

September 10, 2007

TO: The Trent Severn Waterways Panel

I am writing on behalf of the Clear/Stone/White Lake Plan Steering Committee.

We are a group whose representation includes the organizations listed under "Supporting Stakeholders and Agencies" in our Interim Report. In addition we have two members who are community members but are not regular users of the lake. We have also tried to represent the interests of local realtors, tourist operators, contractors and other business people.

We are now at the point in our planning where the stakeholders have been asked their impressions and concerns; we have done research on these areas (see Interim Report "This fall a detailed action plan---); we have written the first draft of the material (see Interim Report "Background Information Considered in the Lake Plan") and have sent this to a consultant who will have it organized for us to look at by the end of September. In addition we have written a first draft of "Recommendations and Action Plans" which we will discuss and modify, if necessary, with our multiple stakeholders.

To complete the first part of our study will cost about fifty thousand dollars. This has all been raised locally; the only salary is that paid to our consultant. We envision a number of actions coming from our recommendations-many of which will require more hours and skills than our volunteers are able to contribute.

We are particularly pleased to have the opportunity to speak with your panel to emphasize our concerns and to ask for your advice on how to extend work of this nature to include more of our watershed. We know that fifteen per cent of the phosphates in Stone Lake come through the dam at Burleigh Falls from Lovesick Lake and the water upstream from us. We also know that seven water treatment plants are upstream from our lakes. These plants, we understand, operate at about eighty per cent efficiency. You can surmise what happens to the other twenty per cent.

We look forward to discussing our issues at your panel hearings.

Yours truly

Robert Little, Co-Chair, The Steering Committee of the C/S/W Lake Plan



Our Legacy

The purpose is for the preservation of the natural beauty of Stony Lake and its environment, the protection of fish and game, the maintenance of proper sanitary conditions, the protection of property of cottages and campers, the procuring and maintenance of such transportation and other facilities as are in the best interests of those residing upon or visiting the lakes, and otherwise providing such arrangements and regulations as make for the security, comfort, pleasure and profit of all who sojourn from time to time on Stony Lake or in its neighborhood.

Stoney Lake Cottagers Association. 1896

Clear / Ston(e)y / White Lake Plan Interim Report

What is a Lake Plan?

A Lake Plan is an action-oriented plan developed by the community, in consultation with local governments and agencies, to reflect, preserve, and restore the special character and ecological health of the lake.

A significant component in the preparation of the lake plan is the consultation process which includes both shoreline and off-lake community residents, the business community (including realtors, resort owners, marina operators, contractors), municipalities and all related government departments, organizations, and agencies.

The timing for this CSW Lake Plan could not be better. Responding to the 2006 release of the Peterborough County Official Plan (OP), each of the four immediate townships within our watershed expects to release its new official plans (OPs) for a final public review this summer. These will be the first OP's since the municipal restructuring in 1998 and, for the time, will assume a watershed-based strategic approach* to land use planning and water management. The Lake Plan Steering Committee intends to use this review experience to continue participation in the subsequent update of the township zoning by-laws.

We encourage all stakeholders to provide input to this important process. The plan is only valuable if it reflects our shared values for future growth and conservation of these lakes. Each of us can play a role in its development, thus ensuring the long-term health of Clear, Ston(e)y and White Lakes.

*Focuses on the regional land area which drains into local rivers and lakes.

Benefits to the Community

- ➔ Protection for our natural heritage including lakes, streams, wetlands, shorelines, forests
- ➔ Protection for the sources and quality of our water
- ➔ Protection for our fisheries and wildlife and associated recreational or economic benefits
- ➔ Access to education and information on best practices for sustainable recreation, living and growth on and around our lakes
- ➔ Opportunities for participation in implementation of the Lake Plan strategic action plan in collaboration with our municipal partners
- ➔ Opportunities for growing more eco-friendly businesses including tourism, organic gardening
- ➔ Opportunities to contribute to on-going research on lake health, sustainable growth, climate change in collaboration with academic and agency partners
- ➔ Volunteer "hands-on" research and credit-for-product project opportunities for high school, college and university students
- ➔ Increased business opportunities for existing lake and community businesses

Donor Appreciation

Our Sincere Thanks to All Our Donors
Your generous support has allowed the Lake Plan Project to move forward

The Ontario Trillium Foundation
The Stony Lake Heritage Foundation
Upper Stony Lake Association
Association of Stony Lake Cottagers
White Lake Association
Kawartha Park Cottagers' Association
Birchcliff Property Owners Association
Stoney Lake Triathlon
Ston(e)y Lake Environment Council
Pine Vista Resort
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During the summer of 2006, an air and water tour was undertaken to create a visual catalogue of the unique and diverse characteristics of the three lakes. Volunteer guides shared their knowledge of the region's biology, botany, geology, geography, and history with Steering Committee members and French Planning Services Inc.





