



Lake Joseph North Association AGM

**Saturday, August 1st - 9 to 10
Virtually Zoom Webinar**

Webinar Tips

- Webinar format helps to manage the presentations efficiently.
- You will be able to see and hear the panelists but your sound is muted and your camera is off. You can see who is here but clicking the Participants button.
- To ask the panelists a question please use the Q&A feature. Questions will be answered at the end of each presentation.
- Voting will take place using the polling feature.
- As usual, today's PPT will be posted to our website



2020 AGM Agenda:

Welcome & Approval of Agenda

Association Business

- Presidents Report – Nancy Cohen
- Treasurer's Report – Shelley Spence
- Election of 2019/20 Directors - Nancy
- Official Plan Review – LJNA 's Submission
- Questions - Other Business

Invited Guests

- **Mayor Ann MacDiarmid** – Seguin Township
- Questions for the Mayor
- **Safe Quiet Lakes** - Rob Bosomworth
- Questions for Safe Quiet Lakes





President's Report

Nancy Cohen

Our Association

Goals of LJNA

- Safeguarding our water quality and natural environment,
- Advocating for fair taxes and reasonable development,
- Educating members on responsible and safe boating activities.
- Building Community



This Past Year - Highlights

Water Quality:

- Engaged Riverstone to do a review of Hamer Bay water testing results.
- Continued testing in Hamer Bay. 2020 MLA water testing, and Benthic testing cancelled

Municipal Engagement:

- Ongoing input to Seguin Council incl: Zoning issues, Official Plan Review
- Participation in the Seguin Lake Associations meeting this June
- Representing LJNA at FOCA Fall & Spring Meetings & AGM

Safety and Boating

- Hamer Bay Good Neighbours initiative continuing
- Investigated Fireboat Initiative and New Emergency Contacts sheet
- Joined Safe Quiet Lakes' Decibel Coalition

Community

- Increased eblasts this spring—in response to Covid
- Membership Survey to gauge membership's priorities
- Summer 2020 Newsletter and dockdrop - 475 copies delivered



2020 Survey – Key Findings

208 responses....Thank you!

The Boards work:

- Strong vote of confidence: 33% Satisfied and 60% Very Satisfied
- Stewardship and municipal issues are seen as central roles of LJNA.
Increase priority on all stewardship activities & civic engagement especially monitoring rezoning applications (70%).
- Higher priority to community safety (55%), safe boating (60%), fair taxes (57%), stewardship education (62%)
- General satisfaction with level of communications and community activities.

Enjoyable Lake Experience:

- Water quality and healthy environment are seen as important and good
- Lower ratings for safe boating & swimming, dark skies, balanced development, cell phone & internet
- Comments throughout: PWC's, lights at night, boat speed and noise, boat wakes, development.

Thank you to ERIN Research - These results will drive our activities.



Goals for the coming year

- Bring a Fireboat to Lake Joseph
- Provide input to the Official Plan Review
- Improve Boating Safety – signage in key locations
- Continue to
 - Provide input to key municipal decisions: OP Review, Short Term Rentals, LPAT appeal. ZBA applications,...
 - Build our community and our communications. Build membership.
 - Monitor water quality and launch a Benthic testing program.



LPAT Appeal

- Recently, we began an appeal to LPAT of a zoning bylaw amendment approval by Council
- Factors in our Decision:
 - ZBA not supported by Seguin's professional planning staff - many significant exemptions required from OP and By-laws
 - Undersized lot: the entire project is within the 30m shoreline setback. Does not protect the natural character of our shorelines
 - Previously refused at Council
- Next step: Report from professional planner
- The estimated total cost is \$25,000.

A Fireboat for Lake Joseph

At the 2019 AGM we had overwhelming support to bring a Fireboat to LJNA. We have launched the campaign to make this dream a reality!

We need to raise \$150,000 to buy the boat and retrofit it with First Response equipment. Seguin Township will cover on going costs and maintenance

Once the boat is purchased it will be housed at Gordon Bay Marine

Please help us by making a contribution! (tax receipts will be issued)

Contact us to get involved: diana@dunsolas.com

This First Response/Fireboat will benefit everyone in LJNA



Questions?

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Treasurer's Report

Shelley Spence - Treasurer

Receipts and Disbursements – 2019/20

FOR THE YEAR ENDED	BUDGET Year ended March 31, 2020	ACTUAL Year ended March 31, 2020	Change from budget	ACTUAL Year ended March 31, 2019
Receipts :				
Membership fees	26,250	25,350	(900)	24,300
Voluntary contributions	1,000	1,224	224	1,375
	<u>27,250</u>	<u>26,574</u>	<u>(676)</u>	<u>25,675</u>
Expenses:				
Consultants and water testing	11,200	6,791	(4,409)	5,594
Newsletter and annual meeting	2,700	3,504	804	1,930
Web site	2,000	2,617	617	1,000
Bank charges	130	141	11	101
PayPal charges	-	-	-	426
Insurance	1,809	1,809	-	-
Memberships (FOCA)	700	685	(15)	685
Election	-	-	-	-
Other	1,500	226	(1,274)	-
Support for other organizations			-	
Muskoka Conservancy	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Safe Quiet Lakes	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
Water testing MLA	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Community event	500	250	(250)	250
	<u>25,539</u>	<u>21,023</u>	<u>(4,516)</u>	<u>14,986</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements for the year				
- to general reserve	1,711	5,551	(3,840)	10,689



