

# Pike Lake Post

Summer 2018

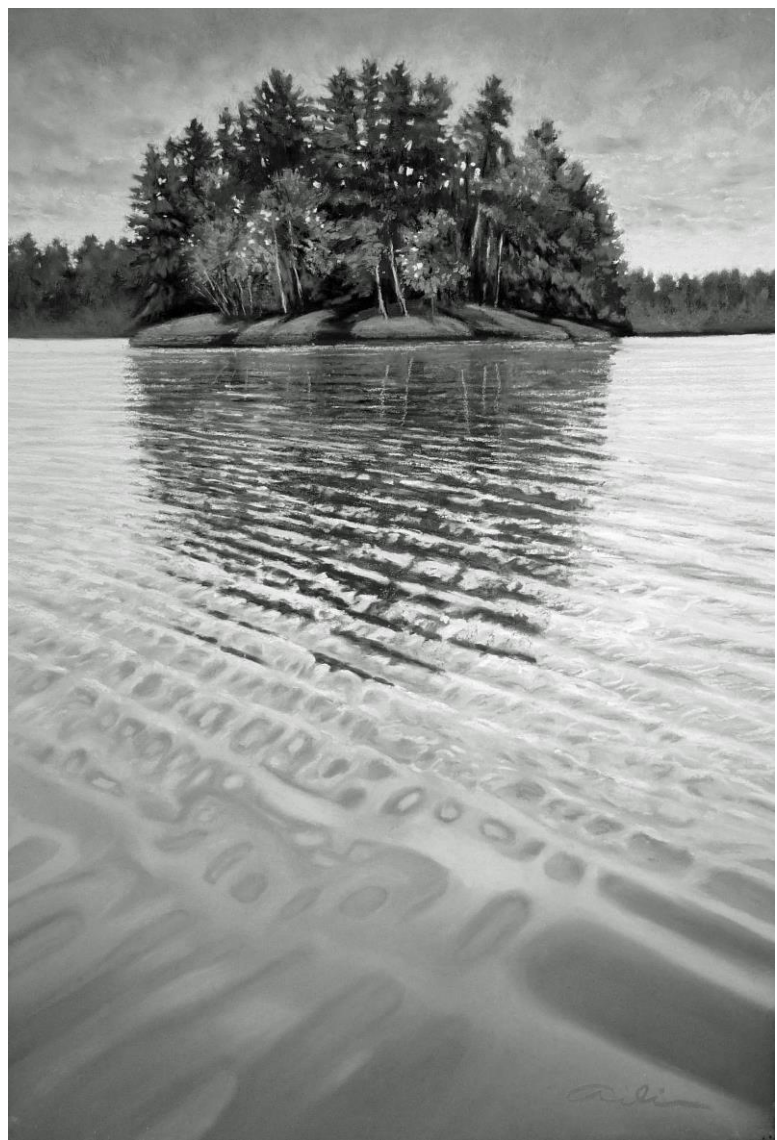
Pat Pike says  
"Let's celebrate Pike Lake  
& keep it healthy for all!"

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[www.pikelake.ca](http://www.pikelake.ca)



Island Reflections.  
Original painting in pastel, by Pike Lake artist Aili Kurtis

## PROMOTING BOATER AWARENESS & SAFETY

### DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING ON YOUR BOAT?

Time was a lifejacket, bailing can & paddle was all you needed to stow on your boat. Today, you'd better make room for the following:

- ✓ Your Pleasure Craft Operator Card
- ✓ Canadian-approved personal flotation device (PFD) or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board – bright colours are best
- ✓ Buoyant heaving line at least 15 metres in length
- ✓ Watertight flashlight or 3 Canadian-approved flares of type A, B or C
- ✓ Sound signalling device (your teenage son doesn't count)
- ✓ A paddle or an anchor with not less than 15 metres of cable, rope or chain
- ✓ Bailer or manual pump
- ✓ Class 5 BC fire extinguisher.

