



FIMLA Newsletter

Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association

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Message from the President

Happy summer! While the COVID-19 pandemic is still very much in the news, it does feel like things are returning to normal. I am grateful to be able to get together with friends and neighbours again, and I'm glad that our friends and neighbours from abroad can now return to the lake!

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 30th at the home of Wendy and John Bakker, at 1141 Wood Duck

Lane. 2022 is an election year for FIMLA, so anyone who is interested in joining the board of directors, please let one of the current board members know. We welcome new faces to the board!

As noted in the Fall Newsletter, the Board filed for articles of incorporation for The Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association and received confirmation of incorporation on December 1, 2021. The legislation governing non-profit corporations (the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* or ONCA) requires our association to pass a governing by-law. The Board will be bringing forward a draft by-law for review and approval at the upcoming annual general meeting.

Our vice president of the past two terms, Dan Gilbert, has decided to step down from the FIMLA board of directors. Dan brought his extensive business skills (and his sense of humour) to the board – he will be greatly missed. Thanks for your contributions, Dan!

While social fundraising events were on hold in 2021, raising funds for the dam repairs remains a priority for FIMLA. We are relying on contributions from property owners around the lakes to raise funds for this work. Thanks to those of you have already made contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated. For those who have not yet contributed, have you considered making monthly contributions? Last year,

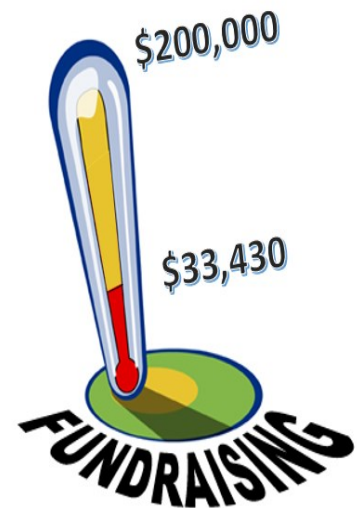
our estimated fundraising goal was \$180,000 or about \$1,200 from every property owner. But if \$1,200 in one payment is too much, consider committing to paying that amount over time: for example, a monthly contribution of \$35 per month over the next three years would meet that target.

Your Board continues to seek out other funding opportunities as well. We have already secured \$10,000 from the Lake Ecosystem Advisory Committee, and the Township of South Frontenac has earmarked another \$15,000. This year, we will also be raising the FIMLA membership fee to \$50 per year.

I hope that all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at the lake this summer.

Mary Rae

14 Island Lake Dam



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14 Island Lake Dam Update

While it may look like nothing is happening with the dam, a lot is happening behind the scenes. A structural inspection and topographical survey have been completed by D.M. Wills Associates



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Limited (Wills). Wills has also provided a report outlining the scope of the recommended repairs; a summary of the permitting requirements; and the feasibility of adding a rocky ramp to the structure.

Rehabilitation of the dam will require approvals and permits from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Quinte Conservation. The approval from the MNRF will require submission of a permit application together with information relating to dam safety (i.e., Hazard Potential Classification, Inflow Design Flood, hydraulic capacity and stability), and detailed design drawings and specifications.

Currently, Wills is undertaking a scoped dam safety assessment to determine the Hazard Potential Classification and Inflow Design Flood for the dam and assess the hydraulic capacity and stability of the dam. Based on the results of the scoped dam safety assessment, Wills will confirm that the dam rehabilitation is still feasible.

Once the assessment is complete,

and providing that the rehabilitation is still feasible, we will have Wills proceed to complete the detailed design drawings and specifications, and applications for permits and approvals.

Wills estimates that without rehabilitation, the dam may exhibit failure (loss of concrete and unwanted leakage/spill) within five years. Rehabilitation would increase the life of the dam by 15 to 20 years. In their 2019 report, Wills estimated construction costs to be **\$141,000 plus HST**. This includes costs to improve the access, as well as a 20% contingency. They recommended that this work be planned for completion within five years.

An estimate of Wills' costs to complete the safety assessment, detailed design drawings and specifications, secure the required per-



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mits and approvals, and retain a contractor to undertake the work is \$50,000 to \$60,000. Together with the construction costs, the total **estimated cost to rehabilitate the dam is around \$200,000**. These figures are from 2019, so it is likely that this estimate will be higher to-

day.

For more details on the dam, see the updates in the newsletters of Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 and Fall 2021. Full copies of the Wills reports can be found on the FIMLA website at: <https://fimla.ca/documents/>,

Fundraising

As of December 31, 2021, FIMLA had set aside \$33,427.20 in a reserve for dam repairs.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the dam rehabilitation. We cannot do this without you and appreciate your support! Now that we have cost estimates in hand, it is more important than ever to continue our fundraising efforts. The proper functioning of the dam and maintenance of water levels affects us all as property owners in the watershed, and we continue to encourage ALL property owners to contribute to the fund for dam rehabilitation.