Balance Sheet – Year Ended March 31, 2020

Assets	ACTUAL <u>March 31, 2020</u>	ACTUAL <u>March 31, 2019</u>
Bank	39,250	38,376
Deposit regarding water testing	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total assets	<u><u>40,250</u></u>	<u><u>39,376</u></u>
 Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	<u>2,943</u>	<u>7,653</u>
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 Reserve Funds		
Water testing reserve	9,110	9,110
Water planning and legal	5,000	5,000
General reserve	<u>23,197</u>	<u>17,613</u>
	<u>37,307</u>	<u>31,723</u>
Total Liabilities and Reserves	<u><u>40,250</u></u>	<u><u>39,376</u></u>



Budgets - This year and last year

FOR THE YEAR ENDED	BUDGET Year ended Year ended <u>March 31, 2021</u>	BUDGET Year ended Year ended <u>March 31, 2020</u>
Receipts :		
Membership fees	22,500	26,250
Voluntary contributions	5,000	1,000
Draw on general reserves	20,000	-
	<u>47,500</u>	<u>27,250</u>
Expenses:		
Legal and planning consultant	25,000	
Consultants and water quality testing	9,000	11,200
Newsletter and annual meeting	2,300	2,700
Website	1,700	2,000
Bank charges	130	130
Pay pal	-	-
Insurance	1,809	1,809
Memberships (FOCA)	700	700
Other	1,500	1,500
Support for other organizations		
Muskoka Conservancy	1,000	1,000
Safe Quiet Lakes	2,500	2,500
Water testing MLA	1,000	1,500
Community events	250	500
	<u>46,889</u>	<u>25,539</u>
Excess of receipts over Disbursements for the year	611	1,711



Questions?

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Election of Directors

Nancy

Directors for 2020/21

James	Buchanan	Director, Municipal Affairs
Frances	Carmichael	Director, Municipal Affairs
Nancy	Cohen	President
Mike	Finley	Secretary
Bruce	Hatherley	Director, AGM Host
Elizabeth	Jennings	Director, Membership
Alex	Magditsch	Director, Water Quality
Harris	Ord	Director, Payables
Diana	Piquette	Director, Fireboat Project
Blair	Sinclair	Director, Dock Drop
Shelley	Spence	Treasurer



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Municipal Update

James Buchanan

Introduction

- LJNA represents the interest of shoreline residents on the Seguin Twp section of Lake Joseph and Portage Lake
- Most of LJNA is in Ward 4 but some are in Ward 3
- Municipal matters are an important part of LJNA's mandate. We advocate for fair taxes and reasonable development, and bring a voice to Council on issues that matter to our members.

This Past Year

- Submissions on multiple key zoning by-law applications
- Retained planning consultant to support OP review
- Secured role on OP steering committee
- Submitted discussion paper on key issues to OP review process
- Retained lawyer and planning consultant to support the appeal of a ZBA

What Is An Official Plan?

- A municipal policy document that guides decisions on land use and development and is implemented by the Zoning By-Law
- It sets out the vision, goals, and objectives for the municipality, and provides broad direction on matters such as growth management, infrastructure, protecting natural resources, employment lands, housing, natural hazards, parks, and the public realm.
- Must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and other provincial plans and strategies.
- Outlines land use designations and policies, and maps out a land use structure across the Township.



OP Review Background

- Current OP is 15 years old – LJNA significantly involved
- Subject to review every 5 years
- Generally considered to be a “good plan”
- Steering committee formed comprising elected leaders, town planning staff, and community reps (incl. Tom Enns and James Buchanan)
- LJNA’s primary focus is on the Shoreline Area



Recreational Carrying Capacity

- RCC sets guidelines for density of recreational use on the water and is a very important tool for evaluating new shoreline lot creation
- Current policy structure may be inadequate for larger lakes
 - does not recognize density differences
 - does not address increased usage levels and impacts
- Recommend reassessment of standards and potential “neighborhood” approach



Boating Impact

- Current plan does not require assessment of boating impacts in planning applications
 - Limited conditions for approvals for small lakes
- Recommend this is explicit especially for large lakes and expansion of commercial uses and new marinas

Blasting

- Current OP does not permit blasting in the Shoreline Area
 - 2008 by-law prohibits blasting with 20 m of shoreline
 - Shoreline area much greater than 20 m
- Recommend review of blasting policies in order to ensure preservation of the natural state and address emerging issues