Source: Canadian Coast Guard



"No tipping please."

### TAKING A BOOZE CRUISE? YOU COULD LOSE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

Not only is it illegal, alcohol can have more of an effect on your reaction time if you've been out on the water & in the sun. 65% of the boating-related accidents in Canada involve alcohol consumption as a factor.

Source: Boat Smart

### HAVE ENOUGH LINE FOR YOUR ANCHOR?

Nothing's more frustrating than thinking you've anchored right over the perfect fishing spot only to realize you're steadily floating away from it. The amount of line you'll need to anchor (which is known as the scope) is about five to seven times the depth of the water in calm weather, plus the amount needed to get to where the rope is tied to the boat. If the water is choppy, your scope should be about 10 times the depth of the water.

### FORGET TO PUT IN THE BOAT DRAIN PLUS?

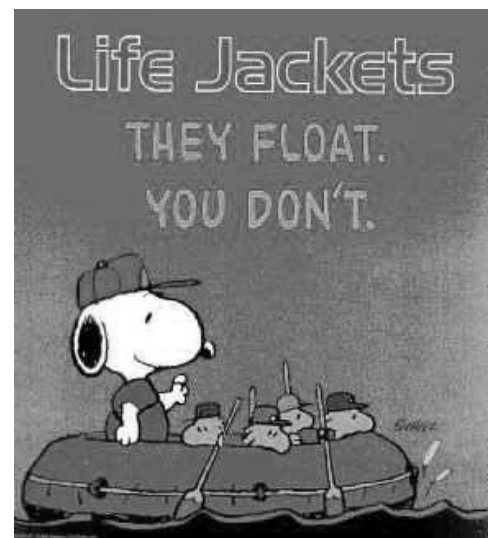
You'd better believe this happens – & not always to rookies. Make sure you double check to ensure those plugs are in – otherwise, prepare for a boat full of water & some very surprised passengers.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our boating safety behaviour has stayed virtually unchanged since 1991. The one exception is the increase in drowning incidents in which lifejackets were available, but not worn.

- ✓ Almost 90% of all boaters who drown are not wearing, or properly wearing, a lifejacket.  
*If you're knocked unconscious in a boating accident, knowing how to swim won't help you.*
- ✓ On average, there are 166 boating-related deaths per year in Canada.
- ✓ 82% of boat owners believe that wearing a lifejacket is a legal requirement, but fewer than 50% of them actually wear one.
- ✓ Males still account for almost 90 per cent of boating deaths.
- ✓ Alcohol was present, or at least suspected, in over 41% of deaths of individuals aged 15 & over.

Sources: Canadian Red Cross & May 2016 Cottage Life Magazine





## PROMOTING BOATER AWARENESS & SAFETY

### HAZARD BUOYS

The PLCA is pleased to announce it has established a Hazard Buoy Program on Pike Lake to mark the location of rocks or shoals. This initiative, approved by PLCA members at their 2017 Annual General Meeting, aims to increase awareness of underwater risks & promote boater safety.

