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The GLCA is a volunteer organization committed to representing the interests of the residents of Gull Lake.

## President's Message

Dear GLCA members,

On behalf of the Board Members, thank you for continuing your membership with the GLCA. We are pleased to offer our fall newsletter.

Another wonderful summer has passed and we hope that you have all had a chance to enjoy it with your families. After a long winter there is nothing like the evening sunsets while sitting on the dock.

During the summer, your Board has continued to work hard. Membership driven by Judy Ingram has continued to increase. Finances led by Nick Evans are strong and growing. Lake Health continues to be tested and monitored by Don Drouillard. Richard Newman and his team of many had the lake plan implemented and we are moving to a new phase of shoreline assessment. Carolyn and Brian have done a great job with events, website and communication. Jessica Allison has joined our group as secretary and there are many others that work hard for you and I would like to thank them all for their generosity and commitment to you and Gull Lake. A special thanks to Sue Montgomery whom takes this flutter of information and composes this newsletter for us all.

There are other initiatives in the works that take time and effort, including the rollers at the Miners Bay Dam, discussion about the future of Lutterworth Park on Gull Lake, and now the potential zoning change to allow a scrap yard on land that may impact Gull Lake. These are all good reasons to encourage your cottage friends and neighbors to join the association.

Reflection...

Thanksgiving weekend I was sitting outdoors enjoying a beverage anticipating the change from fall colours to an evening sky full of stars.

Earlier in the year our family lost our senior member, my father. While I sat on the porch, I thought of all the other great members that we have lost. I was fortunate enough to have met some and hear stories about those I hadn't. These great men and woman helped create the magic we call Gull Lake and as our families continue to grow this cycle will continue.

Thinking about the future when our children are remembering us, I trust that we will leave them with positive memories, good stories and a deep love of the lake.

We are fortunate indeed to have Gull Lake.

Keith Kennedy

## Communications Report

by Carolyn Treadgold – Communications Director

Email, Facebook, Instagram, Website....let us count the ways that we are reaching our members.

This year we have expanded our strategy to keep GLCA members apprised of information. While we continue to send out emails with the most pertinent information, we have further increased our communication with you through social media by adding an Instagram account and updating Facebook and our website more regularly. We hope that as our members become more aware of our social media presence they will become increasingly engaged and add to the conversation. This summer we upgraded our web server to enhance performance and security. Throughout the summer we endeavoured to provide regular updates via each of our communication routes. During the long winter months ahead we will provide updates if there are issues that are relevant for you to know. Once we know that the 2016 cottage season is just around the corner we will ramp up our communications to help get you excited and informed about what the season has to offer.

At any time, if you have questions or information, do not hesitate to email us at [info@glca.ca](mailto:info@glca.ca)



## Membership increasing

by Judy Ingram, Membership Director

Thank you to everyone who supported the lake environment and community by being Members of the Gull Lake Cottagers Association! As Membership Director, I've had the honour to meet and speak with many interesting and wonderful people here on Gull Lake. We currently have 234 Primary members and 58 Associates.

The Association has a fun social component, but more importantly, are the serious lake and community matters that will affect us. I like to think of the GLCA as the Guardians of the Lake. I joined the GLCA so I could be well informed with respect to factors affecting our lake and the surrounding community. Government programs to monitor lake water quality have been reduced and the association has stepped up to invest in this area and improve the long term prospects (and property values) for the lake. The association is also involved in keeping abreast of local issues and informing the members, please see the enclosed articles that detail these new issues.

Please help us maintain and grow this community voice that speaks up for issues involving the lake by encouraging your friends and neighbours to join the association.



Photo shared by Kim Sharpe

## Social Update

by Brian Pinnock - Special Events

The GLCA summer social was held once again at SummerKiss Restaurant on August 22nd. The weather was sunny and warm, allowing us to hold the event on the outdoor patio. About 50 people enjoyed appetizers and refreshments, while socializing with fellow cottagers. Running from 5:30 till 7pm, the event continues to be a great way to meet with both old and new friends. Please plan to join us next year !

In terms of events planned for next season, we will provide updates in the spring newsletter. This is your association, and we are very interested in your feedback on any ideas, or event suggestions you would like to see.

You can send your thoughts to us, care of myself. Brian Pinnock  
[brianp@rogers.com](mailto:brianp@rogers.com)





## 93rd Regatta Awards:

**August 1, 2015**

"Regatta Day" is always something that we look forward to. Over the years the Regatta has changed in many ways, however the sense of community has not. It is fun to watch families flock to their usual spot on the hill to enjoy the waterfront activities, where many friendships have been made, and some lost.

The turnout for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Regatta's children races was amazing to see, and this will bring excitement for future generations at the waterfront. Thank you from the GLCA volunteers for making this another great year.

