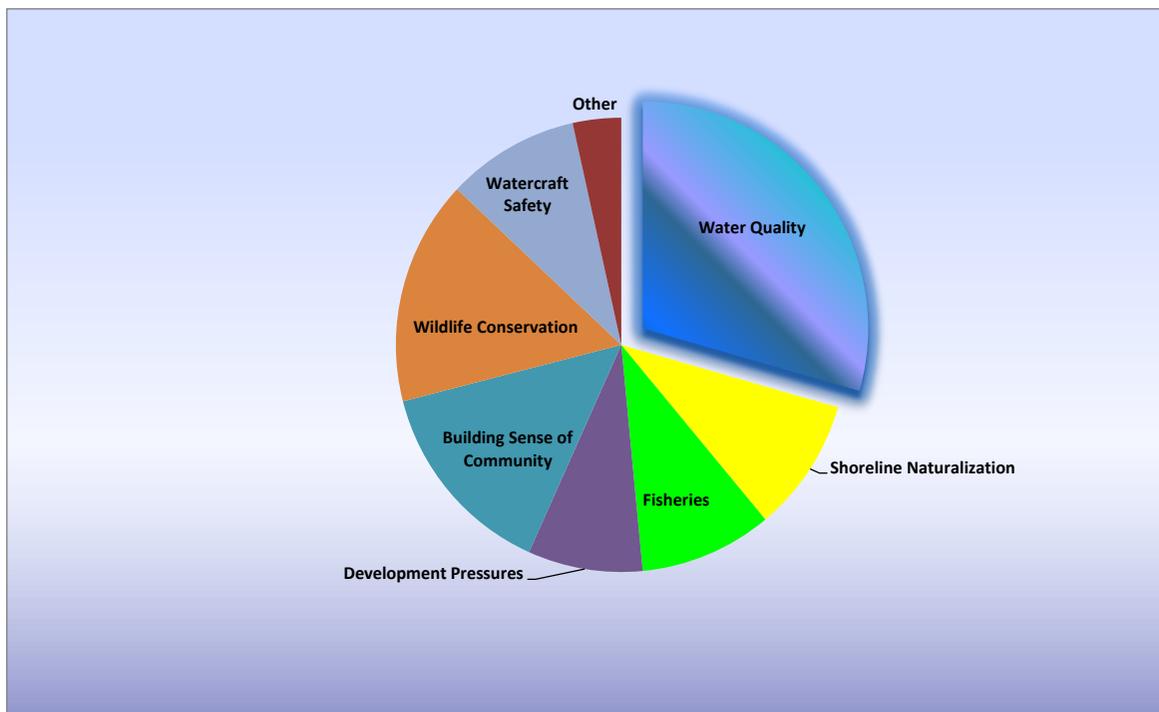


Christie Lake Community Stewardship Survey Results							
Total responses = 81 Spotlight e-mails sent = 225 Percentage of replies = 36%							
<b>Question #1. Identify 3 characteristics about Christie Lake that are important to you</b>							
Water Quality	Shoreline Naturalization	Fisheries	Development Pressures	Building Sense of Community	Wildlife Conservation	Watercraft Safety	Other
68	22	22	19	33	37	22	8
83.90%	27.20%	27.20%	23.50%	40.70%	45.70%	27.20%	9.90%
<b>Other characteristics</b>	Proximity to Ottawa	Property rights	Keeping watch over too much government interference i.e. TVT and Ontario Liberals	Freedom to improve our cottages without so many limitations and restrictions	Get rid of old motor boats that pour oil into the lake	Family history & shared community history	2* Tranquility & Water level control