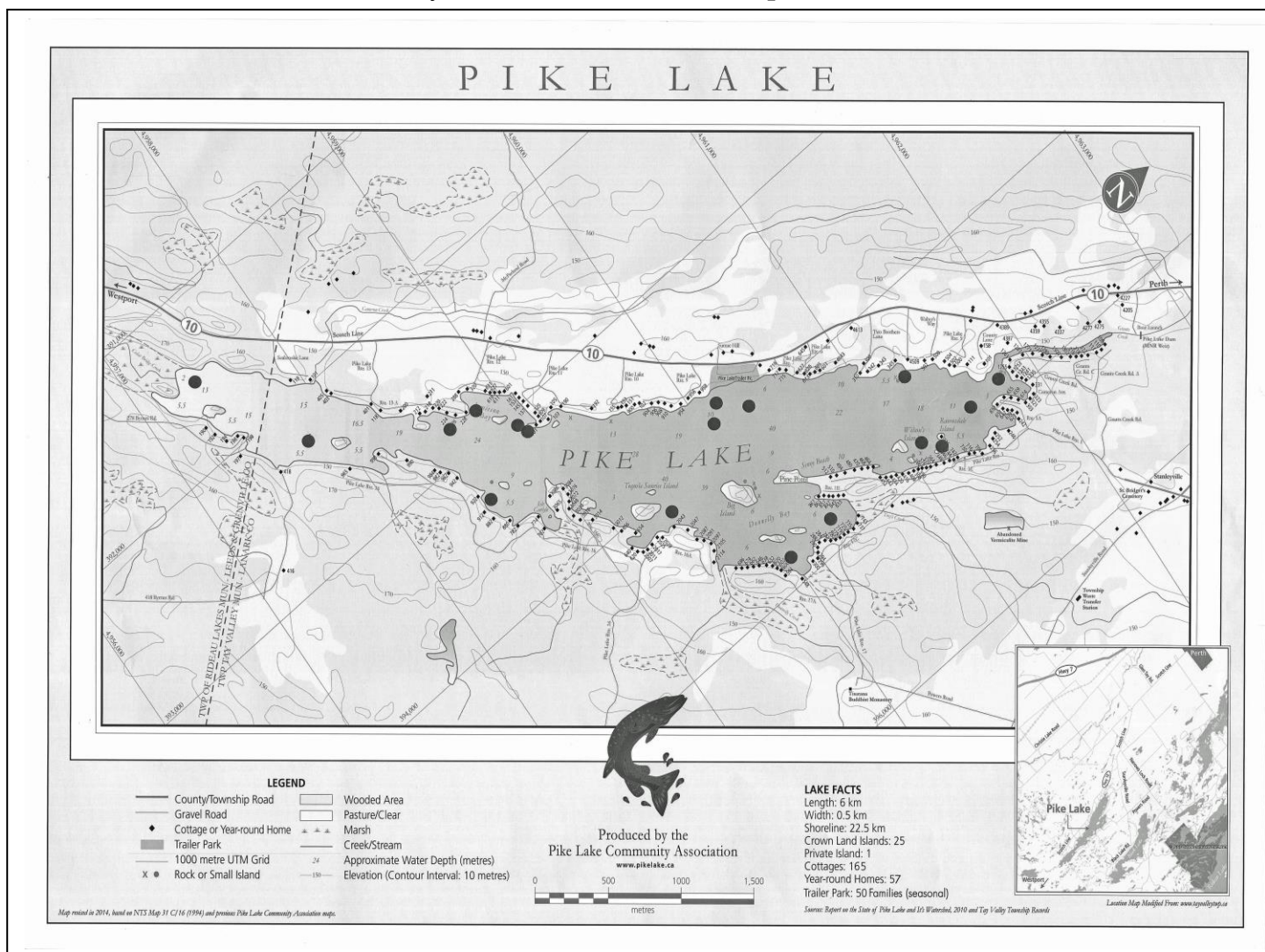
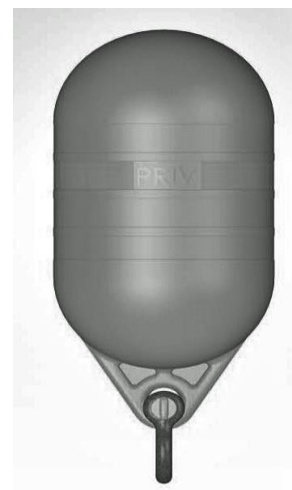
All hazard buoys are

- ✓ Placed in areas of the lake identified as the most hazardous
- ✓ Yellow in colour
- ✓ Numbered & identified with the letters PLCA
- ✓ Respect the guidelines set out by Transport Canada & the Canada Shipping Act

The hazard buoys will be installed each year on or before the third weekend in May & removed by the first weekend in October.

