



**GEORGINA**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA  
Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

6:30 PM

**Pages**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on October 20, 2020.

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**7. SPEAKERS**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

1. LSRCA Watershed Restoration Services Presentation

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Christa Sharp, Manager, Restoration Services

Brook Piotrowski, Restoration Project Manager

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**10. REPORTS**

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Transport Canada floats new user fee for pleasure craft
2. \$6 Million Bobcaygeon Beach Park redevelopment well underway.  
Estimated completion is fall 2021.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qotDK3gnArY&app=desktop>

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. SOS Beaverton News Release #3 November 2, 2020

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**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2021



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
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**Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
Time: 6:30 PM

Members of

Committee Present: Councillor Frank Sebo  
Councillor Dave Harding  
David Goldstein  
Natasha Charles  
Stephen Parker  
Ted Brown  
Andy Adams  
Mayor Margaret Quirk

Staff Present: Racheal Rossetti, Committee Services Coordinator

Others Present: Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**2. ROLL CALL**

As noted above.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S) (*none*)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0012**

Moved By David Goldstein

Seconded By Natasha Charles

That the October 20, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF (*none*)**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

In September 15, 2020 the wording is corrected to as follows:

- Item #13.1 correction: the harbour receives 2-3 signs and the remainder is dedicated to the rivers.

Stephen Parker joined the meeting at 6:57 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0013**

Moved By Andy Adams

Seconded By Mayor Margaret Quirk

That the following minutes be adopted as amended:

1. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2020.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

1. Anna Ciorap, Ontario Waterways Unit Parks Canada

Presentation on Lake Simcoe

- Anna and David from Parks Canada made a presentation to the Committee about the water management system in Lake Simcoe and Trent-Severn Waterway System, the importance of recreational boating as well as the impact tourism has on the waterways.

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0014**

Moved By Andy Adams

Seconded By Natasha Charles

That the Committee receive the presentation from Anna and David representing Parks Canada.

**Carried**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS (*none*)**

**9. PRESENTATIONS (*none*)**

**10. REPORTS (*none*)**

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS (*none*)**

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION (*none*)**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Resuming the Waterfront Parks Master Plan Briefing Note

- October 14 & 15 were virtual workshops held by the Town to gain input on the Waterfront Parks Master Plan.
- There will be other opportunities to give input, particularly if you would like to ask questions or provide comments you can email [waterfrontplan@georgina.ca](mailto:waterfrontplan@georgina.ca).
- The consultants are hoping to come back November 16 & 17 with a summary of all the feedback they have received. The consultants are still getting information from the user groups in the area.
- The Town's website has the information about the Waterfront Parks Master Plan.

2. Pefferlaw Dam Update

- No new information as of yet.

3. Proposed 2021 Schedule

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0015**

Moved By Dave Harding

Seconded By Andy Adams

That the Committee approve the Proposed 2021 schedule as presented.

**Carried**

4. No Wake Signs

- The Committee was approved to purchase 12 "No Wake" signs. The signs have come in but they haven't been installed yet because of COVID-19.
- There was some concern as to liability in terms of the wording. We reached out to the Town Solicitor and our insurance provider to get some input about the signs. Councillor Sebo received an update about the signs from the CAO that although there is no such thing as a no wake law that is enforceable but the signs are effective at getting people to slow down in areas. The Director of Recreation and Culture has the installation in the work plan for Spring 2021.

14. **CLOSED SESSION** (*none*)

15. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0016**

Moved By Dave Harding

Seconded By David Goldstein

That the meeting adjourn at 7:34pm

**Carried**

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Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

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Racheal Rossetti,  
Committee Services Coordinator

# Watershed Restoration Services Projects Update

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**September 25, 2020**

**Christa Sharp**

**Manager, Watershed Restoration Services**

**Brook Piotrowski**

**Restoration Project Manager**



**Lake Simcoe Region**  
conservation authority



# 2020 Accomplishments



- 25 Completed Projects
  - 12 Agricultural Projects
  - 12 Natural Heritage Projects
  - 1 LID
  - Total Cost 1M
    - Restoration Assistance \$140k
    - Landowner \$375k
    - Other funders \$485K
- 80 In Progress Projects
  - 14 Agricultural Projects
  - 64 Natural Heritage Projects
  - 2 LID
    - Total Estimated Cost \$2.1M
      - Restoration Assistance \$122K
      - Landowner \$1.5M
      - Other funders \$478K





