

LAKE ST. PETER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (LSPPOA)

2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

General Update (Geoff Aldworth, President LSPPOA)

The 2021 AGM was held on Sunday September 5th, from 9:00 to 11 a.m. Geoff Aldworth welcomed everyone to the 9th Annual LSPPOA AGM, held outdoors in the parking lot of the Lake St Peter Community Centre. 33 people were in attendance.

As with last year's AGM, specific portfolio reports were sent out in advance of this meeting to all members. These reports are included in the Appendix:

Geoff introduced the LSPPOA executive and the key portfolio coordinators and thanked them for their tireless efforts and suggested a hand of appreciation. He also thanked Lisa Kelleher for her efforts on the design and maintenance of the LSPPOA website (<https://lakestpeterassoc.com>).

Geoff noted that we are lucky to have both past presidents of the LSPPOA in attendance today (Don Richardson and Paul Craft).

Geoff noted that the association received a variety of personal queries from members either directly or via the website. Some of these queries related to the following topics: Hydro Rates, Tree and Shoreline Preservation By-Law and Potential Fire Station Closure at Lake St Peter.

Geoff also mentioned that in partnership with West Pines, the association is participating again in the annual Food Drive in support of the Maynooth Food Bank, as well as the local LSP Outreach Centre.

Geoff reviewed the Mission Statement which focuses on Environmental Stewardship, noting the key focus of the association is Education.

Mission Statement

The Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association (LSPPOA) is a non-profit, community based and volunteer-driven organization dedicated to the support of, and advocacy for the conservation of Lake St. Peter and Boulter Lake, their waterways and surrounding

lands for present and future generations through responsible environmental stewardship.

Geoff asked for a motion to approve the 2020 AGM Minutes, which were circulated last September. Tom Scanlan so moved, seconded by Paula Jones.

Tom Scanlan, Vice President

Tom made a detailed presentation regarding the potential closure of the Lake St Peter Fire Station (Station # 5). He mentioned that Jacky Shannik brought the issue to the forefront at the last AGM. He also noted that the Hastings Highlands (HH) Council held a vote with no public consultation to close the station previously, but thankfully the motion was defeated by the slim margin of 4-3.

As a result, the association together with local property owners on Mink Lake banded together to raise concerns to HH. Tom questioned whether a study commissioned by HH, was ever completed. There appears to be no evidence of money being allocated by HH to this study.

Tom outlined that the current LSP Fire Station was built 40 years ago. The building is considered inadequate for current needs related to size and facilities while noting there are mould and asbestos issues.

Tom discussed the potential ramifications/ implications of closing LSP Fire Station and having all services provided by the Fire Station in Maynooth. This would add at least 12 km to all calls resulting in increased response times. The closure would also put all local property owners within the LSP/Boulter Lake/ Mink Lake and immediate surroundings into a different category from an insurance perspective. This would lead to either refusal of coverage or dramatically increased insurance costs for each of these property owners.

Tom noted that nearly the entire fleet of HH Fire equipment is beyond the intended lifecycle of 20 years, plus noted that many buildings in need of considerable upgrades.

Tom outlined that HH appears to spend considerably less than similarly sized adjacent municipalities, noting that HH allocates 10 % of its budget to Fire services vs. 12 % in North Kawartha and 15 % in North Frontenac.

Tom as a member of an Ad-Hoc Fire Committee within the Interlake Association is pressuring HH on this issue. They have made presentations to HH Council pointing out the inequities and implications. They have also submitted comments on the Master Fire Plan, that is scheduled for 3rd Reading September 15th, 2021.

Tom has prepared three form letters for local property owners to review and encourage each owner to submit their concerns to HH by September 15th. These form letters were

sent to LSPPOA members shortly after the AGM. Many members have already submitted their concerns to HH.

Tom suggested a 1 % Property Tax levy would cover the cost of a new LSP Fire Hall.

Questions

1. Rob Howell – What would a new fire hall cost? \$1M to \$1.25 M
2. Ann Hildreth – Timeline for letters? Need to send in by Sept 15th in time for HH Council Meeting where the 3rd Reading of Draft Master Fire Plan will occur
3. Ronda Franco – How many residents impacted? Not sure, guesstimate between 400 to 500
4. Geoff Aldworth – Need new site for Fire Hall? Yes – need to keep old one operational plus existing site not suitable for today's needs. Note there is no shortage of suitable land available close by.

Ann Judson, Membership

Please see the attached Membership Report

Membership

Ann noted support of the community and the tireless efforts of the 18 road captains. As of the AGM, there are currently 99 members. Of the 99, 17 are new. The chart below shows the LSPPOA membership over the years.

MEMBERSHIP							
2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
99	88	82	67	57	47	41	14

Ann noted excellent feedback on the Door-to-Door Campaign. Educational Packages were created and dropped off at as many area residences on Lake St Peter and Boulter Lake as possible. 250 kits created.

Ann noted that Road Captains have on average 18 residences. This is considered too high. We need more Road Captains.

Geoff thanked Ann for her efforts on membership.

Finance (Craig Judson, Treasurer)

Please see the attached Finance Report.

Craig noted that the LSPPOA fiscal year is May 1st to April 30th. At the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 2021 we had 88 members. This equates to a double digit (10 to 18%) increase year over year for the past 5 years.

The bulk of income for the association is from membership - \$2200.

Expenses – Insurance \$545, FOCA \$356 + Info/Educational Kits – Grand Total \$1715

Net Revenue \$510

\$2152 in Bank. As of today, with further membership since year end there is \$3200 in the Bank

Craig encouraged continued use of Interac for Membership renewal/payment.

Ann Judson, Hastings Highlands Interlake Association

Please see the attached Interlake Report.

Ann is the Chair of the HH Interlake Association which is comprised of 6 area lakes.

Ann reviewed the Mission/Vision Statement – Together in Stewardship, noting that education on best practices to ensure healthy lakes is a major focus.

The Interlake has many gifted volunteers with expertise from various lakes with the LSPPOA well represented by:

- Bonny McCleery-Scanlan on Environment
- Geoff Aldworth on Land Use Planning with a committee of 6
- Tom Scanlan on Fire Ad Hoc Committee of 4

Ann noted that there are 6 lakes within HH that are considered at capacity cold water lakes. 5 of these 6 are members of the Interlake. Purdy Lake is the other one.

Question

1. Craig Judson – What determines at Capacity Designation? Lots of contributing factors relating to Water Quality. A Healthy Lakes report will be sent out soon that will address this issue.

Bonny McCleery-Scanlan, Environment

Please see a group of six attachments that contribute to the Environment Report. An additional handout was provided to those in attendance at the AGM. A link to this document is provided below:

[https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/FOCA Shoreline Guide FINAL ed 2019.pdf](https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/FOCA_Shoreline_Guide_FINAL_ed_2019.pdf)

Door to Door Campaign

Bonny highlighted concerns raised by area residents last year primarily relating to Boating/Renter Etiquette. She noted that these issues also raised at FOCA Fall Seminar. This along with other available information led to creation of Educational/Information Kit. Kit included Boaters Code, Good Neighbours Code, Watersheds Canada Workbook (Healthy Shorelines = Healthy Lakes).

Observation made by a member present relating to Boating Safety that they noticed many boaters operating their boats at night without running lights. Additionally, there was mention of an increasing number of personal water craft, some which are quite loud and many that were observed running closer to shore and occasionally threatening wildlife.

Statement made – hard to control as you “Can’t Fix Stupid”

Ann Hildreth asked how often OPP here this year? Consensus – no one present recalled seeing OPP on lake this year. **Update post AGM** – Ted Windmoller confirmed through follow up conversation that the OPP Marine unit was disbanded locally this year. The LSPPOA and Interlake will look into this further. Stay tuned!

Don Richardson noted that swimmers should not swim across waterbodies without a boat present. It was also mentioned that there are personal swimmer buoys, however these should not be used crossing waterbodies either.

Paula Jones asked what are the rules re Operation of Personal Watercraft. Person must be 16 years of age and have a boater’s license.

Thrust of the Association re Environment is Education.

BASC

Bonny recognized the continued efforts and benefits of the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council (BASC), including the Tree and Shrub Program, where 6 members bought

bundles. She also noted BASC has a program to assist owners with Shoreline restoration if interested.

Fish Hatchery – Ted Windmoller

Teddy noted that he is a volunteer for the local Lake Trout Fish Hatchery. They meet once a week. Our area is a part of MNRF's Fish Management Zone 15, which covers a very large geographic area. Unfortunately, there is likely no stocking to be done in the next 5 years due to funding cut-backs at MNRF. Lake St Peter was last stocked 8 years ago.

Teddy has tried to pressure MNRF, through the local Biologist, but has had little to no success. Teddy has stated that Lake St Peter differs from many area lakes due to its high transient population (Provincial Park, Trailer Parks).

