



President's Report 2026

Welcome to the LPCA 2026 Newsletter!

Can you feel it - more sunshine and warmer temperature! Spring will soon be here, and we are all looking forward to another fine camping season on the lake!

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!

This year, we are looking for a volunteer to help monitor and maintain the fire pumps around the lake. If you're interested, please contact me at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

We also want to recognize volunteers who came out on Saturday, July 5, 2025, to help with the Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Clean Up Day. Many thanks to DIA Contracting for the transportation of the scrap metal collection!

Mark your calendar for the 2026 Household Hazardous Waste and Metal Clean Up Day on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon!

The LPCA Annual General Meeting was held at the Family Day Picnic in 2025 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, Stuart Greaves, Lana Watier and Paul Young, were re-elected for another three-year term. Thank you Lana and Paul for all of your contributions to the Association.

As most of you know, LPCA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for the maintenance of the dock and helipad 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, we developed a plan in 2024 for its rehabilitation and, through a competitive bid process, determined the cost. Since this cost far exceeds our financial resources, the Association applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2024 and again in 2025 for funding to complete the rehabilitation. We were unsuccessful both times, so no work will be performed this year. We continue to explore other possible sources of funding and updated the MNR of the status of this project.

For any hunting/fishing issues or issues on the water or around the public dock your first call is to the MNR at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (1-877-847-7667)! Thank You to the MNR 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



2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Household Hazardous Waste Day & Metal Clean Up**
 Saturday, July 11, 2026
 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 Public Dock, Air Ambulance Road
- 2026 Annual General Meeting**
 Saturday, July 25, 2026
 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
 Mountain Cove Lodge
- 2026 Annual Panache Picnic**
 Saturday, July 25, 2026
 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
Atikameksheng
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.

2026 Fire Report

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) confirmed another quiet fire season in 2025 in and around Lake Panache with no reported fires.

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

For more information about fire prevention at camp and home, visit FireSmart Canada at

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/>

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

We currently have 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 above 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.

Email us at info@lakepanachecampers.com if you used a fire pump.

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

In the event of fire, please call the MNR immediately at 310-FIRE (3473) or if you are in the City of Greater Sudbury or Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, call 911.





Membership Report 2025

Greetings for 2026 and thank you for maintaining your membership. We have 190 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 36 members whose membership expired in 2025. Please support your Association.

Unsure of your membership status or require a membership form? Please call any of the LPCA Directors for assistance or email info@lakepanachecampers.com.

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

Application Form:

<https://forms.gle/56Nyknf9QE3B4SEJ6>

Renewal Form:

<https://forms.gle/W93vAXkfwGN6HUGH9>

“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.



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 gift certificate.

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

The Lake Panache Camper’s Association installs and maintains flashing shoal marker lights in various locations on the lake. In total, we maintain approximately 40 light markers installed on shoals or hazards in the higher traffic areas of the lake.

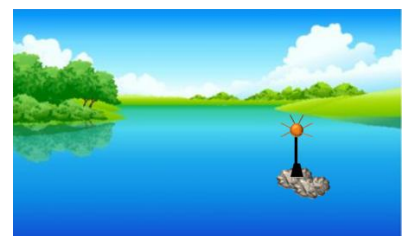
This is a significant undertaking carried out by a core group of volunteers every spring and fall. We would like to thank all our volunteers who maintain the lights. Some lights are left out throughout the winter to aid winter campers and snowmobilers with travel on the lake.

Approximately 18 years ago, we switched to solar powered LED lights. This eliminated the need for batteries, mid season battery changes and kept approximately 240 batteries per year out of the landfill/hazardous waste system. To date, that is over 4,300 batteries! Our original lights had a projected lifespan of five years and lasted at least eight. The replacements have a projected lifespan of 15 years and are currently in year 10.

As technology has changed significantly over the last 10 years, we will begin a trial of a few different new lights in select locations this summer. Though replacements are not needed immediately, we wish to do some testing prior to investing significantly in new lights in the next few years.

As always, if you see a light not working or missing, please reach out to us at info@lakepanachecampers.com.

Paul Young
2nd Vice-President



Lake Stewardship Report 2025

Water Sampling



In May 2025, the Association conducted its biannual water sampling of the lake. The 12 sampling locations and methods are consistent with those established in 2013, and included sampling for metals such as arsenic, copper, nickel, cadmium, cobalt, lead, chromium, and mercury.

