



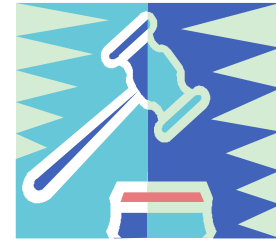
Three Mile Lake Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Three Mile Lake Annual General Meeting: Agenda

- Welcome, Intro, Park proposal background, by-law changes & Hand-off - Out-going president/chair, Rod Ward
- TMLCC Director Renewals and Nominations - Barb
- Treasurer's Report - Barb
- TMLCC Membership Update - Barb
- Three Mile Lake Communications - Barb
- Water Testing update - Bromley
- Lake, Local & Armour Township Updates - Bromley
- Q and A and meeting close-out



Welcome and Intro



Proposed Park / Boat Launch: Background from Armour Council ...more on this topic later in the meeting...

- Armour staff brought forward a resolution to investigate possibility of creating a small park and / or boat launch facility on Township property at "T" intersection (Sunnylea / Three Mile Lake Road) at August 13, 2019 Council meeting...as reflected in the Minutes:

'Council reviewed a report, from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the possibility of constructing a park with a boat launch on Three Mile Lake. Council requested the consideration of a boat washing station, the land's soil, water obstacles, etc.. Council passed a resolution directing staff to study the feasibility and obtain budget projections'

Boat launch was being considered as a replacement for current road allowance in use as a boat launch at Rat Lake Road / Three Mile Lake Road...

Direction to staff was 'if we're going to consider a boat launch, we are going to look at all aspects'... boat washing to help keep invasive species out of lake; proper environmental study; costs of removing known obstacles and dealing with shallow area, etc...

Township owns both the road allowance (current boat launch) and the proposed park area at Sunnylea / Three Mile Lake Road...

Proposed Park / Boat Launch: Background from Armour Council (cont) ...more on this topic later in the meeting...

- Staff brought report back to Council at November 26, 2019 regular Council meeting...as reflected in the Minutes:

'Council reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the proposed construction of a park and boat ramp on Three Mile Lake. Council discussed the report and were in favour of building a park but directed staff to hold a public meeting on a Saturday in June 2020 to obtain input from the residents regarding this proposal'

- Small park (no/limited cost) was agreed to in principle, but not until public input could be received...
- There were no significant costs associated with the park as staff would do work when available - anticipate creating a small parking area and installing picnic tables; township would maintain park in same manner as other parks in township; park would be under same Park By-law (16-2017) as all other park areas in township (conduct, hours, uses, etc); public meeting requested to obtain other ideas and feedback...
- Costs of boat launch estimated to start at 140k and it was unlikely that all boats could be accommodated at the site in its current condition due to issues with rocks, shallow areas, etc. - more information required...no budget for this at this time...

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- Public Meeting was to be scheduled for a Saturday in June 2020 in order to ensure that many/most seasonal residents would be available
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, public meeting was not possible...at April 28, 2020 regular Council meeting, it was agreed that feedback would be requested via email, regular mail or drop-off at municipal office, with deadline of June 30, 2020
- Notification was sent to 238 addresses on and around Three Mile Lake
- Request was made of staff to have all responses distributed to Council members as soon as feasible to allow time for review - first batch distributed on June 16, 2020; remaining submissions will be distributed immediately after June 30, 2020 deadline
- Request was made of staff to have the township's Municipal Planner provide a summary of requirements (engineering study, landscape architect, MNRF approval, Planning Act) in order to fully understand requirements related to a boat launch development
- The topic is on the agenda for the July 14, 2020 regular Council meeting. Note that only zero or minimal-cost options (i.e. within the current operating budget) could be approved at this time as no budget line-item for 2020 was approved for greater expenditure (i.e. boat launch)

Around The Lake...

Updates from Armour Township

Clarifications on recent by-law changes potentially impacting Three Mile Lake residents...

