

TRI COUNCIL AGENDA

January 29, 2026

6:00 pm

Township of Joly – Host Municipality

Location: Township of Strong Council Chambers

28 Municipal Lane, Sundridge

Join via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86024588268>

Meeting ID: 860 2458 8268

1. Approval of Agenda

Mayors (of Village of Sundridge, Village of South River, Township of Strong and the Township of Joly) to present Emergency preparedness kit to winner of draw.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Delegation

3.1 Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Presentation – Providing Update

3.2 Lake Bernard Property Owners Association – 2025 Lake Health results - Status of Watershed Protection Program – 2026 Action Items

4. Presentation – n/a

5. New Business/Follow Up Items

5.1 Tree Planting Program Update [Report from Ad Hoc]

5.2 Parades on Streets of Sundridge [Township of Strong]

5.3 Staff Appreciation/Holiday Event Update [Township of Strong]

5.4 Volunteer Recruitment [Village of Sundridge]

5.5 Update on the SSJ Restructuring Committee [Village of Sundridge]

6. Adjournment



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Meeting Information

Council Meeting Date Requested:

January 29, 2026 Tri-Council Meeting

Please state the purpose of the delegation (subject matter must be concerning an item on the Agenda):

MAHC Board Chair Dave Uffelman to present a delegation with President & CEO Cheryl Harrison to the three councils using a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (area hospitals).

Signature:

Allyson Snelling

Date:

December 30, 2025

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Tri-Council Deputation

January 29th, 2026

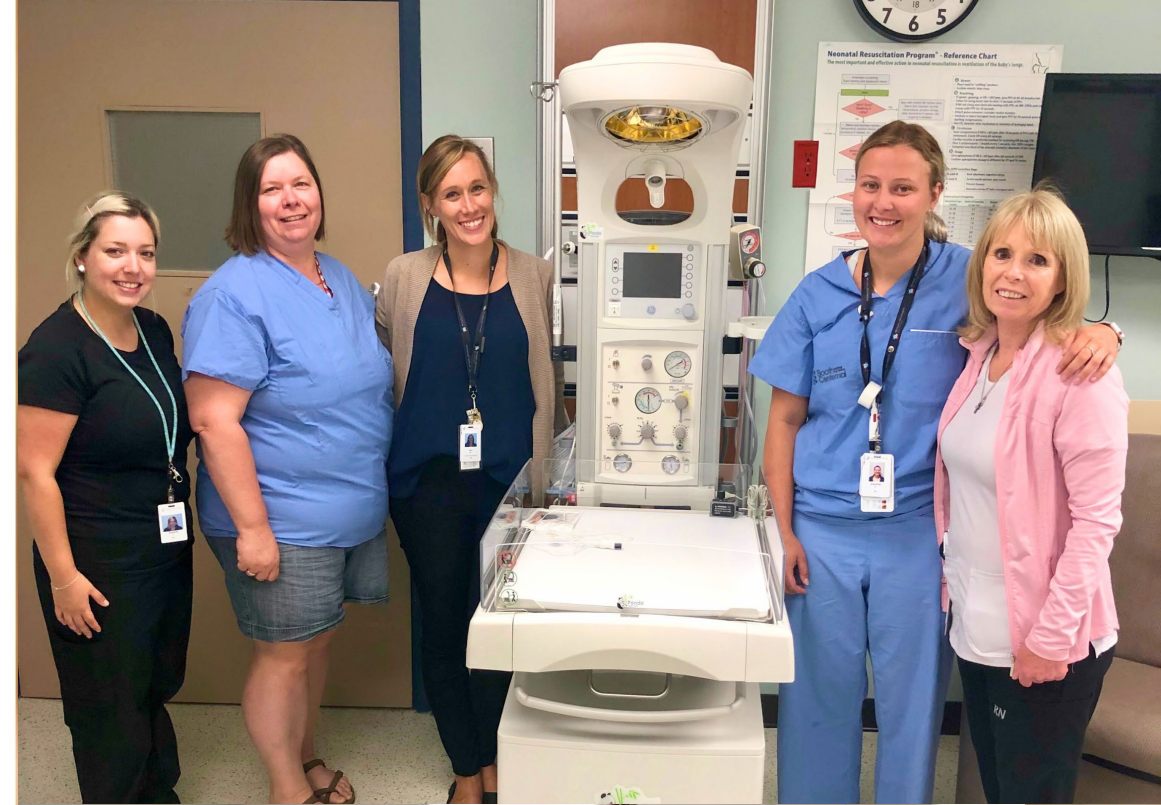
Our Foundations



While government funding supports our core services, the Huntsville Hospital Foundation and the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation play a vital role in funding essential equipment and critical needs.

- In addition to supporting annual capital needs and special projects, each Foundation has committed to \$35 million for the future redevelopment.
- Over and above annual commitments of \$1 million each, the Foundations have supported special projects such as:
 - Imaging Campaign (MRI and other diagnostic equipment, \$10M)
 - New Christodoulou Family Reactivation & Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit

At the same time, our hospital foundations have been actively planning and have now begun launching fundraising efforts to support the community's contribution toward building **two brand-new hospitals** in Muskoka.



Partnerships & Collaborations



Physician-led Local
Education Groups



Northern Ontario School
of Medicine University



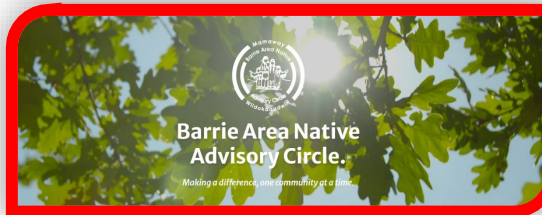
The Alexander
Muskoka Residence



Granite Ridge
Retirement Residence



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(MAOHT)

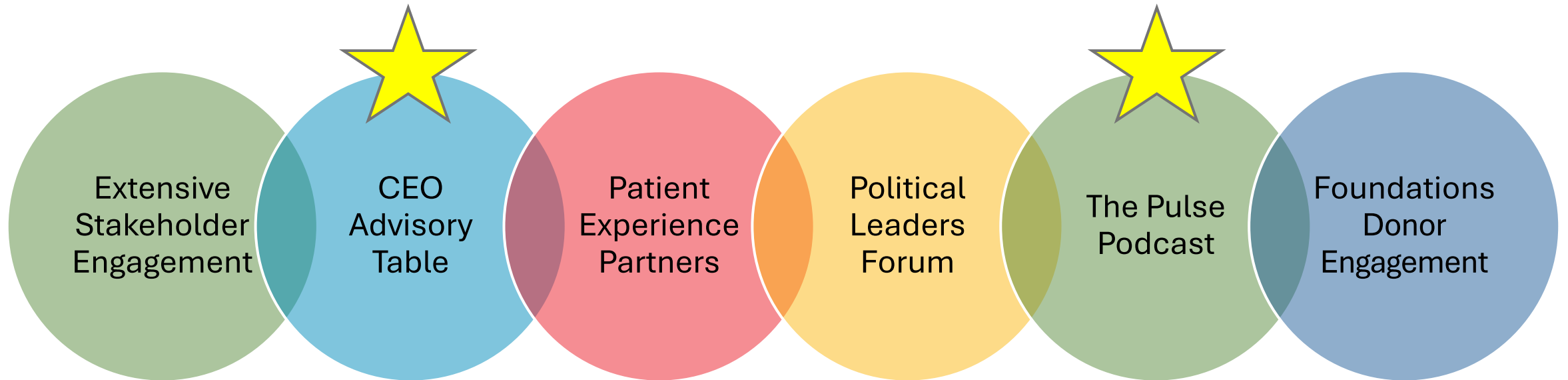


Barrie and Area Native
Advisory Circle
(BANAC)



Women's Health Hub
(Algonquin Family Health Team)

Community Engagement



Obstetrics at MAHC

- We recognize the uncertainty around obstetrical services at the South Muskoka site and are actively exploring options to ensure high-quality, sustainable care.
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare will be providing an announcement in the next couple of weeks outlining this work.