This safety initiative is courtesy of the PLCA. Please show your support by becoming a member or by making a donation.

*The locations of the hazard buoys are indicated by the black circles on the map below.*



# NEWS FROM YOUR PIKE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## YOUR PLCA BOARD FOR 2017 - 2018

*Working to keep Pike Lake healthy for all.*

**President** Adrienne Fowlie Larocque

**Past President** Terry Kimmel

**Vice-President** Linden Davidson

**Secretary** vacant

**Treasurer** Marty van Gaal

**Membership** John Duguid

**Lake Steward** vacant

**Communications** Suzanne Forget

**At large** Jack Anderson

**At large** Cheryl Fosbery

**At large** Kristine Martin

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2017

**Opening Balance Jan. 1, 2017** 15,391.35

### Income

Memberships	1,660.00
Let's Celebrate Pike Lake Event	1,170.00
Interest	<u>144.25</u>
	<b>+2,974.25</b>

### Expenses

FOCA	326.50
Insurance: Liability & Directors	993.60
Marker Buoy Program	1,022.65
Lake Links Registration	20.00
Plaque & Donation to Fire Dept.	251.62
Printing: Pike Lake Post etc.	661.62
Bank Service Charge	35.10
Let's Celebrate Event	827.55
Board Meetings & AGM	215.90
Constitution: Town Hall Meeting	<u>243.30</u>
	<b>-4,597.84</b>

**Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2017** 13,767.76

*Includes a GIC valued at 10,447.31*

*Net Loss over the year 1,623.59*

## ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIONS 2017-2018

- ✓ Ratified & implemented our new constitution & policy manual
- ✓ Established a Hazard Buoy Committee & implemented a new hazard buoy program
- ✓ Installed no-parking signs at the Boat Launch to help guide users & ensure accessibility
- ✓ Over 70 people attended the Pig Roast celebrating the PLCA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary & Canada 150
- ✓ Honoured families of 12 legacy cottages – loving Pike Lake for 50+ years
- ✓ Assisted MNRF in completing an initial assessment of walleye habitat at Pike Lake.
- ✓ Participated in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey
- ✓ Introduced new online membership registration & payment



*Ice-Out photo courtesy of Kristine Martin*

### ICE-OUT 2018

Gerry Greenslade & Donna Moodie report that the ice went out on Monday April 23 this year.

Our records, which date back to 1963, indicate that the earliest the ice went out is March 21 in 2012 & the latest the ice has gone out is April 28 in 1965. On average, the ice has gone out on April 13. Since the year 2000, the ice has gone out 3 times in March.

## ***NEWS FROM YOUR PIKE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION***

### **NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT**

We're going digital! New this year – members can submit their membership forms & payment online via [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)

“Members will still be able to submit their membership forms & payment by mail or at the AGM. However, we are hoping that this electronic option will further reduce barriers for member sign-up – particularly for those who are only at the lake a few weeks of the year or who can't make the AGM”, says PLCA President, Adrienne Fowlie Larocque. “Advance registration & payment is also highly recommended to avoid wait-times at the AGM”.

#### ***How to submit your membership form***

- ✓ print the membership form, complete, scan, & email it to [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)
- OR, if you wish to use the fillable PDF membership form
- ✓ download the membership form, complete, save, & email it to [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)

#### ***How to submit your e-transfer***

- ✓ send your e-transfer payment to [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)
  - \* Security Question: What is the name of my lake?
  - Answer: pikelake

You have three options to submit your membership form & payment:

1. e-mail & e-transfer to [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)
2. mail your membership form & cheque to the Pike Lake Community Association, 110 Topley Cres., Ottawa, ON K1G 4N1
3. bring your membership form & cheque or cash between 8 am - 9 am to the AGM, July 14th at the Stanleyville Hall.

Remember: Fees for Members (or their Designates) & Associate Members are \$30. Each Pike Lake property is eligible for up to two members, entitled to one vote per membership. There is no limit on the number of eligible Associate Members!