The engineer's report recommended that the rehabilitation work be completed within five years. It will likely require two years to complete the engineering work, secure permits and approvals, and retain a contractor to undertake the work. Therefore, **we must raise at least \$180,000 in the next three years**. During the pandemic, all social fundraising events have been on hold. Therefore, we are relying on contributions from property owners around the lakes to raise funds for this work. \$1,200 from every property owner would raise this amount. If \$1,200 is too much, consider committing to paying that amount over several months: a monthly

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contribution of \$35 over the next three years is an easy way to meet that target.

We will continue to keep you posted as we receive further information and will provide regular updates on our fundraising progress.

Mary Rae / Richard Nageleisen

Thank You!

Many thanks to the following people who have contributed to the dam rehabilitation fund. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Richard Nageleisen and Mary Rae supervising the dam inspection

- ◆ Tamsin Atherton and Ann-Marie Redmond
- ◆ John and Wendy Bakker
- ◆ Romy Baur
- ◆ Tim and Anne Brown
- ◆ Linda Brown
- ◆ Judith and Tom Bryant
- ◆ Eve and Joe Buckley
- ◆ Chris and Sandy Caswell
- ◆ Taneda and David Dawes
- ◆ Allan Delaney
- ◆ Margaret and Richard Dickson
- ◆ Nigel Ford
- ◆ Brian and Sue Grigg
- ◆ Paul Hess
- ◆ Linda and Gord Kreick
- ◆ Dave Lucas and Karen De Luca
- ◆ Jane and Ian Mackay
- ◆ Ann and John McDougall

- ◆ Isabella McLeod
- ◆ Janine and Richard Nageleisen
- ◆ Leslie and Walt Natynczyk
- ◆ Debra Paterson
- ◆ Marjorie and Peter Peart
- ◆ Shauna Peart
- ◆ Jeremy Peart
- ◆ Craig and Ruth Pettis
- ◆ Barbara and Bill Pine
- ◆ Susan and James Pine
- ◆ Darryl and Marion Poyner
- ◆ Mary and Geoff Rae
- ◆ Wilhelmina and Ken Smee
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Kerry and Mark Valiquette
- ◆ Sharon and Paul Van Nest
- ◆ Stewart White
- ◆ Elaine Aronson and Curtis Armstrong
- ◆ Claire Zanetti

Invasive Species Update

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

You may recall that last summer, Mary Rae and Susan Pine took samples from Fourteen Island and Mink (Sigsworth) Lakes as part of a study partnered between the Invasive Species Centre (ISC) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA). Recognizing that aquatic invasive species are a major threat to the economic and ecological integrity of our waters, and that early detection is essential to protect our lakes, the study looked for the presence of two specific invasive species, zebra mussels and spiny water flea (reported in FIMLA's Fall 2021 newsletter).

The results showed that Fourteen Island Lake was negative for the presence of both zebra mussel veligers (larvae) and the spiny water flea. Mink Lake was positive for the zebra mussel veligers and neg-

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ative for the spiny water flea.

Fourteen Island Lake has had zebra mussels for many years now, but they do appear to be declining. The fact that the sampling did not show the presence of the veligers may support that there has not been a continuation of their introduction to the lake.

Mink Lake on the other hand did have evidence of the veligers. Generally, it takes about two years from the time the veligers are first detected for them to show up as adult mussels. Given that the samples were taken last July, this would indicate that the adult mussels will begin showing up in about a year's time.

Another important consideration for the development of zebra mussels is the calcium level of the lake. The veligers require calcium to build their shells and survive. Lakes with calcium over 25 mg/L are at high risk for mussel survival. Lakes under 25 mg/L are still at high risk, but other factors such as pH can play a role. Calcium levels below 20 mg/L are at a lower risk for survival. Fourteen Island Lake had a calcium level of 23.1 mg/L and Mink Lake's was 35.8 mg/L. Again, this would appear to place Mink Lake at a greater risk.

The full results of the study and narrative were presented in an article: *Toolkit for Protecting Your Lake from Aquatic Invasive Species* (a copy of which may be found on the FIMLA website). Key points

taken from that article are as follows:

IMPORTANT TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD

One characteristic of invasive species is how easily they can spread and establish, especially in aquatic environments. Invasive mussels can attach themselves to boats, trailers or fishing equipment, and microscopic veligers can go undetected in the bilge water and live wells. Aquatic invasive plants often reproduce asexually through fragmentation – it only takes a small plant piece attached to a boat propellor or trailer and moved to a new area to start to grow and root. For these reasons, it is important to understand that recreational boating can be a vector or pathway for spreading aquatic invasive species. Before moving a boat to another waterway:

Clean any plants, mud, mussels and debris from your boat and equipment.

