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Section 1

Executive Summary

Background

Sherbrooke Lake, located in Lunenburg County, is a 15-minute drive east of the community of New Germany and a 35-minute drive north of Bridgewater. The lake is home to permanent residents, lakefront cottages, and a summer camp; however, it does not currently have a dedicated space for the general public to enjoy the lake.

For over three decades the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has identified public access to large bodies of water, such as Sherbrooke Lake, as a priority for its recreation network. The Municipality's Council has directed that public access will be developed on Sherbrooke Lake. However, the location and type of access have not yet been determined. Council established the Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee, a volunteer group of residents and cottage owners, to consult with residents and explore options for the type and location of access.

In late 2015 the Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee recommended UPLAND urban planning + design to act as an independent third party for collecting public feedback on Sherbrooke Lake access. Council supported the Committee's recommendation and hired UPLAND.

Methods

The Advisory Committee and consultant team conducted a broad public consultation program to collect public feedback on different types of access to Sherbrooke Lake. This included public open houses in Maplewood, New Ross, and Halifax; a focus group with representatives from different governmental agencies who would be involved in regulation and enforcement for public access; and a public survey.

The project team widely advertised the public consultation for Sherbrooke Lake. Methods included a project webpage, posters placed around the community, a flyer drop, a direct letter to lake property owners, an email list, newspaper ads, and information in municipal newsletters and on municipal websites.

The central component of the public consultation program was the survey. The survey was primarily conducted online, but respondents also had the option of filling out a paper survey or calling in for a phone survey. The survey was open to anyone over the age of 15 who was interested in Sherbrooke Lake. Respondents were only permitted to fill out the survey once, although each member of a household was permitted to complete the survey.

The raw survey results included 1155 individual responses. UPLAND reviewed the raw results to identify data that required follow-up with the survey respondent. Reasons for follow-up included unclear answers, the appearance of multiple submissions from a single individual, multiple submissions from a single computer, as well as random data checks. The data review resulted in the deletion of 107 records, leaving 1048 records for analysis. This level of feedback is, by many accounts, unprecedented for any public consultation conducted by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. It underscores both the level of interest in the topic of public access on Sherbrooke Lake, and the value of conducting such a broad public consultation program.

Consultation Results

The survey results showed three distinct (and almost equally-sized) groups of respondents. These groups were Lake Owners, County Residents, and Everyone Else. UPLAND analyzed the rest of the survey with these group divisions in mind, and many of the results are reported for each group separately.

UPLAND's analysis of respondent demographics shows that, compared to the general population, people aged 55 to 74 are overrepresented; the Aboriginal population is proportionally-represented; people with annual household incomes of \$40,000 to \$49,999 are overrepresented, and those with an income of \$10,000 to \$29,999 are underrepresented; and males are

overrepresented.

The survey results indicate that there is indeed interest in using public access on Sherbrooke Lake, with 59 percent of respondents indicating interest. The majority (89 percent) of respondents who are interested in using a public access on Sherbrooke Lake do not already have access to the lake.

Activities that were of particular interest to respondents included swimming, non-motorized boating, hiking/walking, fishing (both from a boat and the shore), picnicking, and nature appreciation. The facilities needed to support these activities were reasonably well-supported among respondents, or at the very least, were not particularly controversial. The exception to this are washrooms and facilities that would allow for fishing; both shoreline fishing spots and a boat launch were controversial features that require some thought from the Advisory Committee and Council and additional analysis before they are implemented (or not).

If a boat launch is included in the public space, the survey results indicate that a design that accommodates boats of up to 16 feet in length would accommodate approximately two-thirds of the 208 respondents who indicated a desire to use a motorboat or sailboat on Sherbrooke Lake. The upper end of boat size that these respondents wanted to use was 24 feet for motorboats, and 30 feet for sailboats. However, the survey results indicate that boat motor size is not strongly correlated to boat length, so attempting to control motor size by controlling boat length is not likely to be effective.

According to the majority of respondents, the public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be accessible to those in wheel chairs or with other mobility challenges. The majority of respondents also felt the space should be open to dogs, but only if they were on a leash; however, approximately one third of respondents felt the public space should not permit dogs at all. The survey results indicate that a public space should have restricted hours of operation, with an 8am opening time and an 8pm or 9pm closing time.

Many respondents, particularly Lake Owners, indicated a concern about the risk of disturbance, theft, littering, or vandalism if a public space is opened on Sherbrooke Lake. The public space should include design and operational measures to limit the risk of negative activities. In particular, garbage and recycling bins (with a regular maintenance schedule), signage, and a strong locking gate should all be considered priorities.

A common theme in the open houses, in questions about objectives, and in the open-ended questions was that the natural environment of Sherbrooke Lake—and its continued health—is very important to respondents. Any public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be respectful of the natural environment and be designed to enhance it, rather than harm it.

Some respondents provided input to the open-ended questions that included, among other topics, discussions of appropriate scale of access, a desire to see no access at all, the need for public access for people who cannot or do not want to own lake property, examples of good or bad public access, the cost of access, commentary on the survey and consultation process, and discussions of the suitability of specific sites around the lake for access.

Open Space Concepts

UPLAND used the results of the survey to establish three guiding principles for public access on Sherbrooke Lake and to produce four different design concepts for how public access could be developed. The guiding principles are that public access should have an environmental focus; should be safe, clean, and secure; and should be accessible for all.

The four design concepts range from minimal intervention to full build-out. These concepts include Class D cost estimates.

The four design concepts and the cost estimates are not attached to any specific location on the lake, but are instead there to help guide the conversation on the scale of public access, and to help the Advisory Committee identify its needs when searching for locations to develop the public access. Class D costing is a very rough level of estimate that provides a “ballpark” figure for discussing potential development. Once a specific location has been identified and more detailed designs are drawn, the cost estimating can be made more accurate.



Introduction

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For over three decades the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg [“the Municipality”] has identified public access to large bodies of water as a priority for its recreation network.

In 2003 the Municipality developed and adopted its *Open Space Strategic Plan*. The plan formalized a variety of priorities for acquiring and developing open space recreational land. Public access to Sherbrooke Lake was identified as a priority.

In 2010 the Municipality reviewed and updated the *Open Space Strategic Plan* to reflect the completion of some projects and to ensure the original priorities were still applicable. The Plan placed access to Sherbrooke Lake as one of the Municipality's top five open space priorities.

The Municipality's Council has directed that public access will be developed on Sherbrooke Lake. However, the location and type of access have not yet been determined. Council established the Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee [“the Committee”] to explore options for the type and location of access. More specifically, the Committee's role is to provide broad based community advice to the Municipality, provide options available for establishing public access to Sherbrooke Lake, and to engage the public using various methods to ensure community input throughout the process of determining public access to Sherbrooke Lake.

The Committee is made up of ten volunteers who were appointed by Council. The volunteers were drawn from permanent lake residents, cottage owners, and residents of the larger community. The Committee includes volunteer residents from both the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Chester. Municipal staff act as a resource to the Committee assisting them in fulfilling their mandate, roles, and responsibilities.

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This report lays out what we heard.



Sherbrooke Lake



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Public Access Consultations

We need your help! The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is exploring different options for developing public access on Sherbrooke Lake.

The Committee undertook a significant effort to advertise the Sherbrooke Lake public consultations to both residents of Lunenburg County and people outside of Lunenburg County who might still have an interest in Sherbrooke Lake. These media and awareness efforts included:

Project Webpage

The Sherbrooke Lake access project was established on its own webpage within the District of Lunenburg (www.modl.ca) website. This page included background information on the project, information about upcoming engagement events, and minutes and agendas for Committee meetings.

Poster

UPLAND produced a poster advertising the online survey and public open houses. The Committee distributed these posters throughout the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Chester at places such as community halls and local coffee shops.

Flyer Drop

The Committee also contracted Canada Post to deliver the poster to mailboxes in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Chester.

Direct Mail

Many of the properties around Sherbrooke Lake are cottages, and many of these are owned by people living outside of Lunenburg County, who may not have been reached by the other, more local media and awareness efforts in the winter (*i.e.* not cottaging) season. To address this concern, the Committee mailed a letter directly to all Sherbrooke Lake owners to notify them of the public consultation efforts, particularly the online survey.

Email List

The Municipality reached out to road associations around Sherbrooke Lake. Associations who provided contact information were kept up-to-date on consultation events through email notifications.

Newspaper

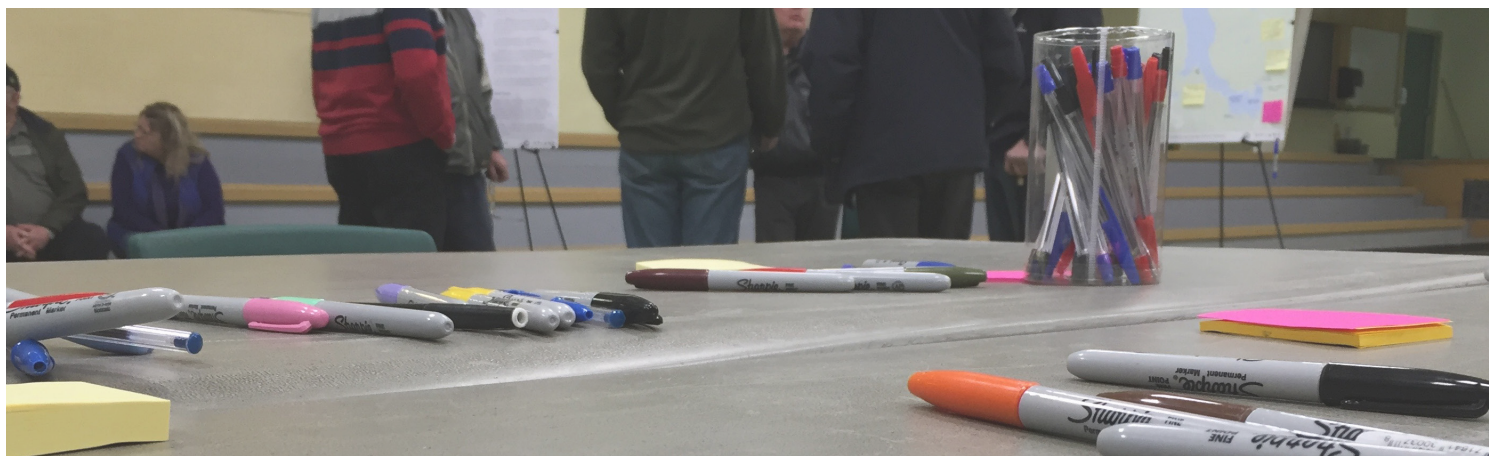
The Municipality advertised the survey and open houses through advertisements in the local Lighthouse Now newspaper.

Municipal Media

The Municipality and the Municipality of the District of Chester both placed notices on their municipal websites. The Municipality of the District of Chester also provided information about the project in their municipal newsletter. The local Councillor for the New Ross area advertised the project in the New Ross Flyer.

Section 4

Consultation Events



4.1 Open Houses

UPLAND and the Committee hosted three public open houses for the Sherbrooke Lake access project in February of 2016. These open houses were held in Maplewood, New Ross, and Halifax. The open houses included a series of panel displays with information on the project, as well as a series of questions about access with an opportunity to provide feedback on sticky notes. The open houses were a drop-in format, where visitors could view information at their own pace and have face-to-face conversations with the Committee and UPLAND.

The open houses were well attended, with 100+ visitors to the Halifax venue, 60+ visitors to Maplewood, and 15 visitors in New Ross.

The open house discussions and feedback provided on the display panels mirror, in many ways, the feedback and themes that came through in the survey. For these themes we direct the reader to the survey results later in this report because the survey illustrates the actual number of people who held each opinion better than if they were summarized here. However, there were a few topics of discussion at the open houses that UPLAND believes were not necessarily captured well by the survey, and are best highlighted here:

- A few attendees mentioned that they were not against public access, *per se*, but did not want to see the public space accessed through a private road. They were worried about the additional traffic, damage to the road (which they and their neighbours maintain), and the risk of theft if outside vehicles could easily access their land.
- While not directly tied to public access, some of the attendees discussed overall stewardship of the lake, the need for a formalized lake water quality monitoring program with support from the Municipality, and the need for research into the carrying capacity of the lake and the pressures that different forms of development place on the lake ecosystem.
- Some attendees used the provided maps to identify specific locations where they know of wildlife (eagle, loon, turtle, spring peeper) habitat.
- A few cottage owners were concerned that they own land in the municipality and pay taxes, yet they are not eligible to vote in Council elections.
- Some attendees questioned why the municipality would spend money on creating public access on Sherbrooke Lake and alluded to other needs they thought should be prioritized instead.
- Some attendees emphasized that the lake itself is a public resource and should not be restricted to private access.

4.2 Focus Group

On March 23, 2016, UPLAND facilitated a focus group discussion attended by representatives from the RCMP, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture, Nova Scotia Environment and the NS Department of Natural Resources. The agencies provided substantial and useful insight on the following topics during the 90-minute meeting:

Water quality

By and large, the water quality in lakes across Nova Scotia has been consistent over the last 100 years. The last water quality report done for Sherbrooke Lake by the NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture dates back to 1993 and the water was of very good quality. The department usually samples 8-10 lakes in Nova Scotia every year. The department has very limited money for monitoring water quality. If, however, a lake hasn't been sampled in over 10 years, it is likely that a request for sampling can be accommodated. Nova Scotia Environment has no budget for routine monitoring of water quality.

According to the Nova Scotia Environment representative, algae bloom are generally not impacted or increased by boating volumes. Lakeside development is a much bigger concern for water quality due to the nutrient load from failing septic systems, fertilizers, and grey water disposal. Transmitting algae from one lake to another via boat "contamination" is not a concern because algae transfer is not possible. It is the conditions of a specific lake that cause algae growth. A full algae bloom on Sherbrooke Lake is unlikely because of the low water temperature and the depth of the lake.

Fishing, Wildlife and Flora

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (a federal department) only mandate on lakes is to monitor fishing bag limits. Fishing licenses are given out by the Province. Under the *Nova Scotia Angling Act*, currently "any resident of the Province has the right to go on foot along the banks of any river, stream or lake, upon and across any uncultivated lands and Crown lands for the purpose of lawfully fishing with rod and line in such rivers, streams or lakes." (*An Act Respecting the Rights of Fishing in Nova Scotia, Section 3(1)*). There are only relatively few sport fishing access points across Nova Scotia. Typically, a central boat launch reduces the potential for conflict between landowners and boaters because fewer people use random sites. The NS Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture considers the environmental footprint of one central boat launch to be smaller than those of many small launch points.

Invasive fish species emerged in Sherbrooke Lake in 1997 (bass) and 2000 (pickerel). Once invasive species have been introduced to a lake, there is nothing that can be done to eliminate them. The NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture used to stock fry but does not do so anymore. Anecdotal information by anglers and locals is considered by the Department as very useful information in assessing fish trends.

Bass fishing tournaments need a permit from the NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture. The permitting process is an opportunity to place certain conditions on how a tournament is run. According to the representative, bass fishers typically "race" to a fishing spot at the beginning of a tournament and then remain in one location all day. There are usually no issues with lake residents unless the one-off fisher comes too close to a private wharf or gets in the way of a lake resident angler.

Nova Scotia does not have regulations limiting the type and size of boats on a lake. There are however speed limits that can be imposed. Limiting the boat size on a lake could be achieved through the design of the boat launch. The bathymetry of a lake also puts limits on boat types. Recreational fishing is typically done with 14-18 foot boats. According to the NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture representative, wake action from boats has, by and large, no more impact on shorelines than the naturally occurring waves on a lake the size of Sherbrooke Lake. Personal watercraft (Skidoos, etc.) do not create larger waves than motorboats, but the noise they make is often considered a nuisance. Personal watercraft are already being used occasionally on Sherbrooke Lake.

There are no known invasive plant species along Sherbrooke Lake. Species-specific questions regarding wildlife should be addressed to the NS Department of Natural Resources office in Kentville. Lake residents' observations about declining numbers of frogs and turtles are likely connected to and caused by the pickerel population in Sherbrooke Lake.

Public Safety

By and large, the RCMP representative would expect that with new public access to Sherbrooke Lake, call volumes from residents will go up during the summer. The RCMP also handles calls about overdue canoeists and boaters. They have a boat suitable to patrol Sherbrooke Lake. Generally, controlled access, lighting and signage are expected to discourage vandalism. The RCMP also emphasizes the success of citizen patrol groups and community watch signage.

Open Space Design

If public access to Sherbrooke Lake was to be developed, the NS Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture would like to be involved in the draft design process. The department also offered to give municipal staff a tour of comparable facilities on other lakes in Nova Scotia. Small financial contributions may be available through the Nova Scotia Sportfish Habitat Fund. Fishing typically starts 2 hours before dawn and ends 2 hours after dusk. During that time any boat ramps should be accessible. The fishing season ends on October 31.

The representative from the NS Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture considered Aylesford Lake in Kings County as a successful example that the Municipality should study.

There are currently no known boat launch protocols in Nova Scotia. Creating public access to Sherbrooke Lake could be an opportunity for the Municipality to create the first boat launch protocol in the province.

Slope and characteristics of substrate are the most important factors in determining suitable sites for boat launches. Leeward and sheltered shores are preferable. The flushing system of a particular lake portion is not considered to impact the water quality with respect to the location of a boat launch. Nova Scotia Environment would be pleased to assist in ground-truthing potential access points. They can also help determining which permits are needed for a specific site as this might impact the timeline and capital budget for implementation.

When choosing a site for public access, the Municipality should not only consider current user needs but also think about the long-term use. The design of the site offers an opportunity to set a high standard for the province.

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Section 5

Survey



A central component of the Committee's public engagement efforts was the *Sherbrooke Lake Access Survey*. UPLAND conducted this survey from January 25 to February 28, 2016.

5.1 Method

UPLAND produced the *Sherbrooke Lake Access Survey* with a series of questions designed to gain an understanding of what kind of access respondents believe should be provided on Sherbrooke Lake. A copy of the survey is attached to this report as Appendix C.

The survey was open to anyone aged 15 or older who was interested in the topic of Sherbrooke Lake access, and was not limited to just residents of Lunenburg County.

The survey was primarily conducted as a self-selecting, online survey. UPLAND utilized the SimpleSurvey platform to conduct the online version of the survey. This platform hosts its data on Canadian servers. UPLAND designed the survey to use branching logic to serve only those questions applicable to the respondent based on previous question answers.

Due to concerns that some potential respondents may lack internet access, UPLAND also designed a paper copy of the survey. Paper copies were made available at the Municipality's offices, as well as at the open houses. The survey team numbered each copy of the survey that was given out in order to deter photocopying of the survey and to track the number of paper surveys released. The survey instructions told respondents to return the survey directly to UPLAND, rather than to the Municipality. UPLAND staff manually entered the received paper surveys into the online survey platform. UPLAND received a total of 71 completed paper surveys.

UPLAND also offered an option for a phone survey if respondents had physical challenges filling out the online or paper survey. UPLAND conducted 4 phone surveys.

The raw survey results included 1155 individual responses. UPLAND reviewed the raw results to identify data that required follow-up with the survey respondent. Reasons for follow-up included unclear answers, the appearance of multiple submissions from a single individual, multiple submissions from a single computer, as well as random data checks. In most cases the data were confirmed to be accurate and within the rules of the survey (*i.e.* one submission per individual). However, some submissions were confirmed for deletion; in most cases these were simply cases where an individual had started the survey but did not finish it, and then came back at a later date and started a new survey rather than continuing

the partially-completed survey. The data review resulted in the deletion of 107 records, leaving 1048 records for analysis.

Following the completion of UPLAND's role in the Sherbrooke Lake project, UPLAND deleted all identifying personal information (IP address, first name, phone number, aboriginal status) from all instances of the survey results.

5.2 Limitations

1. The Sherbrooke Lake Access Survey was a self-selecting survey. The survey was open to all people interested in filling it out, rather than controlled to ensure respondents represented a statistically-representative segment of the general population. This means that the results of the survey only represent the opinions of the people who responded to the survey, and cannot be generalized to say anything about the opinions of a bigger population (*e.g.* all lake owners, all people in Lunenburg County, *etc.*).

5.3 Survey Results

Location

UPLAND located respondents based on their postal code forward sortation area (the first three digits) or the respondent's description of their location. This method is a higher-level approach to location that avoids the risk of identifying the exact street on which a respondent lives.

The geolocation of respondents highlighted three distinct (and almost equally-sized) groups:

Lake Owners

343 Respondents

Respondents who reported owning land on Sherbrooke Lake. The Sherbrooke Lake land did not need to be the respondent's primary address.

County Residents

353 Respondents

Respondents who have their primary address in Lunenburg County but who did not report owning land on Sherbrooke Lake.

Everyone Else

352 Respondents

Anyone not included in the first two groups

Further analysis indicated that answers to the other survey questions were often different from one group to the next. For this reason, and for its usefulness in making policy decisions, UPLAND analyzed the rest of the survey with these group divisions in mind, and many of the following results are reported for each group separately.

Demographics

UPLAND compared the results of the demographic questions on the survey to Statistics Canada 2011 census data to better understand who the survey had reached (Figures 1, 2, & 3). This analysis was only conducted for respondents with their primary residence in Lunenburg County, because this was the only population of respondents that had a defined boundary to align with Statistics Canada census boundaries.

The demographic comparison indicates that within the residents of Lunenburg County who completed the survey:

- People aged 55 to 74 are overrepresented, with other age groups underrepresented. Youth, young adults, and seniors aged 80+ are particularly underrepresented.
- The Aboriginal population is proportionally-represented.
- Many household income brackets are reasonably well represented. The exceptions are those with an income of \$40,000 to \$49,999 (overrepresented) and those with an income of \$10,000 to \$29,999 (underrepresented).
- Males are overrepresented and females are underrepresented.

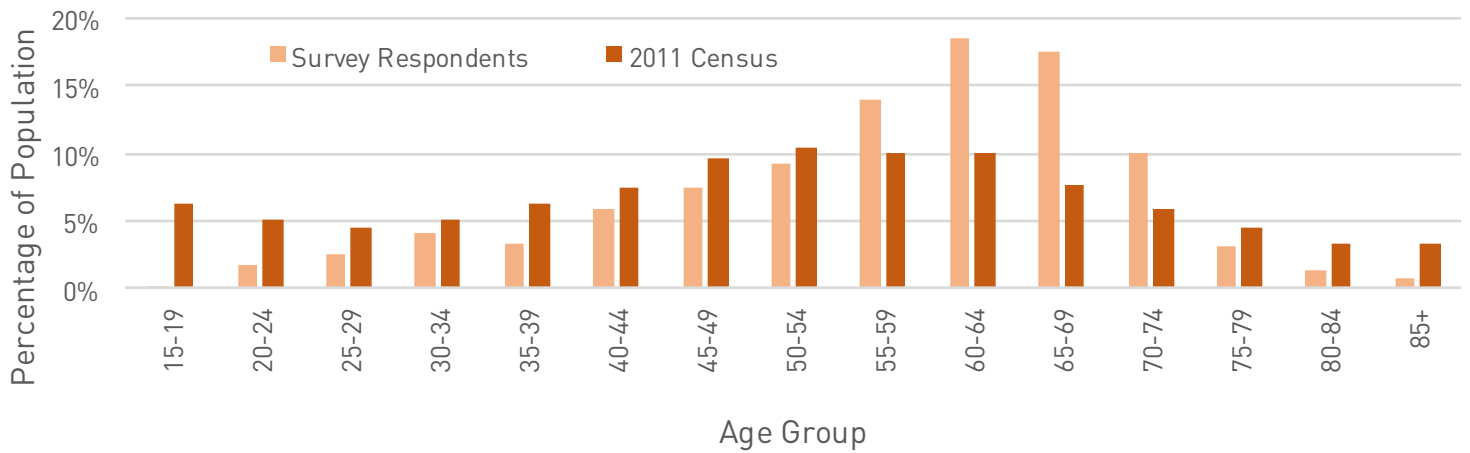


Figure 1: The age group of survey respondents from Lunenburg County compared to 2011 census counts of age for all residents of Lunenburg County

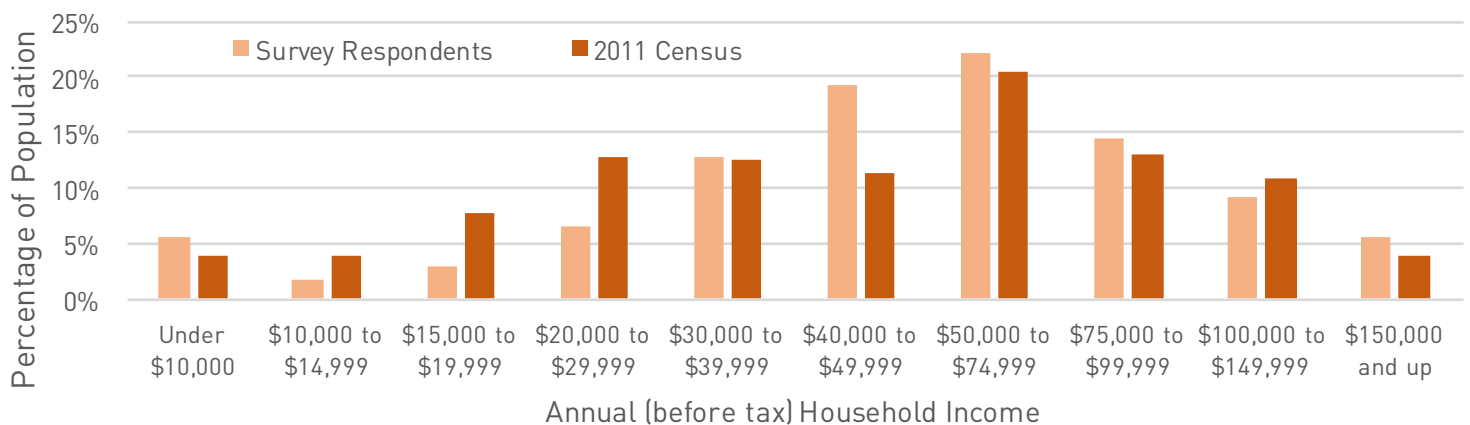


Figure 2: The annual household income of survey respondents from Lunenburg County compared to 2011 census counts of household income for all residents of Lunenburg County

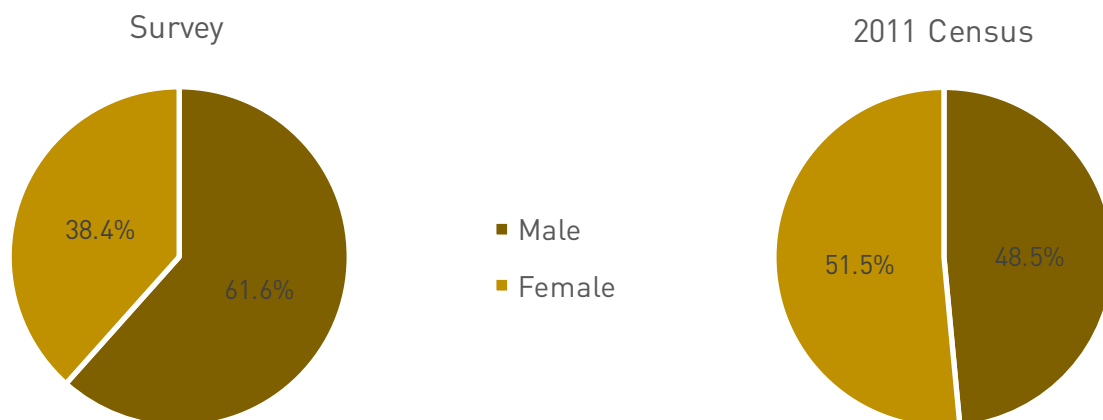


Figure 3: The biological sex of survey respondents from Lunenburg County compared to 2011 census counts of biological sex for all residents of Lunenburg County

Current Access to Sherbrooke Lake

Figure 4 displays the level of access respondents currently have to Sherbrooke Lake. Most respondents who identified as Lake Owners currently have some form of access to the lake itself, in most cases by owning waterfront property. The large majority of non-owner County Residents report not currently having any form of access to the lake. Among Everyone Else, 70 percent of respondents do not currently have access to Sherbrooke Lake.

Do you currently have access to Sherbrooke Lake?

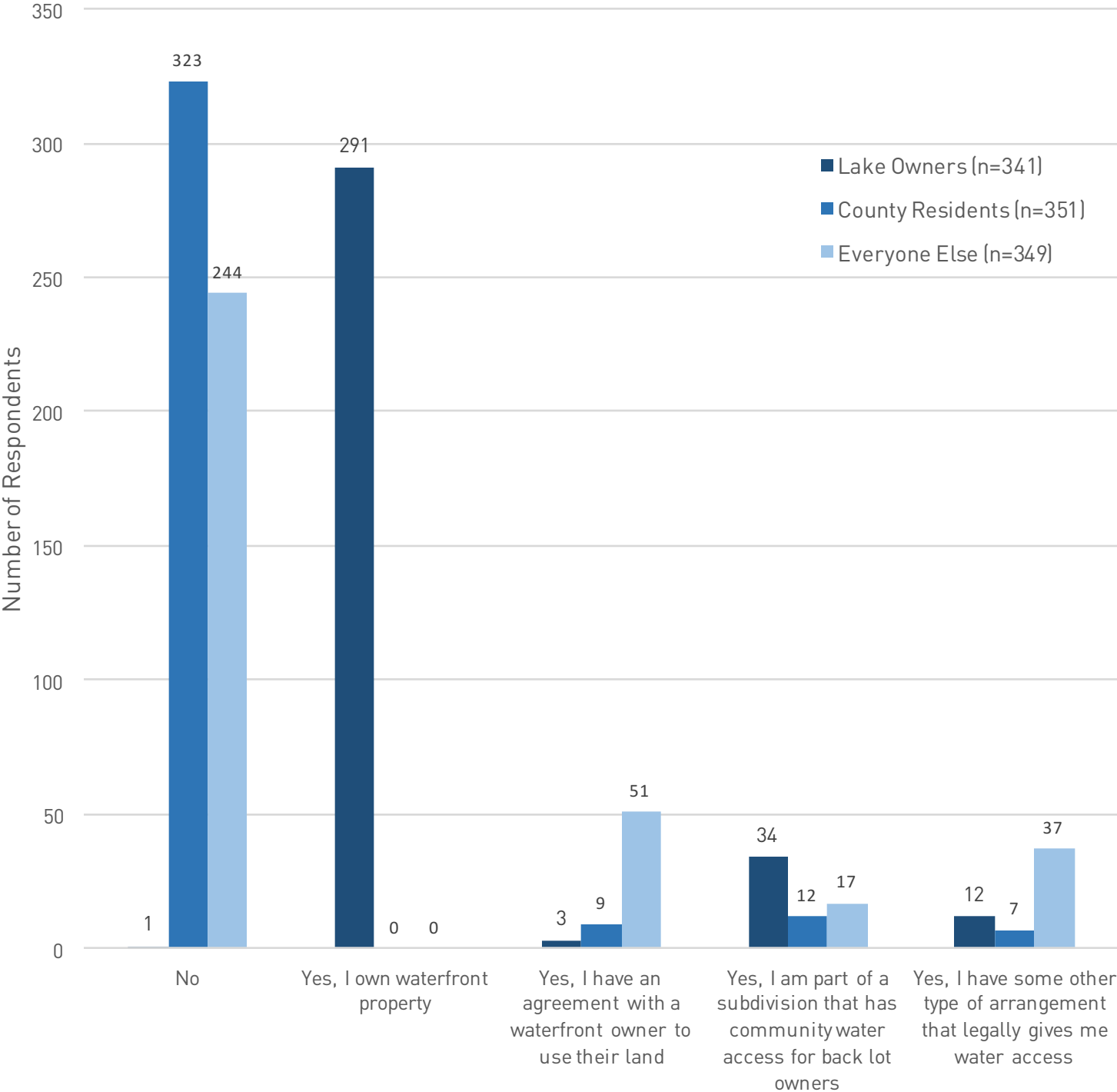


Figure 4: Respondents’ current level of access to Sherbrooke Lake

Consider Using Access

When asked if they would consider using a public space on Sherbrooke Lake, if it was available, 59 percent of respondents indicated, “yes” (Figure 5). Within the group of respondents who answered, “no”, 89 percent already have access to Sherbrooke Lake.

Other reasons given for not wanting to use a public space on Sherbrooke Lake fell into the following categories:

- Adequate access to other recreation areas
- The lake is too far away from the respondent
- Belief that the public space would be too crowded or otherwise undesirable
- Do not want to impact the lake
- Do not want to impact current lake owners
- Do not participate in lake activities

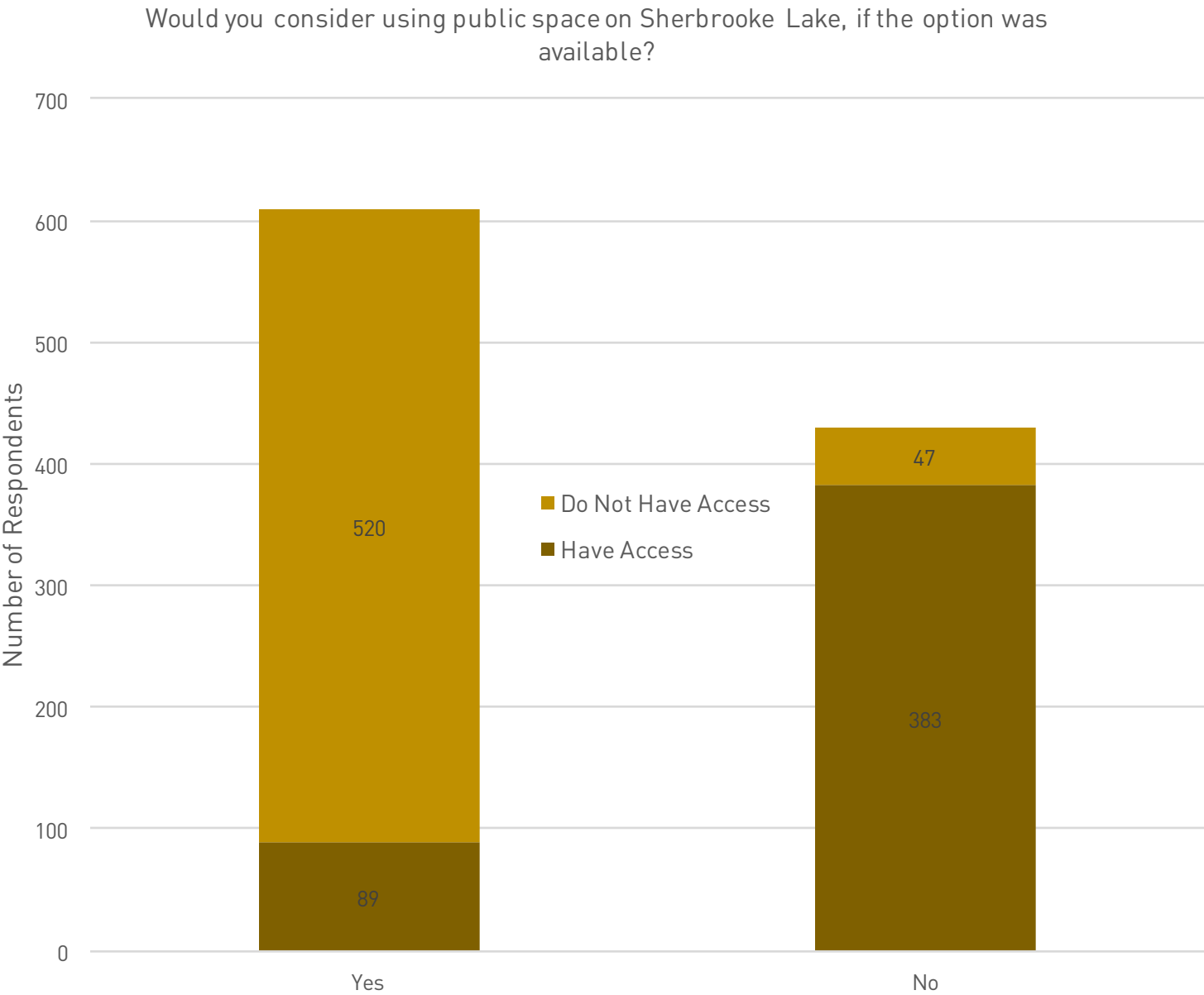


Figure 5: Respondents’ interest in using a public space on Sherbrooke Lake

Desired Activities

The survey asked respondents who were interested in using a public space on Sherbrooke Lake about what types of activities they would want to do in the public space. Very popular activities include swimming, non-motorized boating, hiking/ walking, fishing, fishing (both from a boat and the shore), picnicking, and nature appreciation (Figure 6).

Other activities that respondents suggested included:

- Cycling
- Ultralight float plane access
- Foraging
- Ice fishing
- Playing on a playground
- Snowmobiling
- Playing tennis, soccer, basketball, and other sports
- Access for remote control vehicles
- Campfires

What kinds of activities would you, personally, want to use the public space for?

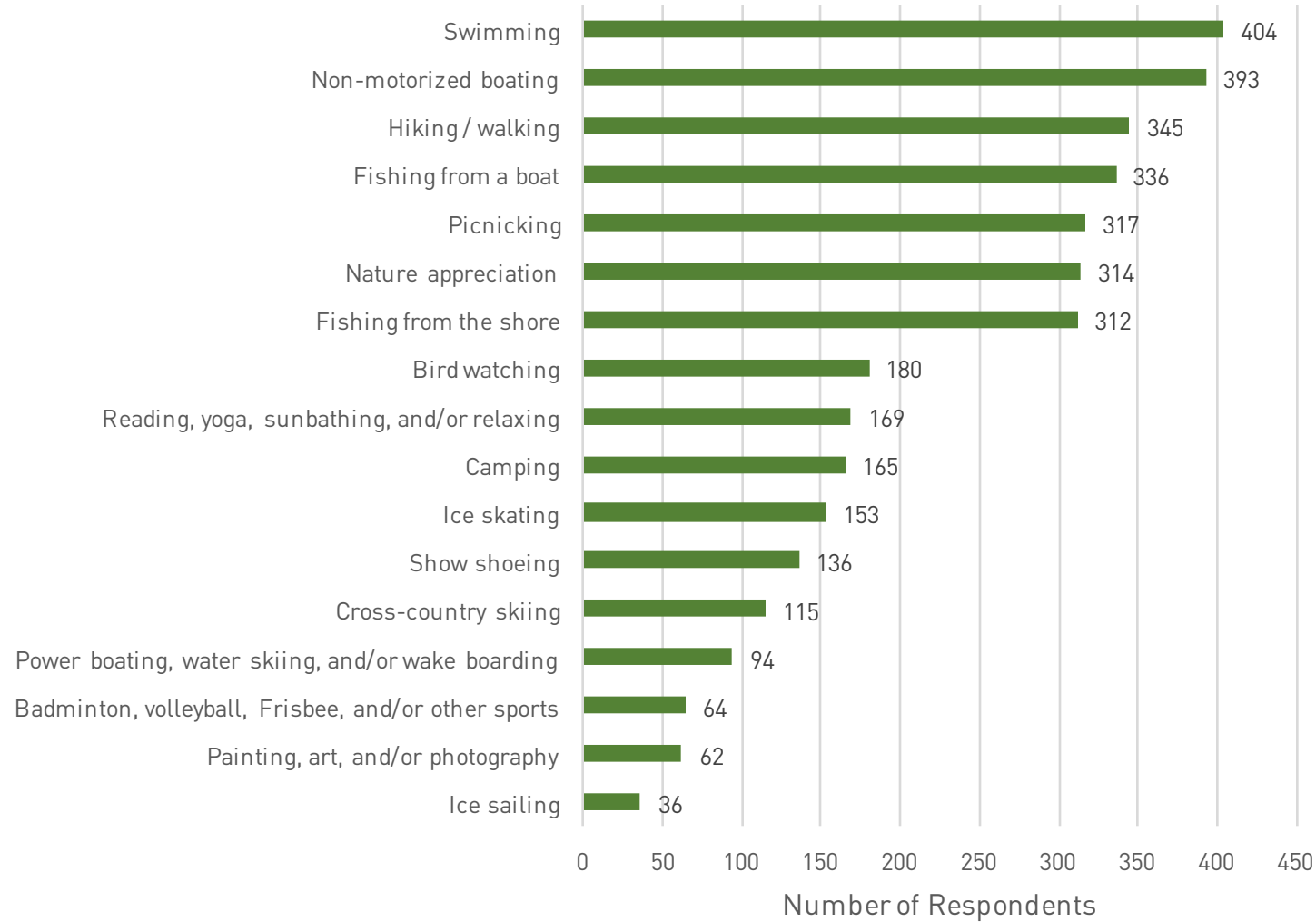


Figure 6: Types of activities respondents would want to do in a public space on Sherbrooke Lake

Seasons

The survey also asked potential public space users the seasons in which they would want to use the space. Respondents identified summer as the most desirable season; however, respondents were also very interested in spring and fall, and there was even some interest in winter use (Figure 7).

When reviewing the results by group (Figure 8), only about 55 percent of Lake Owners would use the public space in spring and fall, while approximately 78 percent on non-owners would use the public space in those seasons. Proportional interest in the space for the summer and winter seasons was almost identical between those two groups.

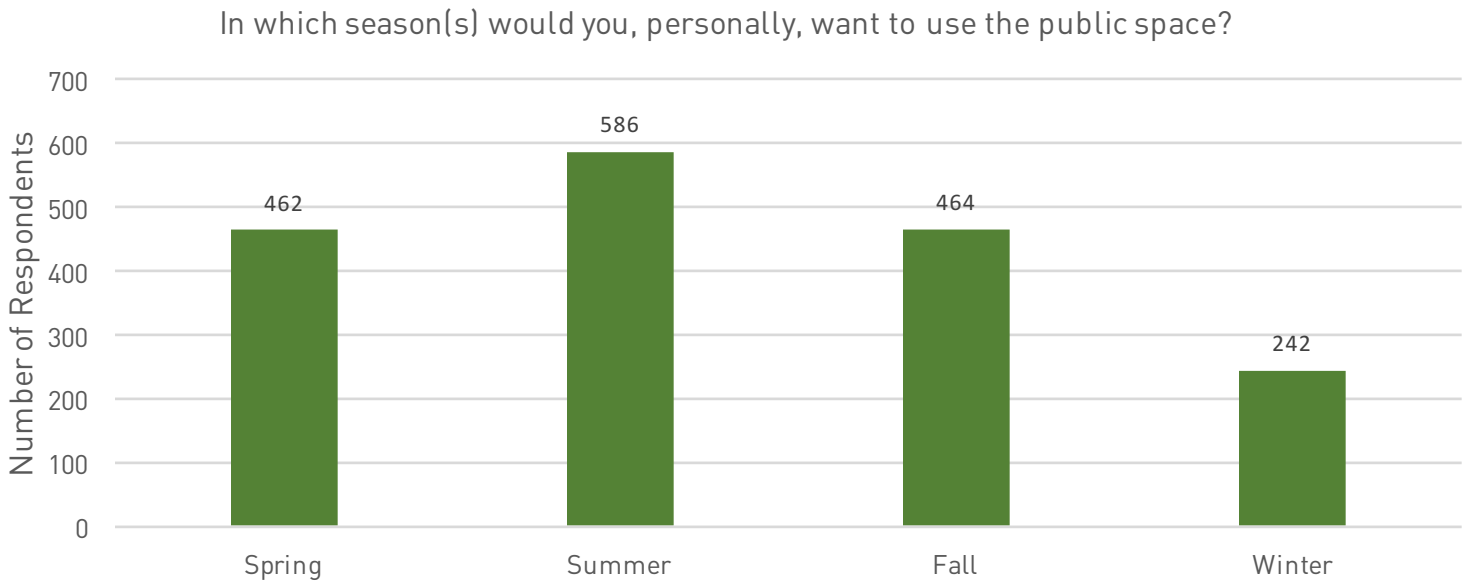


Figure 7: Total number of respondents who would want to use a public space on Sherbrooke Lake, by season

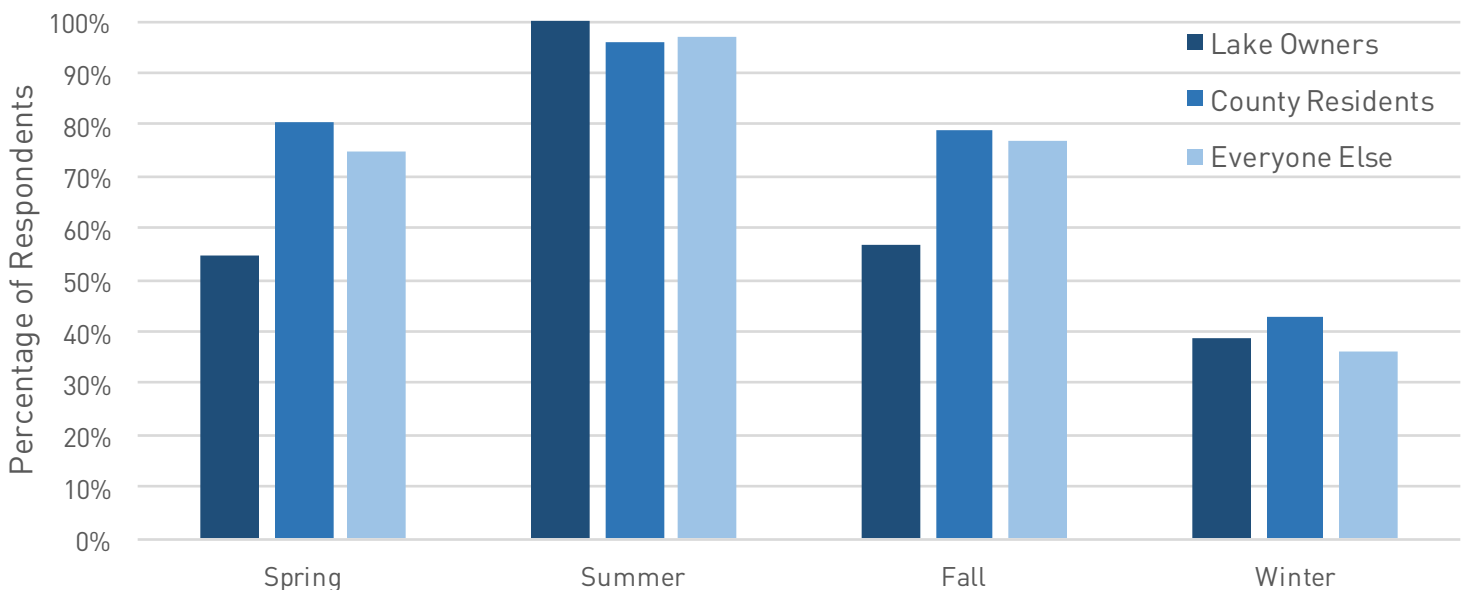


Figure 8: Percentage of respondents who would want to use a public space on Sherbrooke Lake, by season. Percentages total to more than 100 percent because respondents could indicate interest in more than one season

Boat Size

The survey asked the respondents who were interested in using a public space what (if any) would be the largest size of boat they would want to use. The highest desire for watercraft use is for canoes or kayaks, followed by motorboats (Figure 9).

Respondents who indicated they wanted to use a motorboat or sailboat were then asked to provide a specific length for the boat they would want to use. The online version of the survey initially had a small error that directed all respondents to this question, even if they indicated they did not want to use public space on Sherbrooke Lake. UPLAND quickly corrected this issue, but not before some respondents had mistakenly filled out this question. In these cases, UPLAND removed the responses (to this question only) from the analysis.

Figure 10 shows the results for the 208 respondents who provided the length of their boat. Two extreme outlying responses—100’ and 162’—are not plotted on Figure 10. If Council does decide to develop a boat launch, approximately two-thirds of the 208 respondents could be accommodated with a launch for boats that are 16’ and shorter. The upper end (ignoring the extreme outliers) for respondents’ motorboat size was 24’, and 30’ for sailboats.

Figure 11 displays a plot of desired motorboat motor size (in horsepower) compared to the respondent’s desired boat size (in feet). While motor size does tend to increase with boat length, the correlation is somewhat weak ($R^2 = 0.48$), and shorter boats could still have larger motors. This suggests that any effort to use the design of a boat launch to limit boat length in an effort to indirectly limit motor size would only be mildly effective.

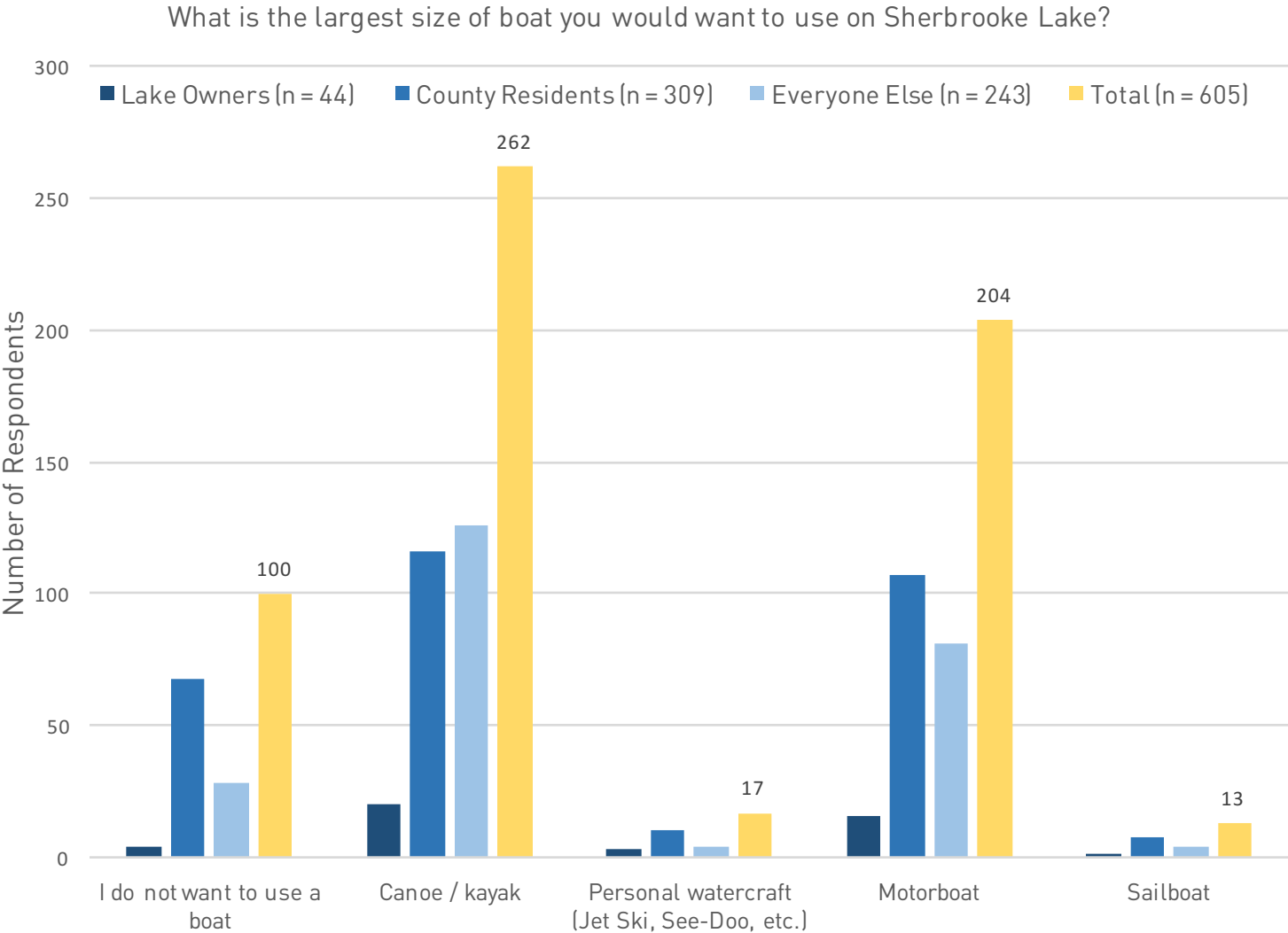


Figure 9: Largest boat size respondents would want to use on Sherbrooke Lake

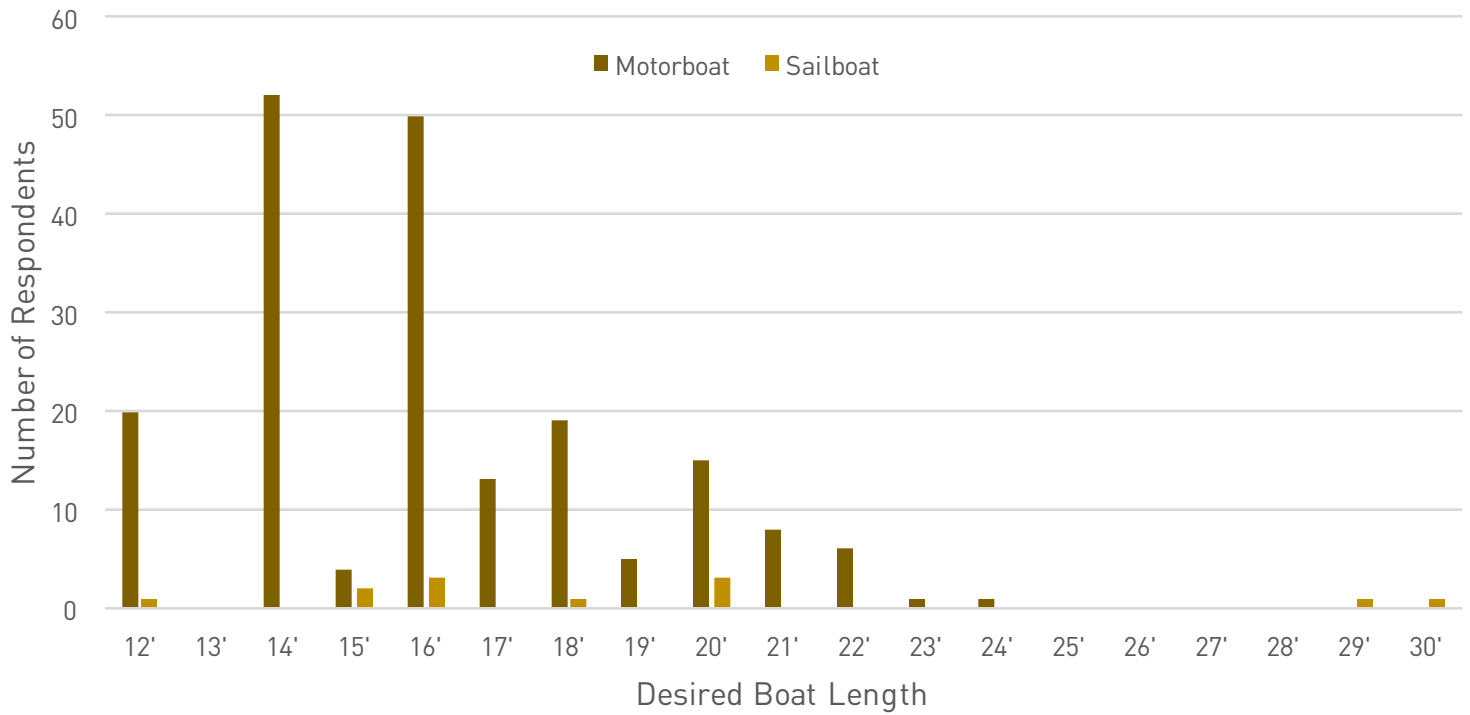


Figure 10: Largest boat length respondents would want to use on Sherbrooke Lake

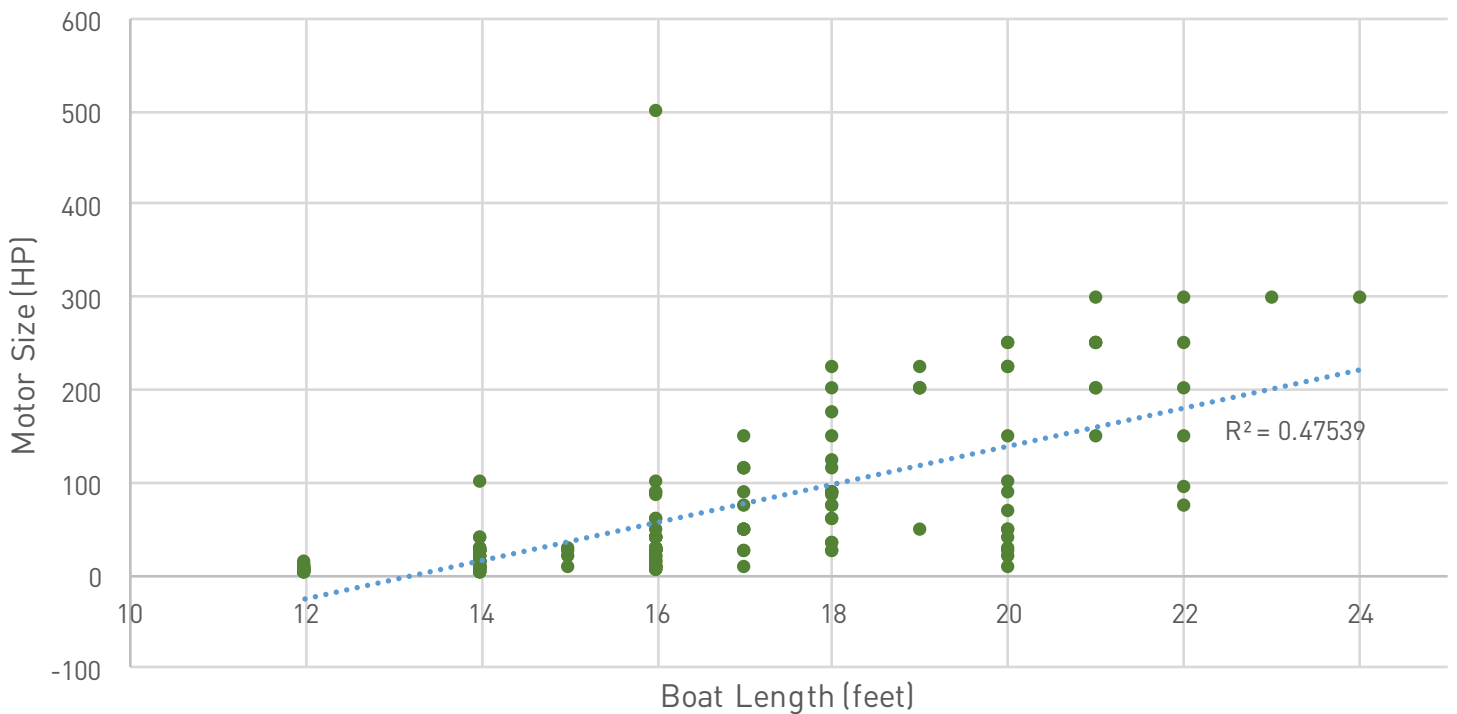


Figure 11: Respondents' desired motor size plotted as a function of desired boat length

Features

From this point forward, the survey asked every respondent the full list of questions.

