



President's Report 2025

Greetings Lake Panache Campers!

We trust everyone enjoyed their time on Lake Panache in 2024 and we wish you well for the 2025 season.

Thanks to two generous association members, we have another fire pump kit and automated external defibrillator (AED) available for emergency use around the lake. The new locations are included in listing in the newsletter and on our website.

Every five years, our AEDs require maintenance updates (batteries and pads). To support the maintenance updates, we initiated a fundraising program in 2024. Part of that program included our first ever Porketta Bingo, which was a huge success.

The Bingo was held at the Trevi Tavern on Saturday, November 23, from 2 to 4:00 pm with approximately 50 people attending. We raised a total of \$3,900, which included bingo ticket sales, 50/50 tickets, a fantastic silent auction (thank you Kim & Kendra MacIsaac) and generous donations from many who could not attend. Due to the success of this event, you can look forward to another Porketta Bingo fundraiser in the future!

I want to recognize all the people who play an important part in keeping our lake safe, healthy and pristine. These include the team of LPCA Directors and the Members who store and maintain the marker lights and maintain and monitor the AEDs and fire pumps at their camp locations. To all of you, a **Big Thank You for all you do!**

We also want to recognize the volunteers who came out on Saturday July 6, 2024, to help with the Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Collection. Many thanks to DIA Contracting for transporting the scrap metal collection. Mark your calendar for the 2025 Hazardous Waste Day, Metal Clean Up and Alcohol Bottle/Can Collection on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 8:00 am to Noon!

In late 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced repairs to 10 water control dams in Northern Ontario. Two of these dams, the Frood Lake Dam and Lang Lake Dam in the Township of Espanola, are in our area and will have a positive effect on water level controls in Lake Panache. Please click on the link below for more details:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005429/ontario-investing-over-75-million-to-extend-lifespan-of-dams-across-the-province>

The LPCA Annual General Meeting was held at the Annual Picnic in 2024 at Mountain Cove Lodge. Participation was excellent with very positive comments and suggestions.

Elections were held for positions on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Three of our directors, Karen McLeod, Rick Sleaver and Brian Young, all had their terms expire in 2024. All stood for re-election and were acclaimed. Thank you, Karen, Rick & Brian.

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 at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

Thank You to the Ministry Conservation Officers for their continued support!

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 stay safe and well!

Stuart Greaves, President

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Karen McLeod, 1st Vice-President
Paul Young, 2nd Vice-President
Brian Young, Treasurer
Rick Sleaver, Secretary
Lana Watier, Director
Lisa MacDonald, Director
Kathryn Digby, Director
Linda Steele, Director

LPCA 2025 Directors List



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste & Metal Clean up

Saturday, July 5, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Public Dock, Air Ambulance Road

2025 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 26, 2025
12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Mountain Cove Lodge

2025 Annual Panache Picnic

Saturday, July 26, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mountain Cove Lodge