Drain all standing water from your bilge, motor and live well.

Dry your boat and fishing equip-



March 29, 2022 (No boats yet)

ment for 2 to 7 days and/or disinfect with hot, pressurized water.

Don't Dump Your Bait

Juvenile fish species can often be difficult to distinguish and invasive fish species such as Asian carp could be present in your bait. Empty bait buckets at least 30 meters from the shoreline on dry land.

Don't Let It Loose

It is against the law to introduce a plant or animal into a waterbody where it is not native. If it isn't where you got it, it isn't where it goes!

Continue monitoring for invasive species

Local residents and cottagers are the first to notice changes in their lakes and forests. Being familiar with the area and its characteristics will help to notice subtle changes as they occur.

Susan Pine

The *Toolkit for Protecting Your Lake from Aquatic Invasive Species* lists a number of websites including:

Government Rules and Regulations:

[Ontario Invasive Species Act – Invasive Species Centre](#)

[Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)

[Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary | Ontario.ca](#)

Invasive Species continued

Identification Resources:

[Digital Resources – Aquatic Plants | Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](#)

[Digital Resources – Invasive Invertebrates | Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](#)

[Digital Resources – Invasive Fish | Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](#)

[The baitfish primer \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)

Species Resources:


[Zebra and Quagga Mussels – Profile | Invasive Species Centre](#)

[Spiny Waterflea – Invasive Species Centre](#)

[Zebra and Quagga Mussels | Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](#)

[Spiny and Fishhook Waterfleas | Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](#)

[Meet the Species – Invasive Species Profiles \(invasivespeciescentre.ca\)](#)



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Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations



Image by Mike Fischer

We Want to Hear from You!

We want to hear your stories about life on the lake: what you love about the lake; how your family settled here; wild-life that you've seen on the lake; or just interesting events or activities. And we'd love to highlight your photos. If you have stories or photos to share, please contact me at: mary.rae@14island.ca.

This issue includes a number of beautiful photos from **Mike Fischer**. You may recall that Mike has posted a number of amazing images on the FIMLA Facebook site. They received many positive comments from our members so we asked him to share a few more here. Thanks Mike!

Mike, his wife Cheryl, and their twin boys, Jalen and Bradley, are wildlife and nature enthusiasts. They purchased an undeveloped lot on Little John Lake at the beginning of the pandemic, and have since built a small cabin. Mike is particularly fond of snakes, so will certainly love it here! Welcome to the watershed Mike, Cheryl, Jalen and Bradley.



Images by Mike Fischer, 2022





The Coot Report, Spring 2022

This winter seemed to last a tad longer than previous years. But maybe that's because I'm older and Ma Nature is reminding me that I ought to be getting my affairs in some sort of order. But good things do still happen and one of them occurred when I set out from the back door to the shed that houses what I like to refer to as the "chair of ease".

The air was warm and I could smell the earth, or so it seemed. And the trees had suddenly taken on a light green tinge. And there was no ice on the ground lying quietly in my way hoping to upend me on my rump and maybe break a bone or two. It was wonderful; I felt alive and that it might be a good idea to keep alive for a tad while longer. I rushed back into the house to inform Mildred, that would be Mrs. Coot, that spring had sprung and that we'd survived yet again. She smiled and said, "That's nice, Delbert."

Those were fine days. A week later, however, I stepped outside and was attacked. Black flies. Everywhere. In my eyes, in my nose and ears and hair. And when I opened my mouth to reason with the little buggers in a forceful manner, they flew right down my throat. After a couple of weeks, though, I could make my way out to my shop without placing my-

self in grave peril from the flying hordes. Good thing, too, because that's where I keep my tools and, of course, a modest supply of reasonably priced strong water from the friendly lady over at the LCBO.

"Mildred," I reported. "The black flies seem to have eased up some. We can now breathe when we go outside without ingesting the rotten rigs."

"That's nice, dear," she replied.

But I spoke too soon. Within two days the mosquitoes had taken over. Clouds of them. Big as sparrows they were. And thirsty for blood. Mine especially it seemed. And mosquito bites are awful, itchy and irritating. But they ain't nothing in comparison to the whiny sound the rogues make when they zero in on your ears for an attack. And this plague, too, went on for days.

Then one day, expecting the worst I set out for my shop and I stopped cold. No mosquitoes. And the air was filled with the most wonderful insect that God has blessed us with. Dragonflies. Hundreds and hundreds of them. They were hunting, killing and eating those foul little critters, the mosquitoes.

Once again I rushed back to report to Mildred. "It's wonderful!" I exclaimed. "They remind me of when I was a boy watching the brave pilots

in their Spitfires holding off the Luftwaffe and the Nazis."

