something attached to the bird's large black beak. It was a large snapping turtle. After a few seconds the turtle released its hold on the bill and slid back into the water.

Tom continued to support the bird's head with the oar under the long white neck. The swan remained motionless. Then, after three minutes or so it

coughed and gagged and expelled much of the foul water that had been forced down its throat. A couple of minutes after that the swan shook itself free of Tom's supporting oar and slowly swam to rejoin the other two Trumpeters.

Tom and Yvonne have named their swan "Lazarus". It seems apt.

Peter Peart



Tim Brown, Lazarus and friends

How We Got There From Here (The D'Alo/Place Journey)

How is it that two Americans purchased Lot 11 on the Stonehouse Investments Subdivision Plan for Fourteen Island Lake in 1988? Where to begin....

Tom and I were married in Jasper, Alberta, in 1978. By 1986, we had three daughters, two full-time jobs, an old Pennsylvania farm, and an unusual number of troublesome irons burning in the fire at any given time. Our summer vacations in those days were spent with family and friends in rental houses on dif-

ferent lakes in New England, (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont). Because of the driving distance from Pennsylvania to any of these locations (ten hours minimum), we usually rented a place sight unseen. That was a hit or miss proposition and our experiences ranged from Berenstain Bears' type of falling down fiascos to beautiful and well-kept homes. Eventually, out of a desire to have our own place, we began looking for property to buy. At that time, New England lake front property was exorbitantly expensive because of its proximity to the Boston and New York markets. Houses were out of our reach. Lake side

lots were also impossibly dear. Even a boat slip at Lake Winnepesaukee, sans house or land, cost \$35,000 which seemed like a fortune. And what good was a boat slip without a boat? How many people can sleep on a dock?

Up until 1980 B.C. (before children), Tom and I had hiked, canoed and rented cottages in several Canadian provinces. One year, we drove to the end of the road in Saskatchewan and stayed at a fishing camp for about a week. We canoed in the boundary waters of the Quetico, visited Vancouver Island, and

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did an amazing canoe loop in Bowron Provincial Park in British Columbia. The Canadian border was only a seven-hour drive from us, and we had stayed in several lodges in southern Ontario. In short, we already liked Canada and so it was a natural and easy step to begin searching for lake front property there.

It was simply through luck and gossip that we heard about the lots and subdivision plan on Fourteen Island Lake. Glenn Raycraft, a realtor in

Verona, was handling the sale of eighteen lots that Stonehouse Investments had developed and subdivided. The entire subdivision had been a farm. The lots were marked with ground stakes but these stakes were very hard to find because there was no road through the subdivision

and none of the lots had been cleared. To search for the markers, one had to bushwhack along the shore of the lake or crash through a fairly dense forest. Even if you found a marker, you could not be sure that you found all of them. So, prospective buyers (at least these prospective buyers) were left with lots of questions---like where did Lot 8 begin and end? How big is four acres? If the shape of the lot is triangular, how can you tell

where the sides of the triangle are when you can't see much more than trees and brush?

Tom and I made several trips to the subdivision area and enlisted some of our more intrepid friends to walk, snowshoe, or cross-country ski over the land to scour for markers and take notes on what we were finding. Meanwhile in Verona, Glenn Raycraft was busy marketing the lots. He had many people interested. On one occasion, during one of our bivouacs around the lake, Tom and I encountered Glenn and

joke), "I guess you will have to come and camp out in front of his office the night before."

We left the Raycraft party and moved on. On a scrap of paper, we made our final notes and did the best we could to describe the lots we were interested in. We then rated our top picks based on what exposure the shoreline had to the sun, how steep the climb from the shore to a possible building site, and whether the shoreline had a beach or otherwise easy access to the lake. The scrap of paper was

completely filled with descriptive phrases (like "sunny at 4:00 p.m."), caveats (may be difficult to find a building site), arrows (don't build here), and question marks (huh?). It was all as useful as a glass hammer but it was all we had up to the day of the sale.

The time Mr. Raycraft picked for the land sale was October 22,

1988, at 9:00 a.m., which was a Saturday. Tom had classes to teach on that Friday and a moot court that would last until five or six p.m.. And, in Carlisle, we had the usual panoply of kid weekend activities and a dinner invitation to negotiate. We decided he would go to Verona after his classes on Friday and I would stay home. His plan was to get near Verona, find a place to stay, and be at Raycraft Realty by 8:00 or 8:30 Saturday morning. He



Winter Scene from the D'Alo/Place Dock

two prospective buyers who sounded similarly befuddled when it came to the markers and lot numbers. In passing, Glenn told us that he thought the only fair way for him to sell the lots was to give everyone who had expressed an interest an opportunity to buy. He proposed to do this by publishing a date on which all the lots would be sold on a first-come, first serve basis. When I heard this, I turned to Tom and said, jokingly (honestly, it was a

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left directly from the law school and arrived in Verona around midnight only to find that a line had already formed outside of the realty office.