<b>Question #2. CLA 'Spotlight' e-mails are intended to keep you informed on topics of interest on and around Christie Lake. Have we missed anything that is of interest to you?</b>			
<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>CLA Comment</b>
74	1	Not that it is missed, but the effect of Tay Valley taxes on us needs to be up levelled.	<b>We will explore whether or not we can incorporate more TVT info on the website.</b>
	1	Rumours of bear sightings around the lake - is that true?	<b>Yes. MNR has a nuisance bear reporting line (1-866-514-2327) listed on the CLA website on the 'Links' page. <a href="http://www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca/">http://www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca/</a></b>
	1	I have, in the past requested a tab for historical water levels; simply an accessible archive of Alan Jordan's readings. This would quantify whether the water is higher or lower than historical records; last year's water levels or how high was the water last summer.	<b>We are working on expanding water quality and water level data on the CLA website.</b>
	1	I would like to see access resources we would commonly be looking for. i.e.; tree cutters, sub trades.... Not looking for endorsements, maybe a site where we could post questions for others to answer.	<b>Internet search engines would provide better results with regard to finding local resources. We are exploring the possibility of a CLA Facebook page but need to consider how to manage the site and monitor content.</b>
	1	Things can always be improved.	<b>Concur but always looking for community input.</b>
	1	As someone who does not live at the lake, I would love it if you could have let me know that the lake was skate-able at New Years or other notices like that.	<b>This would require monitoring conditions in all areas of the lake. Perhaps you could call a neighbour for ice conditions in your area?</b>
	1	I saw a similar publication for another lake that contained a small intro to one of the families on the lake - just saying who they are, where they are from, where they are on the lake, how long on the lake and what they love most about Christie Lake. Also, it might to good to have a section on cottages for sale on the lake.	<b>We could certainly ask our membership if anyone would be interested in sharing their family heritage on the lake. We do have a Classifieds section on the website including a category 'Property for Sale'.</b>

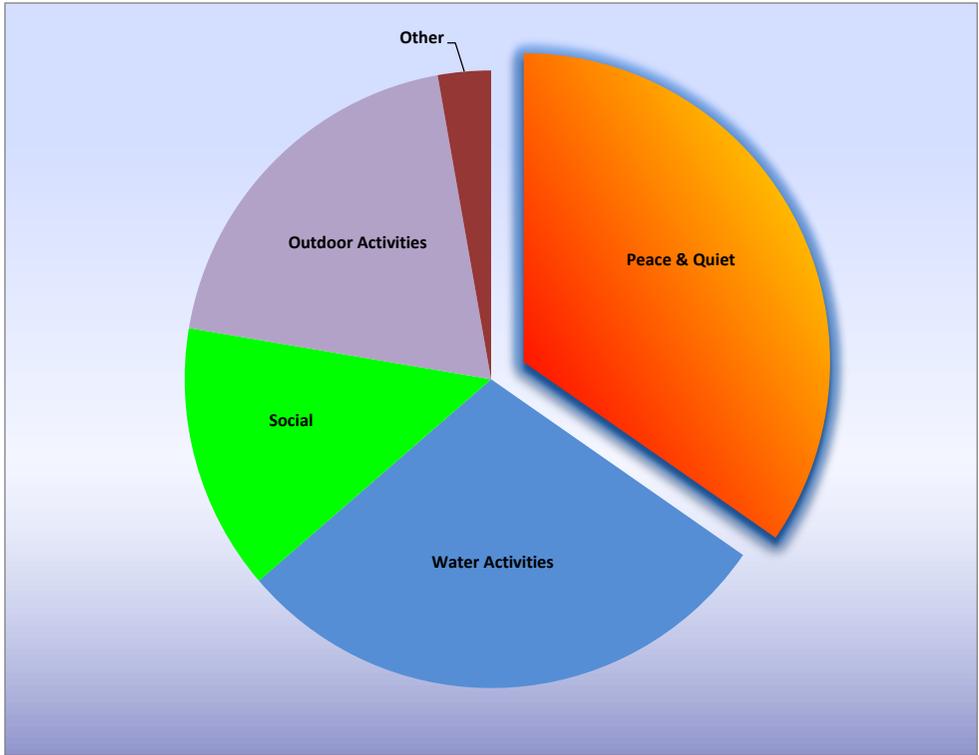
**Question #3 . The CLA website is intended to provide the Christie Lake Community with useful and interesting information. Is there anything more we can do to improve our content or functionality of the website?**

