



# The Buck Lake Association Inc.

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## *Buck Lake News – July 2018*

### Highlights from the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Buck Lake Association annual general meeting was held at Perth Road Sunday School Hall on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well-attended including mayor Ron Vandewal and town councilors Ross Sutherland, Alan Revill and Pat Barr.

In his opening remarks, president, Crawford MacIntyre, introduced the board members and described the association's accomplishments over the past year. Crawford also announced the retirements of Donna Newmann, Jo Anne Hopkins and Cherrie Summers from the board. As part of the Social and Outreach, all three have worked hard to coordinate many amazing events for our community, especially the annual picnic and the Murder Mystery fundraiser. In addition, they prepared welcome packages for new members of the community, produced of the annual Buck Lake Calendar and acquired the large sign at the Perth Road Store. You will all be missed.

Presentations were then made from the various committees of the Buck Lake Association including: the Treasure's Report, Membership, Social and Outreach, Friends of the Lake and on the success of this year's Boatilla for Camp Merrywood.

This year was the second year for the Jim Manuel Volunteer. Crawford MacIntyre spoke about Jim and the reasoning behind naming this award after him. This year's very deserving recipients were Ross Trudel and Liz Graham-Trudel who have always been are very committed to building community spirit and are always open to help anyone in need on the lake.



The meeting wrapped up with the election of officers. The list of current board members and their positions on the board (as determined at a board meeting held in July) can be found below.

The complete minutes from this and previous Annual General Meetings can be found at:  
<http://bucklake.ca/about-us/agm/>

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## The BLA Board

The BLA Board consists of up to 12 volunteers who are dedicated to make Buck Lake a better community. The current board consists of:

Crawford MacIntyre – President  
 Cheryl Savery – Vice President, Communications Chair  
 Greg Fisher – Treasurer, Government Relations Chair  
 Cheryl Dawson – Recording Secretary  
 Kathy McDonald – Archivist, Communications  
 Martha Scheinman – Friends of the Lake Co-Chair  
 Duncan Sinclair – Communications, Government Relations  
 Gillian Lash – Friends of the Lake Co-Chair  
 Mel Robinson – Social and Outreach – Chair  
 Sam Cronk – History, Communications  
 Cathy Ottenhof – Social and Outreach  
 Randy Ruttan – Director at Large

In addition to the Board of Directors, there are several members of the community who work on various committees. They are:

Ria Berry – Social and Outreach  
 Margaret Fisher – Friends of the Lake  
 Barbra Rose Perry – Friends of the Lake  
 Michael Gemmell – Friends of the Lake  
 Ron Dickey – Friends of the Lake  
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## Buck Lake Picnic Shelters



Did you know that the Buck Lake Association owns several 10ft x 20ft picnic shelters? We use them for the Boatilla and for the annual picnic, but other than that they are available for current members to borrow – free of charge.

If you are having a family reunion, wedding or other event and would like to borrow them, just email us at [bucklakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:bucklakeassoc@gmail.com)

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## Boatilla for Camp Merrywood

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Buck Lake Boatilla was held on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather this year was extremely hot and the number of boats was down slightly, however this did not lessen the generosity of Buck Lake residents as you can plainly see in the following update from the Boatilla Steering Committee.

*Greetings everyone. I'm sure that the children are enjoying Camp Merrywood very much and at least 12 of those kids are having the time of their lives due to the caring generosity of Buck Lake, cottagers, residents, campers and friends.*

*As of July 18<sup>th</sup>, at the annual wrap up meeting, the steering committee for 2018 consisting of Sandra Rider, Krista LeClair, Cyndy Gibson, Christine DeSimone, Liz Trudel, Duncan Sinclair, Randy Ruttan and myself learned that the total amount collected this year rose to \$29,401.78.*