**Bedlington Cup** - 1st: B. Evans  
2nd: M. Forrest  
3rd: J. Reid

**Carlee Allison Memorial - Mixed Terrain Race**  
The Allison Family

**Chisholm Cup - Parent & Child**  
D. & J. Williams

**Christie Cup - Mixed War Canoe**  
JA Allison, JE Allison, M. D'Alessio, P. Gunniwick

**Crerar Family Paddles** - M. Forrest, C. Talczy

**Earl Family Paddles** - J. Forrest, S. Jones

**Minto Cup** - 1st: J. Allison  
2nd: S. Hutchinson  
3rd: M. Chieng, N. Chieng, W. Oaks

**Parr Memorial Trophy** -A. & B. Williams

**Sharpe Family Paddles** - J. Allison, M. Chieng

**Stinson Plaque** -M. & S. Hutchison

**Treadgold Trophy** - 1st: J. Forrest & S. Jones  
2nd: A. Williams  
3rd: E. Fode



## Sailing Race Awards: July, 25, 2015

**Duncan Trophy** - 1st: E. & M. Walters  
2nd: C. Carzee  
3rd: B. & S. Williams

Sailing may have diminished around the lake with fewer boats over the years, however the remaining sailors have a great competitive spirit. We had a wonderful day with a very happy group.

I would encourage all to come on to the lake and watch the 2016 sailing race!



## Annual Rock Bass Derby

The annual Rock Bass Derby was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 on the beautiful beach at Miners' Bay Lodge. The winners were chosen based on who's pail of Rock Bass weighed the most.

The **top individual winners** were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: R. Kilburn who won a new fishing rod donated by Minden Bait and Tackle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: N. Kennedy who won a new fishing rod donated by Larry Murphy

The **top winning team** was:

- David, Jake, and Jonathan (guests at Miners' Bay Lodge) who won a pizza party at Godfathers Pizza and ice cream for dessert donated by Kawartha Dairy.

All the kids who participated received prizes that were donated by Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Minden Bait and Tackle, Kawartha Dairies and Miners' Bay Lodge. Thank you to all of our sponsors, and Larry Murphy, Lee Fleming, Keith Kennedy, Nick Evans and Richard Newman for organizing the event.

## Thank you to all the GLCA volunteers

The Gull Lake Cottagers Association is made possible because of the time and energy of the many volunteers who make the choice to volunteer.

The GLCA would like to thank the following people:

- James Allison – website construction
- Jessica Allison – board secretary
- Tracey D'Allesio – photo contest
- Lee Fleming, Sue Evans – AGM membership registration
- Sue Montgomery – newsletter editor
- Larry Murphy, Lee Fleming, Ben Evans – Rock Bass Tournament
- Sara Flaherty – Sailing Race
- Deb Koopman & Michael Walter – Regatta
- Bruce McClennan – CEWF
- Al Scriven and Mike Thorne – Water Testing
- Will Rea- Regatta Commodore
- Jane Robinson – membership database



# GLCA Photo Contest

In 2015 we ran the first annual GLCA Photo Contest. A total of 35 pictures were submitted. Originally we had four categories but based on the high number of submissions for both Nature and Landscape we split them into two different categories. Each winner was able to choose a \$25 gift certificate from one of the businesses in Minden that had sponsored any of our GLCA events. This way we were able to put \$125 back into the community as a thank you. The winners in each category, as chosen by our volunteer judge Tracey D'Allesio are displayed below!



**Landscape:** "Sunset" by Susan Logan  
Selected a \$25 gift card for Ommh Salon



**Life at the Cottage:** "Grasshopper" by Christine Williams  
Selected a \$25 gift card for Kawartha Dairy



**Action:** "On the Water" by Sue Evans  
Selected a \$25 gift card for Summer Kiss



**Nature:** "Frog and Toad" by Christine Williams  
Selected a \$25 gift card for Home Hardware

The final category was **Pictures by Kids (under age 16)**. This picture was submitted by Georgia Kennedy and included the following reflection about the photograph.



Sunsets give me a type of nostalgic feeling I can only associate with one thing - my cottage. Also known as my home away from home, or the only constant place I have spent my summer days in while growing up. This photo was taken on one of the most beautiful nights I have ever experienced on Gull Lake. My family and I had been reminiscing over past memories together on the dock, while my youngest cousins and brother determinedly paddled along the quiet lake in a lone tube. It has always been a photo I loved, especially with the sun just disappearing past the fine line of evergreen trees to be seen again the next morning; cascading a myriad of colours across the evening sky. Also, featuring the yellow slide that has been floating in front of the Kennedy cottage ever since I can remember. I can only hope I keep this photo with me for the rest of my life. To me, it is a reminder that I should always appreciate the loveliest place I've ever known - my cottage.

Hello GLCA Members

It has recently come to our attention that an application has been put forward to the Minden Hills Township requesting rezoning of an area near Hunter Creek Estates on the Gull River. The intention for this rezoning is to allow a scrap yard. One of the key mandates of the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association is to advocate for the protection of the lake and adjacent wetlands. We have concerns about the proposed rezoning and are sending a letter to Council that opposes the application for rezoning.

Please read the following letter that was sent from the GLCA Association. This is for your information, and as well we have included the application for rezoning and some background information regarding the environmental concerns from scrap yards. A public meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015.

