



Captain Otty's Log

The Newsletter of the Otty Lake Association

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OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday July 12, 2008 - Lions Hall, Perth Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m.

Celebrate the completion of the Lake Management Plan by joining your neighbours over a light breakfast (coffee/tea, muffins, juice). Preview the plan, check out displays and talk to some of the community partners in our planning process. Paper copies of the Plan will be available to purchase.

Don't forget to pick up your well water testing bottle from the Health Unit display.

9:30 a.m.- Noon - Business Meeting. During the meeting, we'll launch the Lake Management Plan. Members will be asked to adopt the Plan as a mandate for the future direction of the Otty Lake Association.

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WATER QUALITY AT OTTY LAKE

Murray Hunt

At the time of writing this article in mid-April, there is only a narrow band of water separating the ice from our shoreline. The date of the complete ice-out on Otty will likely be later than average. Nevertheless, we plan to begin our annual program of water quality measurements in mid-May. It is beneficial to do the first sampling for nutrient levels early.

Nutrient Loading

The Otty Lake Association is continuing our participation with the Ministry of the Environment's Lake Partners program to estimate nutrient levels in the lake. This is done by taking phosphorous samples and measuring water clarity each month from May to October. Last year the average value of Total Phosphorous at Otty was 12.8 µg/L. This value is slightly below the historical average. This indicates that Otty Lake is in a mesotrophic (middle aged) state (10 – 20 µg/L). See the OLA web site (<http://www.ottylake.org>) for historical data.

E.Coli Monitoring

Thirty E.Coli. samples will be taken again this year to obtain a general understanding of bacterial levels at Otty and McLaren Lakes. The 2007 values are summarized below:

- 22 samples equal or less than 1 cts/100mL
- 4 samples between 2 and 5 cts/100mL
- 1 sample 6 and 10 cts/100mL
- 2 samples between 11 and 15 cts/100mL
- 1 sample between 16 and 25 cts/100mL

These results are well within the norm (100-cts/100 mL) that indicates, on a general basis, that the lake water is safe for swimming and limited household use. However, drinking untreated lake water is not recommended.

Follow-up to the RVCA Watershed Watch Program

OLA volunteers will be assisting the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) again this year as they collect samples and conduct measurements of water quality as part of their ongoing updates to their Watershed Watch program. As one aspect of their program, dissolved oxygen/temperature profiles will be measured at the deep points on Otty and McLaren. This is useful to determine the impact on fish habitat.

We will also assist the RVCA in their benthic invertebrate monitoring program. This "bug monitoring" can be used as an indicator of lake health as different species of aquatic insects and shellfish have varying tolerance to degraded water quality. The presence and abundance of these different species found near the lake bottom and close to shore, is one measure of the health of a lake.

OLA volunteers will again assist the RVCA in invasive species monitoring. Although zebra mussels are already present in Otty, this program is useful to monitor for the possible introduction of other invasive species such as the spiny water flea.

Additional Information

For a broader review of historical Otty Lake water quality information, you can access the RVCA's Report on the State of Otty Lake and its Watershed, at http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/LMP_Program/ottylake.html

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD VACANCIES

The Otty Lake Association will have a few Board vacancies to fill at the Annual General Meeting on July 12 at the Lion's Hall, Perth Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

We are moving into an exciting period, implementing recommendations from the thorough Lake Management Plan development process. The OLA is reaping benefits from building strong community relationships to achieve its goals for a healthy lake and natural environment. If you are considering joining the team and would like to talk about the role of board members, please contact either Past President David Reesor on-line at davidanddaphnereesor@yahoo.ca, phone 613 326-0094 or Lake Management Plan Chairperson Karen Hunt on-line at mkhunt@ripnet.com, phone 613 264-9273.

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION 2008 FEES DUE

Thank you to all who have paid your \$20 annual membership fee for 2008.

If you are not already an OLA member, please consider joining. Your membership supports projects that improve Otty Lake now and help to preserve it for future generations.