Tom Scanlan asked what is the capacity at the local Fish Hatchery? 900 fish per runway. 7 runways at hatchery, yet only 3 in operation due to funding and lack of volunteers able to harvest eggs. The hatchery is not able to buy fish as the Hatchery is not a commercial operation. Also, MNRF dictates what fish each Hatchery gets and MNRF funding as mentioned keeps getting cut.

An attendee at the AGM asked how did Pickerel get into Lake St. Peter? Answer – not sure.

Teddy noted many letters sent that Lake St Peter is looking for the lake to be stocked.

Road Cleanup – John Severinac

John noted that many of the people participating on the Road Cleanup are aging. He will be looking for volunteer replacements for next year.

Some stats on garbage collected:

- 2016 – 76 Bags
- 2017 – 62 Bags
- 2018 – 56 Bags
- 2019 – 63 Bags
- 2020 – Covid – Not Held
- 2021 – 78 Bags

Yard Sale – Food Drive (Bonny)

The Lake St. Peter Property Owners (LSPPOA) held their Annual Yard Sale with two year's worth of treasures, as we were unable to have the 2020 sale due to COVID restrictions. It was a great day seeing many people who were also happy to get out and score some great finds.

All remaining Yard Sale items were then boxed and delivered to the Word of Life Outreach for their Thrift Store which will continue servicing the people of the community.

Time or Talent engaging volunteers, the @ottawa_thrifty_bookworm dedicated her talent, the "love of reading". Many book donations were received and some avid readers buying those cottage reads and perhaps stocking up for the long winter ahead too. 206 books sold!

Then the final initiative of the Labour Day Food Drive collaboration with West Pines, LSPPOA and community donations were a huge success! Food donations were more than double of what was collected in the 2020 Food Drive.

Post AGM update: The overall contribution to the Maynooth Food Bank was 365lbs of food and \$2400.00. Thank you to everyone who participated in the community events and helping those who need a little assistance.

Geoff thanked Bonny for her tireless efforts on the huge Environment Portfolio.

LSPPOA Executive Election (2021 to 2022)

Geoff informed AGM attendees that Paul Craft will run the election. Geoff referred to the recent late summer President's letter that the association is always looking for new input and involvement from its members. Geoff mentioned that Shawn (Secretary) and Craig (Treasurer) will stay on if no one present steps up to volunteer for the role.

Within the current Constitution, there are 4 Executive Positions (President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary). In addition, Bonny, Ann and Teddy are active participants in all Executive meetings. The Executive typically meets 3 to 4 times a year, either via Zoom (especially during Covid) and in person where practical. The time commitment is not huge for Executive Members.

Three people present when the group was polled said they were willing to assume an increased role in the association if the need arises. These three are Ann Hildreth, Linda Gibson and Steve Livingstone.

Election for President

Tom Scanlan is nominated for President of the LSPPOA. Attendees asked if anyone else is interested in position. No one indicated their interest. Tom accepts the nomination. Unanimous support for Tom. Tom Scanlan is elected President of the LSPPOA.

Paul Craft thanked Geoff Aldworth for his new thoughts and dedicated leadership over the last 2 terms (4 years).

Election for Vice-President (VP)

Paul Craft asks whether there are any nominees? Tom Scanlan mentions that it is a great role and you learn so much, and can bring a new perspective. He also mentioned that members interested would be mentored.

No one identified themselves as interested.

Tom Scanlan nominates Linda Gibson for Vice-President. Linda accepts nomination. Unanimous support for Linda as VP. Congratulations to Linda Gibson, the new VP for the LSPPOA.

Election for Treasurer

Craig Judson confirmed as Treasurer of the LSPPOA, as there was no one else present interested in position. Unanimous support for Craig as Treasurer.

Election for Secretary

Shawn Kelleher confirmed as Secretary of the LSPPOA, as there was no one else present interested in position. Unanimous support for Shawn as Secretary.

Geoff thanked Paul Craft for running the LSPPOA Election.

Constitution Amendment

Tom Scanlan outlined that it would be a beneficial for the association to retain the knowledge, experience and valuable input of a leader such as Geoff Aldworth. As such, Tom put forward a motion to amend the LSPPOA Constitution to create an Executive Position of Past-President. Tom stated that Geoff Aldworth possesses exemplary leadership skills. There was unanimous support and the motion is passed with several Seconders.

A copy of the existing Constitution and the motion for the revision is listed below:

CONSTITUTION

Mission Statement

The Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association (LSPPOA) is a non-profit, community-based and volunteer-driven organization dedicated to the support of, and advocacy for, conservation of Lake St. Peter and Boulter Lake, their waterways and surrounding lands for present and future generations through responsible environmental stewardship.

The mission is to be achieved through the observance of the following goals and objectives:

- to monitor lake water quality
- to actively promote land use planning policies and programs to retain/enhance the character of the lakes
- to inform residents of official plans, by-laws and building codes affecting their properties
- to educate residents and others of the environmental impact of certain actions
- to maintain membership in FOCA
- to promote, maintain and support links with the community, other groups dedicated to the cause of conservation, and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands
- to promote fire safety and prevention
- to promote water and boating safety

Membership

Membership is available to and limited to property owners on Lake St. Peter and Boulter Lake, or in the community of Lake St. Peter, or in the geographic area defined by the K0L 2K0 postal code.

An annual membership fee will be collected from each member, which fee will be determined annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Meetings:

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held each year, normally on the Sunday of the August Civic Holiday weekend. Voting at Association meetings or on Association matters will be limited to one vote for each member. A quorum for a meeting will require at least two members of the executive and at least three other members in good standing.

The Treasurer will maintain financial records of the Association and deliver a financial report to the membership at the annual AGM. Other meetings may be held throughout the year as deemed necessary. The membership will receive at least 21 days advance notification of upcoming meetings by their chosen method of communication.

Minutes will be kept of all meetings and distributed by e-mail to the membership.

Executive:

The Executive of the Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association will be comprised of the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The executive will be elected at the AGM. Only members in good standing of the Association will be eligible for office. The initial term of appointment will be two years, and may be renewed for further two year terms at the pleasure of the membership.

Amendments to the Constitution:

To amend the constitution will require the approval of >50% of the membership. The vote can take place at a meeting of the Association, by written ballot, by electronic ballot, or a combination of all three methods of voting.

Termination of the Association:

If the Association ceases to function, or if members choose to disband the Association, members will be notified by mail or e-mail. At such time, the Treasurer will provide the

President with a final financial report, and all remaining cash, whether in the Association's bank account or in hand, plus other assets of the Association will be given to a local community organization.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT #1

This Amendment, passed by a majority of members present at the AGM dated September 5, 2021, provides for a change to the makeup of the Executive of the LSPPOA.

Executive:

The Executive of the Lake St Peter Property Owners Association will be comprised of the following:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Past President.

The executive will be elected at the AGM. Only members in good standing of the Association will be eligible for office. The initial term of appointment will be two years, and may be renewed for further two-year terms at the pleasure of the membership.

Question and Answer / Comments

1. Bonny mentioned that "Watch for Children" signs will be replaced near Lake St Provincial Park. HH has a pending policy review in motion to request change in speed limits.
2. Erika Gabel mentioned that property owners looking to purchase the shoreline road allowance will need to be patient. It appears Covid and possibly the Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim has delayed the purchase process considerably. The association will look into this matter. Paula Jones commented that at present there is likely a five-year delay due Covid and the land claim. John Doherty referred to a recent article in the Bancroft Times that HH would like the purchase of these road allowances to proceed as it is a cash win for the municipality in terms of the purchase cost, plus future taxes.

3. An attendee asked when is the next hazardous waste day in Hastings Highlands? Saturday October 16th, from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. 6 ANAF Road Maynooth.
4. Paul Craft provided comments/observations from conversations while at the lake and canvassing as one of the 18 Road Captains. A common sentiment he heard is that there is a strong perception within some parts of the community that the association is against development. We can take pride in the fact that our membership has been increasing steadily, but if this negative feedback grows, we could see an opposite effect. Paul stated his opinion that the association's job as a Steward is "Responsible" not "Accountable" and that it is not our job to get involved in development, that is a Municipal Responsibility. Question – how can we avoid this perception? Geoff thanked Paul and noted he has heard similar sentiments expressed. This issue must continue to be recognized, addressed through education and stay on our minds going forward. Ann Judson mentioned that there is a small but vocal number of property owners that believe the LSPPOA and the Interlake are anti-development. Ann clarified that the Interlake is pro smart development. The information kit that was distributed earlier this year (contents based on collective comments heard at the AGM last year and feedback from Road Captains) was perceived negatively by some property owners as "You can't do this or that". The focus of the LSPPOA and the Interlake continues to be best stewardship practices. We encourage members to provide feedback on what our initiatives moving forward should be.
5. John Doherty informed those present at the AGM, that the Social Committee will be re-visited next year, hopefully post Covid. John also mentioned that he and Liz regularly pick up trash year-round on the roads as well as via canoe. If anyone has an aluminium boat with a 9 hp motor willing to assist to contact "Trashman John". Geoff mentioned that many others are regular trash cleaners while walking the roads.

