



The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, sustain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe and peaceful Lake of Bays.

## Let it snow!

### Celebrate Winter at Lake of Bays

Lake of Bays is quickly growing as a four-season vacation destination and year-round home for many.

Winters are a glorious time to get out into the fresh, brisk air and enjoy nature and all she offers. As well, to keep activities safe, outdoor activities have become even more popular.

Consider packing a thermos of tea or hot chocolate, and your warmest mittens to join friends and family for outdoor get-togethers. Please adhere to Health Unit COVID restrictions if applicable.

### Skating

Lace up your skates and embrace the cold!

For more information on skating venues, visit the Township of Lake

of Bays website at [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca)—

Township staff have confirmed that provided Mother Nature cooperates, the Baysville Oval and Dwight Trail will be installed.



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## Managed Forests ARE A WIN WIN

by Chris Gilmour



Through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), landowners who get their property classified as 'Managed Forest' pay 25% of the municipal tax rate set for the eligible portions of their properties.

To participate, you must prepare and follow a 10-year Managed Forest Plan that details how you will manage your forest property responsibly. The plan must be approved by a Managed Forest Plan Approver. These individuals are independent resource management consultants, certified by, but not employed by, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

You also need to submit a five-year progress report and update your management plan every 10 years to stay in the program.

### To be eligible you need to:

- Own 4 hectares (9.88 acres) or more of forested land on a single property in Ontario on one municipal roll number,
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, OR be a Canadian corporation or partnership OR be a trust or conservation authority,
- Have a minimum number of trees on each hectare (acre) of forest you own.

*\*Buildings and landscaped areas will be excluded from the managed forest acreage and tax break.*

### What can the Managed Forest Plan include?

When creating their Managed Forest plan, landowners work with knowledgeable local forestry and stewardship professionals to assess their forests' health. They identify ways to support and improve the natural environment for wildlife, trees, and plants while supporting the landowners' interests.

Plans can include recreational activities such as trail building and maintenance or learning how to identify trees, plants and wildlife tracks. The program can also include (but does not require) harvesting firewood, lumber, maple syrup, or growing edible mushrooms.

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### Baysville Oval Skating Loop

Short skating loop near the Baysville dam. Parking is available along Bay and Bridge Streets where permitted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is a porta-potty in Grist Mill Park.

### Dorset Ice Palace

Outdoor ice rink across from the Dorset Recreation Centre, maintained by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

### Dwight Beach Skating Trail

Short skating trail located at Dwight Beach. Parking is permitted along the north side of Dwight Beach Road between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Additional parking at the Dwight Public Washrooms, 1009 Dwight Bay Road.

### Dwight Outdoor Rink

Outdoor rink across from the Township Municipal offices. There's lighting for evening use.



### Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

There are so many options to immerse in winter's glory.

### Bracebridge Resource Management Centre

Over 16 km of groomed trails for skiing and snowshoeing. No rentals and no fee to use the trails. Located on the east side of Highway 11, 3 km north of the Highway 117 exit.

[mtc.mosaicmediagroup.com](http://mtc.mosaicmediagroup.com)

### Bondi Village Resort

More than 20 km of track-set cross-country ski trails, snowshoe trails and tobogganing. Fee (\$10) for non-registered guests, please register at the office. [bondi-cottage-resort.com](http://bondi-cottage-resort.com)

At the time of writing, we are unable to confirm whether winter festivals and events in our local communities will go ahead this winter. We will keep you informed about the status of events in our LOBA NewFlashes. If you're not on our e-mailing list, sign up at [loba.ca](http://loba.ca).

### Echo Valley Nature and Bike Trails

More than 3.5 km of trails with a main loop and 14 smaller trails. Suitable for snowshoeing. Free, \$2 donation requested. [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca)

### Frost Centre

Skiers can enjoy 22 km of track-set cross-country ski trails and snowshoers can trek 11 km of stacked loop trails. Ski and snowshoe rentals available and fees apply. [algonquinhighlands.ca](http://algonquinhighlands.ca)

### Limberlost Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Featuring 25 km of groomed trails for classic skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking. Free for day use 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Must sign safety waiver. [Limberlostforest.com](http://Limberlostforest.com)



### Snowmobiling

Local snowmobile clubs have maintained snowmobile trails in Muskoka and surrounding areas for over 30 years. The member clubs of the Muskoka Snowmobile Region (MSR) maintain a 1200-kilometre network of trails covering some of Ontario's most scenic landscape. The clubs are members of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), which represents the 231 local snowmobile clubs who operate and maintain over 34,000 kilometres / 21,000 miles of snowmobile trails throughout Ontario. [msrsnowtrails.com](http://msrsnowtrails.com)

### Ice Fishing

Lake of Bays has 100 lakes to explore. Follow the rules, be aware of ice conditions and enjoy winter fishing. You will need a valid fishing license and to register your ice hut. [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca)

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### What are the benefits to the forest of a Managed Forest Plan?

