

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS  
THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ROOM #304**

**OCTOBER 11, 2018**

2:00 p.m. The meeting convened with Mayor Heather Jackson, Chair presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Mayor H. Jackson, Chair  
J. Tucker, Arborist  
Betsy McClure, KCCA  
Harald Schraeder  
Petrusia Hontar  
J. Lawrence, Director, Env. Services  
Richard Singer

Officials

M. Knapp, Corporate Administrative &  
Accessibility Clerk  
W. Graves, City Manager

Others

Dave Collins, 166 Lake Margaret Trail  
R. Tucker, Director, Parks & Recreation

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None.

**MINUTES**

Motion by - J. Lawrence - P. Hontar:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2018 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fish Survey - Lake Margaret

Ms. McClure advised that an application would be submitted through the Ministry of Natural Resources for the fish survey to be completed in the next few weeks.

The members discussed a press release for members of the public and neighbours.

2019 Budget - Appendix "A"

The members discussed the 2019 Budget priorities.

The City Manager stated that the operating budget was due October 22 and that Council will consider the submissions in early 2019.

The Director, Parks, Recreation and Property Management stated that the geese/waterfowl management included removal of fertilized eggs through oiling at all three parks.

Ms. McClure stated that the tree plantings are usually done twice a year, in spring and fall.

The members discussed implementation of the Committee's tasks.

The members discussed opportunities for community involvement including asking residents to submit their bird sightings and possible deputations by such organizations as the St. Thomas Field Naturalists Club.

The members discussed the City's policy of park naturalization.

Around Lake Margaret Presentation - Appendix "B"

Mr. Schraeder gave a Power Point presentation regarding the Lake Margaret area.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All-Terrain Vehicle - Dave Collins

The Chair stated that the information provided to the Committee by Mr. Collins would be forwarded to Council members and the Police Department.

The Director, Environmental Services and City Engineer advised that City by-law enforcement staff are able to respond to by-law infractions during work hours.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Purple Loosestrife in Lake Margaret Area - Dave Collins

The Arborist explained that purple loosestrife was a naturally occurring plant and the Parks, Recreation and Property Management Department would monitor its growth in the area.

Parkside Collegiate Institute Water Taking

The Director, Environmental Services and City Engineer stated that he and the City Manager met with staff at Parkside Collegiate Institute and that Parkside staff would be exploring other options.

Mr. Schraeder inquired about a potential environmental leadership program.

The Chair stated that John Wise Public School has an existing environmental club.

The Director, Environmental Services and City Engineer stated that East Elgin Secondary School is connected to municipal water with a separate water service to irrigate their sports field.

**NEXT MEETING**

November 8th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room #304

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Lawrence - J. Tucker:

THAT: The meeting adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

Carried.

# Appendix "A"

August 2, 2018

## LAKE MARGARET MANAGEMENT AREA

### General Update of Management Plan : Recommended Tasks / Activities for consideration

#### Water Quality Testing

Proposed to be done every two years during ice free seasons. Next testing period would be in 2019.  
Approx. Cost : \$2000 per sample location for the season. Total \$10,000

#### Phosphorous Education

Proposed neighbourhood campaign in spring 2019.  
Approx cost : \$3,500

#### Parkside Water Taking

City is getting details on pumping activities / volume of water being pumped.

#### Geese / Waterfowl Management

Program to continue into 2019.

#### Trail Development

To be completed in 2018

#### Fish Inventory

Proposed fish inventory in fall of 2018.  
Approximate cost : \$8,300

#### Tree Identification / Flora Study

Contact made with local naturalists clubs -- possible implementation in 2019.

#### Viewing Platform

Details being sought on costs. Possible Service Club project.

#### Bird Habitat

St. Thomas Field Naturalists -- possible coordinated project for 2019

#### Turtle Habitat

Parks Dept. - clean up pressure treated lumber etc.