Mrs. Coot looked at me for a long moment. Then she stood up and came over to me and gave me a hug. I had not had one of those in some time I can tell you, so I was a tad gobsmacked. She looked up at me and smiled. "I love those dragonflies, too, Delbert. And they do resemble fighter pilots. But you never saw a Spitfire in action, my dear. You were still in a cradle. I do think it is wonderful that you recall those brave men in those awful times. It's a credit to you." She smiled and gave me a peck on the cheek.

"I have a special dinner planned for tonight. When I was coming home from the store today a partridge flew into the passenger-side window. I stopped and went and got it. It was dead, of course. So tonight we're going to have roast ruffed grouse and I'll stuff it with your favourite goodies."

I stood there grinning like a maniac and not saying a word.

"But you'll have to defeather it and clean it for me first," she said.

So I went and got the bird out of the cooler in the trunk of her car and took it to my shop. It was the work of a very few minutes to clean the lovely creature up for the roasting

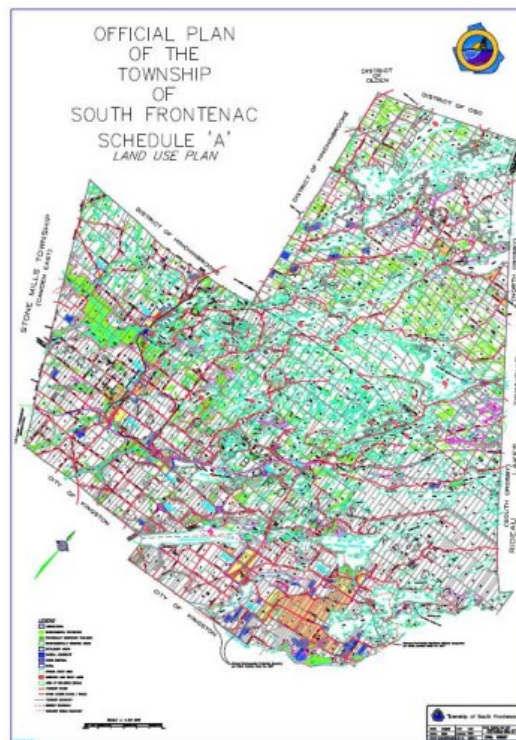
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DRAFT Official Plan

The Official Plan is an expression of the vision for future development in the Township. It balances facilitating growth with environmental leadership. It protects our outstanding natural assets as it enhances our exceptional lifestyle, rural character and economic opportunities.

After a series of Council meetings this June, the draft document will be ready for agencies, external stakeholders and the public for their input this summer.

It is a document that affects all of us on the lakes. There are sections that define our growth, water resources, waste disposal, environmental and shoreline protection as well as cultural heritage. A new section defines our commitment to a consultative planning process which includes our First Nations community.



<https://www.southfrontenac.net/en/open-for-business/official-plan.aspx>

After two years of consultation, the Township has just accepted a new Masterplan that will guide our programmes, events and recreation facilities over the next 10 years.

It is a marvellous document that redefines the role of the Recreation department. It gives us all the opportunity to plan for accessible, age-friendly, artistic and heritage opportunities along with the on-going need for new athletic opportunities, playground spaces, trails and community facilities.

The consultants have done an exhaustive inventory of our recreation department's resources and programmes and have compared them with examples from other communities our size.

It's a great read. Go to the Township's website: <https://www.southfrontenac.net/en/things-to-do/recreation-parks-leisure-master-plan.aspx>. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcomed as the Plan progresses year-by-year.



Coot Report continued

pan and I took it in to Mildred. Then I went back to the shop, poured a modest three or four fingers into my favourite jam jar and sat myself down for a think. It hit me all of a sudden that I had been spending a lot of time belly-aching about things out of my control and not enough on those things that really mattered. So I raised my jar in a silent toast of appreciation to dragonflies and to my blessed Mildred, and to those kids of long ago who fought to give us the freedom we too often take for granted.

And that's my report.

Delbert Coot

2021 Financial Report & Proposed 2022 Budget

Included in the Spring 2021 edition of our newsletter were the financial statements from 2020 and the 2021 budget.

These statements were approved at last summer's Annual General Meeting and were reported in the minutes of the AGM. The following are the financial statements from 2021 and the proposed 2022 budget. These will be brought forward for approval by the membership at the 2022 AGM.

Don't forget to pay your **\$50 association membership** fees for 2022 and contribute to the dam rehabilitation fund. You can now pay by e-Transfer to: treasurer@fimla.ca.

Please help your Lake Association continue to operate. Thanks!

