



# What's Up

Q3 2021

## Hope You Have Enjoyed Your Summer! SLWA Communications Committee

### Member Engagement

#### 2021 AGM

The 2021 AGM was held via Zoom on:

**Thursday, August 19th, 2021 at 7:30pm**

22 cottages were represented in the SLWA 2021 AGM. Minutes and supporting documents will be distributed within 30 days of the event. All board members holding Interim positions were successful in securing their positions. The website has been updated accordingly. No changes were made to the members of our committees.



### Final Farewell To A Beloved Member



Sara, Donna & Bob circa 1971

It was very sad to learn that one of our longest standing and founding members, Bob Williamson passed away. Bob passed away peacefully on Saturday July 24, 2021 at the age of 86.

Bob and his wife Donna bought their lot on Star Lake in 1967. Bob built a one room cabin by the lake in 1968.

From 1970-1971, they had the cottage built and their daughter Sara (Slater), who has also served the association generously over the years, was born at the end of June 1971.



Bob Williamson 1935 - 2021

Bob and Morton Long were the first ones to pull cottagers together and collect money for maintenance of the road. The first meeting of the cottagers was held in 1976, and Bob was the first President. Star Lake Woods Association was incorporated and finalized in 1977. Bob also served on the Board as the Road Manager in some of the early years, and as the Co-road Manager from 2004 - 2006.

For 54 years, Bob, Donna and Sara loved making family memories at their cottage. Most of all, Bob loved the lasting friendships he made over the years. Bob will be missed by so many of us.



The  
Williamson  
Cottage - 2019

## SLWA News

### Have you seen these on your cottage property?



Above is a gypsy moth that has laid a mass containing 100's of eggs. Examine your outdoor household items on a regular basis during the spring and summer months. Items such as furniture, camping equipment, trailers, and firewood can harbour egg masses. If you see this it needs to be destroyed immediately. This one was found on a member's cottage property this summer.



This is what the larvae (caterpillars) look like. The caterpillars feed on crown foliage of a wide range of hardwood and some softwood trees, which makes it a defoliating forest pest of concern and it is here on Star Lake!

### Below, the hummingbird moth is a welcome sight!

They look like hummingbirds, hover in midair like hummingbirds, hum like hummingbirds and drink nectar from the same flowers -- yet hummingbirds and the extraordinary moths that mimic them aren't remotely related. Hummingbird moths range throughout North America, but spotting this masterpiece of Mother Nature is a rare treat. Yet some of our members have spotted them this summer! You'll see more pictures in the Our Special Environment section of this issue. If you'd like to increase the odds of catching one in action, make sure their favorite food sources are well represented in your garden. Keep your eyes peeled during the day and close to dusk when they're most likely to appear.



Hummingbird Moth Photo Courtesy Martin Bliss

# SLWA Communications

## Newsletter

Welcome to our third quarter 2021 edition of our Newsletter.

There haven't been a lot of contributions for this edition and why would there be? You are all enjoying the best season on Star Lake - **Summertime!**

We are always looking for photos, content suggestions and any other ideas you may have regarding this quarterly publication. Please feel free to submit your contributions any time. You can e-mail your material to:

[slwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:slwa.communications@gmail.com)

## SLWA Website

Updates are coming to our website this fall: [starlakewoods.com](http://starlakewoods.com). We are slightly behind schedule. This is the highest priority item for the Communication Committee now. We have a design and are ensuring your responses to the website refresh survey are taken into consideration. Three months after launch, we will raise another survey to obtain your feedback and further suggestions for improvement.