Back in Carlisle I spent Friday night at a dinner party given by one of the senior faculty members. I was gamely trying to fill in for Tom's absence but was having difficulty with some reasonable and simple questions like, "How big is the piece of land you are buying?" What direction does it face? What will it cost? Not sure of any of these answers since we were not sure which pieces would be available or if we had the numbered lots matched to the actual parcels, I smiled and maintained that this was just the normal way of buying land in Canada.

Even that was better than what Tom was going through. Three groups of hopeful buyers were in line in front of the realtor's and it was now sleeting. Totally unprepared for the weather but nonetheless determined, Tom got into the fourth-place line, in his dress shoes. He was hatless, gloveless, and sported a lightweight trench coat.

Everyone was talking about the lots; where they were, what they hoped to get. Tom quickly ascertained that at least one of the lots we were interested in was still available. At least he thought so based on that scrap of paper that was slowly disintegrating in his soggy pocket. Tom asked those in line why they had come so early. Eyeing him with some amusement, he was told that a rumor had circulated about

an American who was going to camp out all night on the realtor's porch. (Oh, come on....)

In the wee hours, the OPP stopped by to check out the ever-growing line of people on Main Street in Verona. Then it began to snow. As Tom discovered that night and it has been our experience ever since, Canadians are always exquisitely prepared for the weather. That night, they not only had woolen

spirit and maybe a little better understanding of the deleterious effects of hypothermia. Tom eventually accepted not only the coffee but the promise of the people in front of him and behind him in line, that they would hold his place if he wanted to go and get some warmer clothing from the local hardware when it opened.

As the saying goes, the rest is history. Tom bought Lot 11 at about

10:00 a.m., and raced out to the lake to check on what and where it was. I remember his excitement when he called home—"I think we got just what we wanted!" Okay, I thought, not entirely sure what that means but, hey, I'm in.) Lot 11 wasn't our first choice on but it turned out to be the best choice for us. For the past 29 years, we have had many wonderful neighbors, (Rod and Percy Harris-Lowe, Mike and Cathy Jennings, Shayne and Brett Dark and their wives Donna Johnson and Lori, Gord and Barb Rodgers) who bailed us out of countless predicaments and joined us in many a meal and glass of wine. We have enjoyed glorious summers

there with our families and friends. We even convinced some of those friends to buy and build there. As the original buyers are moving on and new people move in, the community around the lake thrives and we have learned how to dress for the cold.

Grace D'Alo



Cardinal Flower on the Lake

socks, winter hats and gloves, they also had food and drink. Someone arrived in a RV with a stove. The OPP and everyone else soon were offered steaming mugs of coffee which warmed them and the conversation. Unfortunately, Tom was simply freezing. Another quality of Canadians that emerged that night (and has sustained us through the years) was a true generosity of

2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) was held at the home of Richard Nageleisen and Janine Knackstedt on Saturday, July 31, 2021. 36 members attended. 3 members who were unable to attend voted by proxy.

1. Welcome – Mary Rae

FIMLA President, Mary Rae called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Mary welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to Richard and Janine for hosting the meeting this year. The meeting was held on their front lawn under a cloudless sky. Coffee and muffins were provided by some members of the executive. Several new members of FIMLA introduced themselves to the group.

2. 2020 AGM Minutes - Mary Rae

The 2020 Minutes were published in the Spring 2021 newsletter. Copies were available at the AGM. Mary Rae briefly reviewed items reported in the 2020 AGM minutes. Mary asked for corrections or additions to the draft of the 2020 AGM minutes. No changes were noted.

Resolution 2021-1

Be it resolved to accept the 2020 AGM Minutes as presented in the 2021 Spring Newsletter.

Moved by Marj Peart; Seconded by Anne Tucker.

Motion voted on and carried.

3. 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Proposed budget – Karen De Luca

Karen reviewed the FIMLA 2020 Financial Report as of December 31, 2020 and the 2021 Proposed budget (copies of each were provided in the Spring 2021 newsletter and were available at the AGM). Karen expressed thanks to all those who have contributed to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve (Dam Fund) over the past year.