Karen De Luca (Treasurer)

FIMLA - 2021 Financial Report & Proposed 2022 Annual Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	Notes
Opening Bank Balance (2021-01-01)		18,056.21		
REVENUE				
Lake Association Fees	1,300.00	1,925.00	1,300.00	Association Fees Paid by FIMLA members
Donations to Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve*	-	28,113.50	-	Private donations made to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve
	1,300.00	30,038.50	1,300.00	
EXPENSES				
Website - Domain Name	130.00	117.60	12.00	Annual domain name renewal
Website - Internet Service Provider	-	-	160.00	Payment for internet services
AGM Expenses	-	-	-	Annual General Meeting expenses
Post Office Box	200.00	195.49	-	Payment for Post Office Box services (to be discontinued in 2022)
Federation of Ontario Cottagers Assoc. Membership	300.00	201.27	300.00	Annual FOCA membership
Boat Launch Insurance	250.00	250.00	250.00	Liability Insurance for use of boat launch and dock
Boat Launch General Maintenance	-	-	-	Miscellaneous maintenance - boat launch and dock
Engineering Consulting Fees - 14 Island Lake Dam	9,616.30	9,616.30	11,780.00	Drawn from the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve
Postage	-	11.84	-	
	10,496.30	10,392.50	12,502.00	
Closing Bank Balance (2021-12-31)		37,702.21		
Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve	5,313.70	33,427.20	21,647.20	
Operating Funds Available		4,275.01		

*the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve was established at the 2018 AGM, in memory of Gord Rodgers, for future projects for preservation of the watershed.

2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) was held at the home of Richard Nageleisen and Janine Knackstedt on Saturday, July 31, 2021. 36 members attended. 3 members who were unable to attend voted by proxy.

1. Welcome – Mary Rae

FIMLA President, Mary Rae called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Mary welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to Richard and Janine for hosting the meeting this year. The meeting was held on their front lawn under a cloudless sky. Coffee and muffins were provided by some members of the executive. Several new members of FIMLA introduced themselves to the group.

2. 2020 AGM Minutes Mary Rae

The 2020 Minutes were published in the Spring 2021 newsletter. Copies were available at the AGM. Mary Rae briefly reviewed items reported in the 2020 AGM minutes. Mary asked for corrections or additions to the draft of the 2020 AGM minutes. No changes were noted.

Resolution 2021-1

Be it resolved to accept the 2020 AGM Minutes as presented in the 2021 Spring Newsletter.

Moved by Marj Peart; Seconded by Anne Tucker.

Motion voted on and carried.

3. 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Proposed budget – Karen De Luca

Karen reviewed the FIMLA 2020 Financial Report as of December 31, 2020 and the 2021 Proposed budget (copies of each were provided in the Spring 2021 newsletter and were available at the AGM). Karen expressed thanks to all those who have contributed to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve (Dam Fund) over the past year.

Mary noted that FIMLA receives membership fees and donations each year. It is not always specified that the donations go to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve. This reserve was set up for future projects for the preservation of the watershed, such as the dam. The executive has been recording any excess funds as part of the reserve, however, for transparency and clarity at the end of the year, Mary recommended that the membership pass a general motion to transfer all money in excess of the operating expenses each year into the reserve.

Resolution 2021-2

Be it resolved that the 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 Proposed Budget be accepted as set out in the 2021 Spring Newsletter and presented at the July 31, 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Joe Buckley; seconded by Linda Kreick.

Motion voted on and carried.

Resolution 2021-3

Be it resolved that any funds in excess of \$1,300, or such other amount as deemed advisable by the Board of Directors, be retained in operating funds each year, and the excess, if any, be transferred to the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve.

Moved by Susan Pine; seconded by Dan Gilbert.

Motion voted on and carried.

4. Fundraising Update – Karen De Luca & Mary Rae

Karen De Luca provided an update on the amount of money raised for the dam to date being \$25,905

The Township council has agreed to contribute \$15,000 towards the dam project.

FIMLA also applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Lake Ecosystem Grant Program. The grant was just submitted this week, so it is not yet known whether or not FIMLA will be receiving grant funds.

A request went out to all attendees to make the executive aware of any grant projects which may come available.

5. Dam Update – Mary Rae

Mary provided an update on the work completed by D.M. Wills Associates to date, and next steps.

Wills conducted a site visit in July of last year and submitted a proposal for engineering services for the dam. They proposed that the work be completed

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in two phases – Phase 1 involved: a structural inspection of the dam and topographic survey; preparation of a report outlining the scope of the recommended repairs; a summary of the permitting requirements; and, the feasibility of adding a rocky ramp to the structure. The Phase 1 work has been completed – at a cost of \$9,616.30. Wills report recommended repairs to the dam including crack injection, replacement of the top slab, replacement of the drains and sluice wall and installation of drains in the downstream face. The estimated construction costs are \$141,000 plus HST.

The Phase 2 work includes: undertaking a scoped dam safety assessment, which is required for permitting purposes; completing detailed design drawings and specifications; securing the required permits and approvals from the MNRF and Quinte Conservation; and retaining a contractor to undertake the rehabilitation work. Wills just submitted a detailed fee schedule for the dam safety assessment and detailed design for \$41,910.

