

MEMBERSHIP 2018 - It's time to renew or join!

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association



President's Message to all Leonard Lake Stakeholders

My childhood memories of summers on Leonard Lake are many and cherished. My children, now university age, have also grown up on the lake, and as I look ahead to a new generation in our family, I wish them the joys and experiences that so many of us have known.

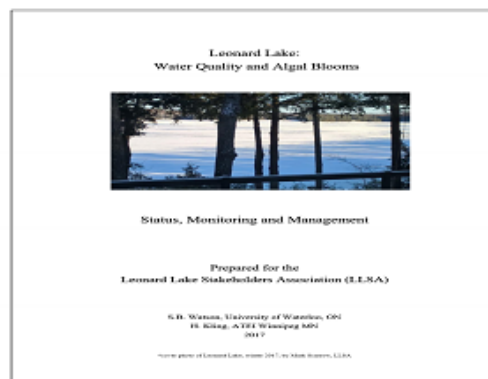
Healthy water and a sustainable environment is not the job or responsibility of one person, or of a small volunteer board such as LLSA, but shared by each and every one of us. I look forward to sharing this challenge with all lake residents and would be pleased to hear your ideas and thoughts.

Please demonstrate your commitment to Leonard Lake by renewing your membership or becoming a new member of the Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association.

Sincerely,

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WHAT DID LLSA ACCOMPLISH IN 2017? A lot... and we could not have done it without the help of many Leonard Lake volunteers, so THANK YOU sincerely! Here's a slice of what kept us and volunteers busy...



We communicated! 27 EBLASTS and informational emails... developed a "Welcome to Leonard Lake Kit with many tips for a healthy lake...organized "Trade Secrets", a summer on-the-water social event...led the clean up for our slice of Hwy 118 as part of Muskoka community clean up day...led a LL Thanksgiving Food Drive resulting in a car load of donations...participated in relevant environmental conferences like "50 Shades of Green"...met with agencies such as Muskoka Lakes Association and the Watershed Council work group on issues such as water quality and algae...opposed Official Plan Amendment 45 Revised Water Quality Policy for Muskoka through several written and in-person presentations...conducted regular water sampling and testing for e-coli, phosphorus and benthic critters as part of the Lake Partner Program...started an "Eyes on the Lake" watch that resulted in 15 reports from residents on algae sightings that were followed up on...filed a government access to information request to obtain every document available on Leonard Lake...undertook a "lake health status" project by recruiting professional and technical expertise to provide research and guidance, conducting an extensive water testing initiative from May to October and commissioning 3 studies to inform all of us on LL and all government levels on the current health status of

Leonard Lake...advocated on behalf of Leonard Lake to council, mayor, Township of Muskoka Lakes and District Municipality of Muskoka Lakes through correspondence and participating in public and private meetings on topics such as protecting Leonard Lake waters, waterfront development and the proposed changes to the Official Plan...participated in invasive species watch program...connected with key groups such as FOCA and the Muskoka Lakes Association...organized the LLSA annual general meeting including keynote speakers, budget, handouts, membership and updates...LLSA board meets approximately monthly throughout the year, both in person and through conference calls to plan, share information and work on joint projects.

AND HOW DID WE PAY FOR ALL OF THAT ACTIVITY?

2017 LLSA membership dues paid for the lion's share of regular activities last year in addition to general operating expenses such as insurance and audio conferencing. The exception was the "lake health status" project mentioned above that LLSA was able to undertake as a special initiative thanks to the generous donations of three Leonard Lake families. This extensive body of work was viewed as essential for Leonard Lake as a baseline of lake health.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORK OF YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION IN 2018. You can click [here](#) to register and pay online. If you prefer to mail your registration form and *\$55 cheque please download the registration form at the link above and send it to: LLSA, c/o Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Rd #2, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W8



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