The survey asked respondents to indicate what types of features or amenities they would want to have or not have at a public space on Sherbrooke Lake. The survey asked respondents to rate each possible feature on a scale that included a text statement and associated “score”, as follows:

- Would strongly not want to have (-2)
- Would not want to have (-1)
- Neutral (0)
- Would want to have (+1)
- Would strongly want to have (+2)

Figures 12 to 29 are bar graphs that show how respondents scored each feature.

Some features show a clear majority of people who are in favor of them and are clear candidates to develop at a public space on Sherbrooke Lake. These include garbage & recycling bins, a canoe/kayak dock, hiking trails, a picnic area, and a beach.

Some features received consistently lower scores and should probably not be developed at Sherbrooke Lake. These include a canteen, observation decks, a lifeguard, and outdoor BBQ grills.

Interpretive panels, an open space or field, picnic shelters, a playground, a floating swimming dock, and change rooms all fell into the category of features where respondents did not feel particularly strong one way or another. These features could either be included or left out, depending on the final constraints of the site and budget, without causing too much concern one way or another.

The challenging features are those that had lots of respondents strongly against them and lots of respondents strongly in favour of them. Shoreline fishing spots, washrooms, and especially a boat launch were the three items that clearly fell into this category. These features in particular require some thought around Council and additional analysis before they are implemented (or not).

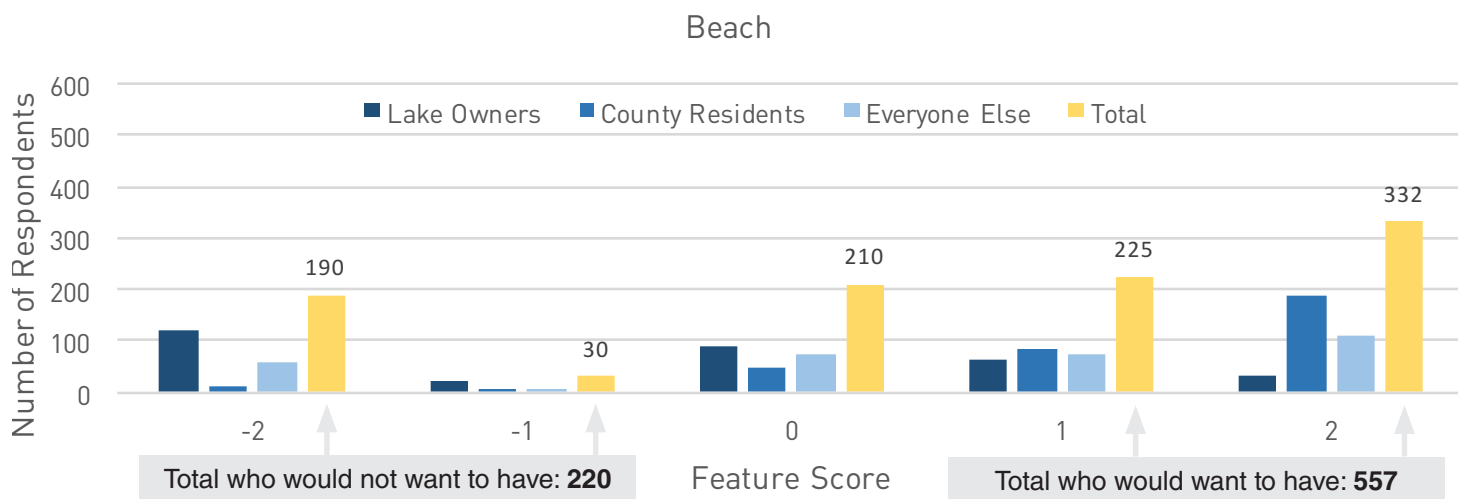


Figure 12: Respondents' preference for a beach at Sherbrooke Lake

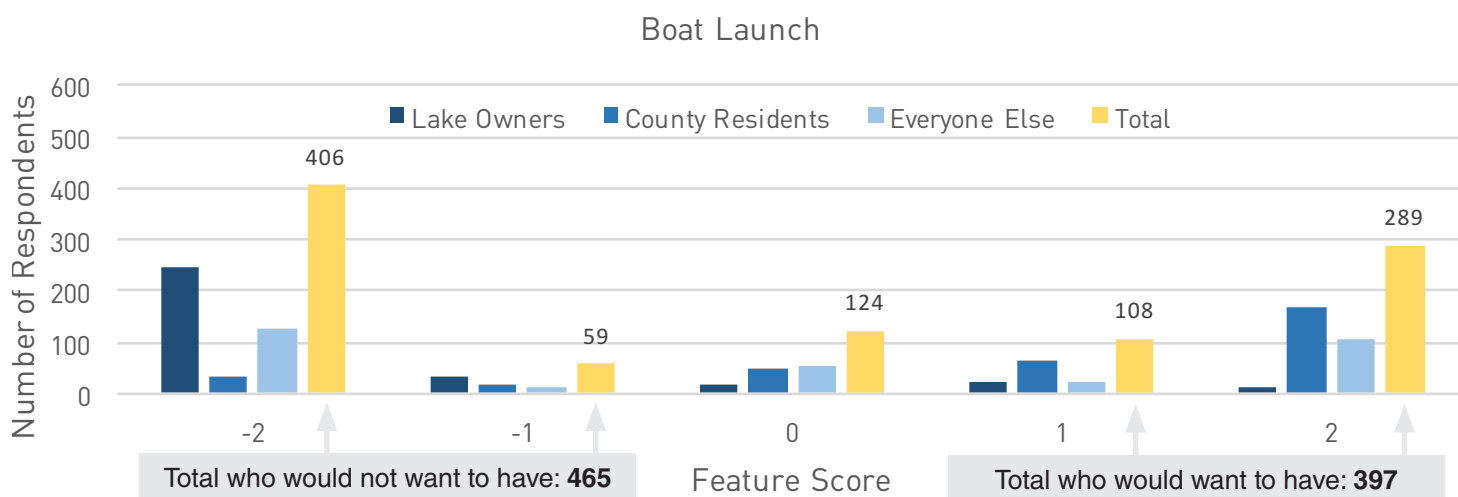


Figure 13: Respondents' preference for a boat launch at Sherbrooke Lake

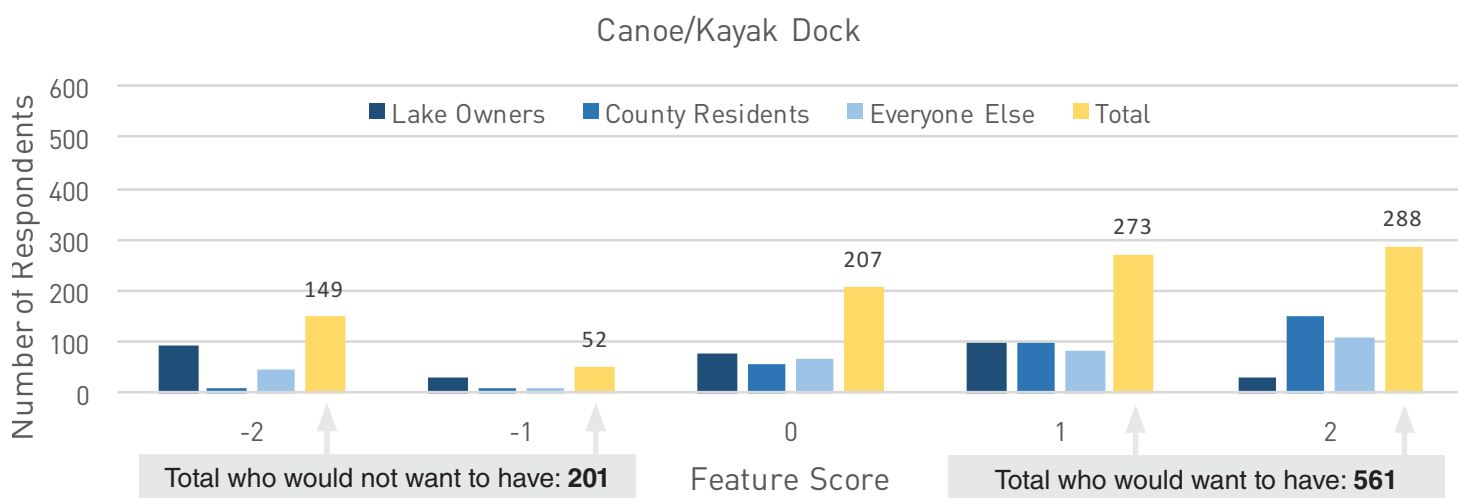


Figure 14: Respondents' preference for a canoe/kayak dock at Sherbrooke Lake

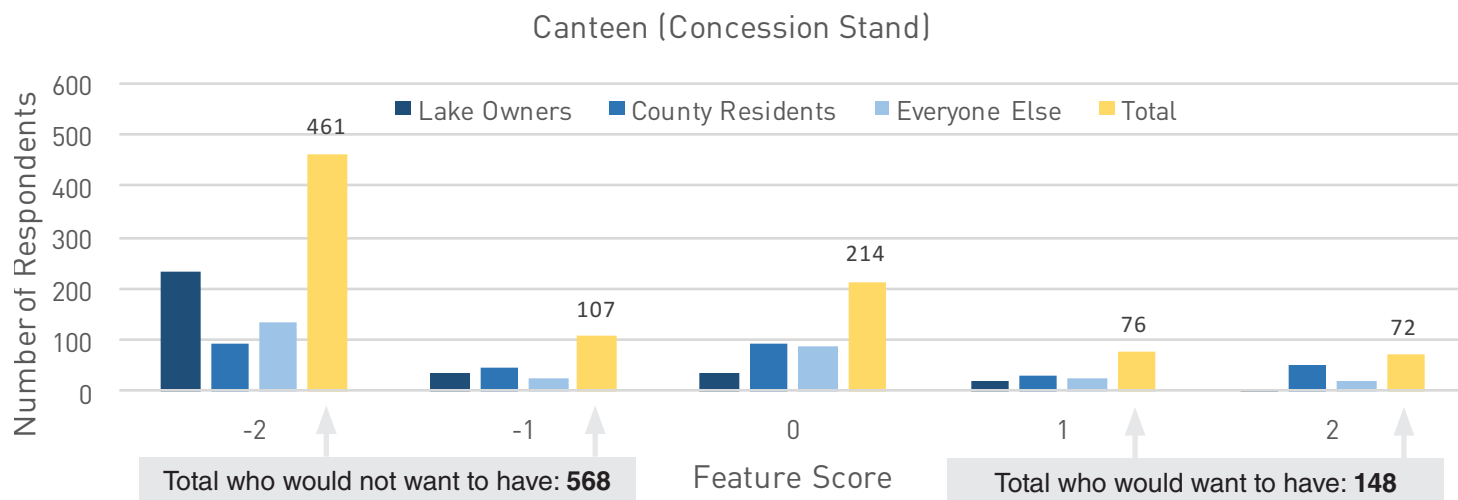


Figure 15: Respondents' preference for a canteen at Sherbrooke Lake

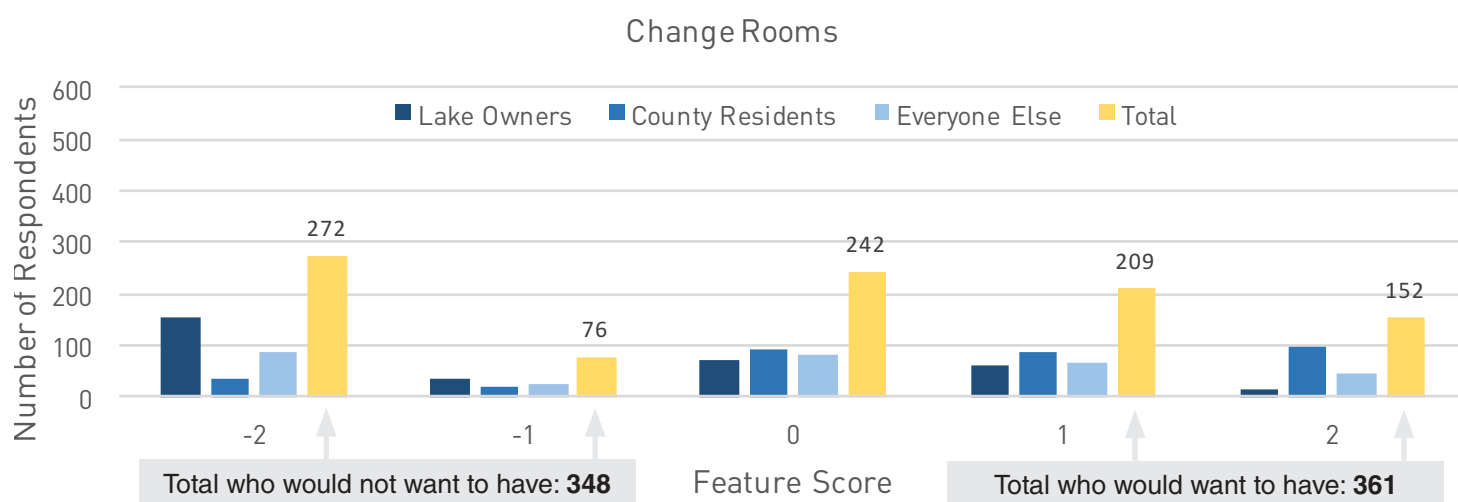


Figure 16: Respondents' preference for change rooms at Sherbrooke Lake

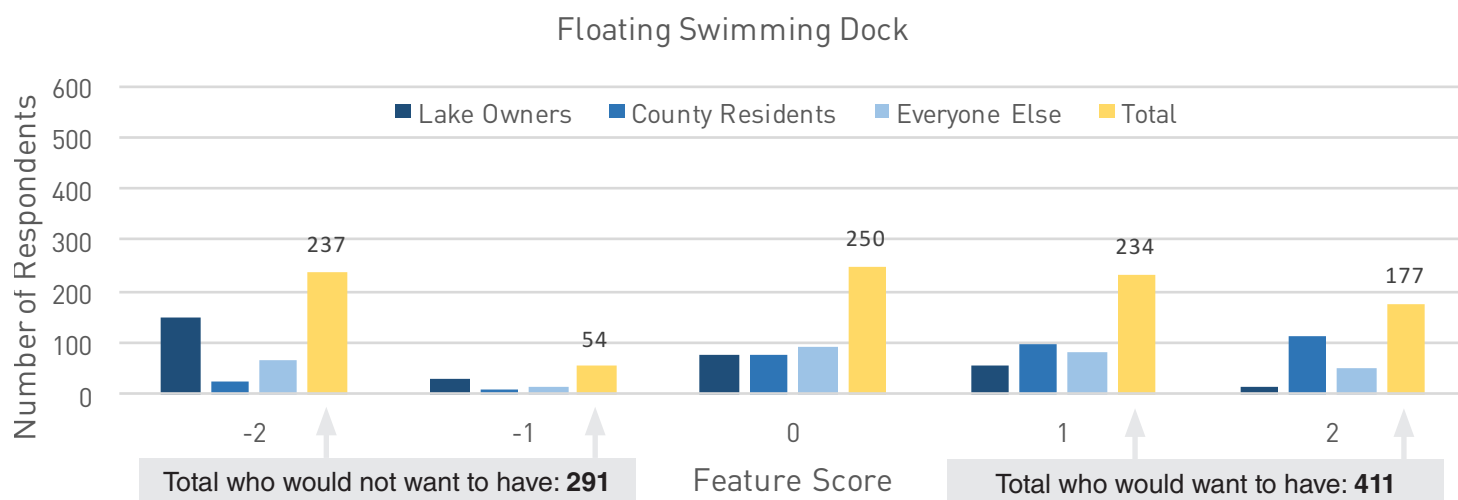


Figure 17: Respondents' preference for a floating swimming dock at Sherbrooke Lake

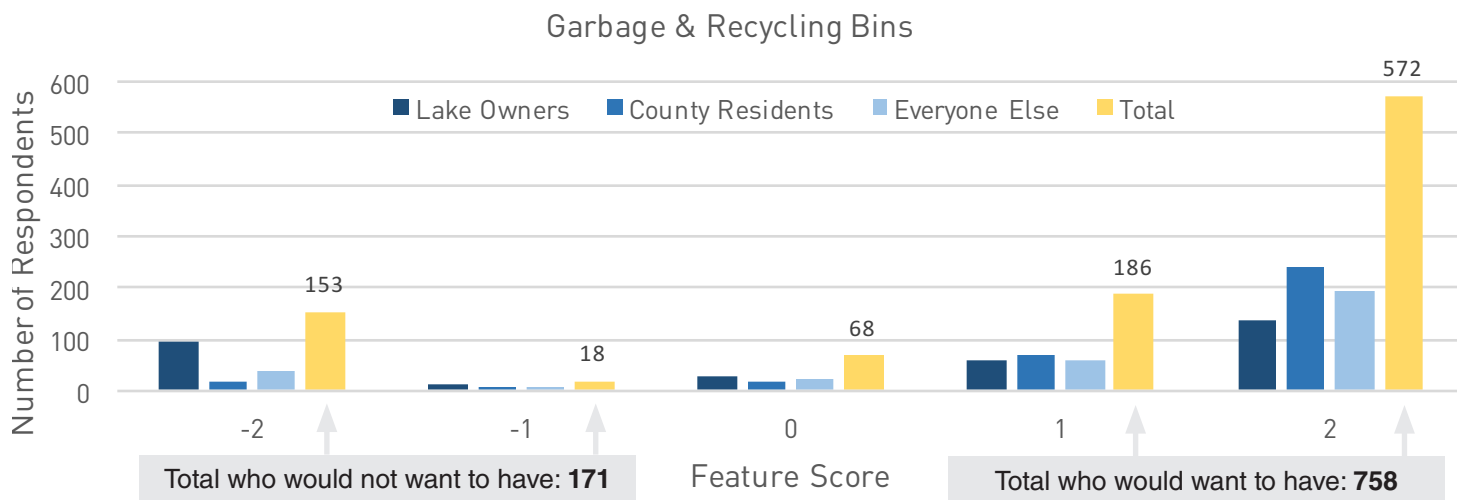


Figure 18: Respondents' preference for garbage and recycling bins at Sherbrooke Lake

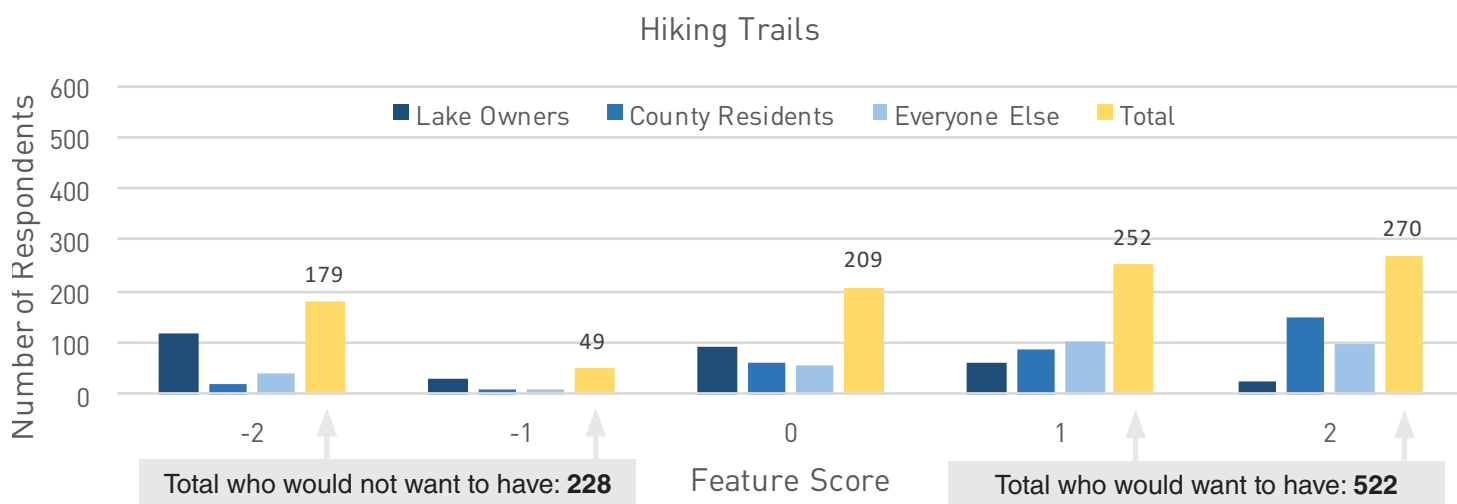


Figure 19: Respondents' preference for hiking trails at Sherbrooke Lake

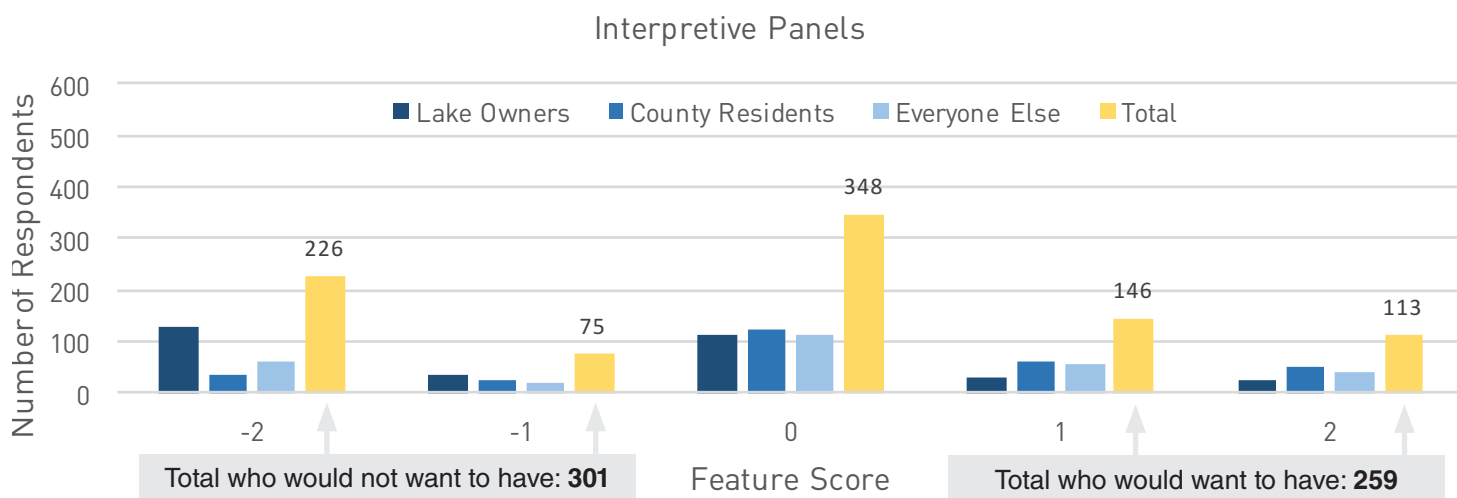


Figure 20: Respondents' preference interpretive panels at Sherbrooke Lake

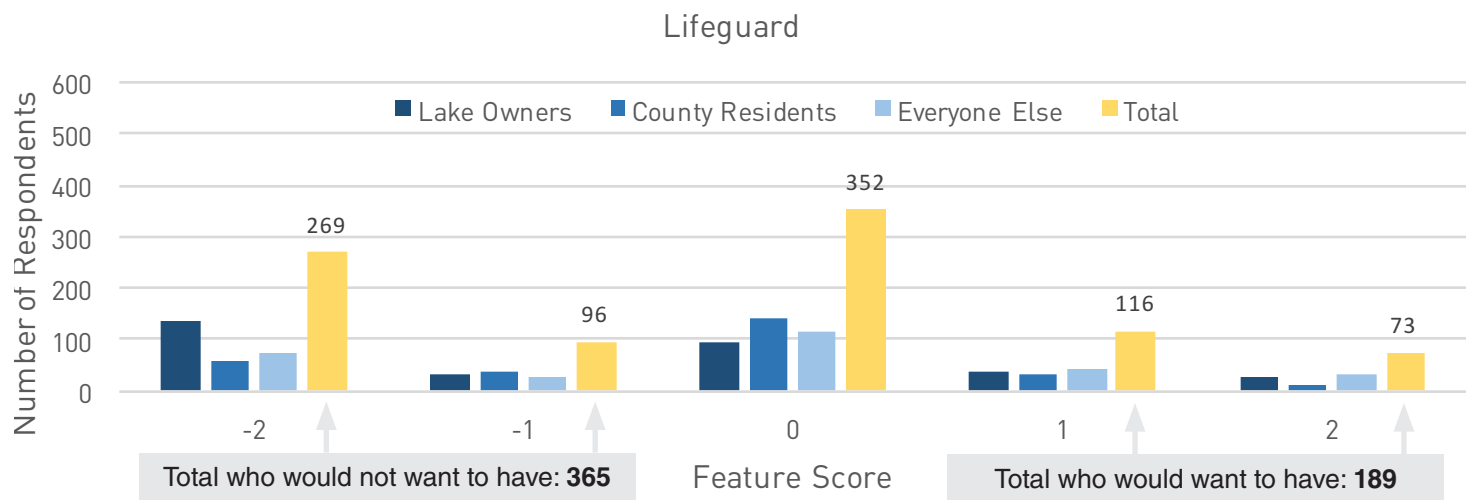


Figure 21: Respondents' preference for a lifeguard at Sherbrooke Lake

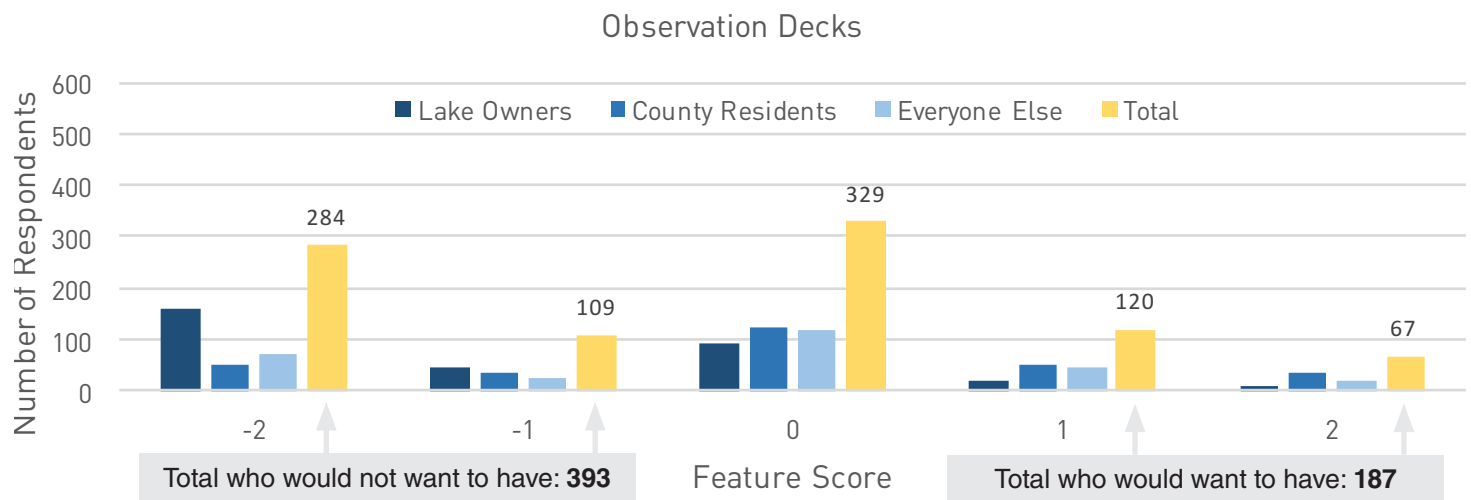


Figure 22: Respondents' preference for observation decks at Sherbrooke Lake

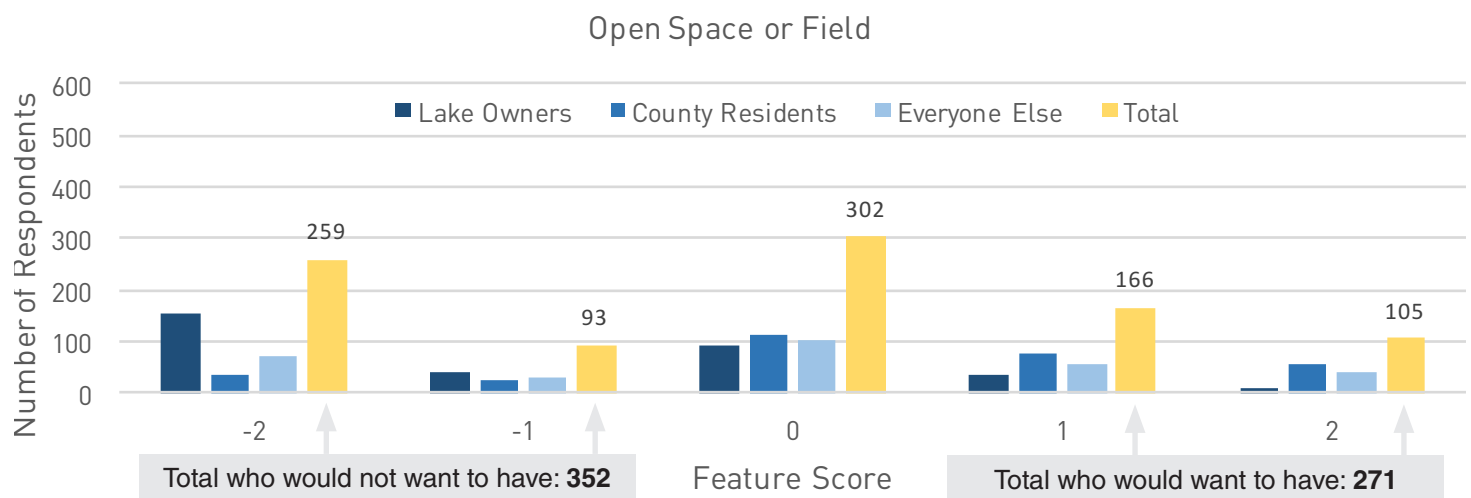


Figure 23: Respondents' preference for an open space or field at Sherbrooke Lake

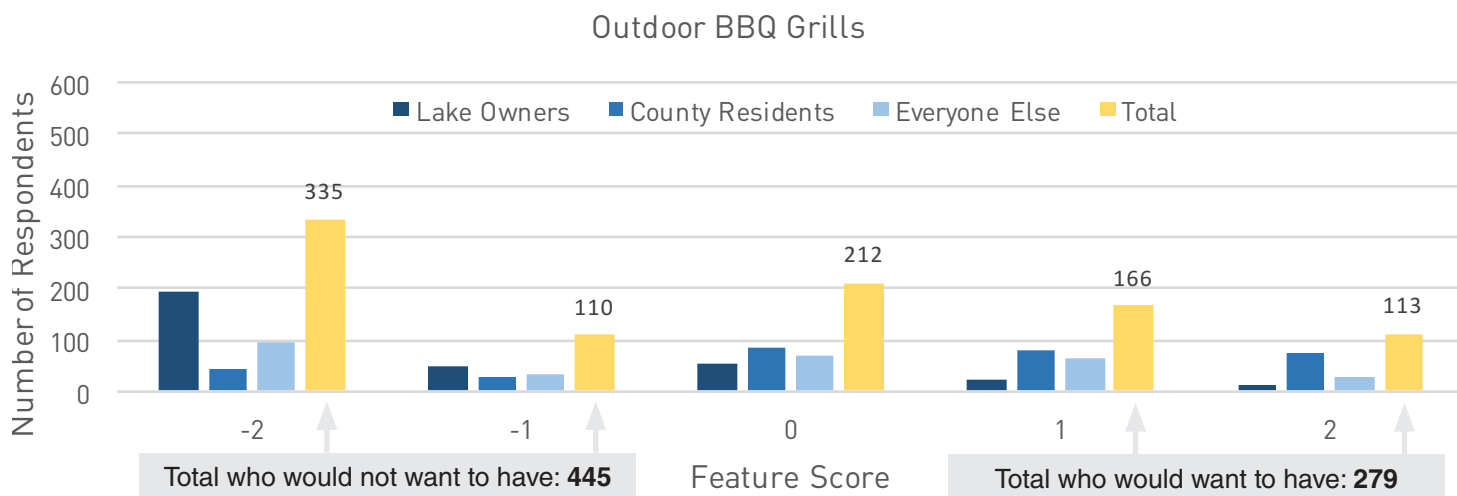


Figure 24: Respondents' preference for outdoor BBQ grills at Sherbrooke Lake

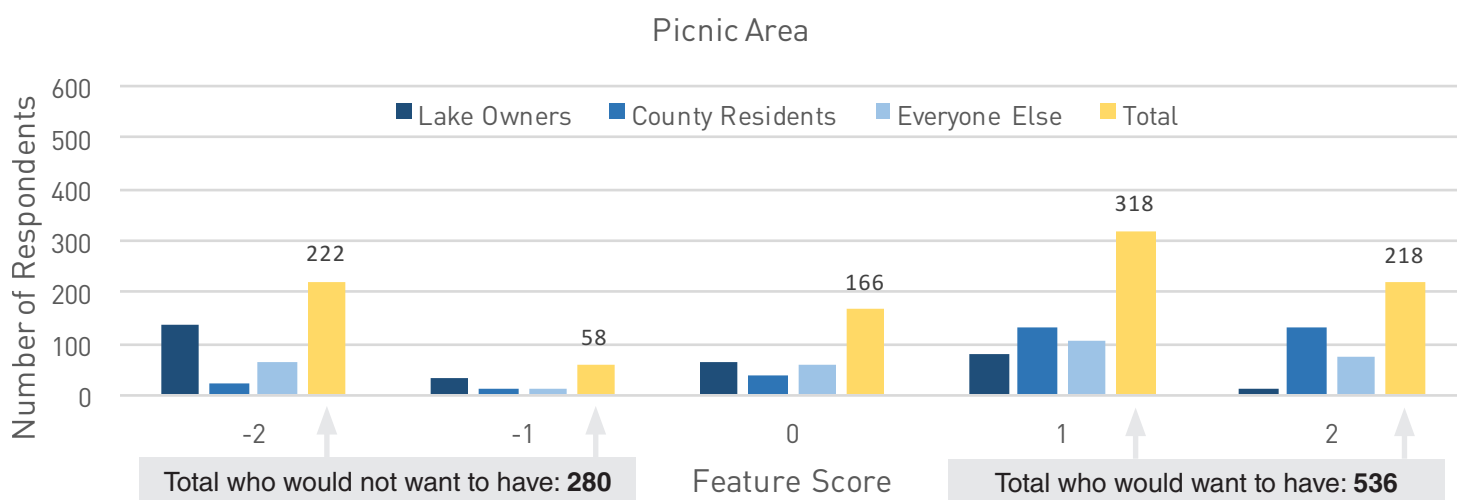


Figure 25: Respondents' preference for a picnic area at Sherbrooke Lake

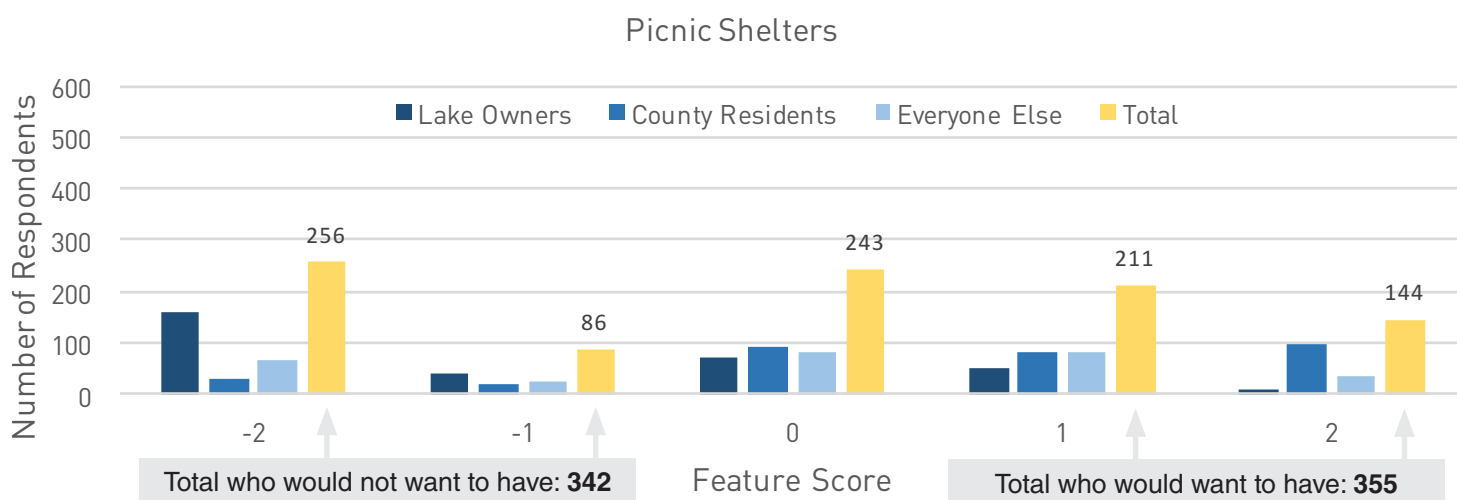


Figure 26: Respondents' preference for picnic shelters at Sherbrooke Lake

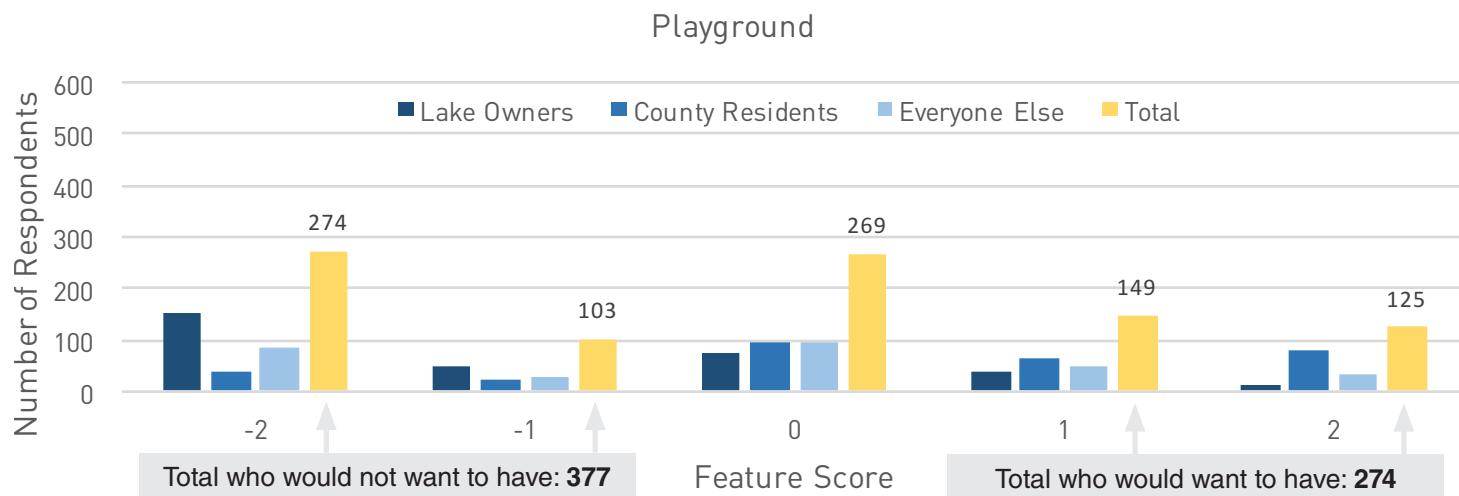


Figure 27: Respondents' preference for a playground at Sherbrooke Lake

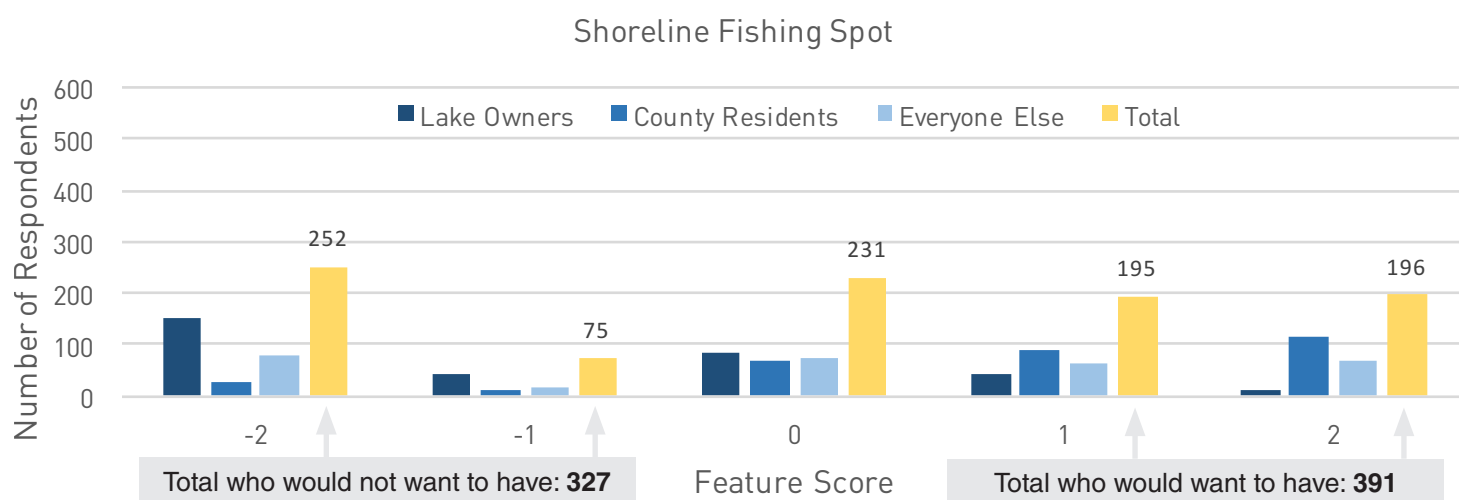


Figure 28: Respondents' preference for a shoreline fishing spot at Sherbrooke Lake

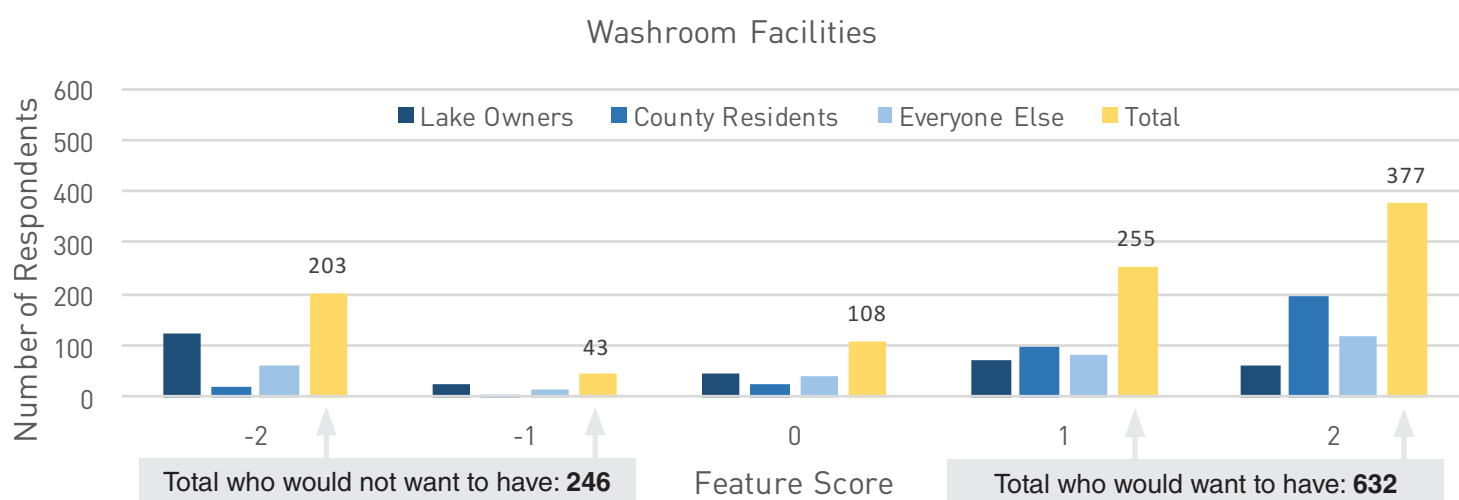


Figure 29: Respondents' preference for washroom facilities at Sherbrooke Lake

The survey gave respondents an opportunity to list other features that were not included in the given list. These additional features are listed below.

Would Strongly Want to Have (+2)

- A dock for boaters to take on passengers (1 respondent)
- Barrier-free access (1 respondent)
- Bicycle trails (1 respondent)
- Boat/hull washing station (2 respondents)
- Composting toilets (1 respondent)
- Small, inconspicuous access points rather than large park (2 respondents)
- If washroom facilities are included, make sure they drain away from the lake (1 respondent)
- Benches (1 respondent)
- Parking (10 respondents)
- Powered camp sites with a comfort station (1 respondent)
- Prohibition on power boats (4 respondents)

Would Want to Have (+1)

- Simple games for families and older people, with an instructor (1 respondent)
- Bicycle racks (1 respondent)
- Composting toilet/outhouse if a bathroom is required (1 respondent)
- Fenced off-leash dog area (1 respondent)
- Parking (3 respondents)

Neutral (0)

- Access for tournament fishing (1 respondent)
- Access for boats with engines larger than 35 hp (1 respondent)
- Outhouses (1 respondent)
- Trails (1 respondent)

Would Not Want to Have (-1)

- A simple playground (1 respondent)

Would Strongly Not Want to Have (-2)

- Any public access (14 respondents)
- Gated parking area that requires users to park and walk to the public space, with direct, accessible access for people who need it (1 respondent)
- Fire pits (3 respondents)
- Fishing tournaments (2 respondents)
- Garbage that attracts wildlife (1 respondent)
- Motorized boats (3 respondents)
- Camping / overnight facilities (1 respondent)
- Trails or roads that connect to the private developments around the lake (1 respondent)
- Access should be a small picnic area and beach, similar to Aylesford Lake (1 respondent)
- Need to map rocks in the lake (1 respondent)

Accessibility

The large majority of respondents felt that a public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be designed to be accessible for people in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges (Figure 30).

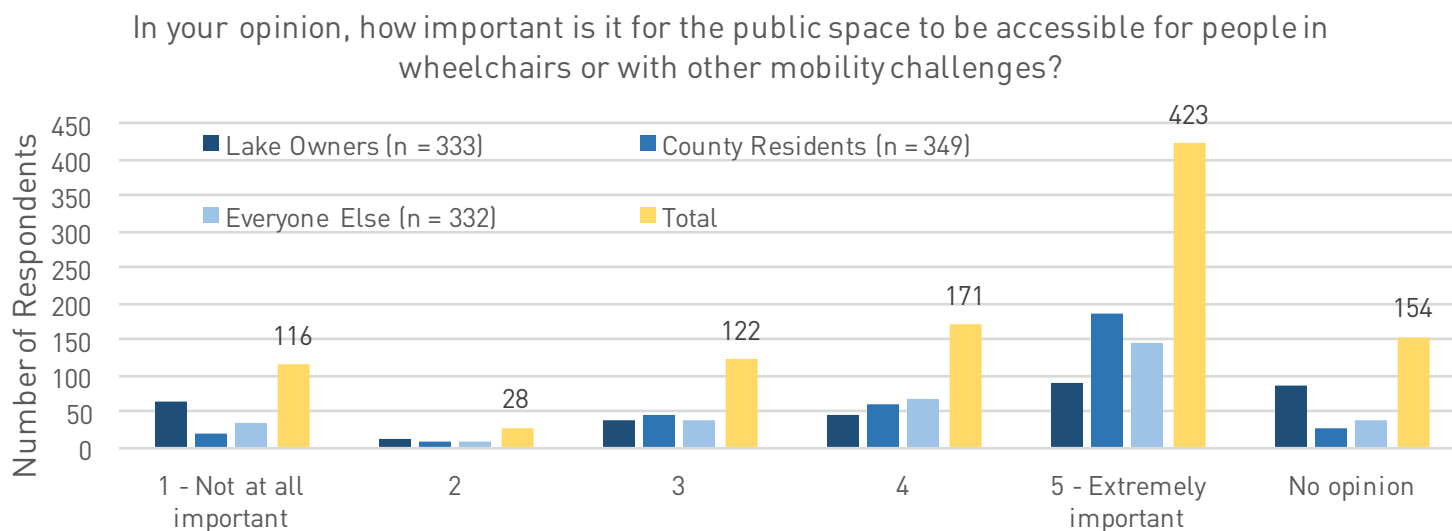


Figure 30: The level of importance placed by respondents on making a public space physically accessible

Dogs

Respondents were somewhat divided on whether or not a public space on Sherbrooke Lake should permit dogs (Figure 31). Of respondents with an opinion on dogs, 68 percent were in favour of allowing them, and 32 percent were against. If dogs are permitted, the clear desire is to require them to be leashed at all times.

Support for dogs was much lower among Lake Owners when compared to the other groups.

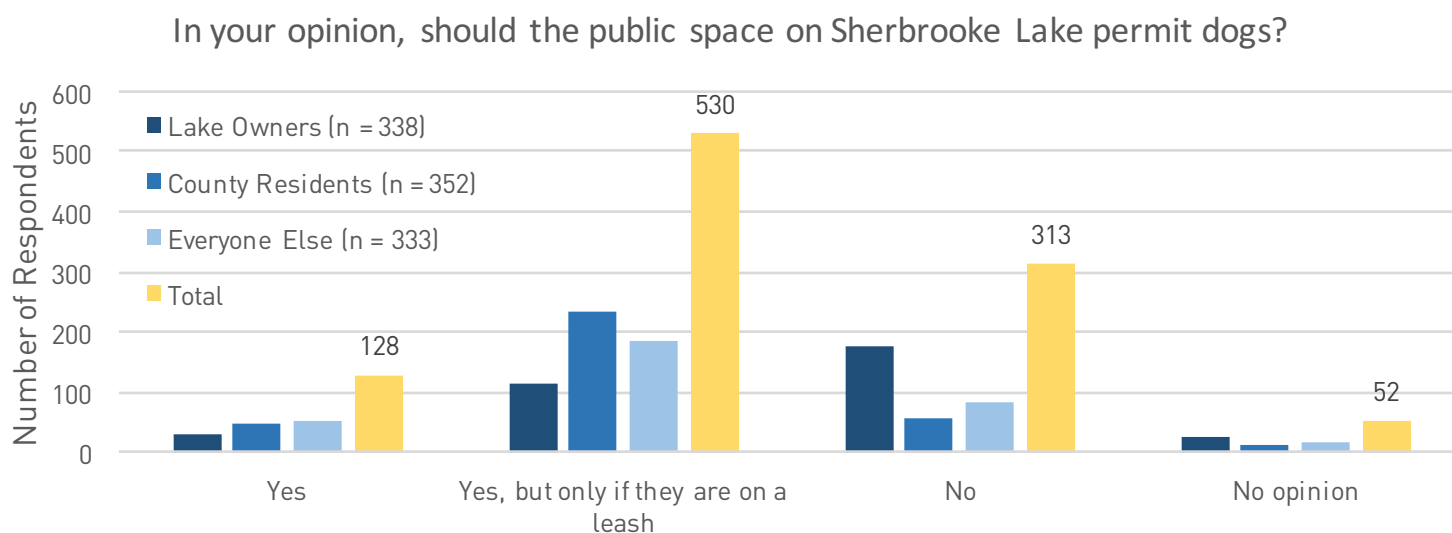


Figure 31: Respondents' opinion of whether or not a public space on Sherbrooke Lake should permit dogs

Opening Hours

The majority of respondents believe that access to Sherbrooke Lake should be limited to specific hours of the day (Figure 32). This belief is particularly strong among Lake Owners, although all three groups showed majority support for implementing hours of operation.

Among those supporting hours of operation, 8:00am was the most popular opening hour, and 8:00pm (closely followed by 9:00pm) was the most popular closing hour (Figure 33).