Character Provisions

- Current plan deals explicitly with the character of development in the Shoreline Area:
 - Lot frontages, coverage and scale
 - Dock and boathouse policies
- Recommend review of current standards in the context of emerging issues:
 - Accessory buildings
 - Second dwellings/guest cabins
 - Waterfront structures

Other Issues

- Process for consultation
- Uses permissions
- Short-term rentals
- Floating cottages and RV's
- Telecom towers

Next Steps

- Actively participate in Official Plan review – through 2020 at least
- Contact me directly as a steering committee member (jbuchanan@rockledges.com)
- Contact Nancy and Frances as LJNA reps (info@ljna.org)
- You can get involved directly
 - Public consultation via website begins August 24
 - Please share any submissions with us!





Report from Council

Ann MacDiarmid
Mayor, Seguin Township

Questions?

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Safe Quiet Lakes

Rob Bosomworth – Decibel Coalition



The Decibel Coalition

LJNA - August 1, 2020

The Decibel Coalition

- The Problem
- Decibel Coalition
- Progress to date
- Muffler Information Card



The Problem

Excessive boat noise is a persistent and pervasive problem on Canadian waterways

- Bigger, faster more powerful racing boats are becoming common place on Canadian inland waterways
- Muskoka, Lake Simcoe, Big Rideau Lake, Okanagan and Shuswap in BC, Memphremagog in Quebec and others
- 67% want muffler laws enforced, 61% want decibel legislation (SQL 2017 survey of 3,300)
- How Much is Too Much? > 75 dB on shore causes disruption of conversation, shoreline residents become annoyed – take action



The Decibel Coalition

What is it and What are its Objectives

- Safe Quiet Lakes - broad National Coalition
- Target Members
 - Police
 - Marinas
 - Boating industry associations
 - Cottage/lake associations
 - Boat manufacturer associations
 - Municipalities
- Goal Line - Lobby Transport Canada
 - to enhance current legislation
 - include decibel limits
 - efficient, effective enforcement procedures



Progress to Date

- Support is strong and enthusiastic
- Current Coalition Members

Georgian Bay
Association

Memphremegog
Conservation Inc.

Muskoka Lakes
Association

Lake Joseph North
Association

Big Rideau Lake
Association

- National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and OPP enthusiastic support, expect will join officially.
- Save Lake Simcoe, FOCA, Boating Canada and numerous associations – initial/ongoing dialogue



Progress to Date Cont'd

- Significant knowledge accumulation
 - US/EU legislation, science of sound & measurements, muffler systems and mitigation options
- History of Small Vessel Act
- Developed Logo
- Identified Ottawa based lobbyist
- Purchased professional grade SPL (dB) meter
- Performed decibel readings on high performance boats
- Developing communication plan



Muffler Information Card

Noisy boats bothering you? The law is on your side.

FACT

By law, marine mufflers are required on all boats manufactured after January 1, 1960. (Small Vessel Regulations SOR/2010-91)

FACT

By law, boats with a exhaust diverter (aka Captain's Call, Silent Choice, Captain's Choice) must be visibly disconnected in a manner that ensures it cannot be easily reconnected while the vessel is in operation within five nautical miles from shore (that's anywhere on our lakes).

Excessive boat noise is the number one concern expressed in our cottager surveys and we mean to do something about it. Safe Quiet Lakes is working to strengthen legislation to include decibel limits that are easily enforced.

**Your support can help.
Please visit safequiet.ca**



Give your Neighbours the Silent Treatment.

If your boat is not legal, please see your marina, mechanic or dealer to have the Exhaust Diverter disconnected or a muffler installed.

How do I know if my boat is legal?

The vast majority of boats on our lakes comply with the law. These include all boats where the engine exhaust exits through the propeller including all outboards, most inboard/outboards, all personal watercraft and most wake-board boats that have the exhaust exiting below the waterline.

What can I do if my boat is not legal?

Having the Exhaust Diverter disconnected is usually a simple process that can be done by your mechanic for a nominal cost. Various muffler solutions are available in the market place for boats that currently do not have a muffler. Costs start as low as a few hundred dollars. In the case of extreme high performance racing boats there may be no option. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in a fine under the Canada Shipping Act 2001.

The OPP wants to hear from the community about dangerous or aggressive boating.

1-888-310-1122



**THE
DECIBEL
COALITION**

Working to create boating decibel limits

Decibel Coalition

Summary

- We know what is needed
- We know how we are going to get there
- We have strong enthusiastic support
- We Will make our shared waterways more enjoyable for all!
- Go to SafeQuiet.ca to learn more and follow our progress
- Watch for Decibel Coalition Member newsletters



Questions





Safe Quiet Lakes

Be Respectful. Share the Space.

To learn more or make a donation please visit

safequiet.ca

Thank-you!

To the many volunteers
that keep our programs running throughout the
year

And to our members
for their loyal support and interest

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