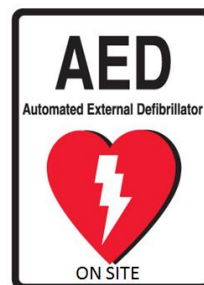
Fire Pump and AED Locations

Fire Pumps		
Number	Location	GPS Coordinates
#1	Kaitila Camp - Big Pine Island - Sand Channel	N 46° 15'02.3" W 81° 20'13.3"
#2	McMurray Camp - Treasure Island - South Side	N 46° 15'14.0" W 81° 21'38.3"
#3	Bois Camp - East of Burnt Island Narrows - North Side	N 46° 12'55.9" W 81° 12'09.2"
#4	McDonald Camp - Stoney Bay	N 46° 15'56" W 81° 27'33"
#5	Duncanson Camp - 2029 North Shore Road	N 46° 14'45.0" W 81° 27'06.1"
# 6	Fredette Camp - 211 Ojibway Road	N 46° 16'40.4" W 81° 20'17.4"
#7	Gibson Camp - 55 Ojibway Road	N 46° 16'48.2" W 81° 17'48.4"
#8	Ketola Camp – Newtons Bay	N 46° 14'12.2" W 81° 19'52.0"
#9	Panache Bay Marina	N 46° 16'20.6" W 81° 20'57.6"
#10	Bimm Camp - Island #7	N 46° 13'22.3" W 81° 19'50.2"
#11	O'Shaughnessy Camp – 943 Northshore Road	N 46° 15'47.5" W 81°24'11.4"
AEDs		
Number	Location	GPS Coordinates
#1	Lake Panache Fire Pump Shack (Panache Bay Marina)	N 46° 16'20.6" W 81° 20'57.6"
#2	1545 Reserve Camp Road (Hayes Camp in Garage)	N 46° 16'55.7" W 81° 18'14.8"
#3	2003 North Shore Road (MacIsaac Camp on Boathouse)	N 46° 14'50.8" W 81° 26'41.4"
#4	West Bay	N 46° 14'09.9" W 81° 34'42.5"
#5	Kaitila Camp (Big Pine Island - Sand Channel)	N 46° 15'02.3" W 81° 20'13.3"
#6	Degroot Camp	N 46° 12'57.2" W 81° 14'49.0"
#7	Bimm Camp	N 46° 13'21.8" W 81° 19'49.5"
#8	Digby Camp	N 46° 14'20.0" W 81° 19'28.6"
#9	Duhamel Camp	N 46° 14'39.9" W 81° 30'08.1"
#10	Hotti Camp	N 46° 15'03.2" W 81° 24'08.6"
#11	Fortier Camp (camp porch) – Sawmill Bay	N 46° 13'13.9" W 81° 21'9.2"



To report a forest fire
within the City of
Greater Sudbury or on
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Anishnawbek lands,
call
911

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



AED INFORMATION

All AED units are portable and may be taken to the person in need if required.

Please ensure the AED is put back in the same location it was taken from.

Contact us at info@lakepanachecampers.com after using the device so we can replace the pads and battery.

FIRE PUMP INFORMATION

Please ensure to return the fire pump and all attachments to its original location.

Ensure the gas has been replaced so it is ready for its next use.

Contact us at info@lakepanachecampers.com should you have any issues with fire pump.



Fire Permit Regulations

City of Greater Sudbury Requirements

Burning permit applications are available through the City of Greater Sudbury website or by calling 311 and asking for Fire Prevention. There is no cost to obtaining a fire permit.

Having an approved burning permit may prevent you from being charged if the Fire Department

responds to your brush fire. Below is an excerpt from the Fire Permit application which lays out the rules.

Conditions of Permitted Fires Authorized by Burn Permit

Brush Fires (means a fire set for the purpose of burning brush, grass, vegetation or leaf like material only)

- No person shall set or maintain a brush fire without a valid burn permit issued;
- No Permit Holder shall set or maintain a brush fire unless he/she ensures:
 - a) The fire is set and maintained at a distance of no less than 30 metres or such greater distance as may be specified in the burn permit from:
 - i. The nearest building or other combustible structure; and
 - ii. Any overhead wires.
 - b) The materials to be burned in the fire do not exceed 2 metres in length, 2 metres in width and 2 metres in height.
 - c) The fire is not set or maintained except during the time between one half hour before sunset and one half hour after sunrise of the next following day.
 - d) He/she has the necessary means immediately available at the site of the fire to permit him/her to:
 - i. Extinguish the fire;
 - ii. To limit its spread; and
 - iii. If necessary, to summon the City Fire Department.
 - e) The fire is compliant with all conditions and restrictions imposed by the burn permit or imposed as a result of a Fire Prevention inspection conducted by the Fire Chief

Fire Regulation Outside of the City of Greater Sudbury

If your camp is outside the City of Greater Sudbury, by law, you need a fire permit to burn wood, brush, leaves and grass outside during the fire season (April 1 – October 31) unless you follow all the rules and conditions allow it to burn safely until extinguished:

- You take all necessary steps to tend, control and extinguish the fire
- You are not having an open fire in a restricted fire zone

If you don't burn safely or burn material without a permit when one is needed, you can be fined and held responsible for the cost of putting out the fire and for any property damage.

[Ontario Fire Permit Regulation](#)

Let us know once you have your permit and confirmed your date and time of burn, email the date, time and location to us at info@lakepanachecampers.com and we will post the details on our social media sites so others are aware.

2025 Fire Report

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) confirmed another quiet fire season in 2024 in and around Lake Panache, with no reported fires.