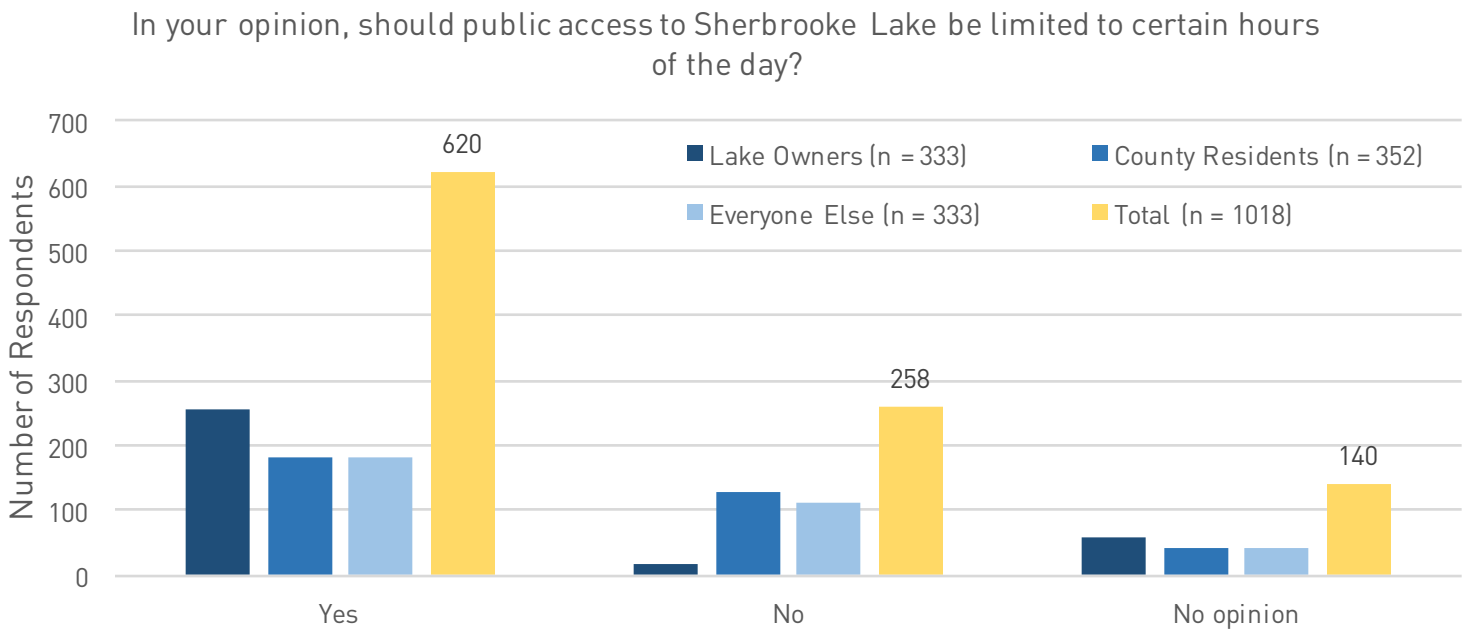


Figure 32: Respondents' preference on whether or not public access should have hours of operation

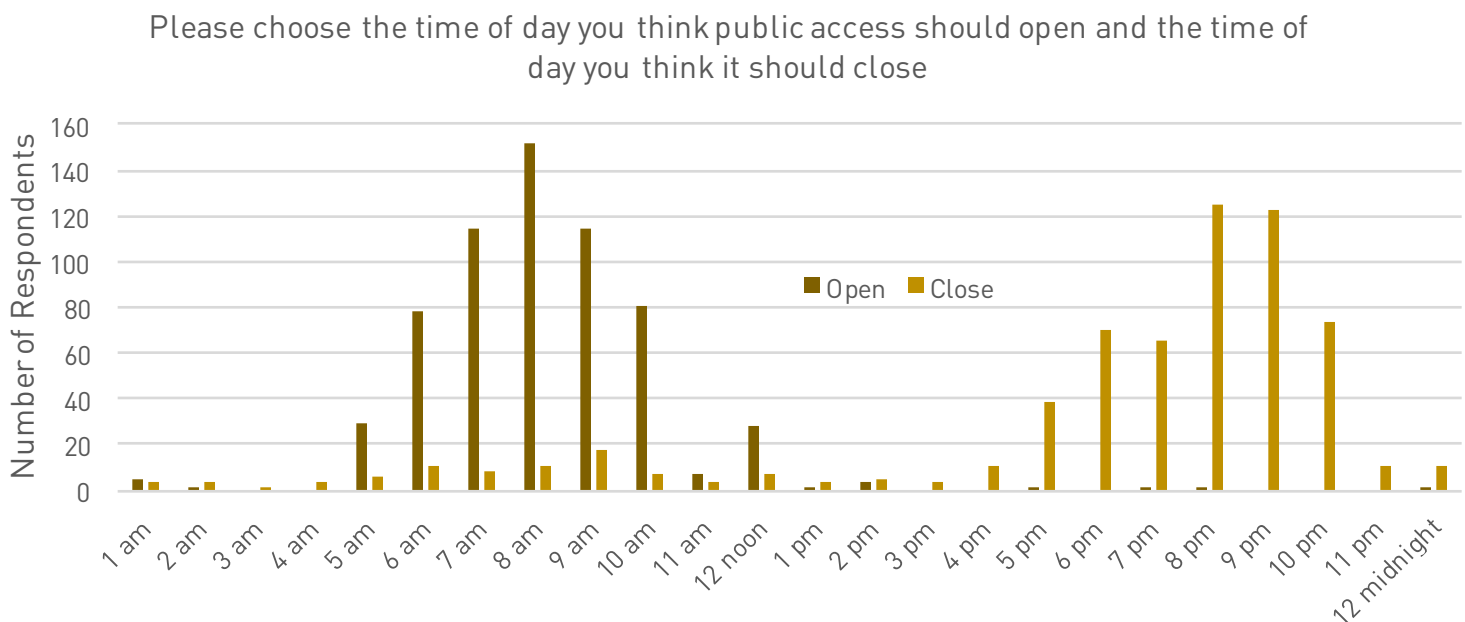


Figure 33: Respondents' preferred open and closing times for public access on Sherbrooke Lake

Enforcement

The survey asked respondents to indicate whether or not they supported different methods for enforcing rules in a Sherbrooke Lake public space. Signage was the most popular method, with 92 percent support and reasonably consistent support among all three groups (Figure 34). Staff supervision was the least popular method, particularly among County Residents. Lake Owners showed strong support for all methods.

Other suggestions for enforcement methods included:

- Fines for littering
- Boat patrol
- Fencing around the whole public space
- RCMP/law enforcement patrols
- Entrance fees

In your opinion, should the following methods be used to enforce the public space rules, including hours/seasons of operation (if applicable)?

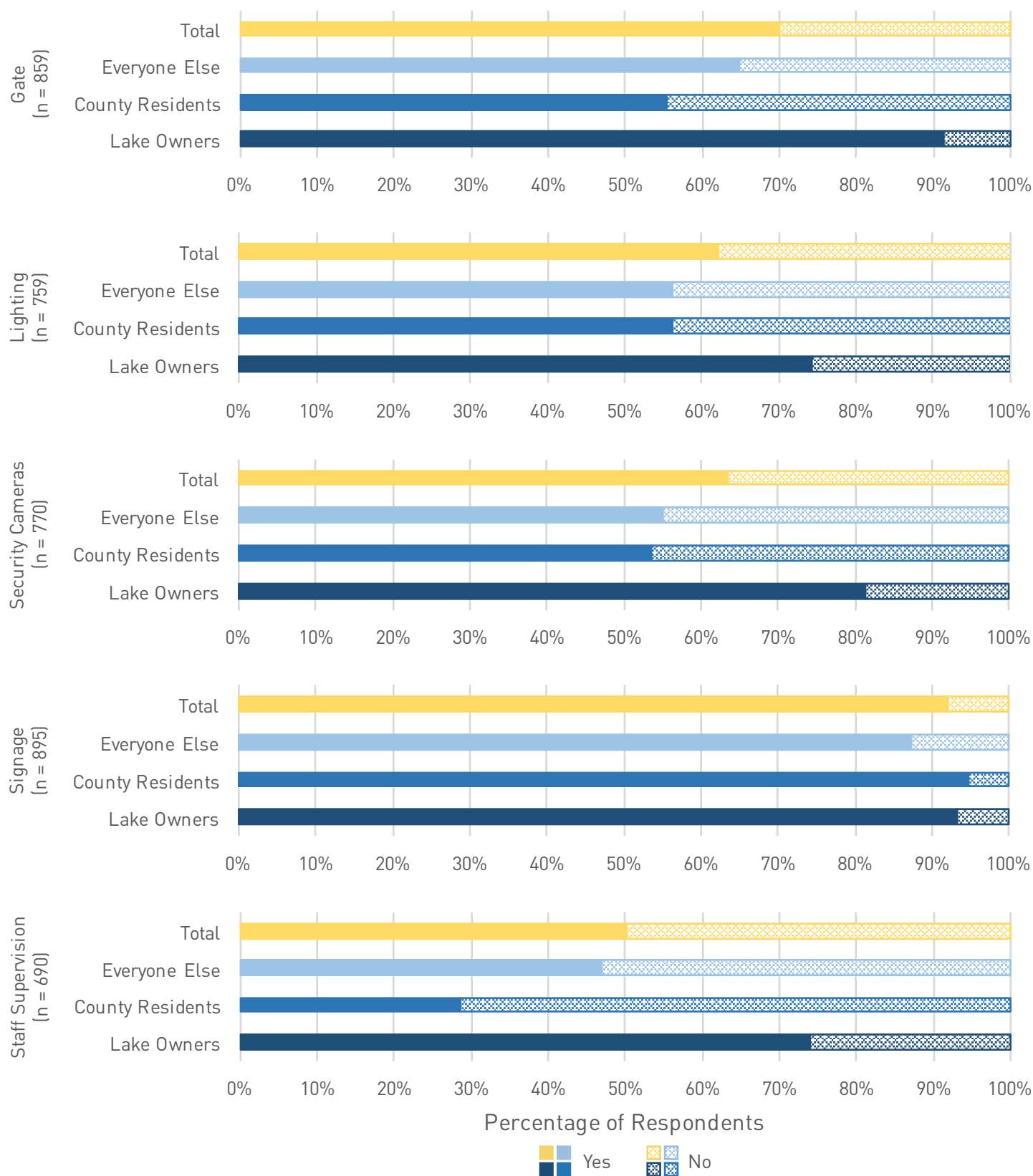


Figure 34: Respondents' support for different methods of enforcing public space rules at Sherbrooke Lake

Objectives

The survey asked respondents to select up to three statements that indicated their most important objectives for public access on Sherbrooke Lake (Figure 35). Lake Owners placed a priority on the natural environment, water quality, and safety for users and cottage owners. County Residents placed a priority on providing access for future generations, the natural environment, and opportunities for physical activity. Everyone Else placed a priority on the natural environment, water quality, and providing public access for future generations.

Respondents also had the opportunity to provide alternate statements of their own. Statements in quotation marks and italics are direct quotes and UPLAND has not edited them:

- Variations of comments asking for no public access on Sherbrooke Lake (26 respondents)
- *"To preserve water quality and restrict the number of power boats that would impact the loon population"*
- *"They are all important"*
- *"There should be no engine driven watercraft"*
- *"Public boat launch"*
- *"Provide a natural environment for individual fisherpersons to enjoy a pleasurable day to quietly fish on the lake (not necessarily in a fishing tournament environment.). and in that way be able to pursue the fishing sport on what is undoubtedly the best lake in all of Nova Scotia."*
- *"Provide a family day park to make our rural communities better places to live, to grow and to prosper"*
- *"Prohibit access for fishing tournaments"*
- *"Preserve tranquility of present lake owners"*
- *"No one owns the water in NS, there for everyone!"*
- *"Keep the lake pristine as it is today"*
- *"I do not support access on this lake, but if built, Should be well separated by a large distance buffer from existing cottage/home owners / approximately 1km on each side of the access location"*
- *"Help sustain & grow local communities & make them better places to live"*
- *"Help build our communities for families"*
- *"Encourage rehabilitation of the natural environment."*
- *"Enable people to launch motorized and/or non motorized boats to enjoy the big lake"*
- *"Effective policing (both land and water)"*
- *"Due not have a large boat ramp to the water / due not permit " gas " motor boats of any kind , use electric motors only"*
- *"Create a boat launch"*
- *"Being able to launch a trailered boat and have parking"*
- *"Be brought to a council of all users for appropriate consultation"*
- *"Be able to launch my boat or kayak or canoe so i can go fishing on this lake with family and friends that is owe by all Nova Scotia's NOT the cottages/home owners witch is what is happing around OWE Lakes here in NS"*
- *"Allow year round access for water activities"*
- *"Allow access for people to go fishing from a boat, not necessarily tournament fishing"*
- *"All of the above works for me"*
- *"All lakes in N.S. need boat launches and public access for every Nova Scotian"*
- *"Aim -- as much as possible -- to maintain the quality of the lake's natural environment, without keeping the general public from accessing it"*

A public space on Sherbrooke Lake should...

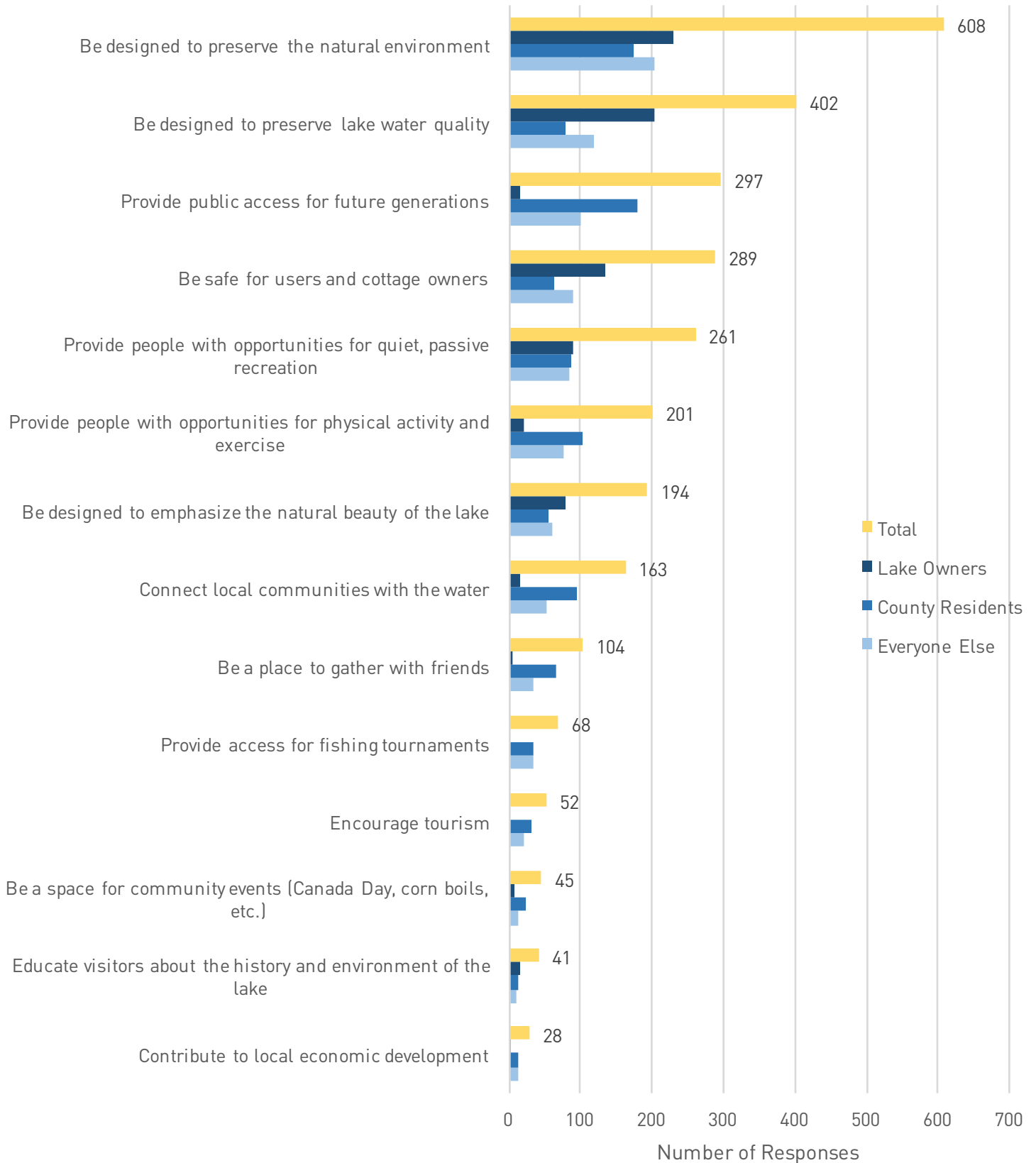


Figure 35: Respondents' top objectives for a successful public space at Sherbrooke Lake

Vision

The survey provided respondents an opportunity to write out their vision for a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake. This questions received 721 responses in an open-ended format. UPLAND edited the responses to remove information that might identify the writer (typically names), but otherwise left these responses as direct quotes. The full collection of responses is attached to this report as Appendix A.

UPLAND has produced a qualitative summary of the themes that came up in response to this question. The responses include a wide range of viewpoints and many nuances that cannot be accurately conveyed in a summary. UPLAND encourages the reader to carefully read through all of the responses in the appendix. UPLAND also cautions that the below summary is qualitative in nature and does not analyze how many comments were made for each theme. The reader should refer to the analysis of previous survey questions to better understand the weight of different viewpoints.

Scale of Access

The majority of comments indicated that some scale of access could be acceptable, and then described the respondent's ideal level of access development. Respondents' vision of access development ranged from a single walking trail to the lake and a kayak put-in spot on the shore; to a park space with swimming and picnic areas; to full-scale access with a boat launch. UPLAND directs the reader to the survey question on features for a better understanding of level of support for different public space features.

One common comment was that public access is okay, as long as it does not allow motorized boats. Some respondents did, however, indicate a desire to use motorized boats.

Some respondents also specifically mentioned that public access should not enable fishing tournaments. A few participants specifically mentioned a desire to participate in fishing tournaments.

Two common themes among respondents was that the public access should be "family-friendly" and/or "rustic".

Other comments on the scale of access were related to specific design aspects. In particular, a few comments suggested that access should only come from a public street (*i.e.* not from an existing private road) and that the public access should be buffered from existing residential development. Many respondents also indicated that access should be usable by those in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges, and appropriate for all ages.

No Access

A good number of comments indicated that their vision is to have no public access at all on Sherbrooke Lake. A few respondents said they were disappointed the survey did not have a question directly asking if people wanted to have public access on the lake.

Sensitivity to the Environment

A large number of respondents commented on the natural environment of Sherbrooke Lake. Environmental topics included water quality (including pollution and algae), the riparian area along the shore, and wildlife (loons, fish, osprey, and eagles). Some respondents see the natural environment as a reason not to develop public access, while others see it as the reason people would want to use public access. However, the majority of comments on the natural environment raised it as something that needs to be carefully considered in the design of any public space. A few respondents requested that the Municipality become involved in environmental monitoring, such as water quality testing and surveys of invasive species.

Management

Many comments touched on the topic of management. A good number of these comments highlighted specific concerns, such as littering, vandalism, theft, noise, public intoxication, loss of privacy, and dangers to boaters from hidden rocks in the water. Many comments provided suggestions for addressing concerns, such as regular maintenance and emptying of solid

waste bins, clear rules with appropriate enforcement, and restricted hours/seasons of operation. Some respondents also requested restrictions on the size of boat motors.

Need for Public Access

A large number of respondents emphasized that lakes are a public resource in Nova Scotia, and that no one can privately own Sherbrooke Lake. Many respondents were concerned about the general loss of public access to lakes in Nova Scotia over the years, and the specific loss of public access to Sherbrooke Lake in the past few decades. Some respondents highlighted the fact that not all people can afford the luxury of a private lot or cottage, or that many people do not have the desire to own a cottage, yet still wish to access water.

Other Examples

A handful of respondents highlighted public access points on other lakes as specific examples of what works or what should be avoided. In many cases one respondent would suggest a lake as a good example, while another respondent would use the very same lake as example of what not to do at Sherbrooke. Lakes and access points that were identified and might be worth studying include Mush-a-Mush, Aylesford, Carters Beach, Indian Falls, Petite Rivière Community Park, Hirtles Beach, and Oakfield Park on Grand Lake.

Cost

A few respondents were concerned about how much money it could cost to develop public access on Sherbrooke and who would pay for it. A couple of respondents suggested charging a user fee to use the access.

General Comments

The survey provided respondents an opportunity to write out any other general comments, ideas, or concerns they may have about public access on Sherbrooke Lake. This question received 550 responses in an open-ended format. UPLAND edited the responses to remove information that might identify the writer (typically names), but otherwise left these responses as direct quotes. The full collection of responses is attached to this report as Appendix B.

UPLAND has produced a qualitative summary of the themes that came up in response to this question. The responses include a wide range of viewpoints and many nuances that cannot be accurately conveyed in a summary. UPLAND encourages the reader to carefully read through all of the responses in the appendix. UPLAND also cautions that the below summary is qualitative in nature and does not analyze how many comments were made for each theme. The reader should refer to the analysis of previous survey questions to better understand the weight of different viewpoints.

The themes that came through in the general open-ended questions were very similar to those that came through in the open-ended question about vision. UPLAND directs the reader to those themes that are laid out above. However, the responses to the general question included two additional themes that did not show up in the vision question:

The Survey and Process

Many respondents commented on the survey and the process surrounding the public access on Sherbrooke Lake. The large majority of these comments were thankful for the survey and the opportunity to provide their thoughts on access. However, some respondents did feel like the process skipped a step because it did not first ask respondents if they wanted to see public access on Sherbrooke Lake or not. Some respondents also felt the survey should have included information or questions on the financial impact of developing public access.

Specific Sites

Some of the comments touched on specific sites for access. In some cases, these comments asked where the access would be or suggested that answering the survey was difficult without knowing a proposed location for the access. Other respondents provided their thoughts on the suitability of specific locations, with the most commonly-discussed site being the location at the end of Veinotte Road. Some comments were supportive of access at this location, while others were strongly against access there.

5.4 Conclusion

The survey received 1048 valid responses, which represents a strong level of interest in the topic of public access at Sherbrooke Lake. These responses were well-suited for analysis based on three population groups of almost equal size: Lake Owners, County Residents, and Everyone Else. The survey results indicate that there is indeed interest in using a public space on Sherbrooke Lake, especially among respondents who do not already have access to the lake.

Activities that were of particular interest to respondents included swimming, non-motorized boating, hiking/walking, fishing (both from a boat and the shore), picnicking, and nature appreciation. The facilities needed to support these activities were reasonably well-supported among respondents, or at the very least were not particularly controversial. The exception to this are washrooms and facilities that would allow for fishing; both shoreline fishing spots and a boat launch were controversial features that require some thought from the Advisory Committee and Council and additional analysis before they are implemented (or not).

If a boat launch is included in the public space, the survey results indicate that a design that accommodates boats of up to 16 feet in length would accommodate approximately two-thirds of the 208 respondents who indicated a desire to use a motorboat or sailboat on Sherbrooke Lake. The upper end of boat size that these respondents wanted to use was 24 feet for motorboats, and 30 feet for sailboats. However, the survey results indicate that boat motor size is not strongly correlated to boat length, so attempting to control motor size by controlling boat length is not likely to be effective.

According to the majority of respondents, the public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be accessible to those in wheel chairs or with other mobility challenges. The majority of respondents also felt the space should be open to dogs, but only if they were on a leash; however, approximately one third of respondents felt the public space should not permit dogs at all. The survey results indicate that a public space should have restricted hours of operation, with an 8am opening time and an 8pm or 9pm closing time.

Many respondents, particularly Lake Owners, indicated a concern about the risk of disturbance, theft, littering, or vandalism if a public space is opened on Sherbrooke Lake. The public space should include design and operational measures to limit the risk of negative activities. In particular, garbage and recycling bins (with a regular maintenance schedule), signage, and a strong locking gate should all be considered priorities.

A common theme in the open houses, in questions about objectives, and in the open-ended questions was that the natural environment of Sherbrooke Lake—and its continued health—is very important to respondents. Any public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be respectful of the natural environment and be designed to enhance it, rather than harm it.

As previously stated, the large volume of responses to the survey is a good indicator of the level of public interest there is concerning public access to Sherbrooke Lake. The information contained in this reports reflects the views of the public that responded and provides the Committee and Council with good information to guide them in making future recommendations and decisions concerning the designs and features of public access to Sherbooke Lake.



6.1 Guiding Principles

An Environmental Focus

The survey results indicate a strong respect for the natural environment of Sherbrooke Lake. All three groups in the survey recognized a need to protect the lake's natural environment, but also expressed the value of accessing that natural environment for personal enjoyment (whether through private or public access).

Like any lakeshore development, public amenities can be developed with wildly different levels of sensitivity to the existing natural landscape. UPLAND recommends that public access on Sherbrooke Lake be developed with a focus on harmony with the existing natural environment. In particular, the final design should:

- Minimize the removal of native vegetation, particularly in the riparian zone along the water
- Carefully manage stormwater runoff
- Provide an adequate distance between human waste disposal (pit privies or septic fields) and the lake
- Investigate a hull wash station at the boat launch (if a boat launch is developed)

Safe, Clean, & Secure

A common concern UPLAND heard from Lake Owners—in the survey results and at open houses—was that public access on Sherbrooke Lake could impact enjoyment of their property by increasing noise, increasing traffic and wear-and-tear on private roads, and raising the risk of break-ins during the off-season. The other respondent groups also showed a strong preference for a space that is safe and clean; indeed, garbage & recycling bins was the public space feature that had the highest level of support among all respondent groups.

UPLAND recommends that the Municipality prioritize developing a public space on Sherbrooke Lake that is safe, clean, and secure. In particular, the final design should:

- Gain its access directly from a public street, rather than through an existing private road
- Be buffered from existing residential development by as much natural vegetation as possible
- Have controlled hours of operation
- Be gated with a robust gate to prevent vehicular access during off-hours and in off-seasons
- Include garbage and recycling bins, with a regular schedule for emptying them

Accessible for All

Public access on Sherbrooke Lake should—by its very definition as “public”—be accessible to everyone, regardless of their age, income, gender, race, or physical ability. The main area that requires attention in this regard is ensuring the final design of the space does not exclude people in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges. UPLAND recommends that the core features of the public space be designed to modern barrier-free standards. This view is supported by the majority of survey respondents.

6.2 Open Space Design Options

Based on the outcomes of the public consultation process and the Guiding Principles, UPLAND developed four high-level open space concepts for Sherbrooke Lake (pages 39 - 46). The concepts build from a lower level of intervention up to a full build-out with a public beach and boat launch.

These open space concepts are not tied to a specific plot of land - rather, they are generic spaces to help guide the Committee's discussion on suitable pieces of land for a public access. As the Committee and Council refine the design of the public access they will be able to “mix-and-match” different features from the four concepts. Although not specifically shown on the concepts, any final design should include garbage and recycling bins that are regularly maintained, and signage that shows users the rules for the public space.

Concept 1

The first concept is minimal intervention that provides simple access to the water. Parking is provided next to the road, and then users access the lake through a walking trail. The lakeshore access itself features a low level of development where users could put in a small canoe or kayak, fish from the shore, or perhaps swim from the shore. Wayfinding and interpretive signage helps direct the user, and also provides a background on the history and environment of the lake.

Concept 2

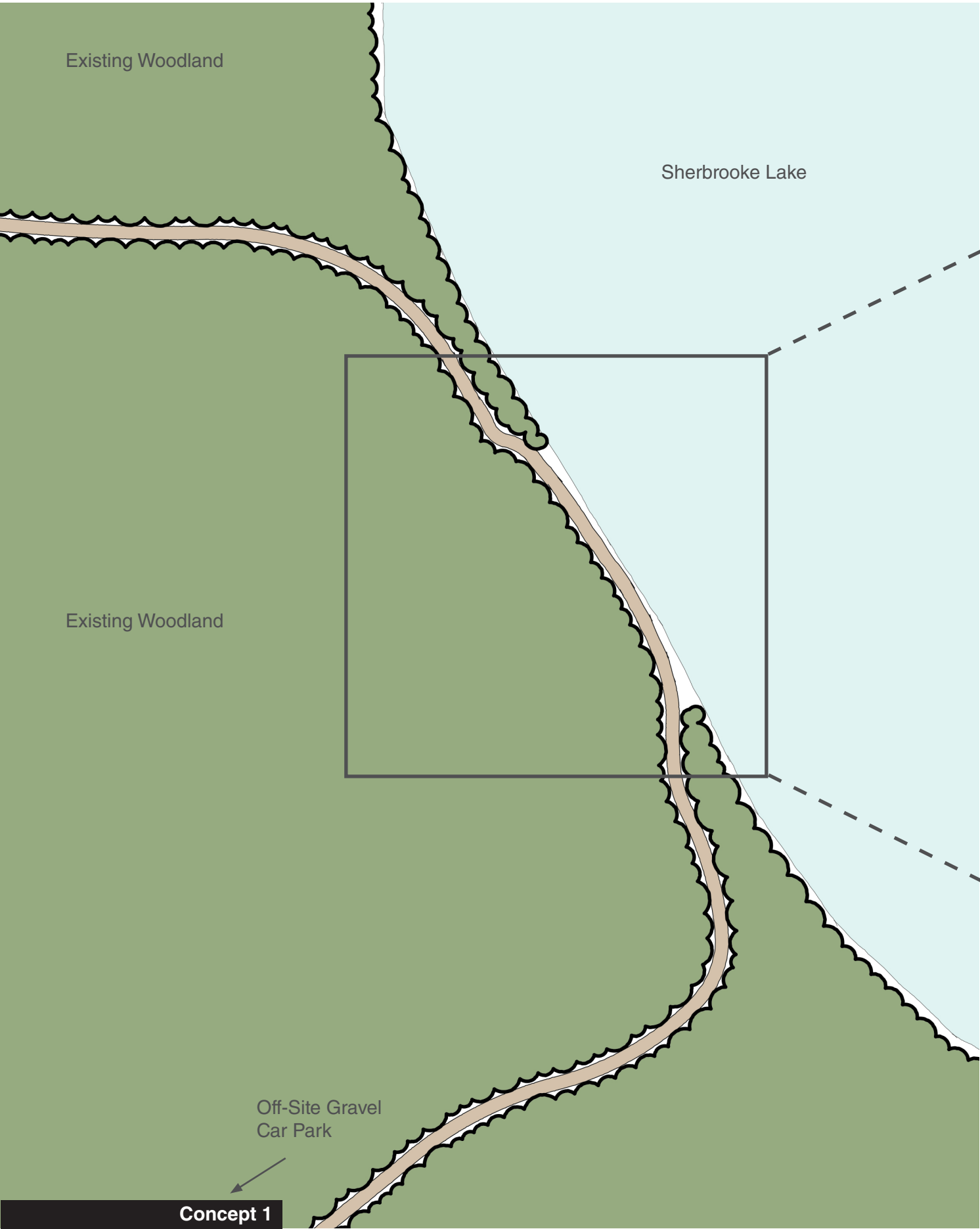
This concept increases the scale of the public space to make it a location where users might want to spend a few hours. The car park is moved closer to the lake to provide easier access for all users; however, it includes a secure gate to restrict vehicle access to certain operating hours and seasons. In addition to the features of Concept 1, this concept includes a specific picnic area with benches; seating along the lake; and a floating dock to improve access for kayaks, canoes, and swimmers.

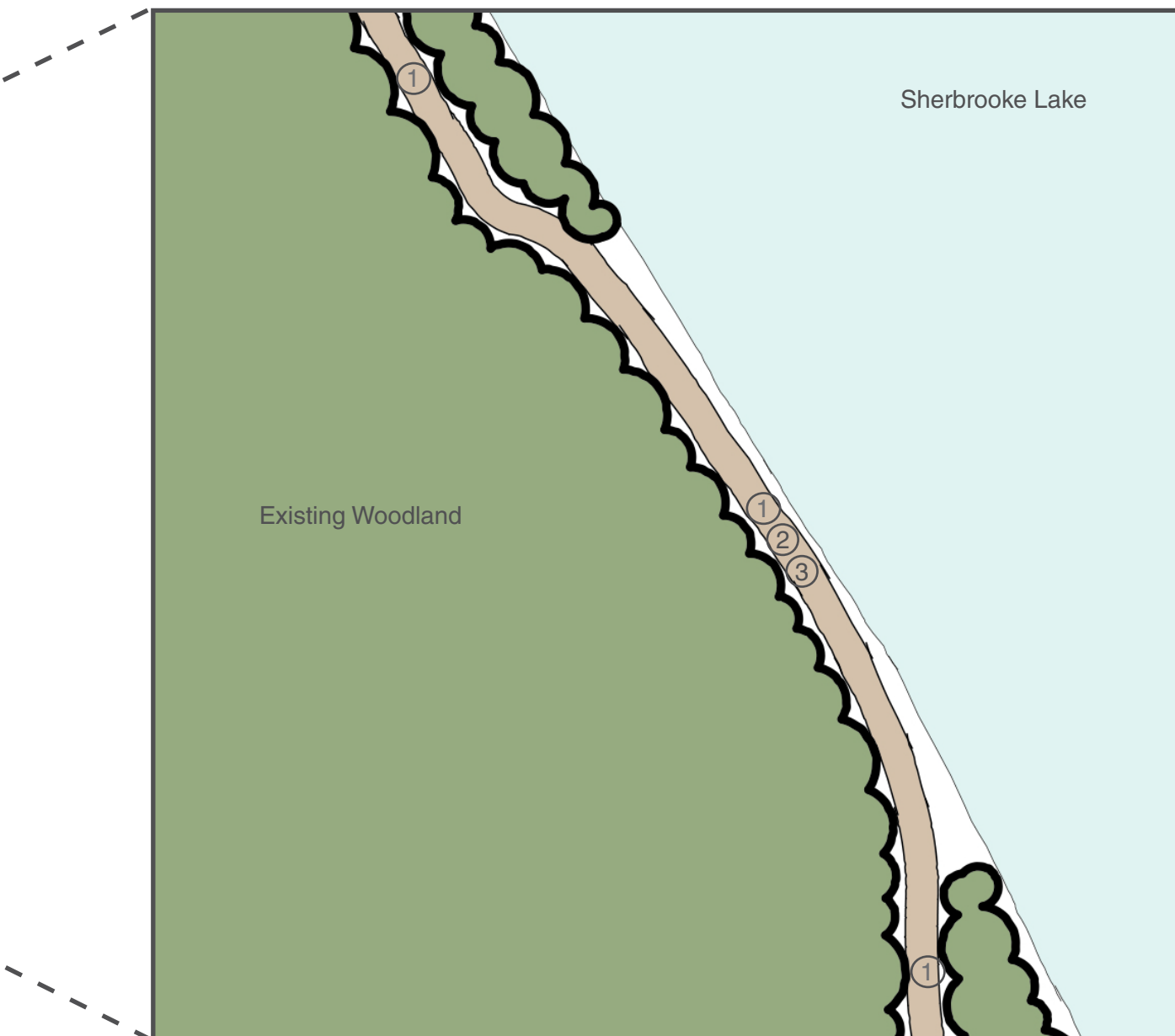
Concept 3

This concept expands the public space to a full day-use park. A public beach provides a space to lounge and swim, and also to launch canoes and kayaks. A natural playground provides a child-friendly play space, while keeping the “rustic” feel of the lake. The living shoreline is reconstructed riparian habitat that provides shelter for wildlife, while offering opportunities to educate users about the environment of the lake. Washrooms could be pit privies, composting toilets, or full flush toilets, depending on available resources and the sensitivities of the final site.

Concept 4

This concept adds a boat launch to Concept 3. This boat launch would accommodate motorized boats. As such, it is buffered from the public beach to prevent conflicts with swimmers. The boat launch includes its own parking area for boat trailers. It also includes its own separate gate, so that access to the boat launch can be controlled separately for the rest of the public access. The hull wash station in the parking lot includes infiltration trenching for the wastewater. However, the wash station is dependent on the water and electrical supply that would also be installed for flush toilets.

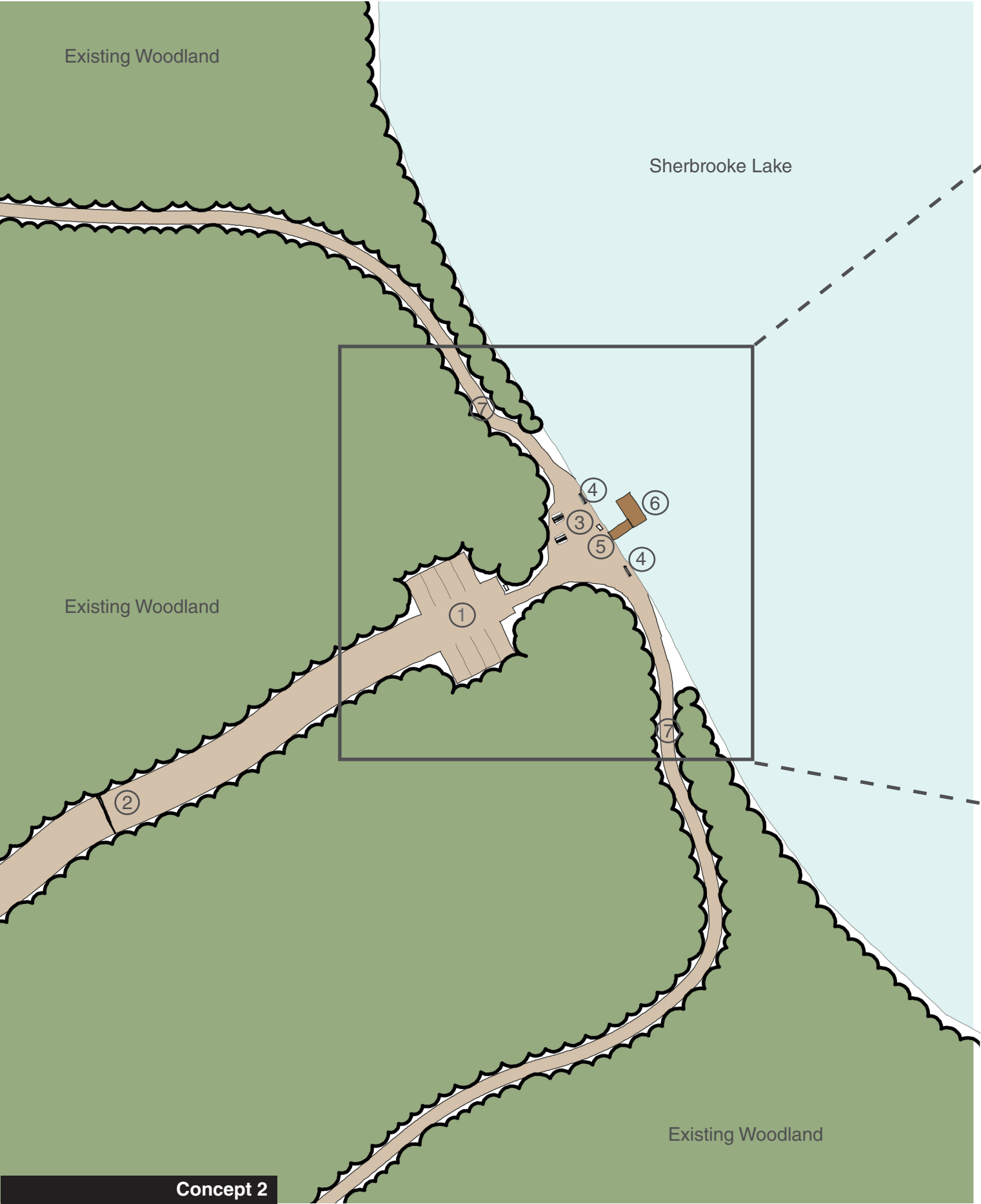


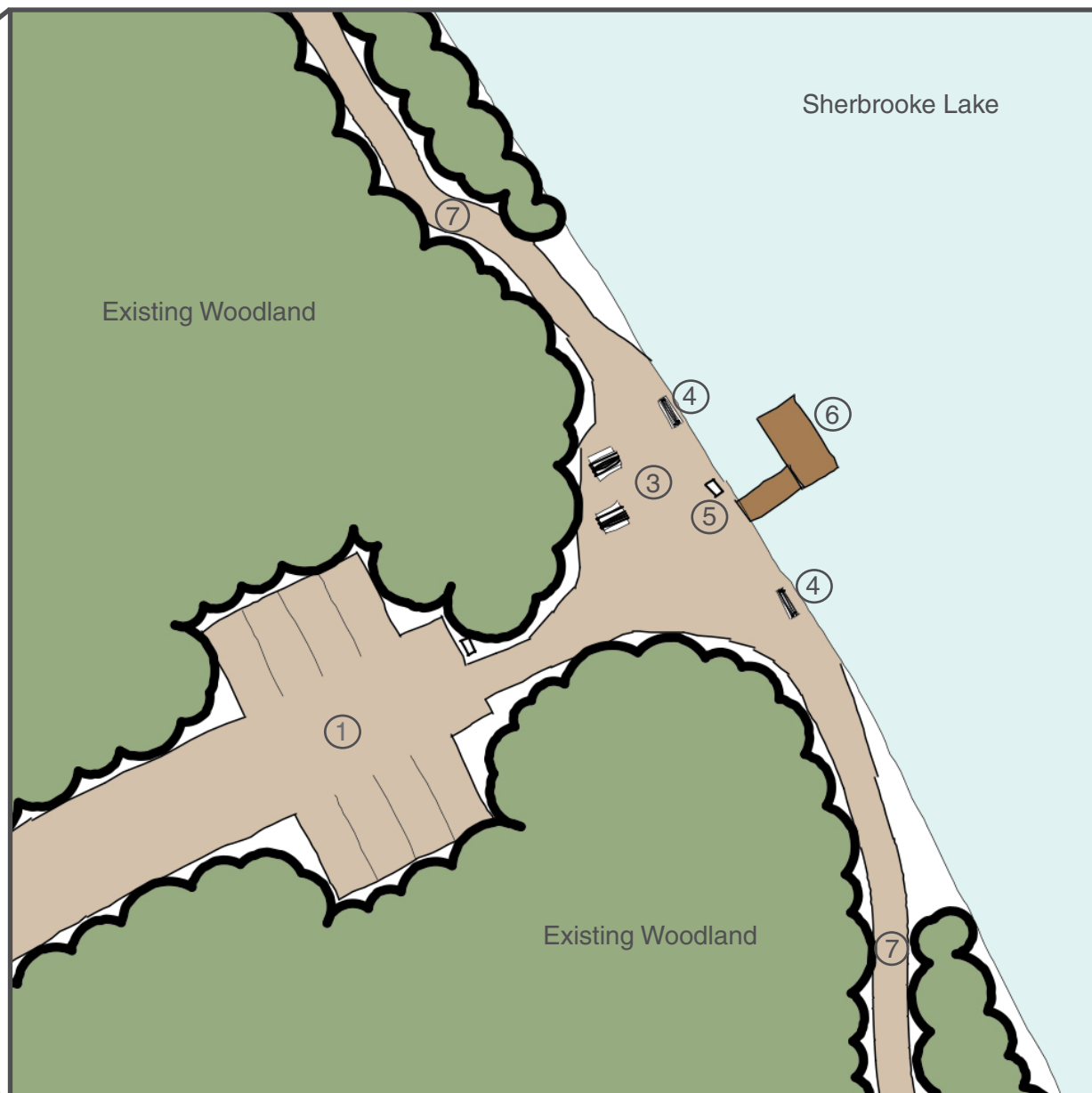


Key

- ① Trail
- ② Wayfinding & Interpretive Signage
- ③ Location to put in canoe/kayak, swim from the shore, and/or fish from the shore

Concept 1



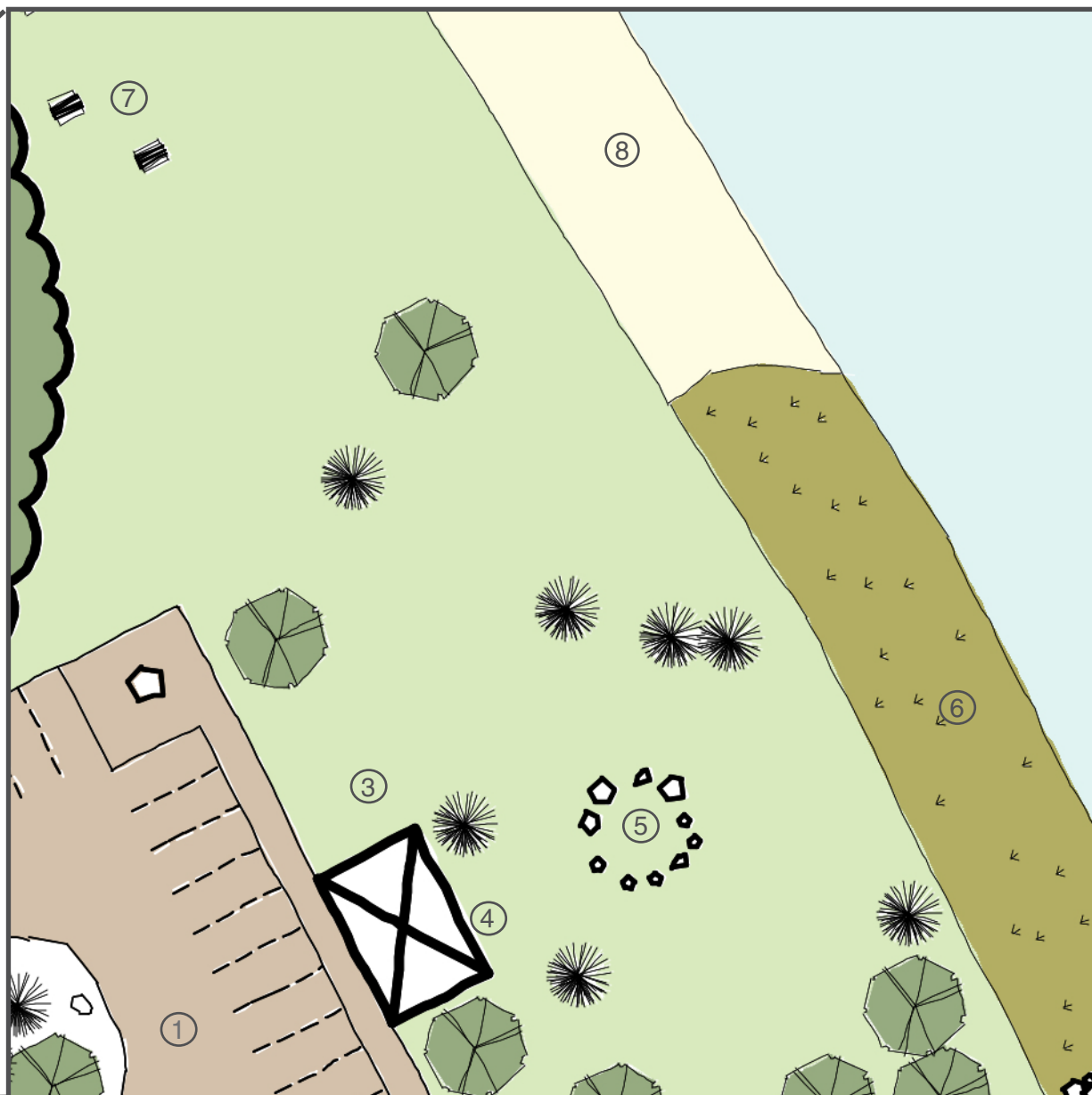


Key

- ① Gravel Car Park & Access Road
- ② Lockable Gate
- ③ Picnic Area
- ④ Seating / Viewpoint
- ⑤ Wayfinding & Interpretive Signage
- ⑥ Floating Dock for Canoes / Kayaks / Fishing (non-motorized)
- ⑦ Trail

Concept 2



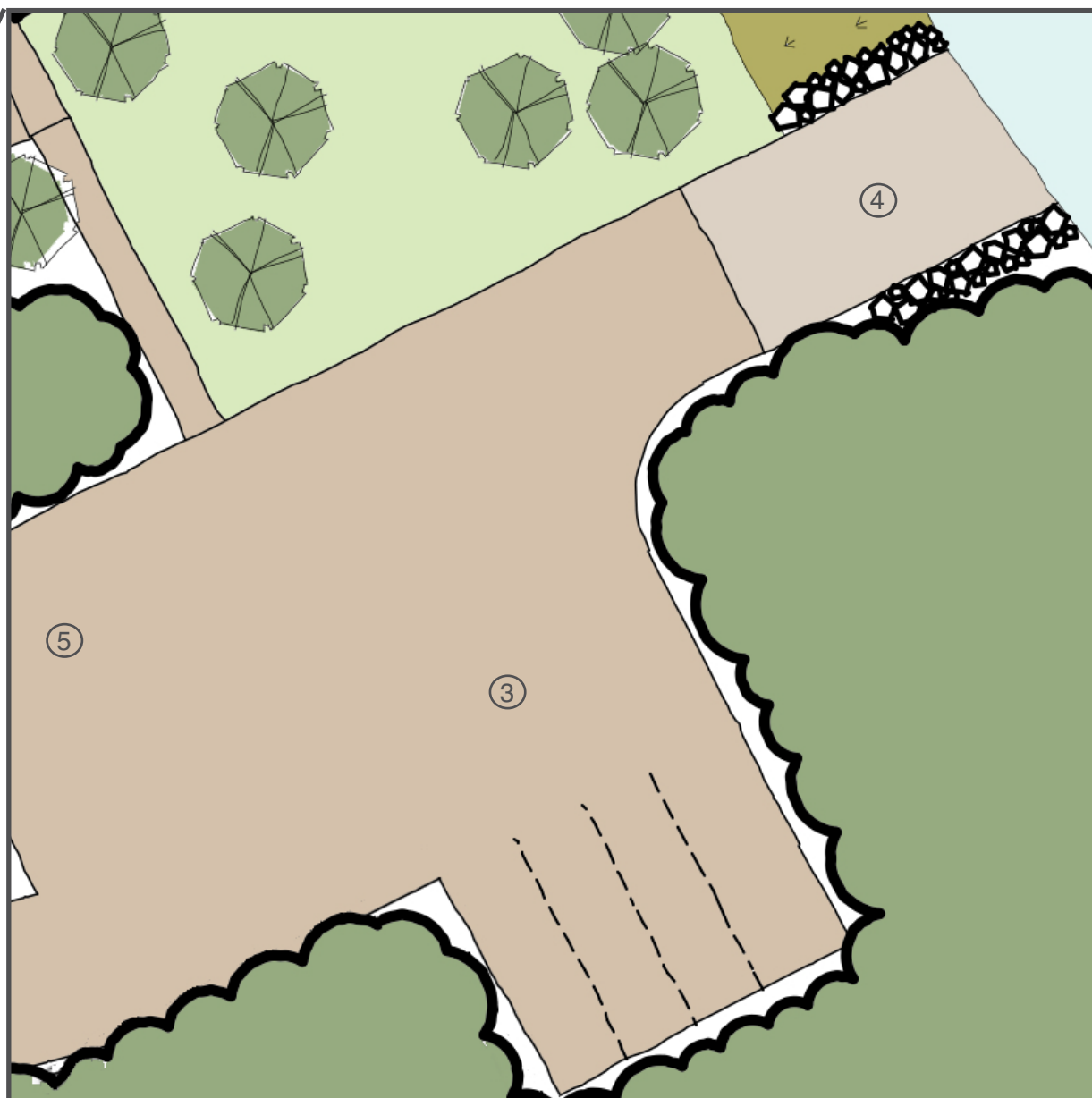


Key

- ① Gravel Car Park & Access Road
- ② Lockable Gate
- ③ Wayfinding & Interpretive Signage
- ④ Washrooms
- ⑤ Natural Playground
- ⑥ Living Shoreline
- ⑦ Picnic Area
- ⑧ Beach

Concept 3





Key

- ① Lockable Gate
- ② Access Road
- ③ Gravel Car Park for Vehicles with Boat Trailers
- ④ Boat Ramp (motorized boats)
- ⑤ Hull Wash Station

Concept 4

6.3 Cost Estimates

The following Class D (Indicative) Opinion of Probable Cost was developed at the concept level in order to provide a magnitude of cost for the project and should be treated as such; variance at this level of estimating can be significant. The opinion of probable cost was developed based on the information available combined with our professional judgment. The changing costs of material and labor, as well as the conditions and underlying principles from which contractors will derive their bids for the work are outside our knowledge and control. As such, this is an opinion only and UPLAND cannot and will not guarantee that actual project costs will not fluctuate from this.

Concept 1

The cost estimate for Concept 1 assumes that access to the site is provided by a 1000m long and 1.5m wide crusher dust trail. The cost per metre for this trail is \$81 (including 20% contingency).

UPLAND		Sherbrooke Lake - Opinion of Costs - Concept 1				
#	Item	Description	Qty	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
General						
1.1	Tree removal & grubbing	Trail 1km (L) x 1.5m (W)	0.2	hect	\$36,000	\$7,200
General Subtotal						\$7,200
Hard Landscape						
2.1	Crusher dust trail 1km long, 1.5m wide	50mm on 100mm gravel + subgrade prep	1,500	sq.m	\$40	\$60,000
2.2	Interpretive sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	-	-	Allow	\$3,000
2.3	Signage at beginning and end of trail	On posts, conc. footing	2	@	\$1,000	\$2,000
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$63,000
Civil						
3.1	None included in this Opinion of Cost					\$0
Civil Sub-total						\$0
Electrical						
4.1	None included in this Opinion of Cost					\$0
Electrical Subtotal						\$0
Soft Landscape						
5.1	None included in this Opinion of Cost					\$0
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$0
Summary						
General Subtotal						\$7,200
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$63,000
Civil Sub-total						\$0
Electrical Subtotal						\$0
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$0
Construction Subtotal						\$70,200
Contingency 20%						\$14,040
Total						\$84,240

Concept 2

The cost estimate for Concept 2 assumes that access to the site is provided by a 1000m long and 1.5m wide crusher dust trail and a 1500m long and 9m wide gravel road. The cost per metre for the trail is \$81 (including 20% contingency) and the cost per metre for the road is \$189 (including 20% contingency).

UPLAND		Sherbrooke Lake - Opinion of Costs - Concept 2				
#	Item	Description	Qty	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
General						
1.0	Tree removal & grubbing	Trail, access road and car park	1.37	hect	\$36,000	\$49,320
General Subtotal						\$49,320
Hard Landscape						
2.1	1.5km (L) x 9m (W) Gravel access road	300mm gravel, grading	1500	m	\$125	\$187,500
2.2	Gravel car park - 8 spaces	300mm gravel, grading	190	sq.m	\$14	\$2,660
2.3	Crusher dust trail 1km long, 1.5m wide	150mm gravel + subgrade prep	1,500	sq.m	\$40	\$60,000
2.4	Wooden curb	6 x 6 pressure treated	20	lin.m	\$40	\$800
2.5	Swing gate	Barrier, posts, conc. footings	1	-	Allow	\$6,000
2.6	Interpretive sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	2	@	\$3,000	\$6,000
2.7	Entry sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	1	@	\$3,000	\$3,000
2.8	Furniture	2 benches, 2 picnic tables	4	@	\$1,500	\$6,000
2.9	Signage - traffic	On posts, conc. footing	2	@	\$750	\$1,500
2.10	Dock				Allow	\$6,000
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$279,460
Civil						
3.1	Infiltration trench for car park run off	200mm hdpe perf.pipe with clearstone	14	lin.m	\$90	\$1,260
Civil Subtotal						\$1,260
Electrical						
4.1	None included in this Opinion of Cost					\$0
Electrical Subtotal						\$0
Soft Landscape						
5.1	None included in this Opinion of Cost					\$0
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$0
Summary						
General Subtotal						\$49,320
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$279,460
Civil Subtotal						\$1,260
Electrical Subtotal						\$0
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$0
Construction Subtotal						\$330,040
Contingency 20%						\$66,008
Total						\$396,048

Concept 3

The cost estimate for Concept 3 assumes that access to the site is provided by a 1500m long and 9m wide gravel road. The cost per metre for the road is \$189 (including 20% contingency).

