Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

AGM 2026

Saturday June 13, 2026 10:00 am

Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome
- Business
- Life at the Lake
- Wildlife
- Lake Steward Report
- Guest Speakers
  - Park Superintendent – Tyler Speck
  - Mayor Carolyn Amyotte
- Closing Remarks

Land Acknowledgement

- Ian Godfrey

- The Loon Call Cottagers Association acknowledges that we are situated on Mississauga lands and the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples covered by Treaty 20.

- We honour the ancestral guardians of this land, and the many Indigenous peoples who continue to call this land home and act as its stewards.

- We are committed to being better treaty partners, and to sharing with neighbouring First Nations the responsibility that extends to all who live on Turtle Island, to care for this land for generations to come.

Welcome

Ian Godfrey

President, Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

Business

LCLCA - Executive

- Ian Godfrey – President
- Margi Colquhoun – Past President
- Henry Decock – Vice President
- Vickie Hartog – Secretary / Communications
- Marc Possmayer – Lake Steward
- Jacquie Cane – Treasurer
- Breanne Hunt-Wells – Member at Large
- Danielle Cane – Member at Large

Henry Decock, Vice President

- After many years serving on the executive, Henry Decock is pulling up his oar, so to speak.
- Thanks for organizing the first Planting Palooza in 2021
- Most notable among Henry's many contributions is his spearheading of the Fire Pump Committee. The work of that committee will benefit all of us, for years to come.
- **Thank you Henry**, for all of your work with the Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association. You've helped make the lake a better place for all of us.

LCLCA – Executive Opening

- Vice President

- The role is quite dynamic, make it what you want it to be…
- Champion a Lake Project
- The only firm requirements are to:
  - attend and contribute to executive meetings, and
  - step in, should the President be unavailable.

LCLCA – Executive Opening Next Year

- Secretary and Communications
  - We will be looking for a Secretary and Communications replacement during the 2027 season
  - If you are interested, let us know
  - Note: Digital Technical Support will be provided for web and email needs

LCLCA Area Directors

Lots	Fire Route	Name
1 to 7 & XO's 1 to 4	55 & 56	Rocky Dundas
8 to 27	55	JP Pawliw
28 to 39	58F	Margaret Adkins
40 to 52	58F	Sue and Ross Murray
53 to 64	58G & 58D	Leslie or Neil Guyatt
65 to 68 & Island	57 & Island	Heather Thornton
69 to 77	57A	Reiner Stimming

- Please refer to cottager list for contact details

Thank you for your support of the Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

LCLCA Cottager List

- Vickie Hartog

- Reduced content
  - Home addresses have been removed
  - Includes: Name, email, phone number, city

- Please check the master attendance list
  - Make updates/corrections on the master attendance list

Label Your Belongings and your Dock

- Vickie Hartog

- Make it easy for items to find their way back….

- Label items that can lose their way
- Label your dock so you are easy to find

Jacquie

LCLCA Treasurer's Report

- Jacquie Cane

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
01-May-25	Balance			3694.65
	Cottage Lake Dues $40		$2,220.00	
	Corn Roast Raffle Donations		$1,435.00	
	Corn Roast Food Sales (163 paid $5)		$ 815.00	
	Interest		$ 0.32	
	NKCC Rental for AGM	$ 340.78		
	NKCC Coffee & Snacks for AGM	$ 206.74		
	FOCA	$ 581.95		
	FOCA Seminars	$ 158.20		
	NORKLA	$ 25.00		
	Regatta Expenses - games	$ 116.73		
	Regatta Expenses - ribbons	$ 254.25		
	Corn Roast Food	$ 879.80		
	Corn Roast Raffle - tickets	$ 42.92		
	Corn Roast Raffle - name tags & sharpies	$ 59.63		
	Fire Pump Lot#21 - box & supplies	$ 520.52		
	Donation to NK Food Bank	$ 1,435.00		
		$ 4,621.52	$4,470.32	$3,543.45

- Does NOT include any 2026 transactions (lake dues, payments)
- 71% of our cottagers paid $40 in 2025 – dropping from 85%
- Net spend $151.20

- Dues 2026: $40.00
- eTransfer jacquie.cane@gmail.com

- This enables us to fund:
  - Regatta
  - Corn Roast
  - Emergency needs
  - Projects
  - FOCA dues
  - Community support
  - Web Site

Life at the Lake

Fire Pump Refresher Demo

- Jacquie Cane

- Date: **Saturday, July 4th**
- Time: **2:00 pm**
- Where: **The Landing**
- Who: **Everyone…**

