

## Saving Vincent Lake

It was pleasing to see such a large turnout at the Vincent Lake meeting last week, considering the topic at hand – the aging of our local lake.

Although Vincent Lake isn't to the point of total devastation, it is on a downward cycle and it is up to the people living around the lake to do something about it.

That's just what they did Tuesday evening as they sat and listened for over three hours and then asked questions on what they *could* do to help.

A resident has already struck up a leadership role by starting the society process, and the working group investigating the lake is choosing its next plan of action.

We may not be able to have an entire lake of golden, sandy beaches or a direct water source for our cattle anymore. However, the alternative is a dead lake.

Lakes are a wonderful place to relax at and partake in recreational activities, but if we don't look after them, they will get sick we won't be able to enjoy them anymore.

There are also people who live at these lakes year round and most of them will do anything they can to preserve the tranquil life out in the wilderness.

We should be so fortunate to have Vincent Lake be chosen as a case study for the province. We can get started on healing the damage nature and humans have done and then act as an example for our lakes around the province.

With the cooperation around this project thus far, it looks like Vincent Lake will survive and bring the community around the lake closer together.

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