❖ Trailer bylaw

- During May 26, 2020 regular Council meeting, a minor change to the trailer by-law (31-2017) was accepted and passed by Council.
- Trailer licenses can be issued on an annual basis (covering the period May 1 through November 30) or short-term (one to three months).
- Previous wording indicated that renewals can occur for period of 5 consecutive years; new wording removes the word "consecutive" to indicate that "temporary use of trailer" on lakefront properties can only occur for a total of 5 years, regardless of whether or not it is consecutive.
- Reason for change was technicality - owner could remove the trailer for one day after 5 years, bring it back and re-license for another 5 consecutive years...

❖ Tree cutting bylaw

- During April 28, 2020 regular Council meeting, by-law was passed which clarified wording and penalties associated with "clear-cutting" of waterfront lots. Original spirit of site planning requirements was being circumvented, and in extreme cases, waterfront lots were being clear-cut with no real ramifications.
- Tree trimming / pruning is allowed (and encouraged for health of trees); intent is to stop removal of perfectly healthy trees which are within 15 metres of shore.
- Trees which are unsafe can also be removed; however, you are encouraged to contact the By-law officer at 705-382-3332 before doing any tree work within 15 metres of shoreline.

Current TMLCC Directors

Name	Position	Renewal Year	Renewing?
Bromley Henning	Acting President	2022	
Barb Leonard	Treasurer	2020	Yes
Vacant	Vice-President	2022	Any volunteers?
Vacant	Communications (new)	2022	Nominate Anne Currie-O'Brien
Bromley Henning	Lake Steward	2021	
Albert Bollenbach	Director	2021	
Gord Isbister	Director	2020	Yes
Tim Taylor	Director	2020	Yes
Carolynn Hodgins	Secretary	2020	Yes
Vivian Harvey	Director	2020	
Wendy Bristow	Director	2020	Yes
Vacant	Director	2022	Any volunteers?
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We currently have 4 vacancies...looking for volunteers!

Welcome to the Three Mile Lake Virtual Community...

Three Mile Lake Virtual Community

Web Site Updates

New Director position to focus on Communications

Three Mile Lake Virtual Community

Home **Three Mile Lake Community Club will be held at the Katrine Commu**

News & Events **Welcome to Three Mile Lake! Stay Connected - Visit Often!**

Members

Your Lake & Environment **NEW! Info on creating a new Community Health Centre for Almaguin...**

Local Web-Cams **Three Mile Lake Weather**

Photo Gallery **Follow Us on Twitter!**

Businesses & Organizations **Join Our Facebook Group!**

MarketPlace & Lost/Found

Ethics

Contact

Road to Three Mile Lake

Search Site

Cottage Guest Book

Latest Blackfly and Mosquito Rating Report!

Conveniently located in the Almaguin Highlands region, Three Mile Lake is one of several lakes of the same name in Ontario. This particular Three Mile Lake is just outside the village of Burk's Falls in the Parry Sound District, 30 minutes north of Huntsville and 60 minutes south of North Bay....

This site includes local news and announcements, web cam, lake water quality information, a blog and photo gallery, and links to other sites of interest. Come back and visit us 'virtually' on a regular basis!

The Three Mile Lake Community association is a group of cottage owners, local residents and local businesses focused on the on-going enjoyment of our lake. We do this by:

- Promoting programs focused on maintaining the environment and sustaining water quality.
- Communicating items of interest to permanent and seasonal residents.
- Protecting the interests of the lake, the community and its residents.
- Providing a sense of community through fundraisers and social events.
- Being a responsible part of the broader community.

The Three Mile Lake Community Club web site has been developed strictly for the enjoyment of members of the TMLCC, and is maintained purely on a volunteer basis. While all attempts are made to produce accurate information, the TMLCC accepts no liability for errors or omissions with respect to information provided on this site or on any linked site herein. If you note any errors on this site, please email your concerns to info@3milelake.org.