Regards,  
Carolyn Treadgold on behalf of the GLCA Executive

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Ian Clendening/P Sayne  
Township of Minden Hills  
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Minden, Ontario  
KOM 2K0

As representatives of the Gull Lake Cottage Association we would like to voice our opposition to the recent rezoning application on the proposed site (11383 HWY 35) to permit operation of a Scrap Yard. Please understand that we are not anti- development and we share the desire to encourage business investment in the community however we do not endorse this location on or near a wetland for this type of business. I'm sure that there are many more suitable sites in the area that could accommodate such a facility.

This announcement came upon us very recently and has left us little to time to research or consult legal advice. Therefore we appeal to the good judgement of council to clearly see that there is an environmental risk associated with a scrap yard, especially when located near or on a watershed. Further, we understand that no additional information regarding the proposed amendment is available for review at this time and feel that this application must be declined or put off until this information is available for all parties to review.

We are aware that council rejected a rezoning application a few years ago on Soyers Lake due to environmental concerns. We would like to re quote some of the same concerns they had in their efforts to deny the change of zoning.....

***"This proposed development violates not only many specific bylaws, but also the basic vision and fundamental principals stated in those bylaws. Let me refer to three in the old plan and then two from the new: Section 1.3.1.1 of the old plan provides: "Evaluation of environmental impact will be the biggest factor in determining the suitability of any property for development." Section 1.3.2.1 reads: "The Township will assess new development proposals on the basis of their ability to support, maintain and/or revitalize the character of the location in which the development is proposed." Section 1.2 provides in part: "The natural environment and open space in Minden Hills is fundamental..." The new Official Plan just passed last month recognizes Minden as "exceptional place to live, work and play" On page one it commits that "Minden Hills will become a leader in sustainability aimed at protecting the natural environment and the clean air and water that it provides" In the environmental section: 1.3.4.3 it states: "Groundwater and surface water resources are critical resources that need to be protected from adverse impacts." In this room are your constituents, cottagers who drive many hours to enjoy the splendours of the highlands, residents who enjoy living here year round feeling safe to drink the water and breathe the fresh air. Here are descendants of settlers who have lived here for generations and want to pass on the splendours of the Halliburton Highland to their children and their children's children".***

Also included is an article outlining many of the hazardous substances that can be leached into the soil and into the watershed. The Gull Lake Cottagers Association which represents approximately 250 households has just completed The Gull Lake Plan, which can be read on our website at, Gull Lake Cottagers Association, took years to accomplish and was endorsed by your council. This document and commitment clearly indicates that we are serious and concerned about our lake and the environment in and around it. Our association continues to spend money educating our members and will be working on shoreline rehabilitation for the next several years. Our Mission Statement clearly states our attention to water quality was the number one priority on a survey of all our members and non members on the lake. The water shed around Gull Lake also has implications far downstream as we are a feeder lake for the TSW.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

***The Gull Lake Community envisions our Lake to be a place where; • The quality of the water, the beauty of the landscape and the tranquility of the surroundings are protected and preserved; • Wildlife, fish and plant habitat are safeguarded in a sustainable manner; • The community is actively involved in balancing the preservation of the natural lake environment with the recreational uses of the Lake; and • The Lake is a shared experience where respect and dignity are shown to others and expected in return.***

In summary, we are in the process of notifying our members and the residents of Hunter's Creek Estates that we oppose this amendment and if we needed, could present a petition with overwhelming support.

We ask the council again to support the environment and remind all that current bylaws would not support this application on or near a wetland. There is no reason to make any changes to the current zoning or incur any further expense reiterating discussions that have already been held.

Sincerely,  
Gull Lake Cottage Association

# THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

## NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN PART OF LOT 5, CONCESSION 12 IN THE GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH

### PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (PLZBA2015035)

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 11383 Highway 35 located in Part of Lot 5, Concession 12 in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth (see Key Map below).

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU) and Extractive Industrial (M2). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Extractive Industrial Exception Three (M2-3) Zone and the Hazard (HZ) Zone. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment would recognizing the existing wetland areas on the property and allow for a Salvage Yard as a permitted use.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2015035

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

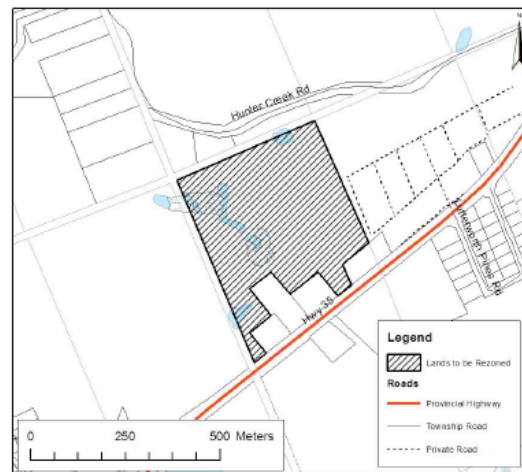
**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

**DATED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015

Ian Clendening  
Planner  
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Minden, ON, K0M 2K0  
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**KEY MAP  
PLZBA2015035**



This Figure is not an excerpt from the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan or Zoning By-law 06-10, and is not to be considered a legal description of the boundaries of the properties affected by this application; it has been included for reference purposes only.