Mary noted that FIMLA receives membership fees and donations each year. It is not always specified that the donations go to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve. This reserve was set up for future projects for the preservation of the watershed, such as the dam. The executive has been recording any excess funds as part of the reserve, however, for transparency and clarity at the end of the year, Mary recommended that the membership pass a general motion to transfer all money in excess of the operating expenses each year into the reserve.

Resolution 2021-2

Be it resolved that the 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 Proposed Budget be accepted as set out in the 2021 Spring Newsletter and presented at the July 31, 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Joe Buckley; seconded by Linda Kreick.

Motion voted on and carried.

Resolution 2021-3

Be it resolved that any funds in excess of \$1,300, or such other amount as deemed advisable by the Board of Directors, be retained in operating funds each year, and the excess, if any, be transferred to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve.

Moved by Susan Pine; seconded by Dan Gilbert.

Motion voted on and carried.

4. Fundraising Update – Karen De Luca & Mary Rae

Karen De Luca provided an update on the amount of money raised for the dam to date being \$25,905

The Township council has agreed to contribute \$15,000 towards the dam project.

FIMLA also applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Lake Ecosystem Grant Program. The grant was just submitted this week, so it is not yet known whether or not FIMLA will be receiving grant funds.

A request went out to all attendees to make the executive aware of any grant projects which may come available.

5. Dam Update – Mary Rae

Mary provided an update on the work completed by D.M. Wills Associates to date, and next steps.

Wills conducted a site visit in July of last year and submitted a proposal for engineering services for the dam. They proposed that the work be completed in two phases – Phase 1 involved: a structural inspection of the dam and topographic survey; preparation of a report outlining the scope of the recommended repairs; a summary of the permitting requirements; and, the feasibility of adding a rocky ramp to the structure. The Phase 1 work has been completed – at a cost of \$9,616.30. Wills report recommended repairs to the dam including crack injection, replacement of the top slab, replacement of the drains and sluice wall and installation of drains in the downstream

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face. The estimated construction costs are \$141,000 plus HST.

The Phase 2 work includes: undertaking a scoped dam safety assessment, which is required for permitting purposes; completing detailed design drawings and specifications; securing the required permits and approvals from the MNRF and Quinte Conservation; and retaining a contractor to undertake the rehabilitation work. Wills just submitted a detailed fee schedule for the dam safety assessment and detailed design for \$41,910.

Wills estimated that without rehabilitation, the dam may exhibit failure in 5 years. Therefore, FIMLA is aiming to raise the necessary funds in the next 3 years. To keep moving on this project, and to be ready for any funding opportunities, the Board is proposing to start with some of the Phase 2 work, while we are still fundraising. Specifically, we could proceed with the scoped dam safety assessment, at a cost of around \$12,000. We could also get started with preparation of the detailed design. The permitting process will have to start closer to the construction date, as the permits are only valid for 2 years.

Discussion:

A question came up regarding the downstream effects of a dam failure and whether the downstream landowners should be contacted to see if they would be willing to contribute to the repairs to the dam, as they would be directly impacted by a failure of the dam.

Geoff Rae suggested that once the repairs are completed, we look into transferring responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the dam to an outside organization such as a Conservation Authority.

It was also suggested that we look at a map of the FIMLA area as it existed in the 1800's. This is what the area could look like again if the dam were to fail. Joe Buckley may have access to such a map.

Resolution 2021-4

Be it resolved that the FIMLA Board of Directors be authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the proposal from D.M. Wills Associates Limited, dated September 17, 2020, as funds permit, and to pay the associated costs from the FIMLA bank account.

Moved by Geoff Rae; seconded by Richard Nageleisen.

Motion voted on and carried.

6. Incorporation of FIMLA – Mary Rae

Mary advised that the Board has been exploring the possibility of funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

John McDougall has had experience with the OTF and its mandate and spoke to the membership on this topic. John said that the OTF has been funding Covid relief almost exclusively and that projects such as ours would not be considered as long as Covid relief was the OTF's main focus. However, he believes that the OTF is now at least looking at other grant applications. Our project may fulfil the requirements of a successful bid. OTF will only look at applications from organizations which have incorporated and have been viable for at least 1 year. It was recommended that FIMLA pursue the process of incorporation so that we might apply in 1 year for an OTF grant. This would fit our timeline well given the preparatory work necessary to complete the dam project.

