

December 11, 2001

To: Residents and Cabin Owners at Vincent Lake

Re: IMPORTANT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - VINCENT LAKE!

On Saturday afternoon, January 27, 2001, **you are invited** to participate and learn all about the local, provincial, and federal regulations that impact you and Vincent Lake. What are the laws governing the use of water, fishing, access, and recreation on the shoreline of Vincent Lake?

At our previous community meetings we discussed why the shoreline of Vincent Lake is important to you and your family, fish and wildlife, and agriculture. Those green strips that help prevent erosion and pollution, and aide in water quality. Now it is time to discuss how the various levels of regulations help protect the lake. **Why is this important to me?** Knowing what these regulations are and mean can help us enjoy the lake within the “letter of the law.” Achieving this will help Vincent Lake remain healthy for years to come. Also, we can avoid getting into problems that may result in the assessing of fines and penalties for breach of the regulations. At this meeting you will hear from a variety of experts who will present regulatory information about the:

- withdrawal of water;
- disposal of septic effluent;
- recreation use of the shoreline;
- building docks and peers;
- Environmental Reserves;
- Crown bed and shore;
- fish and wildlife regulations; and
- agriculture code of practices

At this meeting we will present to you this years water quality sampling results, and the findings of this summer’s fish netting study at Vincent Lake. We will present to you the value of getting involved to deal with present and future issues that effect you and the health of Vincent Lake. For example, the development of By-laws that govern the use and access of the Environmental Reserve at Vincent Lake. We need your input to develop these By-laws! If you require any additional information please call me at 780-645-6336. To save on long distance calls, first dial 310-000, and ask the RITE operator to connect you. Attached is a copy of the agenda. Hope to see you there!

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