… interested is seeing how the pump works

and getting comfortable using it

See you there

Paddle Palooza and Food Drive

- Danielle Cane

Saturday July 4th

- **Fly the Flag**
  - Fly the flag on your watercraft as you visit your neighbours
- Drop off **non-perishable food** donations at an exec dock. (for Apsley Food Bank)
- Send photos to info@looncalllake.ca for publication on the web site

Bat Boxes

- Danielle Cane

- Bats are not only an essential part of our lake and forest ecosystem, but in one summer evening, they can eat between 50%-100% of their body weight in mosquitoes!
- "In the spring and summer months, many species of bats roost in crevices in old or dead trees. Sometimes, suitable trees can be hard to find on our local landscape, so installing a bat box is a great way to offer alternative habitat for bats on your property. These boxes are even used as maternity sites, where bat pups are born and spend their early life."

  —Rachel Barrington, Kawartha Land Trust's Partners in Conservation Coordinator

Where do the boxes go? Affixed 10-20 feet above the ground on a building wall or wooden pole, ideally facing the southeast to get at least 6-8 hours of sunlight/day. Bats need lots of space in front of the box to fly in it successfully.

Who to get in touch with? Danielle Cane at canedanielle@gmail.com

When to order? Any time this summer, they are made to order and sold through Bancroft Stewardship Council; ~5 bat boxes will be available at the Paddle Palooza, so get in touch soon to reserve.

Cost? $20 per box

Regatta

- Margi Colquhoun and Jacquie Cane

Saturday August 1st - Noon

- Coordinator: Erin Billinghurst

Suggestions? Let Erin know!
erinbillinghurst@gmail.com

Super Fun Activities

❖ Races ❖ Bean bag toss ❖
❖ Pin head ❖ Hammer and nail ❖
❖ Corn hole ❖ Balloon toss ❖
❖ Canoe races ❖
❖ and much, much more ❖

- Volunteers needed (qualifies for high school volunteer hours)

Corn Roast and Raffle

- Margi Colquhoun and Jacquie Cane

Saturday August 1st - 5:30pm

Corn Roast: Jacquie Cane jacquiecane@gmail.com

- Committee members needed:
  - 2-3 cooks on standby for cooking and serving
  - 2-4 people for cleanup following the event
- 3 Coolers needed – label with name and lot
- Dessert donation specifics:
  - Finger food - hand held – precut - utensil free e.g. Squares, bars, cookies, cupcakes
  - Label containers for easy return

Raffle: Margi Colquhoun

- Do you have items to donate? Contact m.colquhoun@sympatico.ca
- Send a photo to info@looncalllake.ca
- Raffle proceeds in 2026 will be divided equally between the **Food Bank and Community Care**

Wildlife

Snapping Turtles On Loon Call Lake

- Jacquie Cane

- Male wandering on FR57
- Estimated age: 50-60
- New territory and mates
- Near pond

Same Turtle - Next Day

- Jacquie Cane

Call OTCC

- Unknown injury, and still alive
- Call Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre in PTBO
- 705-741-5000 #9
- Deliver it yourself or ask for Turtle Taxi