Water samples were tested by TestMark laboratories in Garson, ON. The results are similar to previous years' testing and are posted on our website and shared with members. We are maintaining a historical record of our biannual testing for future reference for LPCA, our members, and the City of Greater Sudbury.

This was our seventh round of testing. The City of Greater Sudbury is now collecting our testing results and requested all of our previous results.

Our thanks go out to President Stu Greaves who has taken over the water sample collection process. In addition to the Association's water sampling program, LPCA also does spring phosphate sampling for the City of Greater Sudbury as part of the provincial Lake Partner Program.

On Saturday, July 5, 2025, LPCA held its 11th annual Household Hazardous Waste Day and Scrap Metal Collection at the public dock on Ambulance Road. Again, the event was a tremendous success and included at least four propane fridges, six barbecues and four sauna stoves.

Environmental/conservation information was distributed to attendees, the City of Greater Sudbury's Toxic Taxi took care of the hazardous waste and LPCA volunteers brought the scrap metals to a recycling depot. This helps ensure these dangerous materials do not wind up in our water or on our shorelines.

During the day, brush and small trees were cleared around the helipad and at the road's edge. Thank you to our volunteers who came out to help.

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

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

Our volunteers are unable to accept items that do not qualify as hazardous waste or scrap metal.

See last page of the newsletter for a full list of materials that may be collected.

If your camp is in the City of Greater Sudbury, you can schedule a pickup by calling 705-560-9019. Leave your name, phone number, address and the type of waste to be collected. You will be contacted to set up an appointment for collection.

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 participating 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.

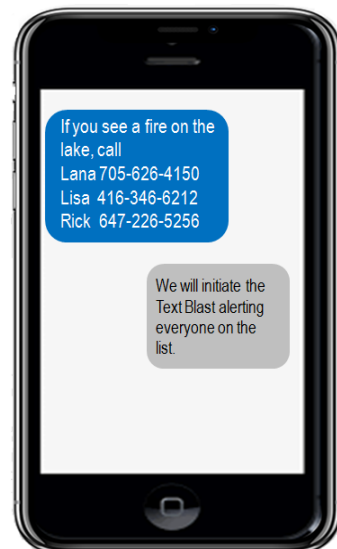
If you have not already subscribed to this service, open our [Consent to Text online form](#), submit your information and give us consent to text you. We only send text messages in the event of a fire; we don't use the system for any other communications.

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 Lake Panache Campers Association would like to recognize **ALL** of the volunteers who contribute to everything we do. Volunteers make up the board, assist with Hazardous Waste & Scrap Metal day, the picnic, maintenance of the helipad; Air Ambulance Road; the Government dock; the shoal markers; the fire pumps and AEDs.

The LPCA is run on a strictly volunteer basis and without them, we wouldn't be able to do all that we do!

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!**



Toxic Taxi

Don't throw hazardous waste in the garbage, down the sink or in the sewer.

If you're unable to deliver your household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot, please call the Toxic Taxi answering service at 705-560-9019 to make an appointment for free home collection service.

Please leave your name and telephone number(s). Your call will be returned in 24 hours to schedule an appointment.

You may also make a Toxic Taxi appointment by email. Simply send an email to Sudburytoxictaxi@hotzenvironmental.com detailing your name, address and the waste you have to be collected. A representative will reply with an appointment date that you will be asked to confirm.

Please note for safety reasons, the Toxic Taxi will not pick up waste if you are not home.

Examples of materials accepted:

Common examples of household hazardous waste include:

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| - medicines | - household batteries | - butane lighters and cylinders | - transmission fluid | - brake fluid |
| - car wax | - diesel | - kerosene | - car batteries | - gasoline |
| - motor oil | - antifreeze | - windshield washer | - glues | - cements |
| - paints | - thinners | - stains and preservatives | - turpentine | - paint strippers |
| - rust removers | - ammonia | - aerosols | - drain openers | - oven cleaners |
| - fire extinguishers | - pool chemicals | - propane tanks and cylinders | - fertilizers | - syringes |
| - fluorescent tubes | - thermometers | - weed and bug killers | | |

Materials not accepted:

No commercial, industrial, institutional, pathological, PCB, explosive, radioactive or unknown waste will be accepted.

Please note:

- All waste must be clearly labelled and in sealed containers.
- Reusable containers will not be returned (i.e. plastic gas cans).
- Do not mix different products together.
- Syringes must be in a puncture-proof container.

For further information, please call City Services at 3-1-1 or visit our website at www.greatersudbury.ca/wastemanagement.

It starts with you! We'll take it from here.

