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Survey – The Role of the Buck Lake Association

Earlier this year, the Buck Lake Association conducted a survey to better determine what role the BLA should play in the community. As a group of volunteers with limited time and resources, where should we be spending our time and efforts? Is our current balance about right or should we focus more on the social events around the lake or be more active in promoting environmental stewardship of the lake?

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to our questionnaire. We received a total of 120 responses, many with long, well thought out comments.

So, what did we learn? First, our members are diverse. For many, the social events promoted by the association are extremely important, while others have no interest in them. Virtually all agree that the quality of the water in Buck Lake is extremely important although there are definite and opposite opinions about what role the BLA should play with regard to protecting water quality. Most of you, the majority, think the BLA should focus solely on education and information, while some advocate our playing a more active role.

In the questionnaire, there were 8 objectives for the Buck Lake Association that respondents were asked to rate on a scale of 1 to 8 in terms of their importance. The 8 options divided into 2 groups. The following 4 items were seen as most important.

- To keep the waters and shoreline of Buck Lake environmentally sound
- To foster and promote a spirit of community at Buck Lake
- To communicate with the members, residents, and other users on matters relating to Buck Lake and its environs
- To be aware of proposed developments in the Buck Lake area, and to ensure that such developments are legal, and environmentally sound



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The following 4 were considered to be less important, or not important at all.

- To provide liaison with appropriate municipal, provincial or federal agencies
- To respond to the interests and needs of members, residents and users when it is possible and practical to do so
- To promote safe boating practices on Buck Lake
- To cooperate with any organization whose objectives are wholly or in part the same as, or similar to, those of the association

The comments included with the survey responses provided additional insight into concerns and interest around the lake. Following are samples of those comments.

Hello, thanks for reaching out with this survey. As a property owner right on the North Branch I feel like I would like the association to walk a fine line in the community. For major infractions like clear cutting, sure contact the conservation authority, but do I want a local police militia inspecting everyone's docks and shoreline and pointing fingers and alerting the community? Absolutely not. For a major commercial development on the lake? Sure let us all know. But let the township do its job. So there is a grey area here where you need to be able to help the community without alienating the community. With a greater lake association in the area, I think it would reduce the responsibility of the buck lake association not increase it. However, I respect the need to keep the lake safe and clean for everyone. I just want to avoid the situation where you feel you are representing the community but are actually antagonizing it. Thanks for all your hard work!

Politics can be dangerous and divide the community. Please don't become a political lobby group, or an organization that lords over/rats on the lake community. Best of luck moving ahead.

I love the idea of educating our members on issues that arise but do not feel comfortable approaching the shoreline owner, the conservation authority/township or the Buck Lake Community regarding any of the above scenarios. Communication is VERY important and BLA Board Members should continue to do so via email, newsletter, Facebook, word of mouth, Education night, socials, etc. My number one objective is "to foster and promote a spirit of community at Buck Lake" and I feel that if we start keeping tabs on our neighbours this goes against the positive vibe of the community.

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I appreciate the fact we have this association for reasons of community, and having concerned members watching over the health of our lake. I am glad you undertook this survey, as I feel it is important that organizations like this don't overstep their boundaries. I don't want an environment where property owners don't feel comfortable putting up a shed or cutting down a tree. However, it's also important that we don't have people buying a property, knocking down the old cottage and building a mansion 30ft from the water. Everyone needs to behave reasonably.

As your board, we will attempt to continue to provide a balanced approach. We know we cannot please everyone all the time, but we hope to provide useful services and information to enhance your enjoyment of Buck Lake

Join the “Buckaneers” for the 2019 Cannonball Crush

Saturday, June 8th at 9:30am



Calling all Buck Lakers... Do you have what it takes to be a true "Buckaneer"?

We are forming a Buck Lake Team, “**The Buckaneers**” for the **Cannonball Crush 2019** on Saturday, June 8th at 9:30am. This is a fun event at Fort Henry involving about a 5km course with 15 obstacles. So far, there are 12 Buck Lakers signed up and we would love to have an even bigger team.

To find out how to join the Buck Lake team or to get more details contact Melanie Robinson at robinsonmh@limestone.on.ca

You can also check out the following link www.forthenry.com/events/cannonball-crush/ and let us know if you want to be a "Buckaneer"

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Time for a Tick Talk: Let's Fight Lyme Disease

Reprinted from the [2018 FOCA Lake Stewards Newsletter](#)

Check out the FOCA Newsletter for many more interesting and informative articles

by **Richard Ovcharovich**

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While mosquitoes and blackflies may be the more common pests affecting people in cottage country, there is another risk slowly making its way across Ontario.