Geoff thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to close the meeting. Tom Scanlan, seconded by John Doherty. Enjoy the rest of the Labour Day long weekend.

Appendices

1. TREASURER'S REPORT - Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2021 – Craig Judson

Last year's membership dues provided revenue of \$2,200 with another \$25 contributed as a voluntary donation. At present, these dues represent the sole source of your association's income from which operating expenses must be paid. The trend in paid memberships continues to be positive as reported by the Membership Chair.

On the expenditure side general liability insurance coverage was obtained from Co-Operators' at a cost of \$545 and FOCA membership, which provides many benefits to our members, absorbed another \$356. New this past year was the cost of \$549 to obtain environmental and other material of interest for distribution in a "door to door" campaign to some 250 properties in the broader community area. This campaign, which began during the current 2021/2022 fiscal year, is already paying dividends as evidenced by 15 new memberships and positive comments in general.

Other expenses included annual web hosting charges and bank fees. In summary, expenditures totaled \$1,715 thus providing net revenue for the year of \$510. The accumulated surplus funds in the association's bank account as at April 30, 2021 stood at \$2,152.

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to pay your annual membership dues by using your bank's online *Interac* e-Transfer facility. The association is now registered for Autodeposit, thus eliminating the need for a security question. Instructions for the making of an online payment can be found on the Membership page of the association's website.

Copies of the association's financial statement are available on request.

2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Ann Judson

Your commitment to LSPPOA good stewardship and renewals of membership resulted in 88 members last year.

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A new initiative of offering a “Early Bird Beverage Basket “ donated by the executive, was successful in assuring renewals and also saying thank you to all for your support. Congratulations to our winner Randy Barras.

Covid restrictions once again this year means a dedicated team of 17 captains, on 20 routes are leaving a stewardship information package at 250 properties on LSP and Boulter lakes. Bonny McCleery Scanlan took a leadership role in providing and facilitating the information package which will be outlined in her environmental report.

Thank you to the 98 members who have joined the LSPPOA as of August 24, just joined for the first time and all who have posted a membership sign at your property entrance. Upon receipt of a paid membership, the captains make multiple attempts to provide a sticker for signs but if signs are inside your residence we can often miss providing these yearly stickers as everyone has varying schedules.

The preferred option of using your bank’s Interac e-Transfer facility to pay membership dues makes joining our association easier, particularly with social distancing restrictions.

Thank you to our volunteer road captains, Geoff Aldworth, Andrew Bevan, Denis Borin, Paul Craft, Vito Deligio, Bert Donaldson, Erika Gabel, Ann Hildreth, Larry Jones, Rick Jones, Sandy McCamus, Dale McMurchy, John Severinac, David Shackelton, Josie Wills, Diane Windmoller

A special thank you to Diane Windmoller who also distributes WELCOME Envelopes and greetings to new owners.

Your help is needed to attain complete coverage of our community. Please contact any of the executive to assist with canvassing the Skidmore subdivision (3) Boulter Road (2-3) and Hwy 127 (2-3)

3. HH INTERLAKE REPORT – Ann Judson

HH Interlake is a coalition of six member lakes within our municipality with our lake being one of the members. The other lakes are Mink, Salmon-Trout, Diamond, Baptiste and Papineau. There are six cold water -at -capacity lakes in HH which means extra

vigilance in assuring the health of these lakes. Lake St Peter is an at-capacity lake. Recognizing that HH is a lake-based economy, we as a team of volunteers, must continue to personally make best practices decisions and advocate to ensure “at-capacity lake” is a primary focus by Council and County when making decisions and assuring best stewardship practices.

MISSION STATEMENT

Hastings Highlands Interlake Association, an umbrella group of associations with mutual concerns and expertise, advocates with a united voice for the protection of our lakes and the rights and interests of our members with all levels of governments and agencies.

VISION STATEMENT

Together in Stewardship

The Interlake team is comprised of presidents and key volunteers who collectively communicate, work together throughout the year, meet 1-2 times per year to promote best practices through education outreach and advocacy. Total Membership representation at present is collectively about 1000 members. With many more non-members benefitting from the representation, educational outreach and advocacy.

Activities this past year:

Delegation by the chair to Council in February to present a MOU on behalf of the Interlake

Attendance at HH council You-tube meetings with highlights provided to the member lakes executive plus monitoring of pending agenda items for Council consideration

Attended FOCA Fall and Spring seminars and AGM as well as Watersheds Canada webinars, sharing with HH Council and staff as appropriate

Maintained communication and worked with other stewardship organizations eg BASC, FOCA, Invasive Species Council etc

Shared all educational material and initiatives with Council and staff

The Interlake volunteer Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC), consisting of six members and chaired by Geoff Aldworth, reviewed and submitted a report to Council on the Municipal mandated Comprehensive Zoning bylaw review, plus ongoing focus on Land use planning and the vegetative buffer bylaw

Hosted an Interlake Zoom meeting in June this year

Ongoing research of similar communities and their success in stewardship advancement.

Establishment of HH Interlake Firehall committee with lead representation from Lake St Peter by Tom Scanlan and Mink Lake representatives Shawn Collier and Mike Kopansky with a delegation to Council on July 21. Follow up and communications to the members regarding the potential closure of LSP firehall and HH MASTER FIRE PLAN is ongoing.

HH Environmental Steward, Bonny McCleery-Scanlan continues the extensive educational creative messaging plus diligent factual research and communication (see her separate report)

Thank you to all the volunteer executive for their leadership, extra hours of work and dedication as they also balance their commitment to their own associations. Thank you also to all the members of the associations and their commitment to good stewardship practices.

4. Environment Report – Bonny McCleery-Scanlan

Living with COVID-19 over the past year has changed the way we socialize and visit with family and friends. We've learned how important our chosen home / seasonal life at the Lake is to us. Last year saw unprecedented demand for recreational properties, boats and toys and we expect that trend to continue this year. People spent more time at the lake – whether that was a “Staycation” or a fundamental life balance decision to live/work at the lake on a fulltime basis. Rental properties also experienced heavy demand and so we experienced an influx of visitors to the area. We were not unique as this scenario played out across the entire province.

Following input from our (LSPPOA) Associations AGM and input from members at the Fall Interlake meeting regarding general boating and ‘cottager’ etiquette we gathered readily available information and also amended existing information to work for our area needs to provide a friendly approach to “sharing life at the lake”. A Door-to-Door Education campaign of 250 packages took place around the lake community.

All information was shared with the Hastings Highlands Interlake on email March 26, 2021 in hopes that information would be share with memberships.

Safe Quiet Lakes – Boaters Code – safequiet.ca

I met the one of the directors at a FOCA Seminar and started following and using their information about 2 years ago. You may also be interested in the following survey results:

In the Summer 2021, Safe Quiet Lakes, is continuing this research in partnership with **Algonquin College** and guided by a team of experts. This new survey will probe more deeply the attitudes on boat motor decibels, the impact of large wakes and speed

and continue to track evolving concerns such as “are things getting better or worse?”, “Is boat traffic increasing?”.

Good Neighbour Code - Some people come to the lake for peace and quiet and some come for fun and to frolic or a mixture of both. One thing we all agree upon is that sharing the lake is bliss and that we are all good neighbours. For that reason, we have prepared a “Good Neighbour Code” rack card. We know that most of us already subscribe to these common-sense behaviours but often guests or renters may not be aware of some the etiquette around life at the Lake.

Baptiste Lake Association: BLA association also provided the Good Neighbour Code within their Spring Newsletter which has a wide circulation. Their association put up signs around the lake and at the marinas and developed this sign below promoting: protect the pristine ecosystem, limit wakes along shorelines & docks, keep distance from loons, wildlife and boaters, do not clean your vehicle or boat at launch, stop spread of invasive species.



See BLA Facebook Page

Papineau – included the Good Neighbour Code into their Spring Newsletter

Along with the Boaters Code and the Good Neighbour code there is also a trending theme of Shoreline Health within these messages.

SHORELINE EDUCATION: *Linked with the joys of waterfront ownership is the important job of protecting this delicate “ribbon of life” and of understanding how it affects the health of our lakes and waterways.*



LAKE LINKS – LAKE PROTECTION WORKBOOK

This Lake Protection Workbook is a tool designed for all property owners to self-assess whether activities and uses are protecting your lake. Practical information, recommendations and space for recording improvements are offered to assist you in your lake protection efforts.

Communications to Hastings Highlands Council and staff as part of our continued outreach. As part of the Interlake educational outreach to the members of our associations we have promoted the Lake Protection Workbook - A Self-assessment Tool for Shoreline Property Owners. “As a lake-based economy I know we all have the

common goal of preserving the health of our waterways and do hope you found the workbook helpful”.



2020 BASC SHORELINE REHABILITATION



BASC have indicated that they have yet to identify which two lakes they will be rehabilitating in 2022. If you think of a candidate, please let me know or contact BASC directly.

-----> IF you think that you would like to plant your shoreline, let us know!!