Financial & Organizational Hurdles

While MAHC faces challenges like any organization, a variety of unique factors make these challenges particularly complex.

Such as:

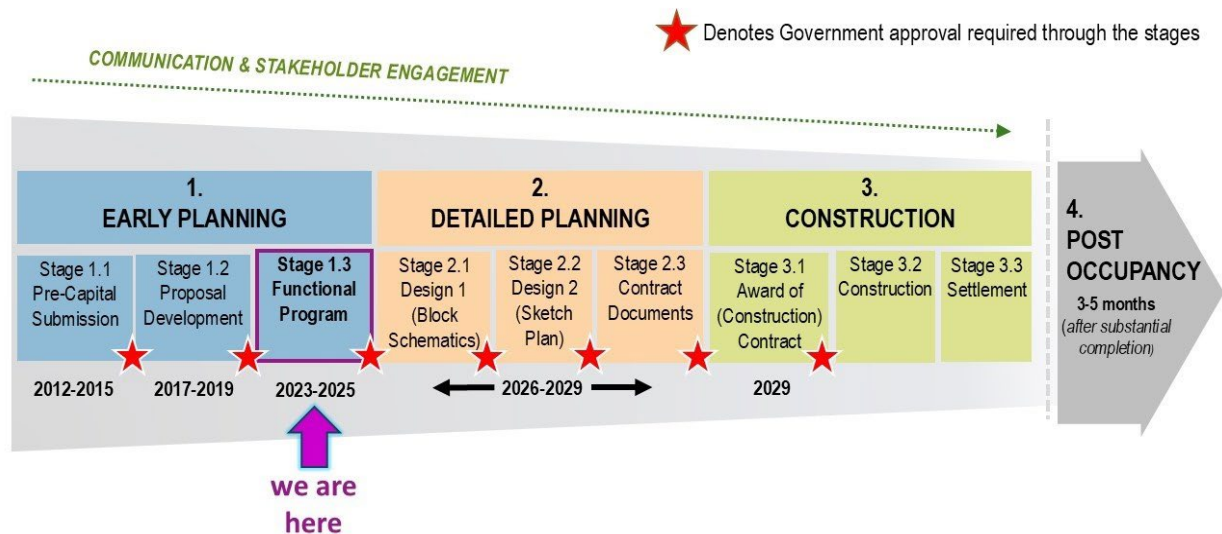
- Financial Sustainability.
- Aging infrastructure.
- Shortage of health human resources.
- High housing costs in Muskoka.
- Aging population.
- Mental health concerns.
- Overall low-income levels in the region for permanent residents.
- Seasonal population fluctuations.



Stage 1.3 Submission Update & Next Steps

- Ministry Review & Discussion of Submission
- Land Acquisition

Ministry Approach to Capital Planning



Strategic Plan 2025-2030

We're committed to delivering exceptional, integrated care that helps people live their healthiest lives. Guided by our mission and vision of *Transforming Healthcare Together*, we continue to innovate, collaborate, and build a stronger, more connected healthcare system for the future.

Mission



Together we provide outstanding integrated care to support people to live their healthiest lives.

Vision



Transforming
Healthcare Together!

