

## **NSOLA Executive Committee Proposal (AGM 2023)**

### **Caution Buoy Pilot Project**

**Objective:** To lower the risk of motor craft causing danger to paddlers, swimmers, shoreline nests, and decrease erosion caused by excessive wake, through the introduction of a first “Caution Buoy”.

A first buoy would target motor craft being introduced into the lake at the public boat launch at the culvert.

#### **Considering that:**

- There have been two fatalities just this past week in Frontenac caused by inattention/speed of motor craft on area lakes (source: Frontenac News, August 3, 2032, Vol. 23, No. 30); and,
- There have been near misses reported by swimmers on North Otter in June and July of this year; and,
- Water safety was brought up as a concern at last year’s AGM giving a mandate to the Executive to look into what could be done; and,
- Past attempts to address the issue through signage on land has not yielded results, (signs go missing shortly after they are put up); and,
- There are buoys available on the market tailor made for this situation.

Therefore,

#### **BIRT :**

A mandate be given to the next Executive to acquire a Caution Buoy to be anchored in North Otter Lake near the culvert in such a way as to make it obvious to any motor craft that would be accessing the lake from the culvert’s public access boat launch; and,

**BIFRT :** Sufficient funds be made available for the purchase of the buoy, associated signage and anchoring mechanism. Estimated cost of \$400 to \$600.

(Link to local supplier’s website that shows pricing of different options:

<https://www.marineoutfitters.ca/index.cfm?page=categories&category=10086%7C10700%7C10701>)