



**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee  
**Date:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Subject:** 2009 Annual Summary Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee hereby submits the "2009 Annual Summary Report" to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**ORIGIN:**

Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee

**BACKGROUND:**

The Township of Lake of Bays Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee has worked diligently this year towards achieving the objectives set forth through the Service Delivery Framework and recommendations put forth from the Parks Master Plan.

The Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee has accomplished or is in the process of achieving the following:

- Inventoried current existing water access signage and recommended additional signage (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #5);
- Developed Water Access Signage policy for the Township of Lake of Bays (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #5) (Council approved on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009);
- In progress of making environmental improvements to Rabbits Bay;
- Working towards relocating the Bella Rebecca Access Point (requires funding to have a survey completed);
- Managed and coordinated the activities of the committee with the assistance of the Community Recreation Coordinator (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #1 & 3);
- Completed the Lake of Bays (Baysville) Community Centre Kitchen upgrade through available funding;
- Ongoing Investigation into municipal ownership and/or control of Crown Land Access Points in Finlayson Ward; namely 3 sites located at Tasso Lake and Toad Lake (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #23);
- Developed Walking/Hiking Trail Signage policy (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #33 & 34)(Council approved July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009);

- Provided guidance with respect to the Mill construction project of the Lake of Bays (Baysville) Library and Arena (completed July, 2009);
- Working towards the installation of appropriate signage of trails publicized on the Hip Clip release (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #33 & 34);
- Working with Council and the users of the Norway Point Access Point to achieve conformity under the Township of Lake of Bays Parks By-law (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #29, 30, 43 & 45);
- Collectively working with the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the Dorset Park Project (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #13 & 14);
- Developed a "Volunteer Appreciation" policy to recognize the efforts of our many community volunteers through the hosting of a special annual reception pending available funding (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #3)(Council approved October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009);
- Participated in the 2009 Ironman Muskoka 70.3;
- Continuing to work collectively with the Township of Algonquin Highlands through a shared services agreement with respect to the operation of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Program, permitting the operation of municipal campgrounds and other recreational lands and the enforcement of said operations (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #32);
- Contributed in the investigations of the Paint Lake Boat Ramp concerns brought forward by the Paint Lake Ratepayer's Association;
- Made recommendations to Council for the following:
  - Replacement of the North Boat Ramp,
  - Improvements to Chimney Park,
  - Pursue lease agreement with Trillium Lakelands District School Board for the maintenance and operation of the Dwight outdoor skating rink (Parks Master Plan Recommendation #14),
  - Agreement with the District of Muskoka for access to subsidy program for recreational programming in the Township of Lake of Bays,
  - Installation of two bicycle racks received through Take Heart Muskoka funding, and
  - Use of municipally owned lands adjacent to the Dwight Community Centre/Library for the development of the Community Book Nook project implemented by the Dwight Friends of the Library to promote cultural and literacy appreciation.
- Submitted a proposed budget containing operational and capital expenditures which was approved by Council for 2009 and was able to work within that approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret Casey , Chair*