On its own, the blacklegged tick – or deer tick – looks tiny and relatively harmless, no bigger than one to five millimetres in length. However, some of these ticks carry the bacteria (known as *Borrelia burgdorferi*) that may cause Lyme disease. A blacklegged tick carrying the bacteria can spread Lyme disease to a person – especially if the tick has bitten (or been feeding) for more than 24 hours.

As temperatures warm up, blacklegged ticks are spreading to more parts of Ontario; not surprisingly, the number of human cases of Lyme disease has also increased in recent years. In the early 1990s, there was only one known Lyme disease ‘risk area’ at Long Point Provincial Park on the north shore of Lake Erie. Since then, Ontario has seen the population of blacklegged ticks expand along the entire north shore of the St. Lawrence River, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and pockets of north western Ontario.

Each year, Public Health Ontario publishes a map that shows ‘Lyme Disease Estimated Risk Areas.’ (*see below*) The map tracks locations in the province where populations of blacklegged ticks are known to live, and each year, the yellow ‘risk area’ on the map increases slightly in size. But the fact remains that it’s possible to encounter an infected blacklegged tick almost anywhere in Ontario.

Let's be clear: the risk of getting Lyme disease from an infected blacklegged tick is still very low. However, as ticks expand their territory due to climate change, it's important to take precautions by knowing the bug, knowing the bite, and knowing what to do!

Know the Bug

- **Lyme disease** is a serious illness that can be spread by the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. Symptoms of Lyme include: fever, headache, tiredness, muscle and joint pains, and skin rashes. If detected early, most cases of Lyme can be treated successfully with antibiotics. If left untreated, Lyme disease can last years and lead to recurring arthritis and neurological problems, numbness, paralysis and, in rare cases, death.
- Some blacklegged ticks can carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Typically, these ticks live in forests, tall grasses and bushes, and thrive in wet environments.



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- Black legged ticks are like hitchhikers, settling on tall grasses and bushes until they can attach to a ‘host’ (either a person or animal). Once attached, ticks ‘bite’ – or dig into the host’s skin – becoming engorged as they feed on the host’s blood. If the blacklegged tick is infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, it can pass the disease onto a person – especially if the tick has been feeding for more than 24 hours. If bitten by a tick, properly and completely remove the tick as soon as possible. If the tick is engorged, attached for more than 24 hours (or an unknown amount of time), or you experience symptoms of Lyme disease, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Know the Bite

- Most tick bites are painless, so people may not realize they have been bitten.
- In many cases, a circular rash will develop in the area of the tick bite (often in the shape of a bull’s-eye). Other Lyme disease symptoms can also occur.

Know What to Do

PREVENT BITES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN:

- **Cover up.** Use clothing as a layer of protection. If walking along trails or through tall grass, wear light-coloured clothing to make ticks easier to spot and remove before they bite. Wear closed footwear and socks and, when possible, wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck your pants into your socks, especially if you are walking in long grass.
- **Use insect repellent** or bug spray containing DEET on clothes and exposed skin (follow manufacturer’s directions).
- **Check yourself for ticks.** After being outdoors (especially in areas where blacklegged ticks are known to live), get into the habit of checking your body for ticks. Pay close attention to your scalp, ankles, armpits, groin, naval and behind ears and knees. A mirror can be useful to check your back, or ask someone else to check for you. Check children for ticks too.
- **Wash and dry.** After an outdoor activity, you may want to put your clothes into a dryer on high heat for at least an hour to kill any possible ticks. Consider taking a shower as soon as you can to wash off a tick that may not have attached itself through a bite.
- **Protect your pets.** Dogs, cats and other pets can carry ticks that spread Lyme disease. While you cannot be infected directly by a dog or cat, pets can carry ticks into your home or yard putting you at risk. It’s best to put tick and flea collars on pets and from time-to-time check dogs and cats for the presence of ticks. Speak to your veterinarian if you have concerns.



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- **Maintain your property, especially near a woodland area.** Keep your grass mowed short, and trim bushes/tree branches to let in sunlight (ticks avoid hot, dry locations). If situated next to a woodland or area with tall grass, create a border of gravel or woodchips one metre or wider around your yard. Move children's swings, playground equipment and sandboxes away from wooded areas, and consider placing equipment on a woodchip or mulch foundation.
- **Go online for more preventing tips.** Visit the Ontario government (<http://www.ontario.ca/Lyme>) or Public Health Agency of Canada (<http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/lyme-disease.html>) websites.