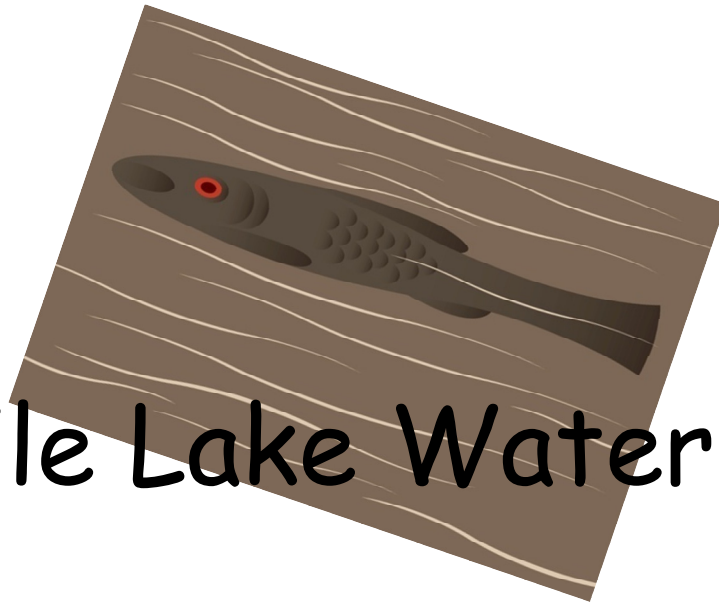
Current list of TMLCC Directors

You are Cottage Guest number.....

On-Line Presence

Current Features...

- ✓ e-Transfer through the web site (www.3milelake.org)
- ✓ Facebook Group 450 members and growing
- ✓ New ideas...??
- ✓ Let us know when items are out-of-date or links are broken! info@3milelake.org



Three Mile Lake Water Quality

2019 Results...



2019 Results - TMLCC

- All water testing results from 2008 through 2018 available on the TMLCC web site
- Full 2019 results will be made available on the "Your Lake & Environment" tab shortly
- Due to Covid 19 the MNR has suspended the Lake Partner Program so we will not be sampling for phosphorous testing this summer
- We will do our own testing for e-coli and coliform as we do each year

Three Mile Lake Test Locations



Site	GPS
A	45°35'29.20"N 79°18'30.90"W
B	45°35'48.00"N 79°18'09.20"W
C	45°36'06.40"N 79°18'48.90"W
D	45°36'06.80"N 79°19'35.60"W
E	45°35'11.30"N 79°19'04.10"W
F	45°34'52.50"N 79°18'16.30"W
G	45°36'13.08"N 79°19'58.80"W

2019 Summary Results

Coliform

Cfus	TML-1	TML-2	TML-3	TML-4	TML-5
7/04/2019	19	5	156	5	5
8/18/2019	11	16	13	6	182

Maximum acceptable value is 1,000 cfu's (colony forming units). All readings well within tolerance...

e-Coli

cfus	TML-1	TML-2	TML-3	TML-4	TML-5
07/04/2019	28	<3	<3	11	<3
08/18/2019	<3	<3	11	5	46

Maximum acceptable value for recreational water is 100 cfu's . All readings well within tolerance...

Phosphorus

Date	Test results $\mu\text{g/L}$	Average of results $\mu\text{g/L}$
06/06/2019	23.2 / 37.0*	23.2
07/03/2019	12.8 / 14.4	13.6
09/02/2019	10.0 / 12.4	11.2
10/01/2019	11.8 / 12.2	12.0

Typically target a level under 20 $\mu\text{g/L}$. One reading was slightly above this level.

*Assumed bad sample due to discrepancy with first - removed from average

Blue-Green Algae Update

- Obvious concerns - potential health issues, property value
- More and more lakes each year are reporting blooms
- Lots of unknowns, but two fairly clear indicators - high temperatures and nutrient loads
 - We can't control temperatures
 - We have more control over nutrient loads..."buffers" at lakefront, maintaining natural landscape, controlling run-off, eliminating fertilizers, phosphates, regular septic pumping (spring not fall), septic inspection
- "Closing of loop" in communications is a problem
 - Signs get posted if test results indicate that a blue-green algae bloom may occur
 - Re-testing is not done...no update provided if bloom does actually not occur
 - Concerns were raised to the Public Health Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township in September of 2018 following the public health notice of August 17, 2018 - the loop was never fully closed...