UPLAND		Sherbrooke Lake - Opinion of Costs - Concept 3				
#	Item	Description	Qty	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
General						
1.1	Tree removal & grubbing	Access road and car park areas	1.45	hect	\$36,000	\$52,200
General Subtotal						\$52,200
Hard Landscape						
2.1	1.5m km (L) x 9m (W) Gravel access road	300mm gravel grading	1500	m	\$125	\$187,500
2.2	Gravel car park - 35 spaces	300mm gravel grading	1000	sq.m	\$14	\$14,000
2.3	Crusher dust Sidewalk	150mm granular + subgrade prep	110	sq.m	\$40	\$4,400
2.4	Wooden curb	6 x 6 pressure treated	80	lin.m	\$40	\$3,200
2.5	Swing gate	Barrier, posts, conc. footings	1	@	\$6,000	\$6,000
2.6	Interpretive signs	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	2	@	\$3,000	\$6,000
2.7	Entry sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics, plants	1	@	\$10,000	\$10,000
2.8	Signage - traffic	On posts, conc. footing	2	@	\$750	\$1,500
2.9	Furniture	5 picnic tables, 4 benches	9	@	\$1,500	\$13,500
2.9	Natural playground	rock circle, swings, tree stumps etc	-	-	Allow	\$20,000
2.10	Boulder wall		35	face m	\$200	\$7,000
2.11	Washrooms	Slab on grade, conc. block walls, windows, basic M & E	36	sq.m	\$1,800	\$64,800
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$337,900
Civil						
3.1	Infiltration trench for car park run off	200mm hdpe perf.pipe with clearstone	45	lin.m	\$90	\$4,050
3.2	Septic tank & septic field		-	-	Allow	\$25,000
3.3	Well		-	-	Allow	\$15,000
Civil Subtotal						\$44,050
Electrical						
4.1	Power & power poles	Poles required every 33m	6	@	\$1,500	\$9,000
Electrical Subtotal						\$9,000
Soft Landscape						
5.1	Trees	Supply, install, maintain and guarantee	19	@	\$500	\$9,500
5.2	Hydroseed + 150mm topsoil Picnic Area	Incl. topsoil, maintenance, guarantee	2,100	sq.m	\$7	\$14,700
5.3	Hydroseed + 150mm topsoil Play Area	Incl. topsoil, maintenance, guarantee	1,000	sq.m	\$7	\$7,000
5.4	Living shoreline	Supply, install, maintain and guarantee	400	sq.m	\$70	\$28,000
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$59,200
Summary						
General Subtotal						\$52,200
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$337,900
Civil Subtotal						\$44,050
Electrical Subtotal						\$9,000
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$59,200
Construction Subtotal						\$502,350
Contingency 20%						\$100,470
Total						\$602,820

Concept 4

The cost estimate for Concept 4 assumes that access to the site is provided by a 1500m long and 9m wide gravel road. Access to the boat ramp is provided by a 150m long and 9m wide gravel road. The cost per metre for the road is \$189 (including 20% contingency).

UPLAND		Sherbrooke Lake - Opinion of Costs - Concept 4				
#	Item	Description	Qty	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
General						
1.1	Tree removal & grubbing	Access road and car park areas	1.65	hect	\$36,000	\$59,400
General Subtotal						\$59,400
Hard Landscape						
2.1	1.65km (L) x 9m (W) Gravel access road	300mm gravel grading	1650	m	\$125	\$206,250
2.2	Gravel car park - 35 spaces	300mm gravel grading	1000	sq.m	\$14	\$14,000
2.3	Car / boat park - 4 spaces & hull wash area	300mm gravel, grading	1300	sq.m	\$14	\$18,200
2.4	Crusher dust Sidewalk	150mm granular + subgrade prep	110	sq.m	\$40	\$4,400
2.5	Wooden curb	6 x 6 pressure treated	120	lin.m	\$40	\$4,800
2.6	Swing gate	Barrier, posts, conc. footings	2	@	\$6,000	\$12,000
2.7	Interpretive signs	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	2	@	\$3,000	\$6,000
2.8	Boat ramp info sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics	1	@	\$3,000	\$3,000
2.9	Entry sign	Pressure treated lumber, conc. footings, graphics, plants	2	-	Allow	\$12,000
2.9	Signage - traffic	On posts, conc. footing	4	@	\$750	\$3,000
2.10	Furniture	5 picnic tables, 4 benches	9	@	\$1,500	\$13,500
2.11	Natural playground	rock circle, swings, tree stumps etc	-	-	Allow	\$20,000
2.12	Boulder walls		105	face m	\$200	\$21,000
2.13	Washrooms	Slab on grade, conc. block walls, windows, basic M & E	36	sq.m	\$1,800	\$64,800
2.14	Boat ramp	Reinforced conc.	140	sq.m	\$140	\$19,600
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$422,550
Civil						
3.1	Infiltration trenches for car park run off	200mm hdpe perf. pipe with clearstone	90	lin.m	\$90	\$8,100
3.2	Septic tank & septic field		-	-	Allow	\$25,000
3.3	Well		-	-	Allow	\$15,000
3.4	Hull wash station	Hose, reel on pressure treated stand, u/g piping	-	-	Allow	\$3,000
Hard Subtotal						\$51,100
Electrical						
4.1	Power & power poles	Poles required every 33m	6	@	\$1,500	\$9,000
Electrical Subtotal						\$9,000
Soft Landscape						
5.1	Trees	Supply, install, maintain and guarantee	19	@	\$500	\$9,500
5.2	Hydroseed + 150mm topsoil Picnic Area	Incl. topsoil, maintenance, guarantee	2,100	sq.m	\$7	\$14,700
5.3	Hydroseed + 150mm topsoil Play Area	Incl. topsoil, maintenance, guarantee	1,000	sq.m	\$7	\$7,000
5.4	Living shoreline	Supply, install, maintain and guarantee	400	sq.m	\$70	\$28,000
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$59,200
Summary						
General Subtotal						\$59,400
Hard Landscape Subtotal						\$422,550
Hard Subtotal						\$51,100
Electrical Subtotal						\$9,000
Soft Landscape Subtotal						\$59,200
Construction Subtotal						\$601,250
Contingency 20%						\$120,250
Total						\$721,500



Appendix A

Respondents' Open-Ended Responses Regarding Their Vision for a Successful Public Space on Sherbrooke Lake

Appendix B

Respondents' Open-Ended General Comments

Appendix C

Copy of the Paper Survey

Appendix A - Respondents' Open-Ended Responses Regarding Their Vision for Sherbrooke Lake

- prefer not to have public access , it will destroy the pristine environment of the lake and surrounding area . There is little possibility that the over use and contamination of the lake and surrounding area can be avoided or mitigated
- Quiet gentle access for “everyman”
- As a cottage owner for over 30 years, we chose this particular lake because of the quiet beauty. We built without electricity but as things progressed we acquired electricity when the electrical line came through to the United Church camp. We abide by all the rule as set forth and built our cottage to the guidelines as put forth by the Municipality, with proper swear and water, we are not adding to the possible pollution of the Lake and cherish the cleanliness of the water. While the developer put in a right-a-way to the Lake, it is mainly used by the residents but locals have been known to frequent the Lake through this access. I personally would love to see all motorized watercraft not be permitted on the Lake as there is a certain amount of gasoline which seeps into the waterways, not to speak of the noise. Not everyone who uses the waterways of all Nova Scotia respect public property and it would be hard to control the littering which may increase with this privilege.
- Permitting those with no vested interest in the lake is a mistake. The best way to preserve the natural state of the lake is to restrict access particularly to motorized equipment. There is no way to ensure there is ZERO risk of transferring contaminants, plants, animals etc from other locations (even with wash stations). Additional users bring noise, pollution, increased trespassing, a loss of privacy for the LANDOWNERS and more stress to the plants and animals. The health of the lake should be the Nova Scotia's top priority, not satisfying the wants of a general public. What are the chances that a non-landowner would say no to free access? I'm guessing about zero.
- No public access is a successful vision. I have been on that lake for several years and as much as it is a beautiful lake it can be a dangerous. Having boaters on the lake that are not familiar with it would be a dangerous situation not to mention the extra boat traffic is not wanted from an environmental impact on the lake, wild life impact, plus the safety of the current property owners. I can't help but think that due to the lake being full of bass and chain pickerel now (which are not wanted either by the way, would like the trout back please) that this public access is being driven is being driven by bass fishermen wanting access to the lake. Just what I want, bass boats ruining my view of the lake.
- A quiet place where people can enjoy nature. Not a party lake like Aylesford lake. The motorized boats and seadoos disrupt the enjoyment of the lake.
- Sherbrooke Lake is one of the cleanest lakes in the Maritimes. Permitting Public Access will change this due to many more gas powered water craft, oil pollution, and possible algae transfer from nearby lakes (ie. Lake Torment which was very bad last year). The biggest problem is road accessibility. The cottage owners and residents of Wildor Park, Deep Cove and Sherbrooke Forest pool their resources annually to maintain the George Brown Rd to a minimum standard. The County of Lunenburg would have to either take over control of this road or agree to share maintenance costs to enable Public Access to the east side of Sherbrooke Lake. Failure to do this would cause serious problems for this road, which can barely handle the current traffic load. The residents of Wildor Park are currently paying a road maintenance fee based on their property assessment. This means the people with the highest assessments would be paying the Loin's share for the Public to access our road. Therefore, the County would have to pay its fair share in order not to put unnecessary financial hardship of the residents of Wildor Park. Snow ploughing the George Brown Rd is another issue that would have to be addressed for Public Access. Currently, 20+ residents chip in for snow ploughing to keep the 12 km road open during the winter months. If Public Access is given using the George Brown road in the winter for ski-doing, etc. , the County would have to share the costs to enable access to occur. In conclusion, if the County (Public) are willing to pay their fair share to maintain the George Brown Rd all year round, I am sure the residents of the 3 subdivisions I mentioned above would be more in favourable to sharing our beautiful lake than they are now. Remember, we have spent around \$500,000 dollars of our own money during the past 35 years to get the road to it's current state. The County has not paid 1 cent on this road until last year when it agreed to maintain about 500 feet in from the Forties Rd.
- A quiet, public access point for passive use and enjoyment of the beautiful lake. Access that will not upset the natural environment of the lake. No fishing tournaments, no stocking of the lake, no spending of millions of dollars worth of public tax payers money for an eventual environmental disaster.
- Not much of a poll , if you cant choose pros and conns
- Basically give locals and other an opportunity to swim and enjoy Sherbrooke lake while protecting the peaceful atmosphere of the lake and the water quality. I think the main concern for cottage owners is motorized watercraft/bass fishers and the impact to peace and quite of the lake as well as the water quality. Basically having hundreds and hundreds of fishing boats (bass mostly) roaring up and down the lake every weekend of the summer and polluting the water is the main concern. I think if it was only a beach for swimming the resistance would go way down. I don't even think allowing fishing is that big of a problem so long as it is done in a canoe or kayak. Just my thoughts.
- I would like to see something that is somewhat sustainable and available year round. My interest is family camping . I don't know if MODL would be willing to consider combining and operating a camping facility, and I don't know how much land is being considered, but I know of other places who do. Example would be Lunenburg . As all suggestions should be considered before decisions are made, I would be willing to offer my input on the possibility of a camping facility.
- It would be an area where I could safely park and have access to the lake. An area to BBQ and picnic would add to the pleasure and use of the park, this would allow us to enjoy the lake and spend a quiet ,relaxing day outside. It would need to have handicap accessible areas such as washrooms and water front so the all of the local residents could visit and use the facility and have use of the lake. I have a “handicap” person that loves to swim and this would certainly add to his pleasure. The area should have some form of shelter from the sun, hopefully a natural shaded area or roofs over some picnic tables for shade.
- We need a full service family day park which makes the lake accessible for residents of all ages. It is a truly wonderful community resource, or at least it used to be before it was privatized by developers and lake lot owners. This happened with the complete knowledge and agreement of our municipal government. Now we are in a dog fight to regain the access our communities used to enjoy.
- Access to Sherbrooke Lake contributed to the quality of life in bordering communities for more than 100 years prior to our Municipal Government giving sole access to developers and residential property owners. This happened in the space of about 30 years. Now the lake is the private resource of those living in lake front subdivisions both seasonal & full time. My vision is to return access to this public resource back to the people the true owners of the lake by Provincial law. This decision point is crucial for both our Municipal Government and our residents. If the people are again defeated by the privileged lake lot owners, we may never see another opportunity for equality and justice. That is my vision, not just for today but more importantly for future generations.

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- The public space is one that has minimal footprint on nature. The land is left as natural as possible. The lake is used naturally, ie, swimming and non-motorized boating. The activities are peaceful and healthy, ie, no smoking of any kind, no alcohol, no drugs. This is definitely not a space for fishing tournaments or power boat competitions. People come here and respect their public space.
- If you live there,,you are paying road taxes,,you're land,,you're home,,so non paying extra people for recreational use of non \$\$\$ should be allowed,,,unless invited by paying owners,,,opening the access to non resident ,,is a bad idea,,who pays for the destruction ???these people will do?? The people that pay to live there,,,if the Sherbrooke lake land owner wants to give access to none paying people,he should be liable for the destruction they do,and not charge the people that live there for the expenses,,in a contract,,and be ready for some to sell and leave,,,
- My vision is of a lake filled with concerned property owners who care about the lake, the environment and the fellow residents and not filled with every tom, dick and Harry who has a high powered bass boat and a flat of beer who will then fill the lake with empty cans and go home at the end of the day leaving the mess behind for residents to clean up. I also envision the increase in property vandalism and theft if modl opens the lake up to the public, currently residents have gate to keep unwanted intruders out of their homes but with many homes being seasonal who will provide protection from the general public if public access is granted
- The lake is currently a very quiet and enjoyable lake with lots of wildlife such as turtles and loons. I do not want anything that will jeopardize their livelihood and ability to survive. A nature trail leading down to the lake which doesn't affect the shoreline would be the best access and optimal for maintaining the natural beauty of the lake.
- My vision does not include a public park on the lake.
- I do not want public access to Sherbrooke Lake. History has shown that when these types of spaces are opened up to the public, then a rash of break-ins would occur. We, as a family, do not want the space opened up to the public. If you did do this, then the best option would be where the United Church Camp is located. That way the road would not see an increase in traffic, which would cost the current cottage owners more money to maintain.
- A small and inconspicuous access point on the lake, that allows access for small boats such as canoes and kayaks, maybe small sailboats. Recently there was an access point put in at nearby Church lake that was over-built and quite unattractive. All the trees were cleared and a large gravel parking lot was put in that does not really fit in with the look of the lake. Access points should be more natural looking, and should keep trees and shore vegetation. From the lake itself, very little should be visibly different.
- 1 Sherbrooke Lake is pristine but, as studies have shown, fragile 2 a public space would be a place where the additional activities taking place there cause an insignificant impact on the water quality, traffic, noise, nutrient loading, and natural ecosystem (particularly algae) 3 independent environmental impact assessment necessary before taking any steps to implement public access
- A space that preserves the pristine condition of the lake and surrounding areas and has absolutely no impact on the environment.
- All I want to say is: I do not want what Aylesford Lake has become. That is a disgrace.
- Be accessible year - round Be neat and clean - no garbage Be maintained - garbage pickup on regular pick up days Have reasonable amount of parking, so as not to impede road traffic. Have sensible gradient on ramp - for 2 wheel drives as well as 4 wheel drive vehicles
- Success in this endeavour is not something I am interested in. I purchased property on this lake with the understanding there was no public access. I wish to keep it that way.
- Including the following (not in order of importance) 1) locally managed 2) maintain environmental integrity 3) accessible for all 4) management plan for the future 5) public place to be proud of 6) it be established without huge push back from the cottage residents 7) future generations will thank us for our forward thinking
- community access is important but that can be quite simple - and NOT at the expense of the environment/lake/ecosystem. I am in favour of community access but NOT motorized boats.
- The ultimate goal here should be to provide immediate access for the public abroad to the Lake for physical activities such as the individual might wish whether it be boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, nature watching or just plain relaxation. While this must be priority MODL should consider that in the future opportunities for Economic Development at the site providing space allows should remain open for considerations.
- A space, enjoyed responsibly by local residents and visitors, that allows all to appreciate nature in a relatively undisturbed state.
- well planned and managed public family park on the lake for now and the future.
- I want freedom of choice to use the open space 2. I want it there for future generations 3. I want respect from the property owners at the lake
- Waterways are public in nature, however fortunate individuals who own lakefront properties are frequently the only people able to access these public resources. Providing barrier-free access is imperative to promoting healthy outdoor living and a connection with nature that is quintessentially Nova Scotian. Access comes in many forms, however if we look at our neighbours (e.g. Maine), the model of providing adequate trailered-boat access to all lakes has led to measurable economic returns in rural communities.
- A small, low-profile facility that fosters appreciation of the lake and protects its environment, but without enabling its further degradation. Public access design features and regulations similar to those that protect the lake environments of National Parks, such as Kejimikujik. Strict attention to environmental impact. The Municipality shall conduct continuous monitoring and publicly report or display key metrics: number of visitors, water quality, water level, water flow and water-level control, native and invasive aquatic species (plants and animals), native and invasive species (plants and animals), bird activity and nesting sites, incidence of forest fires, etc. Public access shall encourage scientific research of the lake and its surrounding drainage basin - flora and fauna, human impact, bathymetry, geological and glacial features, water quality, shoreline quality, etc.
- I've been at our private beach to see many of the public make their way over to access. Some seem to be very respectable...paddling over from another spot on the lake just to explore the beach despite the 'No Trespassing' signs but others drive up on our private road, bring alcohol to the beach, leave garbage and make us feel VERY uncomfortable. If public access to the lake is an absolute must, maybe it's a nature lover's trail that hikes to the lake? What else is needed in the area? With a much better swimming hole a few miles away at Indian Falls with a picnic area AND a brand new boat launch on Church Lake, what more is needed for the public? And at what or whose expense? I did not realize the municipal government had so much budget to spend on recreation areas? Using tax paying money to provide a road to the lake makes me wonder about the reason why I paid more to get a piece of land with lake access; why I pay higher taxes for that property; why I currently pick up other people's garbage, liquor bottles and cigarette butts...seeing some of the public that use our private roads and parking to access our private beach with no respect but now they want their own road with a right to use the areas that we've worked hard maintaining. I can't see this as a good decision....and WHY?

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- I just want to be able to have public access to the lake so I can go fishing in the spring.
- A full service family day park
- Whereas there are landowners right of the lake public access should be limited-with noise by-laws in effect. A good boat launch, parking space for boat users and a swimming area with portable loo's is important. A SMALL picnic area would be good as well as marker buoys for shallow to deep water is necessary. That's it for us.
- I would like to see a boat launch that is well build along with a dock for everyone to use (boaters ,people that are physical not as able as most to use for fishing and swimming)Have a green space for family activities (ball field picnic etc.) Park with trees and as a trail head so many activity can start or be focuses from the public access area on Sherbrooke Lake !
- I like to see a park like setting with plenty of activities for kid and young adults. Lots of picnic tables and barbques. A dock for small crafts, place to swim and fish.
- Successful public space would in no way interfere with the pristine lake and have no impact on the environment.
- A quiet waterfront area where local families can enjoy the nature on Sherbrooke Lake. There should not be a large development or large boat docks/ launches.
- Road access that allows people to swim, and recreate in non-motorized vehicles. Large grassy areas should not be created, rather the woods can be managed to create picnic and family spots. Sherbrooke Lake should be kept as natural as possible.
- just like it is today non existent
- A quiet, well kept family space, with a non alcohol rule.
- Respect for all.
- not to have one!
- I strongly believe that access to more than people, kayaks, and canoes will forever damage what is currently a quiet, peaceful, and healthy environment...
- There should not be any sort of public development on this lake
- Use crown lands far away from existing cottage subdivision, provided a wide buffer from such sub divisions. Do not allow motorized boats by non landowners.
- A well maintained natural environment with regular garbage collection, picnic tables, small playground with modern equipment, monitored by caring staff that protects the park from misuse. An area for families to enjoy the lake without being run over by fishing boats. A small dock for non-motorized craft to be on the water to watch for beavers, loons, turtles, etc. An environment where children can learn how necessary it is to respect and preserve nature while still enjoying the outdoors. This is unlike due to Nova Scotia Anglers Association pushing for access to further kill the lake. There aren't even leeches in the lake any more. Frogs and eels are harder to find than trout. My view of a public access cost dollars and where are they coming from long term? Provincial and federal parks are not being maintained and MODL is undertaking a new one! Why and for who? There is a small public access near Turner Point that is not used so why spend taxpayer dollars on another access?
- I am not in favour of public access to Sherbrooke lake because it will destroy the quite tranquility that presently exists/
- There is no successful public space for Sherbrooke Lake. The paramount question should be "should there be access?" The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is famous for polluted waters (LaHave River is prime example) and there is not a plan of action in place to correct this problem in the near future. Will MODL correct the pollution problems in Sherbrooke Lake (ie. algae bloom) after public access is completed? Will they ensure that the ecosystems and environment of the lake is not damaged? The best form of public access would be a pathway to the lake for canoe and kayak launching. As well, keep the public access in the northern portion of the lake (between the water inflow and outflow) to help minimize the damage to the water and ecosystems.
- very small area accessible by long walking path and only area for blanket picnic, swimming or fishing by pole or carry canoe or kayak into lake. Buoys to limit area these craft can go out in lake and along shore.
- A successful public space could only exist if it was far away from already existing cottage and lot owners who have already paid a heavy price to enjoy the tranquility that such an area as Sherbrooke Lake can bring. A public access at Sherbrooke Lake would turn into a noisy party area where people would be disrespectful to the existing residents and nature itself. Whether it be cars racing around in the parking lots, litter and broken beer bottles everywhere, noise pollution from music, parties, jet skis and speed boats and also vandalism. I feel it should be left as is.
- My vision includes the 3 items listed above and if this public space can accommodate those, then it will be successful for now and future generations.
- Strongly disagree with any public space on Sherbrooke Lake.
- i would like to see year round access for everyone to hunt,fish,snowmobile and enjoy the great outdoors and respect the environment.you are always going to get people that disrespect facilities and environment.it is up to the rest of us to keep them inline.when i go to a place in nature i always pickup other peoples garbage.thank you
- Let's start with examples of misuse which my wife and I have encountered on the lake from others with property there and from visitors from outside. We have the property next to Sandy Cove in the Sherbrooke Forest development. We have experienced (unauthorized) use of this private property for 25 years by people who were not owners in the development. Very seldomly have we witnessed responsible use of the beach. The following is a list of the most egregious violations of responsible use: garbage, garbage, garbage not removed (anything from food scraps, cans and bottles, whole or broken, disposable diapers, other unmentionables); open fires and sometimes large ones during times of high to extreme forest fire danger; irresponsible use of motorboats and especially Seadoos (crossing in front of the beach and adjacent properties and approaching and leaving the beach at high speeds, often while people are swimming); destruction of "Private Property" signs; cutting of trees on the property for camping use; late night noisy parties; overnight camping. When we have advised people of transgressions (examples: dangerous motorboat use, rowdiness, noise, I allowed camping) we have been met with surliness, belligerence, and even threats. So any vision of a "successful public space" MUST PREVENT THESE MISUSES OF THAT SPACE FROM THE START!!! I'm sorry to be so negative about this question but as you can see from the above description when people think a space is a public space there has been more misuse than responsible use.

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- Citizens would be able to drive to a gated entrance area....offload their canoe or kayak and walk to the water's edge (please note my previous suggestion for gate key access for persons with mobility challenges). They would then have the ability to enjoy a tranquil paddle around the lake and back to their vehicle within the 8am to 6pm timeframe. The only place where users would be able to use washroom would be at the entry site. No other places on the lake would be available to the paddler. This space would definitely prohibit access to the lake for motorized boats and would not allow fishing tournaments etc!!!! Should individuals/families wish to engage in swimming, they would do so at their own risk. There are many other swimming spaces nearby as well, e.g. Indian Falls. Property owners have been stewards of the well being of Sherbrooke Lake for generations and have oriented their extended family and friends to take care to preserve the health, beauty and general well being of the lake. With the parameters I have described above, additional citizen access to the lake would have least chance of damaging water quality, disrupting existing lake community culture or creating a threat to the safety of the people who have cared for the lake, to date (property owners) and risk to the integrity of their properties.
- If people want access, they can buy a cottage or lot of land on the lake just like the current owners on the lake have done.
- Eco-tourism is a growing industry, so I think this would be a wonderful approach to take to this development. Consulting groups like Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation and Helping Nature Heal would be good ways to ensure environmental integrity is maintained, and that we can enjoy this space while also maintaining its ecological value.
- It would be desirable to have a space where the privacy of land owners is respected. For those who will use this space, there should be an adequate, safe beach area, easily accessible from public roads.
- Design as an access point for small groups of people. ie less than 15 parking spaces. Design as an access point not a gathering point.
- change rooms, bbq area
- I would like to see a beach area similar to the Mush-a-Mush Municipal Beach, as well as a good, safe boat launch area to provide access for fishers and pleasure boaters. I am an avid tournament fisher, and fish many of our beautiful lakes on the South Shore. Access to Sherbrooke Lake would provide an opportunity to hold a yearly bass tournament on this lake. Our local fishing club holds tournaments on many local lakes, and has a proven history of being low impact to other users and lake dwellers. That being said, there will always be people that will have a problem with anything they don't feel should take place on "their" lake. Most bass fishers easily spend thousands of dollars per year on their hobby; much of this money is spent in the local communities.
- People like going there
- To have as little impact on the water quality of the lake itself and to protect the wildlife in the area. Well monitored restrictions will have to be enforced, which will be very hard to do in my opinion. A Lake patrol boat could be a possibility to ensure all guidelines are followed. I would not like to see access for large fishing boats ex. Bass fishing tournaments. This would be detrimental to the health of the lake.
- Must be properly maintained and supervised with public toilets and garbage containers and frequent removal of trash.
- The public space on Sherbrooke Lake should be a day-park with Beach for swimming, Fishing spots along the shore, Picnic tables and children's playground equipment, High-end boat launch, Walking trails, Field for sports. Signs: to show boaters where to go safely on the lake, to list a few sensible rules that will protect home and cottage owners on the lake, to list a few sensible rules to tell how to use the park, especially "SHOW RESPECT", to give a phone number to call in case something is amiss at the park.
- Not having one.
- I don't think there can be ANY type of successful public use of this and many other lakes. As soon as these spaces become public, the users abuse and destroy the area. Not every spot in Nova Scotia has to be developed for everyone's use. best approach would be to find a lake where no one currently goes and devote money to making that the designated public space for tournament fishermen /hikers /picnickers.
- no access, it will cost too much
- Not happen.
- I feel this is not a great idea at all. There are more than enough lakes around Nova Scotia and in Lunenburg county that are open to the public. More traffic will only hurt the environment. I would be open to public access without a boat launch and that's it. Sherbrooke lake has sooo many dangerous rock structures under water, and they are not marked and boat accidents and damage, plus environmental damage is going to happen. Every year, new boaters damage there boats. So once it's open to more traffic, it will be a mess. Not fair to people who have to pick up the mess, and not fair to the environment? Who's gonna mark all the problems?
- See No. 21
- this is garbage you have already decided that we NEED a public access this will cause polution, excess drinking and garbage not to mention breakins. I pay taxes and I don't think they should be used for this.
- I am primarily interesting in seeing a public access to this large lake be developed since I consider the waters a public common and not for the exclusive just use of the current landowners. My primary interests are recreational including fishing, birdwatching, and general exploring the lake. I'd like to see a small park with a public boat launch (with some associated parking), so that small trailered motorized boats could be used. This would also provide for canoes and kayaks as well. I'd also like to see access provided for all seasons (early spring for birdwatching and fishing, the fall for natural beauty, and the winter for snowshoeing or skiing).
- We do not wish to have public access to Sherbrooke Lake permitted.
- A successful public space would need at least a cement boat launch ramp and preferably have an adjoining floating landing dock. A nearby washroom facility would need to be available.)2 johnny-on-the-spot facilities would suffice. Suitable area at lakeside for parking of vehixcles and boat trailers is also abviously necessary.
- My vision of a successful public space is one that would have an impact on Sherbrooke Lake proportional to the percentage of lake front used for public space. I have been a property owner on Sherbrooke Lake since 1983. Since then, the number of cottages on the lake front has increased substantially. Nevertheless, the lake is still relatively quiet and enjoyable place to enjoy being on the water, The kayakers, canoeists seem to share well with the power craft. My greatest fear is that with public access might come significantly more power water craft. Worst of all would be fishing tournaments. I feel any such tournament would detrimentally affect my quiet enjoyment of the lake. Fishing tournaments would not offer recreation opportunities for more than a few residents of Lunenburg or Chester Municipalities; let alone the current property owners.
- Not in favor of public access. Sherbrooke. Lake has an algae problem which requires immediate attention.

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- Some of the suggestions you have would lead to more pollution and who is going to pay for all of this and with what funding?
- My vision is that public access to this and other lakes not exist.
- Keep the way it is
- none
- None I disagree with this
- Boat Launch available to those who want to use it,
- This survey does not explain the financial implications that will be incurred by the tax payers of Lunenburg Municipality. Why are you not asking the simple question "Are you willing to pay a tax increase to support public access to Sherbrooke Lake"? This survey implies we are going to give access to everyone and have Lunenburg Municipality pay the bill!
- I do not envision or want public access on the lake. I purchased property on this lake for the privacy and I currently own three waterfront lots exactly for that reason.
- A public space should not be provided in an area of private homeowners it defetes the purpose of having that area as your own quiet enjoyed.
- I do not want to see any sort of public park on the lake.
- Firstly I do not fully support public access on this lake for a variety of reasons. Nova Scotia had over 3000 lakes with many already giving the public plenty of access. Then add to the fact that Nova Scotia "Canada's Ocean Playground" has outstanding saltwater Beaches all around the province. Salmon and trout are disappearing as non native Bass and Chain Pickerel illegally dumped in our lakes take over. Before this survey came out there should have been one to determine the real number of how many Nova Scotian's really want our tax dollars spent on yet another park. If one is to be built it should not be another burden to the hard working Nova Scotia tax payer. If public access is granted it should not encroach on the existing land owners. If public access is granted it must be heavily policed to ensure no damage is done to the lake water quality If Public access is granted it must be heavily policed to not allow any new criminal behavior. If public access is granted who will be responsible for any damages resulting to existing land owners? If public access is granted.... no existing land owner should be made feel uncomfortable by any users of the public space. It should not change the current look and feel of the lake. It should be far away from existing homes so that none of the current property owners know that public access exists. Oakfield park on Shubenacadie Grand Lake has done a great job achieving this and would be a great model for Sherbrooke Lake if an area has to be built.
- One with a boat launch. Set up roughly like the picnic area at Big Mush-a-mush with natural trails but no beach. Sort of like Miller's Pt Peace Park near Bridgewater but with the ability to launch a watercraft. Sherbrooke is a huge lake well worth exploring. The shallowness of parts of it would restrict large overpowered boat usage and keep it to smaller aluminum boats and motors and such probably.
- I am concerned with cottage break-ins since we have had three incidents over 25 years; none of which were adequately resolved by Chester RCMP. I am concerned about unruly motorboats, especially the Sea-Dos that endanger swimmers near shore; I have never seen any police enforcing boating regulations on Sherbrooke Lake. I also am concerned that the water quality of Sherbrooke Lake is approaching a "tipping point" with existing levels of use.
- This public space should be : one that is evormently frendly one that will promote proper stuwardship of the lake , one that will provide the public a place on the lake that they can swim, relax in the peace and quit , put there non motorerized boat in the lake and enjoy a peace full day on the water one that is well run , very clean , staffed ,life guard, one that respects the cottage owners all ready there one that the people of MODL and MODC can be pride of one that takes in account the cost to develope / the on going maintiance cost one that has the approvell of the tax payer / not just a idea of a few that will be paid for the tax payer
- Leave it as it is
- Have all the amenities of Mushamush plus a boat launch and Parking
- A space that families can enjoy being near the water - eg: picnics , swimming , fishing from shore, etc , and also be able to launch their motorboat/canoe/ kayak, etc to enjoy various activities ON the lake such as boating, paddling, fishing, tubing, skiing, etc
- Respectfully I do not believe enough consultation of existing landowners on Sherbrooke Lake has been conducted. I have been on the lake for over 40 years, all my life, and it is loved by my family and I for its pristine natural beauty and solitude. It has boat traffic, but very little for a lake its size, and those who boat seem to respect the lake and its occupants. Most landowners have developed their properties in a way that maintains the beauty of the surroundings. We're a very happy lot. However, problems have surfaced over the past few years: loss of natural fish species and introduction of bass, algae blooms and water quality problems. This can only get worse with public access. Introduction of invasive species is a particular concern with a public boat launch. Alcohol and boating are common problems with public access. Garbage and misuse of facilities are common and likely. These problems bring impairment of land value and impairment of landowner enjoyment and should be appropriately considered and addressed in a public forum prior to making a rather one sided decision.
- Nice boat launching facility. Perhaps a small swimming beach and afew picnic tables, portable toilet.
- a boat launch and beach like on big mush a mush, although the beach next to the launch is not public. But it would make a nice model.
- Sherbrook should be no different than any other lake in nova scotia,I feel the good lord put these lakes here for all to enjoy,and of course it goes without saying that things around the lake needs to be maintained and not abused but I've been on quite a few lakes with public access and don,t really see much of a problem. The people that are using these lakes are the same ones that alert people when a problem occurs.The more people on the lake ,the more people keeping an eye on the lake and surrounding land, if a problem happens we would all know about it sooner than later.It,s good that you are letting the public have their say I just hope you didn,t come to the table with your mind made up before you started this process.I have seen that happen in public studies before.
- A place for everyone to access the lake and enjoy both the beauty and bounty of this and all waterways in the province.
- Public access to Sherbrooke Lake should be structured to make it possible for both cottage owners and temporary visitors to share the lake without either being fearful of being run down by wildly driven boats, or having their privacy violated. Nor should they be excessively disturbed by parties or other loud noises at times when -- even in June or early July -- when the sun goes to bed late. General rules for behaviour that limit everyone who abuts the lake may be needed because noise carries easily over water.

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- To be honest simple access to the lake for the general public is all I am concerned about. Currently it is basically a private lake unless you know someone to give permission. I would never want to see the lake become another Mushamush. I believe all that is needed is a road, parking lot, recycling bins (although people should be responsible for disposing of their own) and an outhouse something similar to Indian Falls. To me this purely about access and not creating a park.
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- a place to boat and fish with dock and washroom facilities...
- Sherbrooke Lake should be a public resource not a private space for a privileged few. It belongs to the people of Nova Scotia and therefore should be made available to them. It should be a resource for recreational and physical activity.
- This public space will only be successful if people that use it help look after it and obey by the rules. Keeping it looking clean and tidy will stay on the good side of the cottage owners and will keep the natural beauty and forest around this lake.
- Should allow for residents of Lunenburg county to enjoy one of NS' largest lakes that remains relatively pristine. One of the best things about Sherbrooke Lake is that there are relatively few high powered watercraft. More access that still emphasizes the lake's natural charms would be ideal.
- A successful public space would be one that is easily accessible by all users. A space that is monitored or patrolled to ensure rules are followed, garbage and litter is reduced, etc. In order to be successful there should be a good boat launch with adequate parking for vehicles with trailers attached. I would not put up a gate as I have seen in other parks. Most fishermen fish until last light, and then they have to load the boat onto the trailer, etc. If there is a closing time then fishermen would have to stop fishing during prime hours in order to be out of the gate before it is closed. Or, the gate should be closed around 11 pm in order to give anglers enough time to get out of the lake.
- My opinion in regards to this issue are as follows! Boat launch area with ample parking . Family area for picnics including access for the disabled. Security cameras to protect the area. Perhaps a beach area for the toddlers to splash in . Grand lake near halifax has most of this and it works great. Hope this becomes reality!!
- It would be nice to bring the boat out to a lake that I would otherwise not be able to use. Currently, we do not have a cottage, but we are looking to within the next 5 years. This public access would help bridge the gap between now and then till we can purchase our own property.
- every lake in nova scotia should have public access .
- This public space should consider all age groups. As population is aging we need services and activities to keep us seniors active, card games, music, yoga, dance, local seniors with their talents to teach their life lessons, arts + crafts, painting art work, but also we must include activities to bring young families into our community, give them a reason to build or buy a home, activities for their children, day care, canoe club all ages. Starting in day care - seniors, bird watching community gardening where food can be grown to help those in need, this facility could lease space to vendors, seminars, etc. flea market. Give people a reason to come and stay and help build our community. Raise their families here in the heart of West Nova. We are in the middle of the beautiful UNESCO Bay of Fundy and the beautiful South Shore, UNESCO Lunenburg and the Bluenose.
- Access to a beach with a boat launch in an area that is currently not developed with cottages. Walking trails to allow the public access to the natural beauty in the area.
- A place where people feel comfortable and welcomed ...a place where people have an opportunity to see the true beauty of the lake and be involved in that beauty without causing injury/damage to themselves or the environment. Even as a cottage owner I believe everyone, regardless of their financial situation , should have equal opportunity to enjoy all the wonderful things this lake area has to offer.
- the place should be clean and be easily accessed.
- I would like to see a place where parents can take their kids fishing, swimming and spend some quality time with them enjoying the outdoors and fresh air.
- Should be a place for all people to enjoy to relax or play get sun and fresh air whether fishing which is my favorite hobby swimming or walking, canoeing. This is the Canadian way of life isn't it
- To have a place to use without hassle from cottage owners
- Public washrooms Boat launch Parking for many trucks with boat/snowmobile trailers Picnic tables and bbq pits Change rooms for getting out of wet clothes Lighting so the access can be found from the water after dark Signs explaining the lake and it's natural species School class trips can come here to learn about the area
- I feel that a space that is safe for the people and good for the environment should be developed for people to use the lake in a responsible manner.
- I envision a space that provides the general public with access to water based pleasure and recreation. I believe the space needs to offer the basic services of a parking lot, an outside privy, garbage cans, a few picnic tables and a boat launch. A beach and swimming area would be a bonus but not a necessity in my opinion. In Nova Scotia this space establishes a freedom that should never be denied by private landowners to isolate a waterway from being used as a public navigation course or from public recreational use. The rights for public use of our waterways not only should be encouraged but also guaranteed. As a landowner of shorelines on two other lakes in the same system, I do not observe (in general), the misuse of the water by the public or other landowners. This is no different than the public and private roads that pass by most of our properties which have rules and limits assigned to each particular area and in general cause no disturbance to our lives. When in the contrary, the authorities covering the jurisdiction should be called in to correct the problem. Bi-laws on speed, wakes, or limiting certain types of boating to certain days or areas can always be passed to establish more harmonious co-use of the resource.
- a boat launch with washroom (out house)
- My preference would be to have access to the water, to launch a small aluminum boat to fly fish, and to explore one of the most significant lakes in our region. I have walked some of the shore by following the inlet river but I am getting older (66 years old) and I believe that NS residents should have easier access to these treasures. I enjoy photography and the outdoors, and believe that treasures such as Sherbrooke Lake should be shared.
- A place where the people of this community can go to and enjoy the beauty of nature and not be intimidated by other people saying that they have 'no right' to be there!
- IT SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE COULD TAKE THEIR FAMILY FOR A DAY OF FREE FUN AND EXERCISE, ENJOYING THE WATER AND ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PROVIDES.
- A safe place to launch a boat

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- My vision of a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be a space where all or any of the people from the surrounding communities of Sherbrooke Lake, or from elsewhere, could go and use this space for family recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, canoeing, and even hiking, if possible.
- small boat launch for people to also enjoy the beauty of the lake and enjoy family recreation
- I'd like to see pit toilets, picnic tables, at least one picnic shelter, good boat access, good signage to keep the park clean, good garbage disposal. Waking trails would be nice.
- a place for local people to enjoy the lake.
- to enhance natural beauty of forest & lake. - to provide opportunities for locals, visitors especially families to be together relaxing & having fun in a friendly, safe atmosphere. - to use such an incredible waterway (9 miles long) in the midst of the county is a wonderful asset that needs to be preserved for generations to come. - yes, supervision is needed to prevent vandalism, as much as possible - a place to swim with a sandy beach, fish, boat, sunbathe, picnic, hike. - need change rooms, washrooms, picnic tables (secured), playground equipment (swings, slide, tilts, climbing apparatus), boat launch, parking space, decent access road
- I would like to see a boat launch, parking area for vehicles while owner is on the lake. A beach for swimming. I would love to be able to enjoy the beauty of the lake.
- Access to all waters in Nova Scotia is a right and nobody owns water in Nova Scotia. A successful public access program would be as unobtrusive as possible, providing access to recreational users and respecting the rights of property owners. All users, both public and property owners, should be held accountable for the preservation of the natural environment, the quality of the lake and the safety of all users.
- It should be available to sportsman, hikers, boaters and all that enjoy the outdoors.
- Something very similar to Aylesford Lake in Kings County with beach, park, boat launch, parking, picnic area etc. In other words a great area for family outdoor activities.
- Public amenities like beach, trash bins, toilets, and small boat launch would suffice. Lots of safety considerations - life jackets must be worn.
- It is imperative that access to Nova Scotia waterways, including creeks, rivers, ponds, lakes etc be made available to the recreational public. Too many of the local lakes in Lunenburg County already have no public access - that should be remedied. I have wanted to access several local lakes to fish and no access is available, except at the grace of a landowner. That is very frustrating to someone who had no problems getting there years ago! I believe it is the local and the provincial government's responsibility to provide access points to any lake which provides sports fishing. Facilities at an access point can be of the bare bone variety, but should include at the very least some sort of launch point that has a very slight elevation that makes it easy to use, even for two wheeled drive vehicles, and that can be utilized to put in and take out a boat, up to 14' or so, which is the largest most people will use for fishing type recreation. There should be a suitable parking area, large enough to turn around and park at least a few vehicles. I checked appropriate boxes on the survey to include what I personally would like to see, which would make the site more usable for more members of the public. Sherbrooke Lake has the only population of actual Lake (Grey) trout that I am aware of in the province - they can reach very large size in lakes with appropriate food supply, and as such can provide an angler with the opportunity to catch their own personal "record" trout. As well, with the present "contamination" of chain pickerel and smallmouth bass in so many lakes and rivers in this province, that were formerly decent brook trout waters, trout fishing as we knew it may become a thing of the past. The lake is large, at least by Maritime standards, and will require a reasonable sized motor for people wanting to travel all over the lake to fish. For that reason, I suggested a maximum size of 9.9 HP, which should be large enough to do this for fishermen who want to check out the entire lake.
- It would be great to enjoy a visit to the lake with my grand children for a boat ride and hopefully catch a fish of any kind.
- A boat launch area with a small dock, and wheelchair access. Designated parking area for vehicles with trailers, and one for cars only. A picnic area with waste bins (recycling depot) and public toilets. The property should be well lit in the evenings for boaters/fishermen coming off the water to make boat loading easier and safer. Gates are often considered to reduce the abuse of the park after hours, but I've seldom seen them actually work to keep trouble-makers out. They only serve to keep early morning fishermen off the boat launch when the person responsible for opening the gate doesn't show up until 10 am. Please, no gates. You'll find most of us anglers to be a trustworthy sort, and we tend to keep an eye out for trouble and report problems quickly.
- No fishing tournaments allowed. Motor boats 10hp and under. No jet skis or speed boats.
- Just an easy access point to get to the lake and enjoy its beauty.
- A great place for people to meet and enjoy the beauty of having access to numerous activities for all seasons. Respect land and cottage owners.
- Nice beech, suitable for swimming or putting a small boat in. That's good enough for me.
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake should offer all the amenities of a Provincial Park. This is the second largest freshwater lake in Nova Scotia! There is Crown land available on the Lake but unfortunately the government of Nova Scotia (other than N.S. Fisheries) have abdicated their responsibility to see that suitable public access exists. There should be few, if any restrictions on public access and use. As a hunting, fishing, recreational & tour guide, I see economic opportunity to move Nova Scotia forward in sync with the Ivany Commission report involving increased public access to the Lake. Historically, there were first nations settlements on the shores of Sherbrooke Lake and I assure you that you will be hearing more from that constituency.
- A great place to go fishing and swimming with family and friends. The public will work together keeping the area clean with the proper garbage cans in place it is a beautiful lake and every person should have the chance to enjoy it.
- We the people should be have the right to use the lake not just the people who live around the lake
- NOT forbidden ground....open to all
- A public place to go and spend the day/ or part of the day. It would be a great opportunity to take the boat to the lake that I otherwise are not able to do.. Fishing or water skiing with the kids would be very nice.
- a park with washrooms and access to fish with a dock for boats

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- I am a fishing enthusiast and I would like the freedom to safely and responsibly use this beautiful lake for cruising in my small boat and enjoying the opportunity to catch Lake Trout. Opening up this lake will then allow the Ministry to engage in a stocking program to enrich the fish population. It is vitally important that the public access area have a boat launch, small beach and picnic area with public toilets and garbage receptacles. I understand that local residents are worried it will become a noisy area and disrupt the peacefulness of the area. We need to find a solution that is a fair balance between their concerns and the inherent right of the public to enjoy the natural beauty of all lakes and waterways in Nova Scotia - not the private domain of local landowners. Perhaps a gate and daily time restrictions may be necessary as a last resort, but let's get this beautiful lake opened up as fast as possible. Water quality is not going to be a concern here due to the intake and out take volumes of water in this area.
- boat launching area with picnic area and washrooms and trash bins.
- I would like to see a place where the people could go to have a picnic, swim, fish & relax. Picnic tables, toilets & a parking lot are very important.
- A place where people can go to enjoy the lake, fish & have a picnic & swim.
- Reestablish public access that we previously enjoyed.
- Our public access has been choked out by development and lake residents that continue to discourage public access. Any restrictions asked for by lake residents such as environment, water quality and noise control are for their own personal and selfish interests not to have public access. MODL must take action to provide access and address situations only as they arise.
- Provide the public with a place to enjoy one of the most beautiful lakes in Nova Scotia .
- Public access and parking without harassment. I believe that lakes are public domain and all should have access without having to own upland. I believe that cottage owners have rights also and would be fine with not allowing tournaments on the lake or speed/wake restrictions close to shore. I am a bass fisherman with a proper bass boat and feel there are enough tournament opportunities already and allowing tournaments here would only irritate cottage owners making it difficult for a lone bass fisherman to enjoy the lake without harassment.
- A place for the public to get to the lake, park a vehicle, launch a boat, and fish from shore or swim.
- A free open space, designed to incorporate all interested parties. There should be no limitations or exclusions to this park area as it will be funded by the general population, it should be accessible by the general population. Whether it be a swimming event, interested picnic users, hikers or even a responsible fishing event, it should be fair and open to those who will fund it, everyone.
- Bass tournaments would be ok. A great place to bring family & friends that is surrounded by nature.
- my vision for a successful public lake access space is a clean well kept recreational space in which abiding rules and regulations are enforced with multiple recreational use for all.
- my vision of a successful public space on Shearbrooke Lake is a well kept clean public space as well as the rules and regulations being strongly upheld and enforced.
- It is my hope that the public space will give equal opportunity for ALL to enjoy the lake .. Up until now only those who are fortunate enough to own lake frontage or belong to an association with lake access of some type are able to enjoy all the wonders and beauties of the lake regularly. A public space that is monitored and supervised preserving the natural environment and qualities of the lake and surround will allow all in the community to enjoy the wonders of nature occurring in their own backyard and for which the community as a whole is paying taxes for. By allowing visitors in and out of the community to access the lake the community can reap the economic benefits associated with greater tourism, and participation in community events which inevitably will produce pride and ownership for its wonders in and around the water for generations to come for those in and outside of the community. The beauty of Lunenburg County should be enjoyed by all of us who take pride and have respect for the natural beauties (for there are many) from the permanent residents and those just visiting. I am truly confident that a public space will be provided by MODL to allow all of the county to enjoy privileges only a select few are presently enjoying and feel that a swift and effective decision can be made and construction start immediately so all can benefit.
- As a child our family had picnics and Sunday swims at an area called Sandy Cove. It was a wonderful sandy beach. We carried our things in and had to walk approximately 1/2 hour through the woods. Area people all swam there and so did the boy scouts use it. We carried our garbage out and cleaned up after anyone who didn't. Many years ago this area became no longer accessible due to cottagers. It's a loss that is hard to bear. During our teenage years we continued to camp there and again, carry our garbage out.
- It would be a place where people enjoy the lake and the shoreline
- Proper access and parking for those who wish to visit and enjoy the Lake for angling and nature appreciation, without aggravation by those who want the area to be a private and restricted area. Unobstructed angling in lakes is a Provincial law.
- Fairly minimalist. Sufficient to allow safe access to the lake for paddlesports and small motorized craft for recreational boating and angling. A small network of hiking trails could provide recreational opportunities with little impact to the ecological integrity of the site.
- A nice place for families to go and have a picnic and water activities.
- an area set aside from already developed areas around the lake. users would be required to respect the rights of those already settled around the lake.
- I will confess that my primary interest would be to have access to the lake for fishing and kayaking. It would be nice to have adequate parking facilities and some type of picnic area to enjoy lunch with friends. I would not encourage the promotion of fishing tournaments as I feel that large scale activities might impact the enjoyment of cottage owners on the lake. You will note that I do not have property on the lake, but I believe any plans for added access to the lake should attempt as best possible to preserve the enjoyment of existing property owners in that regard I would be happy to even gain access for non-motorized boats.
- The lake is one of the largest in Nova Scotia and it is a shame that the public does not have access to use it. I am a very active sports fisherperson and it is very frustrating that so many of the larger lakes in Nova Scotia have no or limited access. I live in the city but love to get out to enjoy the great outdoors, in particular fishing. No one can afford a lakefront cottage. It is only fair that lakes like Shearbrooke Lake facilitate public access. I am confident that a viable solution could be worked out that could accommodate public access and respect the needs of cottage owners. The efforts of the municipal government in this regard is much appreciated.
- A well designed boat launch with ample parking
- A place where the public and the cottage lot owners can get along good together.
- A place of safety and healthy environment for all to enjoy.

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- An area for local citizens to access for swimming and picnicing that is safe and supervised and kept clean but does not in any way destroy the environment or quality of the lake (for example invasive species of algae or fish). No ATVs. No boats or other water vehicles due to safety concerns for water quality and the difficulty of navigating without a sound knowledge of rocks which are prevalent just under the water surface.
- A public space on the lake should be some what controlled as Aylesford lake. Boat launch is keep clean and well maintained. The beach on the other hand when I go in early in the spring is full of dog feces from people walking their dogs all winter and early spring and their owners not picking it up. Dogs should not be allowed on public access do to this fact! Keep it natural, keep it clean and respect it!
- a lake that is accessible to everyone,i thought discrimination is suppose to be gone but when yo want them to be the only ones that can use the lake I guess its still hear.u hear cottage owners
- In my opinion, providing public access to Sherbrooke Lake is the right thing to do because when cottage owners and others purchase property on a body of water this does not mean that they are able to privatize that body of water for the own use and exclude others. Of course, some locals might be bothered by the increasing number of visitors, but the visitors will gain enjoyment from the lake. Besides this, the point is that public access should be a right. It looks like a beautiful lake, and would be a great place to gather with friends and family, have a picnic and do some fishing, birdwatching, hiking, etc. If there is a fishing tournament on the lake once or twice per year, that will cause a small amount of disruption for 1 or 2 days, but the fishing folks will enjoy themselves, they are going to be catching smallmouth bass (which are far from an endangered species, and they'll release them anyway!), and this will likely help spread the word about what a lovely spot Sherbrooke Lake is, encouraging others to visit (and many of the fishing folks might return with their families and friends to enjoy the lake as well, whether to fish more or engage in other activities). Overall, my vision is of a lake that anyone and everyone can enjoy, rather than the private playground of those privileged enough to own cottages on it.
- This is one of the best lakes I have been on and would love to show it to many people .
- Public access with a boat launch and small picnic area.
- An area for people to come and enjoy the beautiful lake weather its for fishing or just getting some exercise or to enjoy the environment with friends and family on a nice summer day.
- We should have public access to lake(boat launch) so we can enjoy the lake and do some fishing.
- I love Carters beach and how it's maintained. Something like that / Rissers. Heck...make it a provincial park!
- Sherbrooke Lake should provide families with access to the lake to enjoy the water (fishing, boating, swimming, etc.) and a place to gather during the day for meals and relaxation all fostering a safe environment.
- Large enough to launch a boat and manuver a truck in so doing. Also parking area to leave a vehicle while enjoying the lake. Picnic area to enjoy a shore lunch with garbage containers and tables. Possible swim area for those staying on shore.
- No opinion
- Easy to access for everyone and anyone with good parking
- A place where there is a boat launch with adequate parking, lots of trash/recycle containers and an open area for events or family gatherings to enjoy the beautiful lake.
- A quiet place to fish, camp, or picnic with family and friends
- A space that allows everyone access to the water for swimming and boating. Also to provide a green space that everyone can enjoy.
- Open access to all activities for all people with a special emphasis on stocking fish for greater fishing opportunities.
- A place to make possible for me and my Family to enjoy this lake.
- As a veteran,I believe the Queen gave every citizen access to rivers and lakes up to the high water mark.Let the public access the lake whenever we want and let the residents live with it!
- The access should be designed for people to enjoy recreational activites but in the same time to be safe as well ,this is a very dangerous lake when the wind comes up .A signage should be posted to let everyone know this. A boat launch with ample parking for vehicles and trailers (this would take up alot of room)Camping should not be permitted ,no alcohol, theres lots to consider but my concern is the fierce nature of the lake this lake can turn ugly within minutes.
- my vision would be a place that has safe/secure access, both for people & vehicles. A public washroom and enough parking for vehicles that have trailers for loading boats. A paved / concrete boat launch area with adequate docking that requires little annual maintenance. A park area for kids & family to go for a walk, throw around a Frisbee/baseball/football, even a potential area for a family picnic & playground area. Several garbage cans so people dont litter (you would be surprised how many lake/park areas dont provide that in HRM & MODL). Some signage on the importance of maintaining the lake / aquatic life / importance of fish well being & how to prevent invasive species from spreading (algae & pickerel ect..), even the proper maintenance & proper way to clean you boat before & after lake use. In my wildest dream a wash station a little off shore so people have the ability to clean any type of boat before & after launching. My family owns property in New Germany and i want my kids to be able to enjoy outdoor life & experience nature and there aren't many places to do that. the results are un-motivated kids stuck behind their i-pads & video games. As a family (myself, wife, 2 boys) we enjoy going swimming, fishing, boating & ice skating; in todays age of electronics & technology that is something that shouldn't be as difficult to do as it is at times due to access. I would even welcome some sort of user fee (local land/property owners exempt) to launch a boat & park your vehicle. all in all a smaller version of Oakfield provincial park, & I realize that may be pushing the envelope as far as funding goes but if you asked for my ideal vision that would be it. IMO there is no more beautiful place in the province than the south shore, just because I now live in HRM & only visit (6-8 times a summer for our kids to visit grandparents) doesn't mean others should be banished from the area just because we don't live on the lake. reading some of the comments on the petition that is against this is down rite offensive. The people who own cottages on the shores of the lake & home owners association have flat out lied about what will happen if access is given, fear & mongering at its best. It would be comparable to somebody from the city saying people from outside HRM shouldn't be given access because their cars pollute, damage our roads and take up parking spots at malls, restaurants & hospitals that are designed for the people of HRM its that stupid. IMO the people opposed to this sound like stuck up self entitled snobs who feel like because they own land around the lake that they also own the lake itself, and that's not the case & its not rite. Any taxpayer from this province should have the rite to access this lake & any other provided that they are not trespassing on private property.

