

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council
General Updates Plus Summary of the Lake Louise Christian Community
Board of Trustees April Meeting
May, 2019



Photo by Karen Burgess Hamm on Cove Dr.

The loons are back! If you have been lucky enough to be at the lake on these early spring days, you may have seen them and heard them call to each other. I have my fingers crossed, hoping they will nest and produce one or two chicks for us to watch all summer long.

Some general messages and updates:

- Mark your calendars! Our first cottager event will be on Saturday, June 22. The Potluck Dinner will begin at 6:00 followed by our Cottagers' Council meeting at 7:00. You will receive a full print schedule of events plus the listing of Sunday morning chapel gatherings in your doorway in mid-June. To see it online, click on: [lake louse events](#).
- Water Level and Sandbags: If you've been to the lake this spring, you've seen it – the water is higher than it's been in our memory. Many trees along the shoreline are in up to two feet of water. There are very few sandy beaches remaining. Many rafts, docks and boats stored on what was a dry beach in the fall are now at least partially in the water.

The LLCC Office has ordered and the Cottagers' Council has paid for clean sand and sand bags again this summer, at no cost to anyone who wants some. No permit for the placement of sandbags will be required. The piles of sand and the supply of bags will be in the same locations as last year – Pioneer Trail (in the meadow), Morningside Drive (beside the mailboxes), and Birch Circle (near the dumpster location).

Some cottagers have suggested that we pump water out of the lake. The Land Committee studied this proposal and determined it is not feasible. We would have to pump 13.1 million gallons of water to reduce the lake level by one inch. The cost would exceed \$375,000 to pump the water level down by 12 inches. There is nowhere to deposit the pumped water.

- Dumpsters: As usual, we will have dumpsters in the same locations (two in the Pioneer Trail meadow and one at the regular dumpster location on Birch Circle), for a two-week period, June 24 - July 8. This is a great opportunity to clean out your cottage and storage structures, but please, be courteous. All items MUST be put into the dumpsters, NOT left on the ground around them. The waste collection employees will not pick up items left on the ground and no volunteers are scheduled to do this. If you have items you think could be used by someone else, don't leave them by the dumpster; take them to Challenge Mountain or another nonprofit that collects used goods for sale in their store. Or, use our Facebook page, [Lake Louise Community Sharing](#), to let others know your items are available for their use.

The following items may NOT be put in these or any LLCC dumpsters:

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, paint (all kinds), tires, batteries from cars, boats, ATVs, etc., and all organic materials (yard & tree debris, plants and weeds).

Summary of the April Board of Trustees meetings:

Executive Director Report:

- Jim Willford is working with the Board's Land Committee to develop a land management plan.
- Nominations for the Service to the Community Award are now on the website. [Click here](#) for the nomination form.
- A Ministry & Marketing Intern has been hired again for this summer for our second year. We are seeing positive impact from the marketing efforts. The position was funded by a donor.
- Additional scholarship donations have been arriving for Camp Beloved.
- Tree removal project on Thumb Lake Road has been cancelled. Charlevoix County not interested in participating and we cannot perform this on our own.
- Recycling will begin this summer. Location for the cages will be determined.

Bylaws: The Board voted to approve revisions and updates to our bylaws. They will be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized.

Capital Campaign: With Board approval LLCC has begun a capital campaign. It is called Changing Lives Capital Campaign. More information and events will be communicated as we all gather at the lake this summer.

Camp Kinawind: Representatives of the Friends of Camp Kinawind appeared before the Board to report that in February, the Michigan Area United Methodist Camping Board decided to close four of the nine Michigan Area Conference camps, including Camp Kinawind. This group of dedicated and talented folks would like to work with the Board of Trustees to keep the Kinawind camping ministry alive and well at Lake Louise. The board has committed to working with this group to explore the concept of integrating the Kinawind camping program with ours with an eye on resumed camping at the west end of the lake in 2020.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held June 21 at the Retreat Center.