### **Environmental Buffer Zones / Plantings**

**Targeted education program / planting program – spring 2019**  
**Approximate cost \$10,000**

### **Fishing on Lake**

**Further discussion following fish inventory work.**

### **Canoeing on Lake**

### **Signage**

**Interpretive signage / storyboards. Possible GPS trail information system in cooperation with Fanshawe College.**

### **Other**

**Possible photo contest – public participation**  
**Enhanced environmental education website.**

Appendix "B"

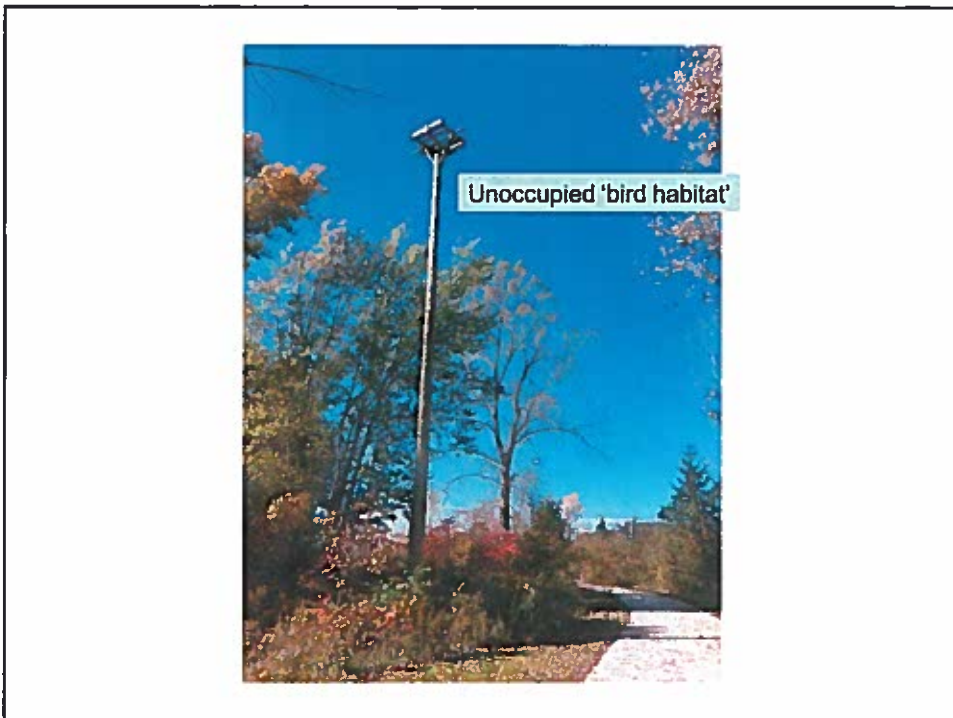
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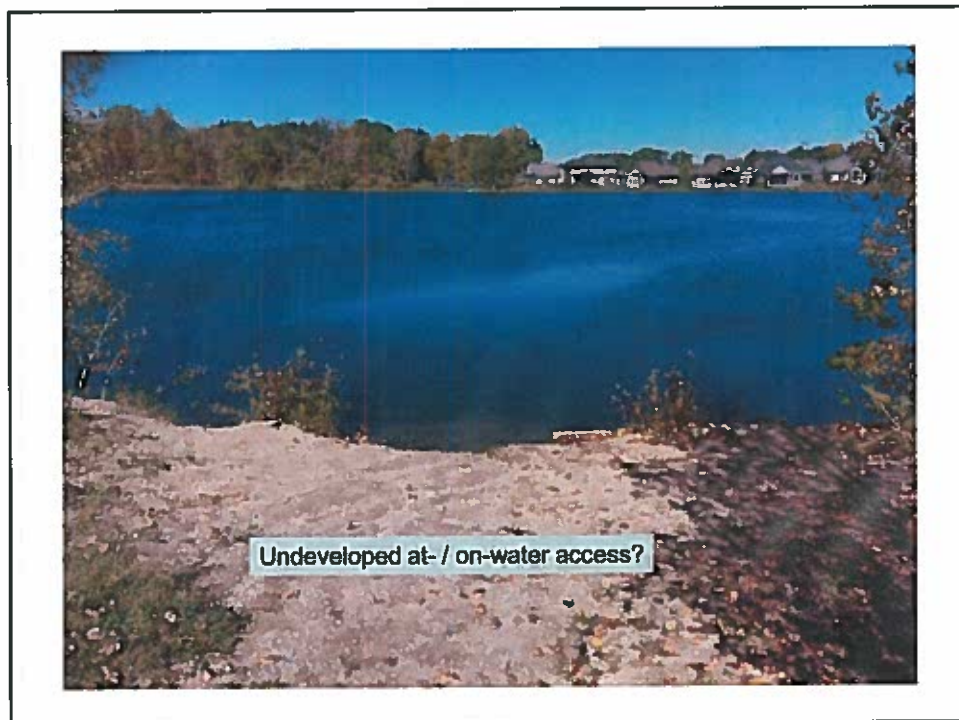
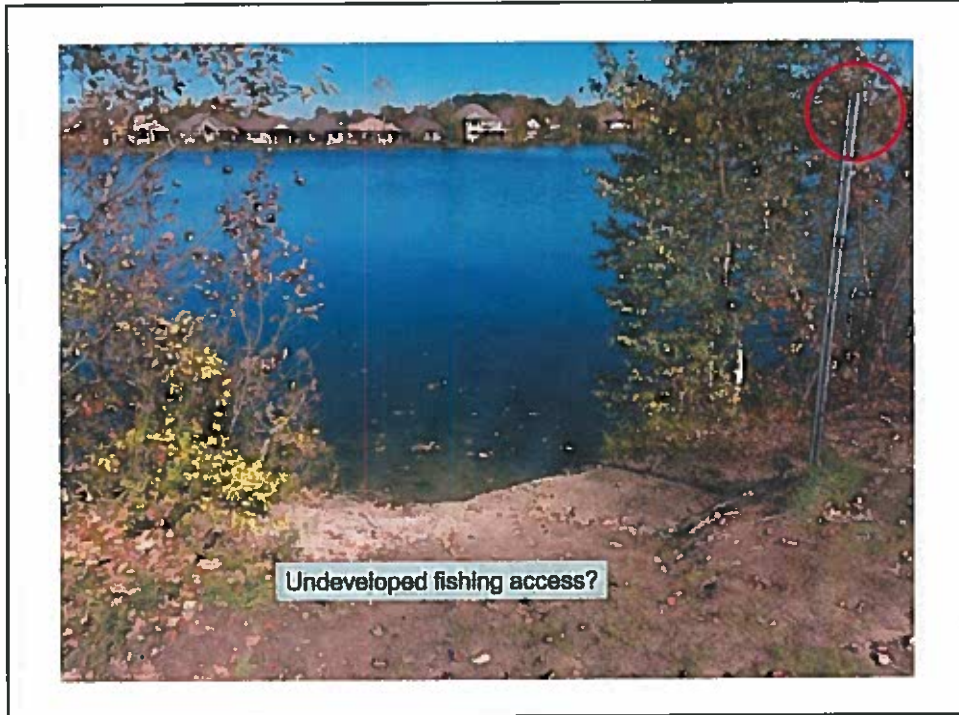
Around 'Lake Margaret'