# Goodyear Farm History

- Consulting firm was retained in September of 2018 to address agricultural surface run off
- Spring Best Management Practice plan was completed and implemented in spring of 2019





# Goodyear Farm History

- Final design with drawing sets were completed in fall of 2019
- Construction started in November and is still on going

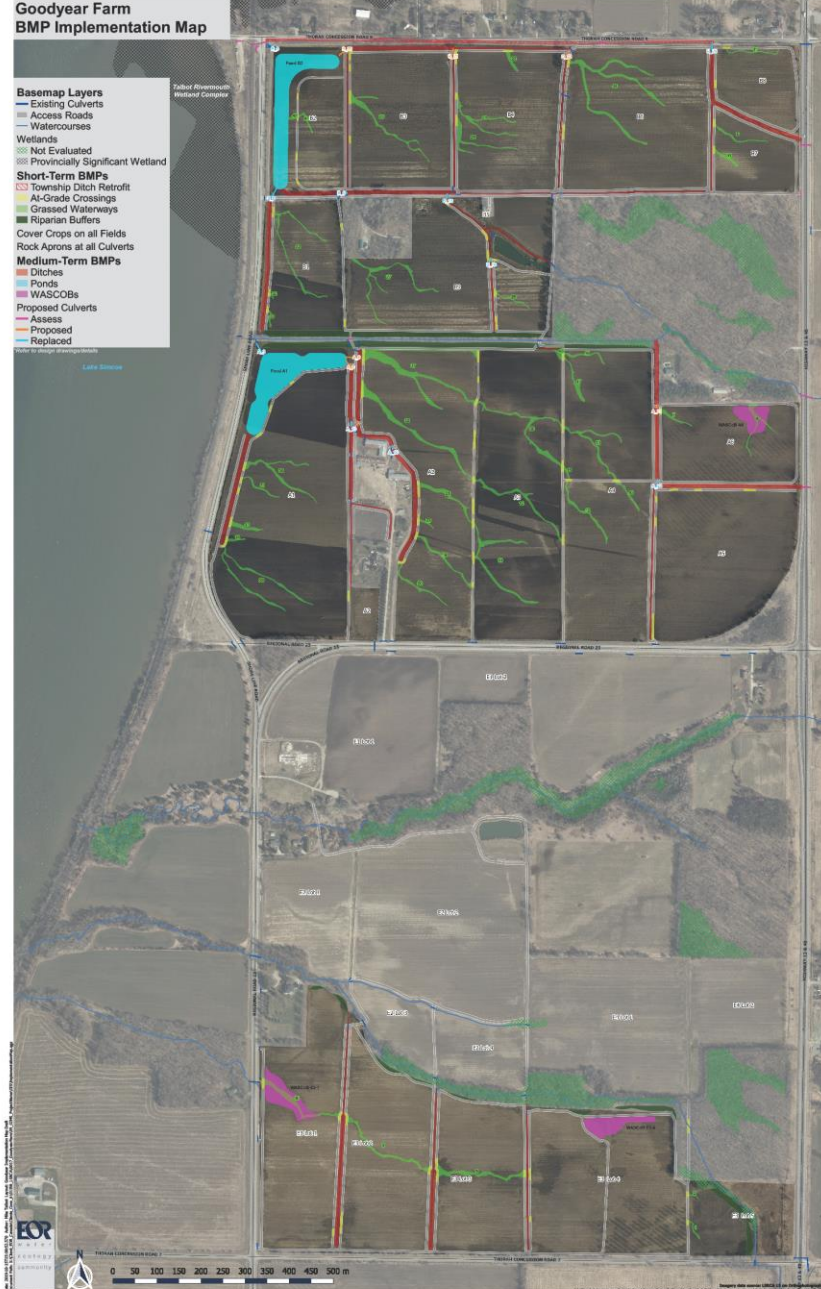


# Goodyear Farm Accomplishments

- 70% of the farm was planted with cover crops
- 16 km of laneways were stabilized
- 1.4 km of new ditches
- 2 stormwater ponds
- 3 Wascob's
- Numerous culverts replaced
- Grassed waterways
- Buffer and wind break plantings







