



# PIKE LAKE POST

SPECIAL LAKE STEWARDSHIP EDITION SUMMER 2009

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## *The Pike Lake Community Cares about the Future of Our Lake*

*"The Pike Lake community vision is to protect and improve the water quality, natural environment and tranquility of the Pike Lake Watershed for present and future generations".*

For the past few years Pike Lake property owners, cottagers, business owners & day-users have been involved in the Pike Lake stewardship planning process. We have participated in community meetings & open houses. Together, we have developed a vision for the future of the lake & we have identified 10 key issues that concern us.

The next stage is for us to:

- Provide feedback on the draft State of the Lake Report (summary copy attached)
- Develop recommendations to address our concerns, which will, in turn, form the basis for our Pike Lake Stewardship Plan.

***Your comments & ideas are needed.  
Please plan to participate at one of the  
following Pike Lake Stewardship Plan  
Community Meetings:***

- **Saturday June 20**
- **AGM & Community Meeting  
Saturday July 25**
- **Saturday August 8**

All meetings are held at the Old Burgess Township Hall on Narrow Locks Road.

All meetings start at 9:30 AM & last until approximately 12 noon.

**HIGHLIGHT YOUR CALENDARS  
COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS  
PIKE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
2009 ANNUAL MEETING  
AND STEWARDSHIP PLAN COMMUNITY  
MEETING**

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

**FROM 9:30 AM – 12 NOON**

**OLD BURGESS TOWNSHIP HALL,**

**NARROW LOCKS ROAD**

## **AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

- Elect your Executive
- Mining Act Update
- Lake Stewardship Plan discussion to provide feedback on the draft State of the Lake Report & to develop recommendations to address our concerns which will form the basis for our Pike Lake Stewardship Plan

**EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM JOINING THE  
PIKE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Lake stewardship guidance
- Voice into Tay Valley and Rideau Lakes Township Official Plans and by-law development.
- Identification & development of strategies to preserve lake quality, such as how to prevent invasive species from entering Pike Lake

For more information, please call Geoff Mace at 613-744-1178 (home) or 613-264-3375 (cottage)

**LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED!**

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# MINING ACT UPDATE

On April 30, 2009, the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, tabled the ***Mining Amendment Act, Bill 173***, to modernize the way mining will take place in Ontario. The Bill has now passed first and second reading.

The new legislation **addresses one of the Three Modest Proposals** recommended by the Pike Lake Association, the Citizens Mining Advisory Group (CMAG) & other members of the Coalition for Balanced Mining Act Reform as well as many other lake associations & individuals.

## **Modest Proposal 1. Reunification of mineral & surface rights on surface rights only properties**

- Effective April 30, 2009, all surface rights only (SRO) land that is not presently staked is **withdrawn** from mining in Southern Ontario (south of Lake Nipissing & the French & Mattawa Rivers)
- On presently claimed surface rights only land in Southern Ontario, the land will be withdrawn from staking when claims lapse. The 14 active claims near the south end of Black Lake will not be withdrawn until the mining company holding them relinquishes the claims anytime in the future.
- The government has NO plans to return mineral rights to property owners holding only the surface rights.

## **Modest Proposal 2. Strengthen Municipal Planning Powers**

- There are no indications of a process whereby municipalities could decide or have a say on mineral land use designation in the official plan of their municipality

## **Modest Proposal 3. Require a Review & Analysis of Impacts**

- The purpose of the Mining Act has been amended to reference minimal environmental impact; however the legislation is silent on how this purpose will be fulfilled.
- Exploration activities will now be subject to some rehabilitation requirements

## **Comments**

- The good news is that all SRO land that is NOT presently staked is withdrawn from mining, & that staked SRO land will be withdrawn when claims lapse.
- It is disappointing that there was no recognition of the importance of including mining in municipal land use planning
- It is disturbing that mining companies are exempted from provincial environmental protection legislation that applies to other private sector companies & individuals

## **Next Steps**

- Comments on Bill 173 are being accepted at the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry until June 30, 2009; the website is [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca) & the posting is #010-4327
- The Bill will now go to a legislative committee for review; it is not known whether the committee will receive public input
- Regulations will be developed throughout the balance of 2009. The government hopes to pass this bill later in 2009.