To join, simply mail a cheque for \$20 made out to the Otty Lake Association, marked "Membership" to: Otty Lake Association, Box 20122, Perth Mews Mall, Perth, ON Canada, K7H 3M6. Include your name, address and e-mail address and tell us whether you prefer to receive Captain Otty's Log and other communications by land mail or e-mail.

OTTY HAS A LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN!

Karen Hunt

More than 300 volunteers contributed more than 4000 hours gathering and reviewing data, preparing material, attending meetings and offering feedback during the lake management process. The result is The Otty Lake Management Plan document which was released to the public on March 1, 2008.

The planning process was truly a community undertaking. Seasonal and permanent residents identified issues and concerns

facing the lake and its watershed. Recommendations were then developed to address these. But the plan could not have been completed without the commitment and effort of the Otty Lake Planning Committee members. Over the course of the past four years, team members included Andrea Klymko, Beatrice Schriever, David Reesor, Diana Nuttall, Gail Read, Ian McDonald, Karen Hunt, Lorne Gold, Patricia Bjorgan, Rosemarie Hoppe-Wilhelm, Ross Hollingsworth, Tressa Oliver and Wally Robins.

Throughout the process, the committee worked closely with community partners including the Lake Management Planning Program, Drummond/North Elmsley and Tay Valley Townships, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Lanark Stewardship Council, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the Leeds, Lanark and Grenville Health Unit.

Information about the Otty Lake Management Plan process can be found at www.ottylake.org. The

published Plan document can be viewed on-line at http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/LMP_Program/ottylake.html. For information on how to order a paper copy, please contact ottylake@sympatico.ca.

Sincere thanks to all who participated. We've created the map – now, together we can navigate the route to protect Otty Lake for the generations to come!

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

We've created the map. Now, together, we can navigate the route to protect Otty Lake for the generations to come!

Following are some activities already under way to implement the Otty Lake Management Plan

recommendations. If you want to be part of the planning process or find out more about activities, contact Karen at mkhunt@ripnet.com or call 613 264-9273.

Otty's Lake Steward, working with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and MOE's Lake Partners Program, is planning 2008's water quality monitoring activities.

Last April, several Otty residents participated in a Native Plant workshop led by Philip Fry from Old Field Gardens in Oxford Station. With a long participant waiting list in hand, organizers are considering a repeat workshop this fall.

Shoreline restoration is an important part of our stewardship plan. Several residents ordered free plants from the OLA in partnership with the RVCA for shoreline planting this spring.

Many around the lake joined the "Pitch-In" movement April 21-27 and cleaned-up debris from roadsides and ditches. Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley Townships provided

bags and bag tags.

Shoreline Clean-up Day, Saturday May 24. Let's all do some spring cleaning for Otty Lake and collect debris that has washed up on your shore. Your "catch" can be taken to the townships' land fill sites.

On Saturday August 9, join your neighbours at the Maple Glen waterfront for Family Environment Day. Activities will include the kids' fishing derby, an environmentally focused scavenger hunt, checking out bugs/benthic invertebrates that live along the shoreline, barbecue lunch and much more.

Do you know who you live with? Find out on Saturday August 16, when long time Otty resident and knowledgeable naturalist Roger Nuttall will lead a hike from the Scout Camp on the Long Lake Road into the Mica Mines Conservation Area. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the plants and animals who share the Otty Lake watershed with us.



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USE IT, MAINTAIN IT OR ABANDON IT

Charles Billington, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

When it comes to wells, the best policy is “use it, maintain it or abandon it”. Why? Because an old or unused or improperly maintained well can be a direct path for contaminants to reach your source of drinking water or your neighbours’.

In Eastern Ontario, we have many unused wells dotting the countryside. These old wells are a threat to our health and safety. Besides the risk to our drinking water supply and ground water, unused wells pose a physical hazard to people and animals.

Well water protection begins at home. Old wells must be properly abandoned, plugged and sealed in a process called decommissioning. Just filling the well with debris or stones does not create a proper seal and will not prevent the flow of contaminated runoff or surface water into the well and from there into our ground water supplies.

