

THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE WATERFRONT
PROPERTY OWNERS NEWSLETTER

Spring & SUMMER 2021



Welcome

Looks like an early spring has arrived in Elliot Lake. Spring is a season of new growth and that includes the blooming of this first Elliot Lake Waterfront Property Owners Newsletter. The City is working on new communication streams with our residents and this is a component of that strategy. We also have a new Facebook page. Please visit, like and follow!

We understand our waterfront owners have a different living experience than the residents in town and this newsletter is meant to touch on a few specific items. If there are some items that you feel would be helpful to be included in this communication piece, please reach out to us at: info@elliottlake.ca

I encourage you to remain vigilant in respecting our shorelines while taking the time to enjoy the wonderful outdoors that is a part of our great City.

Stay safe,
Daniel Gagnon
CAO

Important Contacts

CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE 705-848-2287
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM EXT. 2104
PUBLIC WORKS EXT. 2600
MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT ..EXT. 2122/2124

FIRE DEPARTMENT 705-848-3232
BEAR WISE 1-866-514-2327
OPP 705-848-6975



From the Fire Chief

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

The Elliot Lake Lakeshore FireSmart Community organization will be mailing packages to waterfront property owners filled with tips on how to be FireSmart on your property.

Further to the FireSmart Program, it is important that residents check all smoke detectors and CO alarms. Please remember that all sleep camps, bunkies and campers must have working smoke detectors.

Burn permits are required as of April 1st. If you have not gotten yours yet, please stop by the Firehall or get it online by visiting the City of Elliot Lake's website and click on "I want to" and select Burn Permit under the apply tab.

From Public Works

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The Public Works Department has added cameras to the Dunlop Shores, Dunlop boat Launch and Stanrock Road garbage and recycling areas. This is in place to allow the Municipal Enforcement Department to identify residents who are not permitted to dispose of their waste and recycling in these areas or residents that are disposing of items improperly.

ROAD DUST CONTROL

The Public Works Department will be regularly grading both Dunlop Shores and Stanrock Roads through the summer months. The Department wants to encourage residents to slow down. Excess speed on these roads causes gravel to be displaced into the surrounding bush, resulting in extremely dusty conditions as well as causing wash board conditions. These issues are magnified on hills as vehicles speed up for the climb. Be kind and slow down.

From Municipal Enforcement

As the warm weather approaches and residents are beginning to work on their properties, it's important that you remain respectful of the City's zoning Bylaw. If you need a copy, visit the City's website, select Bylaws and Policies under the City Hall tab and search Bylaw 18-36. The Zoning Bylaw for "RS residential shoreline" can be found on page 75. If you prefer, a staff member can mail or email a copy to you. Please contact us at 705-848-2287 x 2104.

Please pay special attention to buffer zones on the sides of your property as well as the shoreline buffer. If you have any questions, The Elliot Lake Waterfront Property Ambassador program is available to help. Please reach out to 705-848-2287 ext 2104 and a member of the team can offer direction on tree cutting, buffer zones and structure placement.



Wildlife Tips

BEARS

The City of Elliot Lake is a strong proponent of the Bear Wise program. Bear Wise provides information on how to minimize contact with bears and how to respond to bear encounters. They can be contacted at marrettam@gmail.com. To find out more about the Bear Wise Program please visit: www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/report-bear-problem-bear-wise

REPORT A BEAR PROBLEM

EMERGENCY ENCOUNTERS

Call 911 or local police at 705-848-6975

If a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety:

- Enters or tries to enter a residence
- Stalks pets and lingers at the site
- Stalks people and lingers at the site

NON-EMERGENCY ENCOUNTERS

Call the Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (April 1-November 30)

If a bear is:

- Roaming around, checking garbage cans
- Breaking into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- In a tree: Leave it alone, walk away and it will leave on its own.
- Pulling down a bird feeder or knocking over a barbecue
- Continually moving through a backyard or field but is not lingering

General Wildlife Stewardship

The following mitigation measures are recommended as best management practices to reduce the impacts of work on your property to the natural environment (including candidate Species at Risk habitat):

- Flag the work area: Access and activity will be limited to the designated work areas to minimize disturbance to adjacent wildlife habitat. This area should be delineated in the field using stakes, tape etc. and removed when work is completed.
- Check work area each day: Snakes and turtles are attracted to the roadway, embankment, temporary stockpiles and machinery, as these surfaces absorb heat from the sun and are suitable for reptile basking. If in immediate danger (collision with traffic / construction equipment) reptiles will be moved to adjacent habitat without harm (to worker or reptile) by using a shovel or stick and bucket.
- Avoid use of erosion control products with plastic netting. Rock rip rap, various mulches, and polyethylene sheeting may be effective alternatives.
- Avoid use of heavy duty silt fencing reinforced with mesh netting.
- Remove temporary erosion control measures: These devices can act as a barrier to wildlife and impede their movement.

