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## Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society: Newsletter 2022

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### CLRSS Newsletter: January 2022 Issue

Welcome to the Cowichan Lake & River Stewardship Society Newsletter. We look forward to keeping you connected with our current projects, events and programs.

For any questions please e-mail our team at [info@clrss.ca](mailto:info@clrss.ca)

Make sure to follow us on Facebook to keep updated on all CLRSS activities.

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## Message from CLRSS President

**Happy New Year folks.** The good news is that a decent amount of snow is in the mountains at both the Jump Lake and Heather Mountain snow recording stations, not just in your driveway or on your front lawn. Hopefully these above average accumulations will continue through the rest of the winter and be available to help us bridge to the summer droughts that have become a way of life here on the south island. If you receive Bryan Houle's, Manager of Environment at Catalyst, regular update on lake levels and the weir operation this will not be news but if you don't, you can access them through a link on our website HomePage at [clrss.ca](http://clrss.ca).

### Property Shoreline Assessment Tool

We also have a link on our website to the [Property View Tool](#) which has been posted by Leroy Van Weiren, the CVRD Shoreline Assessment project manager. The project website has a video of the zoom call project update from last fall if you missed the presentation. This tool is an excellent source of up to date information for every lakeshore property owner. More information can be seen below.

### Proposed Summer Events

Just as we were beginning to believe that things might be getting back to normal allowing us to get out and meet again the latest COVID variant has injected more uncertainty. First please all stay safe and take care of yourselves. We are working on a couple of summer activities but right now it is anyone's guess whether they will be possible. We may be doing some shoreline restoration work this summer and it may involve students in collaboration with the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre. Only time will tell what is

possible. And there might be an all of watershed River's Day event too, so stayed tuned for details depending on how our latest battle with Omicron unfolds.

## **Report: Impact of Large Boats on Lakes**

### **Kalamalka Lake Boat Trials** August 27, 2019



CLRSS has been a long term member of the [BC Lake Stewardship Society\(BCLSS\)](#) and they are always an excellent source of information on all things lake oriented. Their recent newsletter had a very interesting [video shot](#) of and a [report](#) on the impact that large boat wakes can have, especially in shallow lakes. In Cowichan Lake this is a potential problem remobilizing fine sediments near the Town of Lake Cowichan boat launch as well as in Marble Bay and the Bear Lake area. Check out their excellent [website](#) for more great information.

**Read the report here**

And finally here, is a fun year-end piece from the folks at the Cowichan Watershed Board

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Cowichan Watershed Board 2021 Slideshow

Video should be available in this newsletter if not a link is below, then make sure to hit the play button.

So stay safe this winter and let's hope we can gather again come the spring.

Ken Traynor

President of the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society

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### Fundraising Opportunity: Thrifty's Smile Cards

**CLRSS is selling Thrifty's Smile Cards!**

CLRSS will get 6% if hit our target! Interested in buying? You can specify what

denominations, you would like: \$50, \$100, \$200, \$250, \$500, \$1000.

**How to order:**

Order by emailing [mquested@shaw.ca](mailto:mquested@shaw.ca) stating what card denomination you are looking to buy to order and provide phone number so we can arrange to exchange the cards for payment.

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**Membership Reminder**

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# Now accepting online membership payments

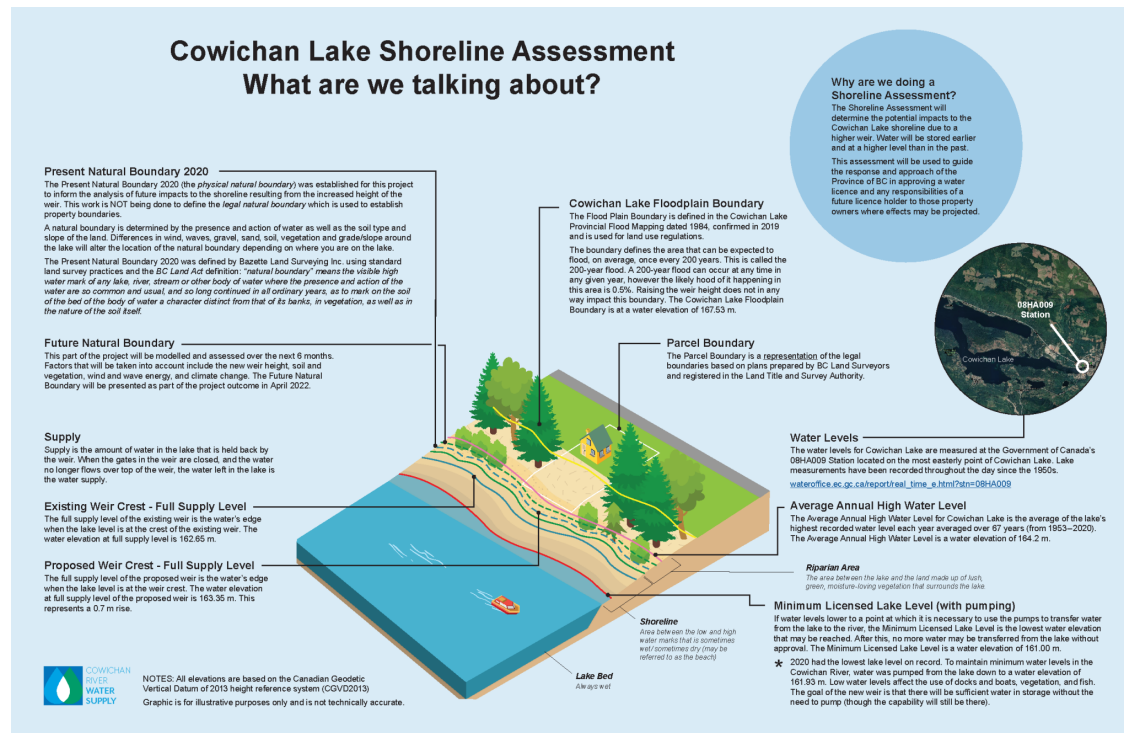
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# Shoreline Assessment Tool

In July 2021, the final design of the new weir was completed. A condition of the key recommendation is that an assessment be done of the potential impacts to the Cowichan Lake shoreline due to storing water earlier and at a higher level than has been done historically. The Property View Tool helps to visualize the various lake elevation information at a property level. It is a Geographic Information System (GIS) online tool in which we can compare the information gathered to date on top of aerial photography.

Click the link before to find out more about the shoreline assessment tool and how it works.



# Shoreline Assessment Tool

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Reminder of bottle donations to support CLRSS



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Reminder of Environmental Infractions

# Report an Environmental Concern

The Province of B.C. relies on the public to report activity that causes pollution to the environment. By reporting [pollution](#) you are helping us act promptly to minimize harm to the environment and public health.

The RAPP program is a toll-free tip line and online service that also allows you to report known or suspected violations of fisheries, wildlife, or environmental protection laws anonymously and without risk of confronting the offender.



Dial **1 877 952-7277 (RAPP)** or **#7277** to report environmental violations of an immediate nature.

When a spill occurs, or there is the risk of one occurring, it must be reported immediately by calling **1-800-663-3456**.

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