

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association

A community focused on protecting, nurturing and cultivating the natural, physical and social characteristics of Leonard Lake



***JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
THIS SATURDAY JULY 4TH***

Milford Bay Community Centre

**9:00 AM - registration, coffee and meet your neighbours
9:30 AM Business meeting**

Guest Speaker Dr. Norman Yan from The Friends of the Muskoka Watershed

In the meantime, we're trying something new...

At past Annual Meeting, the leads of the Water Team, the Social Committee, Website management, Communications/Membership and Development presented reports of the previous year's activities and outcomes. As an alternative this year, reports/updates have been included in this EBLAST.

If you have an opportunity to read the reports and have questions or comments, simply reply to this email. There will also be time for additional questions and discussion at the Annual Meeting this Saturday.

WATER TEAM REPORT

Annual Meeting 2026 - Water Quality Report Excerpts

Members of the Water Quality Team at Leonard Lake: Rose Veitch, Bill Heatlie, Laurence Jay, Sharon Abbott-Fry and Grahame Abbott, Bruce McNeely, Esther Giesbrecht, with assistance from Ken Riley, Rohan Riley, Betty Isbister. Team

members will be at the Annual Meeting to address questions you might have.

'Eyes on the Lake" has been in place for several years and remains a key water team and LL resident initiative. Please continue to report any suspected algal blooms or unusual sightings in the water, and a water team member will come to your shoreline to investigate and possibly take a water sample for testing. Phone or text Esther at 647-763-8677 or Bill 705-840-6421.

Friday August 18th is (Benthic) Bug Counting Day! Volunteer for a couple of hours (bring an interested child if you like!). Tiny benthic communities are critical drivers of Leonard Lake health and are monitored as primary indicators of water quality and ecosystem health.

WHY do we monitor the water in Leonard Lake?

HOW do we monitor the water quality?

WHAT have we learned? (a brief review and outstanding issue)

WHERE do the Blooms 'come from'?

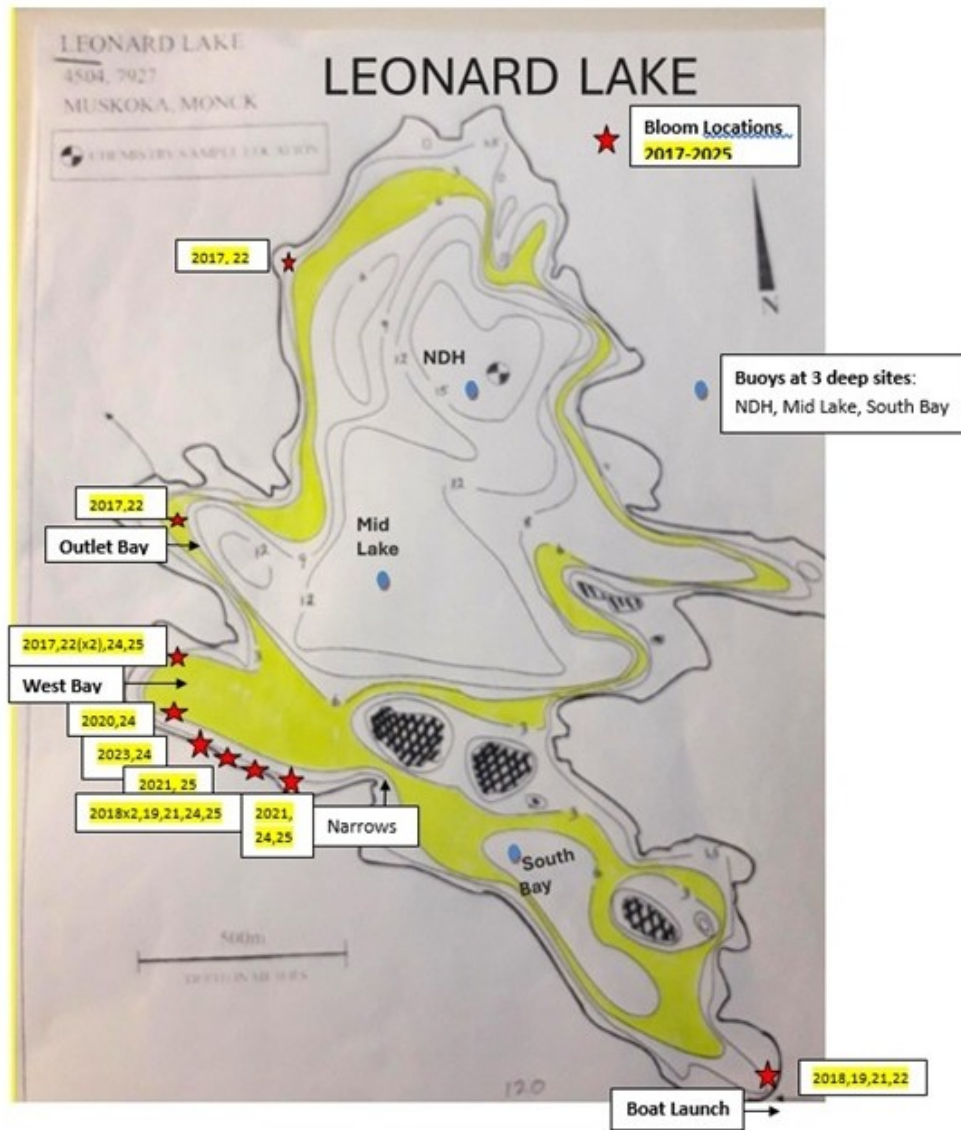
The Role of Water Currents

The Impact of Salt

Availability of Data

The topics above are covered in the full [Water Team Report for the 2026 Annual Meeting](#) posted at leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com drop down 'Lake Heath', then 'The Work of our Water Team'.