The MNR Fire Control staff indicated to us that they have seen a downward trend in human-caused fires in the last number of years which, they believe is due to increased awareness and Fire Smart programs.

For more information about fire prevention at camp and home, visit firesmartcanada.ca.



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

Thanks to a generous association member, we have another fire pump kit available for emergency use (see location #11 on previous page), for a total of 11 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 below 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 have 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!

Be Fire Smart by confirming your camp smoke detectors and CO detectors are in good working order and new batteries are installed at the start of each camping season. 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 for your camp tool kit is your very own fire pump, hose and nozzle or consider sharing a system with your camp neighbors!

In the event of fire, please call the MNR immediately at 310-FIRE (3473) or the City of Great Sudbury at 911.



Membership Report 2025

Greetings for 2025 and thank you for maintaining your membership. We have 194 current members. Every year, we look to bolster our membership in the Association and are encouraging all campers to join. If you have a new camp neighbour or non-member, please ask them to contact us using the links below.

The \$40 yearly membership fee helps us help YOU!

Renewals were sent out in January and are now due for 35 members who expired in 2024. **Please support your Association.** Unsure of your membership status or require a membership form, please email us at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

New Membership forms and **Membership Renewal** forms are now available in electronic format.

Application Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xjIZtgiREa7NDvu5Aebn98g3q8optnfYHjarkC_S0cA/edit

Renewal Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fRokcWpbfN65_Tg8CtJ7l4vvNLt9s225HI2qILCGa0/edit

Just click and submit!

Please keep your contact information current so we can keep you informed about the activities of the Association and events on Lake Panache.

Your membership fees support 10 AEDs and 11 fire pumps strategically placed around the lake, lake marker lights, public dock and maintenance, helipad and Air Ambulance Road, lake stewardship group and annual LPCA events.

Stuart Greaves, Membership Chair

GET IN ON THE DRAW

Encourage a friend, family member or neighbour who is not a member of the LPCA to purchase a 2 or 3 year membership and your name gets entered to win.

For every member that signs up from your referral, your name gets entered into a draw for a drone photo of your camp and a custom wood address sign.

In the "Other Information" section on the [Membership Application Form](#) the new member can fill in your name to be entered to win.



Light Report 2025

2024 was another busy year on the lake.

The shoal marker lights were installed prior to Victoria Day weekend and remained out on the lake until late October. We completed repairs and upgrades during the summer, including redrilling post holes in shoals that had either split or been rolled by the ice during the previous winter. We also replaced a few bent or corroded posts.

There has not been a need to replace any lights as the solar LED technology has proven to be reliable and durable. We do leave some marker lights installed during the winter to aid in travel during the winter months. The lights that we leave installed are sufficiently up from the shoreline that we avoid ice damage during the spring break up.

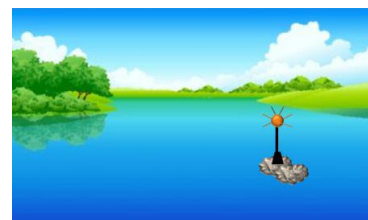
We do intend to continue with minor repairs and upgrades this coming summer.

Please be reminded that our shoal marker lights are not legal navigational aids. We only mark shoals in the high traffic areas of the lake.

If you come across a damaged or inoperable light in your travels, please get let us know so we can make repairs. Please report any issues to info@lakepanachecampers.com.

It is a big lake and we rely on your feedback to keep the lights operating.

Paul Young, 2nd Vice-President



Lake Stewardship Report 2025

Water Sampling

This May, the Association is conducting water sampling of the lake.

The 12 sampling locations and methods are consistent with those established in 2013, and include sampling for metals such as arsenic, copper, nickel, cadmium, cobalt, lead, chromium, and mercury. Phosphorus testing is done by the City of Greater Sudbury.

Water samples are tested by TestMark laboratories in Garson, ON. The results of this year's testing will be posted on our website and shared with members. We are working on a historical record of our biennial testing for future reference for Association, our members, and the City of Greater Sudbury. This is our seventh round of testing.

Our thanks go out to Tim Walker (past LPCA Director) and his daughters for their kind assistance with sample collection.