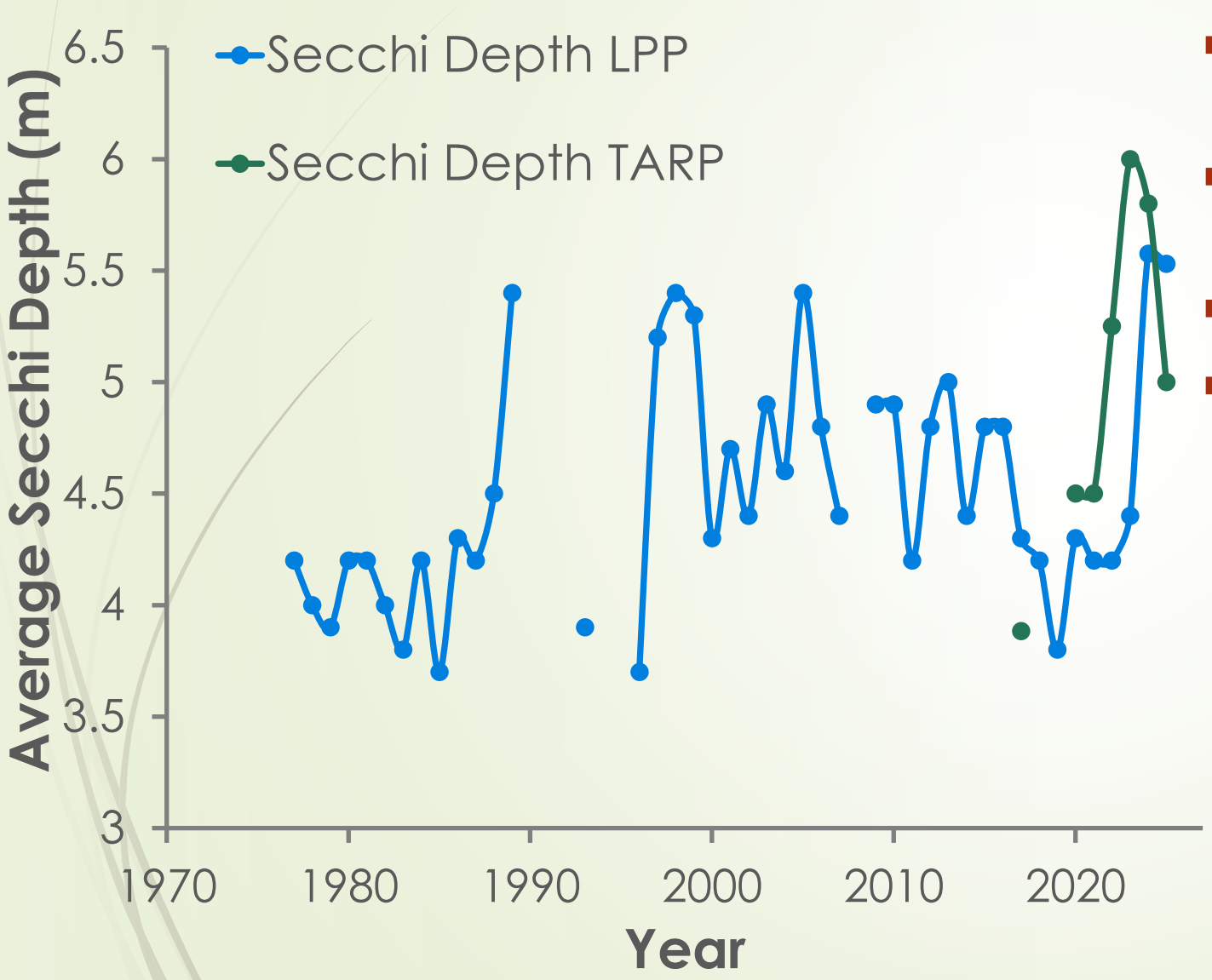
Lake Steward Report

Lake Steward Report

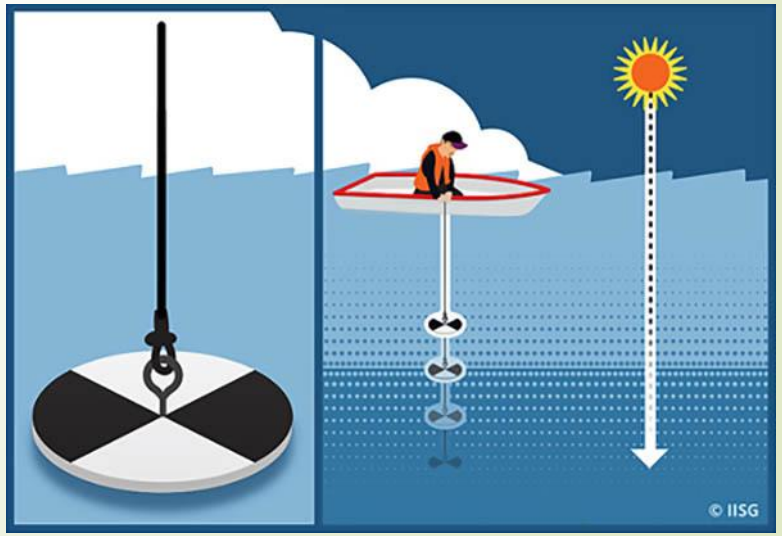
Lake Water parameter monitoring:

- The Lake Partner Program (LPP - run by FOCA and Ontario MECP) has organized monitoring efforts for decades
  - Program funding lapsed in early 2025; Public outcry led to the Ontario government restoring funding in June 2025!
- The 2026 water samples for the Lake Partner Program have been collected for analysis and water clarity measurements have begun
- The Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP) has recently begun conducting more comprehensive lake water constituent analyses
- TARP visits the lake in July or August

