

## **RIDEAU LAKES LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE (RLLAC)**

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee (RLLAC) Meeting was held Thursday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Newboro Hall.

Roll call was taken and the following members were in attendance: Mayor Hoogenboom, Councillors Joan Delaney and Ron Pollard. Township staff Malcolm Norwood, Manager of Development Services, and Amy Schur, Development Services Analyst were also in attendance. Committee members from the following Lake Associations were also in attendance: Hansen Downer, Big Rideau Lake Association; Tom Belton, Chaffey's and Area Lakes Association; Rhonda Birenbaum, Opinicon Property Owners Community; Jeff Neal, Otter Lake Landowners Association; Ken Watson, Sand Lake Estates, Steve Lauridsen, Troy Lake Ratepayers Association and John McDowell, Upper Rideau Lakes Association and Greg Wetmore, Wolfe Lake Association.

Members absent with prior notice included: Chris Biber, Newboro Lake/Loon Lake Cottage Association; Karl Fiander, Otter Lake Landowners Association and Margie Manthey, Wolfe Lake Association. Councillor Jeff Banks was also absent.

Also in attendance was Haley Matschke, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Holly Evans from Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, guest speaker Dr. David Philipp and his guests Julie Claussen from Fisheries Conservation Foundation and 2 grad students as well as Councillors, Sue Dunfield and Marcia Maxwell.

### **EMERGENCY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Hoogenboom asked if there were any emergency additions or amendments to the agenda and none were heard.

### **RECOMMENDATION #13-2024**

Moved By: Ken Watson

Seconded By: Steve Lauridsen

To pass a Recommendation that;

This Committee adopt the Agenda, **as submitted**.

Carried:

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Chair Hoogenboom asked if anyone had a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, regarding any items noted on the Agenda and none were heard.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Meeting held June 6, 2024 were provided to the Committee and 2 amendments were received.

### **RECOMMENDATION #14-2024**

Moved By: Tom Belton

Seconded By: John McDowell

To pass a Recommendation that;

This Committee approved the minutes of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee meeting held June 6, 2024 **as amended**.

1. On page 3 changing Churchston to Sherkston
2. On page 5 adding Mr. Fiander suggested that the two Conservation Authorities produce a surface water testing parameters for PFAS, since none exist at the moment and asked that they report at a future meeting

Carried:

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. David Philipp presented to the Committee regarding Bass population and fish sanctuary details on Opinicon Lake and Charleston Lake touching on topics such as recruitment overfishing, bass reproductive ecology, life history stages, pandemic research results, demographic changes in bass populations, ineffective closed seasons, experimental bass spawning areas of study, proposed strategies, and budget requirements.

Chair Hoogenboom opened the discussion with the Committee. Committee members asked questions and made comments regarding each individual Lake Association inviting Dr. Philipp to speak to them, protecting spawning season, economic impact, fish sanctuary enforcement and signage, fish sanctuary development, public education through pamphlets and cards with QR codes identifying areas and adding Dr. Philipp contact info in the minutes of the meeting.

Dr. David Philipp  
Fisheries Conservation Foundation  
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### **RECOMMENDATION #15-2024**

Moved By: Hansen Downer

Seconded By: Jeff Neal

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee acknowledges the presentation by Dr. David Phillipp regarding Bass Population.

Carried:

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### **Sustainable Drainage Project – Update**

Haley Matschke, Surface Water Quality Coordinator from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority provided the Committee with a verbal update on the project noting that the workbook & signage have come to a standstill, monitoring is ongoing and will wrap up in early September, the swale received some maintenance to remove the mulch and Michael Yee gave presentation in July in Portland.

Chair Hoogenboom opened the discussion with the Committee. Committee member asked about the wetland mapping and if it was put on hold. Ms. Matschke mentioned that she would provide Glen McDonald's contact information after the meeting.

### **Campground Licensing – Update**

Malcolm Norwood, Manager of Development Services provided the Committee with a verbal update noting the Tourist Campground Licensing By-Law was completed but are hoping to get comments from RLLAC. Mr. Norwood thanked all Committee members who submitted comments and suggestions. He noted the 3 main pillars of the drafted By-Law and mentioned some of the comments received. Comments will be accepted until late August and will be going to the Municipal Services Committee in September.