No	Yes	Yes comments	CLA Comment
74	1	Provide a port to allow members to email other members, when they have information they wish to directly communicate. Similar to Kijiji, where this is allowed but you do not see the other persons email address therefore limiting in-appropriate use.	This is something that the Communications and Website Committee would need to explore. Need to consider platform feasibility, development costs and data management. Perhaps consider a Christie Lake Facebook account, but who would manage the site and monitor its content?
	1	How about a member's chat forum where introductions can be made, topics can be posted and discussed, perhaps even a vendors/classifieds section as well. Similar to this one: <a href="http://ottawadigs.freeforums.net/">http://ottawadigs.freeforums.net/</a>	This is something that the Communications and Website Committee would need to explore. Need to consider platform feasibility, development costs and data management. Perhaps consider a Christie Lake Facebook account, but who would manage site and monitor content? We do have a Classifieds section on the website including a category 'Property for Sale'.
	1	Things can always be improved.	Concur but always looking for community input.
	1	Add webcams. .	Probably not feasible as this would require real estate, hardware, software, electricity and someone to monitor
	1	I would love a webcam so I can see a live view of the lake--especially in the spring as the ice moves out.	Probably not feasible as this would require real estate, hardware, software, electricity and someone to monitor.
	1	The answer is in fact more like "no" but keep up the good work on the Eco-zone section in particular.	Thank you but much work still needs to be followed up.
	1	There is a problem with the link to terra, ecofriendly products. it looks like it may be a virus.	Thank you. This link has been updated.

**Question #4. What is important to you at Christie Lake? (check all that apply)**

Peace & Quiet	Water Activities	Social	Outdoor Activities	Other	Important Comments from Other
62	52	25	35	5	
76.50%	64.20%	30.90%	42.20%	6.20%	Depth & quality of the lake water

Privacy, limited building, clean water, low population (not crowded), not commercialized, the simpler and more unchanged the better!	
Security, neighbourhood watch type activities, Want to get gas tanks off the shoreline at the "marina"	
Property rights	Good neighbours.



<b>Question #5 . CLA is always looking for volunteers. Are you interested in volunteering some time on one or more of the committees below?</b>				
<b>Not interested</b>	<b>Do Not Have Time</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Yes comments</b>
27	41	1	Membership & Directory, Social	No, will contact CLA
		1	Communications & Website, Liaison Camps, Membership & Directory, Photo, Road Signs, Social	No, will contact CLA
		1	Social	No, will contact CLA
		1	Marker buoys, Road signs	Yes contact me
		5	individual returns from those already on committees	Already volunteering
		1	Lake Stewardship, Sailing Club	Yes contact me
		1	Membership & Directory, Social	Yes contact me
		1	Membership & Directory	No, will contact CLA
		1	Lake Stewardship, Social	Yes contact me