Although the forests of Lake of Bays may appear healthy at first glance, those who understand ecology are aware of the many threats they face. Beech Bark disease is an invasive fungus that is moving quickly across Ontario, killing the majority of Beech trees in its path. Calcium decline, Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species are further threats. Additionally, declining forest cover is leading to species decline in species-at-risk.

When landowners enter into a Managed Forest Plan, they learn about the species on their property and commit to monitoring the health of that forest. By learning to identify trees, plants and wildlife, landowners better understand how to protect the forests' health. So while saving on property tax, landowners are protecting the forest for wildlife and the enjoyment of future generations. Now that's a win-win!

For more information and how to apply for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program go to [ontario.ca/page/managed-forest-tax-incentive-program](http://ontario.ca/page/managed-forest-tax-incentive-program). For information on stewardship planning for natural areas, go to [ontario.ca/document/stewardship-planning-natural-areas](http://ontario.ca/document/stewardship-planning-natural-areas).

Chris Gilmour

Managed Forest Plan Approver & Naturalist

[chrisoutdoors.ca](http://chrisoutdoors.ca)

### Supporting our own

We know that our members like to support businesses that support LOBA! Before you shop, check the Advertisers Index in the 2021 Yearbook (pp. 158 and 159) and the back of page of this newsletter. Advertising in the 2022 Yearbook is now open. Check out Marketplace-your source for local services, where you can showcase your company's products and services at a low cost and with a dedicated index.

Contact Bryan Dearsley at

[bdearsley@live.ca](mailto:bdearsley@live.ca).



**A**t our AGM in July, Mary Ann Peden's term as President of LOBA came to an end. It was an extremely busy three years for Mary Ann. Over that time, LOBA was engaged in many local issues including the 2018 municipal elections, implementation of a new Community Planning Permit System, regulation of short-term rentals, a governance review of the District of Muskoka, an update to the noise by-law, a Local Planning Appeals Tribunal appeal regarding a development proposal on Langmaid's Island and then, a global pandemic that impacted virtually everyone and everything! Throughout it all Mary Ann provided calm and steady leadership. Thank you, Mary Ann, for your strong guidance and we look forward to your ongoing involvement as Past President and Chair of Volunteer Relations and Nominations.

As incoming President, I admit that I am humbled and more than a little daunted at the prospect of assuming this role for an organization that has been a guardian of Lake of Bays since 1926. Happily, the Association is in a strong financial position with higher membership numbers than we have achieved in several years. I feel well supported by our current Board of Directors and look forward to working with this tal-

ented and diverse group of people who share my love of Lake of Bays. I would like to thank retiring board member Jane Dupéré for her thoughtful participation over the last six years and welcome new directors, Bruce Creighton, Sylvain Desjeans, Paul Gleeson, Susanne Gossage, and Anne Swan. Together we look forward to continuing the good work of LOBA.

Thank you to the almost 100 people who attended our virtual AGM on July 7. For those who were unable to tune in, here are a few highlights.

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### By-laws 101

Chris Collings, Township of Lake of Bays By-law Enforcement Officer, was our keynote speaker. Chris reviewed what is (and what is not) under the authority of

the By-law Officer, enforcement measures, policies and procedures and how to report by-law infractions. He provided updates on by-laws governing exterior lighting, noise, vegetation removal, outdoor burning, and fireworks (which are now only allowed on July 1 and statutory holiday weekends). He also discussed the pending short-term rentals by-law. Chris clarified that the OPP are responsible for boating and on-water activities. Chris explained that the reporting process is confidential and strongly encouraged people to contact him with by-law questions and concerns at [CCollings@lakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:CCollings@lakeofbays.on.ca) or call 705-635-2272 x 1246. It is incumbent on each of us to familiarize ourselves with Township by-laws, which you can find on the township website, [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca).

### Volunteer Awards

Jane Dupéré and Bob Lehman were each presented with the Betty Day Award, LOBA's highest volunteer recognition award. Read more about the outstanding contributions of these two exceptional people on [page 10](#).


