



2020 NEWSLETTER

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Hazardous Waste Pickup Day**
 Saturday, July 11, 2020 — Public Dock, Air Ambulance Road
 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
 See enclosed flyer on the items that may be collected.
- 2020 Annual General Meeting**
 Saturday, July 25, 2020 — Mountain Cove Lodge
 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- 2020 Annual Panache Picnic**
 Saturday, July 25, 2020 — Mountain Cove Lodge
 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.



Visit www.lakepanachecampers.com for the latest information on our upcoming events.

ANNUAL PANACHE PICNIC



Were you one of the more than 125 people who came out to enjoy the 2019 annual picnic?

If so, then you most likely used all your muscle power in the ever popular North Shore versus South Shore tug of war. Or perhaps you laughed out loud at the messy results of the egg toss. Maybe you smiled ear-to-ear as you watched the young campers enjoy the water balloon toss, three-legged and potato sack races.

And after all that, you satisfied your huge appetite with a gourmet hot dog, snack and ice cold drink.

Doesn't that sound like a wonderful day? Well it was!

Join us this year for the annual picnic on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Mountain Cove Lodge.

A huge thank you to the Moran family of Mountain Cove Lodge for the use of their beautiful grounds. If not for their ongoing generosity, we would not be able to hold the picnic.

Hope to see everyone there!



Director's List

Stuart Greaves
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Karen McLeod
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Paul Young
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Brian Young
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Lake Stewardship Chair

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Director

Tim Walker
Director

Lana Watier
Director

**To report a forest fire
within the City of
Greater Sudbury, call**

911

**If outside of the City of
Greater Sudbury, call
310-FIRE (3473)**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

Greetings for 2020 and thank you for maintaining your membership. Currently, our membership list stands at 255, an increase of 3 new members from 2019.

Renewals are now due for 52 members who expired in 2019 and 94 members from 2013 to 2018. If you received a membership renewal form in January 2020, your membership is due. Please support your Association. Our membership fee is \$25.00 per year.

Unsure of your membership status? E-mail us at info@lakepanachecampers.com for assistance.

Membership forms are available by contacting any of the LPCA Directors or you can download the form from our website at www.lakepanachecampers.com. Keep your contact information current so we can keep you informed about the activities of the Association and events on Lake Panache.

New in 2020!

Payment for your LPCA membership is available by e-transfer to LPCATreasurer@bell.net.

Your membership fees support the lake marker lights, public dock maintenance, Helipad and Air Ambulance Road, fire pumps, Lake Stewardship Committee and annual LPCA events.

If you have new neighbours, please encourage them to join our association and stay connected.

FIRE REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry confirmed a very quiet fire season in 2019, with only 44 fires in the Sudbury Area. Fortunately, only two of these fires were on Lake Panache:

- SUD #008 was on the West Bay side of the lake (Espanola) @ 0.1 hectares in size.
- SUD #034 was on the East side near Atikameksheng Anishnawbek @ 0.1 hectares in size.



Both fires were small with no containment issues. There was also an unconfirmed report of a structure fire during the 2019 season on American Island.

Thank you to all campers for your diligence in fire control!

Please note LPCA replaced the old fire pump located at the Penage Bay Marina with a new unit that matches the other 9 units around the lake.

Your Campers Association has 10 Fire Pump Kits located around the lake. These kits contain a fire pump (runs on regular gas), 200' hose, a spray nozzle and suction line along with operating instructions. Please see the location co-ordinates on the next page or visit our website for the fire pump locations. The kits are for all to use in the event of a fire. It's very important to let any of the directors know if you used the kits or if there are any issues with the kits. Please return them the way you found them.

A special "Shout Out" to thank all our volunteers who keep the fire pump kits at their camps; your dedication to this program is greatly appreciated!