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- Access to public waters is a right which shouldn't be artificially encumbered by adjacent land owners whose taxes stop at the high water mark. My heritage isn't for sale. This is a slippery slope you're treading which will inevitably lead to access to our natural resources being sold off to those who can best afford it.
- A place for all to enjoy and use but keep the place clean
- The ability to enjoy nature with family and friends. the ability to share a picnic and a swim with friends. Launch my boat and explore the shorelines and fish new water
- A nice beach area and boat launch with some picnic areas and at least a toilet
- it should be a space for all to enjoy !! to many of our kids have no idea the joy that comes from being in the outdoors.
- A space that provides equal access for everyone to enjoy the outdoors and the lake.
- I would like to see a boat launch, swimming area, washrooms facilities, fishing areas and a playground for children.
- First of all, thank you for this online survey. I am primarily a sport fisherman, both tournament and /or family outings like canoeing. I have had the pleasure of sport fishing in Sherbrook Lake in the past and realized at that time the huge size of this lake and of how few people use the lake. On that particular day, we were the only boat on the lake. I think that speaks volumes on the future importance of access to the lake for anyone to use. I would think that the money would be well spent in providing some sort of recreation site in conjunction with a boat ramp and ample parking. In closing, there is no question that there is lots of lake for all to use including the local cottage or home owners. Thank you.
- i'd love for the Public to have access to this lake . it is a large body of water by Nova Scotia standards . we pay an extra \$5 for every fishing license purchased , and haven't seen a public access added since . if it weren't for bass clubs , i'm not sure good boat access would be available . if you think nice launches are just for bass tournaments , please spend some time at 1 . they are busy , and few are bass boats . the public loves nice park launches such as Grand lake . ideally i'd love to see a camp ground bringing in revenue to the area . a government run campground such as the privately owned Ponhook Lodge would be financially beneficial to the area , and open up a central area for family fun for the province pulling from 3 close counties !
- i think access only to the lake is necessary. i do not believe we need camping grounds, there are many in Lunenburg county which struggle economically. similarly, picnic grounds are often littered and noisy and neighbors property is devalued by these initiatives. Will MODL be compensating nearby landowners for the decrease in property values?
- I think we should protect the lake from stocking lake with none native species. Preserve and improve the water quality. At the same time open it up to people who may not have access to a lake. I believe it is important to stress a passive recreation aspects of the area as there are plenty of the other types in the area. Nova Scotia has hundreds of lakes and I feel it important to protect several from over fishing, over boating and over use.
- I cannot envision it at all. It is a private Church site and should remain as such. There has always been some damage resulting from vandals during the off season - if it were an open season I cannot imagine what it would look like, broken bottles on the grounds, fire sites everywhere, damage to the structures on the property, all kinds of garbage left lying about. All I can see is destruction and filth left on the property.
- I have no problem with a public space on Sherbrooke Lake for people to enjoy the water. It is a beautiful spot. I would hate for it to become just another Bass fishing tournament lake. I feel that this is probably the true agenda for the so called Sherbrooke Lake access. As property owners who have to privately maintain their own roads, provide our own snow removal and the only service that we receive is limited garbage removal for our high annual taxes, I wonder will public individuals have to incur any cost to enjoy Sherbrooke Lake, as we pay quite a premium for enjoying the same.
- Easy access with parking, garbage containers safe and easy launch
- While I think public access to the lake is important I don't think it should be unrestricted. I wouldn't for example want to see an area created were people could party all night long which could prove disturbing to the residents on the lake. I also don't want to see the use of speedboats introduced simply because they have a boat launch they can now use. I am also concerned about the access that would be created over the winter months. At present many of the cottages cannot be accessed during the winter by creating a public access there is the increased risk of vandalism and theft to the cottages by people how could take snowmobiles out onto the lake. My vision would be to have a beach area with picnic area and field. BBQ pits would be a nice addition. I think it should be closed and gated at night like provincial parks.
- You should not be able to force this on land owners who bought specifically for the reason of a private community based of safety and security reasons. It won't be maintained or supervised and certainly won't deal with the crime and vandalism and not to mention the late night parties that will surely be even more commonplace than it already is. There are water access points to other lakes within a short distance of lake Sherbrooke why are you wasting time and money on this. How about focusing on attracting doctors to the area for example
- I am quite sure it cannot happen by the reports and news today. Dog crap garbage drunks murder. People don't think there is a creator of the world planet lake that wants us to live and enjoy all lakes like some are dreaming about Sherbrooke Lake. But imperfect people will never do it. The Bible inspired by the Creator of earth and lake. Anything Gods word in Jeremiah chapter 10 verse says man cannot [illegible] his steps. Many problems man cannot correct.
- In my opinion, a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be: A road that is safe and wide enough for people to park and turn around if putting in a small boat. A place away from traffic. A place where the community could gather to swim, have a picnic, put in a canoe or kayak...small boat ...A place of peacefulness and relaxation Not a place where teenagers would gather to drink, have a fire, litter, drive 4 wheelers, etc.
- Safety for our children and garbage around. Also safety for elders that own cottage. Constant traffic, and management of the road, also if public space is put in, who pays for all over management? If public access is put in place I would like to see the place stay as natural as possible. No playgrounds or canteens, they will only contribute to garbage and vandalism.
- No public space, it would destroy the peace and tranquility of the lake.
- Natural, non intrusive, maintains the beauty of the lake - no large power boats - no large gatherings i.e. Tournaments
- My vision for public space on Sherbrooke Lake is not a successful one. I see this idea as one that will ruin the beauty and peacefulness of the lake. More boat access and swimming will only lead to contamination of the lake. Not only that, public space will not doubt have to be gained through the private roads paid for by residents and cottage owners. Since these roads are paid for by private citizens and maintained by private citizens i don't feel the general public has the right to use these roads and increase the traffic on otherwise peaceful cottage roads. People have paid a lot of money for their properties and for the convenience of the privacy these roads afford. This is not something I would like to see taken away from these land owners.

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- I am sorry but I am not in favor of having a park at all....people are not respectful of public property or areas...I paid alot of money to be where I am and not to have to deal with these types of problems. There will always be bad apples ruining the area for everyone involved.
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be a safe place for children to swim and play in the water. No large fishing boats speeding around the lake with a large wharf built to facilitate their entry to the water. Safe for canoes, paddle boats and sail boats. All garbage would be carefully packed up and taken home. Be respectful of the wild animals who call Sherbrooke Lake home. The wilderness should always be protected.
- I am involved in the judicial system and the administration of justice. Such a site should be developed with close and easy access to a main public highway to facilitate easy access and quick response time for RCMP and Ambulance. Members of the public should not be given a remote location which might be seen as an invite for alcohol and drug abuse. I am also concerned about safety...I have been on Sherbrooke Lake close to 20 years. This is a huge lake and its environment can change quickly and be dangerous for the inexperienced...transforming from placid and tranquil to 3 foot white caps in a matter of 2 hours. During summer use Lifeguards and the RCMP should be on the lake at all times. This will cost the Municipality money!
- Public access to Sherbrooke Lake, as with any of our natural resources, should 1) balance respect for our environment with the need to allow the public some way to enjoy that environment. Respect for our natural resources is every individual's responsibility, whether or not we own the land or access to the water ways we are using. We need to mitigate those actions that threaten the sustainability of these resources. 2) provide a place where one can enjoy the quiet of nature, the beauty of our surroundings and the ability to have some recreational activity. 3) Be monitored to assess the environmental impact on the lake and surrounding area 4) Include the provision of municipal services to maintain the public areas with control of garbage, vandalism, fires, etc. as well as a gate to control access after dusk 5) Include regulations to control noise pollution and pollution from motorized vehicles on the lake.
- A successful public space would be one where people could come and enjoy the peace and beauty of Sherbrooke Lake, take a swim in clean water on a hot day all the while being respectful of the grounds and other people. The public space would be open at 9 and close before dusk. There would be a rule for people to take home whatever they bring to minimize impact and garbage. The road to the public space would be wide enough for two cars with posted speed limits and maintained by the county. There would also be regular police patrols and no alcohol permitted. No motor boats/ ski doos - anything with a motor - would be permitted to be launched from the public space. This would help ensure swimmers are kept safe and the Lake kept clean for future generations to enjoy.
- A dock that can provide safe access to the water for swimming and canoeing, and a controlled area for possible picnic and entrance to a nature trail. As a property owner who has invested a lot into my cottage, what I really am strongly resistant to is motor boat access, over-night camping, and garbage. The site should have public toilet facilities.
- Preserving the health of the lake will be an on going educational commitment for cottage owners and the public. Lets begin by setting the gentle access to the use of the lake as the guideline that will hopefully spill over to cottage owners as we learn more about how to keep our lake from dying. I definitely do not want the Bass Masters or any other fishing tournaments to take place on Lake Sherbrooke and I know they have power money and influence.
- One that limits the horsepower of motors to 9.9 and educates the public on its Eco System and sustainably.
- It should be a clean, environmentally friendly, supervised access. Sherbrooke lake is a beautiful water way and every thing should be done to maintain the pristine beauty. Cottage owners are not apposed to lake access but we are concerned what type of access will be made available. Most of the lakes and water ways in Nova Scotia are polluted beyond repair, and we would like to maintain our lake while keeping good environmental protection practices in place.
- It should impact the environment as little as possible. It should not have the capacity for large motor boats, or a large number of smaller boats. Fishing tournaments on the lake would be awful for the current residents, and hard on the environment. I think a spot for picnics and for launching canoes or kayaks would be suitable. I believe one of the current sites under consideration is one of the most beautiful natural beaches on the lake, and destroying this as a place for people to swim would be a mistake.
- Should be access on a daily basis, throughout the spring, summer, and fall. High regard for the lakes health, and enjoyment for everyone. Should be walking trails, places to rest, sit and read, etc. Camping places. BBQ pits. The lake will be a backdrop for people to see.
- Does not provide noise or physical pollution to both the lake and shoreline.
- As little impact on the lake and surrounding area as possible.
- Barely noticeable. Blends in with nature around it. Encourages preservation. Well supervised. Does not disrupt any of the shoreline. Follows environmental sustainability protocol. Cars and parking cannot be seen from the water. No boat ramps any where near a beach.
- One that would minimize impact on the lake yet provide daytime low-impact access to the public. Access for small boats would meet this criterion. Any access space should have clearly marked containers for trash and recycling and the space should be checked at least once per day. There must be regular maintenance by municipal staff. Fires should not be permitted, nor should camping. Open/close periods should be clearly marked and maintained by municipal staff.
- I do not want party goers, drinking, loud noise, fires, cooking shelters, large parking lots. I definitely do not want a large boat launch and motorized boating. It must be designed on a small footprint and not near any existing cottage lot owners, to protect these owners from damage and theft and general enjoyment of their properties. Other lakes have been destroyed by these type of developments and property values have plummeted. The environment and lake water quality must be of utmost importance. The finished cost to the tax payers who will continue to pay dearly the rest of their lives for what ?... a polluted lake, noise and vandalism...NO NO NO ! A quiet place for people to come have a swim in Summer or skate in Winter, or fish along the shore away from beaches or swimmers. It must be gated, and monitored, locked every night to prevent ATV use, and to keep those people with a agenda of destruction from entering after hours. No environmental impact, no clear cutting. We have the chance to design and complete the project on a small footprint that will not bring large motor boats and fishing tournaments to this beautiful lake. LETS DO IT RIGHT !
- Quiet activities so as to not disturb the peaceful nature of the lake and its current inhabitants. A space to encourage physical activity (non-motorized) and healthy lifestyles during all seasons.
- As a lakefront landowner, I am not opposed in principle to public access. I believe that a small access road and a small public lakefront area could be beneficial to area residents. I AM opposed to an access point that allows motorized watercraft. I don't want to see the character of the lake changed by a large public launch area and the parking facilities that would be required to accommodate trailers and vehicles. In particular I am opposed to the possibility of fishing tournaments and the type of watercraft that participate in these events.
- Clean space with picnic tables, place to swim and launch canoes.

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- A place to park the car.....sit at picnic tables.....swim in the water. Maybe a small dock for small craft. Keep things simple so it doesn't cast the taxpayers so much. Keep the space natural no fuss
- launch area for human powered canoes/kayaks
- Public space which : focuses on children and family activities, highlights the natural beauty of the lake, promotes exercise and good health, maintains high environmental standards on the shore and the water, disallows late night parties and overnight camping, minimizes noise or other adverse impacts on existing lakeshore owners, is well-maintained by the Municipality. Public space which is cost-effective for the tax payers of MODL. Public space whose objectives and results are reviewed by MODL on a regular basis (2-3 yrs) , and reported to the taxpayers.
- It should be possible for all persons to have access to the lake to enjoy it's natural beauty. By putting in anything that interferes with the natural shoreline such as floating docks, artificially created beaches, boat launches and parking areas near the shoreline we are endangering that natural beauty which is what draws people in the first place. 'A public space' on the lake is a far different term than 'public access'. The covenants in the part of the lake that we use require that lot owners not change the land within 100 feet of the shoreline. I know it is not the case on all parts of the lake, but just because others made a mistake in the past, does that make it right to continue with this way of doing things? What I envision for public access would be something like MODL has created at Indian Falls: seasonal, gated access during daylight hours with a parking area that stops at least 100 feet short of the shoreline. Access to the water is on foot only with paths large enough to enable a canoe or kayak to be carried in. A floating dock could be used if it does not cause damage to the shoreline. Please, please do not create a beach where one did not exist before! There are other beaches already in the municipality that can be used by people that want beaches. There are other lakes already adapted for launching power boats. Why does Sherbrooke Lake have to be all things to all people? Let Sherbrooke Lake be the outstanding example of how people can intelligently use, enjoy and treasure a natural resource. Let it be the place that persons from all over the province, the country and abroad come to so they can witness how 'public access' should be done: to allow people (and future generations) to interact with their natural environment without harming or destroying it. Please let our priority be to preserve the lake, it's water quality and it's natural environment for future generations. This is an opportunity to teach our children respect for the environment, and to learn more about our natural surroundings ourselves and how to interact with them without changing them. Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts.
- In my option I'm not for it as much as for the public !! I feel the residence who bought there cabins on the lake did so to have privacy . I live on the road and would like to swim without hassle from anyone as I have so far . They are very private as it states sort of speak on the signs going to the lake . I do not wish to have more traffic on this road nor have my taxes increase either . We are far enough off the public road for that not to happen !!!! But as it seems this will occur and hope it don't turn into a party spot and a place for people litter their juck on this beautiful lake !!
- One that preserves the natural beauty of the environment but encourages physical activity and exercise. Safety promotion for all users.
- A peaceful, quiet area to enjoy nature. Fishing tournaments are not part of my vision of Sheerbrooke Lake.
- Being a supporter of public open spaces .I/we enjoyed many around NS , Canada , and other Countries . I envision a public open space that is secured for future generations having access to the 2nd largest lake in NS . Like many public open spaces and green areas to Lakes , Oceans , and Rivers it adds to the quality of life and very important to the social and economical benefits of a healthy community . I believe It could be as successful as Mush-aMush Lake MODL Beach (which had the same battles and fears as the Lake Sherbrooke conflict) .. I truly feel sadden by the lack of future vision of all the counsellors in Lunenburg County who stand impotent while they leave special areas of Lun Co systematically closed off to the majority . They are showing a lack of leadership and responsibility to our future generations . They need to "take a page " from the Hirtle Beach donation , the securement of Gaff Point by interest groups who had a future vision , the Mahone Bay Island group , any many volunteers on the Rails to Trails . These ordinary folks put the counsellors of Lun Co to shame . (1) Start with the securment of land . (2) Road/ parking lot / gate /garbage box/ boat ramp . (3) let it grow as needed . Seek the advice how Gaff Pt . is sooooo successful at minium cost (4) educate the counsellors on the importance of open spaces /green areas /etc are to a community .
- All NS residents and visitors should have unhindered access to all NS waterways and lakes. No individual(s) should be able to own/control these resources and public right of way access point(s) must be designated. These designated access points should be developed, where feasible, to provide for public recreation. The access right of ways not developed can still be utilized by hikers etc. A public space at Sherbrooke lake would ideally provide open area suitable for picnicking with a beach area suitable for swimming. As this is a huge lake, suitable for fishing and recreational boating, it must also have boat launching facilities with ample space provided for vehicle/trailer parking.
- It should protect the environment be free from watercraft engine noise and oil. Encourage people to do physical eg walking swimming paddling canoes kayaks.
- Boat Launch for small craft. Parking area. Washrooms (could be outhouses). NO motorized watercraft. Guidelines to help people respect the lake and those who have property on the lake.
- A space that does not impose itself upon the lake but blends seamlessly into the natural beauty of the environment allowing environmentally compatible activities that can be enjoyed by those who leave no mark of their passing. No motorization.
- One in which all people are treated equally and certain cottage owners lose their capacity to prevent the public from enjoying what is a public, not a private, asset.
- Could include most of the statements on Que. 15. Community events should still be held at a community hall or fire hall. I am not a Bass Master but what I have heard they may come to the lake once a year for a fishing tournament and then leave, they returned all fish back to the lake once they are done fishing. They get along on other lakes with cottage owners and swimmers. It could be a great spin off for the tourist industry.
- ALL IS NEEDED IS A SIMPLE ACCESS TO THIS LAKE SO PEOPLE COULD ENJOY WHAT THIS LAKE HAS TO OFFER FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY LAKESHORE FRONTAGE .ACTUALLY I AM A RESIDENT OF MAPLEWOOD THAT BORDERS ON THE WESTERN SHORE OF THIS LAKE. I ALSO OWN APPRO 100 ACRES IN MAPLEWOOD (MORE OR LESS) AND AM A PERSON THAT HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF WHAT COUNTRY LIVING OFFERS .AND HAVE NO DESIRE TO OWN LAND BY THE LAKE. I AM NOT TOTALLY RESTRICTED FROM LAKE USAGE BECAUSE I HAVE FRIENDS THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO USE THEIR ACCESS BUT THIS IS CERTANIALY NOT MY CHOICE AS A FOUVORITE WAY FOR LAKE ACESS. I FEEL A SIMPLE ACCESS IS NEEDED SO WE DO NOT HAVE TO DEPEND AND IMPOSE ON OUR FRIENDS TO ACCESS LAKE. THIS IS A BIG LAKE AND LOTS OF ROOM FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. KEEP IT SIMPLE. IF SIMPLICITY ISNT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE BIG PLAYERS THERE IS LOTS OF LAND AROUND THE LAKE.LET THEM BUY IT AND DEVELOP WHATEVER IS ALLOWED .MY OPINION ONLY.

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- A place for families to meet and enjoy what the lake had to offer, from fishing, boating and swimming.
- Clean and safe area available to all who wish to use the facility, with a design that does not allow for noisy, disrespectful gatherings which may be intimidating to some e.g. lake parties with alcohol/drugs, large fishing derby events, etc. The lake is currently clean and any design should consider potential for ingress of invasive species (fish, plants, algae, etc).....perhaps a mandatory wash station for any watercraft would be helpful to protect the current clean state of the lake? An area that allows residents to quietly and peacefully connect with the lake and the surrounding forested area.
- A non-commercial space where the public can come with family and friends to swim, fish, have a picnic or simply sit at the waterside and watch the lake activity. It should be a peaceful environment, sensitive to the natural wild life and the lakeside property owners safety and lifestyle. It is a long lake so some form of boat power is needed but no motorised boats or watercraft should be permitted on the lake with power greater than 10 HP.to maintain swimmer safety, reduce noise and minimise wake damage to the shore line.
- A public space/beach area for swimming, etc with washrooms and Picnic area and boatlaunch would be ideal for family activity. This lake and all others in this community and all other communities should be accessible to the public as so desired. Cottage and homeowners property lines stop at the shoreline and Sherbrooke lake is no exception.
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake will allow both users/visitors and property owners access to the lake for swimming, boating, fishing and picnicing. Public access to the lake is very important as is protection of this water resource for everyone now and in the future. Lakes should be public, not private spaces available only to those who can afford to purchase waterfront property. Increased usage of the lake should not occur at the expense of environmental considerations.
- Just having public access to the lake, for future generations is important to myself. As lakes are exposed to settlement in private property around the lake excludes the point public from simple pleasures of swimming, canoeing, fishing, enjoying the scenery etc.
- To have a nice place to take the family safe and secure maybe a tenting area but it should be a family area not for drugs and drinking and partying !
- The eco system of the lake should be protected. People should be allowed public access, but all care should be taken to ensure that litter and pollution is controlled.
- A space that allows local residents, visitors to the area and property owners on Sherbrooke Lake to coincide in a respectful manner and to minimize any environmental impacts that could occur both on the land and water. This lake has many cottage owners who may feel that this is their lake, however I feel that it can be a lake that is shared by all. Concerns of garbage, water quality and noise are all matters that can be mitigated through careful discussions and having a strong community who will certainly assist in monitoring these concerns will be an asset. I do feel that having motorized watercraft access as part of this initiative can certainly increase the impact of quality and enjoyment for those who have invested in property on the lake, however, they do need to recognize that without legislation to protect the lake this will be a continued concern. It would be interesting to take stock on how many existing property owners have motorized watercraft and whether these owners would be prepared to protect the lake with legislation that for bided such uses.
- I would like the shoreline of the lake to be preserved as much as possible so the limiting of buildings and beaches and other structures would please me. I do not want to see motorized boats on the lake....I think power boats are polluting and destroy the shore line. I like quiet non invasive activities where the only energy expended is my own....swimming, canoeing, kayaking fishing. I see the park operating from sun-up till sun-down with minimum supervision unless things start to be destroyed...then dependent on costs it is either shut down or more supervision is applied. I do not see this as a place for tournaments or fishing, derbies, or races etc...this should be a quiet spot...i would vein ;limit loud boom boxes .
- I would love to have a enjoyable place to take my grandchildren to be able to exercise outdoors and have a nice place to swim or fish or go out in a boat to fish or even go camping if possible.
- A good place to take your family fore some fun..
- Quiet place to sit, relax, read, walk a trail, if people come to picnic, BBQ or camp, there would be garbage to deal with, and would ruin the setting, just have a public park like place everyone can enjoy.
- Place where everyone is welcome not just for lake owners to enjoy. Start off slow and build from there.
- When my children were young, a landowner with lake frontage welcomed all members of the community to use that area as "the local swimming hole" while respecting the land and keeping it clean. The property has changed hands and access is now denied. When my adult children come home to visit with their children, it would be good if the grandkids could play and swim in Sherbrooke Lake too!
- Sherbrooke Lake borders on many communities with different interests for using the lake and what it has to offer. However, for myself I remember as a child going to the lake with family and friends for swimming in the heat of the summer it was a great part of my childhood memories. There was also the good fishing it provided for many of us and it was always exciting especially if you caught a trout, all the perch we would take home for the cats. Maybe life was simpler and we used the lake never thinking we would be told that we weren't allowed. Today everyone is so concerned about trespassing and legal implications, seems to have taken the fun out of a lot that was just taken for granted. Children today are spending too much time in front of the computer or TV and government is always trying to come up with some catchy way of getting them outside, this seems to be an answer to providing recreation for many.
- Open to the public for everyones enjoyment
- A place where public can go to enjoy the lake and nature
- Open space so people in wheelchairs can get to the beach area..garbage cans so people wont litter...certain times so people that live around the area will not be disturbed..and we all have to make sure the land and water is kept clean.
- just need access for people to get to the lake in all seasons - enough parking & a place to put in a boat/canoe
- available for everyone to enjoy
- Share the beauty with everyone. Not just the property owners. The lake wasn't created just for them.
- Not everyone is fortunate to own lake frontage..... people should be able to access the lake with their friends and family should they want too. However, everyone needs to be respectful and not destroy things, pick up after themselves, no garbage... working hard to get this option, someone shouldn't destroy it for others. I think it will be a great for future generations.... the people that have cottages on the lake, they own the property the cottage is on... they don't own the lake..... let others enjoy it as well
- A place to enjoy with family and friends

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- Calm, rustic, and a place where families and friends can gather for a relaxing day. It would allow outdoor cooking, have ample garbage and recycling so that it remains clean, and it would be dog-free. Ideally, there would be a canoe launch and a beach with a long wading area so that small children can play safely (i.e., does not have a severe drop-off into deep water).
- place to go and hang out and have something in our community.
- It would enable a variety of people to enjoy the lake and associate activities with a minimum of impact upon each other, the natural environment, and the people with properties on the lake. I would suggest that it be designed for low-key activities rather than large social celebratory events: there are lots of other places for community events.
- A place where everyone land owners or resident can enjoy nature
- A small wilderness retreat for day trips that will not upset Mother nature or the existing property owners.
- Don't live in the area but coming to the area and having a great place to fish, swim, and enjoy
- I'd like to see a park where people from our community who do not own land on the lakeshore, as well as tourists and visitors, will have the opportunity to enjoy the lake. All Nova Scotians should have the legal right to access to all lakes.
- I think it is important to have access for canoe and kayak and people powered boats for healthy recreation. I do not think more power boat access is either necessary or desirable, that goes double for jet skis. A small picnic/beach/change area would be useful as well, also some trails and areas for walking along the shore (if possible).
- ABSOLUTELY NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES PERMITTED ON THE LAKE, NO ATV'S OR OTHER OFF ROADING PERMITTED. PARK SHOULD BE LOCATED IN A SHALLOW PART OF THE LAKE SO NOT TO ENCOURAGE, MOTORIZED BOATS, OR FISHING. THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES LEAD TO ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE AND NOISE POLLUTION THROUGH IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED ENGINES AND CARELESS AND NEGILENT USE OF SAME. GOALS SHOULD BE TO CREATE A PRISTINE AREA WHERE VISITORS AND RESIDENTS CAN ENJOY NATURE. THESE RESTRICTIONS SHOULD APPLY TO LANDOWNERS AS WELL. THE WATER SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS SAFE FOR DRINKING AND SWIMMING AND MECHANISMS SHOULD BE IN PLACE TO SHUT THINGS DOWN SHOULD THESE BASIC THINGS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE. THERE ARE ENOUGH LAKES ALREADY SHOWING SIGNS OF MISUSE. IDEALLY THERE SHOULD BE A PROVINCE WIDE BANNING OF HIGH HORSE POWERED MOTORBOATS AND SEA DOOS IN ALL LAKES. A STAND MUST BE TAKEN SOMEWHERE TO STOP THIS SOURCE OF POLLUTION.
- A place to enjoy nature, swimming, boating picnicing
- I would like to see access to the lake so that a person can go and enjoy it for the day. Perhaps fishing, swimming or just a picnic and hiking with the family or friends. A nice way to spend the day... even just to read and enjoy the beauty of the lake
- Here for everyone to enjoy .
- A safe place to take the family
- A public access point with boat launch and beach so a varied group could enjoy the Lake.
- The space should be relaxing and non-confrontational to all who utilize the access and space. It must be a clean and safe environment that promotes the history and fauna of the habitat in the area. Hiking and trail areas with placards identifying the makeup of the local landscape. The area can be a live teaching and information centre for school trips and research groups (ex. Bluenose Coastal Action). Dog or animal cleanup/waste facilities for pet owners to properly dispose of their animal waste. Water access in well defined swimming areas, canoe or kayak boat launching areas, fishing areas (that include fishing from the shore and for disability access). In keeping with the nature side of the lake and access points, the area should be designated as a non-smoking and non-alcoholic recreational area. Security and safety personnel should be available in the event of emergency and include a mode of transport and communications.
- A non-restricted public open space where people can enjoy this public asset in their own, but responsible, fashion.
- I think a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would have families spending time together enjoying a nice picnic lunch and some swimming and boating. It would be nice for kids to have a family friendly place where they could go and have fun with friends and family.
- Working with Helping Nature Heal our vision would be one that would reconnect the people with the nature around them. Allowing space for reflection, recreation, and learning. A community park similar to the Petite Rivière Community Park, allowing access to the water for non motorized sport, picnic tables and benches for relaxation, and walking trails along the shoreline.
- A successful public space should not, I say NOT include motorized vehicles.
- I am an avid fisherman and buy a fishing license every year. Each year it is getting harder and harder to find a place to fish.... soon with all the land owners buying up all the land, there won't be a place to fish anymore... If that is the case, then we shouldn't be able to buy a fishing license. Even though I might not use all the things I asked for, it would be nice for other families to enjoy, bring in tourism and for future generations to go and spend a day....
- Even though I might not use all the things I asked for, it would be nice for other families to enjoy, bring in tourism and for future generations to go and spend a day.... Being able to take my grandchildren there for a day would also be a nice option..... swimming, picnicking, playing games, fishing... etc... we need more places like this and people shouldn't be deprived because they don't have the money to afford lake frontage properties.
- Great place to enjoy year round. Hold family functions picnics. Open to public for all ages.
- It would be wonderful to turn Sherbrooke Lake into a place where friends and family can gather to enjoy the beauty of the lake, whether that be through hiking, recreational activity, swimming, or something else.
- A place where everyone can enjoy the beauty, all year round.
- Everyone having fun on a hot summer day. Children laughing and making memories.
- I would like a clean safe area for people to hike, fish, swim and picnic.
- this should be a space people like to use for recreation and relaxation to enjoy nature. A place to enjoy the lake. It should not be a nighttime party area for drinking.
- TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO AN IMPORTANT WATER BODY IN A PRISTINE PART OF NOVA SCOTIA. DEVELOP APPROPRIATE RULES/ CONTROLS FOR SAFE USEAGE AND RESPECT FOR PROPERTY OWNERS.
- I would like to see people be able to go there and enjoy them selves and relax and take in the beauty of the lake and area

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- While preserving the natural beauty and pristine wilderness, the public space should be sufficient to attract the public to the lake and lakeshore for normal recreational activities such as swimming, fishing and hiking but do not include power boat and ski-do access and activities such as water skiing and racing. The peace and quiet of the residents must be respected and only residents should be allowed such activities.
- I would envision a space where people can access the lake with canoes/kayaks and enjoy some quiet time exploring the lake and the surroundings. Picnics and play are and public washrooms would be important, but pit toilets would be fine. Potable water should be available. Because of the Grey Trout available, fishing should be encouraged. Panels describing the local history and natural plants in the area would be great!
- permanent, absolute (unchangeable by-laws) access for all Nova Scotians and our future generations - a model like Hirtles Beach. Easy access, plenty of parking, garbage and toilet facilities without alot of rules. - as it is impossible to gauge the use of such a facility it would be wise to set aside enough space for the growth of shoreline uses, parking, parking, parking and open field space for picnicing and family activities. -MODLs open space policy is a visionary act. The direct and thoughtful approach to creating and maintaining public access and public spaces to and in our natural treasures is and will continue to be an essential piece of our culture. - there will always be landowners who view public spaces next to or near private property as a threat. Governments must provide strong leadership to support the needs of the public and by times work against the exclusionary views of a few landowners. ONCE PUBLIC ACCESS HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY THE ACTIONS OF A PRIVILAGED FEW, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO RECLAIM. Keep up the good work!
- Simply a place to get back to basics and enjoy everything that a lake of this size and healthy condition can offer.
- Look at other park areas and see what they have for the public. That would sum up the needs for this beautiful, priceless area of the county which should be enjoyed by all including the property owners.
- Make it accessible for all with rules that will be adhered to. A place to camp would be great but to be able to put s canoe in the water is a must.
- Quiet and respectful of the environment...
- Park for family and friends to enjoy .place for children to get out and be kids with family or friends . enjoy swimming and playing
- A place to enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces to their fullest while protecting the wildlife
- Would love to see access for people like us who like to boat and water ski and snowmobile
- A fun and safe place for people to go to unwind.
- Provide a space for people to enjoy enjoy nature. It should not be a 'Coney Island" type place.
- To be access to everyone and that people obey the rules.
- Somewhere to recreate with children that is safe, noise and pollution free, and brings us closer to the natural world while allowing us to have fun. Lake Mushamush is our only lake spot at the moment.
- My vision is one where the public has access year round with no locked gates for light recreation such as swimming, walking, boating, fishing, etc. I really like the park on Big Mush-a-Mush, but do not like that it's locked with no access after dusk. That said, the Municipality may have liability issues if it is left open after dusk. People shouldn't really be swimming after dark, but some may wish to watch the sun set over the lake and enjoy the quiet darkness to start gaze.
- Park open to the public . place to go and enjoy many different activities. tables bathrooms swimming fishing . etc
- To have a nice spot to go with our family to relax, swim, fish or skate and not have to worry that you will be chased out by a land owner.
- Open to the public . lots of different activities . Great place to boat ,fish, etc
- A family park where everyone can find things to do. Playground for children. Swimming dock. Great place to hold family picnics. Also a place to hold community events. Lakes should be open to the public to enjoy no just for people who own land there.
- Another choice for family recreation in Nova Scotia, greatly needed!
- Public access is necessary for the well being of society
- A place for relaxation, nature observation and providing opportunities for play
- A space where all recreational activities can be enjoyed by the maximum number of county residents and as well be attractive to visitors as another reason to visit Lunenburg County. It should be a place where families and individuals can enjoy the full spectrum of outdoor enjoyment, from relaxing/ reading, swimming, and boating from paddle boats to motor craft.
- Even though I might not use all the things I have asked for, it would be nice for the future generations and then the children to enjoy for today.
- A beautiful quiet spot to go kayaking and a swim. Nothing big. an area to park my car. bathroom facilities. I definately don't want a place for bass tournaments. The residents of Sherbrooke Lake moved there for the beauty and quietness of the wilderness. Do something that will not impact or disturb the natural beauty of this lake.
- A safe place for family/friends to swim, picnic, boat and enjoy the lake and it's surroundings.
- as a child I use to going fishing there with my grandfather and now that the cottages are there we have no access..I would just like to be able to do that again..
- I think that a park in the area would be a great thing for the community... people drive up that way to go to the Winery and the Falls.. having this park would also be something they could add to the day.... plus there is a campground in the area... increase tourism..... we are forcing people to go outside of our community and go else where to enjoy something we could have in our back yard
- I believe the public should have access to the lake. Such opportunities should be available so that all can enjoy the lake. However, the general public must respect the current private lakefront owners who invested into a private property such as a cabin or summer home. I would not want to see a lot of power boats taking over the natural environment of this nice lake and I would not want bass tournament style abuse of the lake. Let's make it public but protected from abuse.
- A successful public place would begin with an access road in good repair leading to an adequate parking area. From there, we should have a picnic area with available tables (some sheltered from the elements) a docking system suitable for small water craft. A space suitable for swimming activities where a beach would be significant if not imperative, including a floating device offshore a certain distance for diving (splashing) into the water. Hiking trails would be tremendous assets, as would be some onshore fishing sites. Signs information of the local history a bonus. Safety issues and requirements posted with notification that onus is on the user of all assets to do so with reasonable caution and common sense.

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- Always swam at Sherbrooke lake as a child and fully enjoyed it as the cottage industry took growth the gates and signs went up and we no longer had access to our favorite swimming or fishing holes or places to put our boats in. I would like to see a place where you can feel free to go swimming/ fishing just overall access once again to our beautiful area for all to enjoy
- I feel very strongly that the public should have access to all lakes in NS. I have 200 acres, a mile of lake frontage on neighbouring Butler Lake. It is a small spring fed lake. Each of the two cottage developments have public access and I also provide public access to the lake and my land. The public need to take responsibility in helping to keep these areas clean and be respectful of the property owners. Your survey has allowed me to express what I think could happen on Sherbrooke Lake.
- A nature park with some opportunities for non-mechanized physical recreation.
- Just started fishing last summer and enjoy it a great deal.. However, there are not enough lakes that we have bass fishing tournaments and it would be nice to have a nice boat launch because most of the lakes used for tournaments do not have proper launches. Also would just be nice to be able to take the boat for a leisure drive and do a little fishing if wanted.
- A welcoming place for public to use . No matter where your from you should have a place to come and not have to own properties to enjoy the lake where many locals grew up .
- A level area to picnic. A place to put a canoe in the water. Outhouses.
- Everyone should be allowed to enjoy the beauty of nature and the lakes.. we have so much to offer people but yet few have denied others the right..... great family get together.. future for the children.... and to get kids outside for recreation... have fishing tournaments... hiking activities.... family picnics..
- A safe place to take my grandson to play, swim and enjoy summer. Picnic park, benches.
- I think that everyone should have access to a lake and enjoy its beauty. Not everyone can afford lake frontage..... so why stop those that cant... Many times people were there using the lakes before the land was bought up and then the people in the community is locked out... and have been using it for years
- A recreation space for residents to connect with nature and continue historical rights to gather food/ fish and live together with each other and use as an outdoor education for their children, while respecting the rights of the wildlife whose home it is.
- Trails, open space for gathering and recreation, places to sit quietly and read
- Well it would allow me to put my canoe in and go fishing. As I like fishing early morning and late evening I would like 24 hour access. but winter access is not so important!
- Make it possible for everyone to enjoy recreational activities connected to the lake. Facilities should be robust and requiring minimum maintenance. Unlike the Indian Falls site which is poorly administered, both seasonal closure and hours of opening and closing should be prominently posted AND adhered to. If this is done than I would change my response and be in favour of a gate.
- place to go and enjoy different activities. open park to the public good for fishing winter or summer
- My opinion is that all people should have access to Nova Scotia's lakes. Sherbrooke lake is large and beautiful and should definitely be available to the people. Care needs to be taken that the public access is not abused the lake and area must be kept as beautiful as it is now.
- I think it would be a great way to get the community involve, increase tourism and to also provide for future generations... let the new generations enjoy what our community has to offer...
- Somewhere, where I can take my children to enjoy the outdoors in any season. We live close to the lake and in our community really have no safe place to take the kids swimming, etc. Access would open up more options to do with the kids and friends.
- Such a space would provide facilities for small power boats or canoes/kayaks row boats to be placed in the water. Sheltered picnic areas would be useful. Security cameras are needed to prevent vandalism. Good provision for proper garbage disposal. Access for shore or boat fishing is necessary. The size of boat motors should be restricted; fast power boats would be unwelcome.
- I feel the lake represents a rare opportunity to provide low-impact, quiet, passive recreation. The opportunity is rare because little or no access exists now, and it is far easier to control the fate of the lake before motorized, noisy use patterns are already established. Shelburne Lake is a gem, and it represents an opportunity to provide respite from a motorized, noisy world. ATVs and snow machines are now encroaching on virtually all back country areas of Nova Scotia. Some quiet areas MUST be preserved. Canoes, Kayaks and small non-motorized boats can all coexist nicely on a lake. Motorized craft make coexistence impossible. Let's save what we can before Nova Scotia becomes just another motorized amusement park indistinguishable from any other in North America.
- one that all can enjoy but kick the ones out that break the rules and never let back in
- Easy to access with parking and washrooms,
- I think it's important for the public to have safe, respectful access to the municipality's lakes and shoreline in a manner that is respectful of the local residents and that demonstrates care for the natural environment.
- A place for public space so people can enjoy lake front and not have to own land. Just because we don't own land there doesn't mean we are not part of the community and should be able to have a place to bring family and friends all year round. Go and enjoy whatever interests interest you.
- I would prefer that the natural beauty remain and yet be shared by as many as possible but keeping the environmental impact to a minimum. If power boating is permitted the horsepower should be limited and please no seadoos.
- I have used the Lake as a starting point for canoeing down the North Branch LaHave. My thoughts are based on perhaps wanting to do so again. That requires simple access, that isn't intended to intrude upon residents/owners. Last time it was in the spring & we walked across a vacant property - which we respected - but that should not be necessary, thus need for public access.
- my vision is a clean park with place to swim ,fish,picnic ,etc with your family and friends . have a gate and time frame for open and close and be able to have your children to enjoy and get out in the fresh air . hold events to raise money .
- Similar to Big Mush Mush, which I visit quite frequently in the summer.
- Access, parking. Small boat launch - no motors.
- open to all
- A public space for people to relax, enjoy time with family and friends, and enjoy the beauty of the area, not just for cottage/land owners

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- In my mind, a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be one in which people could mutually enjoy the beauty of an inland lake without the annoyance of noisy, intrusive activities or fear of physical harm by power boats or unruly dogs. We need places in the province where quiet prevails and where activities such as walking, reflecting, picnicking, and kayaking can be undertaken in peace.
- We love Lake Mush beach and would like to see a similar set up at Lake Sherbrooke. Good parking, clean washrooms and a clean family friendly beach and picnic area would be awesome! We also love to camp and having some nice tent sites with fire pits would be really great. We love dogs but they don't belong on the beach - maybe a different area where they could swim and play? Occasional staff check in would keep the area from being misused or mistreated.
- A place to go with a vehicle where people park and walk or snowshoe a trail with their pets on a leash, take a picnic lunch to enjoy out of the sun and use washroom facilities. A place to access the water for non motorized boats and swimming and an open space for playing and running.
- An enchanting place where people can either go alone or as a group to enjoy outdoors sports all year round. It should be a peaceful and inviting environment, always respecting land owners and environment. A place to also discover the lake contours (kayaking), indulge in ornithology, swim and enjoy picnicking. It might also provide opportunities to dine at local restaurants or visit local artists' shop.
- Sherbrooke lake . A big beautiful lake ,with the right set up would benefit a lot people ,without access to an area to boat swim, and other kinds of recreation.Care must be taken to protect present lot owners ,but they DO not own the lake. Some of us who are denied access ,allowed right of ways for present lot owners.
- I do not think we need a big rec park, just a simple boat launch and beach area similar to Municipal beach area at Lake Mush-Mush. This would give the general public place to but their small boats, kayaks etc. in the water, also a place to take your kids for a fun afternoon. We need to have engagement with the lot owners as well in order for this to be successful.
- Open access for the public. Respecting the ecology and natural environment.
- Would like to see parking lot, beach and and some walking trails :-)
- picnic area with access to fishing
- A place to enjoy nature
- There are so few lakeside places where a family can gather and enjoy nature at its best. We all cannot afford cottages or lakefront but having access with an hours drive makes it a pleasant place for a family outing. We have a little park down the road, I go and walk the trails while my grandson bikes them and then I sit and read my book by the water and its just wonderful. I great way to get away from work and noise and just enjoy the day. If Sherbrooke had something similar then again, everyone could take advantage regardless of their financial ability. We do not need the noisy toys polluting the water and our ears, but having a picnic shoreside is a great way to make the stress of the week disappear.
- Hi, I believe that if the public is granted access it should be for in the form of low impact types of recreation. Canoes and kayaks would be fine perhaps small boats with electric motors too for fishing. Bass fishing tournaments would be a "no go" in my opinion. I have seen what 50 bass boats on a lake can do. They are noisy and they always go too fast etc.. Out of respect for the cottage owners any new rec.opportunities should have a minimum impact on them and the lake. Let's not ruin the landowners little piece of heaven and let's keep it simple besides low impact equals low cost, a big cement boat launch ,would be inappropriate,in my opinion. Thank you.
- Access for everyone.
- It should only be used by people that have cottages there,with there invited friends,not to be open to the other non paying public for recreation use,the people that pay for road fees,should be the ones using the access roads to the water,if you bring in non residents or non invited people to this area,,you are asking for trouble ,in break ins,theft,vandalized area,fishing illegally ,hunting illegally,,bad boat safety,,etc...
- I don't feel that a public "space" is required. I think that all that is needed is a legal public access route to the lake, which could merely be just a footpath through the woods. Contrary to one of my prior answers, I do believe that some signage would be required along this route to remind people to pick up after their leashed dogs, as well as themselves. I don't believe that massive land clearing, lighting, or structures of any kind would be necessary in order for the public to enjoy the beauty of the lake for swimming, canoeing/kayaking, or fishing. By making the access point simply a trail or path will also restrict the ability to launch motorized watercraft into the lake, which will happen, permitted or not. The access point should also be located farthest away from any lakeside lots. Although the lake residents cannot claim ownership of the lake, I strongly believe that they have the right to enjoy their land peacefully. A provincial park is not required, but the public should have access.
- Take only pictures "leave well enough alone"
- Access to a beautiful lake to swim , picnic and safely enjoy all it has to offer while not endangering the natural habitat and to preserve the land and water as residents there have been accustomed too .
- Natural, real and green
- supervised and no motor boat launch area and only gated access during set hours
- Sherbrooke lake is quiet and peaceful. So many other lakes in Nova Scotia are filled with motor boats and it would be a real shame for that to happen here. The same goes for dirt bikes, quads and side-by-sides.
- A public space on Sherbrooke lake should have as little an impact as possible on the natural environment. That means limiting the amount of development and construction in the area. Ideally it should look very similar to how it was before the space was created, with only essential amenities being installed.
- Recreational access and utilities for unmotorized activities, similar to the park on Lake William. General family picnic/day use would be encouraged. There are very few small overnight camping opportunities in rural Nova Scotia. Having operated a commercial campground I do know what is involved and believe a break-even municipal operation similar to the one at Two Islands in Parrsboro could be operated at Sherbrook Lake without undo impact on the lake, environs, and local residents. This would provide seasonal employment for two local people. Use tent platforms & picnic tables, open-fire only in a central community pit, potable water but no showers, toilets like the ones at Scots Bay Beach, close the gate @ 9pm. Campers leaving before gate opens in morning can park outside gate.
- As it is now, a quiet lake, minimal traffic.
- A space that is open to the public, providing the option to swim, fish, canoe/kayak, but without disturbing the environment that is already there, e.g. no new buildings, structures, parking lots, etc.

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- Family friendly, encourage appreciation of nature, park-like setting, non-motorized recreation.
- Providing a space where family and community alike can spend time and enjoy the lake and forest is a wonderful idea, a boat launch for powerboats and fishing competitions, however, is not. Not only would it greatly increase the noise pollution being made in an area that has, for years, been a lovely peaceful retreat for many of the locals and property owners, but it could also have detrimental effects on the lake as well. There have been many past cases of fishing tournaments destroying a lake's ecosystem, ruining the quality of the water and surrounding habitats. Public access to Sherbrooke Lake can be made while keeping it a "get-back-to-nature" type getaway and preserving the culture that has already been established there. New trails could weave through the forests for light hiking... Nets for volleyball and BBQ's could be set up along the beach for community events... Spots could be set up for individual or group yoga, meditation, or tai chi... There are great opportunities here without opening the area up in such a way that would leave the environment stripped of its resources and natural beauty by those with no permanent stakes in the area.
- Waterfront access with limited beach space and some form of platform to allow for non motorized water use (canoe/kayak & swimming). There could be an optional area for camping or other overnight stay (no water/sewer hookups or power) and possibly a few composting outhouses. Garbage receptacles can become a wildlife attractant and with black bears and raccoons in the area this could become an issue. With limited infrastructure there could be multiple smaller access points along the shoreline to allow different communities easier access with shorter travel. With limited motorized boat access there is decreased opportunity for waterborne invasive species to travel from one water system to another. Year round access would allow for things like ice fishing, skating (pond hockey) and Nordic skiing.
- I believe the answer to the previous questions describe it.
- The previous questions give my answers to this question. We need public access to the lake by vehicle. A park that is safe and supervised with opening and closing times. Locals as well as others need locations for recreation and friendly/ family times. This huge lake has been out of commission to the public for many, many years. In fact, nearby residents unless they own a lake lot don't even think about the place and most locals have probably not even visited the lake. What a great resource for all generations. No one owns this waterway so let's make it available to the people.
- It is a public water and being so the general public has the legal right to cross any and all land to access with the responsibility to do no damage, this needs to be enforced. The land owner are obligated to provide access if they don't want people using what they may.
- zero impact - preserve water and land without human footprint
- My vision of a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be a family friendly area where people in the community and in neighbouring communities could spend says being physically active, while still preserving the environment of the area. I think boating regulations should be enforced to prevent people from bringing large vessels into the lake which would be detrimental to the environment. I believe that creating a space such as this would be extremely beneficial to our communities because it would encourage children and adults alike to participate in a variation of outdoor activities. Having hiking trails, a beach, boat launches etc. would create a positive space for everyone to explore their interests while enjoying the nature of the area. As well, having a camping space included I believe would be a good way for families to teach their children independence and a respect for the wildlife of Nova Scotia. All of these things combined I believe would increase tourism and boost the economic development of the area.
- In my opinion successful lake access would be a clean and respected area for families and couples to go spend the day or afternoon swimming and enjoying a picnic with a clean beach. Hiking trails would be wonderful and it should be the communities responsibility to keep the trails and beach area clean and respected as well as the water. Dogs should be allowed on the beach as long as they are well behaved and on leash as well as the owners of pets are to be responsible for keeping the beach and trails clean of dogs waste. The park should close at 12pm to prevent any drinking or partying as well as it should be protected by surveillance.
- Public access to use the lake to canoe or kayak...limit or no use of any motor craft...including permanent resident use on the lake. Permit all season access to fish, snowshoe, ski, hike and walk.
- A space that provides public access to the lake while maintaining its natural beauty.
- A place for everyone to be able to enjoy camping, fishing, swimming & the nature that Sherbrooke Lake provides.
- Even though I don't come home much, it still is a great idea to build a park... why stop people from enjoying the lake, fishing, swimming and getting out and enjoying nature..... there are less and less parks around.. therefore it encourages people to go else where... a great place for family gatherings.... family day, ring toss tournaments, fishing tournaments....
- I like to see a park to come to where I can drive from the city and enjoy the day there with different activities available . If I want to have a picnic or go for a swim . it will be available. Place to change and bathroomsee.
- It is very important not to over commercialize you must try to preserve the natural environment and use every opportunity to promote education and local Heritage. In Nova Scotia 38% of our population are seniors so we should always be thinking of them when we are making decisions like this. lets stay young
- Beautiful lake to spend time with family and friends and kid friendly
- public access should be a spot where when the temperature is really hot and you want to go for a swim with family and friends and have a picnic and play some Frisbee you can. If you want to put a canoe or kayak in the lake and take your kid fishing you can. It should be a place where everyone can enjoy the fun things that only a lake can provide, but you don't have to own land there to enjoy it. It should be a place where people respect the environment and clean up after themselves and use waste bins provided, keeping glass containers off the grass as most people will be barefoot.
- Allow non cottagers to get to a lake for quiet(!) recreation and nature enjoyment. Keep the lake pristine for future generations to enjoy.
- Fairly rustic but having sufficient amenities to provide a safe and pleasant visit. A non-commercial approach (except for canteen).
- In this time of 24-7 craziness, it is so important to have places where people can easily get back to nature. This does not have to be an overdeveloped area, but simply a place where people can sit, gather, maybe swim, canoe and use bathroom facilities. The view and beauty take care of the rest...
- Low impact, minimal infrastructure - access to the lake for environmentally sustainable activities that don't disrupt local birds, fish, animals and don't impact on others' quiet enjoyment of the lake.
- I would like to see a park for future generations.. even if people do not want it, they need to think for the future.. a great place for family gatherings, photography and to enjoy the nature..... great way to promote tourism... I live away but each time I come home, which is a few times a year, I visit the winery, the falls.. its part of your trip... so this lake would be on the list as well..... no one should be banned from viewing the beauty of what our community has to offer.

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- Too much infrastructure detracts from the lake and may impact water quality and the local ecosystem. Small footprint kayak wharf with some open space with picnic tables/area and a nearby hike of a couple of kilometres (2-5km) linking with other existing trails would be ideal. Must always take into account that littering will be a problem so lots of garbage/recycling containers are a must.
- Accessible by vehicle; picnic area, swimming with my young family
- Everyone should have access to all waterways in Canada for recreation and pleasure.
- In my opinion a successful public lake would be one where there is no conflicts and if there were to be any they would be resolved quickly and with everyone being happy. Dogs are allowed to come onto the beach but to ensure all safety and happiness of others they must stay on a leash. There must be different activities and sports for people to do on a nice summer day along with a nice quiet space for those to admire nature and read. Everything needs to be respected and kept clean and it is a responsibility to keep it a clean nice environment. Everyone should do their job to keep it clean and ensure the safety of all who visit. It is a privilege to go on the beach and of certain rules are not followed then the lake should not be open to the public.
- No opinion
- Having paddled and fished this lake over the years it has always been a pleasure to explore. The main obstacle has been obtaining access to the water. An open public launch or access would mediate all of these things and allow for all to enjoy what the lake has to offer. I believe it needs to be controlled as well to monitor this new and increased use of the water. Ensuring that those who would prospectively be using it would ensure and maintain that lakes pristine quality.
- As natural as can be.
- A simple boat launch would be absolutely essential...
- The success on a public would have to include public education on the use and outlying regulations for the area. Should include signage to let the public know where they cannot go ie: private property etc. There should be a program put in place for ecosystem management and to prioritize what is actually needed to give the project the go ahead.
- road access with parking and a boat launch. Boat launch does not have to be fancy. Washroom facilities available. Area should be kept natural as possible with design considerations for proper parking, limited erosion, appropriate signage, wheelchair accessibility re people in chairs wishing to launch a boat, use washroom. I don't believe in supplying artificial lighting, garbage cans or BBQ pits as I find people generally abuse these things - if they brought it with them they need to take it away. A charcoal disposal pit and reflective beacons to ID the access area from a boat with a flashlight would be great too. I hope this goes forward as all Nova Scotia waterways should have public access - the waterways are NOT private.
- just enjoy nature
- Small field , ample parking , boat ramp and wharf . Trash cans and lighting
- I'm not familiar with the lake or area yet but looking forward to some peaceful kayaking opportunities. It seems that going forward with a public space in this day and age means to go fairly big or not at all. I would like to see it kept on a small scale but for the benefit of more people a wider range of activities should be kept in mind.
- To provide access to the lake with a proper space to launch a boat, canoe or similar water craft with less than 20 horse power garbage container and a picnic area with signage indicating the rules for the area. if possible provide hiking trails as I understand there is a large plot of public land along the lake. provide area for parking.
- I think it is important to ensure that property owners have their property values maintained and not adversely affected by this development. I have never been on the lake so am not sure of its current usage. I hope there is some discussion regarding the size of boat allowed, noise pollution, effect on the aquatic environment, speed of boats/erosion, etc.
- A great park with all the needed ideas for everyone to enjoy . docks ,picnic tables. playground for children. Etc
- An opportunity for all ages to enjoy hiking, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, tent-only camping, and picnics among the trees.
- Although I live in NB for work purposes I retain my resident status by virtue of being born in NS and paying property tax on several pieces of property. All of my outdoor recreation is spent in various parts of NS. NS has a long tradition of public access to provincial waterways which should not be minimized by the narrow desires of a few
- In my opinion, a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would allow local residents, and visitors, to have the same access to Sherbrooke Lake that they have enjoyed for generations. It would promote/encourage physical activity, appreciation of the natural environment while ensuring that water quality is preserved so that local residents, property owners on Sherbrooke Lake, visitors and future generations continue to be able to enjoy "Nine mile" lake.
- accessible but not intrusive
- Free public access to the water for anglers, swimmers and walkers alike. You would need restrooms and garbage disposal. Open 6am till 11 pm. If not you could have problems with late night party goers. I believe that there should be public access to all lakes in Nova Scotia. To often developments around lakes tend to make them private because there is no access.
- The public would provide waterfront access for people canoeing and kayaking and also swimming and fishing. It would preserve the natural environment as much as possible and be a party place that would disrupt the local residents.
- Emphasis on access for everyone and preservation of habitat - human enjoyment that is compatible with such preservation.
- place to have picnic, swim, relax and let children play
- A place where the community and people from outside can gather, enjoy the outdoors and each other's company in a safe and well rounded area
- a safe haven, a place where you can go with your family and friends to enjoy a good day out
- I do not presently have a private property on any water front and some of my favourite activities are those that take place at a lake. I feel that the public should be able to have access to Sherbrooke Lake. In my mind, I would imagine that a public lot on Sherbrooke Lake would be put up with its best ability to protect the natural environment. I would like to see garbage/compost/recycling bins that are emptied regularly in order to reduce littering. It would be wonderful to have an area for on-shore fishing, as well as an area for swimming. I do not think a life guard is necessary; however, having a lifeguard would be an asset to the property. I would like to see picnic tables and a play ground for children. I think there should be a boat launch, as the lake is so large, it would be an excellent place for boating of all kinds. I feel that it is very important that this area be accessible to people who may be physically disabled. I feel that any new public development should be accessible for people who are physically disabled, as it is not common for older developments to have this kind of accessibility. People who are disabled should not be excluded from this facility.