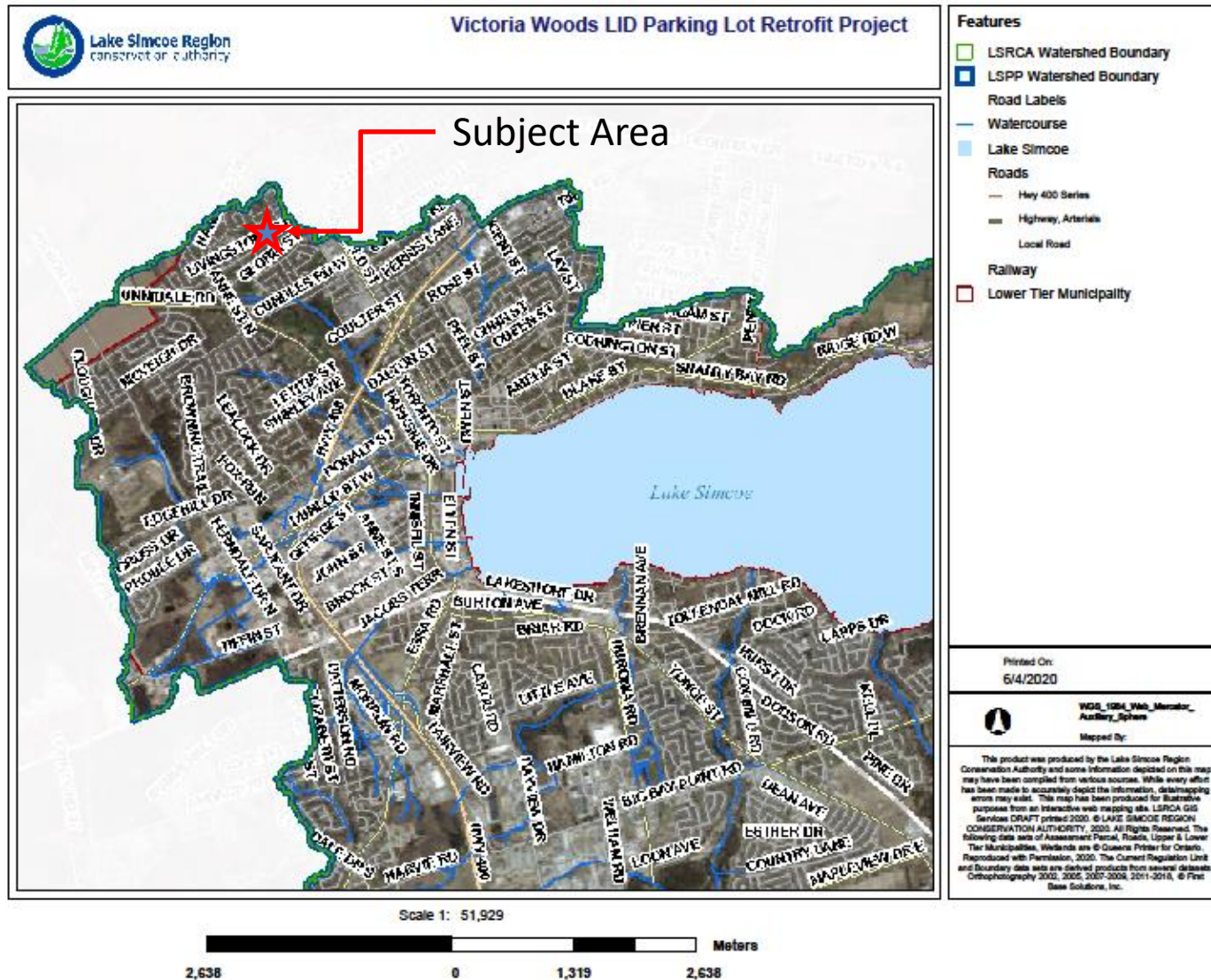
# Next steps

- Total project cost \$1.4 M
  - Design – \$75K
  - Construction \$800K
  - Other – \$575K
- Restoration activities still to come
  - Additional Wascob's and grassed waterways
  - 2 pond expansions (increase capacity and irrigation efficiencies)
  - Additional linear ditches
  - Fall and spring tree plantings