Our **Vision** is of a place where water quality, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, recreational opportunities and peaceful tranquility are improved and conserved in perpetuity for all human and wildlife generations to come.

The **Goal** is to prepare a Lake Plan for the Clear, Ston(e)y and White Lake area which will introduce a streamlined set of guidelines for all lake residents and other lake users for the protection of the lakes' special areas and features through community stewardship, land use planning, and policy approaches.

The intent is to encourage local municipalities to clarify and harmonize existing municipal policies and practices which specifically address the sustainability of our unique natural and cultural landscape. Education and promotion of best practices for lake residents and commercial operators will complement these policies.

Progress Report

In the spring of 2005 the Ston(e)y Lake Cottage Associations, The Stony Lake Heritage Foundation and Ston(e)y Lake Environment Council hosted an initial meeting with representatives from our four bordering townships (North Kawartha, Douro-Dummer, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, and Galway-Cavendish-Harvey), Peterborough County Planning Department, Trent-Severn Waterway, County of Peterborough Health Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, and a professional planner. Consensus was reached on the need and overall support for development of a lake plan.

In June of 2005, a Lake Plan Steering Committee for Ston(e)y, Clear, and White Lakes was formed. An overall plan for the project was developed with four phases covering the years 2005-2008:

Phase One (2005) - Planning the Lake Plan Project

- ✓ Collection of background information initiated
- ✓ Financial Plan developed
- ✓ Fund-raising draft plan developed
- ✓ Communications draft plan developed
- ✓ Residents' Identification of Values workshops held at Crowe's Landing and Juniper Island

Phase Two (2006) - Background Information

- ✓ Commercial operators Identification of Values workshop held in Lakefield in January
- ✓ Fund-raising committee activated
- ✓ Lake planning consultants engaged - French Planning Services Inc.
- ✓ Business plan completed as a "Living Document"
- ✓ Presentations to spring/summer Association meetings
- ✓ Continued work on background reports
- ✓ Prioritization of issues
- ✓ Grant proposals submitted

Phase Three (2007) - Define action plans for priority issues and confirm stake holders' consensus

Phase Four (2008) - Final Report

Did you know : Buffer zones provide rich and important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Scientists say that natural habitat ABOVE the high water mark is very important to the survival of fish species.

This fall a detailed action plan outlining strategies and tasks for implementation will be developed to address the Priority Issues listed below:

Monitor, Protect, and Enhance Water Quality

Maintain and Restore Natural Shorelines, Wetlands and Forests

Promote Safe Boating

Protect and Enhance Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Encourage and Promote Sustainable Year-round Development

Promote Education of Stakeholders

Improve Communication with Stakeholders

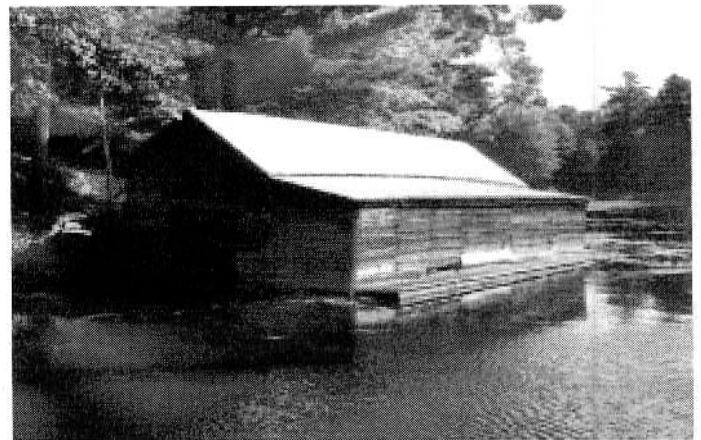
Ensure Quality of Life

Develop/Maintain Good Working Relationships with North Kawartha, Douro-Dummer, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, and Galway-Cavendish-Harvey Townships

Project Outcomes

The Lake Plan Steering Committee, comprised of area stakeholders including residents, commercial operators and municipal representatives, is working to develop consensus on the important elements of a final Lake Plan for all current and future lake residents and community users through recommendations for:

- additions to municipal planning policies which will guide sustainable land use and development in our communities
- stewardship approaches
- targets and objectives to measure the success of the lake plan over time



Endorsements and Support

The new Peterborough County (Official Plan) *Shoreland And The Waterfront* states as a goal "to improve and protect the waterfront area in Peterborough County as a significant cultural, recreational, economic and natural environment resource and enhance land areas adjacent to the shore".

