

April 7, 2003

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**Attention:** Mr. John Curran

Dear Mr. Curran:

**Re: GLL 22-118 – Final Report - Muskoka Lakes Association –  
2002 Water Quality Program**

I am very pleased to provide you with the final report of the 2002 water quality program on the Muskoka Lakes. Our report describes the background to the program, the program objectives, study sites and methods and the results and conclusions from the 2002 program. A copy has also been provided in “pdf” format so that it can be placed on the MLA website.

The report describes the results for individual study sites located in 17 clusters around the study lakes and makes conclusions regarding overall water quality, response to different land uses and makes lake and site specific conclusions. The report includes recommendations for the 2003 program and ties the water quality program into MLA objectives and goals.

Finally, the report includes an Appendix with the names of the many volunteers and staff who made the 2002 program the technical and political success which it was. The MLA are blessed with an abundance of enthusiastic and motivated members who are willing to assist us in managing water quality in the lakes. They made the program work. Of critical importance, however, was the effort of Mike Logan in co-ordinating the volunteer program, providing liaison between the MLA and Gartner Lee and in tackling the initial data analysis and reporting tasks with enthusiasm and diligence. I also thank you and the Board for your unflagging enthusiasm for the project and support. The MLA have a wealth of information and experience with which to face the future, in large part a result of the efforts of yourself, John Mollard in 2001, the MLA Board and Mike Logan.

I should also add that the MLA program provided useful information and assistance to the Lake Joseph North Association. Study sites in Hamer Bay were added in response to their concerns over water quality in runoff from the Rocky Crest Resort and proved very useful in assisting their interpretation.

It has been a pleasure working with the MLA on this timely, innovative and exciting initiative. I look forward to our continued co-operation.

Yours very truly,  
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