## Salvage yards in chaos - Canada lacks the strict standards of other nations for auto recyclers

KW Record - 1/8/07

Tasmin McMahon

Canada is lagging behind the rest of the world when it comes to regulating salvage yards, the head of the Ontario Automotive Recyclers Association says.

"We've been trying to get them to (regulate)," Steve Fletcher said. "Let's get into the modern age and understand that cars can be good and cars can be bad if they're not handled properly."

In Ontario, there is no provincial auto recycling licence, mainly because rules governing different aspects of auto recycling are spread out among 13 government ministries, Fletcher said.

Nationally, Canada lags behind Europe and Japan, which have well-developed standards for how to recycle and dispose of car parts and fluid, kind of like blue boxes for auto recyclers.

Fletcher's association has an inspection program for new members. But it represents only 150 of as many as 1,000 companies in Ontario that have identified auto recycling as part of their business.

Some municipalities, like the Region of Waterloo, have progressive licensing systems to keep track of auto recyclers, but most don't, he said.

"You end up with a pretty huge disparity in how cars are treated."

The province needs to adopt a common set of standards to create a level playing field across Ontario, Fletcher said.

Most salvage yards do their best to operate safely, but more regulation is needed for unscrupulous businesses, said Gord Miller, Ontario's environmental commissioner.

"It's the kind of system where the industry might be wise to come up with some kind of self-regulation if they want to reassure the governments that they're doing everything right before there's a push from the province to do more," he said.

Such a system is expected to come into force in British Columbia early next year. The legislation requires salvage yards to be certified before they can apply for a business licence. The program was developed by the auto recyclers arm of the Automotive Retailers Association. It was adopted six years ago by the City of Abbotsford before the provincial government signed on this year.

The association hired environmental consultants to develop an environmental checklist for salvage yards, and businesses pay \$500 a year to be inspected. Those who run a clean business, get fewer inspections and pay less the next year.

About half the association's 99 auto recycling members have voluntarily signed on to the program.

"We wanted to create our own regulations, our own code of practice before the government made us do it," said David Scarrotts, head of the association's auto recyclers arm.

Ontario's auto-recyclers association is hoping the success of the B.C. regulation will spur the Ontario government to adopt similar regulations.

Politicians are racing to label themselves as green as the environment becomes higher priority for voters, and this bodes well for those wanting greater regulation, Fletcher said. But he doesn't think the province will go as far as creating a provincial licence for auto recyclers.

"I would be shocked if the provincial government would put a licence in place, as much as I know it's the best way to go, and what we've been fighting for," he said. "But the political reality of what's on their agenda is that we're just not that high up."

Posted by **Steve Fletcher** at **8:17 AM** 

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## Finding a Safe Solution for the Gull Lake to Moore Lake Portage

The Moore and Black Lake Property Owners Associations have initiated a campaign to have the portage reopened at the south end of Gull Lake at Moore Falls. Parks Canada, which operates the Trent-Severn Waterway, removed the rollers in the spring and blocked access to the portage when they installed a new safety boom.

Historically, there has been a line of safety booms upstream from the dam and a second line upstream from where the water bypasses the dam. On the land in the middle a concrete path had been constructed, with a set of boat rollers, to enable traversing between the two lakes. For years, this path has been used by cottagers from Gull Lake, to take their canoes or tin boats into Moore Lake; from which you can access Black Lake and Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park.

This spring, Parks Canada increased the safety guidelines for how far upstream the safety booms need to be from the dam. As a result, at the Moore Falls dam, the Trent-Severn Waterway removed the two previous safety booms and installed one that now blocks access to the portage. Given that the portage was now blocked, they also removed the rollers.

A critical issue is when the water control structure at Moore Falls was first built, it incorporated an under-highway portage as part of its structure. So paddlers traversing between the two lakes are now forced to portage across the busy Highway 35 very near to a dangerous curve in the roadway. David Latimer, Director of Kilcoo Camp says, "we had a couple of close calls this summer and that is a FAR bigger risk".

The group behind the petition believe the safety risk is unproven and that Parks Canada should have consulted the community beforehand to explain its reasoning. The group will present the petition to the local Member of Parliament and will be asking Parks Canada to justify its action at a public consultation meeting next summer.

Cottagers are invited to go to [change.org](http://change.org) to sign the petition or the [mindentimes.ca](http://mindentimes.ca) to read additional background information. In both cases, search on "Moore Falls".

The GLCA will continue to stay involved with this initiative and work towards finding a safe solution for the future.



The concrete path still exists but cannot be accessed as the yellow safety booms now run across the entrance to the path.