In Ontario, wells that are not used or maintained for future use are legally required by the Ministry of the

Environment to be decommissioned by the well owner. If you have an old well on your property that won’t be used again, you must have it properly sealed as soon as possible. If you have a well that you are not using now, but might use in the future, you must maintain it like any other working well. Protecting our ground water is everyone’s responsibility.

Each well and its surroundings are unique. A licensed well contractor will know the proper method to decommission your old well. Work on wells in Ontario must be carried out by a licensed well technician/well contractor licensed under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

There are many excellent sources of information available about wells. For information on best practices for protecting your well, visit www.wellwise.ca or the Ontario Ground water Association at www.ogwa.ca.

Grants are available to assist landowners located near sources of municipal drinking water with the cost of well decommissioning. To find out about these grants or to learn more about wells and ground water protection efforts in your area, visit your local source protection group: Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region at www.mrsourcewater.ca

MCKAY FARM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This update on the proposed McKay Farm development was submitted by the proponents, Nikki and Stephan Katz, to keep Otty Lake residents informed. The municipality will hold a meeting for public input when the Ontario Ministries and Conservation Authority comments are available.

After 28 months of land-use planning, legal, archeological, hydro geological and environmental studies and several public consultations, the McKay Farm subdivision proposal has been filed with the County.

The background studies are now available for viewing at the Lanark County and Drummond-North Elmsley offices and through the Otty Lake Association. The approvals process is expected to take between 6-18 months.

The historically significant McKay farmhouse and 10 acres are being restored and rejuvenated as the retirement project of Nikki and Stephan Katz. Stephan is an Ottawa architect. On the remainder of the property, a number of two to five acre building sites are proposed, well back from Otty Lake. No homes will be constructed within 1000 feet of the lake front. The property will include a 35 acre nature preserve and be linked by walking and ski trails.

Now that the snow has melted and the cottagers are returning, there will be an informal “meet the neighbours and walk the property” site visit open to Otty Lake residents planned for Saturday, June 21 starting at 10 a.m. The property is located on the McKay Farm Road off the Elm Grove Road. For more information, contact Stephan or Nikki at 613 267-0210

THE BEAUTY OF OTTY LAKE CALENDAR

Photographers of all ages, grab your cameras and capture the natural surroundings, tranquillity and fun times with family and friends that make living on the lake so special. A committee of residents is planning a 2010 Beauty of Otty Lake calendar. They will be asking you to submit your best shots next spring, for inclusion in the calendar. Details will be available at the OLA Annual General Meeting and the next edition of Captain Otty’s Log.

2008 FISHING REGULATIONS

Wally Robins

Otty Lake is located in Zone 18. In 2008, there is one significant change to fishing regulations here, the extension of the bass season to November 30. Bass season opens on June 28. Pike fishing begins on May 10. There is no closed season for pan fish including crappie.

Possession limits depend on the type of fishing licence an angler possesses. A conservation licence allows a daily limit of two bass whether smallmouth, largemouth or a combination of the two species. Two northern pike, 10 crappie, 25 perch and 25 sunfish can be kept daily with a conservation licence.

A sport fishing licence permits the possession of six bass (smallmouth, largemouth or a combination), six northern pike, 30 crappie, 50 perch and 50 sunfish.

All anglers must have in their possession a valid conservation or sport fishing licence with the following exceptions:

- residents of Ontario and Canada under 18 or over 65 in possession of their birth certificates;
- disabled Ontario and Canada residents eligible for and in possession of either a Canadian National Institute for the Blind National Identity Card or an Ontario Ministry of Transportation Accessible Parking Permit;
- Ontario and Canadian residents in possession of their birth certificates and accompanied by and requiring the direct assistance of another person to fish and follow applicable fishing laws due to a mental impairment or developmental disorder, a learning disability or dysfunction, or a mental disorder.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE ANGLING

Wally Robins

Whether you are a hard core fishing addict or an occasional angler, there are simple things that you can do to contribute to a healthy environment. Following are five concrete actions that you can take to protect and enhance whatever water system you use:

Respect Fishing Regulations

Regulations about fishing seasons, size and possession limits are in place for a reason – to ensure a sustainable resource for the future. People who ignore fishing regulations are criminals. Obey the law and report violators to the Ministry of Natural Resources or the OPP.