Chair Hoogenboom opened the discussion with the Committee. Committee members asked questions and made comments regarding park model trailer definition, the cost being on a 4 year cycle, the wording of site plan requirements in section 3.6, how this is going to prevent the site plan creep, needing shoreline plantings to protect the lakes, compliance with licensing and zoning by-law are connected but separate.

### **Fishing Tournaments – Update**

Malcolm Norwood, Manager of Development Services provided the Committee with a verbal update reminding the Committee of Council's direction to focus on parking issues surrounding fishing tournaments which is currently in the hands of the Fire Chief.

Chair Hoogenboom added that there have not been any complaints this year regarding Parking issues.

Chair Hoogenboom opened the discussion with the Committee. Committee members asked questions and made comments regarding getting Parks Canada to add no fishing around docks to their required fishing license details, and a letter was sent to some fishing organizers.

### **Village of Westport - Sewage Wastewater Project Update**

Chair Hoogenboom mentioned that it seems that the Village of Westport have backed off the idea of an outlet into the Lake.

Mr. McDowell thanked the Committee and Council, making the public more aware of the situation and creating an educational piece for residents of Westport & Upper Rideau Lake

has helped. The Village of Westport is looking at other options as the discussion of the Watercolours expansion and growth with phases is a big concern.

Mr. Norwood added that Rideau Lakes Township comments on Phase 3 have been submitted to the Counties and will become part of the public record.

Mr. Hansen asked for contact details of the person handling Watercolours at the Counties. After recently seeing a Watercolours drawing of phases he has concerns he'd like to convey to Counties.

South Frontenac Planning Applications on Opinicon Lake and Bobs Lake

Malcolm Norwood, Manager of Development Services provided the Committee with a verbal update on South Frontenac Planning Applications. Firstly, he noted that there is a 5 week hearing scheduled in January 2025 for Skycroft Campground Expansion on Opinicon Lake and as for the resort development on Bobs Lake a road closure application has to be submitted first before the zoning by-law amendment is to proceed, and a technical study still needs to be updated.

**RECOMMENDATION #16-2024**

Moved By: Greg Wetmore  
Seconded By: Steve Lauridsen

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee acknowledges the update from the RVCA regarding the Sustainable Drainage Project and the updates from Malcolm Norwood, regarding Fishing Tournaments, the Village of Westport Sewage Wastewater Project and the South Frontenac Planning Applications on Opinicon Lake and Bobs Lake.

Carried:

**RECOMMENDATION #17-2024**

Moved By: Hansen Downer  
Seconded By: John McDowell

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee acknowledges the update from Malcolm Norwood, regarding the Draft Tourist Campground Licensing By-Law and recognizes the discussion and feedback received from the Committee.

Carried:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Invasive Species Program

Holly Evans from CRCA provided information regarding a submitted application for funding under the Invasive Phragmites Control Fund that they will be notified about shortly if successful. She noted that there are roughly 15 partners in the monitoring program that form information for the working group, including the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Roads

Department helping to collect information. If the funding is successful details will be distributed to the Lake Associations soon.

Ms. Evans also mentioned water soldier found near Red Horse Lake, very invasive, even grows in Winter, if spotted to report it immediately to the Invasive Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 Next year they are hoping staff will be certified to use pesticides.

**RECOMMENDATION #18-2024**

Moved By: Ken Watson  
Seconded By: Jeff Neal

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee acknowledges information received from Holly Evans, CRCA regarding an Invasive Species Program.

Carried.

**MEETING DATES & AGENDA TOPICS**

Chair Hoogenboom mentioned to the Committee that the next RLLAC meeting is set for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 10:00am at the Elgin Hall.

**RECOMMENDATION #19-2024**

Moved By: Buddy Penniston  
Seconded By: John McDowell

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee sets the date for the next meeting as October 2, 2024 at 10:00am at the Elgin Hall.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson declared the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:45am, until the next Regular Meeting.

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Arie Hoogenboom  
Chair

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Malcolm Norwood  
Secretary