## Cormorants on Gull Lake

Several GLCA members have sent letters and questions asking about what can be done about the cormorants that are on Gull Lake. The double breasted cormorant is an all-black bird with a patch of orange-yellow facial skin. For those who, like me, don't spend a lot of time watching or reading about birds, let me explain why cormorants are being discussed.

The first concern is that a cormorant colony can kill all the trees in their nesting area. The accumulations of ammonia-rich droppings from cormorants destroy ground vegetation, trees and shrubs. Cormorants tend to come back to the same nesting area year after year, and as a result can wipe out a whole section of trees. As the Toronto Star described "one arm of the Leslie Street Spit, home to Tommy Thompson Park and the Great Lakes' largest colony of cormorants, looks like a wintry apocalypse. There are no trees now, just a few guano-spattered snags. This is where cormorants first settled in the park in 1990. They now number about 30,000." (May 20 2009).

The second concern is the potential impact on the fish stock on Gull Lake. Cormorants catch their food by diving into the water; they can dive over 20 feet deep and stay under water from 30 to 70 seconds. Cormorants eat approximately a pound of fish per day per adult bird.

Historically there have been a number of attempts at managing the impact of cormorants in Ontario. By the early 1950s, cormorants became so common that control measures were established to reduce suspected competition with commercial and sport fisheries. Even after control measures were stopped, the cormorant population in Ontario continued to decline due to the use of pesticides to the point where cormorants were a species at risk. However, after the ban of DDT in the late 1970s, the population of cormorants has increased dramatically.

There are three ways to manage the cormorant population: culling, egg spraying and nest destruction or disrupting the breeding cycle. All of these methods are against the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act in Ontario and can only be done by the Ministry of Natural Resources under specific exemptions from the Act. In 2008 Parks Canada started conducting culls of the cormorant population in Point Pelee National Park in Lake Erie. In 2009, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources sought the right to kill nesting cormorants at Presqu'île Provincial Park through its Environmental Assessment program.

With any of these kinds of programs there are strong advocates on both sides of the issue. For example, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters have a strong perspective that controls need to be put in place. The emails to the GLCA to date have reflected this perspective. There will also be those that will advocate strong caution with interfering with the natural balance in nature.

In the Gull Lake Plan one of the recommended actions was to better understand the impact of cormorants on the lake. As was noted in the Lake Plan, only 3-4 cormorants were observed on the lake in 2013, the count jumped up to 10 in 2014. In 2015, I personally saw at least 20-30 cormorants on Gull Rock across from Kilcoo Camp, which is what prompted me to begin the learning more about these birds.

The purpose of this article is not to advocate for any one particular perspective but rather to share the basic background information about cormorants. Being aware of a potential issue is always advantageous. Moving forward, the question becomes what, if anything, do we want to do as an Association beyond awareness? Long before any possible actions to manage the cormorant population on Gull Lake, we would need a considerable amount of work to be done. A group of volunteers would need to establish what is the current and potential future negative impact of cormorants on Gull Lake, to engage association members on possible options, and to lobby the MNR to take action.

As we have now completed creating the Gull Lake Plan, there will be a number of these kinds of potential issues related to the health of the Lake that will arise. The first steps are always going to be exploring the available facts, generating awareness, and then carefully choosing which issues to pursue. In the end, it will always come down to a small group of passionate volunteers who decide that a particular issue matters and volunteer their time and passion on behalf of all of us. If the negative impact of cormorants is that kind of issue for you, please step forward and get involved.

Nick Evans

GLCA Treasurer (and reluctant bird watcher)







**Cormorants on Gull Rock (picture by Larry Murphy)**

## Local Issues: Lutterworth Park

A recommendation was made by external consultants to the Minden Hills Township to consider Lutterworth Park as surplus land. Lutterworth Park is a small parcel of land at the most southern tip of Gull Lake, on the east side, just before the dam into Moore Lake. The park consists of a little stretch of lake front and then extends back several hundred yards to highway 35. The recommendation was part of a larger report on the Parks and Trails system in the township.

The report will go to the Community Services committee and there will be opportunities for input and consultation as they draft up future plans. There seems to be no imminent plans to sell the land.

Thank you to Irene and Larry Murphy, GLCA members, who highlighted the issue and got actively involved to understand the facts. Also thank you to Pam Sayne, councillor from Ward 2, who spoke at the Council meeting about some possible concerns with the recommendation and who committed to keep us informed.



**Lutterworth Park, from water's edge to fence.**



**Lutterworth Park - from fence to highway 35**



## Gull Lake Water Report Summer 2015

The Lake was tested in 5 different locations on July 26. Thank you once again to Richard Newman and Mike Thorne for their assistance. The analysis included E Coli counts, total phosphorus, secchi depth (a measurement of water clarity determined by checking the depth of visibility of a disc lowered into the water) and pH. In general, the results appear to be good, with very little change.

In addition to the 5 areas that we sample, the Lake Partners Plan normally provides us with one additional analysis taken once a year. This year we are permitted to sample each month this summer, due to the decreasing calcium trend levels we have seen over the previous years. This analysis includes both total phosphorus and calcium levels and the sample is taken mid lake off Rackety Creek. The results from the LPP will not be available until the end of the year but we have duplicate analysis of total phosphorus using Trent University Lab in Dorset for comparison.