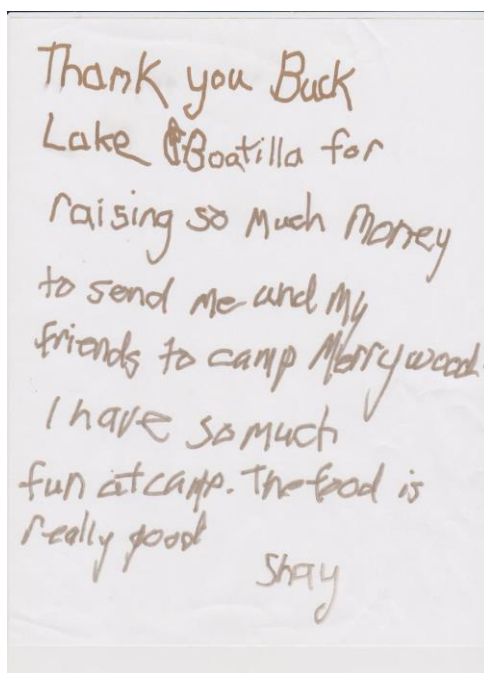
### **UNBELIEVABLE!!!!**

*This brings the fourteen-year total to \$248,077.78. This is a great community that opened up its hearts and wallets for children with disabilities.*

*On behalf of those children, we thank you, and thank you, and THANK YOU AGAIN!*

*Next year, the fifteenth annual Buck Lake Boatilla will be held on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.*

*Roscoe*



The Boatilla Steering Committee is completely separate from the Buck Lake Association, however, the BLA supports it in many ways including the monies raised at the Murder Mystery Night. At last fall's Murder Mystery, the silent auction raised over \$3,100 which was presented at the Boatilla.

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## On-site Sewage Disposal: A Primer

*“Everything you wanted to know about on-site sewage systems (septic systems) but were afraid to ask!”*

An Education Night sponsored by the Friends of the Lake and the Buck Lake Association Board.

Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7 p.m.  
Perth Road United Church Hall, Perth Road Village

Speaker: **Gord Mitchell, Public Health Inspector, KFL & A Public Health**



Gord will give a practical talk about the set-up of a standard septic system, septic system maintenance and newer alternative/Level 4 Septic Treatment Units and their features.

He will also talk about how to decommission a system that will no longer be used and about the porous nature of limestone as a factor in groundwater contamination. Standards for septic systems are part of the Ontario Building Code (systems older than 20 years are under the Environmental Protection Act).

*Gord will lead a Question and Answer session during which he will address your questions and concerns about your septic system. You are welcome to submit these questions to the Friends of the Lake Co-chair, Martha Scheinman, at [mscheinman@hotmail.com](mailto:mscheinman@hotmail.com) and she will pass them along to Gord before the event.*

We hope to see you there!

## Buck Lake Pike



Submitted by: Ron Jaques

There are big pike in Buck Lake. We caught a 9 lb this week and a 8 lb one a couple weeks ago.

We also caught 4 or 5 smaller ones this year.

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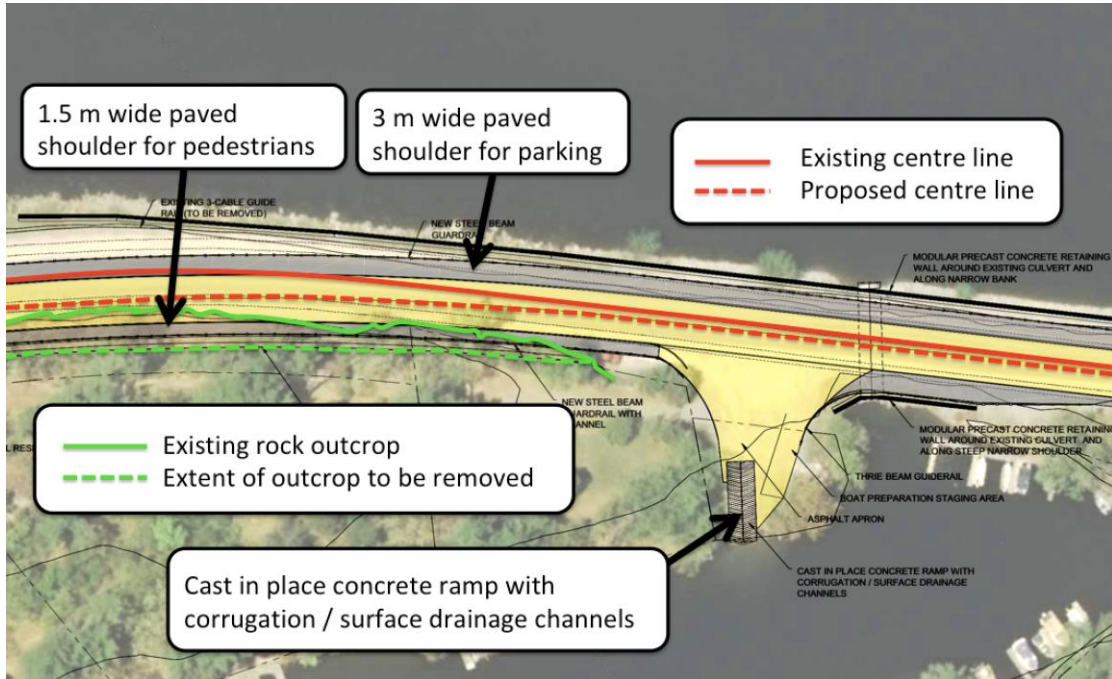
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## Upgrades to Perth Road near the Buck Lake Boat Launch

