

# GROWLER LAKE PLAN

No.	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS	ACTIONS TO DATE	CONTACT
1a	Recognize that the <i>Plan</i> document is the initial step in a long-term and continuous process of consultation, assessment, evaluation, and education	On-going	At the GLPOA Annual General meeting in October 2015, members approved the <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> . Members were advised at that time that the publication of the <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> was the first step in the continuous process of consultation, assessment, evaluation, and education.	Carol Brayman
2a	Commit to protect, as practical, the pristine nature of Growler Lake, such that Growler Lake will look and be the same in five, ten, twenty years, as it is today – clean quiet, pristine and beautiful	Complete	As is evident by the results of the Spring 2013 Growler Lake property owners survey, members are committed to protect, as practical, the pristine nature of Growler Lake, such that Growler Lake will look and be the same in five, ten, twenty years, as it is today – clean quiet, pristine and beautiful; this commitment was	Carrol Brayman/ Susan Deane
3a	Continue to research and document the history of Growler Lake and surrounding areas	Complete	The history of Growler Lake and surrounding areas, including West Guilford and Haliburton, is included in the <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> .	Jeanne Lafranier/ Brenda Leis
3b	Publish the <i>Plan</i> in a photobook	Complete	The 100- page <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> was published in October 2015 in hardcover format and in December 2015 in softcover format; to date almost 50 copies have been distributed. The official cover photo (above) was submitted by Stuart Thomson; members were given the opportunity to customize their covers. The <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> was revised in February 2016 to include the findings of the University of Waterloo/Sir Wilfred Laurier University – Paleolimnology of Growler Lake Study.	Sue Vorvis
4a	Increase awareness of and adherence to boating laws and regulations	On-going		Carol Brayman
4b	Continue to encourage respectful boating conduct in line with the <i>Personal Code of Conduct for GLPOA Members, Families &amp; Guests</i>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of <i>Personal Code of Conduct for GLPOA Members, Families &amp; Guests</i></li> </ul>	Carol Brayman
4c	Increase awareness of the harmful effects of older 2-stroke motors and promote the use of newer environmentally friendly 2-stroke and 4-stroke motors and 2-stroke lubricant			Carol Brayman
4d	Increase awareness of the potentially harmful impact of development on the landscape and aesthetics of the lake, and provide best practices which highlight applicable zoning bylaws and building regulations			Sue Vorvis
4e	Increase awareness of the potential harmful impact of artificial lighting on shoreline and aquatic ecosystems, and provide best practices regarding exterior lighting	Completed	<p>The following links provide a comprehensive overview of the potential harmful impact of artificial lighting on shoreline and aquatic ecosystems, and provide best practices regarding exterior lighting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Protecting Dark Skies: Night Lighting for Kennesis Lake</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">International Dark-Sky Association</a></li> </ul>	Sue Vorvis

5a	increase awareness of the importance of preserving the natural shoreline, highlight potential harmful impacts on the ecosystem of Growler Lake, and provide best practices to preserve the natural shoreline as much as is practical	
5b	Continue to monitor water quality (phosphorus levels and water clarity) through continued participation in the Lake Partner Program	On-going Brenda Leis
5c	Continue to conduct phosphorus level tests in two additional locations in the lake until it is determined that additional testing is no longer necessary; this testing will be conducted at the expense of the Association	Complete Brenda Leis
5d	Report the results of all water quality testing to the membership on an annual basis	On-going Brenda Leis/ Jeanne Lafranier
5e	Increase awareness of the sources and harmful impact of phosphates entering into the lake and provide best practices to minimize the use of products containing phosphorus (e.g. detergents, pesticides, and herbicides)	
5f	Increase awareness of the location and value to the biodiversity of fish and wildlife habitats and breeding grounds in the Growler Lake watershed area and provide best practices to protect these areas, particularly areas of preferred use by endangered species	
5g	Increase awareness of and adherence to hunting and fishing laws and regulations	On-going Links to the Fishing and Hunting pages on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources are posted on the Cottage Life page of the GLPOA website. Sue Vorvis
5h	Promote proper cleaning of hulls and live wells of all boats launched into Growler Lake, particularly boats that have been previously launched into other water bodies	

**5i** Discourage the use of live bait, or if used, encourage the appropriate disposal of unused bait

**5j** Increase awareness of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and provide best practices for reporting and removal of invasive species

**5k** Increase awareness of the potentially harmful effects of the introduction of non–native plants

**5l** Increase awareness of the potentially harmful effects of the use of firewood from non–local sources

**6a** Increase awareness of the significance of zoned areas of limited use, including steep slopes and eroding or unstable slopes

**7a** Request that the Municipality of Dysart et al identify the location of any legal public portages to Growler Lake

**7b** Increase awareness of and encourage participation in the Private Land Forest Stewardship Program

**7c** Increase awareness of the capacity, limitations, and mechanics of all classes of on–site sewage systems and provide best practices for use, monitoring, maintenance, and repairs

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**7d** Ensure that Class 1 on–site sewage systems (outhouses) are constructed in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and meet Municipal minimum water set–back requirements

**7e** Encourage the GLPOA Board to increase awareness of and compliance with the Dysart et al Official Plan, associated bylaws, and Severance Agreement (Ontario Land Registry Instrument H212102)

7f	Increase awareness of the significance of zoned areas of environmental protection and limited use, including steep slopes, extensive areas of minimal soil coverage, eroding or unstable slopes, and wetlands		
8a	Establish and maintain partnerships with local and provincial organizations which further the environmental and stewardship goals of this Plan and that of the larger community	On-going	Partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Lake Partner Program</a>, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change</li> <li>• <a href="#">Invading Species Awareness Program</a>, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters</li> <li>• University of Waterloo/Sir Wilfred Laurier - Paleolimnology of Growler Lake</li> <li>• <a href="#">Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Federation of Ontario Cottage Association</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ontario Managed Forest</a>, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (property specific)</li> </ul>
8b	Continue to promote a strong sense of community and social commitment through regular social events and participation in the larger community	On-going	Social & Supportive Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual social events – Victoria Day Weekend BBQ, Progressive Dock Dinner, Road Work Day</li> <li>• Sheppard's Table</li> <li>• Links to the area activities are posted on the <a href="#">Cottage Life</a> page of the GLPOA website</li> </ul>
8c	Increase awareness of our Lake Values (e.g. Growler Lake Plan, Personal Code of Conduct for GLPOA Members, Families & Guests, GLPOA Bylaws) to GLPOA members, local residents, and realtors through both the Growler Lake website and direct communication	On-going	Distribution of Growler Lake Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> was published; 49 copies purchased by 75% of GLPOA members</li> <li>• Publication of <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> on publically accessible page of GLPOA website</li> <li>• <i>Growler Lake Plan</i> presented to property owners on surrounding lakes (Wildgoose, Claypak and Claxon Lakes) and Paleolimnology Study Group</li> <li>• Pat Martin, Director, Municipality of Dysart et al Planning Department</li> </ul>