BASC Annual Tree & Shrub Program

BASC provides low-cost tree and shrub seedlings to landowners for a variety of planting applications, including reforestation, wildlife habitat enhancement and shoreline naturalization.

Bancroft Times article outlining the rehabilitation project and the success of the Tree & Shrub Program. BASC volunteers Ian Henry & Chris Drost thanked the **Interlake** sharing this information and believe that we are assisting with the educational outreach to our members.

Approximate counts, but close to 9000 trees and shrubs, and 63 butterfly kits (1260 plants) were purchased through the program. We are also happy to see that Lake St. Peter had a few property owners who planted shoreline & upland bundles too!



NOISE AND FIREWORKS BYLAW 2020-062

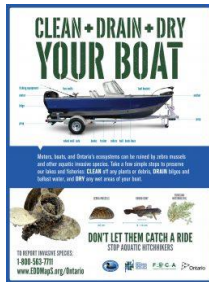
Hastings Highlands – Bylaw Officer Dawn Bowers responded to my email requesting that educational reminders be provided on their website and local papers. HH placed a notice in The Valley Gazette, Bancroft Times (May 19) and Bancroft this week. Here is the link to the Fireworks section on our website: <https://hastingshighlands.ca/2020/06/19/fireworks-noise-bylaw-bylaw-2020-062/> . We will continue to place notices in the local newspapers, social media and website periodically through the 4-5 months.

Remember – Fire Lanterns were banned May 2017.



INVASIVE SPECIES

There have been many posts from this group and worth following on Facebook and their website.



This was out awareness program in 2018 with Signs posted at boat launches, brochures distributed, power washer installed at the provincial park and local cottage resorts.

REMEMBER: members can wash their boats at Del Mar Cottages thanks to John Severinac.



Lake Partner Program – separate handout

FOCA is pleased to announce we have entered into a new 5-year agreement in support of the Lake Partner Program (LPP), carrying on our longstanding partnership between dedicated waterfront volunteers and the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Our important work together supports the shared commitment to the long-term monitoring of our precious freshwater lakes. LSPPOA have been an active participant since 2015.

Road Cleanup – John Severinac - separate handout

Lake Trout Stocking – Ted Windmoller - update



2021/2022 EDUCATION PROGRAM

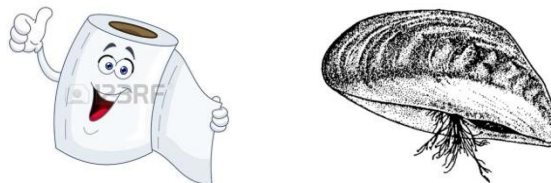
Healthy Shorelines = Healthy Lakes

We will continue with Shoreline educational material to help bring awareness to maintaining a Healthy Waterfront.

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Healthy Septic Systems



POOP TALK & ALIENS!

Some of you may recall the Poop Talk and Aliens event that took place at Hastings Highlands Centre. The event featured heavily in all things lakes, water and wastewater with experts from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Federation of Anglers and Hunters/Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Program and ESSE. Hey check this out: <https://wp.me/p4sWFX-2pe>

Hastings Highlands Strategic Plan – 2019– 2023

[Hastings-Highlands-Strategic-Plan-2019-2023-1.pdf \(hastingshighlands.ca\)](#)

Goal: Care for the Environment

Action: Investigate a septic inspection

program.

Pending Items list within the Council Minutes has indicated communicated that the CAO intends to have this on the agenda probably in July 2021.

Together in Stewardship!

Continuous Education:



Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

FOCA SEMINARS – Highlights

Fall 2020 – Learning to Pivot (due to Covid-19)

- FOCA Membership Survey - #1 Water Quality, followed closely by concerns about the cost and availability of rural services (such as cell, internet and electricity), invasive species, and boating issues which have become a top concern this year.

Spring 2021 – AGM and Spring Seminar - Highlights

- Strategic Plan, Lake Partner Program, Phragmites and Green Shovels Collaborative Program, Invasive Species, Rural Broadband

WORKSHOP		DATE	ATTENDEES
		2020	
Lake Links - Effective Engagement for Positive Action	Zoom	24-Oct-20	Bonny, Ann

FOCA - Fall Seminar - Learning to Pivot	Zoom	6-Nov-20	Bonny, Ann
		2021	
FOCA Spring Seminar	Zoom	6-Mar-21	Bonny, Tom, Ann
FOCA - Troubled Waters:	Youtube		
Using the Community Science Co-Production Model to inform Lake Management	4th in series		Bonny
Watersheds Canada: Planning for our Shorelines	Zoom	13-Mar-21	Bonny, Tom, Ann, Geoff. Mayor Vic Bodnar, Councillor Dorothy Gerrow
U-Links for Community Based Research	Zoom	12-Mar-21	Bonny, Ann
Watersheds Canada: Enhancing and Restoring Critical Fish Habitat in Ontario	Zoom	7-May-21	Bonny, Teddy
Life in the "Weeds": Exploring the rarely seen world of aquatic plants	Zoom	5-May-21	Bonny, Ann
Watersheds - Love your Lake	Zoom	7-May	Bonny
Watersheds - Helping Kids Love Nature: Water-inspired activities for COVID-times and beyond		19-May-21	Bonny

Handout:

FOCA – A Shoreline Owners Guide to: Healthy Waterfronts

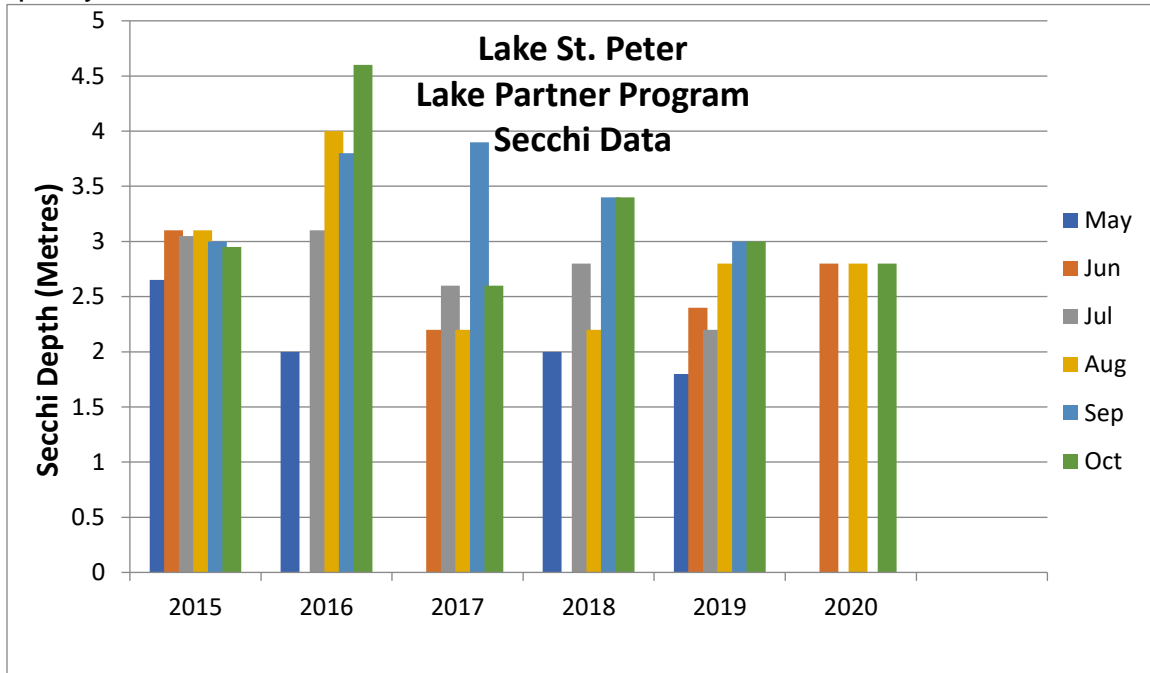
5. Lake Partner Program

A study by Clapper and Caudill in 2014 used LPP data to study the relationship between water clarity and cottage prices. Using data modeling, a 1-foot increase in water clarity as measured by Secchi depth was found to be associated with about a 2% increase in cottage value. The results of this study emphasize the fact that Ontario's water quality impacts multiple facets of life in the Province; in addition to environmental health, the economy and recreational enjoyment are directly effected. [The Lake Partner Program \(foca.on.ca\)](https://www.foca.on.ca/the-lake-partner-program)

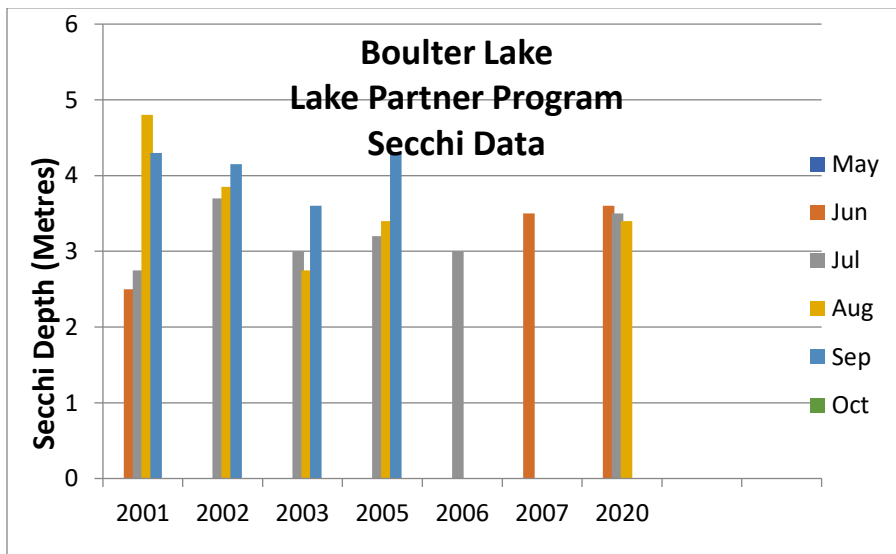
Secchi Disk Readings – 2015 – 2020:

The Secchi depth is a measure of the lake water clarity, Water clarity (or transparency) is affected by the amount of sunlight that can penetrate into the lake. Thus, water clarity is impacted by fluctuations in algae, detritus, (gravel, sand, silt, or other material produced by erosion) dissolved organic carbon, and other suspended solids in the lake.