### **NEW CONSTITUTION & POLICY MANUAL: UPDATE**

At the 2017 AGM, an overwhelming majority of members accepted a new Pike Lake Community Association Constitution & Policy Manual.

This was the outcome of a multi-year effort & community consultation by the Constitution Committee: Naomi Fowlie, Kathy Noxon, Mark Godby, Bart Poulter, Kristine Martin & Cheryl Fosbery (chaired first by Kristine & then Cheryl). Thank you to everyone who served on the committee for their sustained & diligent efforts! Thanks to the active participation & contributions from our community, led by this dedicated Committee, our Association has a Constitution we can all be proud of!

The Board 2016-2018 has referenced the new documents on several occasions this past year, to ensure adherence to these bylaws & policies &, most notably, for the nomination process & election of Board Members at the 2018 AGM.

Occasional questions & guidance was also sought from the Constitution Committee, such as in the preparation of the new Membership form (thank you Naomi Fowlie!). Overall, the Constitution & Policy Manual has been an excellent guide for the Board & members.

As anticipated, over the course of this year, it has become apparent that a few minor points may need to be revised for clarification or consistency. For example, acting within its authority, the Board accepted a motion to amend the description of the role of the Communications Coordinator in the Policy Manual. The revision ensures alignment between the role description & wording in the Constitution, & can be viewed within the current document posted at [www.PikeLake.ca](http://www.PikeLake.ca).

Potential revisions to the Constitution itself are planned to be discussed after the Constitution has been tested over the course of an entire nomination & election cycle, proposed for 2019 or 2020.

*Chipmunk photo courtesy of Linda McGuirl*



### LOON SURVEY

The Pike Lake Community Association in 2017 again participated in the annual loon survey on Pike Lake, reporting results to the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey & contributing to a long-term data set managed by Bird Studies Canada.

Pike Lake was again home to many common loons. Five pairs were reported, & one downy chick was very briefly observed in Donnelly Bay. Though only seen for a very short period (a couple of days), this chick was reported by several observers, confirming the successful hatch.

This observation was very important, because interventions such as nesting platforms are only appropriate in cases where loons are not successfully nesting & hatching young. Evidently, chicks are successfully hatching on Pike Lake! Had it not been for the watchful eyes of several Pike Lake Loonies, this chick may have been missed, & results misreported.

We are always in need of “loonies”. If you would like to volunteer, please email the PLCA at [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca).

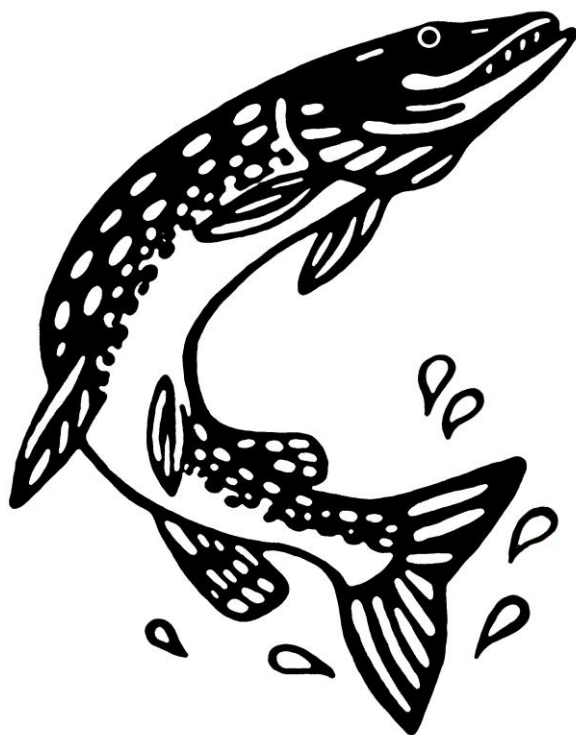
*Photo: Adubon.org*



*Hi kids, I'm Pat Pike.*

*I live right here in  
Pike Lake. Yes, the  
same lake where you  
go swimming!*