Mary discussed the requirements for incorporation. Incorporation offers certain advantages; and in the case of OTF funding, is required. But, there are also certain responsibilities once incorporated. In the case of our lake association, we would incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation – an organization that carries on activities without monetary gain. There is a filing fee of \$155, plus a fee to do a name search of around \$40 – so about \$200 total. There are requirements to file annual returns, and to conduct our affairs in accordance with the applicable statutes. For example, the election of directors and the calling of meetings of members, certain record keeping requirements are all governed by the Corporations Act. There are also audit requirements, however, where the corporation's annual income is less than \$100,000 and where a resolution is passed by at least 80% of the votes cast by members at a general meeting to not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit, the corporation is exempt from a financial audit.

John McDougall and Mary Rae were both thanked for the expertise they bring to this endeavour.

Resolution 2021-5

Be it resolved that the FIMLA Board of Directors be authorized to incorporate the Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) as a non-profit corporation, if required for eligibility for funding for dam repairs.

Moved by Tom Raycroft; seconded by Marj Peart.

Motion voted on and carried.

7. Other Business

Mary Rae asked that those who use the boat launch at Willy's Lane con-

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tribute \$35 to the Willy's Lane Road Association to assist the association in keeping the road maintained. E-transfers may be made to Marj Peart at marjpeart@gmail.com. Information on this topic is also available on the website: www.fimla.ca.

Marj Peart also brought up the point about bait dumping into our lakes. It was suggested that infor-

mation on this topic be sent to all FIMLA owners and be made available to any renters who may be fishing our lakes. It would be the responsibility for all owners who rent their homes to communicate this information to the person renting their lake home.

The FIMLA FaceBook Page and website www.fimla.ca were promoted as excellent communication tools for FIMLA members.

8. Adjournment

Mary Rae asked for a motion to adjourn the AGM at 12:01 pm. The motion was moved by Anne Tucker; seconded by Deb Gilbert.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

Minutes prepared by Craig Pettis

Invasive Species Sampling

In July 2021, Sue Pine and Mary Rae took part in a sampling program for invasive species in Fourteen Island Lake and Mink Lake. The program – IsampleON (Invasive Species Awareness, Monitoring Program, & Lake Education, Ontario) is a partnership between the Invasive Species Centre (ISC) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA).

IsampleON was initiated to assist cottagers and lake residents in de-

their lakes. It aims to increase local awareness of aquatic invasive species and encourage greater public involvement in preventing their spread to inland lakes. FIMLA was one of 25 lake associations selected to participate. Knowledge of the distribution of invasive species assists us in controlling the spread of these species by increasing awareness of their presence in areas of concern.

Sue and Mary collected plankton samples using specialized fine-mesh nets called plankton haul nets. The nets trap small plant and animal life called plankton. They also collected filtered eDNA samples to determine the presence of four different species: zebra mussels, quagga mussels, spiny water flea and water soldier.

Zebra and quagga mussels are invasive freshwater mussels that can be found throughout Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba. Native to the Black Sea region of Eurasia, they arrived in the Great Lakes via ballast water in the larval (veliger) stage and have spread throughout North America. These invasive mussels filter plankton out of the water, which depletes it as a food source for native species. Large colonies can take over fish spawning areas and beaches, cutting the feet of potential swimmers. They

also clog water intake lines because of their dense colonies. Zebra and quagga mussels can reduce water quality as they can increase the presence of toxic algal blooms, which can have health impacts on native wildlife. They latch on to boats and can be easily spread between water bodies.

Spiny waterflea is an invasive zooplankton (tiny organisms that travel by wind and water currents) that originated from Eurasia. This invasive species outcompetes native species for food, which can have



Susan Pine

tecting the presence of aquatic invasive species such as invasive mussels and spiny water fleas in



Mary Rae

cascading impacts to the entire

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food web. Spiny waterfleas form large, jelly-like masses that can spread to other waterbodies on commercial and recreational fishing equipment. Spiny waterflea was first reported in North America in 1982 in Lake Ontario, having made its way into the Great Lakes through the ballast water of ocean liners traveling from Asia and Europe. Today, spiny waterflea is present in all five Great Lakes and over 100 nearby inland lakes in Ontario and several U.S. states. Researchers are currently studying the threat of spiny waterflea to the diversity

and abundance of native zooplankton found in the Great Lakes region

Public awareness and preventative activities are critical in stopping the spread of this invasive species into more waterbodies.

