

Nov 10/22 - TML Council Adopted The TML OP Oct 12/22 - District Review Is Next

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Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association

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



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Background information

Leonard Lake Policies (LLP) SUMMARIZED

LLP adopted by the Township of Muskoka Lakes Council October 12, 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Official Plan (OP) of the Township of Muskoka Lakes provides a general policy direction and multi-faceted land use planning framework to guide the work of the Township and Council. The 2013 OP has been in review for the past several years, and the subject of extensive consultation, public meetings and revisions. On Wednesday October 12, 2022 a new [Official Plan \(OP\)](#) for the Township of Muskoka Lakes was adopted by Township Council. As a next step, the adopted OP will be forwarded to the approval authority - the District Municipality of Muskoka for review and approval.

The Leonard Lake policies were presented to TML in December 2020 and accepted by council at that time, and since, have also been subject to extensive discussion by residents of Leonard Lake, and by members of the Muskoka Lakes Township and Council. On the 12th of October 2022, the Leonard Lake policies below, as revised by TML, were adopted by Council and can be found in section E8.3 of the [TML Official Plan](#).

As the District review commences, we want to thank you - the many property owners of Leonard Lake that took the time to raise questions, provide input, feedback and support, and also to those who spoke out loudly, looking for clarity, or challenging lake policies with concrete ideas. The debate was healthy, and often helpful over the past four years in getting the language right and remaining focused on the reason Leonard Lake has a plan in the first place. We all want a future for our lake and our land - a healthy resilient future. A lake wide commitment to stewardship policies and practices that help protect shorelines, waterfront, lake character, water quality, lake capacity and wetlands is a very good start.

Got a question? Email leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com

TML ADOPTED LL POLICIES (SUMMARIZED)

- No new lot creation on waterfront area with limited exceptions
- Site plan control through Township Agreement
- 8% lot coverage (no change from current requirements)
- Maximum dwelling gross floor coverage approx. 3,500 sq. ft.
- 30M setback from shoreline (**where possible**) on vacant lots. Redevelopment is not subject to 30M setback.
- 30M setback for new leaching beds (**where feasible**)
- Boathouses permitted with some restrictions
- Leonard Lake causation study to be followed by remedial action plan

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