### MEET PAT PIKE



*Do you have a question you would like to ask me  
about the animals that live in & around Pike Lake?*

*Send your question to me, Pat Pike, at  
[info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca)*

*I will send you an answer you as soon as possible.*

*Your question & my answer may be in next year's  
Pike Lake Post.*

## WHITE-TAILED DEER

Scientific Name: *Odocoileus virginianus*

Average Weight: 68 to 141 kg (male), 41 to 96 kg (female)

Average Height: 68 to 114 cm

Average lifespan: 6 to 14 years (in captivity)

**Physiology:** This deer is tan or reddish-brown in the summer & grayish-brown in the winter, with certain areas remaining white all year round. Fawns are spotted with brown tails & a white underside.

When sensing danger, the deer raises its tail – this is called ‘flagging.’ Showing this large white patch on the underside of the tail signals an alarm to other deer & helps a fawn follow its mother to safety.

The deer is a great jumper & runner. It can reach speeds of up to 58 kilometres per hour.

*Did you know?* The white-tailed deer can make vertical leaps of over two & a half metres & horizontal leaps of nine metres – that’s almost as long as a school bus.

Like a cow, the white-tailed deer’s stomach has four compartments. This allows food to be processed more efficiently & means that the deer can feed on things that other mammals cannot process.

**Habitat/Behaviour:** The white-tailed deer is the most common of all of North America’s large mammals. It is also the most widely distributed.

The deer can be active at any time, but is typically nocturnal, which means it is mostly active at night.

Its diet consists mostly of green plants, nuts, & in the winter, wood vegetation. One unusual characteristic of the white-tailed deer is that the doe leaves her fawn unattended for hours at a time. The fawn has very little scent & its spotted coat provides natural camouflage, which keeps it safe from predators. The doe returns a few times a day to feed the fawn. Does & fawns usually stay together for about a year, sometimes two.

For most of the year, bucks & does stay in separate groups, but during the winter, larger groups of deer gather together. This helps to keep winter trails cleared & offers protection from predators.

*Have you seen one? Pike Lake is home to the white-tailed deer.*



**Range:** The white-tailed deer is the most widely distributed of North America’s large mammals. It can be found as far south as the southern tip of North America, & as far north as Great Slave Lake in Northwest Territories, Canada. It also spreads as far east as Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia to as far west as southern British Columbia.

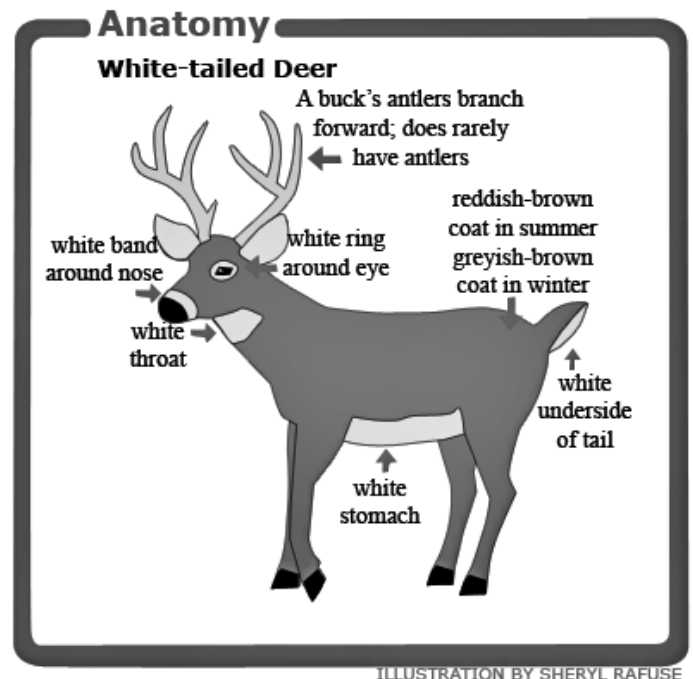


ILLUSTRATION BY SHERYL RAFUSE

Source: *Canadian Geographic Kids*  
[www.canadiangeographic.ca/kids](http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/kids)