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- I think access to the lake for non-motorized water craft would be great. It's a spacious lake, but the lack of water-flow on the smaller side of the lake worries me with respect to damaging the local ecosystem. I'm positive that having many motorized boats on that side of the lake would prove to be detrimental to the environment.
- a park would be a great area for family gatherings... and for future generations.... a lot of family functions could be held and as well as bring in tourism
- public access to outdoor recreation opportunities while preserving the natural environment
- Public space should allow access any time of the day and year for public, picnics, recreation, camping...family activities.
- Whatever is developed is developed with serious consideration of environmental impacts re: water quality, habitat, etc. A space that is opinion to everyone - the lake is not owned by cottage owners. No one owns those waters and everyone should be able to have access to do what recreational activities they want to do. It is a big enough natural resource and lake to accommodate everyone. I am tired of the perception that because you own property on a lake, river, ocean you have the right to decide who or who can't use it.
- a quiet natural place for people to enjoy the beauty and calm of the lake and its environment.
- Access to the lake with boat launch, washrooms, garbage bins, bbq pits
- A place where nature thrives undisturbed by human activity, where the public can view this environment from carefully controlled vantage points
- A small public access area with a small launch for boats that doesn't impact the environment. As Nova Scotians we should all have access to all waterbodies in our province. Waterbodies are our natural resource to be shared and should never be restricted or privatized through land ownership.
- A place to have picnics and swim
- I don't think it would have to be overly developed. A simple dock/pier and some grass for the park would be great. I would discourage too many amenities as it would just lead to more risk of the amenities being abused and/or destroyed (unless staff were hired on a fairly permanent basis. Parking would also be an asset, as well as space for people who want to discover the natural beauty (trails - not necessarily with crusher dust, simply 'au naturel' and access to the lake. This is my personal preference but a ban on motorized boats would be nice (although cottage owners might not agree.
- Clean water. No motorized recreational equipment. Peace and quiet for home owners. Reasonable protection - buffer zones - for home cottage owners. Public areas alcohol free.
- A place where friends and family can go to hike, swim, hang out, bbq, etc in the summer. In the winter you could skate!
- Free, easy access for all to enjoy
- I think it should be accessible during daylight hours...open at dawn, close at dusk. Provide access to the lake, and minimal expenditures (ie, washrooms should be portapotties, not running water with flushable toilets) It is not necessary to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide public access.
- As a young man I grew up around Sherbrooke Lake or as we known it as 9 mile lake; even though it is 11 miles long go figure lol. There was many fond memories from my childhood about Sherbrooke Lake. There was a important member of our community that would give us a ride to the lake via Grimms road via a old military jeep, which was very cool. I feel that Sherbrooke Lake should not only be a "cottage country" or "cottage retreat" but a diverse educational, historical part of a past life, if you will, a learning guide, There is so much nature around us, more than two eyes can see or two ears can hear. There is a vast world around us, but nothing takes us back more than home. Lets make Sherbrooke Lake a part of our culture, community and spirit. , childhood friends ps: it is very unfair that only 3 choices are available for the before question, Sherbrooke Lake has so much to offer besides being labelled as a lake. It is a vital part of our heritage and life, or at least mine, and many others who have known Sherbrooke as Sandy Cove, where fresh water invites a pure sand shelf that tingles our toes and gives us the sense of ocean. Sherbrooke Lake has let young and old devour her presence, let us swim, play, fish her vast reservoir, or basically enjoy the nature that surrounds us that we all can enjoy for many, I want to say generations, but for all individuals, families, and my favorite, childhood memories.
- It should be a place people can go with their families to experience the wonderful peace, quiet and beauty of nature the lake offers. I have visited there, and it's a wonderful place. It should be welcoming to people, particularly children, with an emphasis on nature. I would be very sorry to see it turned into a noisy motorboat access point, or a free-for-all dog park. Parks should be for people.
- Even if people do not want it, they need to think for the future.. a great place for family gatherings, photography and to enjoy the nature..... great way to promote tourism... I live away but each time I come home as my wife lives in the area, which is a few times a year, I visit the winery, the falls.. its part of your trip... so this lake would be on the list as well..... no one should be banned from viewing the beauty of what our community has to offer.
- Sandy beach area where kids can play safely with a place to eat and a place to clean up before leaving.
- I am from Kings county and I use the public beach at Aylesford Lake on a regular basis. Using it as a model, I think Sherbrooke Lake could be a place for everyone to use and enjoy. The opposing cottage owners must remember that nature is for everyone to enjoy and cannot be owned by one man.
- A place to enjoy the outdoors.
- This lake was always a favorite of my dad's to go trout fishing. It should be preserved by the province and made accessible for everybody to enjoy it's beauty.
- A place for everyone to enjoy the beauty of Nova Scotia lakes.
- This space would be good for folks to enjoy nature
- A space that provides public access to Sherbrooke Lake for everyone; with minimal restrictions and regulation, managed locally as a community resource, providing for the needs of the public now with the flexibility to not compromise the needs of future generations.
- i am a grand daddy i grew up around woods and lakes and all that nature had to offer now when we drive the grand children to the beach all they see is cut down trees dead lakes and the small trout broauseoks i can't show them anymore because when you cut all trees down the earth can't hold the water let't show our children what wonder world we live in
- I really admire that the municipality is working to ensure public access to lakes in our county because our waterways are a common good. A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would allow people of all walks of life to appreciate the water and nature in a way that does not degrade it. I imagine generations of people swimming, canoeing, hiking, foraging, and gathering.
- Would love to see a great place close to home for my grand babies to come and play and enjoy .
- A park to take my kids to play and swim .
- I would love to have a park to bring my children to play swim and have a play ground for them . a table to have a lunch . bathrooms and change rooms .

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- When I walk into the park I would like to see people swimming and playing sports - sand to play in - sports, horse shoes, lunch spots for families. Different activities for kids. Place to hold kid groups throughout the year. Also a tether ball.
- small footprint, no large boat launch, parking area minimal. Gated at the beginning of the entrance road to help prevent late night parties. Security, a place for swimming, canoes kayaks acceptable, no fishing tournaments or large motorized boats. no commercial venture of any sort. A place to enjoy with your family the natural beauty and have a swim on a hot summer day. NO ATV's
- Ideally there should be no public space. However, if there is it should be a public development where people also have homes/condos on /or accessing the Lake. Then they can pay taxes and be part of the community that preserves the natural beauty of Sherbrooke Lake. A public picnic area/beach will be an environmental disaster...
- Unfortunately there really isn't any. This has been an agenda for a number of people for many years now. Suggestion....if you want access to the lake pay for a lot or cottage just like everyone else has had to do for the past 40 years. Opening up the lake is simply going to give access to boaters and individuals in many cases shouldn't be there. The lake has many areas where rock formations change and it will simply be a matter of time before someone is injured in a boating accident by someone who is not familiar with the lake. Opening it up will simply give looters and vandals access points to enter and destroy property in both the summer and winter months especially when no one is there to monitor properties. This decision is both short sighted and ignorant of the facts of what has happened to other jurisdictions across the province that have gone in this direction. Please survey any of the past or current owners of land on Grand Lake to get their opinions of such a decision.
- I think prior to establishing public space for Sherbrooke Lake the municipality and Province need to undergo a thorough and comprehensive environmental assessment of the carrying capacity of the lake. Public access is not simple questions of where or what types of activities do people want, but what can actually be sustained (socially, environmentally, economically etc.). For example, has the municipality considered their liabilities for creating such a space both for current residents and potential new users? Sherbrooke Lake's water levels fluctuate greatly with the seasons. As well, it has a very unique geographical landscape unlike many lakes in the area. There are a number of rocks and shallow areas all throughout the lake, which have the potential of being quite dangerous to new users who are unfamiliar. This poses a risk both to the safety of the user (if using a motor boat could run into a rock and cause serious harm) and safety of the lake environment (if a boat collides with a rock and there is an oil spill this could impact local ecosystems and residents who use the lake as a water source). In addition, boaters have the potential of bringing foreign species from one lake to another if proper safety precautions are not implemented (this includes blue-green algae Lake Torment). I am not saying that I am 100% against public access to Sherbrooke Lake. I just believe that it is the responsibility of our government bodies to do their due-diligence in ensuring that potential negative impacts are mitigated to ensure the longevity of the lake and those who use it. I understand that this is the beginning of a process to determine what kind of facility would be built. My point is that I believe a lot more research, analysis and assessment needs to be completed prior to further discussion.
- No access would be the best thing for the lake open access will be a problem for the quality of the lake. The peace and quiet we pay for will be gone as well. This survey is very much one sided and a piece of crap in my opinion
- I am a full time resident of Sherbrooke Lake and have spent a lot of money building my resident and don't want my peace and quiet upset by a public area.
- If built, must be done properly, ie., safe, sanitary, heavy but useable tables, etc., have rules and security, cameras. Users must respect rights of owners of lakefront properties (noise, boat usage, the peace and tranquility they purchased their property for), and especially those owners with physical handicaps. Also, if built, public must use that road and not private driveways and access points. The waters of Sherbrooke Lake are full of large boulders, and some reefs extend into water 600 meters which a first-time boater will not know about. There is an algae report on the lake that should be considered in the decision. Sorry, but I am not in favor of public access to Sherbrooke Lake.
- Please keep in mind that this lake is very dangerous in parts due to rocks. If people don't know the waters it's hard to navigate it without injury or damage to the individual or boat. Our Private cottage is something that we would like to keep private. There has been a large history of theft and break ins on the lake and I strongly fear that the privacy of our land and cottage will be negatively impacted by such public access.
- very small limited access space with no boat entry. Only a path to walk down to the lake. no camp fire site. completed fenced on both sides so those that walk to lake can not trespass to private property
- swimming allowed. no motor boats of any kind allowed whatsoever! kayaks and canoes allowed
- I think it is important for persons in the vicinity of the lake who have historically had access to the lake to regain that access. I am not supportive of access for motorized craft and for fishing derby type uses, so in effect I prefer opportunities for quiet, passive recreation. Preserving water quality and the natural environment both at the public access site and more broadly in the lake should be primary considerations.
- Swimming and canoeing access only.
- Do not allow public access
- I presently do not agree with public access to the lake
- family oriented environment
- That access should reflect the natural environment and water quality. Fishing tournaments or excess motor boat use would be detrimental
- It will only work if everyone respects the rights of everyone else and respects nature. Most people do this but there are always some who couldn't care less and then spoil it for everyone. I don't know how to change this. We are close to Sandy Cove and have had a lot of very bad experiences and problems i.e. open fires when there was an extreme forest fire warning, lots of garbage, broken glass, cut trees, crowds of people partying with loud music.
- A place where the public can have access for canoes or kayaks and swim

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- As a property owner on Sherbrooke Lake, I would be in favour of limited public access to the lake that would include swimming, picnicking, kayaking, canoeing, and sailing; but it would not include any power boats at all, especially jetskis (significant pollution possibilities, noise factor and loss of privacy and security to current owners), no ATVs, and no hunting or fishing. As a property owner at Sherbrooke, I would love to have a public access that preserves the natural qualities of the lake, its water purity, tranquility and beauty, a shoreline full of trees and plants. It is these qualities that are cherished by us who live there now, and to share these qualities is perfectly reasonable; but not to allow an access bringing noise (power boats, parties), pollution, or loss of privacy and security to the lake. Sherbrooke is a treasure that brings us all closer to nature, which helps us immensely in understanding our lives here on earth, our purpose and the higher value that can be placed on a life lived hand in hand with nature. These are qualities that we cannot find in our cities, so let's not bring the life of the city to the country where we go to escape the confusion, noise, crime, traffic, and pollution.
- we do not want public access on Sherbrook Lake
- There is enough public spaces at other lakes, not at all interested for public space for Sherbrooke lake.
- This survey is designed such that there is no doubt that this access will become a reality...not a fair assessment if you are a property holder and concerned about the environmental impact of such an access. To have an access that takes into account all factors that effect the ecosystems of the lake will cost in the millions of dollars. This cost would be born by the residents of the Municipality - taxes. This is a beautiful lake offering much to those who live on it or visit it. If this access will become a reality I urge those decision makers to make Sherbrooke Lake an example of how to preserve local ecosystems and beauty. Limiting the lake to canoes, kayaks, paddle boats is one way of ensuring that the lake will remain healthy. More boats on the lake put it at risk for gas spills and algae blooms...already we have seen several algae blooms on the lake and a decline in the number of loons making their homes here. If a public access is to be we must be assured that ALL circumstances have been considered. The public access at Aylesford Lake is a fine example...it has everything...washrooms, change rooms, playground, picnic areas, barbecue pits, beach, lifeguard, etc. BUT the lake is SO busy at times that it is dangerous once you are outside the public space area. We have a property on the lake by choice. We enjoy the peaceful, quiet environment and relish the treats nature shows us. I do not want to lose this.
- I would prefer No Public Access however I could accept a public space for swimming with maybe a canoe launch but would not like to see any motorized vehicles permitted. We have strict rules for the preservation of our waterways where we cannot remove rocks or alter our shorelines therefore I feel building boat ramps and such is an invitation to destroy the beauty the lake has to offer.
- My vision of a public access to Sherbrook lake is a basic boat launch area with room for parking .no facilities to maintain.People who use this area should be responsible for there own garbage.In other words take it with them when they leave,as with the use of other public lands,such as going fishing on lakes in crown land areas.my idea for this is to make the lake accessable but not to provide an elaborate facility that will cost millions to build and maintain.Access is one thing but I do not have any interest in paying for somebody elses gathering spot.Also this access area should be use at own risk.
- There appears to be a perception induced by Municipal Council that there is a great deal of public desire for access to Sherbrooke lake. Other than several instances of diatribe I have yet to see one iota of evidence to support this. On the contrary, many are against it and never had their voices taken into account whatsoever due councils "open spaces policy" being blindly followed. During a steering committee meeting a speaker announced that anyone could access any land anywhere as long as it is not cultivated. With that in mind, why is all this money and time being now needlessly wasted. As an avid Kayaker and canoeist I have yet to find a body of water anywhere in Lunenburg County which has not accessible to me. Sherbrooke lake is ecologically sensitive with special emphasis on the Southern portion below the narrows which has been scientifically proven by Dr. Clark to have a very very long water exchange period. Incidentally, all scientific studies concerning the health of the lake by Dr. Clarke have been widely financially supported by the landowners and cabin owners on the lake. Why can the Municipality not financially contribute to this beneficial process as opposed to spending money to speed up the lakes destruction? Moving on.....any mandatory access being imposed by Council should be located between the main lake inflow and outflow area of the lake and be restricted to a small foot path only. This would allow for suitable canoe and kayak launching and help preserve the integrity of the local environment. No power boats of any type should be allowed by the public as this activity would over stress the lake. Many one time visitors or "weekend warriors" will have little respect for this ecologically sensitive area further supporting the need for access to be limited to a footpath with paddle craft launch access only. With respect to the idea of picnic areas, there are two other Municipal parks within 10 minutes of Sherbrooke Lake which provide this service and rarely, if ever get used. Why spend additional tax money creating something with a proven limited demand. Speaking of money, why is this process being explored when the Municipal Council is presently operating in the red? This whole idea should be shelved indefinitely.
- An area for family to enjoy the lake.
- Keep things as they are.
- If public space just exist it should be placed away from current cottages to minimize any impact on them
- A place for people to swim and enjoy the lake with picnic tables, washrooms, water etc. Plus the use of small motorised boats would be ok. I object to the fishing tournament - depletes the fish stock.
- A place where people can go for a swim, use a small boat, enjoy a picnic lunch, go fishing
- Ideally, if a public space is required, it should be strictly for natural "usage" and appreciation of the lake. Swimming, walking/hiking, and non-motorized activities is key. This lake is a QUIET lake, with very little local activity on the lake, so its pristine nature should be preserved. A public access or space is understandable, to let locals or visitors appreciate this lake as it is, not as a potential new lake for motorized sports or other events (fishing tournaments, etc.). A success public space would have views of the lake (it is big), and promote a relaxing engagement with the environment.
- Public Space should be located away from any privately owned land or established cottage area used by the present cottagers on the lake. it should be located where the activity on the public space would not disturb the present cottagers. I personally do not want public space on the lake as it is getting quite crowded as it is.
- It would be a spot for people to quietly enjoy the beauty of the lake whether that would be from a spot on the shoreline or by paddle power on the water. This way those who truly love nature can enjoy it as presented.
- The lake is currently beautiful and pristine, with very few motorboats. The tranquility should be protected. Not all lakes should be opened to public access for any conceivable use. If there is a beach for public access, that's great. If people want to kayak and canoe, excellent. But I do not support any motorized boats being allowed via public access.

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- Public access should provide a quiet peaceful place for visitors and those who already own property on the lake. It should promote the history of the lake and be a quiet spot for families to gather. It should NOT provide a commercialized opportunity that could potentially destroy the water quality and infrastructure of the natural beauty of the lake.
- Access to any public space should be away from established communities where residents have had privacy of a private road (for which residents pay road fee for maintenance costs for our own use and that of our guests) and the peacefulness of an area where just anyone cannot come into our community without a reason for being there - other than visiting property owners.
- Our family has been on Sherbrooke Lake for many years. We value the quiet, peaceful nature of the area and hope it is preserved for future generations. Any activities that put the lake's water quality in jeopardy must be avoided.
- Preservation of wildlife. Loons and eagle populations. Security of properties. Noise pollution not permitted (loud music + other) Garbage control and enforcement of management. A speed limit required to discourage over powered boats - public access should only allow non-powered craft.
- I would like to see public access limited to quiet, safe access to the water. We have been cottage owners since 1987 and have seen a steady increase in land use which so far has not disturbed the beauty, the wildlife or those of us who have invested our hard earned dollars to use the lake. However in recent years there has been a steady barrage of "bass fishermen" who feel entitled to access and have shown on several occasions that they will add no value to the lake at all. The trout have disappeared, the waves of minnows (we think gaspereau) have disappeared on our shoreline and even the blood suckers are gone. Whoever introduced the bass to the lake have a lot to answer for. This public debate, bordering on harassment, by a few self serving individuals has not added any enjoyment of the lake or the community spirit which is very important to our family. We hope this whole thing will be resolved quickly.
- I strongly object to a public space on Sherbrooke Lake. I pay taxes for my property on the lake, why should people that don't pay taxes be given the right to use Sherbrooke Lake.
- A quiet, natural environment.
- Sherbrooke Lake is fine the way it is. It is a tranquil place. We are on the small side of lake in a cove and to have lots of boats would be a concern for us. Also wildor park pays for road maintenance so we do not want the public to destroy the road we few pay to maintain it. If this goes through I am against our taxes going up to pay for it.
- Our lake has many property owners from all over Canada who enjoy it's cleanliness, safety for swimmers, kayakers, canoer's and sailboaters. Allowing to have high speed fishing boats access for fishing tournaments would not only disrupt the sereinity of the area but would add to poluting the lake with various petroleum products. I personally use an electric motor when fishing or sightseeing when using my big boat but normanly I just use my kayak (it is very quiet and disturbs no one. As far as I am concerned, there is enough problem with the expanding problem of high speed " sea-doos" driven by unlicenced kids and there is no survalance by any authorities (ie. policeing). I would approve an access for authorities to enter the lake with high speed boats but not for any fishing tournaments with many high speed boats. I have sceen a few fishing tournaments in other provinces and it is very dangerous for all who are on the lake.
- Quiet space that preserves the water quality.
- NIL
- Secluded area that will not interfere, with the enjoyment that the cottage and property owners deserve, since they are paying the taxes.
- The public space would be easily accessible and close to a main road and thus easier and less expensive to supervise and keep safe. A beach bordering water that moves would be able to stay open during warm summer days and thus greatly increase the attraction of a picnic area. The absence of power boats would reduce any additional stresses to water quality and the eco systems. Well maintained bathrooms and waste management would also protect the environment. Barb B Q's would only be allowed in a supervised area to reduce the danger of forest fires. Wooded trails, if any, would be close to a main road for personal safety reasons. Efforts would be made to make the space accessible and safe for small children, families, and persons with disabilities.
- I would like a small parking lot with a boat launch only for canoes and other small boats of no more than 9 hp. Public washrooms and gated.
- Sherbrooke lake is a pristine lake with low pollution great water quality and excellent wildlife abound around and in the lake. Adding public access would add to noise pollution and also if public access is granted with people also comes littering. I have been a fisherman for many years and and seen this problem arise many times before and it has failed to prove me wrong yet. We on the lake all pay a premium for our lake access being land and taxes just for this particular reason. Getting up early in the morning and seeing loons swim by or fish jumping after food on a calm morning. Not some asshole ripping by at 40mph in his bass boat casting at every boat dock he can find and driving wildlife away(eq: loons, Ospreys and Eagles). Even if public lake access was ever to be allowed it should be for non motorized boats only. And I'm not trying to be difficult but there are a good portin of properties owners already have motorized boats and there impact is enough on the lake and many more could seriously impact the local environment negatively. Sherbrooke lake land lots and lake layout plan is great. The lots are larger roughly an acre on average which is better than a lot of other lakes that I have had the ability to observe. Alyesford lake is a good example of this cottage lots (smaller compact lots) and public access you can't swim, water ski or fish with out being directly affected from the public access area. Hope this helps clear up a decision and also just want to say that the ones that are fussing about this the most is south shore bass assc. All over a few fish. Keep it private
- The space will be well regulated by the MODL with staff on site to educate and maintain appropriate uses, The site will maintain as much of the natural environment as possible and will provide the public with a means to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake. It will be used for swimming, relaxing and passive recreation such as canoeing kayaking and sailing. It will be located in such a manner as to present an effective buffer between the public's use and private property interests on the lake.
- The space would be for people to enjoy clean fresh air that all of us that now live around Sherbrooke now enjoy .But the use of motorized boating should not be considered .The lake can handle the motorized boating that are now there but if there were more the after effect of extra motorized boating would harm the water and anything that live in it
- I do not wish to see public access to the lake. It is a serene place for kayaking and canoeing that will be destroyed by boating traffic, PWCs and folks that do not respect the water or the land owners. The water will also be contaminated with the increase of activity and the loons and eagles will probably leave. DO NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
- Quiet area in keeping with the present communities and cottage owners.

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- I don't think there should be public access to Sherbrooke Lake.
- To provide people access to the lake with kayaks, canoe, sailboats----NO Motor boats. For people to enjoy and preserve the quality of the Lake.
- let it like it is. I visit the lake since 20 years and I am a German, surching quiet and freedom while spending my holidays at the lake
- no public space
- A place where everyone can visit between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. A place to swim and picnic and canoe or kayak. A place devoid of noise (boats, sea doos, skidoos etc) A place respecting neighbours be they visitors or cottage owners. A place of cleanliness. "Leave it as you found it." A place of minimal necessities (eg. compost toilet, rather than full shower washrooms etc)
- There should NOT be public access to this lake. This is a place where cottage owners go to get away from the public. If we wanted public beaches we would go elsewhere, there are plenty of public beaches around and there is no reason to change the ways of this lake. Please do not ruin this for the people of the lake, if people want to be on the lake... Buy land
- I can envision a public access point on the lake that would provide a parking area with a pathway to waters edge. This pathway would accommodate those with mobility challenges. Visitors would be able to carry their canoe or kayak to the water and enjoy a day of leisure paddle on the lake. They would swim at their risk. Access for motorized boats or water craft strictly prohibited. Washroom facilities provided close to lake. Gated parking lot with posted hours 8AM to 6PM. Signage stating restrictions etc.
- Quiet, clean, open to all,
- No access !
- The lake should not have public access. This is a place where people buy land and go to relax and get away from everything. If people want to be on the lake they should buy a piece of property! Do not ruin this for the people already on the lake.
- We have had several disturbing encounters with people in motor boats on the lake who were not land or cottage owners but were there to find a place to fish and party. We had to rescue one group of men who had swamped their small motor boat as they were severely overloaded and had no life jackets. They had already been drinking and had open bottles of beer which then floated and sank and a large cooler full of beer. We pulled them to shore because we were afraid they would drown which in their intoxicated state was very likely. We did not call the RCMP as we were fearful that they now knew where we lived and could retaliate. They were able to empty the boat on shore and continued back to where they had come in which is close to where this potential public access area may be. As you can understand we are very concerned that this will become much more frequent unless the lake is patrolled every weekend and has permanent staffing at the public area. How is can this be guaranteed for the safety of all lake residents and users and how could this be afforded. We will not hesitate to take legal action in the future if this problem cannot be prevented. Not allowing for a motorboat launch would help prevent this as canoeists and kayakers rarely exhibit this illegal behavior. A beach area will also become a party place for teens as we have experienced at many other lakes in the province which is a huge liability. My vision of a successful public space is one that must include paid supervision at all times and gated access only for use during set hours with strict regulations. No fishing tournaments or motor boats launch should be allowed. Allow Canoes and kayaks only to preserve the quiet nature of our lake so everyone can enjoy it especially the children at the church camp.
- no access without a proper scientific environmental impact assessment and restricted to canoes, kayaks and sailboats. All boats should pass thru a washing station before and after going in the lake...to prevent unwanted organisms taking hold in our lake. The public access should prohibit gasoline or diesel engines.....electric engines are fine. Absolutely no fishing tournaments. Must not open before 9am and must close by 9pm and be gated. The public access must not interfere with the wildlife on and in the lake and preserve a quiet and peaceful environment for all land and cottage owners around the lake that have invested heavily in their cottage away from the rat race.
- I see a natural passive access to the lake that blends in with the current property owners lifestyles. My vision does not include access for high powered motor boats.
- It should be a passive access to the lake; which respects cottagers as well as the environment.
- Don't want it at all !
- A successful public space on Sherbrook Lake would: - Support the natural beauty and environmental sustainability of the area; - Focus on monitoring and maintaining water quality and wildlife habitats; - Encourage the use of non-motorized vehicles to enhance the enjoyment of the natural environment and to avoid noise, air & water pollution - Have adequate maintenance of the area (trash/recycle removal) - Be designed to complement the natural beauty of the area. Any man-made structures would be designed so as not to be visible from the lake.
- I am not in agreement with public access. If there is a public space, it should be minimal and simple.
- As a landowner I believe we pay a lot in taxes to be on a lake that is mostly quiet and peaceful. I don't mind sharing the lake for community which respects the healthy ecosystem of the lake, cottagers and 'year-rounders.' Adding motorized boats would be something I would not be happy about. Row boats, canoes, kayaks, a beach for swimming would be wonderful for others to use and enjoy and would be acceptable in my opinion to many who live there.
- Sherbrooke Lake is an amazingly quiet and peaceful place - especially given it's size and cottage population, and continues to be one of the healthier lakes in the province. If the public is asking for access to this special place, then it must be looking to experience the lake for what it is, and not for what it may become. To this end, a public space on the lake will be deemed successful if it is limited in scope so that it's impact is negligible. Given that, I do not envision much beyond a small parking space set far back from the water's edge, and a footpath or place to launch a canoe or kayak.
- I am not in favor of a public access. Due to the fact that it will not be taken care of properly like any other govt. project. In future the govt. will down size staff and push the problem on to the land holders (BUDGET CUTS).
- A place people could swim, kayak, canoe, fish and enjoy nature.
- Given that non-owners will in general not treat the lake or public access with respect for its preservation or cleanliness, the design must encourage compliance with maintaining clean waters and clean picnic area.

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- We have enough lake accessibility in N.S. as it is. I don't see that we need to provide free access as it is too costly. It seems these days all we hear is spending money for free recreation, while tax payers pay the shot. It isn't fair. We need to spend the money on health care, roads, infrastructure and other necessary things firstly. After we get the necessities looked after then we can start spending on the "fun" things. The property owners are taxed to death! All these things like LCLC and Osprey G.C. need to be maintained and who gets slapped with the bills? The poor old taxpayer! Its a disgrace! If we get access, and we will because the big shots wait it -we would need to keep the road maintained, we would need garbage coverage, toilet facilities, water to drink, tables, and lord knows what else. Its a very dangerous lake so will need to be policed, supervised, etc. All these cost money. We can't even afford to keep our own roads looked after as well as we want to. if we do get access to the lake publicly, then the users should pay a fee to the privilege. Why should even use it free while already over taxed tax payers pay for that?! It just doesn't seem to be fair or make any sense!
- I want to make sure that public access preserves the water quality and the natural beauty of the lake. I also would like to make sure that the public access is for swimming, canoes, kayaks, etc. and NOT bringing more motor boats to the lake both in consideration of noise, pollution, etc.
- Absolutely no boat launch. And I'd prefer not to see a public space of any kind.
- There should be no public access to Sherbrooke Lake. There are many waterfront properties available to the public in Nova Scotia to use. Access to Sherbrooke Lake would cost the province and the taxpayers a lot of money for a province already in debt up to their eyeballs. Public access would not bring anything positive to this pristine area of the province. After spending millions of dollars for this public access, what would be the return on investment? How many people would it take to make this a viable project or would it just be a continuous money pit?
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake will have taken into the consideration the environmental impact of allowing motorized boat access as well as preserve the natural environment for years to come. Allowing the use of fishing tournaments would adversely effect the balance of the sensitive ecosystem on the lake. Presently it is an ecological haven with a very healthy population of fish, birds, and other animals that rely on the lake for their existence. Over use of any water way has shown adverse effect from pollution or over fishing. The purpose of the public area should allow local residence and visitors to enjoy the lake as a recreational area opportunity to swim, picnic, barbecue and hike. Canoeing and kayaking would also be acceptable forms of recreation for visitors.
- Don't want public access on Sherbrooke Lake to much trouble from unruly people have seen it many times in my life, to much garbage in lake on the road, to much stealing from many young people. People without investment on the lake has very little respect for other people + lake waters.
- Like most if not all lakes in NS Sherbrooke is under threat as indigenous species dwindle and water quality deteriorates. It is essential that such a jewel of a lake be protected as much as possible. The thought that large, or fast motorized craft should be encouraged to plough these waters is to me atrocious. Most land owners are extremely protective of the lake and the investments we have put in, and rightly so. There is no doubt that in modern society the commons (that is facilities held common but not owned by any specific person) are treated very poorly by certain members of the community, who basically don't give a damn. With this in mind any move to increase public access must respect the goals of those who have made huge investments in this lake and who cherish it. It is imperative that any access comes with limitations so that we preserve the relative tranquility which presently exists. The last thing anyone wants is unfettered advantage being taken of this resource. Strict control of access, ie. daylight hours, June to October, no power boats, camera coverage of access point, will help to minimize deterioration of the lake, and show respect for those who have invested so much time and money in fostering this treasured area. The issue of increased criminal activity needs to be considered as there will no doubt be those in the community, perhaps even some of the present proponents of unfettered access, who would take advantage of the newly opened trove of booty, be it cottage contents or watercraft. The present taxpayers who live on the lake deserve to be protected as best they can, and it is highly unlikely that policing by the RCMP will be ramped up, or that a lake police boat will be funded. There is a high probability that there will be conflict between land owners and the Yahoo element who will be among those wishing to gain access. In conclusion, if it is deemed that public access be facilitated then let's do it right, we only get one chance and humans have a great history of screwing up as a consequence of leaping in to things without considering holistically all of the ramifications of what is being approved. Don't let unscrupulous proponents get away with a lowest common denominator solution that we will all regret in the longer term.
- Quiet, so as not to disturb neighbours. Clean, with regular emptying of waste bins and clearing of garbage.
- A place where the local residents can swim and enjoy the lake. Restrict boat access to canoe, kayak and small motorized boats up to 25 HP. I do not support fishing tournaments. Fishing tournaments only bring high horsepower boats.
- I am NOT in favor of public lake access
- The beauty of Sherbrooke Lake lies in its near pristine condition. Cottage owners have paid a premium for the privilege of living near the lake. Any public access should not disrupt the tranquility of this unique area. If development is mandated, I would favor of a canoe/kayak launch but would be strongly opposed to any powerboat launch facility. There are already many lakes open to sportfishing using powerboats in the province. Sherbrooke Lake should not be one of them. There are many hidden shoals and submerged rocks that would be a danger to boaters unfamiliar with the lake. And additional powerboat traffic would be a nuisance and danger to swimmers and recreational paddlers already using the lake and paying high taxes for that privilege.
- I would like to see a space that protects the lake and natural environment while providing a place for public access for hiking and swimming. I DO NOT want this space to allow motorized boats/water crafts and I DO NOT want fishing derbies or other events that may place the natural habitat at risk. This is a beautiful area with great potential and I believe it should be shared but protected for future generations to enjoy.
- In order to be successful for the lake there would need to be limitations to the amount of boats that could gain access. Fishing tournaments could potentially destroy our water quality and tranquility of the lake. This lake could have its history promoted with signage and a picnic tables (virtually a place to sit and enjoy the beauty). Public access SHOULD NOT provide an opportunity for pollution and a large influx of boats.
- Public boating access should be limited to canoes, kayaks and tiny sail boats. A boat launch for motorized boating will have a very negative effect on the environment of this naturally beautiful and clean lake as drunken speed boaters and fishing tournaments pollute the lake and threaten the safety of more peaceful boaters in kayaks canoes and small sailboats.
- none
- Would need to be ...Supervised maintained (ie garbage and litter clean up reckless activity(ie bikes / other motorized vehicles prohibiting consumption of alcohol and drugs ... easy access limited to swimming canoeing and kayaking

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- My vision of public access to Sherbrooke Lake is access that will allow individuals and families to swim, picnic and enjoy small boats, ie canoes, kayaks and other non motorized boats. I would not like to see motorized crafts especially jet skis introduced to the lake. I feel it is very important to try to protect the natural environment as much as possible. I would not like to have this access provided at a high cost to taxpayers. The list of potential amenities outlined in this survey suggests a considerable cost to tax payers should a number of them be implemented. I am not confident the residents of communities surrounding this lake, have the interest in public access if the cost associated were made available as part of the decision process to provide public access.
- I think if one wants to enjoy Sherbrooke Lake, one should purchase property on it.
- I do not have a strong opinion as to what should be built and where. It's a beautiful lake and I would hate to have it ruined by excessive noise. I'm located far back in the cove area , only canoes and small boats come through there. But a public beach maybe off George Brown Rd. There is a beautiful beach at the church, and having some other sandy area along the lake would be great for the community and or visitors. But as I said before we must protect the integrity of the community which resides there full time. Thanks.
- If public access goes ahead I personally would like to see a small park with a beach and a canoe /kayak launch.I see that this is a hot topic as I have attended a few of the meetings and have seen tempers flare. I see that there has as of this year been access given to church lake not to far from Sherbrooke lake , I am hard pressed to believe that the access to Sherbrooke is not about fishing tournaments after there being a lake close by with newly built access for swimming and canoeing. I do not like to think about that as I think that would be stressful for the people who are there now and have actually purchased land, cottages or homes there. I seen at the last meeting that there was a man speaking pro access from the anglers and hunters assoc., and on the sidelines telling people that he had 5000 members ready to sign a petition to get it so not to worry. I feel as if there is a hidden agenda on wanting access to Sherbrooke lake, and I worry that it could mean the end to relaxing kayak paddles and sitting in my cabin 's screen room listening to the loons on a moonlit summer's eve. My father in law grew up on this lake and has many stories and happy memories here, he is 87. His family logged and farmed this land around the lake and he enjoys the cabin still. I know this is playing heavy on his heart and mind. Please be careful that what ever steps you take to give public access does not mean the end to cabin/ land owner's peaceful retreats and certainly full time home owners peace of mind.
- we have to protect the lake so the fewer people the better to use the lake.I only want people that love nature and want to protect the environment.
- Limited access for swimming, hacking, canoeing is fine. No large boat launch or bass tournaments.
- Somewhere easily accessible for people but not for large boats with a minimum of infrastructure
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake would be one that local communities and home/cottage owners with lake frontage can enjoy peacefully. It should NOT permit large motorized boat access such as bass fishing boats. Kayaks, canoes and small motorized boats (limit of 15 horsepower maximum) could be permitted. A major concern about public access is who will be responsible to clean up garbage and debris left by users because where the public has access there is always garbage left behind and the potential for environmental damage and pollution. Will the Municipality monitor and remove garbage and pollution? Will the Municipality close the area to the public if garbage and pollution becomes a problem? Garbage, pollution and environmental damage are my major concerns so I would want to be assured that the Municipality will accept the cost of garbage collection and environmental clean up for this public access.
- I really don't have any because I am not for opening up the Lake. I like it just the way it is..
- Frankly, I would prefer to not have public access as there are many other places for the public to enjoy the water within 10 minutes of Sherbrooke Lake (i.e. Indian Falls and Church Lake). If public access does go ahead, I think it should be controlled and limited to non-motorized watercraft. This would assist in maintaining the biological and human environment of the lake.
- There should not be one . It becomes another place for people to drink and party and make messes . They throw beer bottles in the water and polute it with garbage . People will not look after things unless they own it . If you want to mess something up , just get government involved . Are you folks going to keep the roads repaired or are the cottage owners going to have to fix it up when the locals tear it up going in and out troughout the year . Enough of our taxes are being wasted training your staff (clerks turned into building / fire inspectors with no experience or background)(who makes the decission to take my tax dollars and train a clerk to become a borderline inspector) (he or she should be fired) to take away jobs for others . The last thing we need is to pay to keep your governmental employees and contractors working to construct things that are going to be destroyed anyway . Is there nobody in the municipality with even a bit of consern/ integrity for our taxes and how it is used .
- I like the idea of a public area for recreational activities but not involving boat access. Adding more boats to this lake will cause environmental damage and place children at risk. Lakes, such as Porter's Lake, has far too many boats on that lake. It is good to share but at the same time it is important to maintain the environment, safety and security for those who own property on this lake. We have five children who enjoy swimming, kayaking and playing around the water and I would be concerned about their safety with more boat access to the lake.
- Protecting the lake and environment is paramount. This includes the water quality, habitat, and natural beauty of the lake. Unless we act as though we plan to stay and access the lake for millennia to come, we shouldn't access the lake at all.
- A successful space would one that doesn't take away from the use of the lake by cottagers, one that doesn't take away from the water quality and natural beauty of the lake.
- I don't think we need a public space on Sherbrook Lake. But if it comes to that let the ones that want it pay the shot.
- One that does not exist
- A peaceful picnic park
- A successful public space will help to educate all those who use the lake including land owners about the environment of the lake and how to protect it. It will encourage people not to leave garbage around the lake, to take steps to avoid harm to the water quality. It will remind people that the lake is a public resource and that individual actions by land owners as well as users of public access can damage the resource. It will encourage people to respect all the people who use the lake as well as the fish and wildlife.
- My Family and I are from Outside Canada . we bought the Land and Built a Cabin mainly for the peace and quite, unfortunately We know that the lake opening up to the General Public will only cause the lake to deteriorate . From Passed experience If you don't own land and a Cabin the General Public most of the time will not take care of the Area and with time the lake will lose its Tranquil and Wonderful Look . We would seriously consider selling the Log Cabin if the Lake was opened up to Public, it is Sad but that is what we feel. Very Respectfully

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- Community members who are looking for a nice beach, for quietness and relaxation would be more than welcome. We are very much afraid that motor boats would frequent the lake - our family is strictly against a boat ramp. Canoes and kayaks are welcome of course.
- The ability to recreate without motor boats or other motorized equipment. That is my concern. It is a quiet lake. Please no boats with motors.
- No boat launch access....this is a quiet lake with very little loud boat activity and it should remain that way. To have a boat launch and bass fishing would take the quiet/peaceful life away from all of us who have chose this lake for those reasons...a public picnic area is one thing but boating and fishing creates unwanted noise pollution
- I am very much against a public space on this Lake...it is a beautiful, pristine, uncrowded Lake and letting the public in would make for noise, pollution, possible burglaries, noisy boaters not to mention higher taxes than what we already have. Please think long and hard about pushing this on us.
- there would not be one.
- Public access should be limited to Non- Motorized public water access. The eco system of the lake and river flowing from it are far too important to risk with extensive motorized boat access such as fishing tournaments.
- I'm not in favor of public space.
- I personally do not have a vision of a successful space for public access to Sherbrooke Lake. In my judgement there are far better initiatives to be undertaken by the District than this one. Opening up this rural area for a limited few that will use it makes no sense. The population base is closer to the ocean than inland lakes. What are we thinking?
- The public space should be limited to a low impact access point only. The should NOT be public access by motor driven boats of any kind. Access for canoes kayaks and small sail boats which encourage physical activity. The space should make every effort to feature the natural environment of the lake and the surrounding forest. The use of the space should limited to those people willing to care for the natural environment of the lake and the surrounding forest. The construction of the space should NOT have any negative effects on the natural environment of the lake and the surrounding forest.
- Clean , well cared for , no garbage or misuse of the lake environment ! No Large Horsepower Motors
- Allowing people to enjoy the surroundings without adding to the stress on the lake's eco-system. Swimming, canoeing, kayaking and small fishing boats. Residents and cottage owners have been pretty good stewards of this beautiful lake and it would be very bad to overwhelm the eco system by introducing sustained boat traffic, etc.
- Quality, professionally run with clean & neat facilities. Due to the difficulties with boating obstacles and the tendency of folks to take chances, an effort to control reckless behaviour would help make for relatively peaceable relations between residents & CFA users.
- Allows users to experience the beauty of the lake and encourages responsible stewardship, in harmony with existing property owners.
- no access for fishing tournaments, which is what this is all about, fishing tournaments. my vision is what we already have, no fishing tournaments
- The middle or north part of the lake! More remote than below the narrows!
- If any access is granted it should be only for Swimming and non motorized boats. It will costs too much to put in a public road with parking for boats and trailers. Also the lakes environment will suffer if additional boats are permitted.
- It should be a small space designed for non motorized water sports and small boats and motors. I believe it should be a facility that requires a very low operating budget. Washroom's and a few picnic table are the only amenities that are required.
- A place to engage the natural beauty of the lake through seeing the lakescape and wildlife, hearing the birds and breezes, smelling fresh air, and feeling the warmth of the sun. It would be a space which provides active recreation for individuals to get the exercise which contributes to their health and well-being, e.g. hiking, swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, and kayaking. Promoting active exercise would also yield indirect benefits of reducing health care costs associated with disease related to sedentary lifestyles and obesity. There would be adequate and regular trash collection including recycling. Noise would be curtailed to not obscure the sounds of nature, e.g. no outdoor radio/digital music playing without headphones and no power boats, jet skis, or float plane landing. The design of the public space would blend with the lakeside landscape. Any human-made structures should not be visible from the lake. (The east side of the lake has been maintained with this in mind, i.e. cottages are set back among the trees and when boating the eastern shore appears mostly undeveloped. The west side has several cottages built in treeless clearings built almost at water's edge. Outdoor lighting at some cottages is on all night). A successful public space would include regular monitoring of water quality and the impact of public usage so that the natural environment is preserved for future generations. Sherbrooke is a natural gem of Nova Scotia, and its pristine qualities should be preserved over development for recreational use that would bring pollutants into the lake, e.g. gas and oil.
- A place for families to gather .No boatlaunch .To give people the opportunity to enjoy nature as it is intended.No aggressive footprint . A lake for swimming, kayaking, canoeing . To instill ,especially in young people , the love of nature so as to keep the environment sustainable for future generations .
- I strongly appose the use of the lake for fishing tournaments and large motorized boats. In my past experience these people have do show the respect to the lake and residences they deserve. They have express no stewardship towards preserving the lake. Fisherman have introduced invasive species of fish to the lake - bass and pickerel. I am also concerned about boats bringing algae to the lake from other water ways
- There should be no public access. this is currently driven to allow for fishing tournaments and other interest
- An access that respects the property owners who pay taxes to have the lake access. I hope that current property owners are no going to foot the bill for this. If you are not a property owner, perhaps the county should charge for the lake access use. Also, this access should be designed to preserve Sherbrooke lake and therefore, should not entertain fishing derbies etc. A picnic / recreational area should be part of the access.
- A public space needs to be easy to access with parking nearby, have toilets, garbage and recycling bins. A few picnic tables would be an asset. A successful public space would be one where people respect the land and leave the space better than they found it. A successful public space would be one where those who enjoy it respect the natural environment and enjoy using non polluting water craft ie canoes or kayaks. It would also be a place where birds and wild life are respected, where no garbage or plastics would be left behind that could cause problems for birds or other small animals. Because there are permanent and seasonal residents on the lake a successful public space would be one where participants adhere to time restrictions, don't have loud parties and leave before dark. There would be no consumption of alcohol at the public space but an opportunity for individuals and families to enjoy being in nature and having access to the water.
- My vision would be to strictly limit the number of public watercraft on the lake. Defiantly no fishing tournaments

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- I believe that public access to the lake should not be over private roads or through a private subdivision. It would impede the enjoyment of our properties. I believe that there should be no fishing tournaments allowed to take place on the lake. The wild life, especially loons, would suffer. If public access is provided, there should be adequate washroom facilities and frequent cleaning of these facilities. There should be a only kayaks or canoes allowed. There should be adequate parking provided. It should have proper supervision. It should be in an area of this big lake that will not adversely effect the present property owners' enjoyment of their property or bring down the worth of their property. Property owners have invested a considerable amount to money in their roads and land. Many of us bought in this area because of the quiet, beauty, and safety of this private area. I would not feel safe with a public access next door!
- The unwritten message in this survey is that public access will happen. This is a real concern, because past history of decisions like this in the area have resulted in decline in the ecological health of these areas. It seems that access...any access has trumped care of the environment. How will the decision makers use already existing information we have about the risks to the lake. We know that access to the beach area is a concern. The beach end of the lake more readily accumulates pollution..... more than beyond the narrows. We know that more boats will bring more invasive fish species. And that end of the lake has wetlands which host nesting migratory birds....how do we maintain this. We don't have a great number of lake trout sites left, this being one of the few. How will the site be protected. I worry about increase in vandalism as the lake is distant from public roads and generally unsupervised. Those on the lake already know about the existing limits, though we have had very few problems to date. Some of the plans will bring visitors within walking distance of our road access. Because we care about the lake, we do not use any gas engines to reduce possible pollution. I am deeply concerned about the decisions around access. I fear that decisions made will create more problems than they seem to solve. I fear decisions will be based on feelings rather than facts.
- I do not feel it necessary to have public access to this lake. It potentially compromises the peace, enjoyment, environmental stability and our investment of why we purchased property on this lake.
- Lots of land area and open areas. Easy access for motorized vehicles (cars).
- None
- In my opinion there will be no successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake. When there are many people coming to the lake it creates problems such as traffic issues, garbage thrown around even if there are cans available. It will costly to try to maintain all the things necessary to keep the lake environment as pristine as it is today. The money that will have to be spent can be used for more pressing matters in our communities.
- It should be a place to provide public access that should not encroach or impede the the private enjoyment of existing property owners. It is imperative that any public space be policed, supervised and maintained.
- I have significant issues about public access and the ability or lack thereof of Lunenburg Municipality to police it. Though not adamantly opposed to some sort of access such as beaches and launches for unpowered boats, security of my property, noise from late activity and the introduction of pollutants from both persons and powered boats is concerning. Nova Scotia has already destroyed a large amount of our natural environment and we blindly go forth in search of the next environmental catastrophe. Sherbrooke Lake is a gem that property owners around the lake have been caring for for 30 years; most recently funding water sampling to baseline water quality to monitor for introduced contaminants. I am not convinced that the municipality, fishing nova scotia nor transient persons have the same concerns therefore controls must be put in place to preserve the natural state of the lake. As a property owner, I have spend a significant amount of my money to assist in maintaining roadways (Harlow Lake/George Brown) over the years and if the decision is to use access at that end, the increased traffic will significantly increase required maintenance on the road; nullifying any work we have conducted over the years. In short, I have no issues with beaches or unpowered boat launches. Any allowance for allowing large boats is unconscionable given the environmental impact; disturbance to local residents, including myself who bought the property for privacy and seclusion
- not at all
- No public access. The lake will be severely impacted by allowing any sort of boat launch or fishing tournaments. No public access is the only way to preserve the cleanliness and overall health of the lake and any wildlife that live in or around the lake. No public access!!
- Minimal access for canoes, kayaks, and sailboats only. There are many large boulders just under the surface of the water especially on the East side of the lake that boaters unaware would certainly damage their motor boats if they were not aware. It is difficult enough with non motorized water crafts to navigate around them relatively close to shore!
- A quiet place to enjoy the nature and respect the privacy of cottage owner who pays a lot of taxes
- One that preserves the environment and respects private property.
- The main concern for myself is that, if there were to be a public space it should be well up the north end of the lake through the narrows and on an area that does not have as many seasonal or permanent residents living as it is from the Narrows down to Head Water Park and Boat Cove as well as The Walden Shore down to The Peter Veniote Meadow! All on the West and South side of the bottom of Sherbrooke Lake!!! As well as Walden Shore Deep Cove And Little Cove!! All activity on the lake from public access would completely felt by private owner's and all the wildlife in our Beautiful ..Clean ..Safe ..water and land area!!
- Any public access should strive to maintain the pristine and peaceful nature of the lake. This pertains to water quality and noise. As the owner of Lot [number removed], sometimes referred to as the [removed], I am particularly concerned about trespassing on private property. It needs to be made perfectly clear to the public that although the lake is public, the surrounding land is not. The lots are surveyed and we pay taxes on this private property. Ideally the hours of use would be restricted and the size and number of motor boats should be restricted as well.
- I think that people wanting to get in to the lake, it would make more sense if they bouth a lake lot from Gilbert It would be less expences because he would provide the road and would only cost a small fee to look after the road winter and summer.
- it must protect the local enviroment, and protect the quality of life on the lake, in the lake and surrounding areas. After reading the recent report on the water quality of the lake I would be strongly against a public ramp that will allow more boats...non-powered watercraft would be best not just got the current residents but for those using the facilities. Without proper controls this lake will be destroy. I have lived on water property for over 45 years and have seen how poor management can be a disaster that cant be repaired in my lifetime.

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- Access to the lake would be only through the Municipality of Lunenburg available access site, would be only a walking PATH, and would be gated and fences extended from gate to keep people with atvs, or other transportation from going around. They can carry canoes or kayaks to lake but not be made available at the lake, and the entry to the lake be very narrow and only a walk in way for person and their canoe or kayak, absolutely no motor powered boats
- not at this time as I don't know what public access should be. More study and information should be made available to make sound vision.
- I don't see the possibility of anything good to come from this 'potential' plan. There is a reason why we as lot owners on a private road do not want this public access, we come to Maplewood to relax, swim, enjoy the peace being out in nature & not everyone is as respectful of nature & our neighbour's. There are enough boats spilling motor oil we don't need more. This is opening up opportunities for vandals & trouble. I certainly don't want a road coming down beside my lot, extra noise, dust, litter, loud music booming from these vehicles. I think under normal circumstances everyone should have access to provincial lakes but If there aren't enough beaches now then get a lot yourself or a pool.
- I would prefer that there be no public access to Sherbrooke Lake
- While I support public access to the lake, I am concerned that the wrong type of access may introduce substantial pressures on the lake's fragile ecosystem. I strongly believe that access to more than people, kayaks, and canoes will forever damage what is currently a quiet, peaceful, and healthy environment.
- Somewhere not encroaching on private roads that are privately maintained and paid for by the residents on these roads. Somewhere that doesn't impact my right to peaceful enjoyment of my property.
- no public access
- There currently are public access beaches and areas on the lake that are not taken care of and are a mess. To have more people using the lake will increase the decay of the area and increase the amount of tax payer dollars to build and take care of. Many cottage owners bought places on this lake because of its private access and everyone there cares for the lake and environment there many times especially I have seen first hand people not invested in the area don't care about it and throw garbage and refuse where they please and abuse facilities given. It is even worse when a private organization like the anglers association is involved and pushing for it as they have already shown they want to move from lake to lake when they overfishing and kill other lakes instead of putting there own money up to help fish numbers in the lakes they currently use. I was a member and have been on some of their tournaments it is a mess afterwards at the boat launch and they show no regard for the environment.
- I am concerned that the wrong type of access may introduce substantial pressures on the lake's fragile ecosystem. I strongly believe that access to more than people, kayaks, and canoes will forever damage what is currently a quiet, peaceful, and healthy environment.
- For the security of current property owners, any access for public use should be from a dedicated road access, with strict security provisions and severe enforcement policies.
- It would have to be a space that does not interfere or lessen the enjoyment for the people who bought property on the lake and pay taxes for the serenity.
- Respect for the lake. Not to take tax dollars are desperately needed in other areas of all communities. This is not the fiscal time to build a park or 'boat ramps'.
- Not interested in supporting the public access ! Sherbrooke lake is one of the very few lakes left to NOT have public access and is one of the cleanest left around !
- An environment that does not damage the lake, wildlife, or surroundings in any way
- I will begin by saying that I am very concerned that public access to Sherbrooke Lake seems to be already decided and there is no option in this survey to express my concern that public access should not be allowed without very strict conditions which MODL will covenant to enforce. This not a national or provincial park and I don't get why the public have a right of access which MODL appears to support. In my opinion, the lake is already too noisy and there are far too many water crafts already roaring up and down the lake disturbing wildlife such as loons and waterfowl on the water as well as on the land. To increase the access, which means an enormous increase in the number of watercraft, will only permit those who do not necessarily have a vested interest in the well being of wildlife and water quality being able to have unlimited and uncontrolled use of this lake. I have seen what happens to Grand Lake in Halifax County in the spring summer & fall to fear that it will change Sherbrooke Lake for the worst, forever. Grand Lake is supposed to be patrolled. It's not now but even it was, there is a real problem with supervision by a competent authority and the RCMP are not to be counted upon unless there is a tragic accident. Suffice to say I am against public access to Sherbrooke Lake, particularly for watercraft.
- I do not think that it is a good idea to begin with, and oppose the public access to the lake.
- I don't believe their should be public access. Cottage owners have paid hefty fees and costs to have access. That will be taken away from them.
- Many of your questions are 'leading', and presume that a public space is a fait accompli. The lake is a great resource, and largely untrammled even despite logging and development on some adjacent lands. Don't ruin it. Once the land is cleared and once the infrastructure is in place, the fixed costs are permanent and the disturbance will only increase over time. Consider human-powered only, or else horsepower limitations on watercraft. The sea is nearby, the lake should not be the place for derbies, jet-skis, water skiing and other powered 'adrenalin' recreation. Be mindful that easier access will likely increase fishing activity and waterfowl hunting, at a minimum. And of course, being somewhat remote, challenges associated with waste management and trash removal, with staffing and with enforcement should be near the forefront. Thank you for making the effort to include resident and non-resident views, conducting the mailing and having listening sessions. Would be great if they were webcast, even if after the fact.
- A successful public access would be designed to have absolutely no impact on residents and cottage owners who cherish and care very deeply for this lake. Firstly, this would mean not allowing any motorized watercraft to be launched from this site. One yahoo in a speedboat or on a seadoo can ruin an entire afternoon for anyone trying to enjoy the peace and beauty of the lake. Secondly, any access point should be located far from any residents or cottage owners so the peace and beauty that makes this lake so special is not impeded by the comings and goings and inevitable noise that such a public space would produce.
- Maintain the natural beauty and preserve lake water quality. Provide people with opportunities for quiet, passive recreation. Restrict access to a specific area of the lake while granting access to all including those with physical handicaps.

