A big welcome back to all the cottagers on Wollaston Lake, many of whom have recently returned to the cottage and found among the long winter’s collection of dust and cobwebs, all your summer treasures, waiting to join you on another summer of pleasure, at your oasis from the city. There is always work to get everything ship shape again, but soon you and your family will be sitting on the dock soaking up the sounds, the smells, and the sights of our beloved lake.

The executive of the Wollaston Lake Home and Cottage Association, (WLHCA), have been working hard as well, to try to protect the lake. Two curve balls have been thrown at us from Mother Nature. Two invasive species have taken hold of our lake, Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Water Milfoil. More information on invasive species can be found on the FOCA website ( www.foca.on.ca/invasive-species/ )

Zebra Mussels are in almost every part of the lake now and you are likely finding them attached to your dock, swimming platforms, water intakes, on rocks and even as you walk in the water a few feet. On our shoreline, my family are now finding that we need to wear some form of shoes when we walk in the water or we get little cuts on our feet. If you take water from the lake you may need to find a way to put netting or a sock over the opening of the intake to prevent zebra mussels from crusting over the opening of the pipe. Unfortunately, we can’t undo their presence in the lake but we can be vigilant about taking boats from Wollaston Lake and spreading the zebra mussels to lakes that do not as of yet have an infestation. Boats need to be dried out for a least a week during hot dry weather or washed with hot water, especially parts of the boat, where water can sit such as ballast tanks, before putting them in another lake. Plans by a committee of WLHCA to initiate a boat washing centre were begun but had to be put off to another time as the executive needed to focus their energies on the other invasive species, Eurasian-Water Milfoil.

Our Lake Steward, Fred McConnell, is planning an event on July 14th, starting at 10:30 a.m., at the Coe Hill Community Centre with two highlights. The first is an opportunity to hear a very highly regarded speaker, Leora Berman from “The Land Between” organization on shoreline conservation and restoration for owners of shoreline properties. The event will also be a kick-off to a WLHCA action plan to reduce the amount of milfoil in Wollaston Lake. We will need a lot of help so, as an owner of shoreline property, plan to attend, volunteer to join one of our work teams and find out what you can do to help to safely remove as much of the milfoil as possible from in front of your shoreline. Last summer, a Site Visit around Wollaston Lake was completed by Robert Canning an expert on Milfoil, paid for by FOCA. The study was done to identify the presence of milfoil in
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Wollaston Lake and identify the areas in which it is growing. Please check out the flier in this newsletter and the information provided by our Lake Steward, Fred McConnell in his Lake Steward report. Please let us know that you are coming by emailing wlhca.news@gmail.com. It will help us with our planning this important event.

WLHCA has been fortunate to have Fred step into the role of Lake Steward. He has worked tirelessly on initiatives to research and gather information that would lead to best practices to protect the well-being of Wollaston Lake. In 2018, he has actively taken over the role from WLHCA’s previous Lake Steward, Steve Neville, of completing the many tests of lake water that form the core of his role. He has brought new resources from organizations such as “The Land Between “.

Other members of the executive have been worth their weight in gold as well. Janet Galley, our Director of Membership, has continued to do an amazing job of keeping our membership lists up to date. It has been a challenging year as many new cottagers have purchased on the Lake. She works closely with Celina to send a copy of the newsletter to each property owner on the lake and we hope everyone will become a member. Some chose to receive their copy electronically while others are sent a paper copy in the mail, as is their preference. You can always access the newsletter on the web page as well. Celina and Janet run the Welcome Kit Program, bringing a handbook of local information and a “Blue Bin” for recycling to new members on the lake.

Our Communication Director, Celina Clark is often the glue that holds us together with her quick access to digital information and careful crafting of our newsletter. Her knowledge of publishing programs, of environmental resources and links, and her managing of our website and Facebook page is invaluable.

Rick Clark is a huge asset to WLHCA. He has organized and operated the Young Steward’s Environmental Camp for 5 years and will lead the camp to its sixth year this summer. The model for the environmental day camp designed by Rick, has been used to plan day camps connected to 4 other lake communities, the most recent being one at Jack’s Lake near Apsley. Kudos to you Rick.