Practice Catch and Release or Selective Harvest

Although catch and release and selective harvest are not mandatory on many Ontario lakes and rivers, history has proven that they are very effective in sustaining a healthy fishery. In the past, it was common practice to pose for “ego shots”, photos featuring an angler with a stringer of big fish. Today, the responsible angler keeps a few small fish for meals and releases the majority of the catch, especially the large females, so they can spawn again.

Treat Water Systems Gently

Using a lake or river as a garbage can is a sign of ignorance! Keep a garbage container in your boat and use it for drink cans, worm containers and other refuse. Spend five minutes at the end of your day at the boat launch to pick up litter that less responsible people have discarded.

Get in Tune

Have your motor tuned up annually. A well maintained motor will not only operate more effectively, but will also generate far less pollution through the burning of gas. An added benefit will be better fuel economy, a significant bonus given escalating fuel prices. If a new outboard is on your shopping list, purchase a high efficiency two stroke or four stroke engine.

Be a Role Model for Your Kids

Leave a legacy. Teach your kids, nieces, nephews and grandchildren to respect the environment.

FLOOD ADVISORY INFORMATION

With the fast thawing of our heavy snowfall this spring, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority issued a number of flood advisories. Following are numbers to call for future reference, especially useful for seasonal residents not on site to see if precautions are needed to protect property: 613 692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 (within the 613 area code).

BROOKE VALLEY EXPLORE CREATIVE LIVING

July 20 – 26 and August 10-16

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or
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WEEDS AND DISHES – THE PHOSPHATE CONNECTION

Judith Robertson

Do you have a dishwasher at the lake? I confess I do.

My husband does the cooking, so I'm the leader of a reluctant cleanup crew. That system works pretty well in the city, but breaks down at the cottage. Friends, guests, extended family and still more family mean that I can be washing dishes long after the party is over. So, after the umpteenth grumble, my husband bought a dishwasher. That was only the beginning.



I am on the board of the OLA after all – what would people say? More to the point, we're third generation Otty Lakers and hope there will be more after us. Would this "convenience" hurt the long-term health of the lake?

We've all heard that you need to space your loads of laundry so the, ahem, "solids" are not flushed out of the septic system before they are broken down by bacterial action. Would a dishwasher pose the same problem? Well, depending on the size of your septic tank and whether there is a shower or laundry going on at the same time, you could pump too much water through your system and impair its ability to work properly.

My husband was way ahead of me. (Did I mention that he's an engineer?). A little investigation showed that dishwashers use less water than you think, even less than washing by hand! Who knew? Researchers estimate that washing by hand uses anywhere from 34L to 91L of water per meal, whereas North American dishwashers range from 23L to 38L of water per load. In our case, there was little risk of multiple sources of waste water combining to swamp the system (one bathroom, no washing machine). Even so, we decided to err on the side of caution and choose a European model that uses only 5L of water per load. Yes, it was more expensive, but it seemed to be the prudent choice and there was a huge bonus in how quiet the machine is. You cannot hear it at all.

The next issue – which detergent to use? Regular dishwasher detergents, like my former favourite, Cascade, are loaded with phosphates and bleach. We know that bleach is bad for the crucial bacterial action in the septic system. We also know that phosphates in fertilizer are a huge environmental faux pas next to a lake. While septic systems are designed to allow the soil and plants to take up the phosphorus we naturally excrete, high concentrations from detergents combined with poor soil conditions and close proximity to open water can easily overwhelm the system and lead to contamination.