Wills estimated that without rehabilitation, the dam may exhibit failure in 5 years. Therefore, FIMLA is aiming to raise the necessary funds in the next 3 years. To keep moving on this project, and to be ready for any funding opportunities, the Board is proposing to start with some of the Phase 2 work, while we are still fundraising. Specifically, we could proceed with the scoped dam safety assessment, at a cost of around \$12,000. We

could also get started with preparation of the detailed design. The permitting process will have to start closer to the construction date, as the permits are only valid for 2 years.

Discussion:

A question came up regarding the downstream effects of a dam failure and whether the downstream landowners should be contacted to see if they would be willing to contribute to the repairs to the dam, as the would be directly impacted by a failure of the dam.

Geoff Rae suggested that once the repairs are completed, we look into transferring responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the dam to an outside organization such as a Conservation Authority.

It was also suggested that we look at a map of the FIMLA area as it existed in the 1800's. This is what the area could look like again if the dam were to fail. Joe Buckley may have access to such a map.

Resolution 2021-4

Be it resolved that the FIMLA Board of Directors be authorized to proceed with Phase 2 of the proposal from D.M. Wills Associates Limited, dated September 17, 2020, as funds permit, and to pay the associated costs from the FIMLA bank account.

Moved by Geoff Rae; seconded by Richard Nageleisen.

Motion voted on and carried.

6. Incorporation of FIMLA – Mary Rae

Mary advised that the Board has been exploring the possibility of funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

John McDougall has had experience with the OTF and its mandate and spoke to the membership on this topic. John said that the OTF has been funding Covid relief almost exclusively and that projects such as ours would not be considered as long as Covid relief was the OTF's main focus. However, he believes that the OTF is now at least looking at other grant applications. Our project may fulfil the requirements of a successful bid. OTF will only look at applications from organizations which have incorporated and have been viable for at least 1 year. It was recommended that FIMLA pursue the process of incorporation so that we might apply in 1 year for an OTF grant. This would fit our timeline well given the preparatory work necessary to complete the dam project.

Mary discussed the requirements for incorporation. Incorporation offers certain advantages; and in the case of OTF funding, is required. But, there are also certain responsibilities once incorporated. In the case of our lake association, we would incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation – an organization that carries on activities without monetary gain. There is a filing fee of \$155, plus a fee to do a name search of around \$40 – so about \$200 total. There are requirements to file annual returns, and to con-

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duct our affairs in accordance with the applicable statutes. For example, the election of directors and the calling of meetings of members, certain record keeping requirements are all governed by the *Corporations Act*. There are also audit requirements, however, where the corporation's annual income is less than \$100,000 and where a resolution is passed by at least 80% of the votes cast by members at a general meeting to not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit, the corporation is exempt from a financial audit.

John McDougall and Mary Rae were both thanked for the expertise they bring to this endeavour.

Resolution 2021-5

Be it resolved that the FIMLA Board of Directors be authorized to incorporate the Fourteen Island and Mink

Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) as a non-profit corporation, if required for eligibility for funding for dam repairs.

Moved by Tom Raycroft; seconded by Marj Peart.

Motion voted on and carried.

7. Other Business

Mary Rae asked that those who use the boat launch at Willy's Lane contribute \$35 to the Willy's Lane Road Association to assist the association in keeping the road maintained. E-transfers may be made to Marj Peart at marjpeart@gmail.com. Information on this topic is also available on the website: www.fimla.ca.

Marj also brought up the point about bait dumping into our lakes. It was suggested that information on this topic be sent to all FIMLA own-

ers and be made available to any renters who may be fishing our lakes. It would be the responsibility for all owners who rent their homes to communicate this information to the person renting their lake home.

The **FIMLA Facebook Page** and website www.fimla.ca were promoted as excellent communication tools for FIMLA members.

8. Adjournment

Mary Rae asked for a motion to adjourn the AGM at 12:01 pm. The motion was moved by Anne Tucker; seconded by Deb Gilbert.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

Minutes prepared by Craig Pettis



Canada Day 2022



Fishing Seasons and Regulations

The Napanee watershed, which includes the 14 Island and Mink Lakes watershed, is in Ontario Fisheries Management Zone 18.

Possession limits for species commonly found in our lakes are summarized in the accompanying table. Catch limits are shown separately for holders of a Sport Fishing Licence or a Conservation Fishing Licence. Please note the size restrictions, as well as the aggregate limits for some species.

