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Free barbecue and AGM set for Aug. 28

Everyone is welcome at the free barbecue and the annual general meeting of the Yoho Lake Association on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016, 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, re-purch@nbnet.nb.ca. Discussion topics will also be accepted at the AGM.



Photo by Bill Gough

Report: Yoho Lake is healthy

A new report says Yoho Lake appears to be healthy.

Prepared by NATECH Environmental Services Inc., of Hanwell, the report also says there is some concern about oxygen.

The report was compiled after the Yoho Lake Association received a \$12,000 Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) grant last year to conduct a study into water quality and remedial action to reduce nutrient input.

To see the full report visit <http://yoho-lake.com/pdfs/Yoho%20Lake%20Association/Documents/Yoho-Lake-Association-Water%20Quality%20Report-2016.pdf>

The following are the conclusions and recommendations of the report:

"Overall, the lake appears to be healthy. The water quality is good, algae blooms were not reported in the past. Of the nine samples collected, only one

showed slightly elevated values of phosphorus and bacteria.

"There is a concern with oxygen depletion at the lake bottom. Monitoring for oxygen and water quality in general should continue. Future sampling should concentrate on phosphorus, E.Coli, faecal coliform bacteria and Chlorophyll A. Field measurements taken in the lake should continue for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, Secci Disk readings at the established four locations.

"The bathymetry of Yoho Lake is not well mapped. Having access to an accurate survey of the lake bottom could assist with lake management.

"Continuing vigilance is required to protect the eco-system and the water quality.

"Adverse soil conditions and the need to

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YLA submits application to Canadian Rivers Institute

By **BONNY HOYT-HALLET**
Water Committee Co-chair

IN 2011 the Yoho Lake Association with five other lakes in the area applied and received funding from the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) of the Department of Environment and Local Government to start a six-Lake collaborative water monitoring program. The program, initiated in the summer of 2012, saw four monitoring sites established on Yoho to check for temperature, dissolved oxygen, and water quality. Six Yoho Lake residents serve on the team to monitor our lake.

In 2013 PH and conductivity were added along with our lake adopting a phosphate free policy. Numerous educational sessions were held and information items were distributed to residents to raise awareness on the need to keep our lake healthy.

Each year the monitoring team monitors from June till October.

Our data is sent to the Department of Environment and Local Government and analyzed by them.

So far our lake has remained relatively healthy, although we are seeing a gradual depletion of oxygen at the middle station at the lower levels. This is below the guidelines for supporting aquatic life. Also at the beginning of Yoho Stream, dissolved oxygen concentrations were less than the

guidelines, particularly in August, for the last few years.

These observations have prompted several other studies to determine the cause. We presently have another ETF application submitted with the Canadian Rivers Institute to help us get a better handle on this issue and to establish some modeling to serve as a predictor of blue green algae blooming.

As climate change warms our lake and more residents enjoy the lake, so come the factors that enhance algae growth.

Please review the dos and don'ts for living by a lake and do your part in keeping our lake healthy. Your monitoring committee can only be a guide. It is up to each of us to do our part.

Learn to spot invasive species

Eastern Charlotte Waterways (ECW) has been developing invasive-species identifying sessions to help lake and watershed groups to spot the invaders early.

ECW are presenting five workshops to develop an informal and fun way to introduce community members to the threat of invasive aquatic plants.

On Sunday, July 17, at Lake George two workshops will be held (view scope clinic and plant paddle). The view-scope clinic gives hands-on instruction on how to construct a view scope to be used in identification of aquatic plants. The paddle clinic is a three-hour guided exploration, on the water, on how to spot suspected invaders.

On Saturday, July 23, and Sunday, July 24, at Yoho Scout Lodge, an introductory workshop and field methods workshop will be given. The introductory session is a six-hour workshop that does hands-on identification and how to survey your lake. The field method is a two to three hour workshop on how to conduct an aquatic survey.

If you are interested in attending one or more, please contact Danielle St. Louis at 1 (506) 456-6001 or dstlouis@ecwinc.org.

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purchase additional land for effluent conveyance and disposal are the main obstacles to constructing a centralized wastewater treatment facility near Yoho Lake.

"It is possible that holding tanks may be permitted for seasonal cottages, if the waste collection and disposal are administered by the Rural Community of Hanwell. Associated costs are estimated to be in the order of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year and cottage, depending on the amount of effluent generated, and the amount of government subsidy that can be secured toward the installation of the holding tanks."

Hanwell Days set for May 27-29

By **SUSAN JONAH**
Hanwell Rural Community
Councillor

It's hard to believe that it's been almost two years since Hanwell has become a municipality. It's been a quite a journey.

Election day was May 9. And the new council will take over May 25. I am so pleased that I will be part of that council. It is a great vote of confidence to have been acclaimed in Ward 1.

We have several projects started. One is a recreation centre, which will be built with help from the gas tax fund. And we will have improved fire protection with the building of a new fire hall. Council has recently purchased land for it on Route 640, the Hanwel Road, just across from our temporary location. And it is my hope that someday we can have an auxiliary station even closer to Yoho. But this is a tremendous start.

May 27-29 are the dates for Hanwell Days. The schedule can be found on our Facebook page - Hanwell Days /community events 2016.

