

## **JUNE 2006--WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF OTTY LAKE?**

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After many months of gathering and analysing all available information about our lake environment, the State of the Lake Report is now being prepared. **Copies of the Executive Summary of the Report will be available at the AGM on July 8 and Sheanna Tinlin, Program Manager for the Tay Watershed Lake Management Planning Program will make a presentation at the AGM on the work to date. A draft version of the complete State of the Lake Report will be available for all lake residents and our community partners by the end of July.** To reduce costs most copies of the Report will be available in CD format although we will ensure that some paper copies are distributed around the lake to be shared with those who do not have computer access.

### **NEXT STEP**

#### **We need your input!**

During the later part of the summer and into the fall following the distribution of the (draft) State of the Lake Report, members of the Otty Lake Management Committee want to meet with small groups of lake residents as well as with our community partners (municipalities, MOE, MNR, Conservation Authority, Stewardship Council etc.) to get your feedback e.g. we would like to speak with road association groups and other gatherings of Otty Lake residents.

In the first round of discussions you told the Lake Management Committee that good water quality, natural shorelines, beautiful scenery, good fishing and swimming, and lots of birds and wildlife were important qualities of Otty Lake. **The State of the Lake Report will describe what the current state of these and other characteristics actually is.**

**NOW it is up to each of us – those who live and work and play at Otty Lake - to plan together with our community partners to ensure that Otty Lake is the lake we want it to be 5/10/20 years down the road.**

**Your feedback, based on the information in the State of the Lake Report, will be used to prepare the Otty Lake Management Plan.** This Plan will provide guidance to both lake residents and the municipalities and other community partners on how we should care for Otty Lake into the future.

**Please participate. The future of Otty Lake is in your hands!**