



An update on the Protect Opinicon initiative from our neighbouring lake

The Wolfe Lake Association Westport continues to follow the developments of the Skycroft trailer campground on the shores of Opinicon Lake. The members of Chaffey's Area Lakes Association (CALA) are working overtime to preserve their lake environment. And they need support from nearby friends. Below is the most recent email from CALA to their members.

Dear CALA Members and Partners

Editor: Please note that the meeting email and code have changed since it was sent out to Protect Opinicon contacts and Partners earlier in the week. Everyone is invited to have access to this hearing. If this format is new to you, there is a link to short videos below re: accessing calls and ensuring that your microphone and video are turned off on your end.

See the email below to access the link and code for these sessions. Attached is a preliminary Hearing Plan that has been updated from the first plan sent out in the CALA Elert a week or two ago. We have been told that it may change as the hearing moves forward. We will try to let you know if and when there is a change.

Dear friends

It has been a long journey, but the Ontario Land Tribunal hearing that will decide the fate of the proposed expansion of Skycroft Campground Resort on Lake Opinicon is finally upon us. It opened on January 13 and will run through the following two weeks, with the exception of Thursday, January 16, and is scheduled to conclude on Monday, February 3.

As a reminder, the owner of Skycroft is appealing the Township of South Frontenac's rejection of its rezoning and development application and this appeal will be opposed by the Township, Queen's University, and the citizens' group Protect Opinicon. Whatever the outcome, **it will be precedent-setting across the region, and the province as a whole.**



Why we are involved

The Wolfe Lake Association Westport feels it is appropriate to inform our members of a topic of concern in the South Frontenac Township among numerous lake associations in our area by distributing News Flash #5 to our members. This particular development (a significant expansion of a campground on a nearby lake) could set a precedent around other lakes in our region, including our own.

Many members don't live around Wolfe Lake and do not frequently read local news. The board members decided to simply keep community members informed so they are aware and can get involved if they choose to do so.

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"We thought at that time it was important to inform our members, because such a development could potentially set a precedent, and might not be limited to Opinicon Lake, but could in the future of other Lakes in the Township of South Frontenac - including Wolfe Lake - have an impact on our treasured environment."

Unquote

Additionally, please note that the Wolfe Lake Association Westport has not sent any funds to the Save Opinicon fund. Rather, we discussed it among our Board of directors and felt a News Flash was in order as an FYI.

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As we (CALA) mentioned earlier, your attendance helps to demonstrate how much people care about this case, by having strong attendance on any subsequent days that you can make it, that is most appreciated. We do, however, realize that you all have busy lives and may not be able to attend regularly or to give it much attention when you do.

This is the access link: <https://meet.goto.com/680885805>

Access Code: [680-885-805]

The hearing can be accessed at any point using the above link and access code. You will need to register when you click on the link, so allow a bit of time for that. The good news is that you should not be asked to introduce yourself and you can come and go as you please. **You are, however, asked to keep your camera and microphone off at all times**, to avoid disturbing the hearing. Nothing stops you from logging on and then minimizing the screen while you work on other things to show you care.

A lot of people have worked very hard to get us to this point, and, win or lose, we are extremely proud of how our community has come together to stand up to this reckless proposal and defend this very special place.

We will once again remind you that charitable donations to offset legal costs are still very much appreciated. and you will once again find donation instructions attached.

Thank you so much for your continuing support, the Protect Opinicon Team

Helpful training video information

You can view a short video on joining a call here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ojl1q_sPrP0&t=29s

The very beginning of this one shows the basic Go to Meeting interface and how to make sure your camera and microphone are off at all times: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veFvprc7T3Q>

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The updated schedule to accommodate the schedules of experts is attached to this email above as well as a list of participants taking part in the hearing.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at this address. protectopinicon@gmail.com

Thanks again, the Protect Opinicon Team

Attachments to this News Flash

Preliminary Hearing Plan - Jan 10, 2025.docx

List of Hearing Participants.docx

Protect Opinicon Donation Options.docx

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