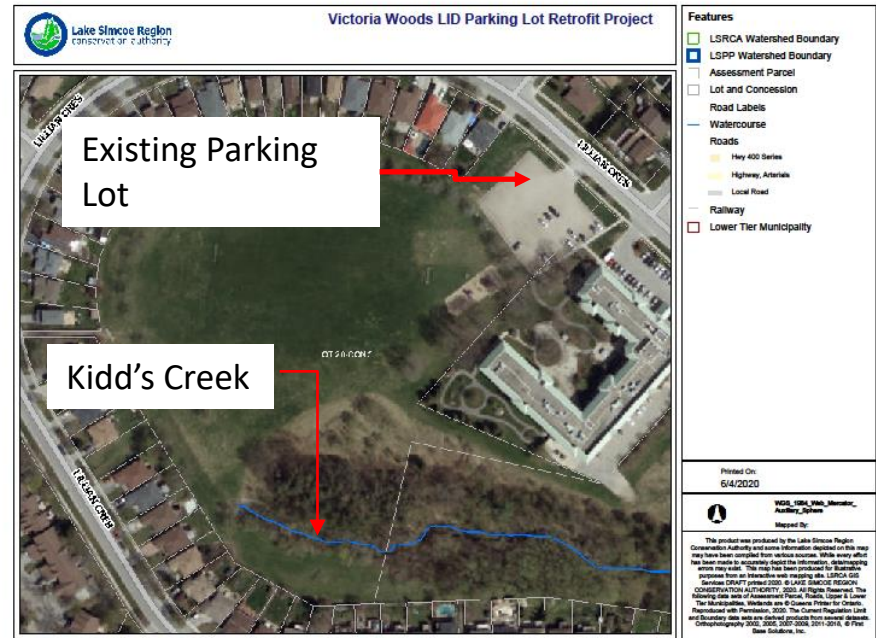


# Victoria Woods LID Parking Lot Retrofit Project



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- The City of Barrie renovated one of their public parking lots this summer, located at Victoria Woods park.
- The former parking lot was comprised of a hard-packed gravel layer mixed with fines and is impervious.
- The City resurfaced it with asphalt and has re-directed runoff from the hard surface area into a bioretention swale.
- The native soil has an infiltration rate of 32mm/hr which is ideal for a LID project.