These, in turn maybe influenced by shoreline development, climate change, acid rain and invasive species. Water clarity impacts the depth at which plant (including algal) photosynthesis can occur. Understanding a lake's water clarity, and how it changes over time, can help us to recognize the changes that may be occurring in a lake's water quality.



Data collected by Tom Scanlan



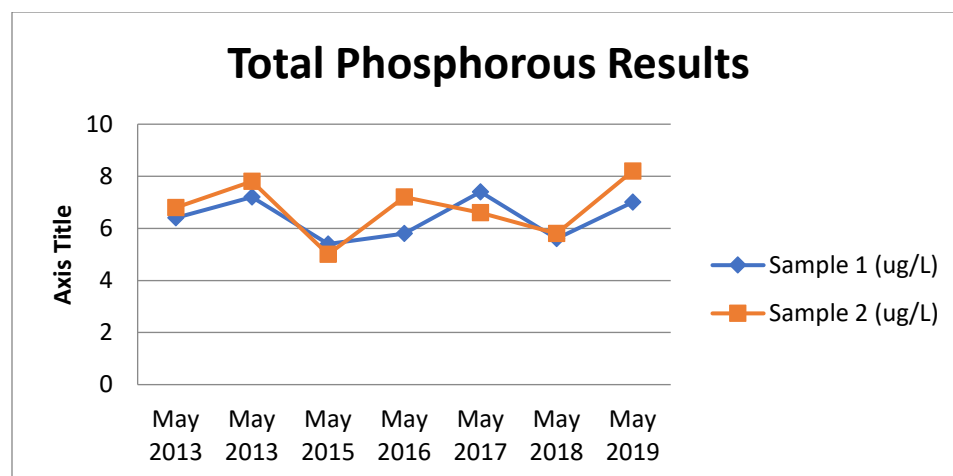
Lake	Secchi Disk (meters)	Chlorophyll (ug/L)
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Excellent	greater than 5	less than 2
Good	2 - 5	2 - 5
Fair	1 - 2	5 - 10
Poor	less than 1 m	greater than 10

2001 - 2007 Unknown volunteer
2020 data collected by Norm Wills

Total Phosphorous results:

TP concentrations are ideally used to interpret lake nutrient status since phosphorus is the element that controls the growth of algae in most Ontario lakes. Increases in phosphorus may decrease water clarity by stimulating algal growth. In extreme cases, algal blooms will affect the aesthetics of the lake and/or cause taste and odour problems in the water. In general, oligotrophic lakes have low concentrations of limiting nutrients, including total phosphorus (**less than 10 µg/L**). This low nutrient content means that oligotrophic lakes have low primary productivity (and therefore low algal production). These deep lakes often have colder waters, which allow them to hold a considerable amount of dissolved oxygen throughout the water column. This is why oligotrophic lakes can provide suitable habitat for cold water fish species such as lake trout.



			sample 1 (µg/L)	sample 2 (µg/L)
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BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	16-Jul-02	8.3	7.5	LPP Volunteer
BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	9-Jul-03	7.5	9.9	LPP Volunteer
BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	21-Jul-05	6.0	5.6	LPP Volunteer
BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	17-Jul-06	6.9	6.3	LPP Volunteer
BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	6-Sep-07	5.6	5.3	LPP Volunteer
BOULTER LAKE	MCCLURE	6-Aug-19	5.4	6.4	LPP Volunteer

***2020 water samples were not collected due to COVID and the Dorset Lab was closed.**

Calcium results:

ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	31-May-15	3.7
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	23-May-16	3.6
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	25-Jun-17	3.3
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	27-May-18	3.6
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	26-May-19	3.1

No Data for Boulter Lake.

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Chloride results:

Chloride is an essential nutrient found in both fresh and salt water. However, elevated levels of chloride can have detrimental effects on lake ecosystems, as most organisms can only tolerate so much in a water body. With the widespread use of road salt across Ontario, studying the levels of chloride in Ontario's lakes is imperative.

ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	31-May-15	5.00
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	23-May-16	4.34

ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	25-Jun-17	5.58
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	27-May-18	5.35
ST. PETER LAKE	HASTINGS HIGHLANDS	26-May-19	6.40

No data for Boulter Lake.

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Summary

Individuals and communities can work together to help maintain the water quality of Ontario's lakes. To find out more about what you can do to help protect Ontario's lakes, visit FOCA's "Resources" page to access a wealth of information (www.foca.on.ca/resources/). For more information on the Lake Partner Program at <http://desc.ca/programs/LPP>, or contact them here: Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) P.O. Box 39 1026 Bellwood Acres Rd. Dorset, ON P0A 1E0 Tel (Toll Free – Ontario Only): 1-800-470-8322 Tel (Outside Ontario): 1-705-766-1294 E-mail: lakepartner@ontario.ca

For more information:

[Environment | Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association \(\[lakestpeterassoc.com\]\(http://lakestpeterassoc.com\)\)](#)

Environment #3 FOCA Lake Partner Program: Video and Education and Helpful Guide - #9 Citizen Science: How you can participate

[Lake Partner Program – Sampling Results & Assistance | FOCA](#)

[Lake Partner Program: Sampling Instructions | Ontario.ca](#)

[The Lake Partner Program \(foca.on.ca\)](http://www.foca.on.ca)

6. WHAT DO LAKE ASSOCIATIONS DO?

Lake associations can help build a sense of community and create an information network for that group.

Do you see yourself as a volunteer? Please contact us at [Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association \(\[lakestpeterassoc.com\]\(http://lakestpeterassoc.com\)\)](http://Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association (lakestpeterassoc.com))

Why are Lake Associations important to a Lake?

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and carrying out the best actions to protect the lake. Lake associations represent the first line of defense for protecting the water quality and ecological integrity of a lake.

FOCA – Members of the Federation of Cottagers Association

Mission Statement: **FOCA effectively serves and represents Ontario's lake associations, waterfront property owners (WPO) and waterfront communities through education, communication and government advocacy. FOCA is the province-wide umbrella group for Ontario waterfront property owners, representing 50,000 member families in more than 500 lake and road associations. Our united voice carries weight on issues that matter!**

2012/2013 – What brought us together?

Algonquin Land Claim December 2012 a potential settlement of the **Algonquin Land Claim** was released by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario, proposing transfer of parcels of Crown Land, including one that abuts the east side of Lake St. Peter. Some LSP residents and cottagers had concerns as to the future use by the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) of the transferred lands and whether the AOO would be bound by local municipal by-laws in connection thereto. Many property owners were also concerned whether their past and present use of the transferred lands for recreational purposes (e.g. hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, etc.) would in future be restricted.

Accordingly, some Lake St. Peter property owners held a meeting in April. **At this meeting the Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association was founded**, to address these concerns, and to represent their interests to the negotiating parties prior to the finalization of the Agreement in Principle regarding the Algonquin Land Claim. Membership is \$25 per year per property, but we welcome both members and non-members to come and voice their opinions. Only members have voting rights, and members will be put on an e-mail list for the minutes and updates re the progress of the negotiations, etc.

Hastings Highlands Interlake - Hastings Highlands Interlake Association, an umbrella group of associations with mutual concerns and expertise, advocates with a united voice for the protection of our lakes and the rights and interests of our members with all levels of governments and agencies.

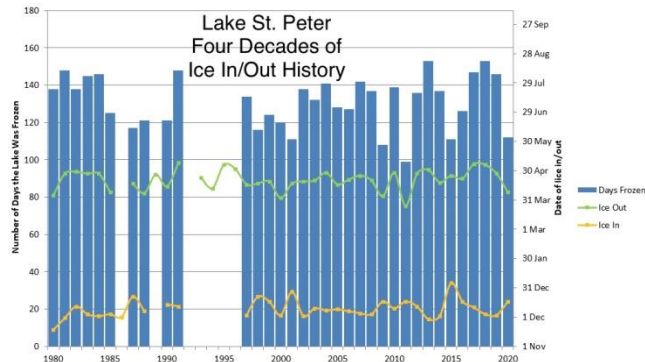
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Lake Partner Program is a **volunteer-based water-quality monitoring program for Ontario's inland lakes**. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks coordinates this program from the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations.