### Farewell to Beverley Govan:

Bev Govan has now retired from LOBA's Administrative Assistant position after 16-1/2 years. Bev has been the voice of LOBA as she answered your questions or gave you a gentle prod if you were late renewing your membership. Behind the scenes, she balanced our books and managed the membership database. We will miss her at LOBA and wish her all the best.

It is unimaginable that we are heading into the Fall of 2021 with the global pandemic still creating so much uncertainty in our lives. While it was reassuring to be able to resume our water testing program and the Lake of Bays Regatta this summer after pressing pause in 2020, planning for in-person meetings and events remains a challenge.

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Despite the distance Covid-19 has put between us, the support and engagement of our 1260 members is impressive. Thank you for your membership and expect to receive your 2022 membership renewal notices soon. Your \$65 membership fee is the primary source of revenue for the Association and supports our ongoing operations. Your donation to the Action Fund enables us to act on your behalf regarding major lake-wide issues that require legal and consulting fees and to support special community initiatives. Your donation to the Lake of Bays Regatta supports a 117-year tradition of swimming and canoeing events hosted by the Lake of Bays Sailing Club at the Glenmount dock on the Civic Holiday Weekend.

Considerable time and effort are spent keeping you informed through this newsletter and our electronic Newsflashes, but we rely on you to keep us abreast of your issues and concerns. You can always reach us at [info@loba.ca](mailto:info@loba.ca) and 705-767-3395. 

# Terry Glover

MAYOR

As the summer season comes to an end and we enter the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to provide a brief update on a few of the important challenges Lake of Bays is addressing.

## AMO Delegation Deliberations

The recently concluded Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) 2021 virtual conference with various ministries have led me to believe that financial obligations for municipalities will continue to challenge fiscal budgets.

I was honoured once again to lead the charge discussing broadband expansion with the Minister of Infrastructure stating that we are planning our strategy to get the best possible coverage for Lake of Bays and Muskoka. The estimate for coverage to fully connect Muskoka is \$300 million dollars. Clearly this will need financial assistance from both the federal and provincial governments. Minister Surma advised that a plan is in place to assist municipalities.

I supported other Muskoka Mayor delegations with the Solicitor General, Attorney General, Minister of Health, discussing best practices and requests for financial assistance to mitigate costs to residents in areas of health-related costs, and municipal insurance.



## Short term rentals

The Township, among many area municipalities, are developing policies around short-term rentals. As we move forward implementing the policy, it may need to be adjusted as we proceed, so it is important to continue the conversation with residents, cottage and lake associations.

## Building and Planning Departments

Building and Planning departments continue to work through the challenge of unprecedented number of permits and applications; however, the number of staff processing these files have not increased, so we ask contractors and residents to be patient. One agent recently noted he had not seen anything like this in his thirty-four years of business.

## Algae Blooms

We in Lake of Bays are experiencing algae blooms on some lakes as are other area municipalities. These blooms are from increased phosphorous and nitrogen nutrients in the water. We take pride in our development policies and will continue to support staff as we move forward with responsible development and environmental protection. For more information on blue-green algae, visit [simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://simcoemuskokahealth.org).

## Roads in Lake of Bays

The excessive rain and heat this summer have taken a toll on many of our roads. We will continue to work with all residents on solutions on current conditions while making responsible choices that are balanced and workable against our approved budget.

I want to thank Council and Staff for their continued support as we work together to bring you the residents the best service delivery we can.

In closing I want to express my sincere thanks to all who have donated their time and/or contributions towards worthy causes supporting the residents and tourists of Lake of Bays. I have witnessed tremendous community spirit. Be it staining a landmark bridge, to raising funds for mental health, from library and better health care fundraising to just simple acts of kindness. These are all prime examples of seasonal and permanent residents working in collaboration. This is a Township to be proud of and I can say with tremendous pride that Lake of Bays is doing well, and we will continue to thrive because of the people that call this place their own.

Stay well and be kind.

# Integrated Watershed Management

by Peter Sale

## Can Manage Muskoka's Environment

In a previous article (reprinted in the Autumn 2019 Current Connection, page 5), Kevin Trimble proposed using watershed hydrology to help manage floods. How do we do this?