Strategic Pillars

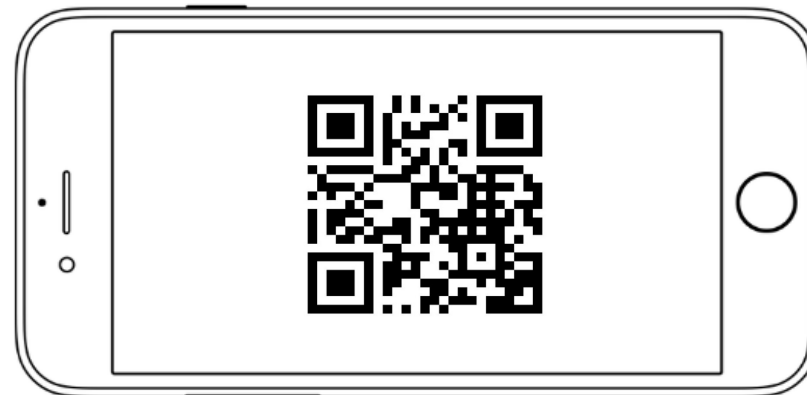




Staying Connected

Stay up to date on our latest initiatives, updates, and milestones as we continue to transform health care in Muskoka and surrounding areas. From strategic priorities to redevelopment progress, we're committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

Follow along to learn how we're working together to build a healthier tomorrow — right here at home.





Thank You.

Together, we're building a healthier future for Muskoka and Area.





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Meeting Information

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January 29, 2026 Tri-council Meeting

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Presentation to share the 2025 LBPOA lake health testing results and status of the Lake Bernard watershed source water protection program, thanks to the financial support of the SSJ councils. We are also planning to share the 2026 action items.

A slide presentation PDF will be provided one-week prior to the meeting day.

Signature:

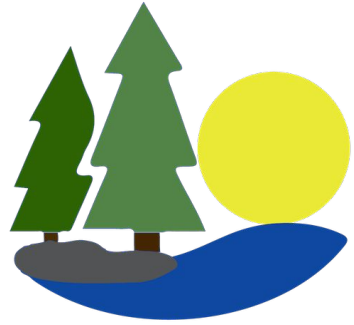
Dale Klodnicki

Date:

06 January 2026

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Lake Bernard
Property Owners' Association

Tri-Council on Lake Health for Our Lake Bernard

29 January 2026

We have established a Roundtable on Lake Health

*Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) 2021 Achievement Award recipient



Conservation Guide

Updated on our website:
lakebernard.ca

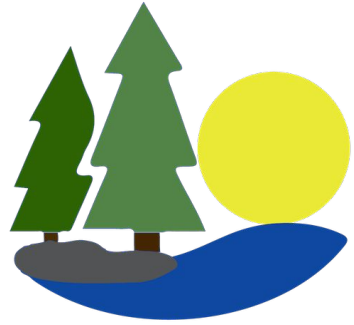
The LBPOA Conservation Guide is our strategic plan (roadmap) to help ensure the health of our Lake Bernard.

- Based on identified threats to lake and ground water quality (e.g., chloride [road salt], lake water levels, invasive species, total phosphorus levels and Blue-Green Algae blooms)
- Testing and research determine threats and solutions.



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Lake Health: 2025 Updates and 2026 Action Items

2025 Updates and Accomplishments

Lake Health Testing and Database

- ★ Using the 2023-2024 data, we conducted larger-scale zooplankton sampling to assess invasive spiny water flea density = a predator of our native zooplankton (sample results expected in Q1 2026)
- ★ LBPOA was selected as one of three lake organizations in Ontario to participate in the **FOCA Phase Two Source Water Protection Pilot Project**
 - Online community source water survey (to see who's using the water)
 - Draft report issued 25 Jan. 2026 to FOCA - final in February
 - Helping to develop a volunteer-led protocol to make source water protection planning more accessible across rural Ontario
- ★ Submitted application for the **MECP Best Practices for Source Water Protection Program** - *selection results pending, expected by Feb.9/26*
- ★ Continued MECP Lake Partner Program sampling (1998-2025), and LBPOA springtime chloride monitoring (Year-3) in Lake Bernard and inflow streams



Spiny Water Flea
(*Bythotrephes longimanus*)



2026 Action Items

Lake Health Testing and Database

- Nutrient testing (total phosphorus) at the 2024 water sampling locations to track changes from benchmark and confirm high-risk locations
 - Sample **new** parameters including total organic carbon, colour and chlorophyll-a
 - Nutrient sampling **after rain events** to compare to dry conditions
- Laboratory analysis for cyanotoxins **during blue-green algae blooms** to determine the extent and persistence of potential toxins

Chloride (Road Salt) in Lake and Groundwater - Year 4!!!