We concluded that we would have to use a no phosphate, no chlorine detergent. (Did I mention that my husband is a chemical engineer?) That started a very frustrating consumer search. Many of the products labelled "eco" just don't work and there's a limit to how much crud you'll put up with in the name of the environment. The first one left a white film over the dishes and glasses that could only be removed by a vinegar bath. The second was better, but still not great. After consulting the manual, which suggested increasing the dose of rinse agent (use a bio-degradable one), and persistent trial and error, I found a couple that work pretty well (see box for names). My one lingering complaint is that my white, plastic cutting

Phosphates 101

Phosphates have been a main detergent ingredient. They serve as a "builder" to help remove dirt and to minimize soap scum, especially important in areas with "hard" water containing calcium and magnesium ions. Phosphates were a key contributor to the pollution crisis that led to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement signed by the U.S. and Canada in 1972. It and later regulations limited phosphate content in laundry detergents to 5% (they had been as much as 80%), but did not put restrictions on other products.

Why ignore dishwasher detergents? Most people didn't have dishwashers in 1972. In 2008, that has changed greatly in permanent residences and many cottages. If you consider that more than 50% of the dwellings on Otty Lake are permanent residences now, it is safe to assume that dishwashers and phosphates may be part of the mystery of the rapid increase in weed growth we have seen. The federal government's proposal to reduce the phosphates in dishwasher detergent (0.5% by 2010, www.ec.gc.ca) reinforces the idea of a strong connection between phosphates and weed growth. In making the announcement, the environment minister used the algae blooms last summer in Quebec and Manitoba as evidence of the problem. In fact, Canada is behind the times. Many U.S. States banned phosphates in dishwasher detergents in the 1990s.

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boards are now stained without the bleach. Oh well, it still beats hand washing.

If your water is particularly “hard”, you might consider investing in a water softener to get good results. It is common for hard water to reduce the efficacy of any soap or detergent, and well water in this area is usually very hard.

While no one knows whether there is a direct link between an increase in dishwashers and the weed growth in Otty Lake, it is safe to assume that high phosphate detergents don't help. Why should we wait until 2010 for the new regulations to kick in? It's such an easy thing to do – you just buy a different product! Wouldn't it be a great experiment if everyone on the lake stopped using phosphates this year to see if it made a difference? If I do it and you do it and your friends do it, we could be well on our way!

PLANNING SOME SHORELINE WORK?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority remind landowners, cottagers and construction project managers to heed timing restrictions for in-water and near-water work on rivers, streams and lakes in our area.

These restrictions ensure enough time and a stress-free environment for fish to spawn and raise their young. The times are researched and set annually by the Ministry of Natural Resources. They vary according to weather conditions and the types of fish in each waterway. Maintaining fish stock contributes not only to the good health of Ontario's related recreational and economic activities, but also to the health of the watershed.

Ministry of Natural Resources staff have the mandate to set, enforce and allow exceptions or extensions to work. Avoid fines and penalties under provincial and federal legislation by timing your shoreline work accordingly.

Do not start your project without the required MNR shoreline work permit, which must be posted at the work site.

To inquire about this year's time restrictions and how to get a work permit, contact Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Biologist Jennifer Lamoureux at 613 692-3571 ex. 1108 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1108.

Alternatively, you can call the MRN Kemptville District office to speak to Senior Lands Technicians Dave Coleman at 613 258-8501 or Tanya McLaurin at 613 258-8369. This office is available toll free by dialing 1-800-667-1940 and asking to be put through to the Kemptville District.

MNR has an informative web-site, www.mnr.gov.on.ca. Scroll down the left column, click “Land”, then “Crown land management” and you will find a link to “Work permits” to familiarize yourself with the permit process.

We have all noticed the results of vandalism on Otty's crown lands. If you witness vandalism, fishing violations or are concerned about shoreline work without a permit, get the best description that you can of the situation. Then contact MNR at their tips line 1-877-847-7667.

What and where to buy

The good news? Phosphate-free detergents are easier to find, with more choices available. All Perth grocery stores carry at least some environmentally safe cleaning products and President's Choice just announced a new phosphate-free dish washing detergent. Each detergent/machine/water combination will have different results, so be prepared to experiment until you find one that works for you. Generally, powders and tablets work better than liquids or gels and a rinse agent is required. If your water is hard, you may need a water softener to get good results.