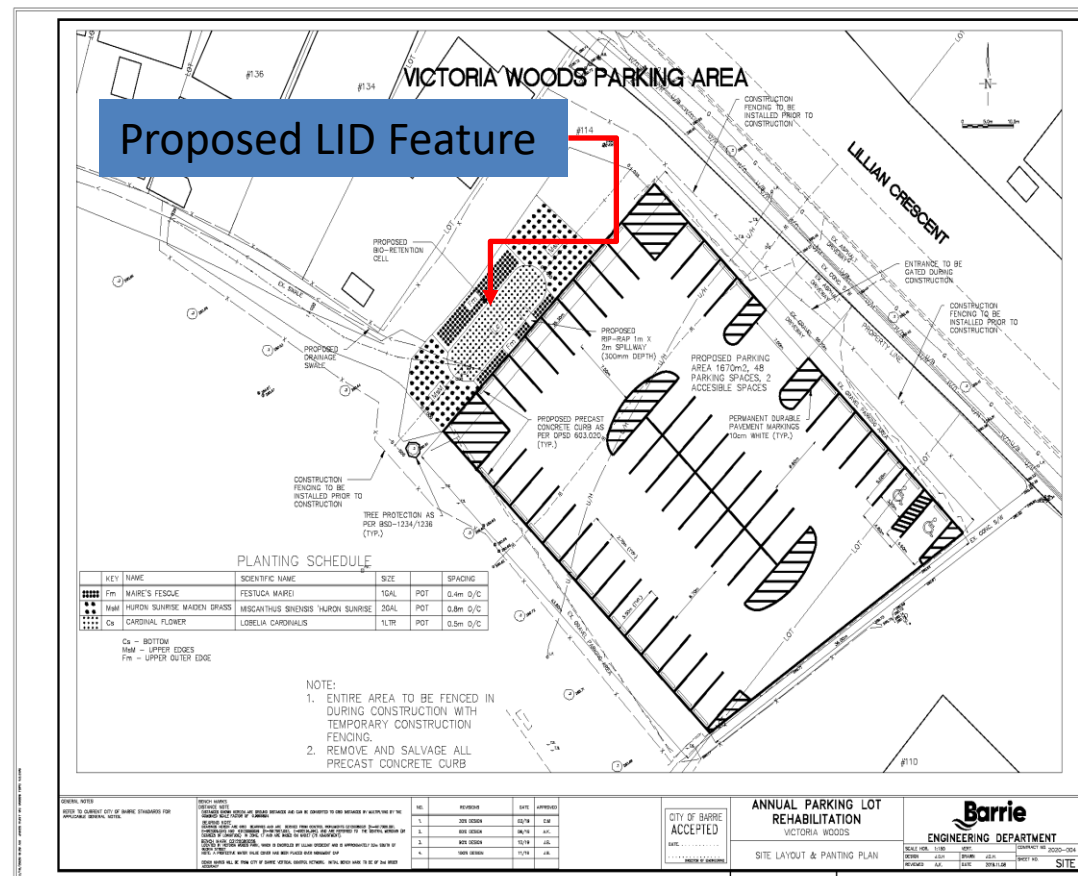




# Victoria Woods LID Parking Lot Retrofit Project

## Benefits:

- 42 cubic metres of storm water will be infiltrated from the 1,700 square metre parking lot, based on the 25mm rain event
- There is an estimated phosphorus reduction of 0.5 kg/year.
- This will result in an improvement to water quality and a reduction to peak flows.





# Victoria Woods LID Parking Lot Retrofit Project

- The construction costs for the LID component was \$57,000 and we will be providing \$42,000 towards the project through our water balance offset funding



**1.** Initial Excavation of LID Feature



**3.** Installation of pea gravel choking layer



**2.** Installation of Geotextile and Gravel Reservoir Layer



**4.** Installation of Bio-media layer



# Victoria Woods LID Parking Lot Retrofit Project

- The Bioretention swale was just recently fully landscaped and educational signage will be installed in the fall of 2020.





# Questions?



Nova Scotia

## Transport Canada floats new user fee for pleasure craft

Ottawa wants to expand licence requirement on pleasure craft, add fee

[Paul Withers](#) · CBC News · Posted: Nov 09, 2020 6:00 AM AT | Last Updated: November 9



Pat Nelder with Boating Atlantic says the recreational boating industry supports user fees to help pay for safety programs as long as the cost is reasonable. (Brian MacKay/CBC)

[comments](#)

The recreational boating season is mostly over, but Transport Canada is floating a plan to expand the number of pleasure craft that require a licence, shorten the renewal period and introduce a user fee on those licences.

The proposed rule changes would provide the government with more information to identify the owners of recreational boats abandoned or wrecked in Canada's lakes, rivers and oceans.

Transport Canada signalled its intention to amend the small vessel regulations in a presentation prepared for a virtual meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council this week.

The user fee is undefined.

Pat Nelder of Boating Atlantic said the industry in this region is on board — so far.

"We have to pay to license cars," she said. "We have to pay to license trailers. I don't think it's a big issue to license boats as long as they're ... very reasonable in the amount of money they want to charge.

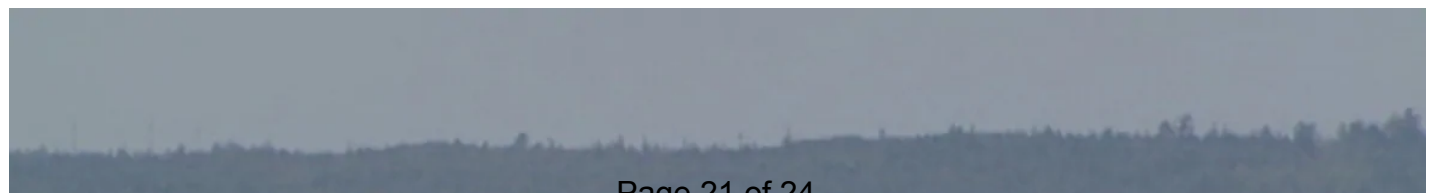
"We also feel that it will support Transport Canada's work that they do with our industry for safety and for [the wrecked and abandoned boat program](#)."