For more information on Bill 173 go to [www.ontario.ca/mines-news](http://www.ontario.ca/mines-news)

We will keep you posted on developments as well as ideas on how you may wish to provide your input on the proposed amendments. The Mining Act of Ontario has only been reopened a few times in the last century. It is unlikely that we will have another opportunity to get environmental protection added to the Act for many years.



# Pike Lake Community Association BUDGET



## Pike Lake Community Association Membership Form 2009

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Family Name

Given Name(s)

**Mailing Address**

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Street

City

Province/ State

Postal Code/Zip

**Lake Address:**

Pike Lake PIN #

Pike Lake Road name

(Property identification # -The Blue sign)

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Home phone #

Cottage phone #

**Email Address –VERY IMPORTANT IN KEEPING YOU POSTED OF DEVELOPMENTS about the Lake**

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**\*\*NOTE\*\*** All e-mail information will be kept confidential and will only be used to promptly communicate Pike Lake information. (This is a substantial savings in postal fees to your Association.)

**Permanent Lake Resident**      yes / no

**Seasonal Resident**      yes / no

**I would like to assist the Pike Lake Community Association or help with the development of the Pike Lake Stewardship Plan. Please contact me to discuss.      YES \_\_\_\_\_**  
**No Thank you \_\_\_\_\_**

Please support your Pike Lake Community Association.

For membership information &/ or to find out how you can get involved, you are welcome to contact Geoff Mace (Steward) 613-264-3375 or 613-744-1178 or maceg@algonquincollege.com

Membership Fees for 2009      Cheques payable to PLCA  
1 year \$20.00    2 years \$40.00    3 years \$60.00

**Consider an extra donation to assist with the cost of the Stewardship Plan.    Donation**

**We are all volunteers but must purchase materials with printing, postage and paper of our largest expenses and are forecast to cost thousands of dollars in the next year. Your extra contribution would be greatly appreciated.**



You may mail your 2009 membership form with your cheque to the following address, or bring your membership fee to the Annual General Meeting this summer (July 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am at the Old Burgess township Hall).

The membership Committee encourages you to make suggestions / comments and to get involved in your Pike Lake Community Association. **You can make a difference!!!!**

PLCA  
Committee  
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Bart Poulter for the Lake Planning  
OR Contact 22 Ventnor Way, Nepean, Ontario,  
bart.poulter@sympatico.ca



# **PIKE LAKE STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER FORM**

To continue the positive work of the Lake Stewardship Plan, a working group of volunteers is needed to work on the development of recommendations.

**Your voice as a member of the Lake community is important in this process.  
If you can contribute and would like us to contact you**

Please **fill in the** form, Bring it to the Annual General meeting, submit with your membership or and e-mail it to Bart Poulter [bart.poulter@sympatico.ca](mailto:bart.poulter@sympatico.ca) or mail it to the address below.

**Pike Lake Community Association  
RR #3 Perth , Ontario K7H 3C5**

***Together we can accomplish so much for our lake!***

Name .....

Address .....

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Tele. No ..... Email .....

Location in the Area .....

**Please Indicate Your Specific Interest**

Water Quality - Surface Water .....

Ground Water .....

. Development pressure.....

Conservation and Protection of the Natural Environment.....

Impact of Motor Vehicles.....

Crown Land .....

Mining Concerns.....

Aquatic vegetation.....

Water Levels.....

Fisheries Health.....

Do you have a particular area of interest or expertise? .....

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**Some of the much needed behind the scenes work**

Setting up for meetings...or supplying refreshments.....

Posting and removal of meeting signs/ notifications.....

Helping distribute the printed material to neighbors.....

Working on the Pike Lake Post.....