Below is a short list that Judith tried along with the rating by Consumer's Report in 2007 (www.consumerreports.org). Tell us your recommendations and we will share them in our next newsletter.

Ecover – 67/100, rated “excellent” - \$0.21/load. Highest rated of non-phosphate detergents. Tablets scored better than powder. (Judith uses this one.)

Seventh Generation – 60/100, rated “excellent” - \$0.16/load. (Didn't work for Judith.)

Wave (Earth Friendly) – 43/100, rated “fair” - \$0.16.(Not tried by Judith.)

Nature Clean – not rated by CR (Judith used it with good results.)

President's Choice – not rated by CR, but it scored 5/5 in a recent consumer rating in the Globe and Mail.

SHORELINE SPEEDS FOR BOATS

Inspector Gerry Salisbury, Detachment Commander, Lanark County/Sharbot Lake OPP

With spring here, many boaters will be heading to our local waterways to enjoy the sunshine and water. Whether you reside full time or part time on an area lake or visit our waterways occasionally, the Lanark County and Sharbot Lake OPP urge area boaters to keep in mind the rules and regulations that apply to boating when it comes to shore-line speed restrictions.

The province of Ontario has adopted a province-wide restriction limiting a boat's speed to 10 km/h within 30 m (98'5") from shore on all waters. The exceptions are:

- water-skiing, where the boat follows a trajectory perpendicular to the shore;
- in rivers less than 100 m in width, or canals or buoyed channels;
- in waters where another speed is prescribed under a schedule to the regulations.

It is important to be aware of the shore-line speed restrictions on any lake you happen to be boating on, and if unsure contact your local lakes association or police department.

Ultimately, safety is paramount. Always operate at a safe speed and when choosing your speed consider the following:

- visibility conditions (fog, mist, rain and darkness) which could hamper your ability to see ahead;
- wind, water conditions and currents;
- manoeuvrability of your boat;
- traffic density, types of vessels in the area and their proximity;
- the proximity of any navigational hazards such as rocks or tree stumps;
- the effect your boat's wake will have on other vessels, docks, swimmers, divers, and the shoreline.

Throughout the summer months the Lanark County and Sharbot Lake OPP will be patrolling the local waterways, ensuring that boaters have the necessary equipment on board, and are abiding by the rules and regulations in place for boaters. For more information or a copy of the Safe Boating Guide visit www.boating.safety.gc.ca.

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SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM

David Reesor

Throughout our Lake Management Planning process, lake residents have given septic re-inspection a high priority. The Otty Lake Property Owners' Survey, completed in October 2007, indicated 97% of respondents supported septic re-inspections. Recently the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley announced a pilot septic re-inspection program for Otty Lake. Great news for Otty Lake! The Health Unit of Leeds, Grenville and Lanark will begin the inspections this summer. There are 211 residences, on Otty Lake, in D/NE. About 50 systems will be inspected each year and the program will be completed over the next 4 years.

The plan is to start with residences with no record of a septic installation or permit for installation. These could be the oldest developed properties on Otty Lake.

To assist lake residents with septic issues and to explain the re-inspection program, Mark Green from the Health Unit will be presenting what he describes as Septic 101, at the D/NE Township Offices, at 310 Port Elmsley Road, Wednesday May 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Take Lanark County Road #1, from Perth (towards Rideau Ferry) and make a left turn onto Port Elmsley Road. If you need more information, please call 613-326-0094

Mark's presentation will cover:

- different types of septic systems;
- care and maintenance of a septic system (including dos and don'ts);
- the re-inspection program (what to expect).

This meeting and discussion will be useful to all lake residents. If you have concerns or issues with your septic system...why wait for re-inspection? Why not have it checked out now. There is grant money available NOW through the Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program. The money is for septic repair or replacement and it covers 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$2,000. You must have approval before starting the work and you can learn more by calling the LandOwner Resource Centre at 1-800-267-3504. There is a limited amount of grant money available so CALL NOW!!

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