- Continue sampling surface water streams, lake water, and groundwater wells to confirm previous results and identify trends (see next slide for 2023-2025 sampling results summary) ***purchase conductivity meter** for routine monitoring
- Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (<https://saltcoalition.ca>) - call for action!

Lake Hazards - Marker Buoys

- LBPOA have purchased 24 hazard marker buoys that are Transport Canada compliant - these will replace all missing and aged buoys

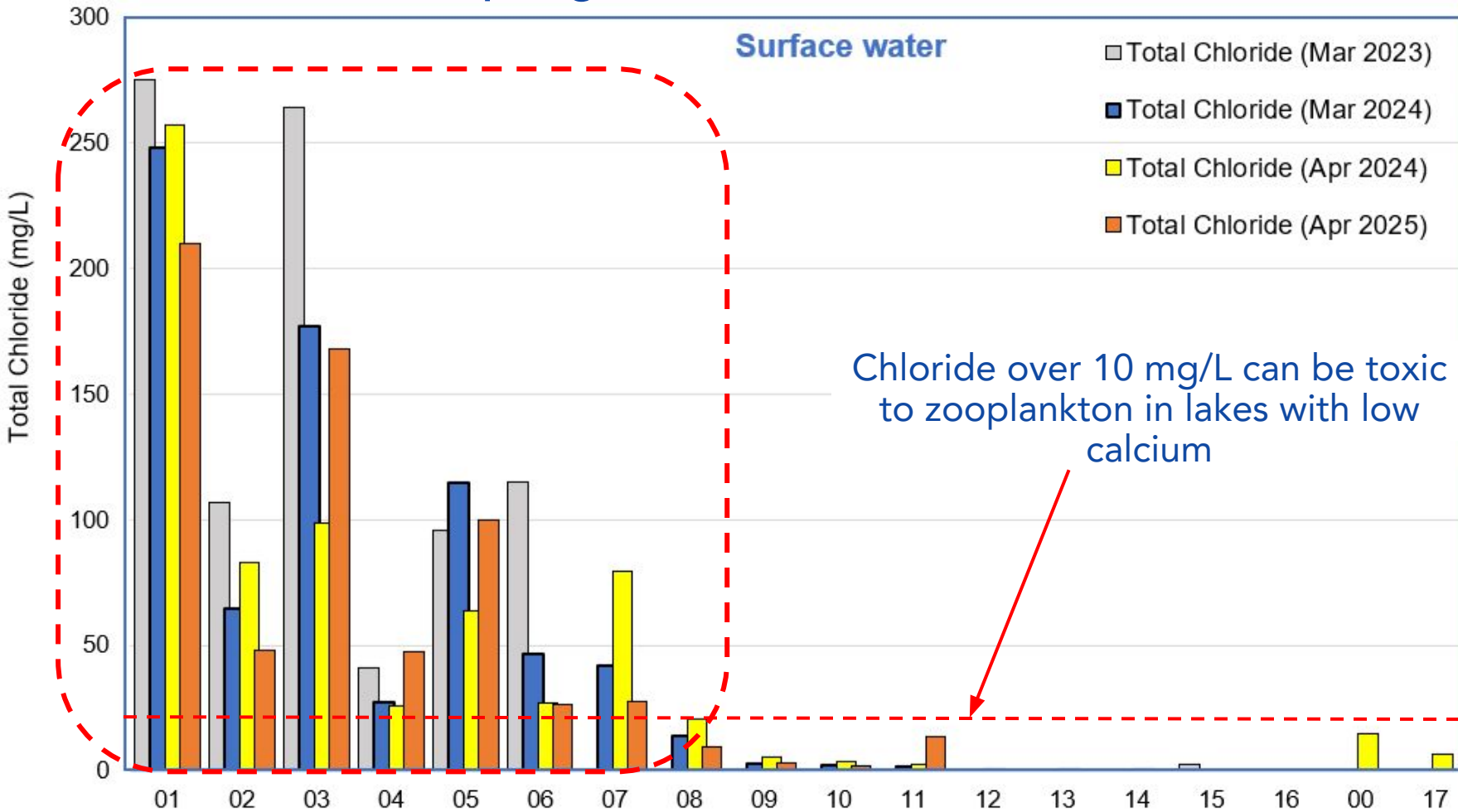


Chandos Lake POA



Issue Chloride (Road Salt) in Lake and Groundwater

2023-2025 Sampling Results



The late spring (April 2024 & 2025) results suggest salt is accumulating in the streams/sediments and contributed to chloride concentrations beyond the spring melt period.



2026 Testing and Analysis Expense Summary

THREAT	TEST	TIMING	EXPENSES	NOTES / OBSERVATIONS
Database	Total Organic Carbon	Spring - 2 samples	~\$84	Long term monitoring (Year-2)
	Phytoplankton and chlorophyll-a	Spring - 2 samples	~\$1,023	Benchmark trophic status
BGA	Total Phosphorus (TP)	Spring - 1 sample	—	MECP submission
	Secchi	May - October	—	LBPOA to keep doing them 2x/month
	TP Spring Program	Spring 2026	~\$443	Sampling inflows and outlet of lake
	BGA Toxin Testing	Summer 2026	~\$311	