## Yearbook

By now we all know how successful the first edition of our yearbook has been. All members benefit from the funds raised through advertising fees which are allocated towards the cost of winter plowing. Work on the 2022 edition will begin this fall. We'll start by following up with existing advertisers for their continued support. Do your part - **Shop Local** to support our advertisers. We are also looking for new advertisers. If you have dealt with a local business that you think would be a good candidate as an advertiser, please provide us with contact details. Content ideas are also welcome - articles, recipes, pictures (don't forget to submit your entry for the picture contest!). Send contributions to gmail:

[slwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:slwa.communications@gmail.com)



## Communication Committee Volunteers

We need volunteers to join the Communications Committee. We do have an ongoing workload but we have fun getting it all done! If you think you can help, please let us know at:

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# Our Special Environment

- **Summer skies** – gorgeous sunrises and sunsets no matter what the season!
- **The lake water level has been high** – perfect for swimming, water skiing and tubing; seadoos, paddle boards and sail boats join the canoes, kayaks and pleasure boats that were first out on the lake in spring
- **Summer animals and birds abound with young in tow** – dragonflies, squirrels, chipmunks, hummingbirds, blue jays, deer, turtles, ducks, loons and also that flock of geese - Anyone spot any bears this summer?



Photo Courtesy Dennis Spehar



Photo Courtesy Don Campbell



Photo Courtesy Martin Bliss



Courtesy Tara Clews - FB Group



2 Hummingbird Moth Photos Courtesy Kelly Long



Courtesy Tara Clews — FB Group

# Safety First

## Fire Safety

- Current Fire Rating is Moderate



No daytime burning is allowed, unless authorized by a Permit (check with Seguin Fire Services) Approved incinerators and camp fires are allowed.

For Up To Date Fire Rating Information, please check the Seguin Township website at this link:

<https://www.seguin.ca/en/explore-play/firerating.aspx>

## Boating Safety

- Remember to mind your wake!
- Continue to follow the Safe Boater's Code of Conduct

# BOATER'S CODE

Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume drugs and alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.



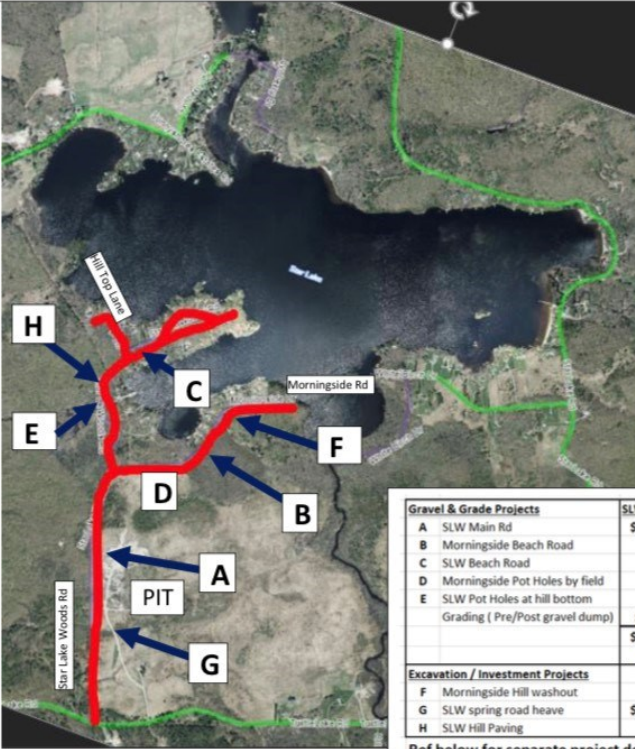
# Roads, Roads, Roads

A number of maintenance and investment projects were discussed at the AGM. The complete road report will be attached to the minutes of the AGM Meeting.

Completion of the maintenance projects, grading and additional gravel, is currently under way and weather permitting, is targeted for completion before the long weekend. Below is a brief description and estimated cost of the projects included.

## Star Lake Woods (SLW) Road Project Proposals:

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Gravel & Grade Projects	SLW Main	SLW	Morningside	
A SLW Main Rd	\$1,700			
B Morningside Beach Road			\$2,975	
C SLW Beach Road		\$850		
D Morningside Pot Holes by field			\$1,275	
E SLW Pot Holes at hill bottom		\$425		
Grading ( Pre/Post gravel dump)	\$500			
	\$2,200	\$1,275	\$4,250	Total
				\$7,725
Excavation / Investment Projects				
F Morningside Hill washout			\$2,000	
G SLW spring road heave	\$2,000			
H SLW Hill Paving		\$22,000		

Ref below for separate project details



Hilltop Lane from Star Lake Woods Rd.