<b>Additional comments listed below</b>	<b>CLA Comments</b>
1. I suggest CLA organize itself around three areas of interest: Water and Environment; TVT Relations; Social	<b>Your comments are valid. The survey responses for questions 1 and 4 identify the priorities we should be focussing on which include your three areas of interest.</b>
2. Septic inspections should be mandatory. It is unacceptable for land owners to allow damage to the water quality of the lake, and natural environment, our shared resource, through negligence and a lack of stewardship. Everyone should be held accountable for their actions through mandatory septic inspection, as has been recommended by numerous other lake associations locally.	<b>A difficult action as many in the community already find that there is too much government. Additionally water happens to those households who do not have the means to rectify their septic system, Apparently TVT has an assistance program. Requires further discussion and discovering what other lake associations have found after implementing mandatory septic inspections.</b>
3. Although we support the existence of the CLA, and think that the web site is valuable, we feel that it is only through community building that stewardship can be encouraged. The distribution of government authorized information is also valuable. The CLA must recognize that it has a very limited mandate, authority, and expertise regarding the Lake. It's unelected board members should not be making representations on our behalf to government authorities. This organization has in the past crossed lines. For example, we do not support the dumping of dead trees into the Lake. Let nature handle the fish. Under what authority has this been done? If we dumped something into the Lake, we would be taken to task for it. Your social events and community building should be the primary focus.	<b>Totally concur first point on community building which could be interpreted as stewardship education which we try to achieve via website and Spotlight correspondence. Also concur re limited mandate, authority and expertise. We are continuously reaching out to our community for feedback. The statement of 'unelected board members' is incorrect as they are elected annually at each and every AGM by the membership in attendance. The negative view of 'dumping of dead trees into the lake' is understood. Yet there is ample evidence from the RVCA, OMNR and some USA based watershed organizations that this activity is valid in that it creates a near-shoreline eco-system promoting fish spawning and nursery habitat for young fish as well as other life forms. What is obviously missing is the distribution of educational material to our community outlining the pros and cons of such an activity. Community building and social events are both tenants of our focus.</b>

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<p>4. I live stateside, so it is difficult to volunteer for much. It would be nice, especially for those of us that visit from a distance, to have "contact names" of individuals that are familiar with specific areas of the lake shore. We use Sleepy Hollow Road to access our landing, and used to contribute to the annual road maintenance budget. But our previous contact "retired" from the position, so we no longer have a place to send our contribution and have no way to find out who is currently handling this matter. Again with the volunteers, but if you could post "contact names" of local residents that we out-of-towners could use for reference, that would be great.</p>	<p><b>A valid request but currently more difficult to achieve given the recent Canadian Anti-Spam Law and the Privacy Act. We do produce a Christie Lake Directory approximately every 3 years which contains a detailed map of site locations, with names listed both alphabetically and numerically. Be advised that the information found in our Directory is only printed with the express permission of the applicable person(s). We will let those we know on Sleepy Hollow Rd. about your request. We also suggest that you contact us either via our website 'Contact Us' page or directly to any of our Committee Chairs and Directors due to the anonymity of the survey.</b></p>
<p>5. I have limited time right now, but would be able to offer some time ad hoc between June and September</p>	<p><b>As the survey did not require contact information we will have to wait to be approached in order to follow-up. Need to explore how we can improve the Classifieds and communicating new ads to the community.</b></p>
<p>8. I am involved in other volunteer activities and would prefer to do them well as to spread myself to thin and then do them all in half heartedly.</p>	<p><b>Fully understood.</b></p>
<p>7. Clean water, natural surroundings and ensuring the lake is never, ever overbuilt. We never want to be Muskoka.</p>	<p><b>Understood and always a concern to be aware of the implications of over development. This would support CLA representation to the Tay Valley Township on a</b></p>
<p>8. We love to be able to work with Christie Lake Association and help wherever we can to make Christie Lake an awesome place to be year round!</p>	<p><b>Thank you.</b></p>
<p>9. I am willing to donate towards expenses of committee activities/CLA.</p>	<p><b>A most generous offer. We will wait for you to contact anyone of our committee Chairs or Directors due to the anonymity of the survey.</b></p>
<p>10. Least of all interested in fishing and hunting (especially) but recognize that many others are. Very much support efforts to maintain ecological health of the lake and happy to support that, given the time constraints. Members of our cottage have enjoyed participating in sailing and other CLA activities, although constant flux in who is there makes it difficult to commit to much</p>	<p><b>All comments are very worthwhile and will certainly be taken into consideration. Thank you.</b></p>
<p>11. Governmental and bureaucratic intrusion into private property rights. Out of control taxes; money for nothing!! Need to reduce taxes to value provided</p>	<p><b>All valid issues which suggests that the CLA should continue to follow township meetings and by-law changes and so notify our community.</b></p>