Species at Risk

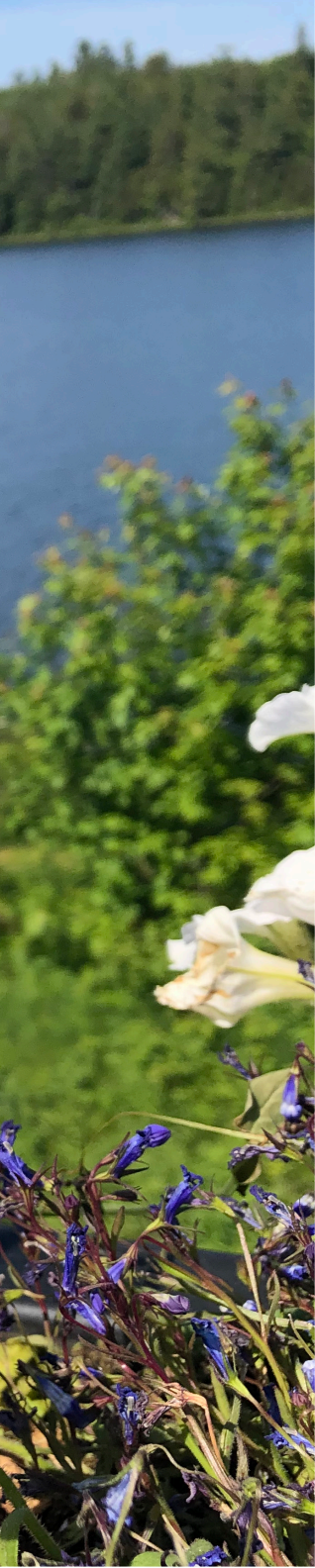
During the Natural Heritage Assessments that were performed prior to any development, habitat was identified that could sustain a number of species at risk. This is good news as you may be able to observe some species that are becoming a rare in the area. You now also have the responsibility to help these creatures survive.

Familiarize yourself with the Endangered Species Act. You may unwittingly be violating laws that carry stiff penalties.

The Act: laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/

For more information about Species at Risk in Ontario: www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/species-risk-ontario-list





General Mitigation

The release of substances harmful to all wildlife into waters or adjacent areas must be avoided:

CHEMICALS

Under City of Elliot Lake By-law No. 18-36 the use of chemical dust suppressants, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers are prohibited in the buffer areas and discouraged from use at any time.

FLUIDS

All equipment and associated materials will be operated, stored and maintained (e.g. fuel, lubricant) in a manner that prevents the entry of any deleterious substance to a water body. Any part of equipment entering the water body or operating on the bank will be free of fluid leaks and externally cleaned/ degreased.

SPILLS

A Spills Management Plan (including materials, instructions regarding their use, education of contract personnel, emergency contact numbers) will be on site at all times for implementation in event of accidental spill. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment operates the Spills Action Centre 24-hours a day; it can be reached at 1.800.268.6060

FIREWOOD

To harvest trees on crown land a "License to Harvest Forest Resources for Personal Non-commercial Use" is required. Contact the local MNRF office for further assistance.

PERMITTING

For more information on Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry permitting please visit:

- Crown Land Work Permits
www.ontario.ca/rural-and-north/crown-land-work-permits
- Using wood from Crown land for personal use
www.ontario.ca/rural-and-north/using-wood-crown-land-personal-use
- Free Use Policy:
www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-management-policies
- Or use the general entry portal and search for what you want
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry One Site link: www.ontario.ca



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Ambassador Team **ON THE WATER AND IN THE AIR!**

Members of the Ambassador Team will be out on the water collecting images using both cameras and drones several times this year. These images will allow them to have a current condition of the shorelines and it's progression through the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.