

Mazinaw Property Owners Association

Lake Steward Report

July 25 2022

MVCA Lake Monitoring Update

The 2021 Integrated Monitoring Report is ready for the public and has been posted on the MVCA website. <https://mvc.on.ca/reports/>. The MVCAs advised that *"the lake sampling program shows that the lake is maintaining its oligotrophic status with deep secchi depths indicating good water clarity, and low to moderate concentrations of total dissolved phosphorus. There was one slightly high value returned from the July sample however this is viewed as an outlier in the data set and not an indicator of an enrichment trend. Dissolved oxygen levels at depth within the lake continue to be ideal for Lake Trout"*

Tool for Lake Protection

The Watersheds Canada has published, *"Lake Protection Workbook: A Self-Assessment Tool for Shoreline Property Owners"*, an educational tool that helps property owners make improvements to their shorelines, and provides information about lake protection. It includes a series of questions that will help you assess how well you are protecting your property and your lakefront through everyday actions. The Workbook also provides practical information, recommendations, and space for recording improvements to assist you in your lake protection efforts. Download a copy for FREE: <http://watersheds.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Lake-Protection-Workbook.pdf>

Survey

FOCA is polling all waterfront users about their thoughts on the top issues facing Ontario waterways this year, and how well FOCA's work and various communications channels (Elert, website, social media, etc.) serve your needs. The survey is anonymous, and is open until July 24, 2022. Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCAcottageCountry_Survey_Elert1

Webinar

Watershed Canada, Planning for our Shorelands project held a webinar called *"Sustainable Waterfront Planning Through Reconciliation"* on June 16th at 1pm EST". This collaborative and interactive workshop covered the topic of sustainable waterfront planning and the importance of vegetated shoreline buffers from an Indigenous perspective, providing us all with some very

important considerations when we think of freshwater. You can now watch the webinar recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22B2xLhE2-4>

Webinar

Watersheds Canada held webinar last June called “The Healthy Shorelines, Healthy Lakes: Municipal Planning Tools to Protect our Freshwater” covering the scientific benefits of natural shorelines and different policy tools available to protect and restore vegetative shoreline buffers. You can now watch the webinar recording, access the PowerPoint slide decks, and additional resources here: <https://watersheds.ca/planning-for-our-shorelands/healthy-shorelines-healthy-lakes-workshop/>

Watch for Waterbombers

While you are enjoying Ontario's waterways, remember that waterbombers need room to scoop water from lakes for fire-fighting. Boaters who venture too close can obstruct these efforts, and create a dangerous situation for themselves and pilots. Waterbombers won't scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard. You can help by staying clear of waterbombers. Click the poster at the side for details, and get more info [by clicking here](#). For an update on the current wildland fire situation, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>

Thank you for reading, and we look forward to seeing you at the lake!