Please note that this table is believed to be accurate, however, authoritative information can be found on the Government of Ontario website:

https://files.ontario.ca/on-con-188/ONCON-188_MNRF_CR_ontario-fishing-regulations-summary-v2.pdf

Species	From	Through	Limits	Sport	Conservation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Walleye & Sauger	Jan 1	Mar 1	40-50cm	4	2												
Walleye & Sauger	2 nd Sat in May	Dec 31	40-50cm	4	2												
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	3 rd Sat in June	Dec 15		6	2												
Northern Pike	Jan 1	Mar 31		6	2												
Northern Pike	2 nd Sat in May	Dec 31		6	2												
Muskellunge	1 st Sat in June	Dec 15	>91cm	1	0												
Yellow Perch	Open all year			50	25												
Crappie	Open all year			30	10												
Sunfish	Open all year		Only 30>18cm	300	15												
Brook Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Brown Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Rainbow Trout	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Lake Trout	4 th Sat in May	Sep 8	Species Agg. Limit	2	1												
Splake	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Pacific Salmon	Open all year		Species Agg. Limit	5	2												
Atlantic Salmon	Closed all year			0	0												
Lake Whitefish	Open all year			12	6												
Lake Sturgeon	Closed all year			0	0												
Channel Catfish	Open all year			12	6												

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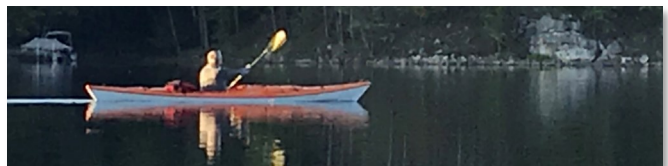
Please join or renew your membership.

The Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) is a volunteer association of property owners in the FIMLA watershed area working for both seasonal and permanent residents. FIMLA plays an active role in maintaining and enhancing our local environment and the quality of life on Fourteen Island, Mink, Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy Lakes. FIMLA also represents the interests and welfare of our members to the Township of South Frontenac, the County and other agencies and organizations.

See our website at www.fimla.ca for more information about the association.

Please pay your annual membership fee of **\$50 (CAD)**:

- on-line at: www.fimla.ca;
- by e-Transfer to: treasurer@fimla.ca; or,
- by mailing to: The Treasurer, FIMLA, 3037 Old Fourteen Island Lane, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0



Ice In/Out on 14 Island Lake (1985 to 2021)

Request from Willy's Lane

Road Association

Thank you to all those boat owners who have supported the on-going maintenance of Willy's Lane over the years. Going forward, we would like to propose an increase in the voluntary donation of \$15 to **\$35** for those who bring their boats, sometimes multiple boats, in and out each year. (If you have renters who also use Willy's Lane, please consider increasing your contribution based on road usage.)

The reasons for this are pretty straightforward: The wear and tear on the road has increased significantly as cars/SUVs/trucks pull boats/trailers in and out of the water in the spring and fall. The number and size/weight of boats and vehicles travelling this very basic cottage road is part of the problem. The cost of gravel, recycled asphalt, grading etc. have all increased, so we find ourselves only able to afford a small amount of what needs to be done each year.

Boats are an integral part of lake life for most of us, so please, help us keep the road in good shape for transporting boats/trailers easily and safely. Your donation can be automatically deposited by e-transfer to:

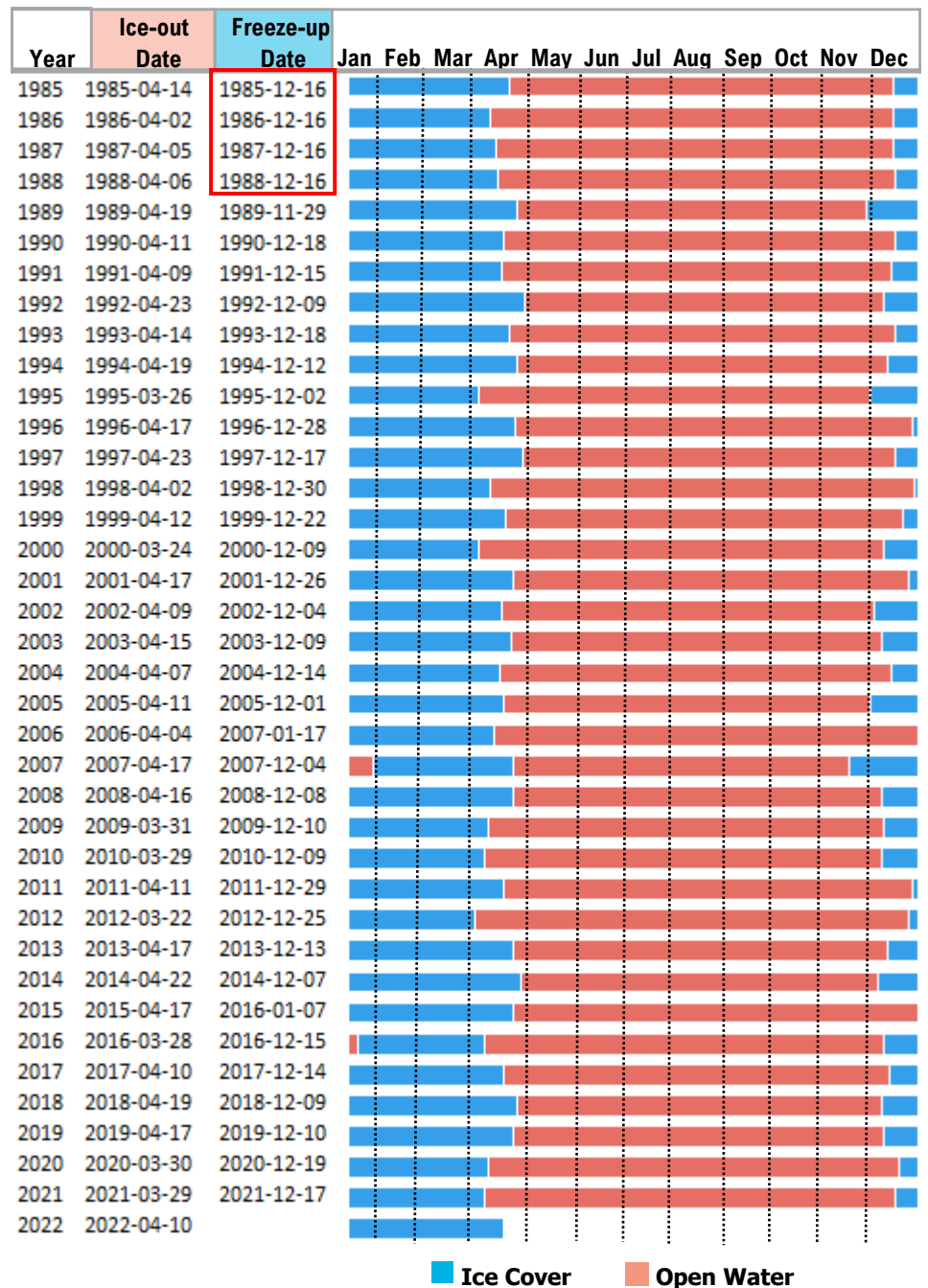
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We appreciate your support!

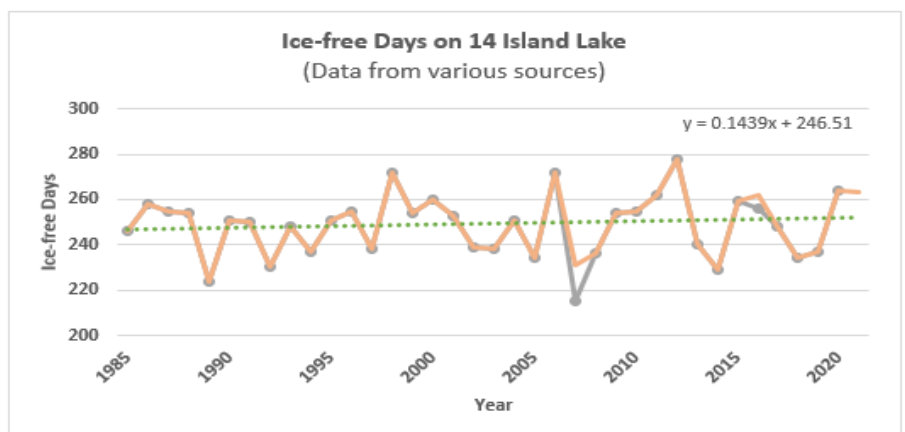
Willy's Lane Road Association



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Freeze-up dates for 1985-1988 were not available. Long-term average was used for these years.



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Lake Partner Program

The Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations run this volunteer-based program to monitor the quality (nutrient status and clarity) of water in Ontario's lakes. Data from the province's lakes can be found on the LPP website:

<http://desc.ca/programs/LPP>

Thanks to our water testers:

14 Island Lake: Brett Dark

Mink Lake: Joe Buckley

Little John & Little John's Sister Lakes: Dan Gilbert

Buffy Lake: Timothy Lloyd

Willy's Lane Boat Launch Dates

The following are the opening dates for the 2022 season:

Spring:

April 14 to May 29

Labour Day:

September 3 to September 6

Fall:

September 17 to October 23

Please note:

Permission only applies to paid-up FIMLA members for 2022.

Gates will be locked at all other times and boats cannot be taken in or out except in an emergency. In an emergency, please contact one of the FIMLA executive to make arrangements. Those using the launch are requested to make a donation to the Willy's Lane Road Association of \$35. **Payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF) to:**

marjpeart@gmail.com.

Please remember that the launch is on private property and its use is through the generosity of the landowner.

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