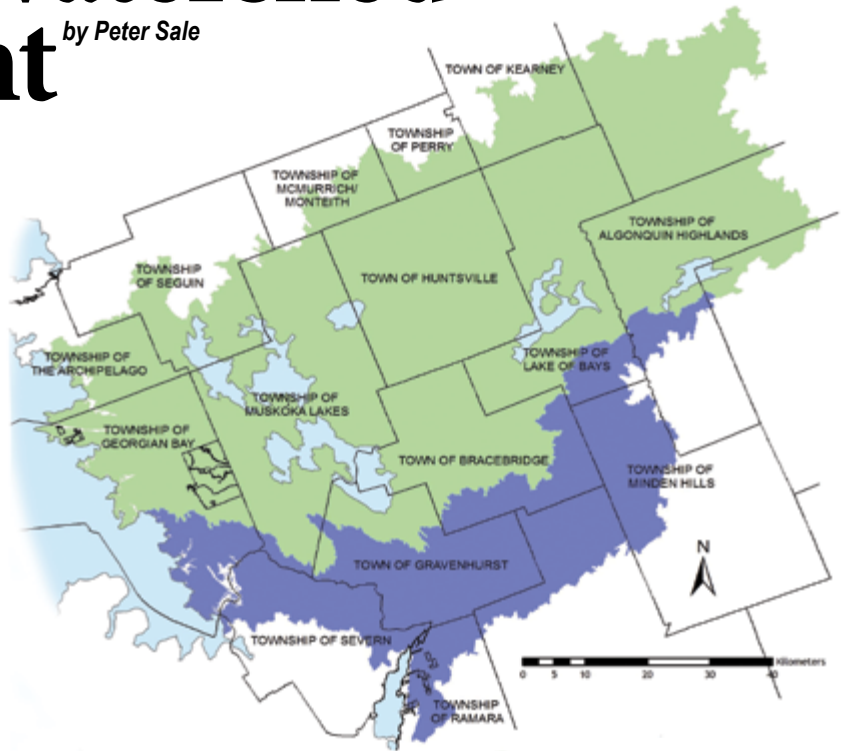
The Muskoka Watershed Council recommends integrated watershed management if we want long-term success. Integrated watershed management is widely used in North America and overseas, but not yet in Muskoka.

Nature is interconnected; every organism, every physical feature, every process. What happens in the forest ends up in the lake, upstream ends up downstream, and what happens downstream can even affect what happens upstream. A watershed is a natural management unit which captures precipitation, filters and stores water, and regulates its release as river flow.

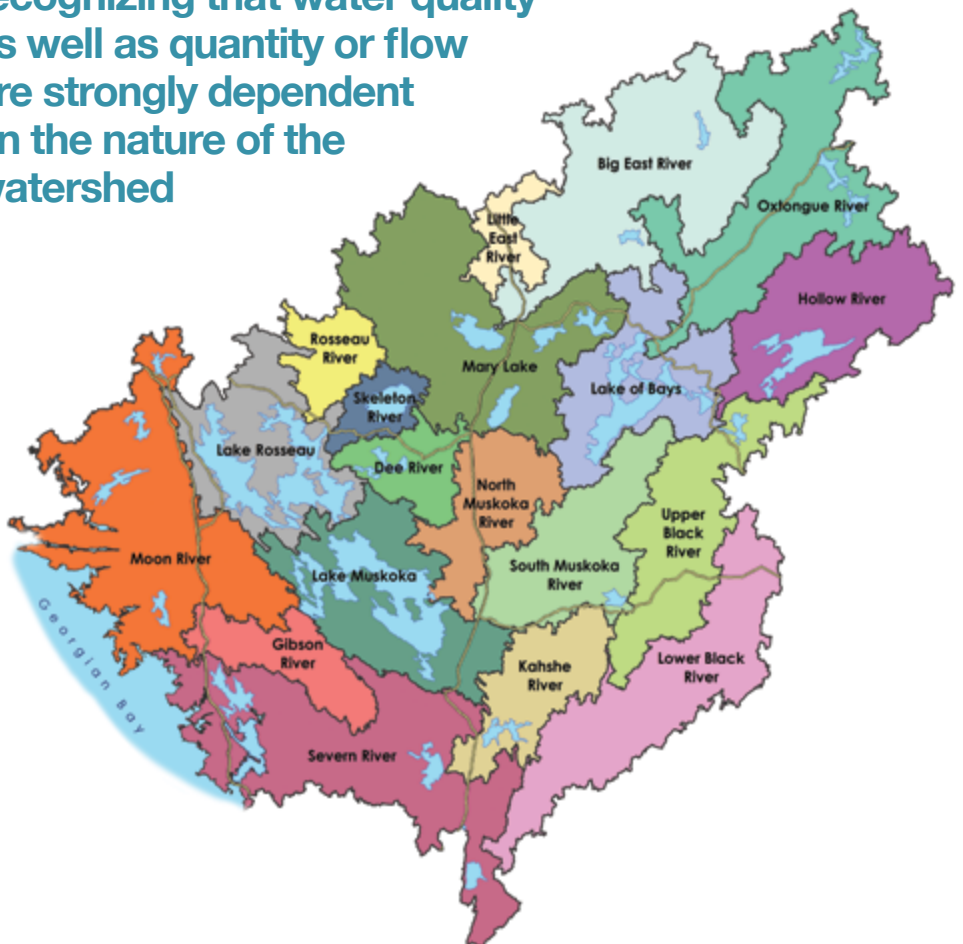
The Muskoka River Watershed, stretching from the Algonquin Highlands to the outlets of the Moon and Musquash Rivers at Georgian Bay, includes nearly all the District Municipality of Muskoka, as well as portions of Algonquin Highlands and Seguin Townships, a total of 4,660 kilometres squared. Over half the precipitation arriving in this watershed never gets to Georgian Bay; it is trapped in soils, trees and groundwater or evaporated back to the sky. The rest sometimes causes floods.