We are also fortunate to have the years of experience and wisdom of our vice-president, Bob Ireland, on our executive. He brings continuity to our planning and has contributed many years of service to WLHCA and was one of the strong supporters and organizers of a municipal program to inspect septic tanks around the lake and in Wollaston Township.

We are thankful to one of the newest member of our executive, Casey MacDonald for her role as our secretary. Being able to catch the rapid flow of information in a meeting and record what is being said is greatly appreciated.

Beryl Lee stepped into the breach over the fall and winter and been a godsend to WLHCA. In the early fall of 2017, Bev Miller was unable to continue as the
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treasurer due to her health. Fortunately, Beryl Lee, who had served as treasurer for many years was willing to be pressed back into service. Thank you, Beryl, for coming back when we needed you. All fall and winter she diligently completed the monthly statements, tracked the budget and monitored the finances of WLHCA. As of April of this year, Rick Fox has kindly agreed to act as WLHCA’s treasurer. Rick comes from a background of finance and has served as treasurer for many organizations in the Greater Toronto Area.

Any organization treasures its hard working volunteers. WLHCA has indeed been fortunate to have the amazing group who have contributed so many hours of service to our organization. As we become absorbed with initiatives and issues, it is good to remind ourselves, that life continues to flow around us, with its inevitable changes. Age and health issues take their toll, even if our hearts stay committed. We hit milestones that redirect our focus and interests and we become absorbed with exciting changes in our families. I am sorry to realize that there will be quite a few changes in the executive of WLHCA this year. I have to remind myself that while WLHCA has benefitted from such amazing volunteers, the time comes to share them with the rest of the world.

Because of the anticipated changes, I am asking each member of WLHCA to be part of the WLHCA recruitment team this year. If you know of anyone who would be willing to serve on the executive, please let me know. Skills that have been developed in other fields can enrich how the executive can respond the many challenges that come our way.

Peggy Stewart,
President of WLHCA
CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS
Canada Day Fireworks on Wollaston Lake on July 1st, 2018 at dusk. Please note, the boat launch will close at 2pm on July 1st 2018 until after clean up.
The 2017 water testing report is in, and the results are mixed. As you may already have observed, Wollaston Lake now is inhabited by two invasive species: Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Watermilfoil. Many of you are asking “What can I do to help preserve Wollaston Lake’s water quality?” As lakefront property owners, there are a number of things we can do.

Please attend an information sharing workshop in the theme of “Healthy Shorelines for a Healthy Lake” on July 14 at 10:30 in the Coe Hill Community Centre to learn how! Don’t Miss It!

Waterfront cottage owners undoubtedly love their waterfront. Fond memories with family and friends are formed during cottage weekends: legendary barbeques, epic water adventures, amazing campfires, and stunning displays of stars – or even the northern lights. But did you know that the very shoreline properties these lifelong memories grow from are also the very shoreline properties that can keep our shared lake clean and healthy?

A healthy buffer of native trees and shrubs can have several benefits to the land and water, including:

- Filtering water before it enters the lake;
- Protecting soils from washing away (preventing shoreline erosion);
- Providing food and shelter for wildlife like chipmunks and loons, birds and butterflies;
- Discouraging the nesting of Canada geese, which produce waste that increases E. coli contamination.

You can also help IN the water by safely removing Eurasian Milfoil in front of your property. We will help you to identify milfoil, outline strategies that owners of shoreline properties can employ to safely remove milfoil in front of their shorelines and encourage you to join a team that WLHCA will organize to remove larger patches of milfoil in Wollaston Lake.

Leora Berman CEO of The Land Between has agreed to conduct a “Design Your Shoreline Gardens” workshop as a cornerstone of the event https://www.thelandbetween.ca/

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Design your Shoreline Garden Workshop

Leora Berman, CEO of “The Land Between organization, has generously agreed to conduct a workshop on creating healthy shorelines.

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Invasive Species

Eurasian Watermilfoil is a plant, first introduced to the Great Lakes in the 1970's, that grows in water approximately 0-10 metres deep. It spreads rapidly, choking out other native plants and can in extreme cases make swimming, boating, fishing nearly impossible in infested areas of the lake. Based on a first confirmed sighting of Eurasian watermilfoil in 2016, the WLHCA, through the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) 2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Program, arranged for a consultant to visit Wollaston lake on August 18, 2017 to conduct a thorough review of the waterfront. The Full report is available on our web site. (www.wollastonlakehome.com/invasive-species.php)

Of 51 identified locations in Wollaston Lake, 73% contained Eurasian Milfoil and it will undoubtedly continue to spread unless we take action. Eurasian milfoil spreads through fragmentation for example when boats drive through a patch and break pieces off. Please attend the July 14 event to learn more.