As well everyone should get a schedule in the mail from our sponsor Property Guys. It was a great success last year. I'm hoping for warmer weather this year and another great turnout.

Since January we have had twice monthly recycling pick up. It has been very well received. Pickup is the first Friday and the third Saturday of the month, which is great for anyone who is just here on the weekends.

However they do come early. And I for one have seen the backend of the truck on a Saturday morning. Get it



Dave Morrison, Hanwell Days committee member

out Friday night! To find out what you can recycle, contact the Fredericton Region Solid Waste Division at <http://frswc.ca/operations/recycling/> or the Recycling Hotline at 506-453-9938.

As usual if anyone has any questions or comments about what council is up to, or would like to be involved in the community. Feel free to contact me at sjonah@hanwell.nb.ca, or 238-1539. Also we now have two office staff who are available Monday to Thursday. They are wonderful to work with.

So nice to see everyone back around the lake. Take care of it! Keep your septic tank maintained! Support the Yoho Lake association. They do amazing work around here. Have a great summer!

Recycling and garbage pickup

Yoho has recycling pickup on the first Friday and the third Saturday of the month.

Garbage is picked up on Wednesdays.



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Big goal: more members

By **SEAN HALEY**
Yoho Lake Association
President

Happy Spring, everybody.

It has been a fairly easy winter this year. The ice went out early, April 12, and the snow cover was out of yards allowing people to start spring cleanup.

The Yoho Lake Association board had its spring meeting in April to get things going for another busy summer. Water testing will resume in May, we are continuing our work with the Department of Environment and Local Government to help with a provincial water strategy, to educate everybody on the importance of our Phosphate Free zone (Say no to fertilizers) and making sure your septic system is up to standards and functioning as it should.

Our big GOAL THIS YEAR is increasing membership. We need volunteers at all levels, we are looking for a secretary on the executive and we have a few committees that need new chair, such as Roadside Cleanup, Community Spirit and Fundraising. Our paid membership keeps activities going, such as Outlet Cleanup, Check Out Bottom (Dive Day), Paddle Day, and the annual general meeting. Controversy should not be what gets people involved. It was proposed at the last AGM to raise the membership to \$20, so save the possible \$10 increase



and get your membership early. Any membership renewed now will be valid until July 2017.

I made a trip around the lake this

weekend and noticed a lot of docks and/or debris that has broken away from people’s waterfront. Last summer we spent an entire Saturday cleaning out the outlet. Our lake needs to flush itself and this debris hinders that process. PLEASE RETRIEVE YOUR OLD DOCKS. They don’t just disappear and somebody must deal with them sooner or later. If you don’t have the capability or manpower, ask for some help.

We will be making a presentation to the new council for the Hanwell Rural Community this spring to update them the results of the NATECH report and to make sure they don’t forget about us. I met with the District 5 engineer in April concerning the runoffs which go toward the lake. It doesn’t look like they will be changing any but will have them all looked at to make sure they are up to standards and working properly.

Please have a great summer, enjoy our wonderful lake and stay safe



Yoho Scout Reserve plans busy summer

By **DEAN MUNDEE**

Summer is fast approaching and the schedule of events at the Yoho Scout Reserve is filling up quickly. Weddings and family reunions are becoming increasingly popular and there are three weeks of youth camps scheduled for the summer. The Yoho Lake Association is also using the facilities to host an area Lake Invasive Species workshop, as well as the annual general meeting.

Maintenance and upgrades are a never ending process, as we try to improve the facilities and surrounding area. This year new tables and chairs for the main lodge and repairs and renovations to the administration building in the G. L. Miller Camp Ground are our priorities.

As you are likely aware, a dry hydrant was installed by the fire department in the pond next to the main lodge. Now all Yoho area residents have improved fire protection, with the fire department able to access a ready source of water 12 months a year.

The Scouting program and other youth organizations continue to use both the indoor and outdoor areas at the reserve. On the weekend of June 17 the invasion continues with more than 200 youth and leaders descending on the property. Enjoy the fireworks that Saturday night. We all appreciate the extra attention being taken by those who travel the Yoho Lake Road; the safety of our youth is of paramount importance to all of us.

Have a great summer and see you on the water.

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.



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We need someone to organize the Yoho Roadside Cleanup

This is some of the garbage collected during a past Yoho Roadside Cleanup. It was organized by Roadside Cleanup chair Leon Quick.

Leon has resigned due to other commitments and the Yoho Lake Association thanks him for the excellent job he did.

The Yoho Lake Association is looking for someone to organize the Yoho Roadside Cleanup twice a year. During the roadside cleanup volunteers remove litter from the ditches of all the roads in Yoho.

Leon wrote in previous issue of *The Echo*: "It is always astounding the amount of garbage that accumulates between the cleanups and without the assistance from the volunteers, everyone living around Yoho Lake would see more garbage floating in the lake, washing up on the shore, or blowing along the roads and ditches."

If you are interested in organizing the Yoho Roadside Cleanup, email YLA President Sean Haley, re-puch@nbnet.nb.ca.

Yoho Lake Association 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 re-purch@nbnet.nb.ca

Want to be the zone rep for Scott Road and Hanwell Road?

The Yoho Lake Association (YLA) 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 the 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, rick-debi@nb.sympatico.ca

The current zone reps are listed on Page 4.