New Official Plans for the Townships of North Kawartha, Norwood-Asphodel, and Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield are being introduced as amendments to the new Official Plan for Peterborough County. Each of these plans encourages lake associations to undertake the creation of Lake Plans.

The new Douro-Dummer OP states: "The Township acknowledges initiative of associations.... to undertake the creation of Lake Plans. At such time as Lake Plans are completed and submitted to Township....the results may be considered for implementation through an amendment to this plan."

The CSW Lake Plan Steering Committee has been most fortunate to have had support from all four townships with a councilor or town staff member participating at our meetings. With these endorsements, the support of our lake associations, and support from various government agencies, the CSW Lake Plan Steering Committee is working to develop a Lake Plan for our community.

Supporting Stakeholders and Agencies

Stoney Lake Cottage Association
 Association of Stony Lake Cottagers
 The Stony Lake Heritage Foundation
 Ston(e)y Lake Environment Council
 Douro-Dummer Township
 Galway-Cavendish-Harvey Township
 North Kawartha Township
 Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township
 Peterborough County Planning Department
 County of Peterborough Health Unit
 Ministry of Natural Resources
 Trent-Severn Waterway
 Otonabee Region Conservation Authority

Did you know : Retaining walls can transfer the energy of waves and currents along a shoreline, causing erosion further along the shore - on your own property or a neighbour's.

Financial Planning and Fundraising

The Steering Committee is most fortunate to have financial support from our Lake Associations, the Stony Lake Heritage Foundation, the Ston(e)y Lake Environment Council, the Stony Lake Triathlon, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and private donations. We are confident that the financial support to date will allow us to complete our work for the second year of our project. Additional fundraising this year will permit us to complete the final report in early 2008, and provide an initial financial base for the implementation stage.

Background Information Considered in the Lake Plan

Collecting background information helped us to identify important values, development constraints and land use considerations. Our approach is to focus on the collection of existing information, and to identify information gaps and prioritize the collection of new information within our available financial and people resources. This information will be used to develop and confirm a detailed list of actions based on the 9 themes listed on the front page.

Natural Elements	Social Elements	Land Use	Physical Elements
<p>Research summary and GIS mapping of wetlands, fisheries, woodlands, water quality, watershed, wildlife</p> <p>Role of natural elements in providing critical habitat and sustainability for all species</p> <p>Policy protection for natural features</p> <p>Species and spaces currently at risk</p> <p>Analysis of areas requiring protection and strategies for success</p>	<p>Historic and cultural sites</p> <p>Boating use</p> <p>Important landscapes</p> <p>Recreational opportunities</p> <p>Historical development</p> <p>Neighbourhood character</p> <p>Night light survey</p>	<p>Inventory and trends</p> <p>County/township official plans</p> <p>Zoning by-laws</p> <p>Land use influencing water quality</p> <p>Shoreline protection</p> <p>Lake capacity</p> <p>Development permit system</p> <p>Sewage disposal</p> <p>Development site plan control</p>	<p>Narrow water bodies</p> <p>Steep slopes</p> <p>Flooded areas and areas prone to flooding</p> <p>Access</p> <p>Watershed conditions</p> <p>Mineral and aggregate resources</p> <p>Forestry</p> <p>Water level operating regime</p>

Steering Committee Members

Carolyn Amyotte	Councillor, NK Township
Ruth Benson	Resident
Bob Brown	Stony Lake Heritage Foundation
Dick Crawford	Birchcliff Property Owners Assoc.
Michael Harper	Upper Stony Lake Assoc.
Ken Hyde	Upper Stony Lake Assoc.
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Robert Little	Assoc. of Stony Lake Cottagers
Lynda Marsh	Ston(e)y Lake Environment Council
Bev Matthews	Councillor, GCH Township
Roz Moore	Assoc. of Stony Lake Cottagers
John Platt	Kawartha Park Cottagers' Assoc.
Mike Stedman	White Lake Association
Heather Watson	Resident

We welcome your input to this important process.

If you have comments, suggestions, or ideas relating to this Interim Report please write, phone or e-mail us .

Specifically we would like input on our **Suggested Themes** on page one, and on the **Background Information Considered in the Lakeplan** on page four.

Donations are still welcome.

Taxable receipts are available.

For further information write, phone or e-mail us.

Thank you.

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Did you know: An older 70HP two-stroke engine, operated for two hours, produces more airborne pollutants than driving 8,000 km in a car.