

# The Buck Lake Association Inc.

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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

## Buck Lake News - September 2022

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## Not your typical Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Gillian Lash

On a beautiful Saturday morning in late July, and with 40 people in attendance, the Buck Lake Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Perth Road Village Sunday School Hall.

What could possibly have made these people leave the comfort and beauty of their residences on Buck Lake, especially at 9 a.m. on a Saturday? Apart from their joint passion for Buck Lake, it may very well have been the delicious pancake breakfast that was put on by the gracious team of the Sunday School Hall!



This was definitely a year of "firsts" for the AGM. Not only did we have the pancake breakfast, but we also used proxy voting. This allowed for members who wanted to vote on various items such as the election of new directors to the Board, Financials and minutes of the previous meeting, but who could not attend in person. In order to speed up the process of voting, we also voted for all the relevant items at once, instead of individually. We also limited the speeches to just a short introductory message from yours truly.

This allowed us to get to the pancakes as quickly as possible and more importantly to have the opportunity to speak with our fellow members and then to ask questions to the Board and the three members of the Township of South Frontenac Council – Mayor Vandewal and Councillors Ruttan and Revill.

During the question period, there was a lot of concern and discussion around housing development on Buck Lake. This topic was brought up as a result of the Schofield Camp being put up for sale at the south end of the South Branch of Buck Lake. It is a 44 acre lot so there was a fear that it could be potentially split into multiple lots. However, as Buck Lake is a protected lake due to the natural spawning of Lake Trout, no more new lot severances (consent for lot creations, lot additions, boundary adjustments, easements etc.) can be approved. Being a protected lake also means that back lots (lots that do not have waterfront shoreline) cannot be developed either.

If there are other topics that you would like the Board to follow and help keep you up to date, please let us know. Others ways that you can influence your local government:

- 1) Vote this October 24<sup>th</sup> click here
- 2) Federation of Cottage Associations (FOCA) <u>click here</u> As a member of BLA, you have a free membership to FOCA and their plethora of information and trends from across Ontario.

The BLA Board of Directors also maintains close contacts with the above organizations. So if you need our help, we are here for you! Also, the minutes of the AGM will be posted shortly to the BLA website.



## New Directors on the Buck Lake Association Board

Welcome to our new directors! Please contact our president, Gillian Lash at gil\_paris@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the BLA Board.

#### Annie Preston

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Annie! I have called Buck Lake (south side), home for the last 23 years.

My favourite part about our lake is watching the loons, the Alpen glow off the trees, and skating/walking on the frozen lake.





Cheryl Dawson at

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right when they happen.

Please, no people in the photos.





#### Kasia Kindrat

Adam and I have lived on Over The Hill Lane, South Branch for the last 10 years. It's a family spot as my parents live just around the corner, as they have for last 20 years.

We have two grown daughters enjoying the life on Buck Lake, as well and our dog Zoe.

Between staying busy with work, travel, and life's regular day to day, we always look forward to coming home to the peace and serenity that is Buck Lake.



## Your Buck Lake Association Board of Directors

President:

Gillian Lash

**Vice-President:** 

**Don Young** 

Treasurer:

**Heather Douglas** 

**Recording Secretary:** 

Cheryl Dawson

Archivist:

Kathy McDonald

**Directors at Large:** 

Randy Ruttan

Martha Scheinman

Annie Preston

Kasia Kindrat



## Thank You for Your Support!

Please join over 150 of your neighbours on the lake in supporting the Buck Lake Association and our community. Information on how to join is on our website at <a href="http://bucklake.ca">http://bucklake.ca</a> and below.

Membership in the Buck Lake Association is open to anyone owning or residing on property bordering Buck Lake. In practice, the family members of any cottage or residence on the lake may hold a common membership, but only one of those members is entitled to vote at a general meeting.

The current annual membership fee is \$25. You can renew your membership by e-transfer or by downloading the membership form and mailing it.



#### Join or Renew Online

You can now send an e-transfer to bucklakeassoc@gmail.com to become a member or to renew your membership online (no password required). Fees are still \$25 for one year or \$50 for a 2 year renewal.

Please include your lake address in the e-transfer comments.

#### Downloadable Form

Download [this Membership Form] (an [Adobe Reader] document) and print it to send it by post with your cheque.

For more information regarding membership, please write to <u>bucklakeassoc@gmail.com</u>.

## Municipal Elections October 24, 2022

Ontario Municipal elections are on October 24. You are eligible to vote in each municipality in which you own property. Visit this website to check if you are on the voter list – voterlookup.ca There are many election issues such as Rural Source Water Protection that impact those of us living on or near bodies of water. Get out and get involved!

South Frontenac All Candidates Meetings – Check the *Frontenac News* website for updates.



It's time to create our

## 2023 BUCK LAKE CALENDAR!

BUT...we need YOUR photos! All seasons, no people or pets. We hope you'll be willing to share your photos to show off our lake community from different perspectives. Please note...unfortunately we do not include photo credits.



Please send your photos to <u>dawson.cheryl13@gmail.com</u> by October 1st, 2022.

## FOCA Survey – Trends in Waterfront Ontario

As a seasonal/sectional cottage resident or a permanent resident at a waterfront property in Ontario, your input about the top issues of importance to you and the shifting patterns of cottage usage since the pandemic is needed! Please follow the link to the survey which needs to be completed by September 23. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCAusage2022">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCAusage2022</a>

## Join the Buck Lake Association Today

It's only \$25 a Year!

To sign up today online, paddle on over to http://bucklake.ca/membership/

By signing up or renewing that way, you'll also become a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers'
Associations for free. As a member you get lots of perks:
Information on rural property issues; Environmental programs; and, Discounts from merchants.

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In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: <a href="mailto:BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com">BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com</a></a>