Secchi Disk Readings

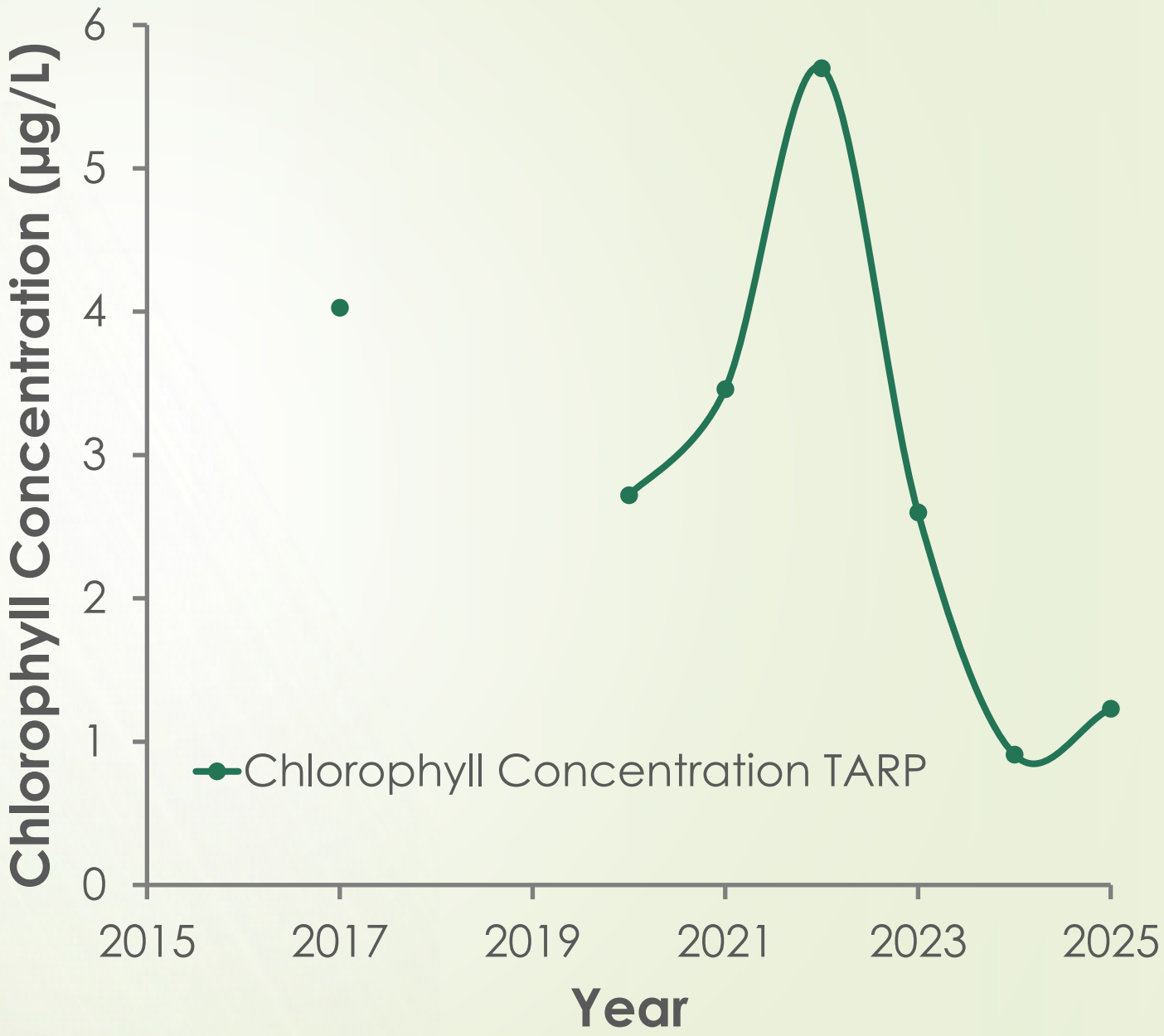


- LPP(FOCA) in **Blue**
  TARP (Trent U) in **Green**
- Secchi Disk measurements are the depth at which the disk is just visible
- Higher values = higher water clarity
- Secchi disk readings do not suggest any water quality issue