WHAT TO DO IF BITTEN:

- **Promptly and properly remove a tick from your body to prevent infection.** Using finely-tipped tweezers, grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Pull it straight out, gently but firmly being sure to remove the entire tick (head and all). Thoroughly clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.
- **Never burn the tick or paint the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly** (like Vaseline) to detach from your skin. This could cause the Lyme bacteria to pass through your skin and into your bloodstream.
- **If possible after removing the tick, place it in a secure container** (like a screw-top bottle) and take it to your health care provider or local health unit for testing. If appropriate, the tick may be sent for identification to help track the tick population in Ontario.
- **Seek medical attention as soon as possible** if the tick was attached for more than 24 hours (or an unknown amount of time), or you experience symptoms of Lyme disease.



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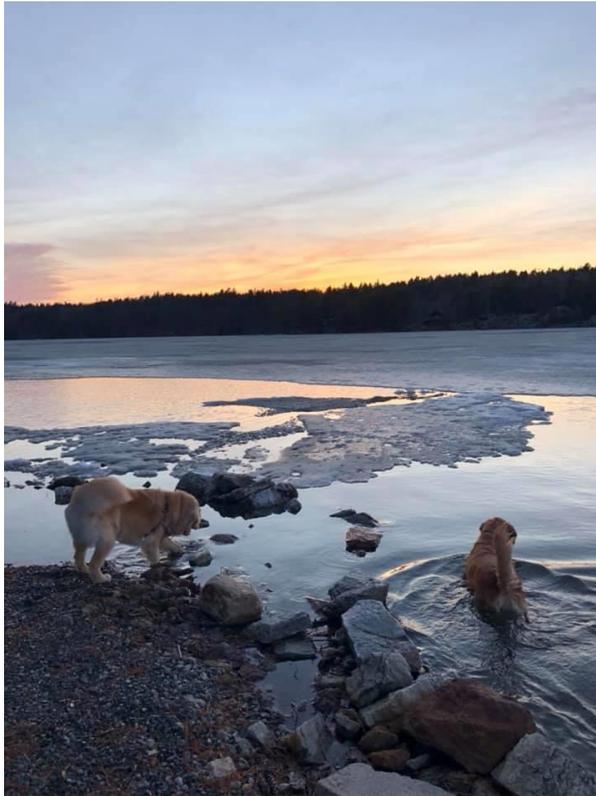
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Brrr – That Must Have Been Cold!!

Despite the ice being slow to leave the lake this spring, we had some early swimmers braving the cold. On March 14th, Jack Beeman and Logan Anderson were seen in the water. And yes, that is ice you see in the background.



I am also told that some brave swimmers were in the water on March 9th. Even though the ice was not out yet, they found an opening near a dock with a bubbler.



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Planning Department

The Development Services Committee at the Township of South Frontenac is focussed on all matters related to the development process in South Frontenac – Official Plan updates, Zoning By-law amendments, Plans of Subdivision and Condominium, Site Plan Control to name just a few areas. This committee has been very active since the Municipal Election last fall and the hiring of a new Director of Development Services.

This committee has regular monthly meetings to deal with development issues. At the March 25th meeting, Claire Dodds, the Director of Development Services, presented an outline of all the plans of subdivision and condominium in the Township along with a description of their current status. For those interested, this information can be found in the minutes of this meeting. See the following link

<https://southfrontenac.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/43768?preview=50669>

The Planning and Development department has also produced some helpful guides related to the building process. These include the following:

- Severance application process guide
- Minor variance process guide

These guides, along with other helpful information, can be found at www.southfrontenac.net/en/open-for-business/planning-and-development.asp?_mid_=17261.

Council

At their April meeting, Council adopted a planning timeline to proceed with the development of a Strategic Plan which would guide the mandate of the current Council through their term. As indicated in the Council report, the Township is faced with competing demands to: enhance services, reduce costs and protect the environment. The intent of the strategic plan will be to prioritize these competing demands.

The adopted timeline will include input from the public as well as a number of open houses to be held in the summer. The process is to include an online survey to be launched in June with a number of questions for the public to consider. The questions posed in the online survey are to form the framework for the discussions at the district open houses.

Look for more information to be forthcoming from the Township in June. The document adopted by Council and the proposed questions can be found at

<https://southfrontenac.civicweb.net/FileStorage/1798C52C99124D9880DE16AC099A9FF3-Strategic%20Planning%20Process.pdf>

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Coming Events:

- Monday Golf**
- Every Monday starting May 13 at 9am
 - Evergreen or Rideau Lakes Golf Course
 - Contact bucklakegolf@gmail.com for more info
- Cannonball Crush**
- Saturday, June 8, 2019
 - Fort Henry
- Buck Lake Boatilla**
- Saturday, June 29, 2019 2pm
 - Buck Lake / Hidden Valley Campground
- Annual General Meeting**
- Saturday, July 6, 2019 9am
 - Perth Road Hall
- Education Night**
- Thursday July 25 at 7pm
 - Perth Road Hall

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