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*LET'S CELEBRATE PIKE LAKE*

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## *ERIC'S FAMOUS PIG ROAST 2017*



## ***MUNICIPAL ELECTION & THANK YOU FROM THE PLCA***



### **FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR COTTAGE MUNICIPALITY**

“Municipal government delivers some of our most prized public services, & is where many cottage issues are most directly managed including policing, land use planning, bylaw development & enforcement, & roads.

Looking for more info about why you should vote? Visit: <https://foca.on.ca/vote-for-your-future-2018-municipal-elections/>”

Check out your municipal website for dates for all candidates meetings & a list of nominees, many of whom have their own website. [www.tayvalleytwp.ca](http://www.tayvalleytwp.ca); [www.twprideaulakes.on.ca](http://www.twprideaulakes.on.ca)

In Ontario Municipal elections, you are entitled to vote where you own property. Therefore, **you have the right to vote at your cottage riding as well as your permanent residence** on October 22.

Electors will be voting electronically, by internet or telephone. There will be no paper ballot.

The municipalities will send a Voter Information Letter directly to electors in early October, providing a voter with a PIN which will allow individuals to vote 24 hours a day for 8 days (October 15 - 22), from any telephone or any device connected to the internet.

### **Are you on the Voters List?**

To ensure that your name is on the voters list in Tay Valley Township & all relevant information is correct, visit the Municipal Office with proper identification (showing proof of identity & qualifying address)

- Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 25: 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Monday October 22: 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Cottagers who are unable to visit the township during these hours may phone the township to verify they are on the voters list.

Call 1-613-267-5353 or 1-800-810-0161.

To ensure that your name is on the list in the Township of Rideau Lakes, visit [www.twprideaulakes.on.ca/election](http://www.twprideaulakes.on.ca/election)

### **THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE PIKE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION & THEIR FAMILIES**

- ✓ All who served on the Board from 2016-2018
- ✓ All who helped make our 2017 Let's Celebrate Pike Lake Pig Roast a big success
  - Eric & Danielle, our gracious hosts
  - Brenda Arthur for baking a spectacular PLCA cake
  - Heather Gauthier for old-time toys & games for kids of all ages
  - Dan Trottier for tending to the pig
  - Volunteers & members of the Board who provided salads & side contributions
- ✓ Richard Cormier for reviewing our 2017 Financial Records
- ✓ All who delivered the 2017 *Pike Lake Post*: Susan Niles, Bart Poulter, Naomi Fowlie, Grant Fowlie, Eric Mingelinckx, & select Members of the Board (Jack Anderson, Linden Davidson, John Duguid, Suzanne Forget-Davidson, Cheryl Fosbery, & Terry Kimmel)
- ✓ Linden Davidson for escorting & guiding MNRF staff for an assessment of walleye habitat
- ✓ Our island care takers for cleaning up the islands & campsites
- ✓ Naomi Fowlie for creating a new Membership Form consistent with our new constitution.
- ✓ Members of the Nominating Committee: Trisha Paul Carson, Kay Rogers & Terry Kimmel (Chair)
- ✓ Members of the Hazard Buoy Committee: Hubert McInnis, John Murphy, Peter Noonan, Lee Sumner, & Linden Davidson (Chair). Thanks also to John Duguid & Matt Arthur who constructed the permanent anchors
- ✓ Our diligent “Loonies” who counted & tracked loon pairs & chicks
- ✓ Kay Rogers for taking the photos at the 2017 Let's Celebrate event & for undertaking the 2018 *Pike Lake Post* with assistance from Cathy Cameron