## The changes

Right now, only pleasure craft with an engine over 9.9 horsepower need a licence — and it's free.

Proposals introduce a user fee and make a licence mandatory for any boat above six metres, regardless of engine size.

Transport Canada intends to end lifetime non-renewable licences and reduce the licence-renewal period from 10 years to five.





Pleasure boats under 9.9 horsepower don't need a licence under current regulations. (CBC)

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The amended regulations are expected to go to the treasury board in 2021. The federal cabinet committee oversees government financial management.

The new licence requirement would capture thousands of pleasure craft, including the 7.9-metre sailboat owned by Pat Nelder, which is powered by a 2.3-horsepower engine.

"It's currently not licensed and it would probably ask me to license that particular boat, which I have no problem doing," she said.

"But I don't know how putting these boats under a licensing system would be policed. I mean, I've never been boarded by Transport Canada."

- [\*\*Coast Guard creating inventory of abandoned, wrecked vessels\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Transport Canada to ban some pleasure craft from Arctic waters\*\*](#)

Transport Canada declined to discuss its plans until the Canadian Marine Advisory Council later this week.

"All details will be presented for the public and stakeholders to review and comment at that time," the department said in a statement.

Nelder said the recreational boating industry will raise the amendments with officials later this week.

"We want to know what the fee would include. Is it a fee for service for the licensing, plus a charge towards the wrecked and abandoned boats program?"

She said the user fee is better than the alternative — a luxury tax proposed by the Liberals in 2019 on boats, planes and cars over \$100,000.

## Most wrecks are from overseas

In Atlantic Canada, most pleasure boats are taken out of the water for the winter.

Boat yards along the coast are brimming with boats covered in shrink wrap this time of year.

Nelder said recreational boats that are wrecked and abandoned here generally come from overseas.

"The person may have run out of money and just abandoned the boat," she said. "And those are the boats we see. The licensing system isn't going to change that."

She considers it the beginning of a consultation that could take several years.

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### **NEWS RELEASE #3 – November 02,2020**

This News Release provides an update on the agricultural runoff into Lake Simcoe from the Goodyear Farm (GYF) operating north of Beaverton. SOS Beaverton's legal efforts, social media presence, letter writing, phone conversations, meetings, and petition which have resulted in a first key step to fix the problem. Thank you to all those who have assisted in these efforts.

Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) approved a comprehensive plan in November 2019 to address approximately 80% of the GYF runoff. Construction and other activities were completed by Spring of 2020 focused on fields between Thorah Concession 8 and Concession 9 where we were experiencing the most runoff in previous years. This included two storm water ponds, three Wascobs (Water and Sediment Control Basins), addition of 1.4 km of ditches, stabilization of 16 km of laneways, replacement of culverts, buffer and wind break plantings, grassing of waterways, and planting of cover crops.

Weaknesses remain. Up until midyear, we had a relatively clean lake in our area with only 1 small runoff event on March 13. The lake (the area between Beaverton pier and Talbot River) looked like it used to look, clean and sparkling. However, three major runoff events, coincident with large rainstorms on July 19, Aug 27, and Aug 29, resulted in farm run-off into the lake leaving this area a mess for much of the remainder of the summer/fall season.

So there is more work to do. Through LSRCA, further restoration activities are planned including additional Wascobs and grassed waterways, pond expansions to increase capacity and irrigation efficiencies, additional linear ditches to channel surface water into the water management ponds, and fall / spring tree plantings for berm stability and erosion control.

Lastly, as noted in our previous News Release, this plan does not address field runoff to the north of Concession 9, some of the field runoff between Concession 7 and 8, and GYF – Ramara Operations which runoff into the Talbot River / Trent Canal and ultimately Lake Simcoe.

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