

COMMUNITY

Watershed association next step at Vincent Lake

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At the Vincent Lake, March 28, 2000 meeting, the cottagers and farmers of the Vincent Lake watershed supported the Vincent Lake Working Group to work with them to increase the awareness and education in the community about

the needs and values of a healthy and properly functioning lake and watershed.

Louise DeChamplain, community leader and local cabin owner, has agreed to sit on our working group and help us work with cottagers and farmers to evolve into a "Vincent Lake Watershed Association".

Our present plans are to find lakeshore property owner and farmer representatives from around Vincent Lake that would be willing to work with our group to discuss and develop awareness and education, and project initiatives that are geared to continued enjoyment of the watershed while ensuring the watershed

remains healthy and properly functioning.

One of the activities recommended by the cottagers and farmers at the March 28th meeting is a continued awareness and education meeting out at the lake on a long weekend this summer. At this meeting we could provide outdoor activities geared

to provide awareness and education to families.

Another supported action was to provide a meeting to discuss the various aspects of local, provincial and federal regulations that deal with managing and protecting the lake. Once the "Association" feels there is sufficient aware-

ness and education, we would then consider putting on a regulation meeting, perhaps this winter.

Another activity our group would like to continue is the publishing of articles in the local newspapers dealing with various aspects of a healthy Vincent Lake watershed.