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## Keeping In Touch

**January 23, 2021**

### Happy New Year to all Horseshoe Lakers and Mirror Lakers,

I am writing to you today to give you a brief update on the draft Haliburton County Shoreline Preservation By-Law and the process to gather public input. We want to encourage you to take the opportunity over the next month to inform yourselves and provide your feedback through the various vehicles for public consultation tentatively beginning in February.

The HLPOA supports the development of a Shoreline Preservation bylaw for the County. The science behind shoreline health and lake health is well established and not new. The proposed bylaw is attempting to use the best available science to protect our lakes and healthy lakes are in the best interest of every property owner in Haliburton County. With the confirmed algal bloom in the late fall, we saw just how vulnerable the health of our lake can be.

We also appreciate that there is a balance and that as individual property owners we also all have rights and as such we want to encourage you to participate in the process. If shoreline development continues in an uncontrolled manner and the health of our lake suffers, then we all lose. As we are a part of a chain of lakes it is even more important that there be a County-wide bylaw. The County staff and Councilors are working hard to try and find the balance while ensuring that the administration and enforcement of the bylaw isn't too onerous for the property owner or the County staff.

The bylaw has been in development for more than 2 ½ years and throughout the process there have been opportunities for input and feedback. If you are just hearing about this now, don't worry, everyone will have a chance to ask questions and provide feedback in the coming months.

Recently there has been a surge of information circulating some of which has out of date, erroneous and potentially biased. We encourage you to ensure that your comments are based on current factual information. The best source of information is through the County website. <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/shoreline-preservation-by-law>. Through this link you will find the current draft bylaw and associated schedules.

The County Council will be reviewing and hopefully finalizing the process for gathering input from the public later this month and they hope to launch it in February. Input will be provided through an online resource and once it is open, we will share the link so that you can provide your feedback. They will be encouraging those with questions or comments to be as specific as possible.

This is a very important piece of legislation and we will do our part by sharing where to find the factual information you need to be informed and how to become more involved if you wish to. We encourage all property owners to become informed and consider when providing your input the delicate balance between your rights and what is in the best interest of all of us.

Please stay tuned, we will share additional information on our [website](#) (See Lake Health) and will be back in touch on this in early February. Stay well and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Laura Muirhead

HLPOA President

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### About Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association ...

HLPOA was formed in the 1960's to represent the property owners of Horseshoe Lake. Horseshoe Lake is situated in the highlands of Haliburton County. HLPOA addresses environmental, political and community issues affecting the lake and its property owners. Water quality is monitored, social events are organized and issues are dealt with democratically.

### Upcoming Events

2021 HLPOA  
Membership Renewals  
Due:

February 28, 2021

(details to follow VERY  
SOON!)

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