We had intended to do a dissolved Oxygen survey in early September as an action from the Lake Plan but will delay this action as the MNR has scheduled to do so in 2016. The survey is done in three year cycles on the Haliburton County lakes (dependent on funding of course). This testing is done by the MNR out of Kingston.

This survey will add to the long term data previously collected on our lakes. Data collected will include dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, calcium, total phosphorus, nitrogen and some other water chemistry values.

The MNR is still working on a compilation of the long term data in a report that is not yet released (though promised for 2 years now). Our intention is to use this as a baseline and assume monitoring the Oxygen content ourselves in future years between years the MNR samples.

The CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Cottage Associations) has co-ordinated a training session on taking Dissolved Oxygen readings (they are also looking into providing equipment to take the readings) and training on benthic sampling. (Benthic samples are samples of bug life in the lake bottom. This is another important indicator of water quality. Clean lakes support greater diversity of bugs.) In future, this will be added to our existing sampling protocol.

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Identification Collection Site	Phosphorous micro gram/L	pH	E. Coli	Colour		SECCHI DEPTH M
			100 ml	Apparent	True	
1 N. Gull River - in	7.10	7.19	20			3.0
2. GULL ROCK- Mid Lake	5.30	7.18	4			6.0
5 Miner's Bay	6.00	7.42	4			5.7
4 Gull River - Out	9.40	7.44	4			5.7
3 Deep Bay - End	5.50	7.43	4			5.9
	6.7	7.33	7.2			5.8
6 RACKETY-LP	5.80	7.41	5			5.2