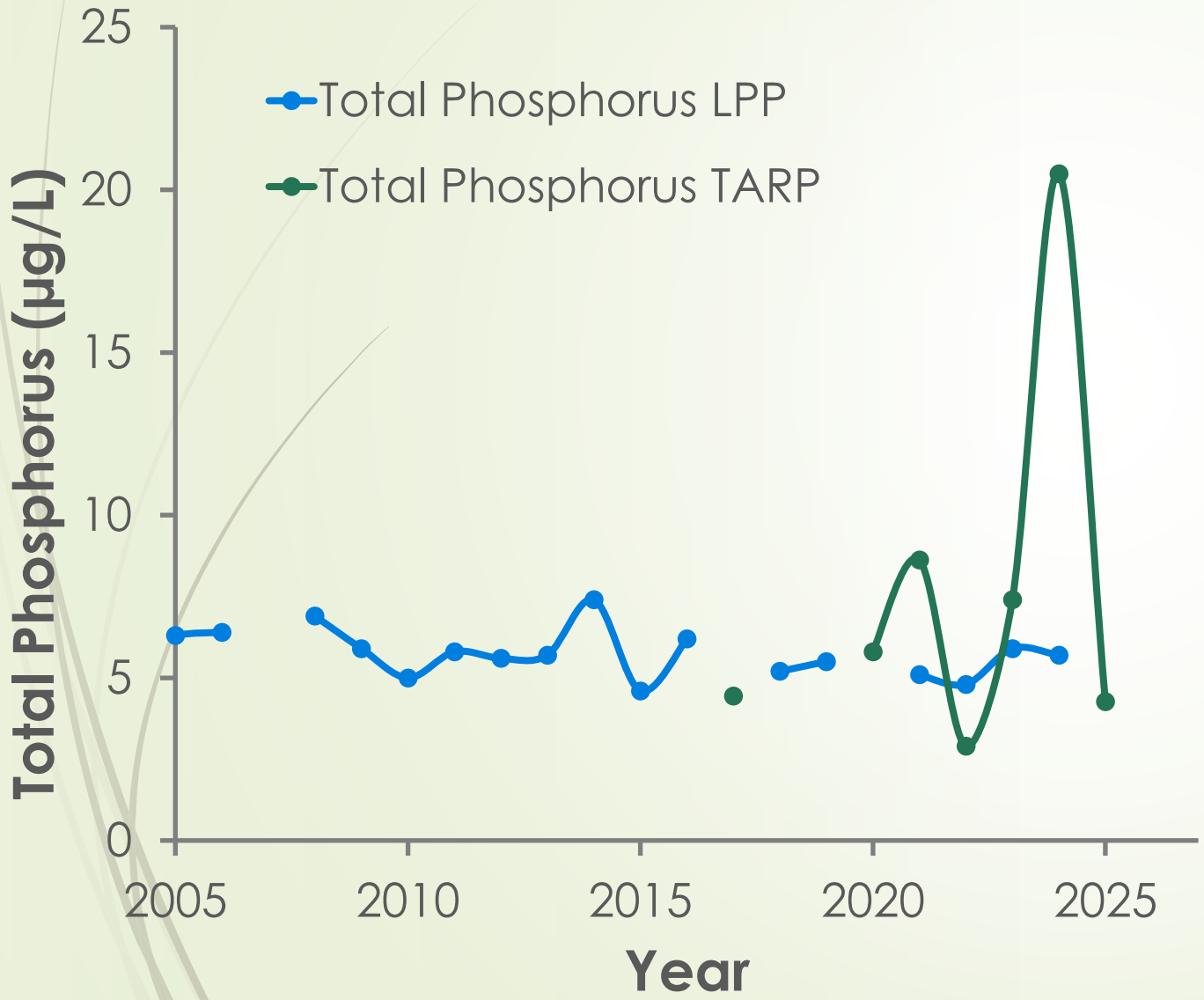


Chlorophyll

- Chlorophyll is the primary pigment for light energy absorption in Photosynthesis
- Chlorophyll serves as a strong proxy for algal biomass
- Like Secchi Disk data, considerable variation between years exists
- Loon Call chlorophyll levels currently not indicative of any water quality problem