Zebra Mussels

Zebra mussels were also introduced to the Great Lakes, most likely through ships, and are now recognized as an invasive species that can out-compete native mussels and other filter feeding invertebrates for food, putting the survival of native species at risk. In addition, they can clog water intake pipes and make swimming quite unpleasant due to their very sharp edges. They were found in the second and third lakes in 2016. The invasive species testing conducted in August of 2016 produced positive results for the zebra mussel veligers (larvae) in all 5 locations tested. 2017 appears to be the year that zebra mussels have established a full presence in all parts of Wollaston lake with numerous sightings being reported in the main lake in addition to the second and third lakes. Unlike the Eurasian watermilfoil there is nothing currently known that can be done to remove/slow the spread of this invasive species.

The Full environmental scorecard will be available later in the summer and presented at the Annual General Meeting.
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HOW WE CAN HELP TURTLES

Submitted by K. Wallace (Think Turtle Conservation Initiative)

There are turtle sightings being reported every day now and as of May 17th over "80" injured turtles have already been admitted to the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre. Although this is a large number and it is extremely sad, typically 90% of the turtles admitted are the result of being struck by a motor vehicle, it is good news in that concerned citizens are helping the injured turtles get to the trauma centre. This gives the turtles the best possible chance of being treated, so hopefully that they can be released back in to the wild when recovered.

Seven of the eight species of turtles native to Ontario are being designated at risk, and the eighth turtle's risk designation is currently being re-assessed. All efforts in aid of helping turtles has the potential of having a positive effect on species recovery. Every turtle matters and quite frankly turtles don't think they need our help, but don't let them convince you of that because they do. The following are ways we can best help the turtles …

TURTLES ON THE ROAD

(1) As always when it is turtle season approximately May to October be prepared to see turtles on the roads and exercise extra caution while driving especially in the vicinity of wetlands. There is an increased likelihood of encountering turtles during nesting season which typically commences approximately May 15th and continues through to July 15th with June being the peak month. Contrarily to what one would expect there are just as many male turtles admitted to the trauma centre as females during this time as confirmed by the trauma centre's admission record’s. Please note it is not unusual to see turtles on the roads any time during turtle season.

Sometimes as early as April depending on the temperatures and at times as late as November, again dependent on the temperatures. There are many reasons turtles may be on the roads which could include: searching for mates, nesting, moving between difference food sources, searching for new habitat due to habitat loss or disturbances, being displaced as a result of being relocated by a person attempting to help them, preparing for winter dormancy, etc.

If you stop to assist a turtle cross a road this should only be done if it is safe to do so. Please pull your vehicle off the road completely and park your vehicle as far over as possible on the shoulder and put on your hazard lights. It is crucial to ensure your own safety, the safety of any passengers you may have with you and the safety of the other motorists on the road before venturing on to a road to assist the turtle. If there is only a very narrow shoulder or no shoulder in the area you spotted the turtle, drive on until you find a proper shoulder to park on and...
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double back on foot being very careful of the traffic. Always move the turtle in the direction the turtle is headed, even if it makes no sense to you why the turtle is headed in that particular direction.

INJURED TURTLE(S)
(2) If during your travels, you find an injured turtle even a turtle that to you may think is beyond hope, a turtle that appears to be dead but eggs are visible or any concerning turtle nesting/egg situations, or you learn of a turtle in threat of losing their habitat no matter where you are in Ontario, please call the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, home of Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre at 705-741-5000. They will guide you through what to do. If getting to the OTCC/KTTC will require a very long drive, they will direct you to the nearest first response team. Injured turtles need medical attention as soon as possible. The OTCC/KTTC is the only turtle trauma centre in Ontario able to offer long term rehabilitation if needed. All turtles admitted to first response private clinics and wildlife rehabilitators that require long term treatment and rehabilitation will be transferred to the OTCC/KTTC. Turtles in their care are in the best of care.