E Coli Count /100 ml Sample

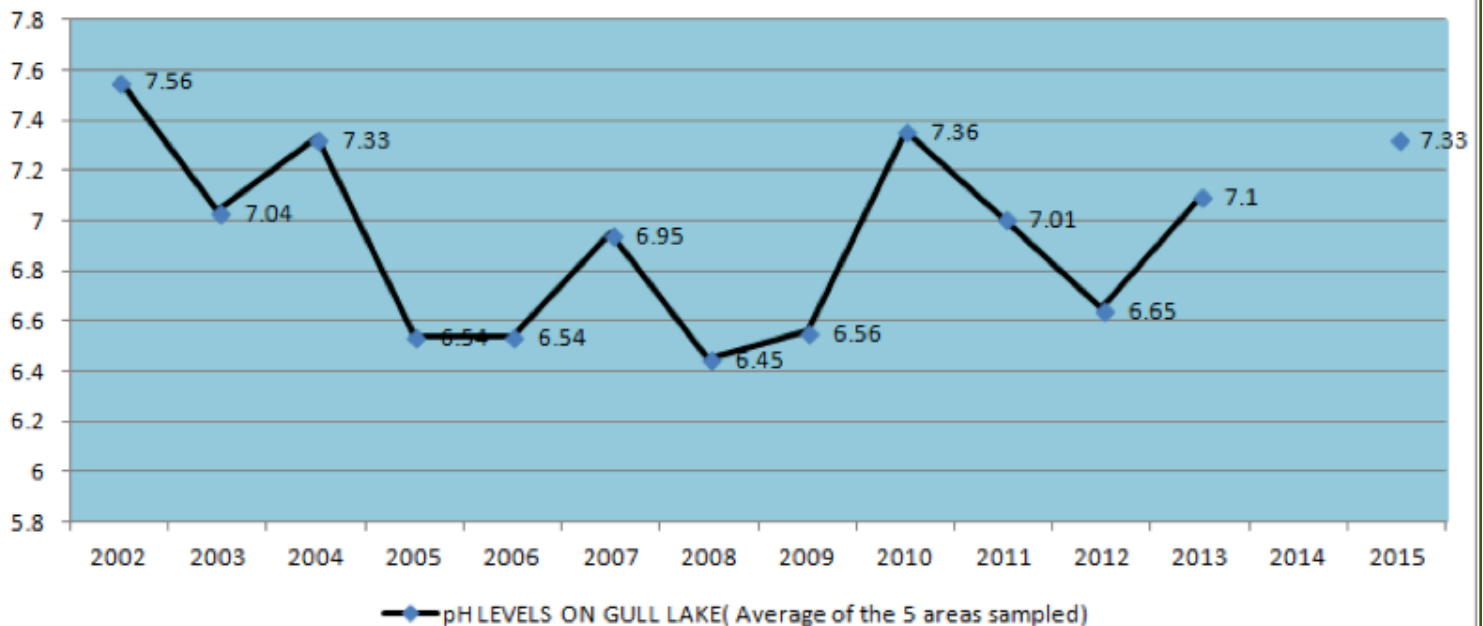


### TOTAL PHOSPHORUS ( Average of the 5 areas sampled)



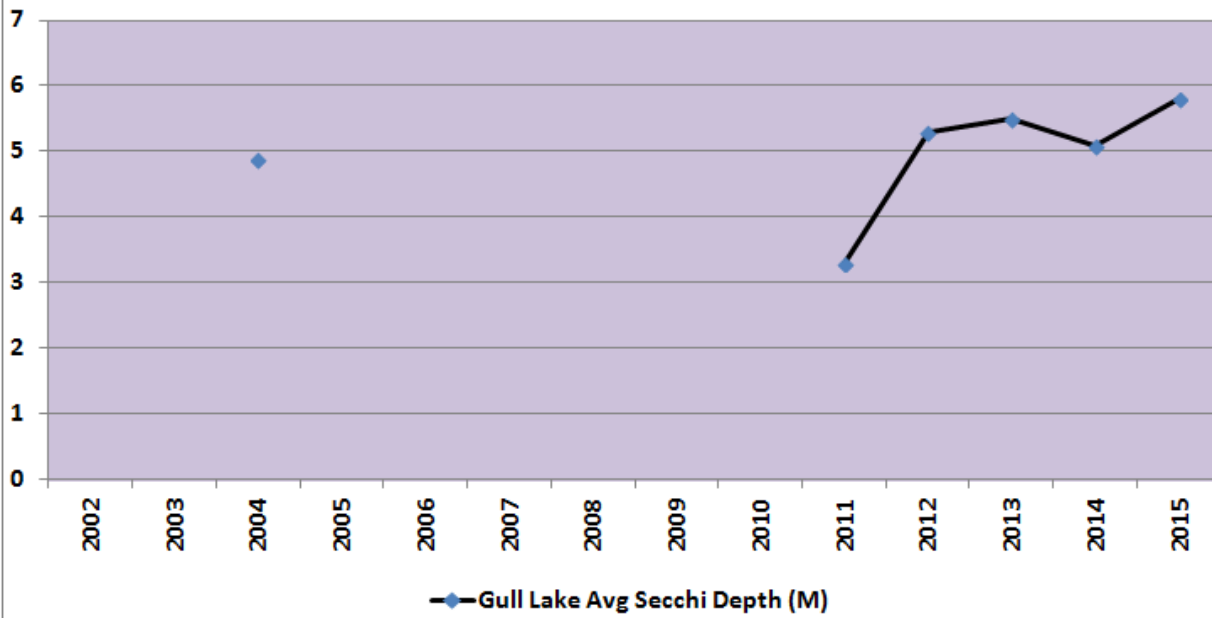
Total phosphorus has been our main indicator of water quality and will soon be complimented with another method ( Benthic Analysis). We are by definition a clean pristine lake by definition with our Phosphorus results but there is evidence that these readings alone so not give a true indication of the health of the Lake and therefore the move to include Benthic Studies.

### pH LEVELS ON GULL LAKE( Average of the 5 areas sampled)

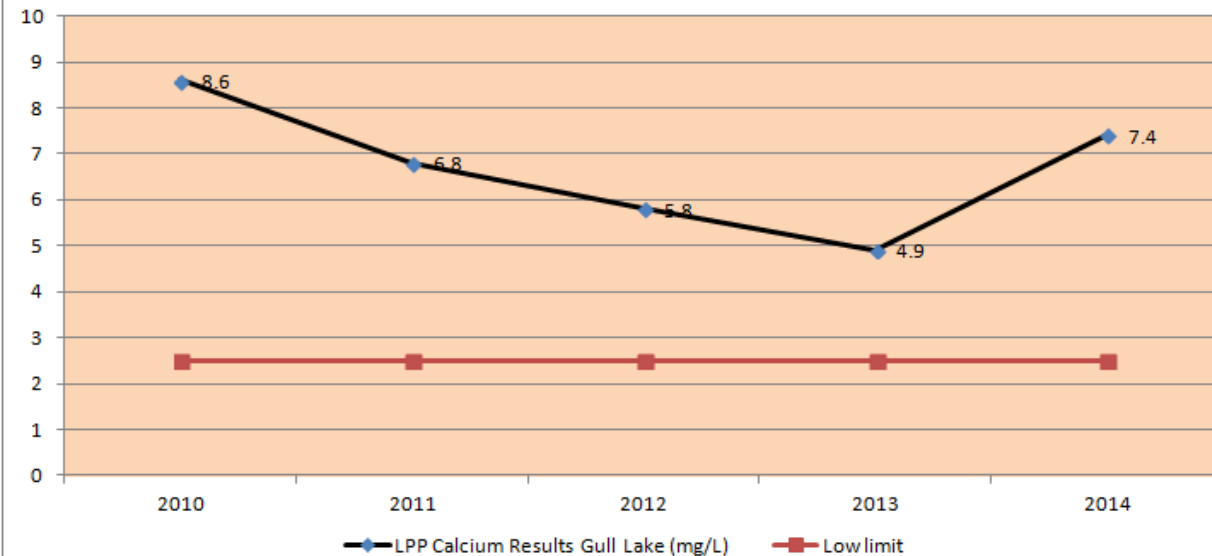


pH is not a concern. We have not experienced the effects of acid rain ( pH would be below 6.0) The fluctuation we see is normal and is affected by rainfall and runoff.