Escaping for some summer fun requires the same amount of fire safety due diligence you use at home. Before you can truly relax and enjoy the great outdoors, you need to know your family is Fire Smart. That means working smoke alarms on every camp level and outside sleeping areas, make sure the batteries are fresh and alarms are within the manufacturer's specifications. Make sure your camp is equipped with CO detectors if you have a fireplace, woodstove, gas heater or any gas or propane appliances. Should a fire break out in your camp or surrounding area, please ensure your family has an escape plan and assembly area! Also, it's a good idea to have your camp GPS coordinates available should you have to call in a fire emergency!

Another great investment to your camp tool kit is your very own fire pump, hose and nozzle or consider sharing a system with your camp neighbours!

FIRE PUMP LOCATIONS

Number	Camp Location	GPS Coordinates
#1	Kaitila Camp - Big Pine Island - Sand Channel	N 46° 15'02.3" W 081° 20'13.3"
#2	McMurray Camp - Treasure Island - South Side	N 46° 15'14.0" W 081° 21'38.3"
#3	Bois Camp - East of Burnt Island Narrows - North Side	N 46° 12'55.9" W 081° 12'09.2"
#4	McDonald Camp - Stoney Bay	N 46° 15'56 " W 081° 27'33"
#5	Duncanson Camp - 2029 North Shore Road	N 46° 14'45.0" W 081° 27'06.1"
# 6	Fredette Camp - 211 Ojibway Road	N 46° 16'40.4" W 081° 20'17.4"
#7	Vildis Camp - 55 Ojibway Road	N 46° 16'48.2" W 081° 17'48.4"
#8	Ketola Camp – Newtons Bay	N 46° 14'12.2" W 081° 19'52.0"
#9	Penage Bay Marina	N 46° 16'20.6" W 081° 20'57.6"
#10	Bimm Camp - Island #7	N 46° 13'22.3" W 081° 19'50.2"

LIGHT REPORT BY PAUL YOUNG

For many years, the Lake Panache Camper's Association has installed and maintained flashing amber shoal markers in the heavy traffic portions of the lake. Typically, we have the lights installed by the Victoria Day long weekend and removed sometime after Thanksgiving, dependent on weather and lake conditions. This work is done by volunteers who generously donate their time and resources to help us with this endeavour.

With the conversion to more reliable LED lighting a number of years ago, many markers are left out year round. This reduces the number of times we have to go out and service the lights as well as allowed some increased visibility for winter travel. Our ongoing improvements include changing some of the light stands, which have done their time and need replacement, and adding reflectors for increased daytime visibility.

Last spring, we had some damage caused by high water and shifting ice flows. Markers, which were never in the water at break-up in the past, were last spring. This required repairs and replacement. No new purchases were required as a few spares were purchased previously. More markers were removed last fall to prevent a reoccurrence.

If you come across a damaged or inoperable light in your travels, please e-mail info@lakepanachecampers.com so we can make repairs. It is a big lake and many do not venture too far at night. We rely on feedback from you to keep our lights flashing.

We remind all members and visitors to Lake Panache that our shoal markers are just that and not a legal navigational aid.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY STUART GREAVES

Greetings Lake Panache Campers! The 2020 camp season is getting started and it's time to get you up to speed on the happenings around the lake. Remember the deep snow and the resultant heavy slush conditions in 2019? Well climate change and the effects on the weather are evident again this winter with only moderate snow cover and milder temperatures. Please be careful on the ice as conditions change quickly — remember safety first, safety always!

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Family Day Picnic on July 20, 2019 with limited attendance. Please attend the picnic in 2020 and participate in the AGM; we want to hear from you!

At each AGM, elections are held for positions on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Two of our directors, Stuart Greaves and Paul Young, stood for re-election in 2019 and we are very happy they accepted to come back for another term. Unfortunately, Ruth Patrick decided not to stand for re-election and will be noticeably missed. Thank you for your years of service Ruth! We are happy to report Lana Watier volunteered to join the LPCA Board of Directors and was appointed on February 24, 2020. Thank you Lana!