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- Public access should be limited to swimming, fishing - dropping a line from shore or row type boat, family picnic, you carry it in + carry it out. A successful public space needs to be also affordable to the municipality to develop and maintain. In consideration of maintaining the natural environment, a large increase in vehicular traffic, or large motor driven boats in the lake debate that purpose. The logistics and cost of public access to this particular lake seem prohibitive. If access to this lake is provided will it set a precedent for other areas wanting something from the municipality. Landowners are tired of others thinking + acting as though they have entitlement. They damage property, leave garbage, block roads, use intimidation. In other areas of the province there are problems with invasive species, damage to property with access by large + many boats.
- Must be respectful of the current residents' rights to a safe, peaceful, quiet, environmentally friendly lake. I have served as a governing Council member for Sherbrooke Lake Camp over the past 35 years. At Sherbrooke Lake Camp, located at the top end of the lake, we already find that before our summer camps begin each Sunday, a sweep of the beach area needs to be done to remove litter such as: liquor cans, cigarette butts, garbage and even used condoms. Currently without public access, over the past few years, there have been occasions when people use/abuse the beachfront on the weekends to party-leaving behind their trash. We are extremely concerned of what will happen when the public has access to the lake. Perhaps we will need to police our property on the weekends. The camp has operated here and coexisted with the lake for 50 years. We are very concerned about the safety of our staff and young campers. Sherbrooke Lake is a beautiful lake and should be available for use by the public, however, will it still remain a clean, safe lake once more power boats are able to access it? I would like to see a beach area similar to the one on Lake Mush-a-Mush. An area to launch canoes and small power boats I would not like to see big, noisy power boats have access.
- very small area, private, not noisy and no boats
- There will not be any public access.
- A public access to Sherbrooke Lake should be designed to have minimal negative impact on the lake and its surrounding environment. It should be open to swimming, canoeing and kayaking with a low wake policy for any motor craft. Washroom facilities and garbage containment with strict maintenance of same are essential.
- Personally I don't want anyone using our space on Gilbert's Lane- the traffic, the garbage people will throw out, the noise and the overall potential disrespect of the area is an issue for me. We pay road fees to maintain the road and I can just imagine how outside folks with their ATV's and cars will increase the traffic - it will need continual maintenance and our annual fees will likely increase. Anyone now can canoe and kayak onto one of the three access roads and I am OK with that.
- A park setting for daytime use with water access for swimming, kayaking, and canoeing. Amenities should include change rooms, washrooms, picnic tables, playground. A boat ramp could be provided but due to the rocky nature of the lake some restrictions should be applied (ie. speed limit, low wake requirement, no bass fishing tournaments).
- I have had a camp on Gilbert's Lane in Maplewood with deeded Sherbrooke Lake since 2003. In the past 11 years the motorized boat traffic has increased but is still not excessive like on Big Mush-a-Mush lake. There is still a turtle & aquatic wildlife population in the lake because it is relatively undeveloped. One of my major concerns is that public motorized boat access will destroy the peaceful natural environment and unspoiled beaches on the lake. One of the public access points being considered on the lake is on Gilbert's Lane which is a private road. I pay \$325 in annual road fees. The road already has steady traffic in the summer and it's not wide enough for two way traffic. Because we are all neighbours sharing the road we tend to drive respectfully and yield to on-coming vehicles. The road will be dangerous with public traffic. PLUS it is a private road so I should not pay road fees to subsidize Gilbert Falkenham's development for a public beach. I bought a property on a private road for seclusion and a public park will ruin the intimate peaceful neighbourhood and devalue my property.
- A place where the community who do not 'own' or have 'access' to Sherbrooke Lake can gather to either swim, fish, or boat. A place that will 'not' become a late night hang out for teenagers, drinking, etc. A safe and wide enough road for people to drive on to access the lake. A place where people are able to park their vehicles and boat trailers ...
- A well supervised area, kept clean and quiet. No motor crafts.
- Only power crafts of less than 15hp permitted. Well maintained area kept clean. No fishing tournaments. Accessed without the use of private roads. Private roads are funded by the home owners in the area. Public access would increase the cost of road maintenance for the home owners in the area, and is not acceptable. My road maintenance fee is already high enough.
- Leave it alone. It's one of the last natural environments untouched by the public. It is sacred. Leave it be!
- I feel that it is important not to do anything that is going to disrupt the lives of the people that are already living there. It is a general rule that if you want to protect an area you should keep people out. Hikers leave garbage, dog people leave bags of dog crap everywhere. People can't even recycle properly even when instructions are right in front of them. Do nothing is probably the best thing you could do to protect and preserve the area.
- Please consider the environment regardless of where the finances are from. The access area should be in a location not intrusive to the privacy of neighboring property owners.
- A well designed and constructed access + departure route to/from the lake with a convenient parking area designed to accommodate parked vehicles. Visible signage to indicate rules to be observed by attendees. Littering or damage to the public areas must not be allowed or tolerated. Remind the public that this space is to be respected and preserved for present and future use of area residents and visitors seeking waterfront access.
- Designed to be open to the public in a non intrusive manner. Respecting the property owners' right to peaceful surroundings but allowing the public access to picnic, swim or canoe/ kayak. The lake should be free of motorized boats, especially any boat or vessel requiring a motor greater than 4 hp. Unfortunately this would also include the property owners themselves. You can't make rules for one group that don't apply to all.
- The main thing is for there to be public access for future generations
- Water is a public resource. Access to it should not be privatized.
- Preserve the natural environment and provide existing homes for plants, wildlife, and marine organisms. Not make it easy for people to destroy the environment - Eg, no motorized vehicles, and areas not accessible for people.
- No motorized water craft of any type, ever. How can we be considering this when the Dept. of Environment is trying to protect waterways. People bring pollution. No matter what steps you take to try and mitigate that fact there will always be repercussions.
- A place to go enjoy a swim, fish with your family for a relaxing time
- Not be considered at all! This is a complete waste of taxpayers' monies.

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- I think this public space should be left in its natural state, the way it is right now.
- Respect for the/our water quality. Once compromised, that is the water, environment, etc., never get back.
- A successful public space would not be public space. I have enjoyed the lake for my entire life because there is limited intrusion from the public.
- Please don't allow public access. The people who own the land there now should not have their beautiful lake damaged by public access. There are enough other lakes with public access, why must Sherbrook Lake become congested with boaters and polluted with their garbage? If people want access, then let them go buy a piece of land and they can maintain their own bit of Sherbrooke Lake.
- A place for the public to gather for swimming, non-power boats and BBQ's.
- I do not believe the lake should be opened up for public use. I believe the cottage owners chose the lake for to use as their own personal oasis.
- One in which there is respect for nature, maintaining the present quality of the environment and respect for the quality of life-style for the existing residents. I believe the public access space has to be managed with personnel, rules and adequate maintenance to preserve the beauty, health and condition of the existing environment. It is important to share and it is also important to preserve and help all to understand their role in maintaining the beauty of our waterways and lands.
- Small access for small non motorized vessels to preserve the natural beauty and tranquility of the lake
- Somewhere where families can come down to swim, kayak or canoe. Still quite forested with a few picnic tables and basic washroom facilities. Maybe a short hike/walk/portage in to the access. No public boat launch to preserve the calmness and so that the lake is not overrun.
- Public recreation and access to lake.
- A successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake will not infringe on the cottage owners who have purchased lots and pay taxes for their access to the lake. It will also not significantly increase the motorized watercraft traffic on the lake.
- Prefer no access but if there is one it would be limited to canoes and kayaks
- None of the above, there should be no access.
- does not result in higher property taxes - does not impinge on existing private properties - respects the quiet nature of the area - provides a launch for non motorized water craft only - no fish stocking - no snowmobile access in winter
- I don't agree with this Sherbrooke Lake having public access.
- Sherbrooke Lake is currently a peaceful serene lake. I am opposed to enabling public access however should public access go forward I would hope that activities such as large holiday events and fishing tournaments are not permitted. Activities like fishing tournaments promote large horsepower motors and rapid rates of speed on the lake. This is disruptive and dangerous activity. Based on my past 20 years of fishing on Sherbrooke Lake the fishing has declined enormously. Invasive species have decimated the once healthy trout population and now all that is caught are Bass and Chain Pickerel. Opening the lake to public access will only increase the risk of adding another invasive species such as the Asian Carp which has found it's way into many Ontario waters.
- My vision, is, that there should be no public space that would disturb the beautiful environment of Sherbrook Lake. The problem with the public, unlike a property owner - is they, as a general proposition, do not care how they use the property or what they leave behind.
- Has minimal impact on existing conditions of privately owned properties - Provides simple access to the lake for non-motorized water craft (e.g. canoes, kayaks) - Has no commercial outlets, facilities (e.g. no food concessions, no rental outlets, no moorage access - i.e. be a launch point only, with no tie-ups for boats) - Has no fishing contests - e.g. Bass Fisherman's Association - No stocking of fish for sport-fishing - No snowmobile access in winter
- It won't be successful but for what it is worth, I would like to see the access for none motorized boats to help protect the water quality and the quite and serenity of the lake. I would hate to see the lake turned into a weekend warrior hangout with loud powerboats. To be honest the Lake property owners have paid a premium to keep the lake private and I really don't see the Municipality having any right to exploit the lake to their own conceived vision. Obviously the Municipality has purchased a piece of property on the lake to indulge those people who sold their property to still allow them access to the lake. I go there every year for a few days to visit family who own property on the lake and it is very quite and a wonderful place to experience the beauty of nature. To that thought I don't see a problem allowing others to enjoy it as well if it is closely regulated to prevent abuse of a privilege to enjoy the lake. My thoughts on this survey in reality should not be even considered. The only people you should be speaking to and consulting with are the land owners who have property on the lake. From what I can see the Municipality is basically making motions as if it really cares about the current landowners, but even the way this survey is being run leads me to believe this is not the case I hope this is the case but I really don't see it. I hope you the individuals in the municipality will actually do what is right to protect the lake.
- Preferably I would like the space if it was infinitely small as to not allow access to people. I would like to keep all my privacy with no exceptions. If I could make the lake less accessible, I would do that. Is there a way to do that? Let me know if there are ways to stop people from coming. I would stop other people from coming if I could.
- A canoe/kayak launch, this would minimize lake pollution and keep it quiet for the existing residents meeting a happy medium
- I am concerned about noise, pollution and cross contamination of foreign algae etc. (from dirty boat hulls from other lakes) if the lake is opened to public access. I encourage you NOT to open the lake for public access. If you do so anyway, please be considerate that Sherbrooke Lake is a rare, well preserved lake. All efforts should be made to keep it that way. Inviting noise, heavy overfishing associated with tournaments, and parties would ruin the lake for everyone. Thank you for reading.
- While I am not opposed to having public access to the lake, I am strongly opposed to allowing a public boat launch. Sherbrooke Lake is currently a very quiet and peaceful lake and would want it to remain as such. Also, as my parents do own property on Sherbrooke Lake I know of the strict guidelines which they must adhere to in respect to what they are able to do with their property and beach front. If the lake were to be opened to the public and allowed to have motorized boats on the lake, the gentle eco system would be greatly affected. It is a pristine lake and would like for it to remain.
- Don't want powerboats in public space.
- Remain as it is. If there must be access, have it in an area away from current cottages and limited times of access. Limit boat launch access as well. I.e. canoe Kayak only. Do not develop a large beach like lake George / Aylesford Lake
- Very limited access as not to disrupt others on the lake and their privacy.

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- No fishing, no motorized boats. Preserve this lake. Keep this lake healthy. We do not have the right to destroy every lake of our choosing. There are enough lakes that permit motorized boats and fishing. This one should be used only for quiet recreation that does not disturb this lake's natural environment.
- A successful public space will need significant policing. All boaters will need to show documentation for license and insurance, children will need a responsible adult with them and all rule breakers will need to be removed. No doubt, alcohol will need to be confiscated and the privacy will be lost for all those who live on the lake.
- access for canoe and kayak only.
- No public boat launch where motor boats can access lake.
- There shouldn't be any additional public spaces!
- I do not support public access to Sherbrooke Lake
- I think the beauty of Sherbrooke lake is that it's private I don't feel it should be available to the public
- **DO NOT WANT PUBLIC SPACE ON SHERBROOKE LAKE!!!!!!**
- A place where family and friends can enjoy a day or rest and quieter types of recreation. It is important also for locals to have water access for swimming and sunning on the beach.
- Access should be limited to canoes and kayaks
- allow access to the lake but minimize disruption and noise from boats and watercraft.
- Interpretive panels along a hiking trail. Small, supervised public beach away from private property with swimming and a small canoe and kayak launch, which closes at dusk.
- I don't think there should be a public space on Sherbrooke Lake.
- I do not want my home area to have any excess noises that would create havoc with sleep, it would also create an area where the yard apes could destroy. You people seem to forget about what happened at Lake Torment, when it was opened to public access apparently you have no rhyme nor reason by imposing such a restriction of the year around people who live in this area, The roadways would become dragstrips for undesirables and put our children in harms way. The RCMP would have to patrol the area taking away from their policing duties, they are understaffed as it is and do not have the manpower to safely achieve their civic duty for other people in the area. I do not think that this could be achieved expediently, which would put extra burden on us taxpayers. **IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA AND ANYBODY WHO THINKS SO IS AN IMBECILE !**
- I'm against any public space on Sherbrooke Lake.
- Prefer no public access but if there is one it should be limited to swimming, canoes, kyacks during day light hours. without disturbing current property owners
- Any investment by the municipality in this area is absolutely not essential and will do nothing more than increase the tax rates for property owners in the municipality.
- It must restrict non resident power boats and be maintained and monitored. People generally do not respect the usage of something they do not own... garbage left, animals, noise etc...
- Nil
- A swimming area with canoe or non motorized boat access. An area that does not disturb the enjoyment of present property owners on the lake nor harms the environment of the lake. Also an access that does costs a fortune to build.
- A certain area could be reserved for public space away from the majority of camp owners as long as it is monitored and kept clean. However, most times this doesn't happen and you have people that don't care. To me, if you have bought property on a clean water lake , the last thing you want are fishing tournaments, etc.
- Locate so as to not interfere with current waterfront landowners. Focus on "nature." Intense monitoring of any / all factors that may potentially result in environmental harm. Develop a "family friendly," natural park where people go to "get away for a day." Don't try to, "build Rome in a day." Make it self sustaining ... charge a small fee for use ... say, \$5. or \$10. per day -or- \$100. per season.
- As little disruption of the current status as possible.
- No comment
- Kept private!
- I am thinking that people have homes on the lake and do not really want to have a lot of people coming and going at their home. Making this a public will increase the crime rate (speeding vehicles, drinking, etc.)
- Canoes and kayaks welcome, anything other than those will forever damage what is currently a quiet, peaceful healthy environment.
- Stop using government money to make new things and start fixing things that need to be fixed in the community.
- As little interference with the natural surroundings as possible. Any infrastructure additions will need the appropriate amount of oversight (garbage cans will need regular and frequent monitoring). The rights of home and cottage owners must be a strong consideration. Some of these people have been there for generations and have built a community that respects the land and the lake. My recommendation is that any plan for public access be gradual, with the impact being assessed before each further step is taken.

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Appendix B - Respondents' Open-Ended General Comments

- Yes I think we should respect the home + cottage owners of Sherbrooke Lake + the public access space; But Sherebrooke Lake is a large and beautiful lake large enough for people to share; yes their should be strict guide lines in place to protect + benefit all resident in our community, home owners or not. all opinions matter and with good structure are parties should be able to benefit fr. this development and create jobs not just for today but for a great and prosper community.
- Would not want to have access for power boats, seadoos and etc.
- Would not support public access unless reassured the priority is preservation of the natural environment and water quality.
- Would not like to see a lot more boats on the lake creating noise and water pollution, and creating more safety concerns.
- Would like to see this take place this summer, or asap. People are waiting for this.
- Would like to have easy access to a clean environmentally space Fines for improper use
- would hate to see large fishing tournaments on the lake, the turtles, frogs and loons would then be fighting for survival
- Wondering where the public access would be ?
- Without seeing the actual survey prior to starting it, I was unaware of what questions would be listed. On that note, I have already included my concerns and preferences in earlier sections of this survey. I very strongly feel that public access to Sherbrooke Lake is important to the recreational public, and that every effort should be made to accomplish this ASAP! Without knowing the actual private ownership of lands around the perimeter of this lake, it is difficult to recommend other options that could be worked on. Ideally, recreational trails to possible areas where shore fishing had a good chance to be successful, would be another option. I feel this lake is special, and people willing to exercise effort should be able to enjoy it for recreational use!
- With all the land the province has purchased why not use some of that if you want to have boating and swimming and access for people to enjoy A lot of us land owners around this lake have invested a lot of money for land on this lake. I have been fishing on this lake for 40 plus years now and have watched the steady decline of salmon populations brook trout, lake trout populations fall to invasive species like smallmouth bass and chain pickerel and other water quality issues to which we have little control over. I think putting a boat launch in on this lake will just speed the demise of this lake up. Hulls of boat carrying problems from other waterways.
- who will police such a park ? who will pay for this park ? who is asking for access ?
- While public access to the lake could provide the area and community with more than what it already has, I'm very opposed to the idea of bringing in motorized boats and fishing to the area. Motorized boats and fishing tournaments could have a detrimental effect on, not just the environment and lake ecosystem, but on the culture that has already been established there as well. Even if restrictions are made, it will still only work to lessen the quality of the lake. For years (3 generations worth!) this lake has been a quiet and relaxing getaway from the hustle and bustle of everyday living for my family. I believe public access can still be made available and that the lake can still be enjoyed by all while keeping it a "get-back-to-nature" type getaway and preserve the beauty and nature that still thrives in this area.
- While public access is a good idea, it must be done in a way that does not jeopardize the community at the lake nor the environment. Currently the lake is a quiet, friendly place to be. It is restful and comfortable. Introducing fishing tournaments would not only create noise and disturb current residents, it would risk introducing blue-green algae and depleting the bass in the lake, which already struggle against pickerel and from the fishing which goes on without worrying about the effects of tournaments. The endangered snapping turtles located in and around the lake would also be put at risk: as they are an aggressive species, more people means more encounters and more likelihood of injuries from snappers, which, if near public areas or private docks, could mean the death of endangered snapping turtles. Hiking trails, interpretive panels, even a public beach if well supervised, would all be welcome additions to Sherbrooke Lake. Fishing tournaments would absolutely not be welcome.
- While I support public access to the lake, I am extremely concerned that the wrong type of access may introduce substantial pressures on the lake's fragile ecosystem. I most strongly believe that access to more than people, kayaks, and canoes will forever damage what is currently a quiet, peaceful, and healthy environment.
- what are we waiting for?
- we would be nice if there was no camping
- We will need to provide an area for parking of private vehicles.
- We should always have access to lakes.
- We own land on Birch Trail; but not a lake frontage on Sherbrooke Lake.
- we need to conserve the lakes and protect the water from unnatural things such as human waste and garbage, chemicals and exhaust from boats and road dust
- We just bought a cottage on a private road at Sherbrook Lake and we do not want public access on this road. We pay a road maintenance fee and feel if open to the public it would disrupt the natural beauty and quiet atmosphere of this small part of the lake. Sherbrook lake is huge and I am sure there will be a perfect spot found for public access.
- We joined the landowners' association specifically because they have strict covenants which limit how the properties are used. For example: no snowmobiles or ATVs are allowed; only one residence per lot; no cutting down of trees within 100 feet of the river; no buildings within 50 feet of the property line. We are also off the grid on purpose. We want the habitat to remain undisturbed. We also want minimal traffic and noise.
- We have heard of public misuse and destruction of access areas on other lakes in the province (regardless of how these areas are policed), and would not like this to happen to Sherbrooke Lake.
- We don't want to see high power fishing boats disturbing out enjoyment of the lake. Locate the access point well away from any existing cottages or houses. Provide adequate parking off of any road. Public access should not use any private roads.
- We definitely don't need a playground! The lake is the playground. Kids should be encouraged and stimulated to play in the woods and the water like the good old days, not on some plastic structure. I really appreciate all the legwork that has gone into this. People think it is so easy to just open up access. Thank you for the time and hard work you have put into all the logistics. I know this survey is the product of many, many hours. I hope in the end that there is defined access and that people get to come out and enjoy the lake. That's all - not too much to ask, is it?

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- We can not afford a million dollar boat launch. We can not afford to have this lake become polluted from heavy boat use.
- We are very concerned with the ability of large motorized boats accessing this lake, particularly for fishing tournaments. This lake has been protected for years, with little to no development on the EAST side of the lake, and the density of residences is a special feature. Owners of property have taken great care to keep the natural look of the lake, and are proud of the quality of life we have on the lake. The fact that we can relax lakeside, and see maybe a canoe and/or a kayaker... sailboat, and the odd jet ski or a motor boat -- is a beautiful thing... it is quiet and nice to not be inundated with motors and large boats (very rare do we have folks zooming around make wake/waves, noise, and pollution). Therefore, a public access, while I understand its importance for people to appreciate the lake, should not FACILITATE additional access to the lake for users that are not there necessarily to enjoy the lake's pristine nature. Our biggest fear - we start seeing high speed boats (racing), and large fishing boats camping and rallying on the lake, and with limited resources to police the lake, that the public access starts to abuse the lake access. Finally - and perhaps VERY IMPORTANT as a consideration for any development of a PUBLIC ACCESS: SHERBROOK LAKE can be very dangerous with winds and waves. It can behave like the ocean (because of its large size and orientation). Residents KNOW this about the lake, and respect it. Sounds funny - but we know at 16h00 most days, the lake can get rough/choppy. So, people do not go on canoe trips or long paddles - or worse, cross the lake... because we all have horror stories of watching people (visitors or guests) getting CAUGHT in rough lake conditions, unexpectedly - and personally, I have had to rescue people who are not aware of this danger, and get stranded, or swamped due to lake conditions. PUBLIC ACCESS risks exposing unknowing people to the potential dangers of this LARGE lake... it can be VERY unpredictable.
- We are now into our fourth generation of family members enjoying our camp in a remote area of Sherbrooke Lake as a quiet retreat. Over the years we have had a number of break ins. We fear having a boat launch will increase the frequency of break ins as well as ruin the peace and quiet which those of us owning properties on the lake now enjoy. It can be a difficult lake to boat in as there are rocks in unlikely and unexpected places. People unfamiliar with the lake have found this out the hard way. Providing a supervised public beach and picnic area would allow people to enjoy the area on a limited basis while controlling access to the rest of the lake which is great. Please re-consider allowing a public boat launch on Sherbrooke Lake and disturbing the solitude current cottagers enjoy as well as the loons which currently mate there. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.
- We are concerned that the use of power boats by casual users should not be permitted as there are several areas of the lake requiring extreme caution. Currently, the lake is used by slow moving pontoon type boats, canoes, kayaks & the occasional sailboat while power boats are not a problem. as they are used by people familiar with the area. We are very much opposed to having fishing "tournaments" at any time. We appreciate the manner in which the Municipality is addressing this matter and we hope that you will arrive at a solution satisfactory to both the general public and property owners.
- Visible law enforcement and fish/game wardens.
- Two of our main concerns are water quality and the introduction of foreign vegetation and other species not native to the lake. Signage only will not suffice. No boat launch will be most effective.
- Too much traffic on the lake - boats seadoos etc.
- too much traffic on the lake
- TOO MUCH TRAFFIC ON ROAD TO COTTAGES WHICH WOULD BE TORN UP EVEN MORE. WITH THE COMING AND GOING OF VEHICLES THERE IS MORE POTENTIAL TO DAMAGE OR THEFT AROUND THE COTTAGES. THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF GARBAGE TO CONTEND WITH THE LAKE WOULD BE A LOT NOISIER IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR THE WILD LIFE IN THE AREA IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR THE WELFARE OF THE LAKE ITSELF.
- Too many lakes in this province do not have public access even though they are really public assets belong to the people of this province. Developers have told land owners, in the past, that lakes upon which their cottages or homes are situated belong only to them. This is wrong and something that should be corrected. One way of doing this, is for the province or a municipality to provide public access.
- To maintain a healthy lake for future generations. To have the area monitored generally so abuses do not occur or a way to report activity which is not positive for the Lake.
- To be considerate of the surrounding land owners
- This whole process has not been handled properly by Council from the start. The first step should have been to determine the level of support both for and against public access. Instead Council voted to blindly go ahead with public access based entirely on their misguided self righteous views. The question immediately became what access shall we impose rather than just how people actually want this? Is it not part of the Councils mandate to represent the majority of the taxpayer base, or to cater to a few based misguided notions. Another point to consider is the economics of such a decision. Recently, a small group approached council concerning perceived threats to the La Have river. (nothing was scientifically proven or documented) Yet, based completely on hearsay, Council immediately voted to spend upwards of 200 k to determine flood plains in order to come up with potential future Municipal bylaw protective measures. The justification for spending such a large amount of money would appear to be environmental protection. Yet, in this case there is no documented evidence or studies determining that there is any proven damage that requires mitigation. Nor has Council discussed how to document any perceived threat moving forward. It is a typical example of mismanagement and poor policy being put in place with minimal thought. In the case of Sherbrooke lake, we have documented scientific studies over a 5 year period by a qualified environmental professor outlining the ecological fragility of the lake (the big one being water body exchange rate with emphasis being the extremely sensitive area below the narrows) Yet, this available environmental information was not sought beforehand and of no concern to Council when deciding that there would be access to Sherbrooke lake. One can only conclude from the above that Councils priorities change on a whim and mood at the time. Based on the above two different cases mentioned, is apparent Councils decision making and thought process greatly flawed. It is not too late for Council to rescind their decision on this matter.
- This survey is not set up to address the question of public access to Sherbrooke Lake - it assumes access has been granted and is asking people what they want.
- This survey does not explain the financial implications that will be incurred by the tax payers of Lunenburg Municipality. Why are you not asking the simple question "Are you willing to pay a tax increase to support public access to Sherbrooke Lake"? This survey implies we are going to give access to everyone and have Lunenburg Municipality pay the bill!
- This should only be for people that pay to live there,,and are protecting their investments,,no one else unless invited by owners..

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- This process has taken too long! Speed it up. This isn't supposed to be a "make work project" or an extra curricular activity for committee members.
- this lake is a public good which is being monopolized by cottage country.
- This is probably a bad idea and I personally believe you should consult with the people that own property on the lake now and let them decide what they want. They probably have the best interest in what happens there.
- this is an ill conceived bad idea with a survey to match
- This is already done. The municipality will be responsible for this action.
- This is a great project especially for future generations.
- These lakes were made to be shared. Don't penalize others because they don't own lakefront property. No one took that away from us, why should we take that away from future generations? Live and let live.
- There should not be public access to the lake. It is a very tricky boating environment with lots of rocks and shallows. It would be very risky to allow boaters who are not familiar with the lake to boat there.
- There should not be public access to the lake.
- There should be public access to all lakes in the province for recreational pursuits.
- There should be no real concerns if the lake is able to be shared by everyone. I used to fish and enjoy Pace Lake for 55 years and now some owners have put a gate on the main access road. This now has in effect made it a private lake for the few cottage owners and home owners. So a 68 year old senior like myself no longer can go with my son and grandchildren and enjoy a lake I've been using for over 1/2 a century. That's what will happen to Sherbrooke if you let wealthy entitled land owners control the fate of this waterway and any others.
- There should be no public access via Sherbrooke Lake United Church Camp!!!!!!
- There should be no more power boats allowed on the lake. Their fuel pollutes; their noise pollutes; robberies have occurred by someone coming by boat to our cottage.
- There should be no bass fishing allowed!!!
- there should absolutely NOT be any motorized vehicles allowed. also noise such as music and speakers should be forbidden. keep the natural environment as unchanged as possible and non invasive for residents.
- There needs to be a public area so everyone can enjoy. Its not going to affect the property owners as much as they think. But it will brighten other peoples view of that lake and its beauty. Think of all the young children missing out on a hot summer day just because the property owners don't want to share. Come on people!
- There need to be more access to the lakes in Nova Scotia , the people that do not want access to the lakes are selfish for trying to stop the public from having access to lake that by the law of NS says that they do not own the lake .they are saying things that the water quality would be treated by letting other have access which is not there to give or deny it belongs to every one .And they being there with year round use is more of a threat to water quality then the general public .There septic fields should be all look at and have them bring them up to code at their expense ! And do they not have and use power boats ,sea-doo etc ? This access need to be build as soon as possible just get it don so it can be use this year 2016 . JUST DO IT!! As the government of the area you don't need to ask just get it done! It is needed !
- There is already concern with regards to a plume that is at the top of the lake, we think it is from farm run off up at the 40's and the mink farm in this general area. The lake is of no use to anyone if it gets polluted. With the increase of humanity on the lake especially down at the bottom of the lake the southern end where it does not flush properly we will create water pollution in just a few years. This area and lack of water turnover is why I do not support the Veinotte Road extension.
- There aren't many large lakes left in the province that boast the peaceful quiet nature of Sherbrooke lake. No matter what type of public space is designed it should aim to maintain the natural quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the area. Would be ideal to have easy access to the space from Forties Rd or Barss Corner Rd.
- There are so many lakes in Nova Scotia with public access. There should be some without
- There are so many areas in the province where the vocal lobbyists for motorized recreation have prevailed. Multi-use trails and areas are places we completely avoid if motorized vehicles are permitted. There is no point going walking, skiing, snowshoeing or kayaking in spaces that are shared with motorized vehicles -- the noise and air pollution go completely against the reasons we choose to spend time in natural spaces. Please give those of us who value quiet and pristine beauty a few more areas in which to recreate.
- There are plenty of other lakes that have public access, there is no need for Sherbrooke Lake to have public access as well. The lake is quiet, peaceful, and private, which would be disrupted if large groups of people began using it for recreational purposes, especially if the motorized boats were allowed. Not only this, but the lake is full of shallow areas with rocks very near the surface surprisingly far out from shore, which would be dangerous for those not used to the lake if they had motorized boats ripping around.
- There are many considerations when providing access to lakes dominated by private land-holders. I implore the committee to consider all facets with the greater community in mind. Further, I am aware of significant misinformation from various user groups, particularly on the issues leading to lake eutrophication (e.g. <http://sherbrookelake.com/>). I further implore the committee to consult reputable scientific experts in the field of Limnology to address these concerns. All the best.
- There are many areas of the lake with very shallow rocks, even in areas that appear to be far from shore. Safety is a huge concern when contemplating allowing motor boats or jet skis. It would be infeasible to mark all of the shallow rocks, and in any case such markers would infringe upon the beauty of the landscape. Sherbrooke lake is a lake best suited to swimming, canoeing, and kayaking. There are already communities on the lake that agree among themselves not to use motorboats. It's really special and the public access experience would be enhanced by doing the same.
- There are already too many motorized vehicles on the lake that make too great an imposition on those choosing to enjoy the lake without the use of motor boats and ski-does. Efforts should be made to discourage their use. Community access should be encouraged, just not the motorboats. Non-motorized sail boats are fine. The way the boat question was worded, I would hope that anyone who selected sail boats is not assumed to be in favour of motor boats. For this reason I deliberately selected canoe/kayak, even though a sail boat without a motor would be fine. If you are making that assumption, I would consider this survey to be invalid.

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- The whole area is a playground you don't need a special site. Look at the public archives and I am sure you will find public right of ways all through the counties of Nova Scotia. Lunenburg Co. is one of the first settled counties in the province. The founding people with their simple government laid out right of ways all through these counties and Lunenburg Co. and the Sherbrooke Lake area is no exception. It seems there is a special interest group trying to change history. All Nova Scotian have a right to access any and all lakes/ streams in NS. Refer: 1) Historical archives 2) Dept. of highways 3) Surveyors society of NS What the hell is going on here?!
- The water quality can be compromised by motor boats, skidoos. The number of motorized watercraft are also an important factor and large numbers of fishermen in competitive events would have a serious impact. The lake could also be overfished (depletion of fish stocks) if large groups of people were allowed to have access to the lake (for fishing competitions).
- The use of high powered water craft would be best to control for wildlife reasons. The loon population seems to be declining and we don't see any young so shallow water craft can't help protecting those loons that still frequent the lake. The introduction of non native fish species by some group(s) is disturbing in that they may displace the natural balance so an effort to prevent further quality deterioration should be considered. It is noteworthy that the Province should somewhat wear the problem yet they even have quotas on these species and the fishers feel they must catch & release!
- The quiet getaway that this lake provides will most likely be compromised, and that is too bad. There are numerous lakes in Nova Scotia with public access and I don't feel that all lakes need to have public access.
- The only concern we have as cottage owners the upkeep of George brown road come off our taxes and if this is the access route chosen I would want assurance the road maintenance would then be kept by the. Municipality
- The municipality would be wise to spend more time striving to cut costs rather than waste time finding more areas to spend taxpayer \$.
- The lake should not just be for property owners. God created it so everyone could enjoy it. People drive from far away just to access certain beaches. Also, property value surrounding the lake area would be an asset to any potential buyers however if it is solely permissioned for only the lakefront property owners then people will buy elsewhere. A public spot should be made available. It draws more people in and gets them doing more outside activities.
- The lake should be a place where people can gather quietly with friends and family ! Enjoying the beauty of the natural environment
- The Lake now hosts a community and I would hope that in your eagerness to share the natural beauty the residents are not negatively impacted by the developments that are planned and implemented. Please give thought and attention to negative and unintended socio economic impacts to the existing community. Safety, wellbeing and a sense of security in ones home is paramount and by infringing on that you take away from that pristine environment that you are so anxious to share. I know that the existing residents are mostly retired folks and I do have concern for their safety should access not be restricted or in any way managed.
- The lake is large and an uncontrolled amount of power boats would be awful. The lake can get rough, it has claimed the lives of seasoned water persons in the past. I am concerned about the safety of boaters unaware of the dangers. In many cases signs and warnings are not enough and local residents, other boaters and emergency personnel are put at risk for others unwise decisions.
- The lake is clear and clean..with annual loons and ducks that continue to come back each year! More activity on the lower end of the lake (meaning from The Narrows down) would cause a lot of unnecessary stress on them as well as the beaver and turtles!! With every new boat canoe and kayak coming in that has come from other lakes and rivers would have algae and bacteria on them which would attach on our rocks banks etc!! We have never had such a thing as swimmer's itch or any other bad bacterial infectious germs to contaminate our beautiful lake!! I would love to see it kept that way for the next generation of children and our grand-children! The lake would be no good for people or the nature if it became contaminated! At least above the narrow and the mouth of the river, it could run off down the river ...but at the bottom of our lake it will just sit over time! It is not like,there is no public access for the general public to go swimming and picnicing as it was 1st brought up at the meetings for family with no place to go... But for the public there is: New Germany Lake...Sweetland Beach on Lake Mush-A-Mush , The New public Church Lake Area, Lake William picnic and swim also Indian Falls for walks, picnics etc!! Then we hear word of "A Camp Grounds"!!! We as tax payers, bought and paid for our land at Sherbrooke Lake and pay each year for matinance for the road and surrounding area with great pride! To have our own privacy and yet welcome family and friends to enjoy the beauty there as well is something we do with open arms and not to have to worry about who and what could destroy what mother nature has created!!
- The lake is big, it can become very rough in a very short time frames. It has numerous hidden large rocky areas. The municipality will need to make the public aware of these safety issues and provide adequate supervision and rescue support, Allowing only non motorized water craft would be my preference.
- The lake is already at risk. Why do you want more fishing, more boats, more gasoline and more pollution? Leave it private and Impose more laws.
- The lake has many hazards and permitting persons to boat or swim with out knowledge of hazards and permitting this lake to be open to all is something I strongly appose.
- the lake belongs to all.....
- the lake and surrounding areas have been maintained in a very pure and untouched condition by the land owners on the lake . Allowing others in to use the lake will diminish the natural habitat for fish and animals and will greatly increase the boat traffic and pollution of both the land and the water . It will also increase the risk of fires and overfishing of the natural resources
- The issue raised of public access creating a negative impact on the ecology of the lake is a smokescreen for those who do not want to provide public access to Sherbrooke Lake. The greatest impact on the ecology of the lake is by far the development on the shores of Sherbrooke Lake. There needs to be regular assessment of sewage treatment systems and other development impacts on the shores of the lake impacting the ecology of the lake in order to provide quality lake water for the future.
- The difficulty with unlimited access to the lake would be those who would not respect the cleanliness of the area or unruly behaviour (ie excessively loud music, rude behaviour) bathroom/toilet facilities are a definite plus as is adequate parking for peak usage would be a plus. Although regular maintenance would be necessary to assure the grounds and facilities are in usable condition. I am an advocate for leaving public access during the evenings and overnight as there are those who would appreciate the silence and natural beauty while they are perhaps recovering from the latest chemo therapy and unable to sleep. I don't think I could condone overnight camping unless the campers are respectful of the serenity of the area.

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- The concern of a small percentage of resident (and I hope it is a small percentage) is who litter and leave household garbage at the lake. Just stop at the car pool areas along the 103 Hwy they are disgusting with the amount of garbage. Secondly, the chronic problem of vandalism at our provincial parks, perhaps security cameras may have or be a deterrent.
- The biggest concern is for the maintenance of natural environment, water quality and peaceful enjoyment of this waterway. Nearby lakes like lake Torment have had to close water use/swimming due to algal blooms from overuse of its waters, seepage.
- The biggest concern for allowing public access to the lake is to ensure the continued beauty, cleanliness + security for the water + surrounding forest. I would not want to appear greedy + deny the public access to the lake. However it is of utmost importance to provide limited, secure + sensible access. The onus lies with the municipality to educate the public on taking an active role themselves in self stewardship of the lake when visiting. This will allow for a successful sustainable future for the ecology of the lake for everyone to enjoy for many, many years to come.
- The area is beautiful and a great resource which should be shared with all residents not just those who can afford a cottage
- The amount of boat traffic and use of alcohol and drugs by the public using this lake
- the ability to go to many of the lakes and areas have been taken from the local people. This is part of what we need to keep
- The "Era of Ignoring Science" ended on October 19, 2015. The new Federal government has announced that "science is back". In this new climate, it would be downright irresponsible to make decisions that have environmental consequences without first doing a proper environmental impact assessment. If MoDL really wants to spend money on public access to water, why doesn't it do something to improve water quality in the lower reaches of the LaHave River, including the filthy estuary? Do something to improve the water there, rather than do something that will almost certainly degrade the water quality in the upper reaches of the LaHave River system (Sherbrooke Lake).
- That the area is too small to accommodate those who want to use it.
- Thanks for your hard work on this. Public spaces are so important.
- Thanks for this very important info. First I will say the lake is pretty busy with cottage people who have paid a handsome price to be on the lake or have access. That should be considered of up most importance! Second: all kinds of problems arise when people, with no invested interest, come to the lake and have no concern for its environment or property owners. Litter, property and road damage, criminal activity polluting the lake to name a few. "Most" of the property owners keep the lake in pristine condition. There are many lakes in the area for recreational use! Third: Its out and out a BAD idea!!!!
- Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. Good luck sorting out all the opinions and ideas.
- thanks for doing a good well set up survey.
- Thank-you for the opportunity to respond
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Environmental Impacts: - water quality, pollution - introduction of new species, either deliberate (as may have happened in the case of Smallmouth Bass) or accidental - noise - reduced privacy for existing property owners Safety: - will there be lake patrols for safety, rescue, and law enforcement, and if so, by whom? Note the increased environmental impact of motorized patrol boats. - mitigating the potential for increased vandalism Costs: maintenance and cleaning Limiting lake access to non-motorized vessels may be the best way to ensure the negative impacts are kept to a minimum.
- Thank you for such a wonderful initiative.
- Thank you for providing the opportunity for feedback.
- Terry Dorey, municipal council member was front page in The Chronicle Herald February 25 stating that "there are no private beaches on Sherbrooke Lake" and "the shoreline is public property to the high water mark." He and the public should be aware that land, beach or otherwise, above this mark is in legal fact private. There are only a few feet of land between the Provincial survey pins that define the high water mark and the lake on my lot. Anyone above that is in fact trespassing and may be held liable as could the Municipality if this becomes a problem. I am not opposed to public access, the lake belongs to the public, but PLEASE respect my property.
- Terrible idea. There are already public beaches already available to the public nearby - I do not want my taxes that I am currently paying used to ruin the quiet enjoyment of the lake. The proposed area is in the smaller bowl of the lake - not the main lake - I am afraid that this will create a higher traffic in a small area - it will ruin the main reason that I bought on Sherbrooke Lake - to get away... you will change one of the last bastions of the sounds of silence - to noisy boats, noisy parties, more noisy fireworks, noise travelling across the lake. STOP this.
- Ten years ago we bought land in the Headwaters Park Association, on the river, because of the covenants and restrictions that apply to this area. The last thing I want is the wonderful peace and quiet to be disturbed by large numbers of people, motor boats and expensive infrastructure. I hope that any public access that occurs encourages people to quiet contemplation of nature.
- Tell the local politicians at MODL to get out of the pockets of the cottage owners and show some leadership!!
- Suggest there are more important priorities than spending money on an access to a lake
- Strong consideration for economic feasibility should also be taken into account when developing the public access. Selection of where the area should be designed so that it does not impact the present health of this water way. Restrictions on fish tournaments using high powered fishing boats.
- STOP public access to Sherbrooke Lake!!!!
- Speed is a concern on the narrow access rds. There has to be a successful method of controlling speed and smoking/drug using in any public area on the Lake, And if a gated access is installed than it must be at the highway entrance and closed every night at 9:30 PM
- Should there be public access it should be limited to individual use and be recreational purposes. I would not be in favour of any type of commercialism which would include canteen, fishing tournaments, boat rentals, etc. There should also be restrictions on boat size and engine size on boats. (I.e. 18 foot and 70 hp.)
- Sherbrooke Lake should be made open to the public for everyone to enjoy. Access to the lake could be as simple as a landing dock for people to launch their small boats or a fishing dock for those who wish to fish by the shore.
- Sherbrooke Lake is one of the largest lakes in N.S. & I believe all residents of N.S. should be allowed public access to enjoy it.
- Sherbrooke Lake is fine the way it is. If the public wants access, let them do what the present day cabin owners have done- bought property, built cabins, maintained roads, paid their taxes, and enjoy what they have bought and paid for.

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- Sherbrooke lake is currently a nice quiet lake with limited power boat traffic which makes it very enjoyable and helps to preserve water quality. Any significant increase in boat traffic would present risks to the environment and non-motorized watercraft users. Having spent significant time at other lakes with high levels of power boat traffic I have seen the way it changes the natural character of a lake and the problems it can cause. A simple site for public access, beach usage, and non-motorized watercraft launch would be beneficial to the community and enable more people to enjoy the natural environment provided by the lake. On the other hand, a major recreation site with boat launch facilities, large parking areas for trucks/trailers and other facilities could damage the natural environment and impact the sustainability of the lake. The affordability and/or tax impact of a larger site should also be a significant consideration.
- Sherbrooke Lake is a very tricky, rocky lake. I am concerned about safety. Have kayaked alot of this lake, and there were spots far out from shore that the rocks were just about 2 inches under my kayak Someone would have to educate the public or you are asking for alot of accidents. We already had snowmobilers go through the narrows one winter., and one snowmobile is still at the bottom of the lake. The lake is long - 9 & 1/2 miles - When the winds come up in the late afternoon (of just on a windy day), it is like an ocean. We have seen whitecaps, etc. For someone who is at the other end of the lake, and isn't familiar with how quickly the winds come up, this would be another danger. I understand that the community wants and should have Public Access to Sherbrooke Lake. What I do not understand is why this is such a top priority to the tax payers. We pay huge taxes now and will be taxed additionally for this access, which is going to cost alot of money. A top priority at this moment for all of the rural internet users in Lunenburg County in my opinion would be to provide 'better' internet service, other than the slow unreliable service that we pay Eastlink for and now has a cap and we pay extra. Our children, and grandchildren need the internet for school, education. and I need it for my work. Do the taxpayers of Lunenburg County know that they will be paying even MORE tax to provide this access ? We are all currently paying for the LCLC which is still a sore spot for most. I moved my family here to enjoy the peace and tranquility of Sherbrooke Lake, NOT to have Bass Tournaments. If you allow Bass Tournaments on this lake, you open it up to the WORLD., and all of the stuff attached to the bottom of other's boats. What would happen to the loons, and natural habitants ??
- Sherbrooke lake is a most beautiful site. I would like to see the public enjoy it while maintaining the ecosystem and respecting private land owners.
- Sherbrooke Lake is a beautiful place and would love to see a public launch access for a day of fishing and a picnic area to spend with family.
- Sherbrooke Lake is a beautiful lake, and a real treasure. However, because it is so large it is really susceptible to becoming like Ontario's Muskoka lakes and being really overrun with large boats and traffic. It is rare to have a large lake that is relatively quiet and untouched. It needs to be kept that way.
- Sherbrooke lake has both extensive deep and shallow areas. The shallow areas would provide a cosiderable hazard to high powered boating in the lake by people unfamiliar with its contours.
- Selection of the location should be away from established homes and cottage areas. Depending on the decisions made regarding what the site will actually look like, it could greatly affect traffic, noise, security of surrounding areas, wear and tear on existing access roads, activity on certain areas of the actual lake, etc. It is extremely unfair to existing property owners who purchased/built their homes/cottages to change the very nature of their surroundings and the very reasons they purchased that particular parcel of land.
- see earlier comments. As a land owner on this lake that has spent a tremendous amount of time and money to build our family home (away from home); I have a very serious concern if this process is not done right and the quality of water on the lake suffers; it will have a negative impact on all properties on the lake and no one will win if this happens. Today if I were looking at waterfront property to buy on Sherbrooke Lake, after reading many of the articles, minutes, etc...I would not be buying until this was settled. but these are just my views.
- Restore our public access !!!!!!!
- Really hope that this lake will become accessible for everyone to enjoy ! There are far to many lakes around that have no access !
- Read the previous comments. Totally against public access. We are off grid with canoes only and expect to be able to enjoy a quite peaceful, clean lake.
- Public assess must be allowed and preserved. The waters of Nova Scotia belong to the citizens and no one should be allowed to act as if they "own" the watercourse and prevent anyone else from using nature. If this restriction of access is allowed to develop, there will soon be no interaction with nature and lakes available to non-cottage owners.
- Public access to waterways for recreation and angling is a legally protected Nova Scotian value. Providing a public access point will allow community members to share in this public resource without being required to own lake frontage. This lake should not be accessible solely to the privileged few.
- Public access to this lake is important, current cabin owners feel they own the lake which is not true, we mustn't let them push us around and dictate who uses the lake and when their arguments about lake health are false and misleading, a small public access will have no effect on lake quality, especially considering what cabin owners have already done to alter the late.
- Public access to the lake would be a great thing. For people on this end of the county it is handy for fishing, recreation, swimming, etc. Present beach is just to far out of the way.
- Public access to the Church site at Sherbrooke Lake would be a disaster - a party site for alcohol and drugs, garbage left lying about, damage to the structures now on site,. I can continue for many pages describing the site with public access, none good.
- Public access to many of natures beautiful amenities, including Sherbrooke Lake, is increasingly restricted. If we do not act forthwith, this injustice will permeate, not solely on the local level, but sadly at the regional and national level. Sherbrooke Lake have been a generational option for many people of varied backgrounds, with varied reasons and usages of its many advantages and natural attractions. It appears an elitists agenda using tactics and propaganda (including bullying) to deny all access to the area of natural beauty have invaded any and all attempts and efforts to allow freedom to reign. I am not sure if it would be ignorance, or arrogance, but this continued action ranges between; ridiculous and criminal; immoral and cruel. There is a wave of unrest and anger amongst the populace. Increased rules, regulations, restrictions of fought-for-freedoms help to empower the surging tide of turmoil. Continue to denigrate the people and all will not be well. We must overcome these obstacles, reason must stand bold. "Injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere" - Martin Luther King

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- Public access to lakes throughout the Maritimes is vital as we strive to stay connected to the outdoors and pass that connection on to our children. Respect for nature as well as respect for others comes from sharing these public spaces.
- Public access to lakes is a right of all Nova Scotians. In general I support that. However, the type of access should not interfere with the wildlife in and on the lake. should not interfere with the beauty, peacefulness and enjoyment that the owners of land and cottages around the lake have invested heavily in over the years. It is critical that access should not harm or contribute to the degradation of the lakes water quality. I am extremely opposed to any move to have fishing tournaments, large boats with large engines and there must not be any provision to expand the public access in future years.
- Public access should be kept simple, and low impact, a place to park, a place to swim, fish, launch a boat, a picnic table, and garbage cans.
- public access not wanted. i paid for a cottage on a private lake and that is what i want.
- Public Access location on the southern part of the Lake (e.g. below the Narrows) must consider the poorer lake flushing capabilities (Sherbrooke Lake Water Quality report 2015) and public impact on future water quality. Access on the northern portion of the lake is much more preferred. Also, frequent safe canoe / boat travel thru the Narrows is a challenge / risk. This criteria must be part of the access decision. Future water quality monitoring must be the responsibility of MODL, to provincial standards. If problems are detected, then MODL must act to restrict or better control the public access. No for-profit ventures shall be allowed as part of public access. I am very concerned regarding the possible high cost to implement and maintain public access to this lake. The access decision must make very clear to tax payers the options considered and the rational used. The type of access could be very controlled to begin with, and then reviewed in stages every 4-5 years.
- Public access is not necessary. This will cost a large amount of money for something a very small amount of the population will use. Any time public access are allowed there are always consequences, crime, unsightly mess, problems with security etc. There are other lakes that have public access already, maybe the time, effort and money should be used to upgrade these.
- Public access is controversial especially when its planned long after the development of the lake shore. The municipalities have benefited richly from this development, directly through property taxes but also on taxing the myriad businesses that have prospered due to the expenditure of significant dollars by property owners through the construction and maintenance phases of these developments. The municipalities therefore have a very direct responsibility to ensure that these significant investments are not depreciated by a cavalier approach to inserting the public into this system. People purchased and developed properties on this lake for specific reasons related to the pristine water quality, natural beauty, careful shoreline development (with some notable exceptions), low boat traffic and a peaceful environment. The character of this lake needs to be maintained. It is different from other lakes and this must be respected in any plans going forward. cottagers on this lake have been active in supporting an active water quality monitoring program which could use enhancement. Public access means that the municipalities should now see themselves as partners with lake property owner associations in funding this work and in fact discussing other long term ecological monitoring requirements such that we all ensure the continued conservation and protection of the lake.
- Protecting the natural environment and water quality are vitally important. It is important that community families have access IF THEY WANT IT if it can be done in an environmentally safe way. It will be a costly endeavour so the want and need should be assessed.
- Protecting the environmental component is top priority. Not just for the public, but also for land owners. Nature can be used and protected.
- Privacy is a BIG deal to those who have paid for it. Water quality is a BIG deal for humans, fish, fauna and animals. Natural beauty is a BIG deal for all. Preserve the privacy; protect the water quality; and retain the natural beauty! If you can guarantee and live up to those three things, you will have happy residents, good water for all and a successful, sustainable project.
- Police visits every day and night! People drinking and doing drugs and theft!
- Please! do not proceed with any implementing of any plans generated by this input process until the issue of contamination is dealt with and solved. Any additional development of public or private large scale activity is only going to accelerate the problem (uncontrolled algae) I believe in the principle of public access only if it is managed and monitored. A classic example in our area is Indian Falls (a job well done to give us all access to a beautiful piece of Lunenburg Municipality). Please ensure if additional open boating is allowed that proper supervision, monitoring and enforcement is in place. This lake can be dangerous at times and become so very quickly. No one wants accidents or injuries with increased usage.
- Please, NO public access to this lake. Don't ruin a good thing.
- Please think big picture - 10 years of motorized watercraft in the area will devastate the local ecosystem. If you're going to allow public watercraft on the lake, limit it to canoes, kayaks, etc.
- Please see my comments earlier in this survey
- Please save this beautiful lake from the mass motorized incursions that have spoiled so many others. "Personal watercraft" are anything but personal. They impose their noise and presence on everyone for miles around. A canoe or a kayak is a true "personal" watercraft. Bass Boats, racing from spot to spot, are also incompatible with other uses. As has happened with so many backwoods roads and trails, "multiple-use" rapidly becomes single-use, and then when they are destroyed by ATVs, no-use.
- Please protect this fabulous lake from over use. Strict control must be in place to eliminate over use and risk of contamination and over fishing from fishing tournaments
- PLEASE protect the water quality and the environment. We do not need motor boats and people partying at Sherbrooke lake.
- Please proceed slowly and carefully
- Please preserve the quiet without motor boats or all terrain vehicles.
- Please no motorized boats.
- please keep this lake as it is, with canoe and kayak access only.
- Please keep it low impact and natural. There are too few places left where people can peacefully connect with nature in a harmonious way. Sherbrooke Lake is a natural gem - let's keep it that way for future generations.
- Please have an understanding for the public who deserve access to Nova Scotia waterways.