REPORTING SIGHTINGS
3) Assisting turtles you encounter on the roads is an act of kindness that helps to protect the turtles but please keep in mind that this is a short term solution to helping turtles. Sadly there is a possibility that the same turtle may end up on the road again perhaps a week later or a month later and will again run the risk of being struck by a motor vehicle. It is hoped that every time a turtle ventures on to the road they are able to be intercepted by a concerned citizen that will assist them but there is of course no guarantee this will always be the case. If we as a community want to seriously help the local turtle population, the most effective way to help the turtles is to focus on "long term" solutions aimed at providing the turtles a way of avoiding travelling on the roads. Long term permanent mitigation such as wildlife underpasses accompanied by fencing installed in such a way that it funnels the turtles into the underpass, is a strategy that has proven to be highly effective. This is the present day approach to permanent mitigation and it is a good plan.

With the focus being on long term solutions and permanent mitigation this is in no way suggesting that you ignore a turtle that is on the road. This means assisting that turtle you encounter across the road if it is safe to do so but very importantly "following through with the next step" and officially reporting that turtle sighting through a citizen scientist program of your choice. There are several to choose from. Reporting turtle sightings is the best way we as concerned citizens can help to supply turtle sighting data that will play an important part in maximizing opportunities for permanent mitigation sites to be implemented in this region and across Ontario. This will enable turtles as well as other small wildlife a way of travelling under the roads instead of on them.

Officially reporting turtle sightings enables the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ministry of Transportation to identify concentrations of turtle activity and turtle species at risk in this region. With this information they are able to access and identify
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road mortality hot spots and determine the effectiveness of coordinating scheduled infrastructure upgrades as initiated by the Ministry of Transportation and/or Municipality, County, Township as potential permanent mitigation sites. However the window of time to coordinate these efforts comes down to timing and the availability of reported turtle sightings data nearing the scheduled infrastructure upgrades. Once installed, wildlife underpasses have the potential of dramatically reducing and possibly eliminating turtle road mortality in the area of installation. So please take a photo of the turtle once you are both safely off the road and report all your turtle sightings.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST PROGRAMS

There are several citizen scientist programs set-up including the Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas, Ontario Turtle Tally and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for officially reporting turtle sightings. Each program varies slightly with regard to their layout with the Atlas and Tally both having an app and online reporting set-up versus MNRF paper species reporting form that can be picked-up at the District office, completed and dropped off. There is also the Turtle Guardians program set-up for kids, big and small. The information requested at the core of each set-up is the same being information to establish a clear fix on the sighting location, type of turtle and the status of the turtle. Each citizen scientists reported sightings are archived while they are identified and validated. The data collected at some point will be transferred to the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) and made available to Ontarian’s to assist with conservation, planning and research activities.

Please note the importance of protecting the whereabouts of special concern, threatened and endangered species of turtles by resisting the urge to talk about them publically, post photographs or information online. There is always the possibility of poachers lurking or passing themselves off as concerned citizens in hopes of obtaining information about these highly sought after turtle species to sell to pet collectors or derive financial gain through some kind of illegal turtle activity. It is so important to protect and help the Ontario Turtle populations especially at this time when they face so many challenges.

As reporting sightings is such an important factor in helping turtles please do not hesitate to contact me at thinkturtle@yahoo.com or 647-606-9537 to discuss this matter further or seek guidance. It is a fact that whether assisting a turtle across a road or seeing that an injured turtle gets to the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre or acting as a steward to turtles that nest on your property and installing a nest protector these are all effective ways of helping the turtles. Every turtle helped that can hopefully from the point of being helped go on to live a long and fruitful life is so essential to propagating the species and making strides forward with species recovery but it is the reporting of turtle sightings that is "key" to a long term solution to provide the turtles with a way to avoid travelling on the roads.

THANK YOU so much for your care and concern for TURTLES. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

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After what seems to have been a very long winter, Spring 2018 is finally here and the summer looks like it’s going to be a lovely one. I hope you are looking forward to great times at the lake as much as I am. I am pleased to report that in 2017, 62% of our members paid their dues. This is a slight increase from 2016 but is still lower than our participation rate of 66% in 2015. Hopefully, our numbers will continue to rebound this year. The $25.00 annual membership dues pay for vital programs such as water testing, invasive species sampling, environmental studies, partnerships with other lake associations, the semi-annual newsletters and much more. Everyone’s continued support is crucial, so please take a moment and pay your membership dues now.