Morningside Drive from top of hill



Star Lake Woods Road at the fork

# Seguin News

## Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary open (by appointment)

Spend some family time at the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary!



Photos Courtesy Jessica Sullivan (Deane), August 26th 2021

[Seguin Library Service](#) - Curbside & In Person Visits at Humphrey and Christie Branches. In person visits require face masks and contact tracing will be required for in library visits. Curbside pickup is still available.

[Humphrey Nature Trails](#) are perfect for a colourful fall stroll.

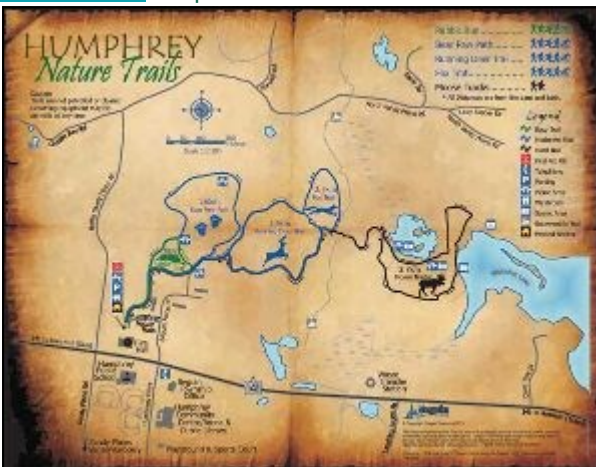


Photo courtesy of [sequin.ca](http://sequin.ca). Click image for printable map.

## COVID-19 Update

This information is for Parry Sound as of August 25th:

- ◇ Total Cases: 184
- ◇ Number of Deaths: 1
- ◇ Percentage of Residents with at least 1 dose: 80.1%
- ◇ Percentage of Residents fully vaccinated: 72.89%
- ◇ Currently in Step 3 of the roadmap to re-opening
  - ⇒ 100 people for outdoor events
  - ⇒ 25 people for indoor events
  - ⇒ Retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing
  - ⇒ Indoor sports & fitness facilities with capacity limits
  - ⇒ Personal care services - capacity limited for physical distancing
  - ⇒ Other public venues - with physical distancing capacity limits
  - ⇒ Retail with physical distancing capacity limits

*Note: Many of you may not be aware that when a member of a cottage family or a guest tests positive for COVID-19 while here in the area, that statistic gets counted in the area where their permanent address is located and not in our local statistics. Local statistics can be deceiving.*

To get up to date information on local COVID-19 information and statistics, please click the link below:

[North Bay Parry Sound District COVID-19 Updates](#)

# Photos from our Members



Canada Day Parade on Star Lake - Photo Courtesy Martin Bliss



Father & Son Dive - Photo Courtesy Jessica Sullivan (Deane)



Paddle Boarding - Photo Courtesy Martin Bliss



Beautiful Sunset - Photo Courtesy Linda Coghlin



# Our Board & Committees

## Board of Directors

**President** – Willi Thurner

**VP Star Lake Woods/Hilltop** – Bernie Cissek

**VP Morningside** – Brian Gee

**Director of Roads (SLW/HT)** – Martin Bliss

**Director of Roads (SLW/MS)** – Bill Bergen

**Director of Environment** – vacant

**Treasurer** – Elles DeWolf

**Secretary** - Pat Deane

**Member at Large** – David Donaldson

## Committees

See SLWA website for [Committee Membership](#)

The following is a list of our standing committees:

- Road Committee Star Lake Woods/Hilltop
- Road Committee Morningside
- Winter Roads Committee
- Recreation and Welcome Committee
- Environment and Safety Committee
- Communications Committee
- Nominating Committee



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