Integrated watershed management begins by recognizing that water quality as well as quantity or flow are strongly dependent on the nature of the watershed: its topography, its natural infrastructure of soils, forest types, ground cover, wetlands, rivers and lakes, and its human infrastructure of roads, parking lots, buildings, bridges,

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channels and dams. Built infrastructure for managing river flow plays an important, but minor, role in how water moves through our watershed. Even if it were possible, it would be far more costly to attempt to manage flow entirely using built infrastructure; we must also use natural infrastructure. In addition, nutrients and pollutants move with the water, playing major roles in determining environmental quality of both the land and water. Flow management is far more than engineering of some river channels; it's a central part of integrated environmental management.

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To implement integrated watershed management in Muskoka, all levels of government, economic sectors and the community must have seats at the planning table, and regulatory agencies and municipalities must ensure their individual actions become part of a seamless, watershed management process.

Muskoka's long experience with co-operative approaches to environmental management makes integrated watershed management a particularly good fit, and provincial funding promised in 2018 for Muskoka's environment permits an immediate start. A GIS-based inventory of man-made and natural infrastructure is the first step for modelling the watershed's hydrology and its capacity to store and move water. Developing a fully interactive hydrological model for use in guiding management decisions is the next step. Such a model provides managers with a vital tool to ask the "what if" questions around the conse-

quences of any planned actions. The model also reveals consequences of events beyond our control such as those caused by global climate change. If we want to minimize future flooding and sustain Muskoka's environment, we have to take an integrated watershed management approach.

The good news is that much of the needed environmental inventory and some records of precipitation and river flow are already available. Data need to be brought together and augmented as needed to commence the comprehensive hydrological study that will deliver the interactive model. These initial steps require a targeted research effort that could best be met by engaging university-based researchers in collaboration with relevant management agencies.

With integrated watershed management in place, managers will better understand the factors driving water flow, and be able to incorporate that knowledge into all planning decisions, including decisions for any future flow control infrastructure. Integrated watershed management will help ensure nature is thriving alongside a robust Muskoka economy and lifestyle, plus cost-effective management and fewer unpleasant surprises when spring comes around each year.

## update 2021

**T**he Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group (MWAG) was appointed to advise the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) regarding priority geographic areas and issues in the Watershed. MWAG provided recommendations for projects across three key themes:

### Integrated Watershed Management Flood Mitigation Watershed Enhancement


In 2020, the MWAG provided a report to the Minister, highlighting important issues facing the Muskoka River Watershed, includ-

ing severity and risk of flooding, erosion and siltation, threats to water quality, threats to biodiversity and natural habitat, and the need for integrated watershed management.

After careful review and consideration of the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group's recommendations and advice, in April 2021, the Province announced an initial investment of over \$4 million to fund several projects aimed at examining the existing conditions in the Watershed and exploring ways to reduce the impacts of flooding and to address the health of the Muskoka River Watershed. The District of Muskoka is leading the majority of these projects, in partnership with the Muskoka Watershed Council.

The outcomes of these projects will set the stage to design a comprehensive approach to watershed management under which land-use decisions, environmental projects, infrastructure projects, and broader public policy options can be assessed. The initiative will support and advance the implementation of an Integrated Watershed Management approach for the Muskoka River Watershed by gathering information to:

- Improve knowledge of the challenges facing the Muskoka River Watershed;
- Better understand the causes of fluctuating water levels in the Muskoka River Watershed;
- Improve understanding of erosion and siltation in the Muskoka River Watershed;
- Improve knowledge of existing and emerging threats to water quality; and
- Improve knowledge of emerging threats to biodiversity and natural habitat.