As always, there are three easy ways you can pay your dues: by mail; online; or through your Road Captain. If you want to mail your dues, please put your $25.00 cheque into the envelope that has been provided if you receive your newsletter in the mail. If you read your newsletter online, please mail your cheque to WLHCA, P.O. Box 249, Coe Hill, Ontario, KOL 1P0.

For those of you who like the convenience of online banking, please send your payment to wlhcamembership@gmail.com. When your financial institution asks for a security question, please use “What is the name of our lake?”, and the answer will be “Wollaston”. Since introducing on-line payments in 2015, the number of folks using the system has increased each year. In 2015, 20 families paid their dues this way, in 2017 that number increased to 31. Paying your dues online is quick and easy, and I think that’s why so many people are choosing to do it this way.

Last, but certainly not least, you can drop your dues off to your Road Captain, if you are lucky enough to have one on your road. Last year our dedicated team of Road Captains collected annual dues from 47 families, and this was a substantial increase from 33 families in 2016. In case you don’t know who our Road Captains are, please let me introduce these wonderful people to you:

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- Anne Ireland for Ferguson Bay Lane
- Rick and Celina Clark for Gilbert Bay Lane, Mumby Lane & Sherwin Lane
- Beryl Lee for Kendon Lane
- Mary Hogg for Lawrence Lane
- Peggy Stewart for Maple Ridge Road

If your road does not have a Road Captain, please consider volunteering for that role. Being a Road Captain is a great way to connect with your neighbours and it doesn’t require a great amount of time or energy. Road Captains help collect annual dues, distribute Welcome Kits to new home and cottage owners on their road, and generally serve as ambassadors for the lake association. If you are interested in volunteering to be a Road Captain, please let me know. You can email me at wlhca.membership@gmail.com or call me at 613 337-9042.

Speaking of volunteering….. I have had the privilege of serving on the executive of the WLHCA for the past four years. I first joined as Secretary in 2014 and then became Director of Membership when Anne Ireland stepped down in 2015. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with the other members of the executive; they are a supportive and dedicated group of volunteers who care passionately.
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about our lake, its surrounding environment, and all the people who live, work, and play around it. Serving on the executive has also allowed me to meet and to get to know many of my lakeside neighbours, and that too has been a wonderful experience.

The time has come, however, for me to step down from my role and I will be resigning as Director of Membership at this year’s Annual General Meeting. So now I ask each of you to consider stepping up to fill my place. No extraordinary skills are needed; just enthusiasm and a willingness to work with others. Our Association runs on volunteer power and we need more volunteers. There is an old adage that says, “Many hands make light work” and this is especially true in an organization such as ours. We need you! Please consider volunteering some of your time so that we can all benefit from the on-going efforts of the WLHCA.

Have a safe and happy summer. I’m looking forward to seeing you at the lake and at the Annual General Meeting in August.

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The Northern Reflection - Spring/Summer 2018
Much of the attention of the executive over the winter months, has been on the Application for Amendment of By-law 10-15, by Bear Ridge Campgrounds. Our WLHCA by-laws state, “the association considers itself to be custodian, active steward, and advocate of Wollaston Lake and its surrounding environment”. In light of this mandate, which was approved at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the executive have monitored this application for amendment over the winter and the spring as it seemed to present some potential for impact on Wollaston Lake. Many hours were spent by the executive, researching applicable documents many of which at first, were difficult to find. I presented our concerns at the Wollaston Township, March 9th public meeting and was well supported by members of the WLHCA executive, WLHCA members, some who spoke and passionately presented their concerns for a lake that they love, and by many letters from WLHCA members to the councillors also reflecting concern for Wollaston Lake and additionally requesting that council ensure that the provisions of Section 1.e of By-Law 10-15 continue to honoured and enforced.

