



Newsletter of the Yoho Lake Association

The Yoho Echo

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Free barbecue and AGM Aug. 23

Everyone is welcome at the free barbecue and the annual general meeting of the Yoho Lake Association on Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Yoho Scout Lodge.

The barbecue will be at 1 p.m. The AGM starts at 2 p.m.

The Yoho Lake Association welcomes suggestions for topics to be discussed at the annual general meeting.

Do you have any concerns about the Yoho Lake area?

Please submit discussion topics to Association President Sean Haley, repuh@nbnet.nb.ca

Discussion topics will also be accepted at the AGM.

YLA gets \$12,000 grant

Money will be used to conduct a study into water quality, remedial action

**By BONNY HOYT-HALLETT
and KIM LIPSETT
Water monitoring
committee chairs**

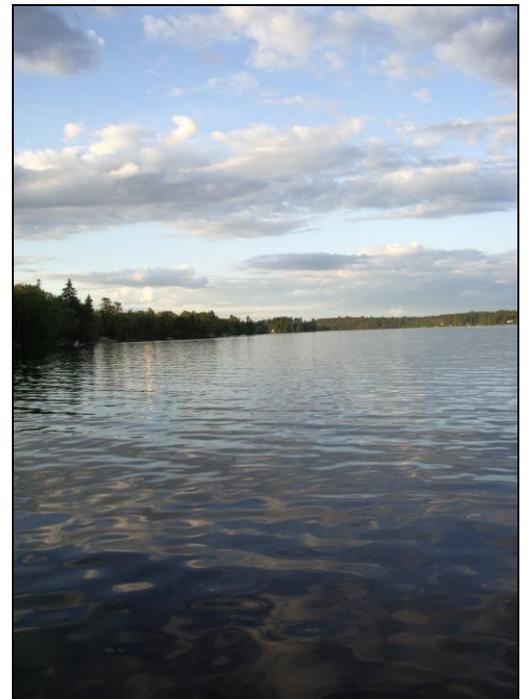
The Yoho Lake Association has received a \$12,000 Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) grant to conduct a study into water quality and remedial action to reduce nutrient input.

We applied for this grant because last year's water monitoring showed that during July and August the dissolved oxygen levels in Yoho Lake went down. At depths below seven meters the dissolved oxygen dropped dramatically to near zero.

Low oxygen affects the water quality and can serve as an indicator of a lake in stress.

We will be meeting shortly to get going on this water-quality study, as funding must be spent by March of 2016.

Our water monitoring began in June of last year but has already commenced for 2015 with a first run in mid-May. Our team of four regular and two spare monitors will be at



work every two weeks until early October. Last June a training session was held by the Department of Environment and Local Government at the Scout Camp with 13 participants from various lakes, six of whom were from Yoho.

Thanks in particular goes to the four regular monitors, Bob MacQuarrie, Dean Munde, Jim Hallett and Ken Goodwin, who adjust their schedules to

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Water quality study coming

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accommodate the weather. We are always looking for interest so if you would like to accompany them at any time to learn more just let us know.

This year we will also be commencing a shoreline data collection initiative, with eight sites identified for underwater photos of vegetation to be captured yearly, as a record of any vegetation and lake shore bottom changes. The underwater camera was purchased with ETF monies last year.

Last year a standard data collection form was developed by the Six Lake Collaborative working with the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Our data were submitted, thanks to Bob, and we will be receiving a summary shortly which we will share with you once we get it. As well our equipment is serviced each spring by Valox Equipment to insure the integrity of data collected.

As a lake association we also became a charter member of the NB Alliance of Lake Associations. This will help us learn from lakes with similar goals and to leverage resources.

So keep up the good work everyone. It is only through our collective efforts that Yoho Lake will be a beautiful place for generations to come.

Dive Day June 7

Yoho Dive Day will be on Sunday, June 7.

Following the success seen the last two years when volunteer divers searched a section of the lake for garbage and foreign material, we are hoping to increase the number of divers exploring our lake and removing any additional debris.

We would love to have information about any items that cottage owners think need to be raised from the lake. Contact Sean Haley at repurch@nb.aibn.com.

In order to protect the divers while they are in the water, people are asked to restrict their use of motor boats.

Yoho Paddle Day June 14

The annual Yoho Paddle Day will be held on June 14 and 1 p.m.

Use any boat without a motor: canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, sailboats, windsurfers, rafts or even blow-up lawn furniture.

It will have a shotgun start, that means it starts where you are. Everyone will stop at five locations around lake and finish with a barbecue and meet-and-greet. The five stops will be visible from boats and the meet-and-greet will be very visible on the lake.

There will be fun activities for the kids.



Ice diving course held in Yoho Lake

March 13-15 COJO Diving ran the Professional Association of Diving Instructors ice diving course.