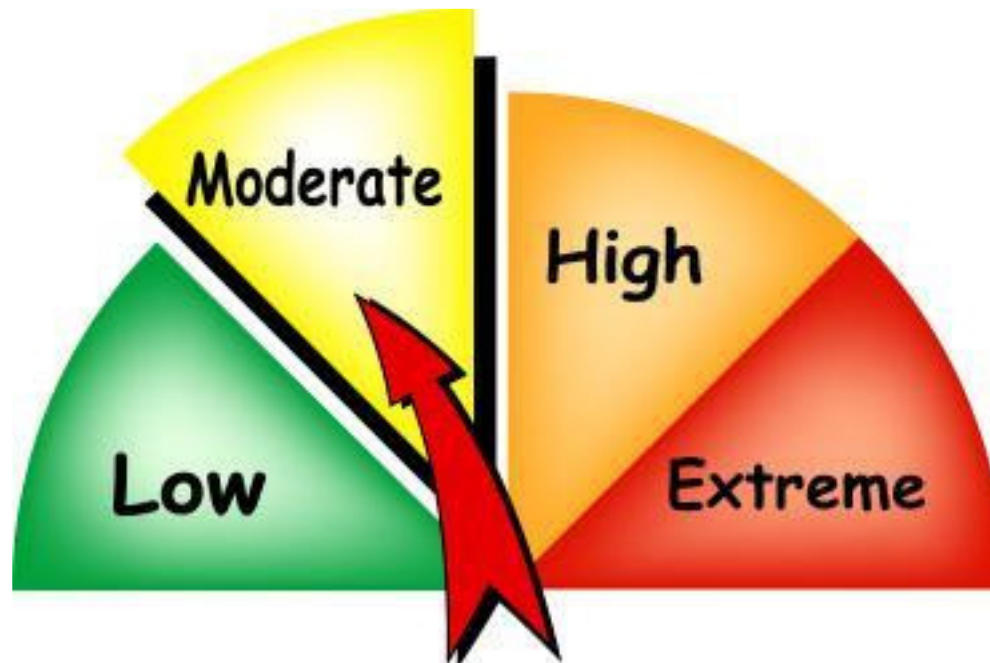
Events and Updates

Annual Three Mile Golf Tourney is cancelled

TMLCC has some good stuff that we would like to "lend" to members for their family and friend get togethers:

- 4 x land skis (challenging and fun, shoes required!)
- 3 legged race supplies
- Sack race supplies
- Foxtail supplies (ball in tennis sock - throw in land or water)
- Mega phone
- Very long rope for tug of war, start/finish marking...
- \$40 refundable deposit to ensure all goods are returned in a timely manner

Around the Lake...



Today's Fire Rating...

NO DAY TIME BURNING

Fire Rating Explanations

Low	Daytime open air burning allowed Nov 1 to March 31. Camp Fires allowed.
Moderate	Daytime open air burning allowed Nov 1 to March 31. Camp Fires allowed.
High	NO OPEN BURNING. Camp Fires for cooking and warmth only.
Extreme	No OPEN BURNING. Camp Fires NOT allowed. Fireworks NOT allowed.

Note that Daytime Burning is NOT allowed between April 1 and October 31, no matter what the rating...

Park and Boat Launch proposal

- All taxpayers on the lake were sent a Notice of Public Consultation in consideration of constructing a municipal park at the "T" where Three Mile Lake Road meets Sunnylea Avenue.
- The TMLCC Executive discussed at great length:
 - how best to represent the membership
 - some will be in favour and some will not
 - too many "what ifs" due to minimal information in the Notice
 - TMLCC and Township can't hold public meetings
- TMLCC decided:
 - The Three Mile Lake Community Club intent is to inform Club members
 - **Each individual has their own unique opinion**
 - The Club will remain neutral in their position and will not be submitting a response on behalf of the Club to the township