## Gull Lake Avg Secchi Depth (M)



## LPP CALCIUM LEVELS ON GULL LAKE



We were concerned about the downward trend and the Lake Partners Plan (LPP) has allowed us to send additional samples to see if the trend is really a concern or as a result of sampling. Last year the values recovered and this year we are sending in 4 samples instead of the usual single sample from mid-lake off Rackety Creek.

**Request for Volunteers once again due to very little response!**

1. We would also like to begin record keeping on ice on and ice off dates on the Lake. This is important to assess the effects of climate change. **If anybody has kept any history in the past ice in and ice out dates, I would appreciate if they could share this information. Also I would request one or more volunteers that live on the Lake to take part in recording this information in the future. If interested in helping please, notify me for further instruction.**

2. As discussed on the AGM and as an action item in the Gull Lake Plan. We are requesting serious and experienced Lake Trout Fisherman (summer and/or winter) to report their catches from Gull Lake. It is important that we have regular seasoned Lake Trout Fisherman and not the occasional novice fisherman for the data to be meaningful. David Flowers of the MNR (Minden) will receive the collected data from the dedicated anglers and will analyse the information to determine the relative population of the natural producing Lake Trout in our Lake (Gull Lake is not stocked). It will take at least 3-4 years to collect sufficient data but this information is crucial. Without this knowledge no further action can be taken to change regulations or other measures to protect the species. **If you would like to participate or know of someone else that could help us out by participating, please contact me and I will send them an information package on how to record their catches. It is not important for the participant to be a member of the GLCA or even to own a property on the Lake. The only requirement is that they fish regularly for Lake Trout on Gull Lake.** [don.drouillard@sympatico.ca](mailto:don.drouillard@sympatico.ca)



# Shoreline Bundles to Protect Your Lake

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*C.H.A. Note – 75% of your shoreline needs to be filled with native plants in order to protect your lake!*



# A helping hand to the health of Haliburton Lake

In July, 2015, the Haliburton Lake Cottager's Association (HLCA) was approved to receive a grant from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as part of their Shoreline Naturalization Program. The funding was to be used to implement a shoreline naturalization plan aimed at improving the quality of the lake water on Haliburton Lake. The project needed to be completed by Nov. 1. The plan was to naturalize the 368 feet of shoreline at Haliburton Lake's public beach (owned by the Municipality of Dysart et al). This involved developing a shoreline buffer comprised of a variety of native shrubs, grasses and perennials that would help prevent erosion and assist in filtering out and capturing pollutants caused from water runoff. This buffer would also provide and sustain a suitable environment for wildlife and aquatic species, and also make the beach less attractive to nesting Canadian geese.

To develop the shoreline naturalization plan, the HLCA engaged a CHA recognized shoreline naturalization designer Paul Carey of Carey's Garden Centre and a resident of the lake. Over the course of July and August, the plan was developed and refined with input from key HLCA members. The final plan was then submitted to the HLCA board, the Dysart et al municipal council and CHA for approval. HLCA members were also informed of the plan on an ongoing basis, through periodic email updates and an information booth set up

at the annual regatta. With the plan finalized and the 180 plants ordered, the HLCA sent out a call for volunteers to all HLCA members. Twenty-six cottagers and residents came out to participate in the planting on Saturday, Oct. 10. Lunch and refreshments were served and the weather was perfect.

The effort was project managed by Lindsay and Andrea Beven daughters of long time cottagers and HLCA members Bob and Molly Beven. The HLCA thanks Paul MacInnes, president, CHA who work very hard to keep environmental issues front and centre for all of us plus Dysart et al who supported this effort from day one. The HLCA is committed to maintain this shoreline buffer as it is important for all of us.

The CHA's grant was for \$2,250 and the HLCA augmented the costs about \$500 and Dysart is paying for the snow fencing.

Submitted







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## 2016

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## Trees



## Shrubs



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## 2016 GLCA Membership Renewal Form

### Please Print

Cottage Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Associate Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Primary Membership:

There is one Primary Membership per cottage. Primary Membership includes spouse and children who are still pursuing their education.

### Associate Membership:

Associate Memberships are for individuals and families who cottage on Gull Lake but are not the Primary Member. Associate Memberships include spouse and children.

### Benefits:

Both Primary and Associate Memberships entitle you to attend all events, receive newsletters and communication, and benefit from having Association volunteers work on your behalf to enhance the enjoyment and health of the lake. Only the Primary Member for your cottage can vote on motions.

Website: [GLCA.CA](http://GLCA.CA)

Contact: [info@GLCA.CA](mailto:info@GLCA.CA)

Primary Membership \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ (only one per cottage)

Hard copy of newsletter \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Membership \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ (for each Associate membership)

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Donation (any amount appreciated) \_\_\_\_\_

Total dues for 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

Option to renew for 2016 & 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ (double the one year total)

Please make out cheque to "GLCA Treasurer"

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