Phosphorous



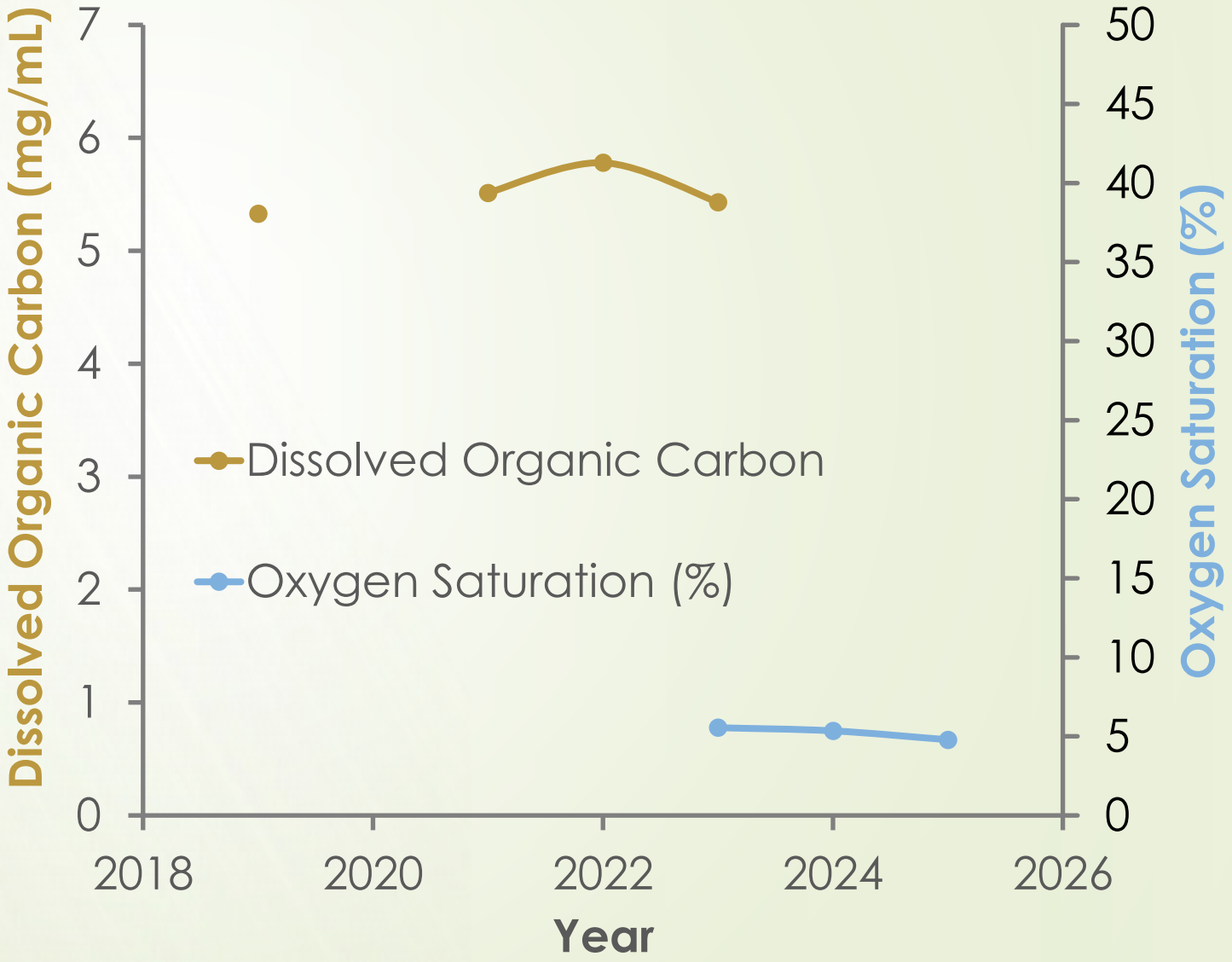
- High Phosphorus levels promote prolific growth of aquatic plants and algae
- Plant growth brings carbon into the lake. When these plants die and sink their carbon is metabolized by bacteria, lowering oxygen levels
- 2025 reading is back within historic range
- While detergents no longer contain phosphate, soap should never be used in the lake

Fertilizers should NEVER be used near LCL!