October 10, 2018

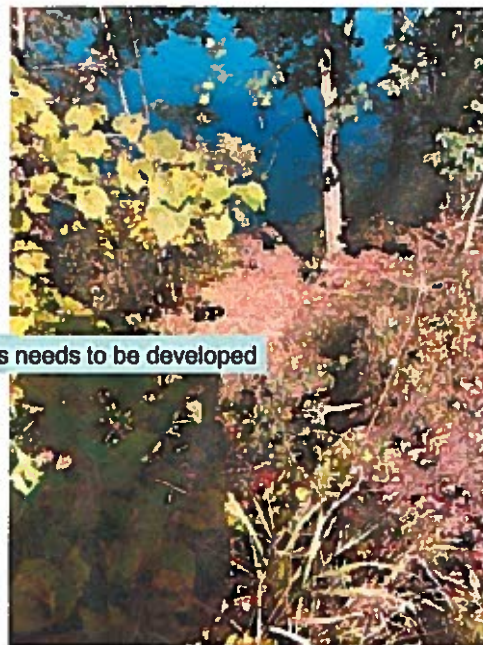
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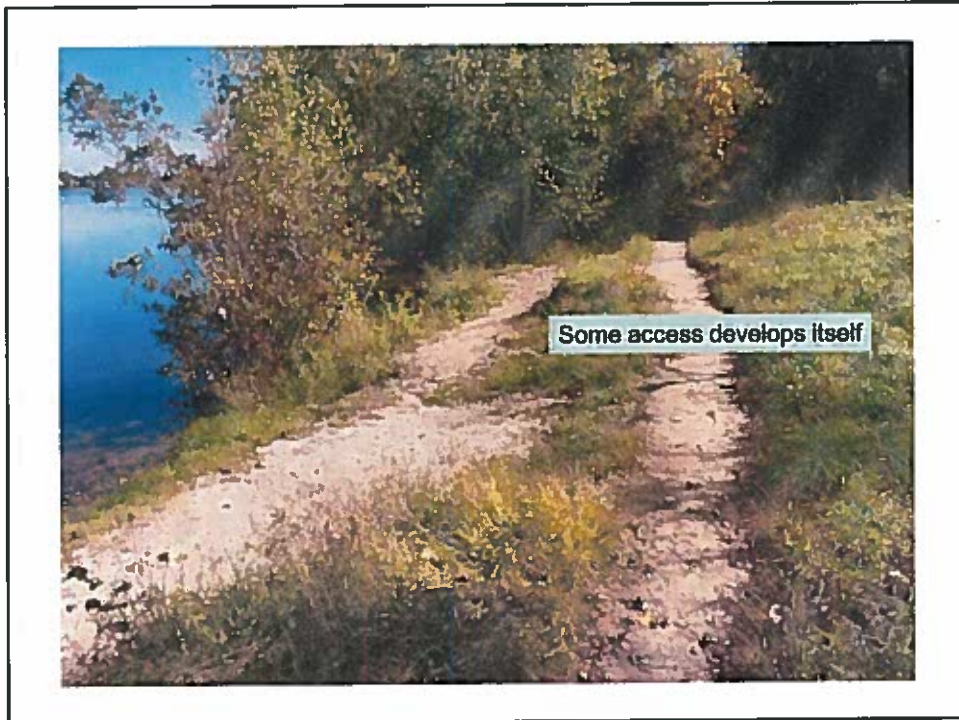




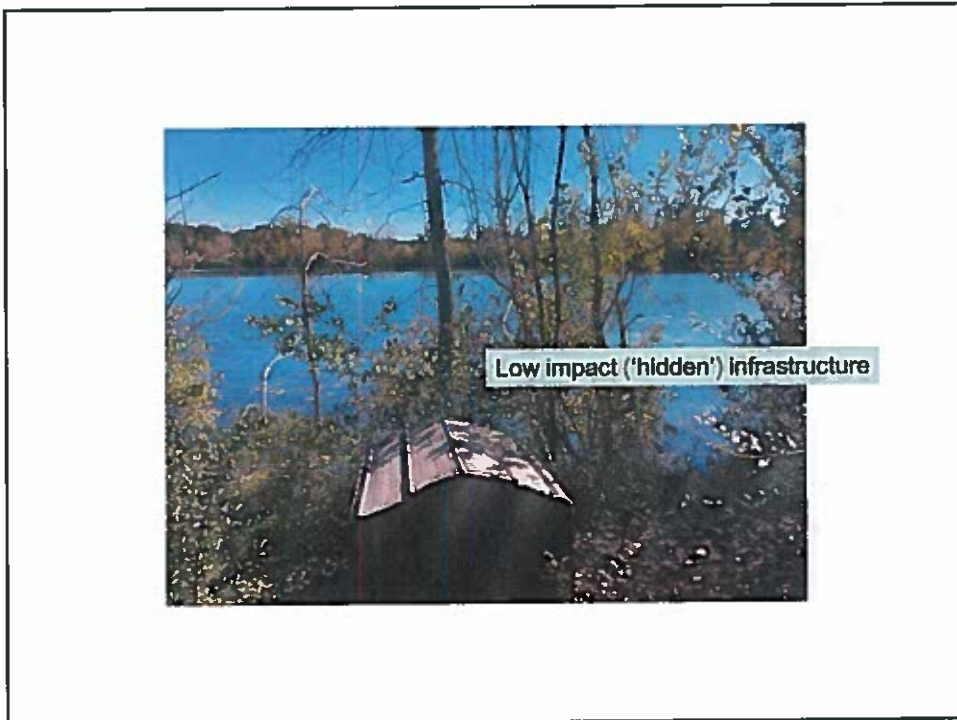








Some access develops itself



Low impact ('hidden') infrastructure







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