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MOE – Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network Water on the Web – Understanding Water Quality

Review of Municipal Salt Management Plans

MWC has released a report on the implementation of municipal salt management plans across Muskoka. Monitoring of Municipal Salt Management Plans in the District of Muskoka is a summary of the findings of a four year survey undertaken by MWC volunteers documenting progress



In 2006, all Muskoka municipalities adopted Salt Management Plans. In general, they have methodically implemented their respective plans over the last four years. In particular, significant capital investment has been made in the construction of new salt domes with impervious floor surfaces, the installation of proper facilities to store pre-wetting material, and the acquisition of trucks and computers with pre-wetting capability.

and highlighting areas that require ongoing action.

2010 Water Quality Data Released

The District Municipality of Muskoka has released the Lake System Health Monitoring Program 2010 Year End Report. Download a copy of the full report here or check out new Lake Data Sheets, Shoreline Land Use Surveys, and Aquatic Invertebrate Data Sheets for the lakes monitored in 2010 on the Muskoka Water Web.

Highlights of 2010 LSH Monitoring Program include:

- 85 sites were monitored on 68 lakes for chemical parameters.
- Shoreline Land Use Surveys were completed for Stewart, Medora, Clear and Little Long (Rutter) Lakes, as well as for the Joseph River.
- Benthic sampling occurred at 24 sites on 19 lakes and two rivers.
- Seven terrestrial plots that were established between 2004 to 2006 were remeasured.

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Muskoka Stewardship Conference – April 30, 2011

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 30, 2011 the Muskoka Watershed Council, District Municipality of Muskoka and Muskoka Heritage Foundation are hosting a day-long Stewardship Conference for the general public and lake stewards.

Come and find out what other associations are doing, what resources are available to you and network with other programs. Concurrent sessions will focus on Water, Land and Research.



Conference and registration details will be released early in the new year.