At the 2018 AGM, Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager, South Frontenac spoke about plans for upgrades to Perth Road near the Buck Lake boat launch. This issue has been of concern for boats, pedestrians and road traffic. Previous improvements for safety have included:

- the installation of rumble strips,
- parking further from ramp with widened shoulder, and
- reducing the speed limit to 60 km/h.

Mark presented a drawing of the proposed changes, an annotated version of which is shown below.



The highlights of the proposed changes are:

- Improve visibility in area by removing rock
- Shifting center line
- Widen by 3 m
- Increase parking
- Pedestrian walkway to and from launch

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Mark stressed that it is important to consider all modes of transportation in this area including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

To date, there has been lots of community input. It should be noted that this work will not be done until after 2022 and additional input is still welcome.

The culvert size likely to remain the same however it may just need to be realigned.

There were several comments from the audience that the culvert seems to be settling – need to make sure that culvert is structurally sound and can accommodate current traffic. It was pointed out that it is the height that is the issue not width.

Mark also mentioned that the Conservation Authority will need to be consulted throughout project. The current budget is \$2 million plus.

Following Mark's presentation, there was considerable discussion. Some of the key comments were:

- Visibility around south area of boat launch is of major concern. Is adding parking there going to help or hinder safety?
- Depth of boat launch from Perth Road to ramp is of concern. This should not be shortened, as it is already arguably too short.
- Will be looking at optimizing property that is owned by Township.
- Question: Should parking be kept on same side as boat launch so that pedestrians aren't crossing the road and cars/trailers can pull out of launch and stay on same side of the road?
- How is erosion stabilized? Concern with number of transports travelling through.
- Will parking be enhanced on north side of launch? Both sides of the road?
- Staging planned between 2023 and 2028 – multi-faceted concerns that all need to be considered
- Shoulder paving south of launch? Would this help accommodate pedestrians? This will be considered more as improvements to Perth Road and not specific to boat launch improvements.

Next steps... take comments, information – preliminary design possibly next year. If you have any comments, suggestions or would like more information, you can contact Mark Segsworth at [msegsworth@southfrontenac.net](mailto:msegsworth@southfrontenac.net).



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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1pm – **Clarke Girls Lemonade Stand**

At the Clarke Dock in the South Branch Narrows

Donations will be accepted before and after the event

All money raised will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Ontario (CHEO)

Come by boat, kayak, canoe, paddle board or swim on over.

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – **Buck Lake Association Picnic**

Hidden Valley Campground, Buck Lake

Potluck

Ham, buns and corn provided

BYO drinks and lawn chairs

Crafts and games for the kids

And best of all, it is **ALL FREE**

Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Buck Lake Education Night**

Time: 7pm

Location Perth Road United Church Hall

Guest Speaker: Gord Mitchell from KFLA Public Health

Topic: On-Site Sewage Disposal

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – **19th annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament**

Location: Rideau Lakes Golf Course

Cost: \$55.00 for 9 holes of golf and full course meal, tax 'n tip included

Donations the ticket draw/prize table accepted any time prior to the weekend and also the day of

For more information, contact Marilyn O'Connor at [ocomnormarilyn75@gmail.com](mailto:ocomnormarilyn75@gmail.com)

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