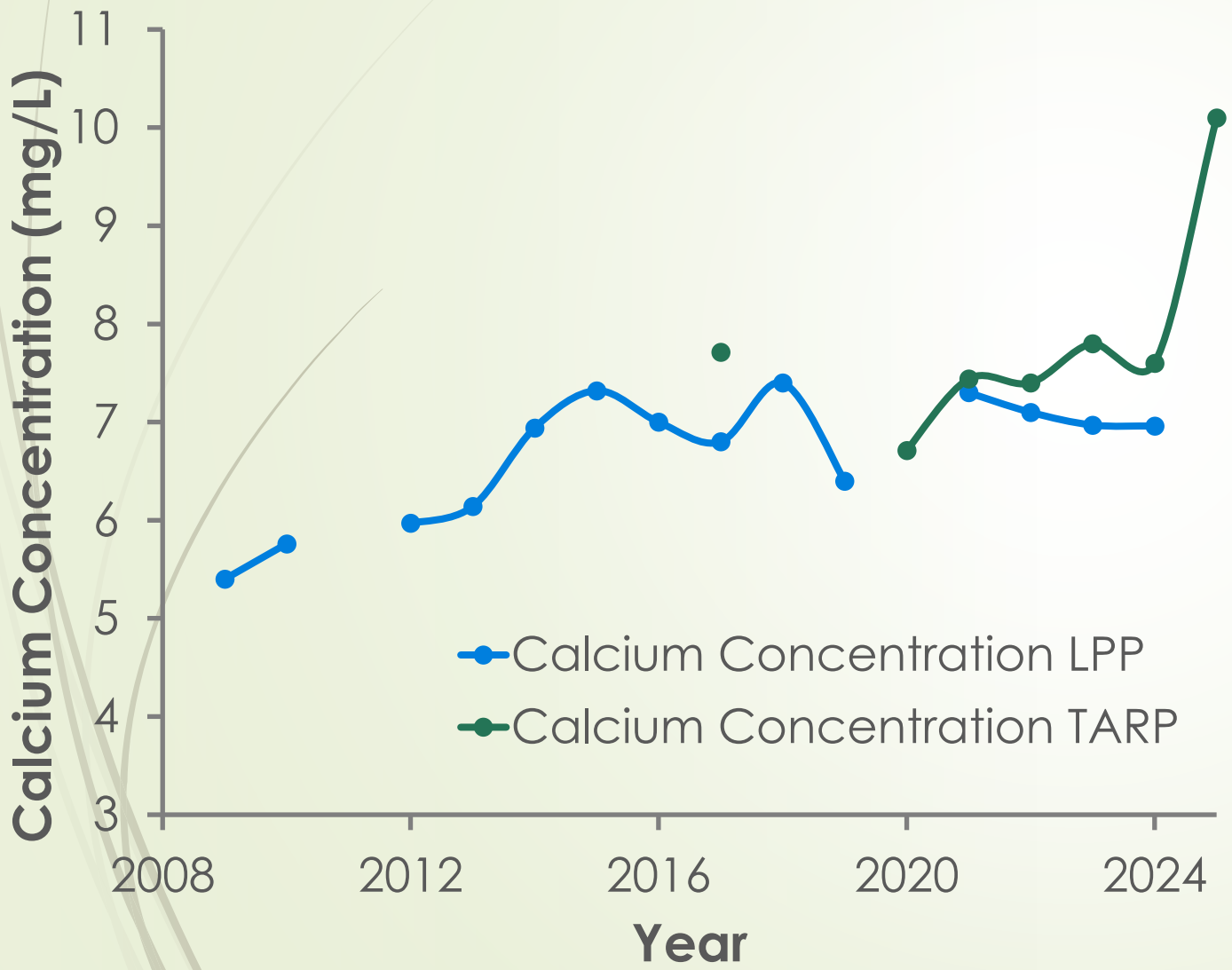
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) and Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

- DOC is stable but high compared to other lakes in the region
- DOC is metabolized by bacteria, which consumes Dissolved Oxygen
- Loon Call has very low DO compared to nearby lakes
- Low DO can limit fish and other aquatic animals (invertebrates)
- Not degrading DO requires preventing an increase in DOC

NEVER dump ANY organic matter in the lake!!