What was unclear to us at the time leading up to the public meeting was the role that the site plan and accompanying agreements would play. The requirements of section 1.e, except the dock, would be placed in the site plan maps and the accompanying agreements. The site plan maps needed to be finalized, showing the location of all existing and future buildings and structures of the Bear Ridge Development. A written agreement between Wollaston Township and Bear Ridge owners to accompany the Site Plan Maps had to be negotiated. In the agreement, the provisions of Section 1.e would be included except the section dealing with the dock. Responsibilities of the owners needed to be described in detail. When signed, the owners would agree to provide and maintain all facilities, including the pool and the recreational activities and ensure that the pool and activities are accessible by the campers. There was an initial draft of the site plan available to the public at the public meeting on March 9th. Since then the staff at Wollaston Township and owners at Bear Ridge have worked hard to arrive at a final draft of a site plan and agreement. A final form of the Site Plan and its agreements, along with many documents providing background information were made available to councillors to consider the application of amendment of By-law 10-15 for the May 8th Council Meeting. The documents were placed on the Wollaston Township website. To see them, click on Township Minutes and Agenda, and then click on Bear Ridge. There is a lot to read.

A decision was deferred to the May 22nd council meeting. Some councillors indicated additional time was needed for the township’s legal team to review the application, site plan and agreement, and to allow time for councillors to fully read and consider all the related documents and their implications. At the May 22nd Council meeting, Heather Sadler, from EcoVue consulting, spoke on behalf of Bear Ridge owners, encouraging the Council to accept and pass the application without further delay. There appeared to still be some final details of the site plan and agreement to be clarified and refined. A motion was proposed and carried which stated that Wollaston Council agree in principal to pass the amended zoning by-law and site plan agreement at the next meeting of Council on June 12th,2018 pending minor clarifications to the wording of the site plan agreement and provided that an executed agreement is available before passing.

Graham Blair stated that he wanted the site plan agreements that had been negotiated with Bear Ridge owners and staff at Wollaston Township, to be signed
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and passed in the same time frame as the motion to accept the amendments to By-law 10-15. If the application to amend by-law 10-15 is passed and the negotiated site plan and agreements are signed on June 12th, there appears to be sufficient provisions in place in the site plan and agreements to ensure the recreational activities and pool would be in operation and accessible to campers. I have attended the last two meetings of council and will attend the June 12th meeting. I will put a report on the web site following the meeting. Additionally, I will begin to gather more information about the processes required, timeline, and information related to a shoreline land use agreement that is still to be negotiated between the owners of Bear Ridge and Wollaston Township and any changes to the existing dock. I will post the information on the WLHCA website.

Peggy Stewart,
President of WLHCA
TOP 6 WAYS YOU CAN HELP LOONS

**Keep it Wild**
Let native wetland plants grow along your shoreline, or replant if the shoreline is bare. Natural shorelines provide shelter and food for both fish and loons.

**Keep it Calm**
Slow down near wetlands and shorelines and keep your wake to a minimum. Wakes can wash out nests or separate young loons from their parents, which makes chicks easy pickings for predators.

**Steer Clear**
Slow down and steer clear of loons, waterbirds, and other wildlife. They may not be able to escape your path. If adults become separated from their young, they can’t protect them.

**Dispose Responsibly**
Take trash and fishing line to shore for proper disposal. Garbage including plastics and tackle can injure birds and other wildlife. Keep food and scraps contained, as they may increase predators around nests.

**Reduce Your Impact**
Use less electricity and fossil fuels. Climate change raises lake temperatures, which causes more heavy metals to accumulate in wildlife tissues. Do not add pollutants, such as household hazardous wastes, to our rivers and lakes.

**Get Involved**
Be an advocate for loons and lakes. Raise awareness of air pollution issues and join your lake association. Participate in loon or lake monitoring.
THINK TURTLE COE HILL
Date: Saturday June 23 & July 14 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Coe Hill Flea Market
at the Pavillion
Address: 2100 Hwy 620, Coe Hill

Wollaston Library
Book Sale
June 30, 2018 @ 10am
at the Wollaston
Recreation Center

Wollaston Lake Home and Cottage Association
Healthy Shorelines for a Healthy Lake
The Wollaston Community Centre
July 14th 10:30 am.
W LHCA members Free, non members $20.00
Try to bring pictures of your shoreline & a travel mug.
We’ll put on the coffee and tea pot.
Register early at W LHCA.news@gmail.com

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W LHCA AGM
Sunday August 19, 2018
Breakfast @ 9:30
Meeting @ 10:00
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