Clean your gear! – Clean any plants, mud, mussels and debris from your boat and equipment. Drain all standing water from your bilge, motor and live well. Dry your boat and fishing equipment for 2 to 7 days and/or disinfect with hot, pressurized water.

Don't dump your bait! – Empty bait buckets at least 30 meters away

from the waterbody shoreline on dry land.

Signage about invasive species has been posted at the boat launch on Willys Lane and at the rental cottages at Mrs. McLeod's property.

At the time of this newsletter, the sampling results were not yet available. Stay tuned for the Spring 2022 Newsletter for the sampling results!

For more information about invasive species, see:

www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/

Susan Pine & Mary Rae



The “Invasive Team”

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Fishing Seasons and Regulations

The Napanee watershed, which includes the 14 Island and Mink Lakes watershed, is in Ontario Fisheries Management Zone 18.

Possession limits for species commonly found in our lakes are summarized in the accompanying table. Catch limits are shown separately for holders of a Sport Fishing Licence or a Conservation Fishing Licence. Please note the size restrictions, as well as the aggregate limits for some species.

Please note that this table is believed to be accurate, however, authoritative information can be found on the Government of Ontario website:

https://files.ontario.ca/on-con-188/ONCON-188_MNRF_CR_ontario-fishing-regulations-summary-v2.pdf

Species	From	Through	Limits	Sport	Conservation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Walleye & Sauger	Jan 1	Mar 1	40-50cm	4	2												
Walleye & Sauger	2 nd Sat in May	Dec 31	40-50cm	4	2												
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	3 rd Sat in June	Dec 15		6	2												
Northern Pike	Jan 1	Mar 31		6	2												
Northern Pike	2 nd Sat in May	Dec 31		6	2												
Muskellunge	1 st Sat in June	Dec 15	>91cm	1	0												
Yellow Perch	Open all year			50	25												
Crappie	Open all year			30	10												
Sunfish	Open all year		Only 30>18cm	300	15												
Brook Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Brown Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Rainbow Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Lake Trout	4 th Sat in May	Sep 8	Species Agg. Limit	2	1												
Splake	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Pacific Salmon	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Atlantic Salmon	Closed all year			0	0												
Lake Whitefish	Open all year			12	6												
Lake Sturgeon	Closed all year			0	0												
Channel Catfish	Open all year			12	6												

FIMLA is your organization!

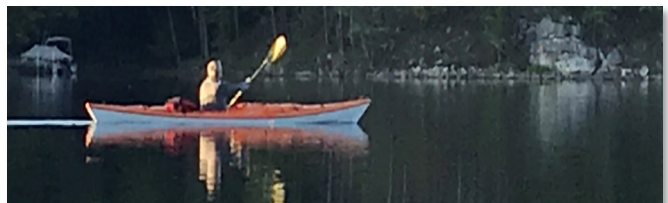
Please join or renew your membership.

The Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) is a volunteer association of property owners in the FIMLA watershed area working for both seasonal and permanent residents. FIMLA plays an active role in maintaining and enhancing our local environment and the quality of life on Fourteen Island, Mink, Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy Lakes. FIMLA also represents the interests and welfare of our members to the Township of South Frontenac, the County and other agencies and organizations.

See our website at www.fimla.ca for more information about the association.

Please pay your annual membership fee of **\$35 (CAD)**:

- by e-Transfer to: treasurer@fimla.ca; or,
- by mailing to: The Treasurer, FIMLA, P.O. Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0.



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Lake Partner Program

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations run this volunteer-based program to monitor the quality (nutrient status and clarity) of water in Ontario's lakes. Data from the province's lakes can be found on the LPP website:

<http://desc.ca/programs/LPP>

Thanks to our water testers:

14 Island Lake: Brett Dark

Mink Lake: Joe Buckley

Little John & Little John's Sister Lakes: Dan Gilbert

Buffy Lake: Timothy Lloyd

Willy's Lane Boat Launch Dates

The following are the opening dates for the 2022 season:

Spring:

April 14 to May 29

Labour Day:

September 3 to September 6

Fall:

September 17 to October 23

Please note:

Permission only applies to paid-up FIMLA members for 2022.

Gates will be locked at all other times and boats cannot be taken in or out except in an emergency. In an emergency, please contact one of the FIMLA executive to make arrangements. Those using the launch are requested to make a donation to the Willy's Lane Road Association of \$35. **Payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) to:**

marjpeart@gmail.com.

Please remember that the launch is on private property and its use is through the generosity of the landowner.

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