

## Yoho Lake Association Bulletin: April–May 2012

### The News

#### Water Monitoring This Summer

The regular monitoring of water quality at Yoho Lake will begin this June, thanks to a grant from the **Environmental Trust Fund (ETF)** to the **Group of Five** (the Yoho Lake Association, together with the Harvey, George, Magaguadavic, and Davidson lake associations).

The New Brunswick **Department of Environment (DE)** will train volunteers to properly collect and record the data. The information will be stored with the **Canadian Rivers Institute (CRI)** at UNB. Our heartfelt thanks to staff with the ETF, DE and CRI for helping to make this project happen.

Why is water monitoring important? First, the scientific data we collect will give a more accurate snapshot of our lake today in terms of features such as water temperature, acidity, turbidity, and oxygen content—all factors that affect water quality. Second, we can compare this information with records from previous years to see how Yoho Lake has changed over time. And third, we can use the data to raise awareness of how Yoho Lake compares with other lakes in the region.

#### Yoho Lake Association Meetings

The Yoho Lake Association executive has met four times since December 2011. We also have met members of the provincial departments of Environment and Health. Our main focus has been to launch the water monitoring project. The YLA Water Committee has done a marathon job of assembling information from Yoho Lake surveys conducted since the early 1950s. As well, we're organizing several events for Yoho Lakers this spring and summer (*see below*).

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday May 26 **Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**

9:15–noonish

Yoho Lake Road

It's spring, and there's more than new flowers beside the road. Become a Yoho litter buster! Meet us **at the mail boxes** on the Yoho Lake Road at 9:15 a.m. to get your garbage bags and hats. Call **Larry** at **457-1122** for details.

#### Saturday June 24 **Septic Systems for Small Lots (aka The Yoho Hot Scoop Expo)**

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Main Scout Lodge  
Yoho Lake

Let's be frank: Some Yoho septic systems are not up to scratch. Others are spanking new. Maybe you've got an old system and want to upgrade. Or maybe you're just curious about the latest septic technologies.

Either way, have we got an outing for you: The Yoho Hot Scoop Expo. Think of it as The Extreme Home Show. You'll meet septic installers with pamphlets, advice and maybe demos. You'll meet Department of Health people who will be happy to answer your questions. You'll meet septic engineers who love to talk dirty. Who knew septic systems could be so sexy?

(Incidentally, the newest Department of Health regulations now permit specially licensed individuals to install **alternative septic systems for small lots**, under certain conditions. Come to the show and learn all about it.)

**Sunday August 19** **Annual General Meeting of the Yoho Lake Association.** To be held at the Main Scout Lodge, Yoho Lake. Details to follow later this summer.  
**1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Want to join the YL Association? It's easy. Just use the membership form on the Yoho website.**