How do you find the new marker lights installed in 2016? Comments and suggestions are always appreciated. Please let us know if you see any lights that are not functioning as they should by e-mail at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

ORNGE classified our Air Ambulance Helipad for daytime use only and we continue to maintain the access road and site. Fortunately, ORNGE had no reason to use the site in 2019!

The City of Greater Sudbury introduced a “punch card system” system for those campers outside city limits (including Ojibway Road) wanting to use the Lake Panache Waste Transfer Depot on North Shore Road. Please see the LPCA website for details and the 2020 Transfer Depot hours of operation.

LPCA To Do List for 2020:

- Continued repairs to the public dock and Air Ambulance Road maintenance
- New decking for the LPCA loading dock
- Collect history about Lake Panache and publish on the LPCA website
- Continued Lake Stewardship initiatives to keep our lake pristine!

As we are all aware, mining, prospecting and mine reclamation is ongoing in the Sudbury Region. Your LPCA registered on the Environmental Registry website in order to receive any upcoming notices of mining related activities around Lake Panache. This is a public website where we all can register and we encourage all to do so. Please register at <https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca> to receive notices of mining related activities around the lake. We will also post these notices on the website and in our e-newsletter.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Vermilion Forest Management (VFM) - Sudbury Forest, Northshore Forest Resource Management Advisory Committee and Northshore Forest Inc. (NFI) finalized their 2020 – 2030 Forest Management Plans for the forests around Lake Panache. Thank you to all who participated in the public consultation forums and for your input.

Our friends at Atikameksheng Anishnawbek are requesting our help to confirm sighting of the Northern Map Turtles in Lake Panache. Please report all sightings to Damien Mullin, Species-at-Risk Biologist at DMullin@WLFN.com. You can find further information on our website and click on Turtles.

Tim Walker and Paul and Nigelle Fredette head up our Lake Stewardship Committee and they do a fantastic job setting up an extensive water sampling and monitoring program. Their expertise in computers and recording produced some great Lake Stewardship videos and pictures available on our website; please take time to have a look! Please feel free to contact any of the directors with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have to enhance our water quality initiatives.

Your Lake Stewardship Committee held another successful Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, July 13th, 2019 and two trailer loads of waste were taken away from our lake by the Toxic Taxi. Our 2020 Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, July 11th, 2020, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the public dock. Please participate; it's free! All materials must be clearly identified as what they are when you drop them off.

President's Report Continued

Every year, we look to bolster our membership in the Association and are encouraging all campers to join. All funds collected from memberships are used to cover the Association's expenses for liability insurance, maintenance of the Air Ambulance road and helipad, the public boat launch, dock and signage. Your association also maintains marker lights around the lake and organizes our annual Family Day Picnic. Our membership fee is only \$25.00 per year. We look forward to having you as a member!

Please don't forget that we are always looking for interesting pictures and any history you may have of Lake Panache. Please forward any information to info@lakepanachecampers.com.

For any hunting/fishing issues or issues on the water or around the public dock, your first call is to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)! Thank You to the MNRF Conservation Officers, the OPP and Greater Sudbury Police Service for their continued support!

It was a great year on Lake Panache and we all look forward to many more! Please enjoy our pristine lake water and keep it healthy and fresh for all our recreational activities and generations that follow.

Thank you to the membership for supporting a terrific Association. I invite all the members to stay involved and if you see something of concern, please report it, protect the environment, and be safe.

Stuart Greaves
President

LAKE STEWARDSHIP REPORT BY TIM WALKER

On July 13th, 2019, the 7th annual household hazardous waste (HHW) event was held. Campers were encouraged to bring HHW to the air ambulance docking area where LPCA volunteers collected for pickup by the City's Toxic taxi for appropriate disposal.