The goal of the Water Team and LLSA is to make data available on-line so that any interested party can view our findings. Sharing protocols and other relevant information benefits everyone in the community, and helps all of us promote our common goal of preserving the health of our lakes.



Bathymetric Map of LL. Blue dots indicate the locations of buoys at the 3 deep sites: NDH - North Deep Hole max 18.5m, Mid-Lake max 14.5m and South Bay max 9.5m. Stars indicate sites of 2 or more algal blooms

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Leonard Lake Social Committee had another successful year in 2025 bringing neighbours together through two signature community events: the annual Regatta and Ladies on the Dock. These gatherings provided opportunities for residents to connect, celebrate, and strengthen the sense of community that makes Leonard Lake special.

The Social Committee extends its sincere thanks to all volunteers, participants, and supporters who helped make both the Regatta and Ladies on the Dock a success. We look forward to continuing these valued traditions and bringing the Leonard Lake community together again in 2026.

The Regatta this year is set for July 25th and the date for Ladies on the Dock will be announced soon. Please stay tuned for details about these upcoming events through our e-

blasts and signage posted along each of the three roads. If you have any questions, concerns or comments about these events or would like to volunteer please contact Lynn Jewell Coon, email address is ljewelcoon@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT

- LLSA Lake Plan and TML Official Plan (OP) Appeal
 - OP appealed by Our Muskoka (developer group) in Dec 2023
 - TML motion to deem Our Muskoka ineligible to appeal – unsuccessful
 - Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) motion to dismiss the Our Muskoka appeal based of deficiencies in the Notice of Appeal – successful
 - Our Muskoka appealed the Ontario Land Tribunal decision twice
 - Last appeal option is before the Divisional Court. A hearing on the merits of the Leave to Appeal scheduled for October 5th. Decision likely end of year or early 2027.
 - MLA has funded the motion themselves. LLSA has not incurred any costs to date.
- TML Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Update
 - Waterfront and non-waterfront policies that were not under appeal, updated in draft form. Process paused until after the municipal election.

WEBSITE



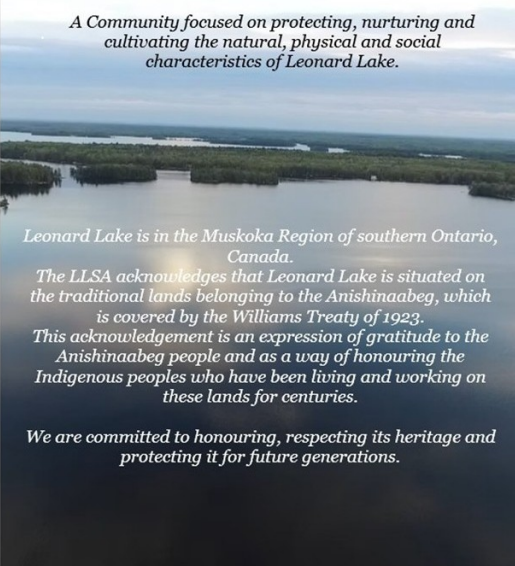
Website Portfolio:

Attached is a copy of LLSA's homepage. Added this year is a land acknowledgment statement.

LLSA's initial mission statement, developed in 2004, is printed with white font. The land acknowledgment statement is in black. The similarities of both statements are significant with an emphasis on both being stewards of the land.

LLSA recognizes and respects the history of the land we reside on and supports our community as stewards of the land.

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Leonard Lake is in the Muskoka Region of southern Ontario, Canada.

The LLSA acknowledges that Leonard Lake is situated on the traditional lands belonging to the Anishinaabeg, which is covered by the Williams Treaty of 1923. This acknowledgement is an expression of gratitude to the Anishinaabeg people and as a way of honouring the Indigenous peoples who have been living and working on these lands for centuries.

We are committed to honouring, respecting its heritage and protecting it for future generations.

COMMUNICATION/MEMBERSHIP

LLSA has a **mailing list** of approximately 275 Leonard Lake residents that includes property owners, and family members, the majority of which are LLSA

members. **The list are used to share EBLASTs and newsletters.** In the previous year approximately 40 informational emails on a range of topics were sent from LLSA to residents on the mailing list.

The list, or contact information from the list, is treated as confidential and will not be shared beyond the LLSA board. If you have family members that would like to be added to the EBLAST/newsletter distribution list please respond to this email with contact information.



Planning on celebrating Canada Day with Fireworks? Enjoy!

Canada Day is one of the holidays on which you can set off fireworks in Muskoka Lakes.

(Between dusk and 11:00 PM.)

Planning a campfire to celebrate Canada Day? The Fire Rating is MODERATE. Small evening fires are allowed (6 PM to 8 AM) and no permit is required. [Daytime burning requires a valid open-air fire permit.](#)



AUGUST 12, 2026 IS THE LAST DAY TO UPDATE YOUR VOTER INFORMATION
ON LINE.

VISIT [REGISTERTOVOTEON.CA](https://registertovoteon.ca)



Before You Vote VERIFY

Ontario's municipal voter registration process has changed, and the voters' list is now managed by Elections Ontario. If you own a seasonal or secondary property, don't assume you're already registered.

- ☒ Confirm your registration
- ☒ Update your information
- ☒ Add yourself to the voters' list if needed

 Visit registertovoteon.ca before August 12, 2026 to make sure you're ready to vote in your local municipal election

Your vote matters in shaping the future of your waterfront community. If you own or rent a seasonal property in Ontario, you are eligible to vote in both your permanent residence municipality and in the municipality where you or your spouse own or rent a seasonal property.

 **Municipal Election Day: Monday, October 26, 2026**
LAST DAY TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ONLINE IS AUGUST 12, 2026*
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*After August 12, voter registration and updates can still be completed through your municipal clerk's office.

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