



In 2015, the Lake Rosseau North Association funded the purchase of a fireboat with donations from the Lake Rosseau community.

Housed at the Rosseau waterfront, the boat has been pressed into service many times.

Islanders and those living far from the Rosseau fire station are now less vulnerable in an emergency.

**Now it's our turn.**



## LJNA Fireboat Committee

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**Lake Joseph  
needs a fireboat.  
Will you help?**

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to join the volunteer fundraising team, please visit our website at [ljna.org](http://ljna.org) or contact Diana Piquette, Chair, LJNA Fireboat Committee at: [diana@dunsolas.com](mailto:diana@dunsolas.com)

# BRING A FIREBOAT TO LAKE JOSEPH

A campaign to  
better protect  
cottagers &  
residents with  
emergency  
services



# No one wants to imagine it...

Flames licking up the side of your cottage or boathouse.

Teenagers having a great time in the water until somebody decides to dive.

An elderly man collapses on an island. Can his wife lift him into the boat?

Whether your cottage has been in your family for generations or you're new to the lake, you know that safety is important. But what you may not consider is that **living in a more remote location impacts your access to emergency services**. Not only can it take longer for first responders to reach you, but without the fire hydrants of cities and small towns, **reliable access to emergency fire services could mean the difference between life and death** for you and your loved ones.

Lake Joseph property owners are currently serviced by the **Seguin Fire Service**, a robust land-based fire department of two full-time staff and 60 volunteers. Many of you will have benefited from this incredible team.

These first responders presently respond to emergency calls by **land only**, accessing trucks and equipment from Humphrey or Rosseau.

Our local marinas already generously provide boats for emergency use, but these are neither fitted with emergency equipment, nor tied into any formal emergency response system.

Having a fireboat dramatically increases the speed of an adequate and prepared emergency response and **enables reliable emergency access for properties on islands or remote roads**.

Most importantly, for all properties it **provides an endless water supply, like a fire hydrant, so firefighters can utilize the lake water to fight fires** — something that is not possible with trucks alone.

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# What is a fireboat?

A fireboat is a work boat that has been retrofitted with a high-powered pump system, first-aid materials, firefighting and water-rescue equipment and emergency lights and sirens.

It is housed in a central location so that firefighters and volunteers can reach the boat by car or on foot to access the emergency scene as quickly as possible.

In July 2019, members of the Lake Joseph North Association voted with their overwhelming support for this project. The LJNA Fireboat Committee has been working closely with Seguin Township and other partners throughout the year, including **Gordon Bay Marine, who have generously committed to supporting the project with the provision of dock space, and by sourcing the boat through a local business: Connor Industries, maker of Stanley Boats, and world leader in the construction and retrofit of aluminum fireboats. Seguin Township will own and manage the boat as well as provide fire suits and fund annual ongoing maintenance.**

The fireboat will be housed at Gordon Bay Marine.

# Now, we need your donation to make this happen.

The purchase and retrofit of the boat will cost approximately \$150,000: a one-time, up-front cost.

Today, we are asking you, as a property owner on Lake Joseph, to consider contributing to these costs with a tax-receiptable donation.

Members of the Lake Joseph North Association Board and several cottagers have already begun to donate to this project.

These gifts — from those who know and love our lake — are crucial for us to meet our goal and make this fireboat a reality.

Here's how to make your gift...

# Would you consider joining us in this project?

This project will impact every cottager and resident on our lake — as well as our friends and families. Please consider joining us to make it a reality.

All of us on Lake Joseph are coming together to build community, and make cottage life safer for our families, friends and neighbours. All donors will be recognized in the communications of the LJNA.

## Make your cheque out to the Township of Seguin.

You will be issued a charitable tax receipt from the Township of Seguin for the value of your gift, and you will be recognized both on the LJNA website and in other materials promoting the fireboat.

Please write "LJNA Fireboat Project" directly on the memo section of the cheque, and fill in the attached donation form to accompany your cheque.

You can contact one of our volunteers to arrange pick up, or mail your cheque and the attached donation form to:

Township of Seguin  
LJNA Fireboat Project  
c/o Michelle Fraser  
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer  
5 Humphrey Drive, Seguin  
ON P2A 2W8

Thank you for your support!