Lake St. Peter started testing again in 2015 doing monthly secchi turbidity samples as well as annual water samples and Boulter Lake started testing again in 2020.



Ice in/Iceout A lifelong resident, Charlie Foster of Lake St. Peter has been recording the Ice in/Ice Out dates on Lake St. Peter. Twenty years of dates have been input into the Ice Watch Program and are also provided to the Lake Partner Program.



2016

Welcome Wagon started to introduce LSPPOA to new residents in Lake St. Peter and Boulter Lakes. A package of educational material is provided, a membership form and a warm greeting from our volunteers.

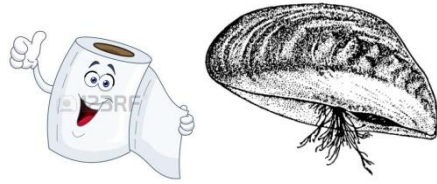
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SKY Lanterns: LSPPOA presented to council the need for a Bylaw and restriction on the sale and use of **Fire Lanterns**. Bylaw #2017-030 Open Air Burning Bylaw.

2018

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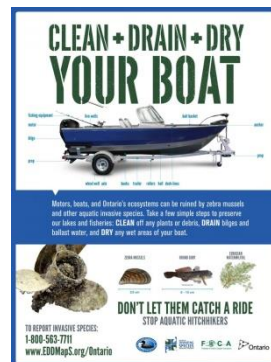


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Organized by the
Hastings Highlands All Candidates
Meeting Committee

Hastings Highlands All Candidates Meeting took place on Saturday September 8, 2018. In the past the Maynooth Business Association had organized this event and were unable to do so in 2018. This committee was formed by the Lake Associations to offer a venue for candidates as well as a Website for candidates to post resumes for voters review.



CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT

In 2018 the Federation of Cottagers Association FOCA was leading a program to educate on Aquatic Invasive Species. Working with Hastings Highlands Interlake and Hastings Highlands signs were erected at boat launches around the municipality. We also obtained a FOCA grant to purchase a Power Washer which is installed at the LSP Provincial Park. Three resort businesses on the lake have wash stations established for their guests as well. Delmar Cottages welcomes all LSPPOA members to use the Boat Wash Station at their site. Brochures were distributed with the memberships drive.

2019/2020

WEBSITE A new Lake St. Peter Property Owners Association Website was launched June 29, 2020 with many educational resources. [Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association \(lakestpeterassoc.com\)](http://LakeStPeterPropertyOwnersAssociation(lakestpeterassoc.com))

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Facebook - A great way to share educational material from many sources on the environment, wildlife etc. [Lake St. Peter Property Owners Association | Facebook](#)



Fireworks - A delegation was presented to council on behalf of the Hastings Highlands Interlake that there was a need for a **Fireworks Bylaw** outlining specific days of use. Early season dates were limited due to bird nesting season and it is important to note that 'High and 'Extreme' conditions were added. We were not successful in getting support to limit every weekend situation. However, there now is a Bylaw now when there wasn't one. Future amendments can be presented to Council.

2019

Hastings Highlands Interlake – Land Use Planning was formed and has input into the HH Committee of Adjustment and Severances on items relating Development on Lakes for the 6 Lake Associations using 4 criteria specified by HH within the County Plan and HH Zoning Bylaws recognizing we are an at capacity cold water lake.

FOCA - You can be an important part of the land use planning process by keeping informed about what's going on in your community and by taking part in public meetings.

With your input, the municipal council will be able to make better decisions that affect your future. So if you are concerned about all or any part of a planning proposal or policy change, you should:

- find out as much as possible about the proposal
- think about how it will affect you
- talk to your neighbours about it
- go to public meetings and information sessions and let council know what you think
- write to your council member or the municipal clerk about your views
- work with council and the municipal staff to resolve your concerns

SOCIAL – Ok it rained on our first planned social, but we had an intimate crowd for food, draws and conversation.



2020



Lake Trout Restocking There were general concerns around the community that the Lake Trout populations were depleted. Both Ice Fisherman and summer lake trout fishing, indicate low limits were being caught. Lake St. Peter was last stocked with lake trout from 2009-2014. The fish were supplied by the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery. No stocking has been done since then. We now have a volunteer working with the Fish Hatchery and the MNRF to get Lake St. Peter on the list for a restocking program.



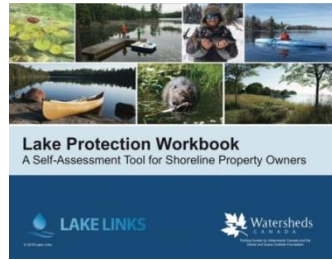
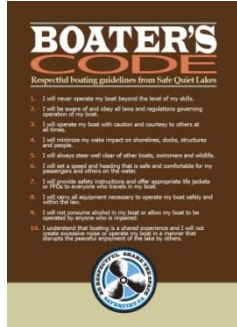
Municipal Watch Council Meetings are attended via YouTube and monitoring agenda topics/document links and voting results noted in Minutes. Highlights of the meetings are then circulated to the Hastings Highlands Interlake – Lake Association Presidents. Further communication and sharing of research with council and staff on relevant topics as they apply to sustaining healthy lakes and shorelines in a Lake based economy.

2021



FORESTry PLANS We have a volunteer and a representative of the Lake St. Peter Property Owners Association (LSPPOA), with significant working background with the MNRF who is watching the **Forestry Plans** for our area. Communication took place regarding **forest harvesting near Lake St. Peter** since the draft FMP for the next 10 years (2021 to 2031) has been posted.

LSPPOA - Door to Door Campaign
Boaters Code, Good Neighbour Code and Lake Protection Workbook



Mission Statement: The LSPPOA is dedicated to the support of, and advocacy for, the conservation of Lake St Peter and Boulter Lake, their waterways and surrounding lands for present and future generations through responsible environmental stewardship. This package of information is being distributed to all property owners (LSPPOA members and non-members alike) in an effort to share material that promotes Lake Stewardship. We are also following through on issues that were raised regarding boating at the LSPPOA AGM as well as at the FOCA Fall Seminar. The OPP Marine Units presentation at the fall FOCA meeting confirmed that what was happening on local Lakes was also occurring across the province in the summer of 2020.



Tree and Shoreline Bylaw 2021-006 Draft by Hasting Highlands

Public input to the pending bylaw sought from February 24, 2021.

- Achieving consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020;
- Achieving the objectives of the Official Plan for the County of Hastings;
- No further loss of natural shorelines within the Municipality of Hastings Highlands;

The Hastings Highlands Interlake – Land Use Planning committee did a comprehensive overview and provided input for council's consideration. The LUP committee has members with significant experience in Land Survey, Industrial & Commercial Development and Land Use Planning. This Bylaw has been referred back to the County for assistance with recognition that we are an 'at capacity' cold water lake (one of 6 in Hastings Highlands).

Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 2021-021 (2004-035) Draft by Hasting Highlands

The primary goal of Draft Bylaw 2021-021 Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw is to conform with the Official Plan. The Municipality of Hastings Highlands is a part of the County of Hastings. The County of Hastings updated their Official Plan for the County in August 2018. The Municipality is required by the Ontario *Planning Act* to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw to conform with the Official Plan. The Municipality of

Hastings Highlands is also taking this opportunity to provide clarity to other provisions within the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw.”



Lake St. Peter Fire Station #5 There currently is a Draft of the Master Fire Plan. LSP Fire Station is in jeopardy of being closed due to the many issues with the building and aging equipment. Residents of Lake St. Peter, Boulter and Mink Lakes would be effected. A team has been put together to review and provide input to Council. Hastings Highlands Interlakes – Ad Hoc Fire Committee – Tom Scanlan – lake St. Peter and Shaun Collier – Mink Lake.

ACTION: Delegation to council July 21, 2021 [July 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, Operations and Planning - YouTube](#)

2021/2022 - Septic Re-Inspection - This item is part of the Hastings Highlands Strategic Plan for 2019-2023. **Goal:** Care for the Environment **Action:** Investigate a septic inspection Prg.

We will continue to monitor and continuing building on educational opportunities for members and council on the benefits of healthy septic systems. Many municipalities have septic re-inspection programs in place and also lessons to be learned from implementations.

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MEMBERSHIP							
2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
98	88	82	67	57	47	41	14

Annual Community Outreach:

Yard Sale Annually LSPPAO holds a **Yard Sale** with proceeds going to the **Maynooth Food Bank**. Member donations are accepted as well as art work donated with a ticket draw and Jazz Night @ The Arlington Tickets was donated. Any remaining yard sale items are then donated to the World of Outreach Church which further benefits the community. In 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions we couldn't hold the Yard Sale however; with greater community involvement with West Pines we held a Food Drive & donation campaign.

