

To: Christie Lake Residents  
From: Gordon L. Hill, President, Christie Lake Association Inc.

As most of you are aware, water levels on Christie Lake are unusually high. Many docks, boats and shorelines have been damaged by high water. Debris and deadheads will make motorboat travel somewhat dangerous for weeks to come. Caution is advised when travelling by boat.

Clearly, Mother Nature is the primary cause of our misery. Parks Canada, which has jurisdiction over the dam at Bobs Lake, sometimes adds to that misery. In fairness, Parks Canada must balance the interests and needs of, and weigh the impacts to, both Christie Lake and upstream to Bob's and Crowe Lakes. Water levels on Bob's Lake are also unusually high and the potential for flooding is a concern. It may be that the Bob's Lake community is more effective in letting Parks Canada know of their needs and interests, and the impact of excessively high (or excessively low) water levels, than we are.

I have been advised, but have not had an opportunity to confirm with Parks Canada, that:

- (a) Parks Canada removed a log from the Bolingbroke Dam on Thursday May 19; and
- (b) Parks Canada may have plans to remove another log from Bob's Lake during the week of May 23, 2011.

From photos of the Bolingbroke Dam taken today, it would appear that water is flowing over the top of the dam and that two logs have been removed. However, we don't know at this time whether one or both logs have been out for a while or were recently removed.

I am informed that water levels today (May 23) are about 1.5 inches higher than they were last Thursday. Interestingly, water levels are now over the scale at Jordan's bridge with the result that exact readings are unknown.

We have extended an invitation to Kerry McGonegal of Parks Canada to address our 2011 AGM and outline Parks Canada policies and procedures with regard to water levels on Christie Lake and the Bolingbroke Dam. He has not yet accepted our invitation, but has agreed to give it serious consideration.

If you wish to voice your concern about water levels on Christie Lake, and/or the damage which high water has caused to you property, you may wish to contact:

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