## *PIKE LAKE'S LEGACY COTTAGERS*



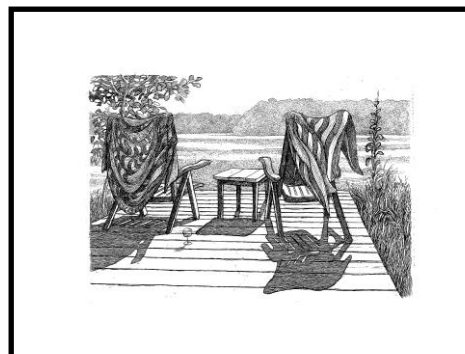
*The Arthur/Duguid; Cunliffe/Fosberry/Niles; Fowlie; & Hepton families with their Legacy Cottage Plaques  
at the Let's Celebrate Pike Lake Pig Roast*

**The PLCA congratulates Pike Lakers whose family has been cottaging on Pike Lake for 50 + years!**

Family Name	Route	Cottage Name	# Years
Thomas McGlade & Katherine McGlade	Island off Route 1	<i>Ravensdale / McGlade</i>	127
David Seabrooke	Seabrooke Lane	<i>Fiddies Retreat</i>	98
Phyllis (Everett) Hepton	Route 1C	<i>The Hepton Family</i>	61
Brenda Arthur (née Kerr)	Country Lane	<i>Kerr</i>	57
June (née White) & Ray Audet	Route 11	<i>Beechcrest</i>	54
Dave & Linda McGuirl	Route 1	<i>Sunset Hollow / The McGuirls</i>	54
Eleanor Skillen (née Donnelly)	Route 17	<i>Donnelly</i>	53
Grant & Naomi Fowlie	Route 17C	<i>Fowlie</i>	53
Barbara (Bill) Cordukes	Route 11	<i>The Cordukes</i>	51
Maureen Cunliffe, Cheryl Fosbery & Susan Niles	Route 17	<i>Raymond Cottage</i>	50
Brenda & Andy Kenny	Route 17A	<i>Er's Place</i>	50
Elizabeth (Gordon) Gross	Route 1C	<i>Ironwood</i>	50

As part of Canada 150, Lanark County honoured those families whose cottage had been in the family for 50 years or more by designating their cottage a *Legacy Cottage*.

The Legacy Cottage plaque features an etching by Tay Valley Township artist, Franc van Oort.





**Pike Lake Community Association  
Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday July 14**

Coffee & Registration at 8:00 – 9:00

Meeting 9:00 – 11:30

BVM Hall

Stanleyville

Between Stanleyville Rd & Narrow Locks Rd

- ✓ Meet Your Neighbours
- ✓ President's Report
- ✓ Vote on Board Members for 2018-2020
- ✓ Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget
- ✓ Lake Steward's Report
- ✓ Hazard Buoy Program
- ✓ Tay Valley Township Updates

*The following will be posted on the PLCA website by June 22*

- ✓ the 2017 AGM draft minutes
- ✓ the 2018 AGM agenda
- ✓ the 2018 proposed budget

For more info visit [www.pikelake.ca](http://www.pikelake.ca)

***Boat-in***



The Fowlie & Sibbit families invite you to the 7th annual boat-in movie night. Join your neighbours for this family-friendly event at sundown **Saturday August 4** (rain date Sunday August 5). Look for the big screen on the boat house on Route 17A.

***Let's Celebrate Pike Lake!***



***BBQ following the AGM***

*Invite your guests & kids to join us!*

***Saturday July 14***

***11:30 am – 1 pm***

Free for members, associate members,  
& children under 14

\$10 for non-members & children age 14 +

***Please bring a small potluck  
contribution – a salad or dessert***

**YOUR INPUT WELCOME YEAR-ROUND**

The PLCA welcomes your comments, suggestions & questions. Speak to a Board Member, e-mail us at [info@pikelake.ca](mailto:info@pikelake.ca), or write us at Pike Lake Community Association, 110 Topley Cres., Ottawa, ON K1G 4N1