



NEWSLETTER FALL 2024

LAKE BARRON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (LBCA)

Hello Lake Barron Residents: Hope you all had a great summer!

2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Trinity Community Centre on chemin Cambria, Saturday June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. We had a great turnout of over 50 residents. The Survey results were presented. Many environmental issues discussed including presence of phragmites and the septic systems report from Gore.

Environment

Aquatic Plant Survey: Held on July 24, 2024. The Aquatic Plant Survey turned up no surprises in the plant department but unfortunately our experienced leaders, Heather McCullough and Joanne Hayes found an **invasive snail** present in the lake. Hundreds have been spotted. They can carry bacteria, parasites and clog water intake pipes. They were introduced by unclean watercraft or aquarium dumping.

A professional diver was brought in on 2 different occasions to check various locations around the lake. The LBCA Environment Committee had a meeting with the MRC Environmental Rep, Jasmine Boissé, about this invasive species. A Permit is necessary to remove them to control their numbers. Our Environment Committee will keep you updated on this subject.

Phragmites at the bottom of Williams Creek on the north side of the Lake have been cut, bagged and sent to the garbage. The area was tarped over to prevent further growth. We will see in the Spring how effective these measures were. Heather Anderson and Sam Allison.



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If you spot any invasive snails or phragmites, do not remove them but please report the sighting ASAP to: president@lbca.ca



Phragmites before cutting



Tarped over area

Social: This year's **East to West Lake Crossing** on a beautiful sunny day had swimmers, paddle boards, canoes, and kayaks making the journey and finishing up with hot dogs and corn at McOuat's Beach. Thank you, Adrienne Hindle and CJ McOuat for hosting.

Winter Projects for the LBCA:

- We are hoping to update the Association's outdated 1962 By Laws.
- Concerning the septic systems, meetings with the Municipality will continue.
- Gore's By Laws are currently being updated and simplified at the Municipality. The LBCA will monitor these changes and how they might impact Lake residents.
- Work on the LBCA website will continue.

Have a healthy and safe winter. Watch for the next Newsletter in Spring 2025

The LBCA leadership committee is working on behalf the lake and the residents.

Heather Anderson, President LBCA