The District's 12 projects are divided into three phases. You can read more about the three phases and progress on this project at [engagemuskoka.ca](https://engagemuskoka.ca) 

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## Meet your new Board Members



Anne Swan    Susanne Gossage    Bruce Creighton    Sylvain Desjeans    Paul Gleeson

### LAKE OF BAYS ASSOCIATION

## AGM 2021—vital, yet again

The Association held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday July 7th by Zoom. The audited financial statements for the year ending October 31, 2020 were reviewed, the auditor for 2021/2022 was approved. Your Board of Directors for 2021/22:

### Board of Directors

Wendy Gibson *President*

Kathy Ogryzlo *Treasurer*

### Committee Chairs

Pat Birnie *Safety*

Mary Ann Peden *Past President, Nominations & Volunteer Relations*

Susan Truscott *Communications*

Fraser Govan *Planning, Development & Government Relations*

Caroline Konarzewski *Environment*

Ian White *Membership*

Andy Barnett, Ian Beverley, Bruce Creighton, Sylvain Desjeans

Paul Gleeson, Susanne Gossage, Don Macintosh, Anne Swan

Marcia Watt, Gloria Woodside

To contact any Board member, email [info@loba.ca](mailto:info@loba.ca) or call 705-767-3395.

## Be a Part of the LOBA Team

Team LOBA always needs new players. We would love to welcome you to the team, have you work with us, share your ideas and achieve some goals.

There are opportunities in all aspects that LOBA is about—the environment, local planning and government, membership, safety or communications.

We have new volunteers who are students, looking to develop their areas of interest while making a difference to our surroundings and the enjoyment of our wonderful environment.

We have graduates looking to apply their valuable skills to help LOBA develop and regenerate. It's a changing world. You can help us stay current and impress the next generation of Lake of Bays appreciators.

Every year we welcome many new retirees wanting to become involved in local causes.

Being involved can mean working from home at your own pace any time of the year, or at the lake, in the field or on the water.

If you might be interested, or want more information, contact Mary Ann Peden at [info@loba.ca](mailto:info@loba.ca). 

TAKE  
NOTICE

**Don't forget to  
submit your photos**

**For the 2021 Photo Contest!**

**LIFE AT THE LAKE:** people, pets & dwellings

**NATURE:** wild plants and animals

**LANDSCAPE:** land, water and sky

Open to all Lake of Bays Association members and families. Photos must be previously unpublished and taken in the current year—limit of 5 per category. They must be in high-resolution, digital format. Send to

[executivecoord@loba.ca](mailto:executivecoord@loba.ca)

subject line:

Lake of Bays Association photo contest

Deadline December 30, 2021.

**It's Time to Renew your  
LOBA Membership!**

**Don't wait—renew today!**

Your support allows us to continue our work to promote, sustain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well serviced community and a safe and peaceful Lake of Bays.

Go to [loba.ca](http://loba.ca) to renew/join and pay online or download a membership form to renew by mail.

Questions about your membership?

Contact Sally Powell

705-767-3395 or email [admin@loba.ca](mailto:admin@loba.ca)

**Lake of Bays Association  
Winter Board Meeting**



**Save  
the Date**

**10:00am to  
12:00pm**

**either**

**Bethune United Church, Baysville  
(with lunch to follow)**

**or**

**Electronically  
Stay tuned for updates**



# Covid-19 AND THE IMPACT ON THE Lake of Bays Community

**Interim Economic Development Coordinator  
Leanne Fetterley answers our questions**

*COVID-19 impacted businesses around the world, and we were curious to understand the local picture, what the Township of Lake of Bays has done to support businesses and what the future holds.*

**Q:** *What have been the impacts of COVID-19 on businesses in Lake of Bays?*

**A:** We gathered data from businesses as part of the Annual Business Survey in January 2021 (where they were asked to report on 2020). New questions were added to the survey to ask about the effects of COVID-19.

~ The data showed that the pandemic had a significant impact on local businesses including decreased profits (49% of respondents reported a decrease) and jobs lost (98 net jobs lost in 2020, compared to 39 net jobs created in 2019).

~ However, many businesses (81%) indicated they had made investments into growing their business and some did see an increase in profits (36%).

~ Anecdotally we know that some sectors were hit harder than others (camps, arts, restaurants) while those that were able to adapt to online sales fared much better.