A very special thanks to Sean Haley, of Haley's Pawn Shop in Fredericton, for all the help co-ordinating the course, and especially to Ralph Perry who allowed COJO to use his property to complete the dives. – From on an item in the April 2015 edition of *The COJO Diving newsletter*, <http://www.cojodiving.com/>



Polar dip!

On Feb. 22 Bridges House, a University of New Brunswick residence, held a polar dip at the Yoho Lake Scout Camp. About 40 students took the plunge.

According to the CBC, the lake's ice was too thick so organizers set up a dunk tank with water pumped from the lake.

Personnel from COJO Diving (in the dark suits) made sure the plungers got in and out of the tank safely.

Members of the Kingsclear Volunteer Fire Department (in lighter suits) set up the plunge tank.

The money raised went to the Central Valley Adult Learning Association and the IWK Health Care Centre.

According to UNB's student newspaper, The Brunswickan, Bridges House has been holding polar dips for 53 years on the campus. But because the cost of setting up and taking down the pool has increased, less money was being raised after expenses. So the event was moved to Yoho Lake.



Council works on Hanwell Emergency Plan

By **SUSAN JONAH**
Hanwell Councillor

Hanwell Council continues to be busy.

We have completed the draft of the Hanwell Emergency Plan, and it has received first and second reading at council. We will continue to refine work on the plan, and at some point will have a practice exercise.

We are also progressing with the review of the Rural Plan. The importance of a rural plan is being highlighted right now, by the potential sale of a property which had been designated as park land in one of the subdivisions. But because as a Local Service District we were not able to hold the property, it was given back to the heirs of the original owner, who have decided to sell it. I'm not sure how this one will work out, but our goal is to make sure something like this can't happen again. We have had two open houses, but there is still plenty of time to make any comments or concerns known. Just get in touch with me.

We are also working on



getting the lease for the Hanwell Park transferred to the municipality. That should be complete this summer.

I'm also working

on the possibility of getting the big recycling bins located somewhere in Hanwell. Since we only have pick up once a month, it would be really nice to be able to drop off things more often.

Finally – the dry hydrants. I've been talking to Scouts Canada, and we have agreed to see if we can find a location somewhere at that end of the lake.

I'm also working to find a couple other locations in Hanwell, so they can all be installed at the same time.

As always if anybody has any questions or comments, give me a call or email sjonah@hanwell.nb.ca

Have a great summer!

I can hardly wait to get out on the water! See you there!

Receive The Yoho Echo for free

The Yoho Lake Association publishes The Yoho Echo several times a year.

It is included in each year's Welcome Package but if you would like to receive all the issues by email or on paper, let us know.

Contact The Echo editor, Forrest Orser, at forrestorser@gmail.com or at Yoho Lake Association, 227 Yoho Lake Road, Box 2, Yoho, NB E6K 3B9.

Want to be zone rep for Scott, Hanwell roads?

The Yoho Lake Association is looking for a zone representative for Zone 3 (Scott Road and Hanwell Road, from Yoho Lake Road to Hunter Road)

Zone reps play an important role within YLA. If Yoho residents have anything they would like to talk about related to the YLA, they can contact the representative in their zone, who will pass the information on to the association

executive.

Zone reps also distribute a welcome package each spring and deliver print copies of the *Yoho Echo* to those who do not have email.

If you are interested in being a zone representative, contact Rick Huntingford, 366-2913, rickdebi@nb.sympatico.ca

The current zone reps are listed on Page 5.



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YLA President: More members wanted

By SEAN HALEY
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President

The sound of the loons the first night the ice went out sure gave us hope around the lake that summer might actually arrive. It has been wonderful to enjoy a few nice days in a row after such a long cold winter.

The association executive has been busy on all concerns from the AGM last year.

The water committee was testing until the ice froze over and committee members were back out shortly after it left to keep up with data collection. This year we will be adding an underwater /shoreline/vegetation aspect to the information that is collected with a camera that we purchased with our grant from the Environmental Trust



Fund from last year.

We are looking forward to attracting some new association members with a few activities this

summer – We need your involvement – Family Paddle Day, Dive Day, Roadside Cleanup, the AGM.

I am sitting on the Hanwell Advisory Committee that will be involved in rewriting the bylaws from the Local Service District for the Hanwell Community. I will keep our executive and members informed of changes to come down the line.

Enjoy the spring and summer

Here is how to join the Yoho Lake Association

The Yoho Lake Association has had another busy year, with many programs to benefit our community. If you would like to join, a membership form has been included with this package. Or go to the YLA website. The membership form is in Section One, under Some Links of Interest:

[http://yoho-lake.com/pdfs/Yoho%20Lake%](http://yoho-lake.com/pdfs/Yoho%20Lake%20Association/Documents/Yoho-Lake-Association-Membership-Form-2013.pdf)

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Membership dues are \$10 per household per year. They are a major source of funding for the YLA. The more members we have, the more work we can do.

