

Lake Stewardship Team Lead

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Many lake associations in Ontario have a position identified as the Lake Steward. This position provided a single point of contact for communications between the association, landowners, and other organizations concerned with the quality of the lake and its associated surroundings. For the Otty Lake Association (OLA) this has involved research by:

1. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA),
2. Monitoring work by the Lake Partner Program (LPP),
3. Support of the Bass Spawning Sanctuary Study (BaSS) lead by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters for the Coalition for Innovative Fisheries Conservation (CIFC),
4. The Love Your Lake Program sponsored by Watersheds Canada (WC) and Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF).

In addition to the sampling activities completed by the OLA, there is a continued interest in algae blooms, climate change, ice out dates, and water levels to mention a few. However, all these topics are a lot to manage for one person. The OLA would like to take a team approach to lake stewardship, but have one person to coordinate the group.

The Lake Stewardship Team Lead would be the focal point for communications for the OLA and would best be positioned to direct any inquiries to the appropriate individual or team. They would also be best positioned to provide any reports to the membership on the condition of the lake and provide any suggested actions that the association should take to preserve or enhance the quality of the lake for landowners and users.

Coordination Activities

1. Be the contact point for inquiries with regards to Otty Lake for the OLA.
2. Maintain a master list of external contacts working with OLA.
3. Maintain a master list of contacts within OLA,
4. Be aware of the location of the master copies of lake information.
5. Oversee succession planning for volunteers to maintain the historical records continuity.

Areas of Concern for Stewardship Team

1. Water sampling.
2. Historical record updating.
3. Data Analysis / Assessment and review of collected data from OLA, LPP, and RVCA.

4. Interpretation of results for property owner education.
5. Current state of lake water quality.
6. Other current issues of interest.
7. Reporting to the OLA Board any issues or recommendations as appropriate.