~ Complete survey results are available at [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca) in the March 2, 2021 Council agenda package (Annual Business Survey Results (2020 Year-End)).

**Q:** *How has the Township supported businesses?*

**A:** Council adopted the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Business Support Plan in August 2020, and it was updated in June 2021. It includes activities specifically designed to help businesses respond to the pandemic such as:

~ COVID-19 Resources for Business webpage at [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca),

- ~ One-on-one guidance and support,
- ~ Tax relief in 2020,
- ~ Physical distance signage program,
- ~ Marketing campaigns:
  - 21 Ways to Support Local Business,
  - Business Spotlights,
  - My Lake of Bays Photo Contest,
  - Lake of Bays Scenic Drive,
  - Lake of Bays Passport to Spring.

The plan also includes longer term actions to support businesses that were identified in the Economic Development Strategy and in Council's Work Plan:

- ~ Improvements to Broadband Internet Connectivity—you can read more at [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca) (search for internet connectivity),
- ~ Tourism Asset Inventory,
- ~ Community Improvement Plan.


The full plan is available at [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca) in the June 1, 2021 Council agenda package (COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Business Support Plan).

We also worked closely with regional partners including sitting on the Muskoka Economic Recovery Task Force (MERTF) which has brought together a range of Muskoka stakeholders to share best practices, gather data, support “shop local” campaigns, and most importantly, a sub-committee of this group has been working to complete a regional broadband strategy for Muskoka. You can read more at the [EngageMuskoka.ca](http://EngageMuskoka.ca) website.

The Economic Development Coordinator also communicates information about funding programs, workforce and training resources, marketing opportunities and rap-

id testing programs (Chamber of Commerce) via the Economic Development e-Newsletter.

**Q:** *What does the future look like?*

**A:** Continuing restrictions and ongoing uncertainty means many businesses are still at risk. Again, anecdotally we know Muskoka and our communities in Lake of Bays were incredibly busy this summer (2021), which is a good sign, but there are still unknowns as we navigate the fourth wave. We are seeing an increase in inquiries about commercial investment which is positive. The COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Business Support Plan will continue to be implemented and once we gather data for 2021 in next year's Annual Business Survey, we will revisit the plan and adjust as necessary. 

*Thanks to the Township for their varied and innovative efforts to support local businesses so that our members can continue to do so too!*



## REMINDER


The next municipal elections will be Monday October 24, 2022. All residents whether seasonal or permanent can vote in the Township of Lake of Bays election and LOBA will be keeping members informed about the candidates and issues through our newsletter and NewsFlashes.



# Bubblers

## BEST PRACTICES

**I**f you chose to operate a 'bubbler' or another type of de-icing system to prevent the build-up of ice at or around your waterfront structures, please make sure you are taking all steps possible to ensure the safety of all ice users. Consider these risk management steps:


- Place and angle your devices with care to keep the impacted area as localized as possible.
- Talk to your neighbours to avoid doubling up in an area. It is possible that one bubbler will do the trick.
- Equip your system with a thermostat or timer control. Running 24/7 creates oversized openings.
- Place clear signs near the bubbling area, visible from all directions, noting "Danger Open Water".
- Run a blue (preferred) or amber light to mark the hazard at night and during storms. Do not use a red light.
- Monitor your property. If you cannot be present, have someone check regularly to ensure the system is operating, the effected area is appropriate in size, and that the warning lights and markers remain in place.
- Contact your neighbour if you have concerns about the size of opening, or if the warning light or markers are not in place.
- Where possible, a knowledgeable and experienced contractor should be used to configure the system.
- Be aware of ice conditions and where bubblers are being used. 



## Welcome Sally Powell

**T**he Lake of Bays Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Sally Powell to the position of Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant.

Sally has over 30 years experience in the brokerage industry working in various capacities at several financial institutions. She recently completed the Small Business and Accounting program at Fleming College. She grew up in Killarney, Ontario on Georgian Bay, and spent lots of time in the magnificent Killarney Provincial Park. She knows all about waterfront living. She and her husband now live in Huntsville and their three grown daughters are scattered around the province. She curls at the Huntsville Curling Club.

We are excited to have Sally on the team! You can reach her at [admin@loba.ca](mailto:admin@loba.ca) or 705-767-339 



# Betty Day AWARDS

In 1992, LOBA initiated a volunteer recognition award in memory of Betty Day. Betty was LOBA President from 1990 to 1992 and passed away suddenly in May 1992. She was a dedicated and committed volunteer who characterized a range of qualities that few achieve. Nominees for the award are members of the Association who have made extraordinary efforts in performing volunteer activities that further LOBA's goals. At the 2021 AGM, the Betty Day Award was presented to two outstanding volunteers.