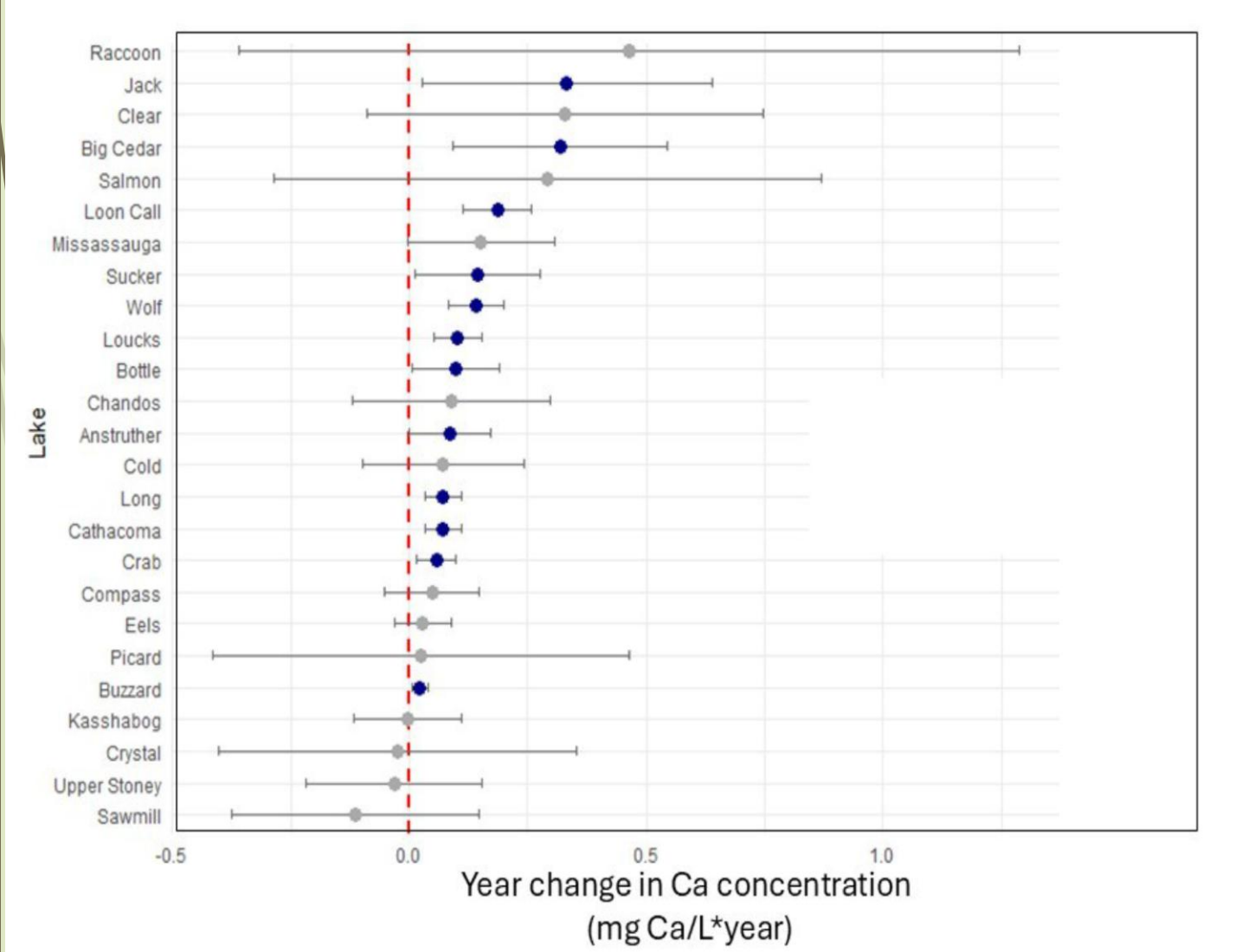


Calcium Ion Concentration



- Calcium is an essential nutrient for every form of life
- Higher Calcium levels can support aquatic invasive species like **Zebra Mussels**
- The cause of the gradual increase in Calcium concentration is currently unknown
- Never add mineral materials to the lake.
  - Placing **uncured concrete** in the lake contravenes the Fisheries Act

Increase in Calcium Ion Concentration



- Along the bottom is the Rate of Increase in Calcium Ions
- Calcium concentration is increasing in most lakes surveyed by TARP
- Source of additional Calcium is currently unknown
- Underscores importance of **not contributing Nutrients to the Lake**

Lake Steward Report

General good practices to maintain water quality:

- Never deposit organic matter (leaves, etc.) in the lake
- Never use fertilizers on your property
- Pump septic tanks regularly
- Never pour unset concrete into the lake
- Maintaining natural shorelines prevents runoff contributing excess nutrients into the lake
  - Add to your shoreline vegetation border!

Please continue to Love and Respect Loon Call Lake!!

Aquatic Invasive Species

Water Soldier: Yet another Aquatic Invasive Species in Ontario

- Brought to Ontario from Eurasia as an ornamental
- Has been found in the Trent river and Lake Simcoe
- Prohibited under the provincial Invasive Species Act
- Leaf edges have sharp spines sharp enough to cut skin

ALWAYS Clean, Drain and Dry watercraft before bringing them to Loon Call, and ensure guests do as well

NEVER bring non-native plants to the Lake

Guest Speaker

Tyler Speck

Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park – Superintendent

Kevin Kemmish

Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park – Park Biologist

ontarioparks.ca/park/kawarthahighlands

- Topics of interest
  - Dam assessment
- Q&A

Guest Speaker

Mayor Carolyn Amyotte

North Kawartha.ca

- Topics of interest
  - Ian Church - Apsley Central Public School Parent Council
- Recent newsletter topics:
  - Municipal Election – Register
  - Short Term Rental
- Subscribe: northkawartha.ca/subscribe
- Q&A

Closing Remarks

LCLCA President

Ian Godfrey