HHW includes products such as paint, batteries, motor oil antifreeze and other items that cannot be disposed of in the garbage. This year, we managed to fill two trailers and redirect these items from the landfill. Please mark July 11th, 2020 on your calendar for the 8th annual event. All materials must be clearly identified as what they are when you drop them off. We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, please ensure your HHW is appropriately disposed of. Residents of the City of Greater Sudbury can call the Toxic Taxi (705-560-9019) to come to their property and pick up HHW or they can also drop off their waste at the depot on Frobisher Street on selected dates. Please check the City's website for more information about dates and what items qualify as hazardous waste (<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/garbage-and-recycling/household-hazardous-waste/>).

The Stewardship Committee conducted water sampling in Lake Panache in the summer of 2019. Both phosphorus and metals testing occurred. These tests are conducted on a biennial basis in order to establish an historical record of water quality in our lake. Samples are taken from 12 locations around the lake that take into account the size of the lake.

The Stewardship Committee uses sampling methods according to City of Greater Sudbury standards (including secchi disc and beta sampling equipment). For more information about our methods and sample locations, please view the following video: <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectPanache/videos/990027231068972/>.

The 2019 sampling season was the fourth such sampling. The Stewardship Committee continues to monitor these water quality indicators over the coming years and report back to the membership. Thank you to the City of Greater Sudbury for providing funding for this sampling through the Lake Stewardship Grant.

We are happy to report all metal and phosphorus sampling results from Lake Panache were found to be within the Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO).

LAKE STEWARDSHIP REPORT CONTINUED

For more information about the city's water quality program and Lake Panache specifically, visit the City of Sudbury's website:

<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/lakes-facts/local-lake-descriptions/lake-panache/>.

In addition, the presence of the invasive species - specifically the Spiny Waterflea - is of concern to LPCA. It is important to be vigilant in coming years regarding the presence of this invasive species. If you find Spiny Waterfleas or think you may have found Spiny Waterfleas in an area lake or water body, try to preserve the organism in rubbing alcohol. Also, call the Invading Species hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or the local MNRF office at 705-564-7823. For more information on the Spiny Waterflea, click on this website:

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invasers/invertebrates/spiny-and-fishhook-waterflea/>

The Stewardship Committee is always interested in getting help with these initiatives. If you are interested in getting involved or have any ideas about stewardship, please contact us at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

In conjunction with our community partners in the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (GSWA), we want to share information about high salt levels in some city lakes, specifically Ramsey Lake. While this does not directly impact Lake Panache, this is an obvious concern to those who get their drinking water from Ramsey Lake.

Tap water samples from most locations collected around Ramsey Lake showed sodium levels of approximately 50 mg/L. When water systems contain sodium concentrations higher than 20 mg/L, the Medical Officer of Health must be advised. For persons with chronic diseases requiring a sodium-restricted diet, the intake of sodium from drinking water could be significant.

In addition, high chloride levels were measured close to 100 mg/L. These high levels of chloride could have a negative impact on aquatic life especially zooplankton and the resultant control of algae blooms.

These high salt levels are a result of the runoff of salt required to keep local roadways bare as required by provincial legislation and although the City of Greater Sudbury incorporated best practices in its Salt Management Plan, GSWA is concerned about protecting this ecosystem and important water supply and is taking a number of steps to further examine the research and inform citizens about these concerns.

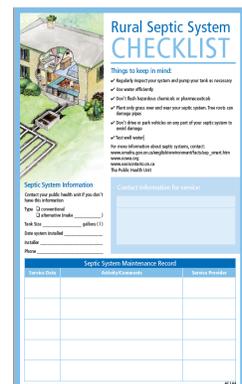
If you would like to know more about these findings and their implications, please visit the GSWA website and blog at <http://gswa.ca/blog/>.

RURAL SEPTIC SYSTEM CHECKLIST

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs provides a rural septic system checklist with the following things to keep in mind:

- Regularly inspect your system and pump your tank as necessary
- Use water efficiently
- Don't flush hazardous chemicals or pharmaceuticals
- Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Tree roots can damage pipes
- Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system to avoid damage
- Test well water

Visit <https://www.publications.gov.on.ca/300061> to download the checklist and use at your camp.



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