Location



Summarized Findings

- Current feasibility findings:
 - Potential for park and boat launch
 - Additional work to be done to determine feasibility of boat launch
 - No large boats could be accommodated without dredging
 - Large rocks near the proposed launch site
 - Water levels a concern, especially in the fall



Next Steps:

- Township wants your input and suggestions
- This is in **very** early stage (particularly with respect to boat launch) - no decisions have been made
- Don't make assumptions or accusations
- Email Clerk@armourtownship.ca mail or drop in mailbox at Township office
- TMLCC will be requesting to have a representative at the table for any future discussions
- TMLCC will provide details to membership, via email, as they become available

Questions
Comments
Suggestions...?



Appendix

Questions posed to the Clerk:

PARK:

- What kind of park is being considered, ie; green space, playground, picnic area, sports, etc?
- Who do you see using the park and for what purposes?
- What is the size of the property and what % will be "cleared or groomed" for parking and what % will be "cleared or groomed" for the park?
- Will work be done to level the property?
- How does the new tree cutting bylaw align with the proposed park/boat launch?
- What facilities will be erected, ie; restrooms, changerooms, sheltered picnic area, play structures, etc.?
- How will this project be funded (property taxes, gov't grant/loan)?
- How will the park be maintained on an ongoing basis, ie; garbage, washrooms, general maintenance?
- How will the ongoing maintenance be funded?
- Will there be noise guidelines posted? If yes, who will enforce them?
- Will there be hours of operation or will property be available to be used 24/7?
- Will fires be allowed?
- Will camping be allowed?
- Will pets be allowed?
- What is the estimated cost for the park?

Questions posed to the Clerk:

BOAT LAUNCH:

- Will there be an area on the property large enough to accommodate vehicles with trailers to maneuver in order to launch boats without blocking/impeding the main roadway?
- Will there be parking to accommodate vehicles and trailers for day trippers with boats?
- Will there be a boat disinfecting area away from the lake?
- What work will be done to the property ie; steep incline) and lake bed (ie; shallow and rocks) to make it a viable boat launch?
- What is the estimated cost of the boat launch?

Answers provided by the Clerk:

At this time, we cannot answer many of your questions because we do not have a specific plan for this project. Council wanted to know what the surrounding community thought about the idea before making more plans.

What I can tell you is this;

- The property is approximately .6 of an acre.
- As any other park in the Township, the park would be public and can be used by anyone. Its use would be just like any other park, picnic, using the shore, going into the water and if we build a boat ramp, putting boats in the water.
- There would be a portable washrooms installed every summer like in our other parks, but we are not looking at a permanent washroom.
- This would be a small park where there is no heavy traffic, we would be surprised if it was used by more people than the nearby residents, friends and family.
- From our preliminary inspections, we would be building a parking lot on the upper part of the lot. At this time, we do not know how many cars and trailers it would hold.
- I believe that if a boat ramp is build in this park, the end of Rat Lake Road would be closed.
- Work will need to be done to level the property and make it usable as a park. We are looking at using our roads crew to do most of the work to create the park.

Answers provided by the Clerk:

- We will need to do more evaluations before deciding if it is feasible to build a boat ramp.
- The Township would maintain the park like any other of our parks.
- If there are problems in the park, they can be reported to the OPP or By-law, who will do their best to fix the problem.
- If we only build a park, it will be mostly green space and in the future we may add some playground equipment. If there is a boat ramp in the park, we will have to see what kind of space is left for green space and playground equipment.
- At this time, we are looking at clearing for parking only and if it happens for the boat ramp, the rest of the park will be left natural.
- There should be very little cost in building the park because we are looking at using our own employees and equipment, the last boat ramp we built cost \$140,000, which is another reason why it may never be built. Council was looking at building the park and in the future when monies are available and if it is feasible, building a boat ramp. The park and the boat ramp would be funded through municipal taxes and the Parkland Trust Fund.
- The same rules will apply to this park as any other parks the Township owns. The Parks By-law and Noise By-law are available for review on our website at www.armourtownship.ca.