FOOD BANK Proceeds			
	Dollars	Yard Sale	lbs of Food
2021			
2020	\$ 1,100.00	COVID- 19	155
2019	\$ 1,700.00	Yard Sale	
2018	\$ 1,200.00	Yard Sale	
2017	\$ 1,100.00	Yard Sale	
Total	\$ 5,100.00		155

Road Clean up – A 28 Year Road Clean-up History

2016 Bags	2017 Bags	2018 Bags	2019 Bags	2020 Bags	2021 Bags
76	62	56	63	0 (COVID)	78

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In 2016 the following roads were added to the clean-up: Boulter Road, Lake St. Peter road, Centre Road, Circle Road, North Twin Pines Road, South Twin Pines Road, Card Road, South Road and Elgin Road.

How might you be able to support a specific stewardship initiative whether talent or time?

Bring your talents! Hi! a life-long camper/cottager on the lake. This Spring, I started a new book consignment project on Instagram (**@ottawa_thrifty_bookworm**) and am selling previously-loved books at low prices, and donating part of the proceeds to worthy causes. I'm hoping to spend lots of time at the lake this summer, so I am extending my work to LSP. We will be making an end-of-summer donation to the **Maynooth Food Bank**.

Volunteers needed: *So many ideas, we need YOU!*

Volunteers Needed:	
Specific Expertise?	Does your related work experience lend to a particular skill ie Lake use Planner, Communications, environmental etc.
Volunteer Coordinator	Help find skills sets and areas of interest
Road Cleanup	Can always use more
Newsletter	Expertise with a Newsletter Program i.e. canva.com
Photo Contest	Manage it
Fund Raising	Using Photos make a calendar
Historian	Pictures and Stories to share on Lake St. Peter
NATURE WATCH:	
Loon watch	
Turtles	Shared Involvement - Adapt a nest - even if you only save one
Social	BBQ
Children's Programs	Many associations got quite creative during COVID - can you?
Executive	Start getting involved which may lead to being on the Executive

6. Road Cleanup – John Severinac – A 28-year History

The annual Lake St. Peter road clean up went ahead this year after a pause in 2020 due to so many uncertainties around COVID-19.

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A big shout out and thank you to all the volunteers and especially the new volunteers who did their road sections with their children, making this a family educational event!

Litter, trash that people drop all around the ground, is an eyesore. Worse, it can be harmful to children, animals, and the rest of the environment. If you see some trash on the ground around your neighborhood, don't assume someone else will take care of it. Be proactive in taking care of it whether you live here or are a seasonal resident or guest.

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76	62	56	63	0	78

Thank you Volunteers!



Thank you John Severinac for organizing this each year!

8. BASC Tree & Shrub Program

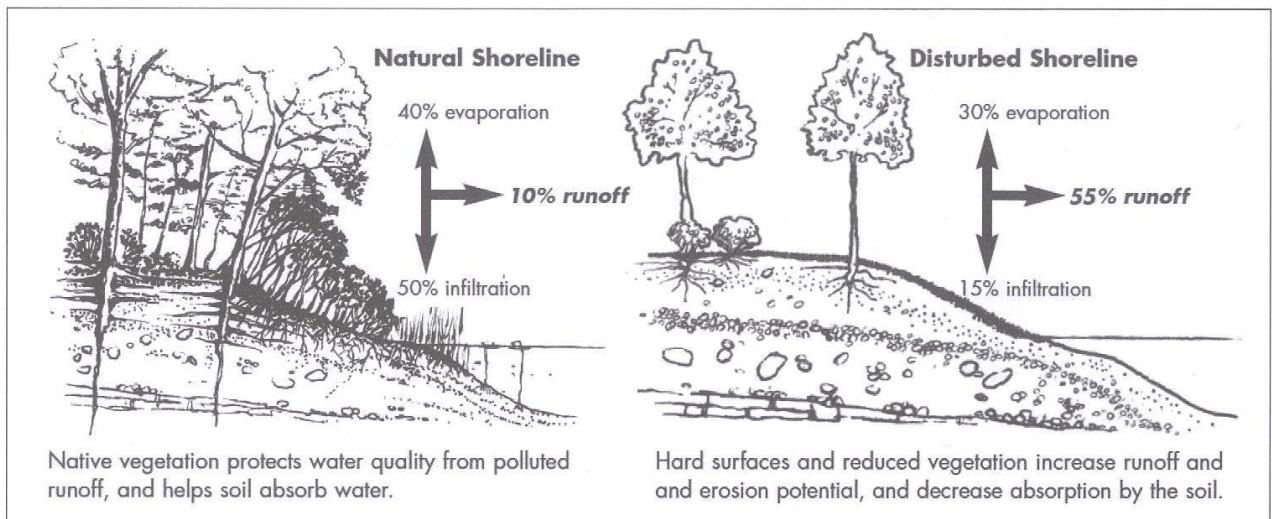
The best time to plant a tree may have been 30 years ago, but the second-best time would be right now.



How does your garden grow? An update from December 2020 distribution, the BASC Tree & Shrub program was very successful this year thanks to you for purchasing and planting your trees, shrubs and butterfly gardens. While an exact count wasn't possible on the busy day of pickup, we believe that Lake St. Peter purchased 3 shoreline bundles and 2 upland bundles. Mother Nature certainly has done an excellent job this year of ensuring the new plantings are well watered. See pictures of plantings below

Did you know? BASC has been operating its tree and shrub program for several years but last year, took it one step further with the launch of the **Shoreline Restoration Contest**. The goal is to increase awareness of the importance of having a natural shoreline buffer that helps protect the lake and all the creatures that live in and around it. This year, two property owners on Chandos Lake and one on Baptiste Lake at Belcast Cottages, were selected. Well-known local forester, Fred Werner, also a director on BASC, visited the three sites last fall and developed plans for what species would work best in each location. Together with BASC chair, Ian Hendry, they went to each site on May 10 and did the planting. More than 200 plants and trees were planted in total between the three properties.

Would you be interested? More details to come this fall. Let us know if you would like to restore your shoreline with assistance from BASC, send comments to [Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association \(lakestpeterassoc.com\)](mailto:Lake St. Peter Property Owners' Association (lakestpeterassoc.com)).



Shorelines

Natural shorelines rich in native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers are critical to lake health. Some of their many benefits are described below. See pgs 9, 10 & 16 from workbook link below

Water Quality Protection

Surface water runoff can contain pollutants like fertilizers, soil particles, excess nutrients, bacteria and chemicals. Planted shoreline buffers help to absorb and trap these pollutants before they enter lakes and rivers where they can cause poor water quality, excessive plant growth and algae blooms.

Erosion Protection


Shorelines are a dynamic, ever-changing environment where some amount of erosion will always be occurring. Wind, waves, fluctuating water levels and other disturbances can accelerate this erosion leading to unstable slopes, loss of land and excessive sedimentation into lakes and rivers. Shoreline plants reduce this erosion by helping to keep soil in place, stabilize banks and absorb wave energy. Deep rooted native trees and shrubs often provide the best protection.

Wildlife Habitat


Shorelines provide critical habitat for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Natural shorelines provide food, shelter, and safe travel corridors for animals. Fallen trees provide basking logs for turtles and refuge for fish. Tree canopy and overhanging branches provide shade and help keep water cool creating a more favourable environment for many fish species.

How to Get Started on Naturalizing Your Shoreline

Naturalizing your shoreline can be as easy as establishing a “no-mow” area and allowing the natural grasses and wildflowers to establish. Over time, you can consider planting additional trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and ferns. Native plants will provide the greatest benefits like deeper root systems and supporting wildlife. They also generally require less maintenance and don’t attract Canada Geese.


Watersheds
CANADA Resource: Lake Protection Workbook – A Self-Assessment Tool for
Shoreline Property Owners was distributed to 250 property owners as part of our 2021
Door to Door Campaign.
<https://watersheds.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Lake-Protection-Workbook.pdf>


Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations [Healthy Shorelines = Healthy Lakes! - YouTube](#) – An overview of
Healthy Shorelines Video


LSPPOA
Lake St. Peter Property Owners Association
Prepared by: Bonny McCleery Scanlan, LSPPOA Environment
Coordinator

Lake St. Peter on planting day in May!



May 2021 planting the Shoreline bundles of pussy willow, boxwood and highbush cranberry.