In addition to the Association's water sampling program, LPCA also does spring sampling for the City of Greater Sudbury as part of the Lake Partner Program. Previous phosphorus testing by the City indicated Lake Panache is an oligotrophic lake which is characterized by having clear water, fewer plants and animals, less but larger fish, is rich in oxygen, and is deep and cold. This results in better swimming conditions, higher quality drinking water, and being less likely to develop blue green algae blooms.

Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Collection

On July 6, 2024, LPCA held its 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Collection at the public dock on Ambulance Road.

The event was a tremendous success! Environmental/conservation information is distributed to attendees, the Toxic Taxi takes care of the hazardous waste and LPCA volunteers bring the scrap metals to a recycling depot. This helps ensure these dangerous materials do not wind up in our water or on our shorelines.

The Association recognizes and thanks the City of Greater Sudbury for its financial support for both the biennial water sampling and the Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Collection through its Lake Stewardship Grant Program.

Loon Alert!

LPCA purchased 10 Loon Alert signs. These will be placed in high traffic areas to remind campers, boaters, and fishermen/women to be alert around, careful of, and respectful of our feathered friends – especially during nesting season.

Linda Steel, Lake Stewardship Chair



Text Blast System – Get Immediate Notification of a Fire on Lake Panache

In 2021, the Lake Panache Campers Association launched its text blast system to alert members there is a forest fire on the lake.

Currently, 185 mobile numbers are part of our distribution list.

In the event of a fire on the lake, we send a text message to all 185 numbers alerting everyone of a fire and its location so members can stay away from the fire area and let the professional firefighters do their job.

If you have not already subscribed to this service, open our [Consent to Text online form](#), submit your information and give us consent to text you. We only send text messages in the event of a fire; we don't use the system for any other communications.

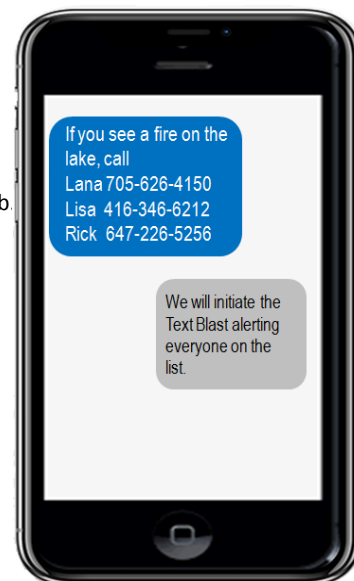
Your mobile number will not be shared outside the Association and only used for the above purposes. You may unsubscribe at any time by sending an email to info@lakepanachecampers.com or reply to one of our text messages with the word UNSUBSCRIBE.

Association text messages are received from mobile number 705-479-1416. Please add this number to your contact list.

Your mobile number is not visible to others receiving our text messages.

Fortunately, we have not had to use the service to date!

The continued offering of this service costs the Association approximately \$325 per year or the equivalent of approximately 11 annual membership fees. In 2023, we surveyed our members to see if they wish to continue to invest the \$325 cost. Of the 49 responses received, 66% were in favour of maintaining this service.



Breakwall Report 2025

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Association is responsible for the maintenance of the MNR property in the Marina Bay. This includes Air Ambulance Road, the Air Ambulance Helicopter pad, the upper road in front of the private boathouses, the dock at the foot of the hill, the boat launch and the breakwall that supports boat parking.

The breakwall requires repair or replacement in the near future. In anticipation, in 2024, we developed a plan for its rehabilitation and, through a competitive bid process, determined the cost.

Since the cost of this far exceeds our financial resources, the Association applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2024 for funding to complete the rehabilitation. We were unsuccessful in our application for a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, but we have applied again this year.

If we are successful and we are approved, the work will be done this summer. Under MNR guidelines, the project must be done between July 15th and September 1st.

During that time, the boat launch and parking area will be closed, and signs will be posted at the start of Air Ambulance Road. Access to the helipad and boathouses will be maintained during the construction period. The Association will update members as more information becomes available on the grant application and the potential to do the work this summer.

Karen McLeod, 1st Vice-President and Breakwall Committee Chairperson



The Lake Panache Campers Association runs on a volunteer basis. If you would like to get involved in volunteering for the Association, please email us at info@lakepanachecampers.com or reach out to any of our directors.



*Have a safe summer
from your friends at the LPCA!*