**BOB LEHMAN**

Bob is a well-established, professional planner and principal of his own consulting firm, Lehman and Associates. Bob served as LOBA's Chair of the Planning Committee from 2001 through 2005. During this time, the Township of Lake of Bays was one of five municipalities in Ontario allowed to pilot a permit system for waterfront development that was designed to preserve both the water quality and the visual character of all the Township's lakes while balancing development rights of landowners. On behalf of LOBA, Bob worked closely with the township over several years to fine tune their Development Permit By-law which was adopted in 2006.

In 2020, when the Township announced plans to extend the Development Permit System beyond the waterfront area under a new Community Planning Permit System (CPPS), Bob volunteered to review the proposed CPPS and provide input on behalf

of LOBA. Bob's knowledge of the current system made him the ideal person to undertake this painstaking task. We await the final draft of the CPPS but know that LOBA's interests were well-represented in the process. Next up is the Huntsville CPPS. Bob's ongoing engagement in these important planning matters has been critical to LOBA. Thank you, Bob!



**JANE DUPERE**

In 2010 LOBA put the word out that we were looking for help on the communications committee. We received a modest email from Jane Dupéré offering her assistance and she attached a resume. You can imagine how thrilled we were to find out that Jane had a long and successful career in magazine design and publishing. She had been editor of Canadian House and Home magazine, among other publications. YES, we said, we could use your help! Since then, Jane has been the Design Editor of the LOBA yearbook, Current Connection

## BRYAN BROWN

**Named Chief  
Administrative Officer**


The Township of Lake of Bays is pleased to announce that after a comprehensive recruitment process, Bryan Brown has accepted the role of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township.

Originally from Orangeville and a graduate of Ryerson University, Mr. Brown describes himself as an "avid outdoors person, actively enjoying golf, fishing, boating, hiking and snowmobiling."


The recipient of numerous awards for outstanding achievement in Public Administration, Economic Development and Municipal Marketing, Mr. Brown brings more than 20 years of senior municipal experience to the Township of Lake of Bays, most recently as the CAO for the Township of Augusta and before that the Township of South Glengarry.

"I have been a lifelong visitor to Muskoka and the Lake of Bays area. I look forward to relocating to the community as soon as possible and working closely with Council, fellow staff and local residents to continue improving the delivery of municipal services to residents and visitors," said Brown.

Mayor Glover said, "The hiring committee was impressed with Bryan's 20+ years of leadership experience and his background in economic development and innovation. We believe he will be a great addition to our team here at Lake of Bays, and we look forward to working with him."

Mr. Brown will be joining the Township around the end of October. 

newsletter and all our printed materials. She has helped digitize our newsletter and manage our approach to advertising in an ever-changing marketing environment. Jane is responsible for developing LOBA's professional and consistent brand across all our communication platforms. She was a LOBA director for six years and served as Chair of the Communications Committee for three. While Jane has retired from the board, she has agreed to continue as Design Editor.

Thank you, Jane, for your outstanding contributions past, present and future! 



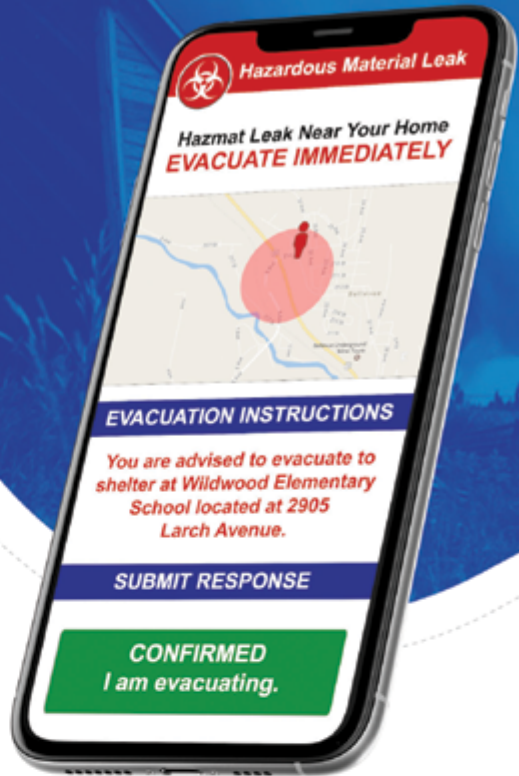
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