Chloride (Road Salt)	Chloride in water	Spring - 1 sample	—	MECP submission
	Chloride in groundwater	Spring - 5 samples	~\$105	Long term monitoring (Year-3)
	Chloride in water	Spring - 15 samples	~\$341	Long term monitoring (Year-4)
	Conductivity pen meter	Year-round	~\$340	Baseline investigation
Lake Hazards	Lake Buoys	May - October	~1,668	Replace with Transport Canada compliant markers (LBPOA BUDGET)

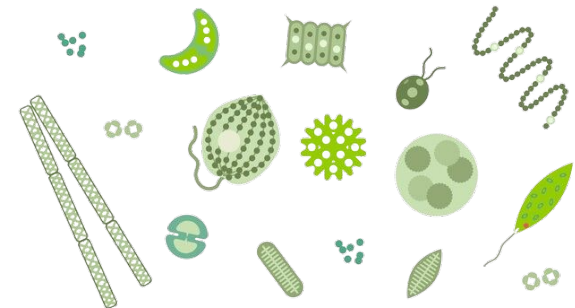


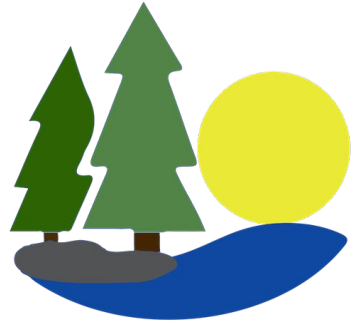
LBPOA Financial Support Request

Threat	Expense (Estimated)
Database - organic carbon, phytoplankton trophic benchmarking	\$1,106
BGA - spring TP lake assessment, nutrient sampling, toxin testing	\$1,375
Chloride (Road Salt) - surface water and groundwater sampling, conductivity pen meter	\$784
Total Estimated Expense	\$3,266
LBPOA annual budget for these studies *increased in 2026 to \$2,000! (also providing all field labour, data management, and data analysis/interpretation)	(\$2,000)
Total estimated funding request to Tri-Council for 2026	\$1,266
Township of Strong (50%)	\$633
Village of Sundridge (40%)	\$506
Township of Joly (10%)	\$127



**Phytoplankton
= fish food**





Lake Bernard
Property Owners' Association

Thank you for your 2024 &
2025 funding !

We look forward to continuing
this important work!