



# NEWSLETTER

## Environment First | Protecting Our Lake

### Website

Residents of Oak Lake are encouraged to visit the website [www.friendsofoaklake.com](http://www.friendsofoaklake.com) to learn about the newly formed, non-profit and registered Ontario lake association.

### Annual General Meeting

Over 50 residents listened to guest speakers Terry Rees, Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and Chris Blackford, Ecologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### Contact Us

Have a question or concern or suggestions to offer for events? Please feel free to reach out. We can be reached by email at [friendsofoaklake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoaklake@gmail.com)



## Quinte West Council Allocates Funds

Quinte West City Council approved the allocation of \$250,000 to re-route an historic farm tile drain that delivers runoff into Oak Lake. This tile was responsible for more than 8000 gallons of hog manure entering Oak Lake in early 2017. Runoff will now flow north of Oak Hills which will greatly improve the health of our lake.

## Hutchinson Environmental Services Report

The HESL Report indicated that 35-50% of phosphorus contained in Oak Lake is derived from poor resident shoreline practices and inadequate septic systems. Quinte West Council indicated that their expectation is that Oak Lake residents must “do their part” to improve these areas. Friends of Oak Lake has educational materials available on our website regarding both topics.



## Upcoming Events

Friends of Oak Lake will host a Game Night at the Grand Trunk Railway Hall on Thursday October 31, 2019 between 6pm and 10pm. Non-alcoholic refreshments and snacks will be provided while residents enjoy an evening of games, conversation and fun. All ages welcome!

- Winter Skate Day - TBD Winter 2020
- All Watercraft Regatta - TBD Summer 2020

## Become a Member

Begin enjoying the benefits of membership. Which include;

- A vote on the actions of Friends of Oak Lake
- Access to information related to Oak Lake
- Access to information from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)
- And More!

Membership costs are \$25 per household and fees are used exclusively for projects intended to improve both the health and quality of enjoyment of our beloved Oak Lake.

Visit our website for more info.

[friendsofoaklake.com](http://friendsofoaklake.com)

## Looking for Volunteers

Friends of Oak Lake are looking for volunteers to work independently or collaboratively in areas such as;

- Social Media
- Environmental Law
- Website Management
- Lake Stewardship
- Social/Educational Material Development/ Events
- Government Grant Acquisition
- General Volunteer



To volunteer please contact us at [friendsofoaklake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoaklake@gmail.com)

## Partnership with Loyalist College

Friends of Oak Lake is partnering with Loyalist College for Spring 2020. We will be hosting a four week internship in Post-Graduate Public Relations. We will also be offering a bursary to Loyalist College students pursuing Environmental Studies.

## Swag Orders Available

To view and order available Friends of Oak Lake swag; including T-Shirts, golf shirts and more, please visit our website [friendsofoaklake.com](http://friendsofoaklake.com)