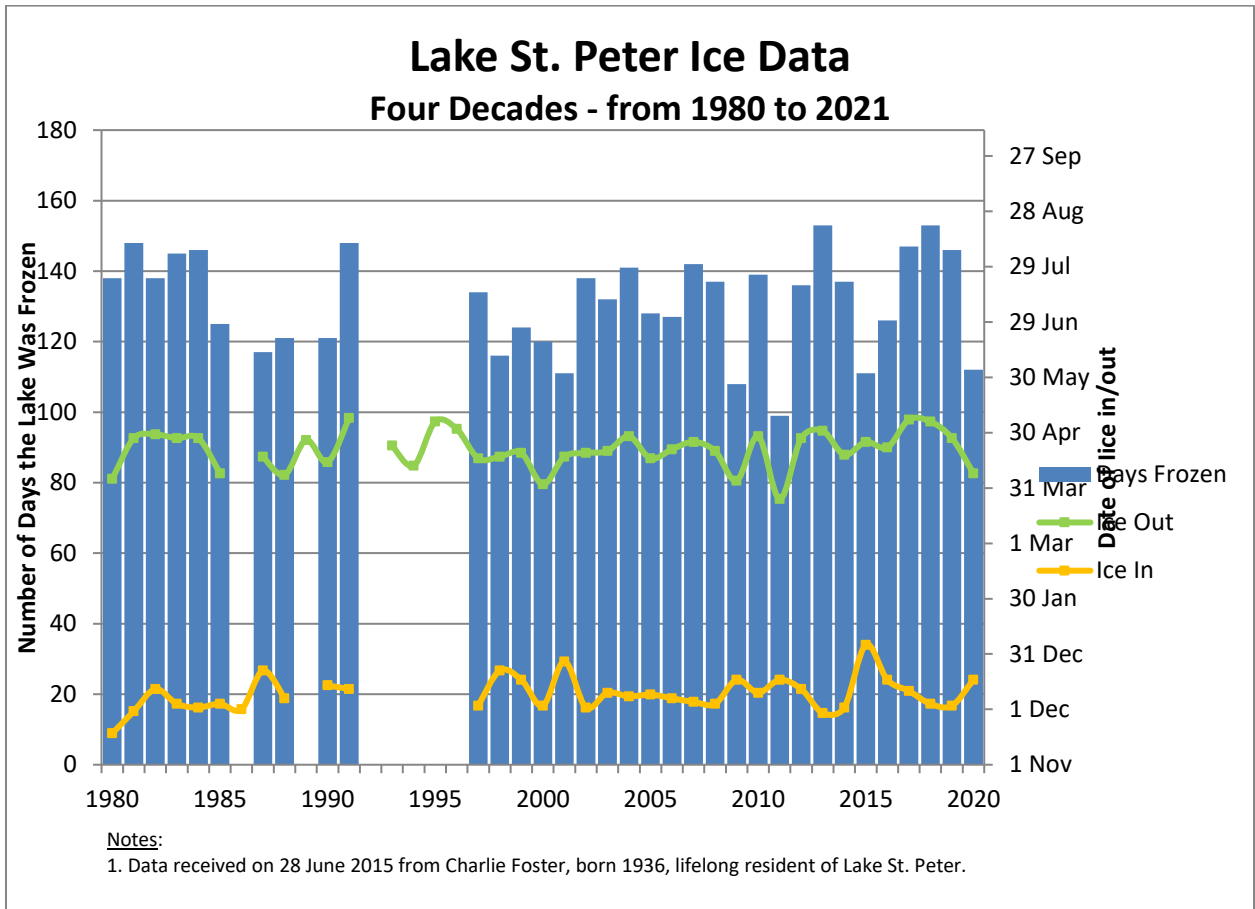
Restorative planting of 150 trees & shrubs after cottage development.

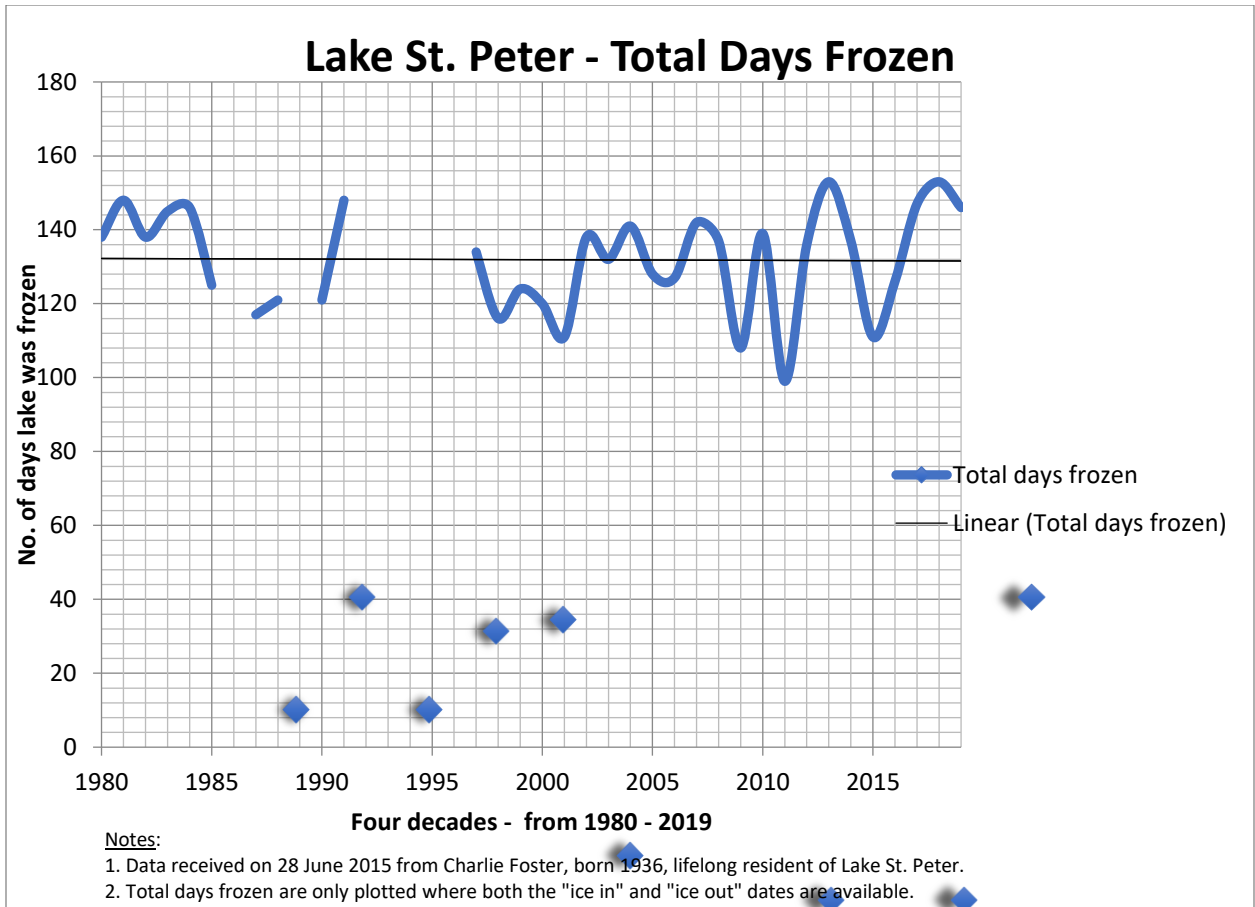


More trees even on one of the earliest built cottages lots on LSP.



9. Ice In/ Ice Out





from Charlie Foster, born 1936 Lifelong resident of Lake St. Peter.

Ice In	Ice Out	Total days frozen	Notes
1980-11-18	1981-04-05	137	
1981-11-30	1982-04-27	147	
1982-12-12	1983-04-29	137	
1983-12-04	1984-04-27	143	
1984-12-02	1985-04-27	145	
1985-12-04	1986-04-08	124	
1986-12-01	n/a	n/a	
1987-12-22	1988-04-17	115	
1988-12-07	1989-04-07	120	
n/a	1990-04-26	n/a	
1990-12-14	1991-04-14	120	
1991-12-12	1992-05-08	146	
n/a	1994-04-23	n/a	
n/a	1995-04-12	n/a	
n/a	1996-05-06	n/a	
n/a	1997-05-02	n/a	
1997-12-03	1998-04-16	133	

1998-12-22	1999-04-17	115	
1999-12-17	2000-04-19	122	
2000-12-03	2001-04-02	119	
2001-12-27	2002-04-17	110	
2002-12-02	2003-04-19	137	
2003-12-10	2004-04-20	130	
2004-12-08	2005-04-28	140	
2005-12-09	2006-04-16	127	
2007-01-10	2007-04-21	101	First freeze Dec 7, 2006 opened up prior to Christmas - refroze Dec 27, 2006. Opened up again on Jan 5, 2007 and refroze Jan 10, 2007. First snow that stayed was Jan 7/07.
2007-12-05	2008-04-25	140	
2008-12-04	2009-04-20	136	
2009-12-17	2010-04-04	107	
2010-12-10	2011-04-28	138	
2011-12-17	2012-03-25	98	Earliest ice out in Charlie Foster's lifetime
2012-12-12	2013-04-27	135	
2013-11-29	2014-05-01	152	
2014-12-02	2015-04-18	136	
2016-01-05	2016-04-25	110	
2016-12-17	2017-04-22	125	
2017-12-11	2018-05-07	146	
2018-12-04	2019-05-06	152	
2019-12-03	2020-04-27	144	

