



## Why should you join Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association?

Because you care about the Sand Lake area including Rock/Himbury Lake.

Yes, you care about your investment in the Sand Lake Area and that the value of your property is contingent on environmentally healthy lakes. But you also care because your heart is here in the Sand Lake Area, you take pride in the Area and many of you have history here of several generations. You love it when your visitors comment on the pristine water, beautiful beaches and stunning surrounding scenery.

But many factors are at play possibly jeopardizing your little piece of paradise. This is not new. Your Association has been contending with issues surrounding development, lake water quality, wildlife, shorelines and light and noise pollution for years. But as development around the lakes continues to increase, it is even more important that the stewards of the lakes are on guard. And that's you and that's the Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association.

## SLAPOA Properties

The association owns and maintains two properties in the Sand Lake Area for the benefit of everyone who visits Sand Lake.

- Emerald Island (the big island) is an ideal destination for a picnic, a swim or just a chance to see the lake from a different perspective. The flag is raised on the island on Canada Day and taken down at the end of the summer. We ask that visitors use the property at their own risk and leave no trace of their visit. No camping is allowed.



- The Sand Lake Nature Preserve on Buckley's Road provides nature trails for visitors to hike in the summer and ski or snowshoe in the winter. The nature preserve has about two kilometers of groomed trails through seven acres of woodland making it an ideal location for a short hike for the kids or to observe nature. We ask that visitors use the property at their own risk and refrain from littering, camping, smoking, using motorized vehicles and lighting fires.

## SLAPOA Expenses

Our expenses include property taxes, insurance, dues to affiliated organizations, legal and professional fees, printing and event costs. These expenses are paid annually from membership dues.

## What SLAPOA Does for You

The Association has campaigned for controlling development around the lakes to ensure that the environment is protected, water quality is maintained and that all owners can continue to enjoy the Sand Lake Area experience both now and in the future. As property owners we know that water quality, loons, frogs, ducks, natural shorelines and fish are all critical to maintaining the value of our properties. We conduct routine testing and coordinate with several local and provincial environmental organizations. All of this is done by volunteers. However, just because you are a member does not mean you are required to volunteer. All you have to do is pay your membership dues each year. Becoming a member shows that you appreciate the work the volunteers do on your behalf.



## Joining SLAPOA

We look forward to you and your family becoming supporting members to ensure a healthy future for the Sand Lake Area.

Please join SLAPOA today!  
Just send an email to:

SLAPOA Treasurer  
[treasurer@slapoa.ca]

As a member you will receive an annual newsletter and regular updates about events around the area via the website (slapoa.ca), eNews and eLerts.

## SLAPOA and the Town of Kearney

The SLAPOA board works with the Kearney town council to promote a healthy environment for our lakes. We have had a voice in developing the Kearney Official Plan which guides what can and cannot be built in the area. We offer suggestions to council. We provide information to our membership about town councilors especially before municipal elections. We encourage our members to participate in local events like the Kearney Regatta, the fireworks display, the Lobster Festival and the Art Show to promote a sense of community for the area.

## SLAPOA Affiliated Organizations

SLAPOA is associated with the following organizations.

- KWEF - The Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation is a group of volunteers who monitor lake water quality to provide a year by year comparison and provide early warning of changing conditions. They also provide information to owners about lake healthy practices for septic beds, lawn care and shoreline maintenance.
- POWR MAG – The Protectors Of Wetlands and River Magnetawan engages with residents and their associations, local and provincial governments, and stakeholders to ensure that the natural environment, scenic beauty and peaceful quality of life along the Magnetawan River and its wetlands are protected. They have worked to control the water quality coming from the Graphite Mine which is upstream from Sand Lake.
- FOCA – The Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations represents the people who live at or near the waterfront in Ontario, whether seasonally or year-round. Their members are lake and road associations from the very small to the very large. They focus on issues with the Ontario government and municipalities.

## About SLAPOA

The Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association was originally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1958 as the Proudfoot Township Property Owners' Association. In 2009 the Association was restructured with a new name and logo to better identify the geographic area represented.

The Association is effective at disseminating relevant information to members and representing their interests to local governments.

The association also runs community events such as the Sand Lake Regatta and the Sailing Regatta to bring people together in a social setting.