Everyone is welcome at the free community barbeque and AGM on Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Yoho Scout Camp.

What birds have you sighted?

Editor's note: Long-time Yoho Lake resident Andy Martin sent in this list of birds sighted in the area in between 1995 and 1999. It appeared in The Yoho Echo. Would anyone like to compile a list of birds sighted around the lake this year?

In the July 1995 *Yoho Echo*, Kathy MacLaggan listed 27 kinds of birds she had seen at the lake and challenged others to add to the list. In the June 1996 newsletter Janet Martin and Bill Martin added another 48 birds to the list. Now in 1999, with the help of son Bruce, Janet has been at it again and they have added another five to raise the total to an impressive 80.

1996 Bittern [American]
1995 Cedar Waxwing
1996 Chickadee [Black-Capped]
1996 Cormorant [Double-Crested]
1996 Crossbill [White-Winged]
1995 Crow [American]
1996 Dove [Mourning]
1996 Dovekie
1996 Duck [Wood]
1996 Duck [Ring-Necked]
1995 Eagle [Bald]
1999 Finch [Purple]
1996 Finch [American Goldfinch]
1996 Flicker [Common]
1996 Flycatcher [Great-Crested]
1996 Flycatcher [Olive-Sided]
1996 Goose [Canada]
1996 Grackle [Common]
1996 Grebe [Horned]
1996 Grosbeak [Evening]
1995 Grosbeak [Rose-Breasted]
1996 Grouse [Ruffed]
1996 Gull [Greater Black-Backed]
1995 Gull [Herring]
1996 Harrier [Northern]
1996 Hawk [Buteo]
1995 Hawk [Common Nighthawk]
1996 Hawk [Sharp-Shinned]
1995 Heron [Great Blue]
1995 Hummingbird [Ruby-Throated]
1995 Jay [Gray]
1995 Jay [Blue]

1995 Junco [Northern]
1999 Junco [Slate-coloured]
1996 Kestrel [American]
1996 Kingbird [Eastern]
1995 Kinglet [Golden-Crowned]
1995 Kingfisher [Belted]
1995 Loon [Common]
1996 Martin [Purple]
1999 Nuthatch [Red-Breasted]
1995 Nuthatch [White-Breasted]
1995 Osprey
1996 Ovenbird
1995 Owl [Saw-Whet]
1996 Owl [Great-Horned]
1995 Raven [Northern]
1996 Redpoll
1995 Redstart [American]
1995 Robin [American]
1996 Sapsucker [Yellow-Bellied]
1996 Sandpiper [Spotted]
1996 Scaup [Spotted]
1996 Siskin [Pine]
1996 Snipe [Common]
1995 Sparrow [Song]
1999 Sparrow [White-Crowned]
1995 Sparrow [White-Throated]
1996 Starling [European]
1995 Swallow [Barn]
1996 Swallow [Tree]
1996 Tanager [Scarlet]
1995 Tern [Common]
1999 Thrush [Hermit]
1996 Thrush [Wood]
1996 Vireo [Red-Eyed]
1996 Vireo [Solitary]
1996 Vireo [Spotted]
1995 Warbler [Black & White]
1996 Warbler [Black-Throated Blue]
1996 Warbler [Magnolia]
1996 Warbler [Northern Parula]
1996 Warbler [Yellow]
1996 Warbler [Yellow-Rumped]
1996 Waterthrush [Northern]
1995 Woodcock [American]
1996 Woodpecker [Downy]
1996 Woodpecker [Hairy]
1995 Woodpecker [Pileated]
1996 Yellowthroat [Common]
1999 Merganser [American] and eight ducklings
1996 Merganser [Hooded]
1996 Merganser [Red-Breasted]

YLA needs a secretary

The Yoho Lake Association is looking for a secretary.

The duties would include preparing agendas for board meetings, sending out agendas to board members with a reminder of when and where the meeting will take place, taking minutes at board meetings and sending those minutes to the board members, as well as taking minutes at the annual general meeting.

If you are interested, please contact YLA President Sean Haley at repurch@nbnet.nb.ca

The Lionews covers the local community

Are you interested in local news? You might be interested in The Harvey Lions' Lionews.

According to the Harvey Station Lions Club website (<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/harveystation/index.php>) The Lionews has been, "Published monthly since 1971 as a community awareness project. All material collected, typed, printed, and assembled by the Harvey Station Lions. The cut-off date for monthly submissions is the 15th."

Usually there are some at the Harvey Post Office, which can be purchased for \$3. Or you can get a yearly subscription mailed to you for \$45.

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