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Hello Members of the North & South Otter Lake Association,

As fall wanes and winter teases, I would like to pass on some exciting news about our Ecosystem Grant proposal, as well as timely info regarding the logo competition.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [executive@nsola.org](mailto:executive@nsola.org) and we will endeavor to respond.

Seasons' Greetings to you all!

Marie Hulse  
President  
NSOLA

## **1. NSOLA Awarded the Lake Ecosystem Grant !**

Though the grant proposal dates from our 2023 AGM, it was submitted for consideration in the 2024 grant cycle due to the fact that our 2023 AGM was held in mid-August, too late for the 2023 grant cycle's schedule.

The approval of NSOLA's submission was confirmed by a vote at the October meeting of the South Frontenac Township Council. We have now received the contracts from both the Township and our partner, Watershed Canada. Watershed Canada will be conducting an extensive shoreline assessment with a view to protect and, where necessary, restore sensitive habitat ensuring the future integrity of our lake's ecosystem.

The work will also permit us to assess any current issue with invasive species, and ways to protect against threats they present to the lake and its watershed. Up 'til now we've mostly discussed Dog Strangling Vine and Phragmites at NSOLA meetings, (thanks to the initiative of members Walter Abicht and Frontenac Park).

You may also be following the enlightening reporting in the Frontenac News about the dangers of Eurasian Milfoil, (see following point for links), that has impacted lakes in the region. These threats have proven very real and costly to lakefront properties and need to be caught early.

We are fortunate our water quality is relatively good at the moment; the goal is to keep it that way! (See Keith's work in coordination with the Lake Partnership Program, (Ontario Ministry of the Environment), that monitors lake health, tracking phosphorous & calcium levels, as well water clarity – report available on the [nsola.org](http://nsola.org) website).

## **1.1 Eurasian Milfoil Threat, FN Pertinent Links (and excerpts):**

Letter to the Editor: [Milfoil By John Yokom](#) | Sep 18, 2024

“...how serious the milfoil problem is becoming in Eagle Lake. My son and I have spent over \$5000 on lake mats to reduce the problem in our swimming area. However, all around this area is a massive growth of milfoil which will potentially clog the waterway exiting the lake... in fact boat traffic in this area chops up the plants with their props creating an even denser growth.”

[Lake George Parks Commission Responds to Concerns about ProCella Cor Treatment for Eurasian Milfoil](#),  
By [Jeff Green](#) | Sep 11, 2024

[Mazinaw Lake Property Owners Plan To Use Chemical Treatment On Eurasian-Milfoil](#),  
By: [Jeff Green](#) | Sep 04, 2024

“Mazinaw Lake, located in both Addington Highlands and North Frontenac... MPOA (the lake association) said they are willing to “do the heavy lifting” in terms of organising and fundraising the estimated \$125,000 the project will cost.

... one of the potential impacts of the plant could be to decrease property values by 10-20%”

[...Worse News For Mazinaw Lake Property Owners](#),  
[Jeff Green](#) | Nov 23, 2022

“...confirm that Eurasian milfoil has become established in the lake and is the cause of the increased abundance of visible aquatic vegetation, in areas surveyed by the lake association. Eurasian Milfoil is a predominant invasive species in Ontario and is present in many Frontenac and Lanark county lakes.”

[Excerpt of Council briefs: Feb. 22, 2022: Millfoil study](#),

“Council voted to lend its support to the Sharbot Lake Property Owner’s Association in its bid to secure a microgrant from the Invasive Species Center to map the infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Sharbot Lake.”

## **1.2 Next Steps with Watershed Canada:**

Our partnership with Watershed Canada will involve individual participation from residents/property owners on North & South Otter Lake.

- Firstly, a ‘Welcome Letter’ will be sent to members introducing Watershed Canada and the work involved in their assessment. Property owners will be asked to agree to participate in the assessment. Both will also be posted on the NSOLA website.
- Then assessments will begin in the spring of 2025 and continue over the summer.
- Each property will receive a final report soon after with advice on improving/maintaining a healthy shoreline along their property. Recommendations will also be made to the association for collective measures to be taken.

The immediate task that we have as an association is to make sure all our contact information for property owners around the lake is up to date. To that end, we will be reaching out to members to confirm preferred contact information.

## 2. Logo competition

As announced at the 2024 AGM, we are reaching out to membership and beyond. The closing date is now March 31<sup>st</sup>, to give you time to get your creative juices working!

Thank you to Simon for creating this promotional poster and posting it at the Park:

# North & South Otter Lake Association

## Logo Competition

**The North and South Otter Lake Association  
seeks your ideas for a logo!**

The new logo will be used on the Association website ([www.nsola.org](http://www.nsola.org)), merchandise and correspondence.

Entry open to anyone, young or old, near or far.

You don't need to send finished artwork – concepts are more important.

The final version will be 'inspired by' the winning submission.

**Prize for the design chosen – \$50 gift certificate** for the Frontenac Park store.

Details:

- Please send your ideas by March 31, 2025.
- Please submit original work only, in JPG, PNG or PDF format.
- Send by e-mail to: [executive@nsola.org](mailto:executive@nsola.org), and include your name and phone number.

*For more information, please contact Marie Hulse, NSOLA President, at the e-mail above.*