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- Please don't screw this up , think about all aspects of this proposal ,and don't ignore the concerns and wishes of existing land owners who have collectively invested many many tens of millions of dollars in this unique resource , and have a proven track record of stewardship of this marvellous lake. If it is to be shared more widely ensure that controls are implemented that secure the integrity of the lake itself , and the security of existing property. It is notable that the people who will make the final decision have essentially no personal commitment to the lake. We taxpayers do!!!
- Please don't let the demands of the few (who are extremely vocal) overrun the needs of those of us who have loved this lake for many, many years.
- Please don't just let lake owners take the enjoyment.
- Please don't allow any motorized boating of any kind on the lake.
- Please consider the environmental effects when considering public access to lake. Please consider property owners interests when considering public access to lake.
- Please be careful of the many agendas for this. Please exercise caution and try to keep it natural and modest
- Personally I have concerns about excessive drinking and resulting noise and/or unpleasantness. I also would worry about trash being left about.
- People not cleaning up after themselves ex... dog doo
- People need to understand that access to our lakes is not a privilege its a right as a citizen of this province
- People lived near Sherbrooke Lake traditionally enjoyed access in order to fish, swim, picnic, and enjoy it in a multitude of peaceful ways. Families were able to enjoy a cool dip on a hot summer day before heading home to supper, a barbecue, or relaxing evening. There was sometimes ice skating or cross-country skiing on the lake or hockey played in winter. I understand the concern of private property owners that their investments will be devalued by public access. It's not fair though that because someone owns a parcel of lake frontage, they prohibit others from enjoying the lake as well. In years past, it wasn't "the public" who flushed toilets into the lake nor used fertilizers to beautify landscaping! Nor did the public throw grass clippings and gardening debris into the lake as is happening in more recent times. There's a petition on the internet which uses scare tactics attempting to persuade people that public access will mean stern-to-bow boats for fishing tournaments. I don't fish, but why couldn't a maximum limit be set for the number of boats permitted in a tournament? If we have a specific recreational area for use by the public, then cottage owners wouldn't have to be afraid that "the public" will invade their little piece of paradise!
- Our concern at this time is that the lake will be commercialized for fishing tournaments and other high speed boating events that will disrupt the quality of the lake and its wildlife.
- Open it to the public. Why is this even being considered? Just do it. Growing up we had access to every lake. Look at the great memories we all have. Keep that going!
- Only the concern that some and usually very few, can abuse and mistreat. These are the minority I realize but it would concern me if there was no supervision of this. I also would not like it if the access was open all night for anyone to use or abuse
- one of my greatest concerns is the idea of combining fishing and swimming in the same area. Do you realize the number of fishing hooks that are caught on the bottom of the lake that potentially children can step on when swimming if you combine a fishing and swimming area. I am also concerned that there has been no mention about how much potential access could cost and no question asked do you want you MODL tax money spent on this type of endeavor.
- One does not want a rowdy beach - particularly in the evenings.
- Of all these proposal and ideas, SAFETY on this lake has never been discussed and or acknowledged. I know the lake better than anyone in history. It will be a mess. So if access is going to happen, then just don't build a boat launch. It will be everyone's problem. Safety should be first!!!!
- Now as more (city folk) have moved in & land bought up, there is a need for public access. it would be great to be able to have access to the lake for swimming, hiking, boating, fishing or just to relax. This would make it easier since now we need to ask permission from a lake access owner & can only go when it is convenient to them. The community seems to have lost a lot with the influx of new comers.
- Nova Scotians own the lake and should have access to it.
- not interested to have public access. would like things to stay the same.
- Not at all interested in having public access to Sherbrooke Lake. It is being crammed down our throats. We have bought and paid for our lot just like everyone else is able to do. We like the peace and quiet of the lake as is and opening it up to public access will create noise, pollution and who knows what else. They will leave their pollution and garbage behind, they will not be mindful of cleaning up after themselves, they will leave it for someone else to do.
- None at this time.
- None at this time.
- none
- non-owners and fishing enthusiasts must be reminded, encouraged and regulated to follow the law, boating laws and drinking laws to keep the lake safe and clean and noise levels down. We have worked hard to preserve the lake in this way.. and hope public access won't destroy it, like the introduction of small mouth bass and chain pickerel has done to the trout and salmon populations.
- Noise levels/garbage/pollution/lack of care/careless fishing/....Public access should only come with ownership-which is fine if areas are developed into a property ownership growth plan...Government is already strapped for resources/taxes high -so adding costs (taxpayers pay the costs of clean up) is unrealistic and irresponsible...
- No public access! Keep the lake clean and healthy! No public access!
- No public access to the lake
- No problem with public access, it just needs to be off of a public road on publicly owned land, not off a private road that is maintained by a land association at our expense.
- No one who owns cabins or homes on the lake, should be allowed to put gates on the road, so no one else can fish or swim in the lake. I feel the waterways should be for everyone to use + be respectful and not to throw garbage around, etc. +cleanup after themselves + be respectful to others. I don't feel anyone owns the lakes or beaches in N.S. or anywhere.
- No motorized water craft should be allowed in an effort to preserve one of very few unpolluted lakes we have.
- No motorized vehicles on public space

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- no fishing tournaments
- No concerns, all waters of Nova Scotia should have public access. They do belong to the taxpayers and not privately owned.
- NIL public access. The people that want this ruined our lake 10 years ago by introducing foreign species of fish for tournament fishing and making T.V. series for big money shows. 25 years ago we had local trout nature to Sherbrooke everywhere in the lake. Today you can't find a nature trout because of the foreign species eating spawn + small trout before they grow to mature size. I have picked up dozens of beer cans + beer bottles floating on the lake any weekend in the summer after the visitors who went home after visiting friends + cottages on the lake. We had 11 ATV and generators stolen from my part of the lake that with only a few public people in around. A large number of people has no respect for anything that they don't pay for.
- nil
- My wife and I have been cottage owners for forty-four years, which over time has been developed into a year round dwelling. Forty years ago, Sherbrooke Lake was a pristine body which supported many wild species that no longer exist or are rarely seen. The water quality has diminished from crystal clear to brackish brown, the result of airborne pollutants and land runoff. Much of the forest surrounding the lake has been harvested, and land water that perked or filtered through a natural runoff, is now diverted along road beds, ditches, and numerous culverts. Boat emissions are also a large contribution to the impact on water quality. As well the attitude of many boaters over the way that boats are driven can be a problem. The questions in your survey suggest that public access could range from passive use to a full fledged park facility open to the public at large and promoted to the level of a tourist attraction. Until now, we were under the impression that access was for the benefit of, and perhaps limited to, residents of Lunenburg County. If access does proceed we believe it should be designed with basic facilities that would appeal to individuals of all ages. Otherwise we fear that the current environment, especially water quality, will be further compromised to a point where the lake becomes unattractive for recreational use.
- My two top concerns are: 1) Moving forward on any implementation without the cost to tax payer being made available. This should be part of any decision before taking action. 2) Concern for the environment...this lake does not need to be made into a provincial or municipal playground. There are plenty of spaces already available for that. I would only support minimal public access as outlined in my responses to the questionnaire.
- My travelling experience includes vacationing in Barbados. In that island country and others in the Caribbean, public access to all of the shoreline is a given, even at the exclusive resorts. This should also be the case for access to a place like Sherbrooke Lake. Not every resident in the general area of the Lake want to and/or are able to enjoy the many other recreational facilities in the county, be it cost or physical limitations, or find traditional beach access too distant, and could otherwise benefit from access to the Lake.
- My sense from the media reports that I read is that public access to Sherbrooke Lake has been quite adversarial to date particularly with respect to a public boat launch. I personally believe these lakes are public spaces and should be for the enjoyment of all residents. I, of course, understand why landowners would wish to keep access and use to themselves (if I were a property owner, I'd likely do the same), but unfortunately this natural attitude of a vested interest group is at odds with the public good. I myself have a small aluminum motor boat and I regularly use the boat launches on other lakes (such as Lake Mushamush, Poonhook, Lake Ainslie in Cape Breton), as well as various marine launches (the south shore, as well as in Cape Breton). Boat access to the water has provided great enjoyment for me and my family in birdwatching, fishing, and most of all just being able to spend the pleasant day out the water. I feel that developing public access and some infrastructure really enhances the quality of life in NS
- My primary concern is the for the ecosystems around the lake and how they will be impacted by increased human activity on the lake. As well, with Lake Torment (8 km from Sherbrooke Lake) being shut down for extended periods of time because of algae bloom, it is a clear message that we need to look after our waterways and not abuse them. We should be trying to keep some pristine lakes in our municipality instead of damaging them all. MODL has decided to pursue public access to Sherbrooke Lake even though there are already several public access waterways in the area. Indian Falls and Church Lake are within about 5 - 10 km of Sherbrooke Lake (and then there is New Germany, etc.). Perhaps the handful of people advocating for public access could use what is already in their community instead of spending more tax dollars on Sherbrooke Lake.
- My only wish is that the lake remain a piece of natural beauty in Nova Scotia. I would like to see it respected b the public, and any adverse consequences be minimal or completely nullified.
- My only concern in the development of this project is the impact it would have environmentally. I strongly believe that if the proper precautions are taken, this could be an exciting and beneficial project. I know myself and my family would make great use of this space, should it be provided, for generations to come.
- my main problem with this undertaking is at no time has the cost to the tax payers ever been discussed. It seems that some members of this council have been pushing hard for this access .Do they have vested interest? To vote for a road (Veinotte road extension)to be built at any cost to Sherbrooke Lake to benefit the few under a disguise for giving access to people in the community is wrong . The department of highways can't do the job of maintaining the Veniotte Road as it is now , and you want a 5+ kl. extension ! that's ridiculous.Thank god there is now a committee to see that this run-a-way cart has some control. I agree with a small access to this lake, access where it will not affect existing cottagers. A small footprint that will not effect the water quality of this beautiful lake.The point is not to have a ruined ecco system in 20 years which no one can enjoy , as has happened with several other lakes.We do not own this lake ... we are only temporary protectors of the lake.Lets not be the people to blame for ruining the lake for generations to come. We have a responsibility to do this right the first time.
- My main concern is that public access will increase noise pollution (from boats) and pollution in the form of garbage and emissions from motors. The lake is beautiful, clean and quiet; I would hate to see it ruined by inconsiderate users.
- My main concern is out of control parties, etc. As there are many residences, etc there now, their enjoyment should not be affected. I feel that there should be hours on the access--leaving 12 midnight to 6 am as a restricted time. I know this may not be popular but again thinking of the owners who have been there for many years--of course due to the size of this lake, location would play a big part in my concerns.
- My largest concern is the impact public access will have on the existing ecosystem at Sherbrooke lake not to mention the cost to develop and maintain such an endeavour . Realistically It will be the present land owners that will be put in the position to police the area as well as deal with the lack of respect public access will create.

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- My husband and his family have been on this lake since the early 70's. Our kids have grown up attending the Sherbrooke Lake camp and our youngest daughter continues to participate in the camp activities each summer. I want the lake to maintain its current beauty and health for generations to come. I am concerned about pollution and increased motorized activity. We all know that people that have ownership in something, tend to take care of what they have. On the other hand, those without an investment, may not be as respectful. Therefore, limited access such as canoeing and kayaking would ensure that this risk is minimized.
- My hope would be that access can be provided in a way that minimizes the risk of environmental impact to the lake. The impacts of concern to me are noise, garbage, invasive species, harm to wildlife for example due to habitat disruption or impacts to water quality.
- My family own property on Veinotte Rd. We visit our family once or more each year. Using this family park would be a benefit to our young family
- My family and I have owned lakefront property on Sherbrooke Lake for almost 35 years. As a seasonal resident family we have always assumed responsibility as caretakers of this valuable natural retreat and as long as we can, will always strive to protect this treasure. I am not in agreement with a public boat launch on Sherbrooke Lake (especially on the site proposed for the Veinot Road which is located on the smaller, more vulnerable end of the lake). Some of my concerns are as follows. Public access would increase human and vehicle and boat activity which would affect the water quality of the lake as well as have a negative impact on the nesting of loons, ducks, turtles, and other wildlife. Noise levels of power boats and possible fishing tournaments would increase, and we would be more vulnerable to vandalism and theft. As a long-time property owner, I would prefer that MODL was more involved in the maintenance of the water quality of the lake to prevent pollution and control algae. On visiting a nearby Municipal public access park at Indian Falls on the LaHave last summer, I was disappointed to see that this beautiful and historic site is not being maintained, most likely due to funding issues. The road was in a poor state and although it looked like garbage was picked up at the entrance, there was a lot of litter on the beach. A public access beach on Sherbrooke Lake would require regular costly monitoring and maintenance as well as proper toilet facilities. Increased power boat activity would also involve more policing. As much as I understand the open spaces concept, I believe that allowing this proposed public access would be detrimental to the health of the lake and the wildlife. We need to protect and control usage, not encourage 'overusage'. Even when attempting to come up with possible concessions for local community residents and agreeing to a controlled and monitored beach, picnic area, and allowing only non-motorized boating, I am concerned that it would be abused by others who are demanding access for fishing tournaments, power boats, ATV's, and camping. I am, therefore, not in agreement with this proposal for public access on Sherbrooke Lake.
- My concerns regarding public access to Sherbrooke lake are many. -damage to the forest and lake to make space for and build facilities - increased garbage and pollution in the forest and lake from increased usage - increased noise and disturbances for the wildlife - increased noise, disturbances and potential for crime for the residents who paid high prices for private space on a quiet lake
- My concerns are that the water quality of the lake will be affected by increased use. That there will be more motor boats, garbage, the lake will be fished out, etc. What about the camp at the top of the lake, has it been looked at as a way of provided access that already has infrastructure for providing access with garbage removal, parking etc.?
- My concerns are that if there is a boat launch included with the lake access .This would bring the bass fishing boats on the lake .They are large fast boats and come in groups which would cause stress on the lake ,to water birds ,turtles and the water quality .Also there would be excessive noise from these large boats .
- my concerns are pollution created by boaters and people.
- My concerns are as follows: - The size, type and location of the a public access point to Sherbrooke Lake is unknown, thus the impacts are unknown - No environmental assessment on the carry capacity of the lake has been done. It should. - Health and safety of current and new users - New users, who are unfamiliar with the lake, do not know the landscape (hidden rocks, shallow areas) could cause an accident - A lot more boat activity - Increased pressure on local fish stocks - Current residents, property owners, are the ones who will have to deal with any negative affects of public access, not the new users - Concern that the municipality isn't going to protect the interests of those living on the lake - Property values going down because lake is impacted or destroyed as a result - Introduction of foreign species (example: blue-green algae) - New users will not respect the facility, lake, other users, properties etc. - Increase of garbage and other pollution in the lake - Concern that there is no real way of properly monitoring this type of activity
- My concern with this whole process is that it neglects to ask the very important question of whether respondents are even interested in public access. I have heard from many people and I share the view that people who do not want public access will feel compelled to complete the survey in an effort to minimize support for the most objectionable activities that public access could bring. Therefore, I hope that simply having a large numbers of survey respondents is not going to be misinterpreted as an indicator for support for public access of any sort.
- My concern is turning a perfectly beautiful lake into an environmental disaster similar to current, over populated, high activity lakes in the surrounding areas. Lakes where I have personally witnesses large trucks consistently backing up and submerging axles and tail pipes into the lake water, with no recourse. Lakes that have been so damaged by environmental changes to their natural state that they have become polluted, sludgy, full of swimmers itch and algae blooms. This obviously does not happen over night, but is an eventuality.
- My concern is that 4-wheelers will continue to ruin our environment so let's make this a first. NO MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED. An impossible thing to do, but it is a nice thought.
- My concern is Sherbrooke Lake will become like Aylesford Lake in the valley. During the summer months, and especially on weekends, the lake is over run with people and power boats. It's noisy and there is trash left everywhere. The attraction to buy property on Sherbrooke Lake is the quiet and solitude. So the obvious concern is that unregulated public access will spoil what we love most about the lake.
- My concern is if this does proceed the property owners on the lake are involved and that if it does proceed it is done in a professional manner emphasizing environmental stewardship for the lake and property owners. Also remember we pay Taxes and Road fees , so others should be paying for access as well !!!

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- My comments documented previously. Unfortunately this is a want of a few which will affect many who have paid dearly and put many hours of sweat and tears into properties enjoyed for many years. Unfortunately we live in a society where many have a lack of respect for nature, wildlife and even the private property of others. This will do nothing to generate economic revenue for the county. The only thing this will do is to raise insurance rates for those who, thought at one point, that it was a good idea to purchase land on the lake. Do your due diligence. Go back and look at previous cases where this has happened. I cannot believe the shortsightedness of Council. I also cannot believe that this would be part of a mandate of running a municipality?? You ask on the next page whether or not my cottage was my primary residence?? I am not sure why that is relevant? Maybe only from a voting perspective there may be concern from council? As an individual who is very close to retirement, the cottage was going to become our primary residence. If this decision is acted upon then no it will not become that unfortunately.
- My biggest concern is the presence of large, high powered boats racing up and down the lake creating noise pollution and heavy wake wash along the shoreline. Such an occurrence is detrimental to residents, cottagers, the public, and most important to wildlife.
- My biggest concern is the health of the lake and wondering why NS Anglers want access so badly. It made me wonder who introduces the bass to the lake years back. We have been on the lake for over 20 years. In the beginning my son would catch the occasional trout, never a bass. We kept salt at the shore for the leeches. My children kept a watchful eye out for frogs so Mom wouldn't be 10 feet in the air. Now we haven't catch a trout in over 15 years, seen a leech or a frog or eel. We seldom hear a bullfrog in the evenings and there are fewer loons on the lake. There are fewer indications of beavers. There is one old turtle that we see occasional and wonder what he lives on. The ducks are begging for food and come to the door since natural food is scarce. We use to see numerous fish swimming at the end of our dock now there is a couple of bass hanging around. the water lilies that grew so abundantly need our beach has diminished to a few. Though the amount of algae has grown considerably. There are few motorized boats on the lake considering the size so what has caused the decline of the lake? It is a real concern and needs to be discovered before it is too late. Adding a public access for families to enjoy the lake for swimming and non motorized craft will not further harm the lake but adding a large boat launch to allow sport fishing without healing the lake has the potential for irreparable harm to the lake. Being a taxpayer in MODL, I am concerned of the expenditure of my tax dollar on this venture. After the initial cost, there is the maintenance. Historical cost saving by any level of government has been recreational cuts for upkeep. Our provincial parks are in shambles and only open less than 4 months per year. And the MODL is going to establish a new park under the guise of public access to Sherbrooke lake! Are the park employees going to pick up the garbage thrown in and around the lake? I would like to know who is the "public" that is clambering for this access really is.....what self serving organization this is
- My biggest concern is that public access may ruin the beauty, privacy and quiet that homeowners on the lake now enjoy. As long as the public is confined to limited numbers and hours and types of watercraft, then public access should not have a major impact on the wonderful assets of this lake.
- My areas of concern but not objection are: How will the plan deal with noise? If residents complain about rowdy campers, the police may take a long time to get there and find them. I suggest strong fines and enforcement by all municipal bylaw officers at random times - not just when people call to complain. Local residents can get a gate scan card (cheap now) that lets them in/out at all times. campers can buy a card from a vending machine that lets them in until a set time and out at all times. I saw in Portugal a park that even extended the card system to the use of utilities like receptacles and lights (these were then controlled - security and locals had all access and rest had controls). How will this get funded? Can the financial plan be made available on the net when it is available. Can we get some of the development money the Feds are talking about? What are the timelines for this project? A lot of the people in the community are older; we need to accommodate for people with a more sedentary lifestyle as well - hence my noise issue and no dogs.
- Municipality of Lunenburg is making a very big mistake if they allow any boat access what so ever and if they do not limit access to walking only.
- Most concerned about the deterioration of water quality and an increase in noise levels from motorized transportation.
- More parks and rec the better
- MODL seems to be focussing on one particular site and I sense there is a hidden agenda regarding this. I have no objection to public access but let us be transparent and do due diligence as there must be more than one suitable location on this large lake
- MODL must understand that Sherbrooke lake must be made available to the public. The adjacent land owners (the minority) must be heard but the majority (the general public) make the decision. The reason for the open space plan was so that rich people and come from aways could not control access to valuable open space like access to lakes. The cottage owners will use any means they can to try to keep people off the lake. They want it for themselves. The NIMBY approach. Rich people want exclusive use and privacy. They do not want to share.
- misuse of property if not secured but I have more concerns that there is no access to the lake
- Many property owners bought their properties with the understanding that the lake was secluded and did not permit public access. The introduction of public access will lower the quality of enjoyment that current property owners have. Increased access will lead to increased litter, vandalism, thefts from break-ins, and increased safety issues.
- Many lakes in Canada have been spoiled by human use. Though this has happened in the more populated sections of our country, it doesn't mean it can not happen to Sherbrooke Lake. As a lake front owner, I have built 100 feet back from the lake, leaving the space between the cottage and the lake natural. We have an up to code septic system. We do not have a dock or a power boat. We swim, canoe and sail. On land we walk, run, bike, ski, and snow shoe. We are trying to disturb Nature as little as possible. We also realize that we are very fortunate to own this property. I have no problem with the public being able to enjoy the lake area as well. But it needs to be done in a way that will not damage the environment. I do not want to see more power boats on the lake period. In fact I would like to see a gradual phase out of all power boat use. This probably would not be supported by most cottage owners, but if there is not such a shift, the health of the lake will deteriorate. We know this. There are examples everywhere in North America. Healthy policy that supports Nature is needed.
- Make it senior friendly
- Make it accessible to all
- Make access away from current cottage sites
- Lunenburg county lakes and rivers are one of our most treasured resources and must be accessible where at all possible for the general population to enjoy, with the highest level of respect for those resources. No land owner or resident should resist such access but should also expect the highest regard for their privacy and property as their investment in such property is often significant. Such access must not include power boats and ski do type pleasure craft as they cannot be enjoyed without destroying the peace and serenity of the lake for visitors and residents alike.

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- Loud noise from partying,garbage,vandalizing that could annoy public and cottage owners
- living near Aylesford lake i can understand the need for a gated area . a government campground would add a lot to a small area with a lot of possibilities .it would also eliminate the gate problem with added jobs through a campground . it is a great body of water with lots of crown land on it centrally located in the province . with how popular and utilized Keji is , i can't understand why the county of Lunenburg would hesitate to utilize this fantastic area that it has lots of land accompanying
- Littering by boaters in lake and on shore. Break and entering into cottages. No power boats/ no fishing tournaments
- Limit the access to non-motorized boats
- Like many seasonal and permanent owners on the lake we purchased for the privacy and wish to enjoy that. This request has no merit and the less the lake is used the less garbage we will have to contend with, not to mention thefts, property damage and nuisance boaters and operating boats while under the influence of alcohol.
- Lets get this done. We have delayed long enough.
- Let's use the Veinotte Road as to extends all the way to the Lake as soon as possible!
- Leave it Alone
- Large fishing tournaments using large motors 150 hp and upwards destroys the passive and peaceful enjoyment of the lake area. It is a beautiful lake to explore, it would be a disaster to made it wide open not only for the cottage owners but for those who want access for their quite enjoyment
- Lakes in Nova Scotia need to be for all to enjoy and not the privileged few.
- Lakes are everyones poceshon for all to enjoy
- Lake waters in Nova Scotia belong to all people of the province and not just the people living around the lake.
- Lake access should have been provided a number of years ago before the lake was developed to the point it is today. People have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars and now are being told the lake is being opened up to the public. I am sure some would not have made the investment if they had know about public access. Some area's of the lake are very environmentally sensitive up to a point they do not have electricity. How would weekend boaters especially fishing tournaments respect the way of life of these residents. I support lake access but trying to introduce it at this point after hundreds have invested thousands, a compromise would be to limit boat access to small boats and not high horsepower
- Keeping it clean and as natural as it is now and has always been!
- Keep the way it is!
- Keep it simple and as natural as possible.
- Keep it private!
- Keep it as natural as possible!
- Keep environmental impact low while allowing enjoyment for all
- Keep boat and motor size low. Need to police in some fashion. Save the environment especially water quality. No alcohol allowed.
- Just want a way for people to get in an use it, it is a public Canadian waterway and should be used safely with life jackets by all.
- Just seems every time council wants to do something for the good of the people there is a certain element that always opposes it for their own gain.
- just make sure it is safe to launch a boat, and safe to leave vehicle and trailer parked. ALSO plenty of parking area.
- just make sure it is for ever one and not the few with money or vote the right way
- JUST HOPE THAT THERE IS NO POLLUTION COMING INTO THE WATER AND GARBAGE IS NOT THROWN AROUND CARELESSLY.
- its a pretty area, just wouldnt want to see some "humans" ruin it, with garbage, loud boats, etc
- It's a shame that the largest natural body of water in Nova Scotia cannot be accessed by the general public. Access to water ways are a right of all Nova Scotians not just a privileged few cottage owners, most who do not live there full time and do not even live in Lunenburg County, and some of them not in the province.
- It would be really bad if on the lake would be any kind of tournaments will be happened, like fish tournaments or motorboat racings
- It will costs millions to build a road, parking and on going maintenance. The county cannot afford this, what protection is the County going to provide for future clean up. Perhaps this money would be better spent cleaning up the LaHave River and not adding to the problem
- It should never happen . If the department wants to pad up their budget ,(justify raising taxes each year) at least improve our roads .
- It should be access to as many public spaces as possible. Much of the ocean front land has been purchased by people who do not want you on their property AT ALL.
- It needs to be controlled and we'll thought-out.
- It needs to be a place where families may gather to enjoy nature and the lake. It needs a staff person to keep the park cleaned and maintained on a regular basis similar to what is done at the Indian Falls.
- It is time the politicians, starting with the Mayor, stop pandering to a small group of cottage owners and give the public full and equal access to what is a public asset.
- It is the long term settlement around the lake perimeter that is the bigger threat to the integrity of the water quality and wild inhabitants ability to nest or forage. A low-key day park cannot be of major impact and we need to give people options to interact wit nature which is their basic right.
- it is not a privately owned lake, therefore it should be open to the PUBLIC!
- It is my understanding that any NS resident can fish in pretty much any lake in NS as long as they can walk in to it. Access certainly would be nice for such a lake. Making it some kind of recreational circus is not in the interests of local residents nor should their continued quiet enjoyment of the property they 'paid' for be infringed upon. It is also my understanding beaches are not allowed to be built, so unless someone is prepared to donate their own private beach to this cause, i see that option as a waste of time. i would like to have a beach in front of my cottage but cannot place one grain of sand below the high water mark on my own property.
- It is my hope that MODL doesnt waste alot of money like they did on the LCHC.
- It is gratifying to receive your request for cottage-owner input into this issue. Thank you for being so responsible.
- It is an important issue not just for us but for future generations!
- Is there an opportunity here to demonstrate a carbon neutral or maybe a carbon negative strategy.

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- increased taxes for home owners
- Increased motor boat traffic should not be encouraged. Please no boat ramps.
- In my opinion, this public access area should not be built, but the nature of their survey, to me atlas, indicates that it is a foregone conclusion that it will proceed, regardless of public/stakeholder input
- In my opinion I think Lunenburg County has many beautiful public spaces and beaches already. As a taxpayer I don't think more tax dollars should be spent on another access just to please the few who think they should have a public access in their backyard when another access or beach is only a half hour or more drive away. Tax dollars should be spent to benefit everyone not the few. Do people actually realise their tax dollars will be paying for the public not just residents of Lunenburg County ????? Sometimes I wonder! If there is to be a public access it should be in an undeveloped area not where seasonal and residential homes have been established. People over the years have bought and developed property on private or secluded roads so as not to be close to public areas or heavy traffic. As for myself I bought my property for some of these reasons. If I had wanted a public beach or boat launch I would have bought closer to those facilities. Some of my concerns for an access are garbage pickup, policeing especially after hours even if there is a gate or closing time as anyone can just park and walk in, also open fires or barbeque pits especially when areas are dry. Also I am very concerned about the quality of the lake as it is very clean and pristine and I wonder how long that will last. Everyone who now uses the lake knows how rocky it is and what areas to keep clear of, who will educate the public about the dangers of where and where not to go as there are people on this lake who have had to rescue "VISITORS" when their boat became hung up on rocks or snow mobiles went through the ice after dark.
- In Canada we are privileged to live in a single tiered democracy. Attempting to deny public access to a lake is an attempt to re-write the legislation enacted for all to benefit one select group. This is a reprehensible act of self interest unbecoming of any Canadian.
- If, public access is allowed it will be the end of the loon population, beavers, ducks, etc. I don't want my tax dollar paying for something that is going to hurt the environment. I am totally against it.
- If you were to ask the tax payers of Lun. County if they wanted to spend a lot of money on an access to Sherbrooke Lake, I believe the majority would say no. Taxes can be better spent in other areas. Cleaning up the La Have River and not adding to the problem it would be a better solution.
- If you provide access to the public I wouldn't want to see any motor boats possibly canoes or kayaks would be ok to maintain the peacefulness of the lake
- If you open up access to the lake we will spend more time in your Lun. Cou .
- If we as land owners could be guaranteed this is a safe proposal and we wouldn't be affected you wouldn't have such opposition. Change is not always a good thing, especially for the retired residents on the lake, or for the hard working folks who just want to be left alone, who no longer want to go to provincial campgrounds due to the overcrowding, noisy & disrespectful people. We aren't selfish we are tax payers. I also don't believe my cultural background should have anything to do with this, my ancestors helped make this province a beautiful place for everyone. People are all human beings you cannot show favoritism due to sexual preference, color, culture etc. First nations people truly know how to respect the land unfortunately not many others do.
- If they don't live there, don't pay road fees, don't own land, or have them invited to a place, don't come, people bought residents there to get away, or live as a home, don't need for them to worry who is just there to fish, hunt, or boat without lake access, or to cause them trouble, or invade their properties, without permission, it is asking for trouble, if this becomes public to anyone who has no reason to be there, and don't pay, it is not fair to do that do !!!! You are just asking for trouble, and destruction, and more, , , ,
- If the public wants access then they should purchase the land for it. I purchased my property because this lake is private.
- If the municipality of Lunenburg were to give access to the lake for larger craft then canoes and kayaks they will be opening themselves up for costs and charges from property owners if those owners are subjected to trespassing by boat and lake users, the leaving behind of garbage or remains of camping activity. If lake users carried firearms and access private land they could put landowners and their contractors or employees in danger and the municipality can be named in any charges as well as the user as the municipality allowed them to get there in the first place. If the land user could not be identified the municipality could still face charges if there is garbage, vandalism or other damage to private property. If the municipality fulfils their commitment for access by a walking path (not groomed trail) then the public will have to be satisfied with using it. Motorized craft should not be allowed on the lake as there is evidence that a big part of the problem with algae for Mattatall Lake outside Tatamogouche is from larger boats that brought either the algae or detergent residue and waxes into the lake that caused a build up of algae.
- If the municipality of Lunenburg allow access for boats it will ruin the lake as well as the property around the lake as people will trespass on the land as they will think access to the lake includes landing around the lake where ever they like. as staff and council you should not have made promises to citizens you may not be able to keep before you investigated the situation better
- If the modl wasn't so obsessed with swinging the gates of Sherbrooke lake wide open to the public this survey would be questions asking if we want public access to the lake not how we want it. I am disappointed in the way this is being handled and as a modl tax payer I feel that my concerns and the concerns of many lake residents are being swept under the rug and the public access agenda is being pushed through by the modl. I sincerely hope that none of you get reelected if your holding an elected position. Shame on you modl for your handling of the situation and the residents of Sherbrooke lake
- If public access must be granted to Sherbrooke Lake once again it has to be far away from existing cottages and lot owners. Increase boats on the lake will make it dangerous for swimming and also harm the fish, beavers duck and other wildlife that can be found on Sherbrooke Lake.
- If public access is opened on the lake, what guarantee do present property owners have that someone will not set up house boats on the lake as permanent summer cottages. Present property owners already have concerns over the water quality of the lake. Opening up to fishing tournaments could further damage the present fragile water quality. Public access should only be personal, not commercialized. Any boat launch needs to be environmentally friendly. Concerns that people may back vehicles into the water. Please make the right decision in preserving the beauty and integrity of this wonderful lake.

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- If motorized boating access is an area of concern in regards to lack of access to lakes, then perhaps council could take stock of the huge land bank they have, sell those properties that are small value, (financially, or better suited to be conveyed to a community group). Then any financial gains could be placed in a reserve for future sourcing of a location for developing an access to a fresh water lake for motorized boating activities. Sherbrooke lake in general is not the lake for this as it has been developed as a cottage lake and we need to respect the wishes and concerns of these residents/ owners.
- If motor boats were to be permitted to be launched and used in the public area. Then they should be limited to only electric motors to ensure environmental sustainability and limited noise pollution.
- If I say anything else I would just be repeating myself. I have expressed my concerns and I don't want high speed boats on our lake.
- ice fishing
- I'm worried if they don't put public access to the lake then the new generation will have no where in the community to play swim and just have fun .
- I'm very concerned about some dishonest objectives for this land use plan. I've heard horrific stories of a lobby by major boating and fishing enthusiasts to get access to this lake. I walk and kayak. The lake is full of boating hazards. On 'party days' now, I'm scared to go near the water. A huge influx of boats on the lake will destroy the special lake which has many many users now. I'm also shocked that there is a budget for a development of recreation lands when all areas of fiscal responsibilities are stretched to the limits now. Time to do something for seniors, families with special needs, care of parks and lands already developed. I hope the Municipality is going to be more responsible. I am adamantly against the plan to develop public access to Sherbrooke Lake
- I'm strongly in favor of having access to Sherbrooke Lake. I'm hoping this will come into being as I have experienced not being able to use the lake. I think it can be worked out that the cottage residents and the public can get along. I can understand that the cottage owners want their privacy but surely the goodness as large as the lake is it can be a space for the public.
- I'm paying taxes plus private road fees and I do not want to be subjected to parties and noise not to mention All the lake traffic and pollution and crime that follows these short sighted proposals. It's a private road and there are other access points available so use one of those. The road is small currently and would have to be widened plus all the power lines would have to be moved and you would also be infringing on my property as a result . how do you justify this cost...by raising taxes?
- I'm not interested in catering to local land owners or special interest groups only, I live in this county and want to be able to access this large Lake and use it as part of my leisure or play in a responsible manner. Sherbrooke offers lots of opportunities such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking and similar, all should be welcomed in the public open space and access plan.
- I'm concerned about noise and pollution .
- I'm concerned about motorized boat traffic, noise, cars, too many people. Come to think of it, these are all the things that the residents and cottage owners of Sherbrooke Lake go there to get away from. I think it would be a good idea to protect this beautiful, peaceful, quiet lake from the things that could easily destroy it for the people who love it so dearly; motorized boat traffic, noise, cars, too many people.
- I'm an elderly person semi retired and its great to have a nice place to go and relax in the older years and enjoy all the beauty we have here. I love the outdoors and would like to get out of town all the time.
- I'm a local real estate sales person and I know there are lakefront owners that do not wish for the public to have access at all. They like the peace and quiet of the lake and do not wish for large boats to be speeding up and down the lake. There may be a rule to only allow certain size boats on the lake, so everyone may enjoy. The locals all had access before the land was divided into lots and sold and once the developments took over, access was denied. I made reference to a great uncle who sold a large parcel and was guaranteed that he would still have access. The developer installed a gate and didn't keep his word. Someone like myself, would have had a contract drawn up to save a public space.
- I'd strongly recommend to prohibit motorized boats, ATVs etc. on or around the lake.
- I'd like to know if the waters in the lake were ever tested for algae before the cottages lined the lake. And what the results were.
- I would prefer that motor boats not have access to the lake. Maintenance should be inexpensive. It is important that the area be kept clean.
- I would prefer any access to be strictly held to a small beach for swimming and a spot for the public to access the lake for canoe or kayak only, not motorized boats.
- I would NOT want to encourage access by powerboats, which could disrupt the quiet for cottage owners.
- I WOULD NOT WANT ANY FISHING DERBIES, OR WATERCRAFT GATHERINGS THAT WILL POLLUTE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE LAKE
- I would like to see a park for future generations.. even if people do not want it, they need to think for the future.. a great place for family gatherings, photography and to enjoy the nature..... great way to promote tourism... I live away but each time I come home, which is a few times a year, I visit the winery, the falls.. its part of your trip... so this lake would be on the list as well..... no one should be banned from viewing the beauty of what our community has to offer.
- I would like local people to have access to the lake for swimming and picnicking and natural trails but it must be supervised and monitored to maintain the environment and safety. Public access must be supported by public dollars for both maintenance and monitoring and for any remediation to the access area (including roads) or water quality that may result from public access. Water vehicles on the lake by those not owning property on the lake is a serious concern due to the algae contamination and boating safety by those who are not keeping aware of navigating the rocks. All of our 3 children were born in Lunenburg Co. as we lived there for many years. Our cottage is our way of maintaining their heritage for them and our grandchildren throughout their lives. The reality is that those who access but do not own property on the lake do not take the same level of responsibility for stewardship of the environment and water quality as do the property owners.
- I would like it to include signage that encourages people to leave their handheld devices in their backpacks and to spend screen-free time with their family and friends.
- I would just like to say that it is our duty to make sure that all public water is accessible to all the public and insure lakes do not become private waters to the few. All Nova Scotia lakes belong to the public wherever we pay our taxes.
- I would be most concerned about people leaving litter that will then pollute the lake. I would be concerned about too many motorized boats causing environmental and noise pollution.
- I would be concerned about the potential for developments on the lake to create an excessively noisy environment

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- I worry that it will ruin the existing owners perception of the lake, they moved there to have peace and quiet, if public access were to be granted there would be possibilities of environmental factors ruining the quality of the lake, overfishing, some users can be very obnoxious.
- I will provide same at the public meetings.
- I will only say this. As a kid, I grew up on the north end of the lake, and as an adult, I now own property on the south end of the lake. This is obviously not a coincidence. I wanted my children to experience the natural beauty that is Sherbrooke Lake - including the unparalleled peace and tranquility that is it's hallmark. As kids we spent what seemed endless days swimming, canoeing, and sailing, exploring shorelines, and fishing spots. Lake traffic did not exist. Noise from the outside world was non-existent. It's a testament to the property owners of the lake that these things remain true today - 40 years later! It would be a true shame to have this wonderful place changed forever, by providing the wrong type of access.
- I will forward my lengthy concerns and views to Trudy Payne . To Follow
- I want to see good value for the money being spent. I would like to see work done in stages so that a big debt is not incurred for tax payers.
- I think, a proper analysis should be done to determine....do people really want this, how many will use and how often? questionnaire does not ask this question and how much are they willing to pay
- I think the government of Nova Scotia should come up with a standardized plan for providing public access to our waters so that it does not have to be the long, difficult, often unsuccessful process that it currently is. They should survey each suitable water- body for various criteria to see how it would best be utilized by the public, without harming the environment.
- I think that public access will be expensive to provide + maintain + police. There will always be those who abuse it. In my experience at other lakes in our area even where access has been traditionally by foot/ bicycle, garbage has been an issue, dirty diapers + garbage on the beach in the fire pit broken bottles. Others partying on the beach at all hours disrupting the adjacent property owners. No real way to affect policing. We have also seen property/ machinery damage + camps bring burnt when objections or complaints were raised by camp owners with no effective consequences to those at fault. If this is paid for by taxes by MODL how many people will use public space as compared to what the cost will be for tax payers. I don't think adjacent land owners should have to pay for something for others to use + abuse. The sense of entitlement sometimes reaches the extreme. Access for public swimming is one thing putting big boats in the lake is another!
- I think that large beach services with significant infrastructure (canteen, washrooms and large boat launch) will ultimately impact the shoreline as well as potentially the ecosystem. I currently live in Whitehorse Yukon and we have many lakes with primitive waterfront access that have small beach areas or camp grounds that allow for water access as well as overnight stay. A mix of these would allow for increased access with minimal infrastructure maintenance or staffing costs. These cost savings could potentially allow for a larger number of sites. Campgrounds with self registration could also generate some revenue to help offset maintenance costs.
- I think that everyone should have equal rights. Just because you cant afford to buy lake frontage, that doesn't mean others don't have the right to enjoy it... we need to think of the future generations and not just the here and now.... we need to stop being so greedy..... people own the land their cottage is on... now the lake or along the shore line up to the high level mark
- I think that a park in the area would be a great thing for the community... people drive up that way to go to the Winery and the Falls.. having this park would also be something they could add to the day.... plus there is a campground in the area... increase tourism..... we are forcing people to go outside of our community and go else where to enjoy something we could have in our back yard
- I think its a great idea
- I think it is very important to respect the right of the public to access the waterways and shoreline of this Province.I think this would enhance the right and responsibility embodied in the Nova Scotia Anglers act.
- I think it is very important to limit motor boat access to the lake
- I think it is important to providing something for pubic that is not already available, but it is in demand. If it is possible to set up a rental for canoes and kayaks, that would be a bonus.
- I think it is a great thing for the communities surrounding Sherbrooke lake. It is something to make them feel that they are no longer secluded from a area they always freely enjoyed, I sure hope to see this project progress. What was done with church lake was fantastic. It is nice to see progress in the rural areas. Kudos
- I think initiatives to improve public access on Sherbrooke Lake should preserve the natural condition of the lake, so things like increased motorboat access, introducing unnatural fish stock, etc. should be avoided.
- I think I have said it already. The big resistance is the bass fisherman, riding up and down the lake on every beautiful day of the summer, making a lot of noise and polluting the lake. People are concerned that what happened on Lake Torment will happen at Sherbrooke Lake. If there has to be a compromise perhaps limited times for access to the bass fishermen, and/or requirements for a guide, limitation on the number of people /boats that participate in tournaments etc.
- i think everyone should have access to enjoy the beauty of the lake . i think the rights of the many should be greater than the few.public vs cottage and land owners.
- I think everyone should be able to enjoy the beauty of the lakes... and if not, then when it comes to fishing season.. only lake front properties should be allowed to buy fishing license.
- I think all natural water courses or bodies in NS, or were natural before being altered by man, ie. lake rossignol system, should have public access.
- I think a park would be a great idea..... not everyone can afford to live by the lake..... this way everyone can enjoy the beauty of what the place has to offer... future generations can use it, family gatherings.... something positive for a change.... perhaps have fishing tournaments, game days... ring toss tournaments, badminton, etc.
- I support the public access to Sherbrooke Lake with restrictions to the type of water activity permitted. I do not support the use of motorized vehicles on the lake. I am concerned with the protection of the natural environment in regards to water and air quality, wildlife habitats and noise pollution.

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- I strongly recommend that any public access to Sherbrooke Lake respect the right of current property owners on or near Sherbrooke Lake to enjoy their property without interference. Such interference being trespass; garbage left in the natural environment; lessening of water quality; destruction of the natural environment; increase vehicle traffic that puts pressure on private roads which will increase the cost of repairs and maintenance of private roads; reduction of privacy; illegal camping on private property. Lots of Headwaters Park are under strict environmental by-laws. These by-laws are enforced by the Homeowners Association with the full support of the lots owners. Owners purchased these properties knowing the scope of these by-laws and decided to purchase property within Headwaters Park with a view to respecting and maintaining the natural environment. Any outside interference that damages or stresses the natural environment, such as public access roads, could and probably will negate the purpose and goal of these by-laws.
- I strongly encourage the Municipality to take a very close look at the environmental impact that opening the lake to the public would have. I also have family with property on Aylesford Lake and I know the impact the traffic on the lake has had. I do not want Sherbrooke Lake to become another Aylesford Lake. Again, I am not opposed to having a public access area where people can go for the day, to swim, spend family time, hiking trails, picnic areas, but I STRONGLY oppose the installation of a boat launch. Also, I oppose the installation of outdoor grills/ BBQ's as most home/cottage owners on the lake have one access road. If that road were to be cut off by fire, countless homes and possibly lives could be lost. This is a serious issue.
- I strongly do not want an overly commercialized development. It should simply be a beach with minimum facilities, e.g. rudimentary washrooms and picnic tables, garbage cans and a place to launch boats.
- I still have fond memories of going to g.g. camp on Sherbrooke lake.
- I saw this post on a facebook page, I have heard almost all the lakelot owners have replied trying to prevent many things as they also tried to prevent this from happening at all. The numbers of those against will always be high, the information gets to all of them as they make sure everyone knows, This needs to have the time for all the public to have the opportunity to fill it out. I would suggest it be sent out to the community by mail, at least the information to access the link so all have the chance to speak.
- I own lake properties and feel people who don't should still be able to enjoy. Just because people own a place on the lake don't mean they should be the only people to use it. Many of these people never grew up in the surrounding areas and now are trying to stop the locals who grew up and used the lakes. That should be stopped. Build the park for everyone to enjoy.
- I oppose any public park on the lake
- I need spell check for sure. Everybody I speak to is concerned about the "cost" and why there are not asking on this survey if the tax "base" want it "??". After all they are the ones that will be paying for it.
- I Love the outdoors
- I love the idea of families coming to swim and hike and enjoy the beauty of Sherbrooke Lake. I am concerned, however, about fishing regattas and having people, with no long term stake in the Lake, launching motor boats and sea-doo's into the Lake. Lakes in Ontario have been destroyed by this. They are polluted and made un-swimable with the introduction of zebra mussels - critters which stow-away on boats that move from Lake to Lake. I don't want to see this happen to Sherbrooke Lake. Also an increase in boat traffic would affect the enjoyment of the waterfront for cottage owners and their families. And that's not fair. It negates the goal of letting everyone enjoy the Lake. Plus boaters, unfamiliar with the lake and where the cottages are, could injure swimmers. Any type of access would also require an upgrade to the roads, which would need to be taken over by the municipality, as well as police patrols and strict rules that are enforced to make sure families can enjoy themselves and feel safe at the public access point.
- I love all the beauty the Lake has to offer but just look around all the other public spaces in Nova Scotia and take note of all the litter and lack of care by the general public, I don't want that for our settlement. I want to keep the lake as pristine as possible for future generations. While we do have a gate at the main entrance to our settlement, it is never closed, always open, and we do have a right-a-way which the locals know about and use. We do not stop anyone wishing to get on the Lake but we don't want much more public access as people in general throw what they don't want out the car window and we who live there have the "joy/disgust" of picking up the litter. I am not selfish person but having been a scout leader for over 42 years, we have a motto "Sharing and Caring" and if everyone did that, it might be good to have more public access to our beautiful lakes in Nova Scotia but that is wishing thinking on my part.
- I live in Dartmouth and we have access to the lakes. They cannot shut off access. A lake this size should have a dozen access points. I was born and brought up in Parkdale and years ago we could always get to the lake.
- I know there are always two sides, but nobody should have a problem with families enjoying an outing at a lake. People should be respectful of the area and residents. This has been 30 year process and I would like to see a favorable decision made as I am sure many others would too.
- I know the United Church is having financing problems as are all large denominations. I think the church camp, if for sale would be an excellent place for public access. Money is going enter into the conversation at some point and sooner the better. The size, type, amenities offered are all geared around our ability to finance them, and the church camp has a lot of the amenities the general public are looking for.
- I just wish that the people that have the cottages that they don't use would not want to stop people from doing things they love to do..
- I just think it would be an awesome place to go to have fun for fishing a tournament or having a picnic or anything else.
- I just hope all people who use the lake area will take care of it so future generations will be able to use it.
- I hope that this discussion will encourage all users of the lake to look at the impact their use is having on the environment. I am concerned that the debate and discussion will lead to greater division between segments of the population. Maintaining the lake for future generations will require all of us acting differently.
- I have strong concerns around those who truly don't have a vested interest in the land, water environment of the community. Many people are stewards and believe it is all our responsibility but there are those who really don't care (their actions speak louder than their words). Thank you for allowing all of us, as concerned residents, taxpayers, in one of the two municipal units in with Sherebrooke Lake covers, to have the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

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- I have seen a great deal of development occur during my relationship with the "Nine Mile." There is not much untouched shoreline anymore. Public access is an admirable goal. I am concerned for wildlife (loon, beaver, eagle, fish stocks & population) and sustainability of the area if public access causes an influx of uninvested users who may not care as much about the lake as we do. We already have a lot of large, fast watercraft resident to the lake and I don't like the idea of a public access that would encourage a dramatic increase in that kind of traffic.
- I have owned property on Sherbrooke lake since 1979. In fact, I own three waterfront lots on the lake. Any problems we have encountered were from people who did not own property and did not care about privacy or preservation of the natural beauty and pristineness of the lake. Also the privacy of people with property on the lake was disturbed because outsiders did not care about excessive noise and cleanliness. I am against any public access to this lake and the raising of our taxes to pay for it.
- I have only one concern and that is the access should be monitored by the public and all mischief reported to whoever is responsible for the up keep.
- I have observed lakes being damaged by too much boat traffic and with people coming from other areas it raises safety and security concerns for those who own property on this lake. I do support families being able to gather for a day of swimming, BBQ ing, going for a canoe ride or kyaking.
- I have lots of concerns on how this could go wrong. Community access to the natural environment is what I am in favour of. Destruction of the ecosystem, I am NOT in favour of. I am not in favour of payment, facilities, gas-powered boats. I am in favour of a place for community members to swim, walk, relax and perhaps picnic and canoe.
- I have followed this process for a number of years. I am confused about the switching of the term 'pubic access' and 'public space' in this survey. I have read the preamble at the beginning of this survey carefully about the Open Space Strategic Plan. On the first page of this survey, the final two sentences of the third paragraph state: "Council adopted the proposed changes in 2010 and passed a motion to approve teh amendments to the Open Space Strategic Plan site priorities and associated policy recommendations. Providing public access to Sherbrooke Lake was identified as one of the top five open space priorities". What is council's mandate? to provide a public space or public access? I believe all persons should have access to this beautiful lake and its surroundings. I do not believe it is in the best interests of us all to create a 'public space' right on the lake. Create it further back from the shoreline, with access to the lake being footpaths only. Canoes and kayaks could be transported on those paths. Let Sherbrooke Lake be the place where people come to enjoy a natural setting, not one created by power tools. Yes, some cottage owners do have power boats, but because some do, does that make it right for everyone? We have learned so much over the last 20 - 30 years about lake use in general, let's not let the early cottagers set the bottom line for us now. Now is the time to look forward, not look backwards. We know clearcutting to the shoreline destroys natural filters and creates more runoff, we know changing the shoreline with boat launches and artificial beaches harms wildlife and upsets the natural environment, we have access to water quality reports that indicate where the lake is least capable of flushing itself indicating the last possible choice for power-boating and increased amounts of public use. Please, please use this knowledge. It is possible to create public access in a new way, but we don't have to re-invent the wheel. Great examples can be found everywhere, and they get written about and draw attention because they are shining examples of the way of the future. MODL has the opportunity to create a model of how 'public access' can be intelligently done, respecting the environment. Let's do something wonderful that will still be usable and valuable when our children and our grandchildren are grown. Thank you for this opportunity and for opening your minds to look at the solution from a different approach. Your mandate of 'public access' can be met in so many ways.
- I have covered the issues I feel need to be examined.
- I have concerns that with increased access to the lake there will be increased risk of break ins to our properties. If speed boats are allowed their will be more noise, pollution and danger for swimmers and canoers.
- I have concerns about maintaining the water quality of the lake if there is not enough pre planning of a public access. It is one thing to provide funds for a public access but supervision and maintenance are an on going cost that must also be considered. What is that impact on the taxpayer? The rocky nature of the lake does not lend itself to high speed watercraft, there would be many accidents due to unfamiliarity with these rock shelves and massive underwater boulders.
- I have concerns about fishing tournaments and concentrations of larger fast boats disrupting the peace and putting strain on the already fragile eco system of the lake. so far, residents and cottage owners have kept this to a minimum.
- I have canoed the lake several times, starting and finishing at a friend's cottage, as there is no public access to the lake at present. This is highly unfortunate, as the lake is big enough for a pleasant canoe/kayak day outing, but is also the start of the paddling trip down the famed North Branch LaHave River, one of the most popular whitewater rivers in the province.
- I have a real issue with you spending my hard earned money that you force me to give to the Municipality on this unimportant stuff. This Sherbrooke Lake thing is only important to the people that live up around there. I really don't care about it. But I'll just keep working hard every day and sending you my money so you can waste it.
- I have a place in Boat Cove on Lake Sherbrooke and I applied to get permission to remove some rocks in the water in front of my place so that I could move in and out of the cove without scraping the bottom of my boat. I was told at that time that permission was denied. Therefore, I do not understand how a beach or boat launch is viable to the extension of the Veinot Road without moving vast amounts of boulders. Plus, there is a public beach on the opposite side of the lake that people can drive to.
- I have a concern that the bass fishing community have long desired access to Sherbrooke Lake. These boats are used at high speeds and are disruptive to the peaceful serene environment that now exists on Sherbrooke Lake. I am against large motorized boats having public access to Sherbrooke Lake.
- I have a concern about fishing tournaments and lots of motor boats on the waterway. It will greatly impact water quality, property values and the peacefulness of the lake.
- I feel to provide public access to Sherbrook lake will be a very expensive endeavour just to put a proper road into the lake is more monies than I feel we should be spending on this type of recreation. There is already public access on a few lakes very handy Sherbrook lake which fulfills the canoeing swimming need. Surely our taxes would be better spend in other well needed areas.

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- I feel that public water should be public. There are still far too many lakes that are "land-locked" by private land owners. We need to address this issue and educate the owners and the public about this problem. I can understand the need for peace and quiet when you own a cottage or home on a lake, but there is a limit to the extent of your authority. You cannot own the water, or the fish in it, or the wildlife on it. Those things are for all of us to enjoy, and for none of us to own. I'm also a little concerned that the local community might be wary of allowing anglers on the lake due to concerns of adverse environmental issues. All I can say is that as an angler there is nothing more important to me than keeping the ecology of a lake safe from harm. We are the stewards of the water, keeping an eye on everything around us when we are enjoying our sport. It is, after all, in our best interests to prevent pollution and keep the fish happy.
- I feel that people using public access should respect those who own property on the lake & vice versa.
- I feel that everyone should have access to the lake. As the years go by, there is less and less access due to the land being bought up. People and their family should have the right to enjoy a picnic, family time, swimming, fishing if they want..... Nova Scotia is known for its beauty, let people enjoy it..... not everyone can afford lake front property... so why stop people that cant.
- I feel it would be great to finally have public access to the lake as its a beautiful spot to be able to take our family, living this far out of town makes it hard to plan days out when you have to travel so far to get to parks or nice swimming spots for families, it would be amazing to just drive down the road and have a place to relax with something for everyone in my family.
- I feel all lakes need to be accessible to the public whether by foot, boat, wheelchair, etc.
- I fear a public access will endanger the tranquility and the water quality. The Loons and animals of the Lake don't want to be disturbed from noisy boats and fisherman, nor do I. Sherbrooke lake should stay as natural as possible in my opinion. It is in the interest of our children and the future generations to have places where humans didn't interfere so much. There are other lakes like big mushamush lake, where you can observe how much nature was damaged there. I'm from germany and visit Sherbrooklake since I'm 8 years old (now I'm 31) every summer for 3-5 weeks. I appreciate the natural beauty so much and that is the reason why my parents bought a property on sherbrooklake in headwaters park. It is meant to be an area to conserve nature. We even didn't put out trees on the shoreline, to not destroy the picture of the waterfront. If there is public access with boats or much noise it could certainly harm the atmosphere of this beautiful lake. I don't want that.
- I enjoy the quietness of the lake and would prefer there to be no public access.
- I emphasize that seadoos will be a nightmare as they've been in cottage countries elsewhere in the US and Cda (e.g. Ontario Muskoka)
- I don't want to see public access, because boat traffic will damage the lake. I do not want to see non-owners abusing the beaches on the lake. I disagree with giving any access to fishing tournaments. There are enough lakes with public access already, and the water quality of all those, has suffered as a result.
- I don't understand why this keeps going on and on. I live on Big Mush-a-Mush Lake and there's public access at the beach. There's a boat launch for fishing tournaments at the other end of the lake. Seems so simple, just get on with it!
- I don't think the Municipality should be using private roads and private land to gain access for a public area.
- I don't think people should travel over lake lot owners property or roads to get to their property to get access to Sherbrooke lake.
- I don't believe you have any right to diminish the security of the lake by allowing public access to it, nor do I think you have the right to jeopardize the environment within the lake by allowing public access. Cottage owners have great appreciation for the lake and their neighbors...the public would not have "ownership" and therefore would treat it with the same respect or privacy. Also, would we then have to bring everything in off of our docks as "strangers" would then be wondering by in their boats. Would we then have to lock up everything for increased fear of breakins? Consider this...would you like your backyard opened up to the public? Would you like your children's toys, your 4 wheelers, boat, kayaks to be available to be potentially taken by people who now have full access to the lake? Had we purchased our property with the knowledge of public access...that would be one thing. We did not and have no intention of supporting this idea. Kejimikujik park was created for this very purpose? A safe, protected, historical, well signed, full access, lifeguarded, patrolled, public bathrooms, wheelchair accessible sites, etc, etc. for the PUBLIC to use. Great amounts of Government monies are spent for these exact places and I used them before I was cottage owner. That is the difference between preserving lands for this purpose and trying to take away the privacy and invested protection of the PURCHASED lands we have at Sherbrooke. Shame on all of you for thinking you can have the "right" to all property. I understand you spent \$130,000 on church Lake...do you not think that the Municipality would have better use of these funds?
- I do support access to Sherbrooke Lake, however NOT on Private Roads. Also, I feel the boats should be restricted to smaller boats and not high powered ones. I do NOT support fishing tournaments. You would need a 'huge' space to accommodate the size of Fishing Tournaments and their vehicles and trailers., etc. Knowing this lake after boating on it for 13 years, (and there are more educated people than I on this matter that have had cottages for over 25 years on Sherbrooke Lake), I would say it would be VERY IMPORTANT to have some sort of education on this lake, as it is very rocky, and unpredictable. Being as long as Sherbrooke Lake is, it can become like an ocean at times, with whitecaps. Also, I have kayaked some of it, and there are some areas that are like 'Peggy's Cove' underwater., and quite a ways out off the shoreline. If you do not educate people, I feel it fair to say that when you open this lake up to the public and motor boats, be prepared for a lot of accidents.
- I do not wish to see public access to sherbrooke lake because: 1. public usually does not care about the lake's quality + purity 2. public access can generally contribute to vandalism + property damage + also theft 3. when there is public access granted to a lake, more chances of drowning occur because they don't know the lake + its surroundings (overcast weather produces very high waves on Sherbrooke Notation: 1) who pays for this public access (I hope not the property owners) 2) who pays for police if unruly parties go on out of control 3) who will police hunters when they know of a public access? (danger to cottage owners during this season) 4) who collects garbage left by party goers (I hope not a cottage owners expense)
- I do not think there should be public access to Sherbrooke Lake. It is a poor use of taxpayers money for the few people that want to use the lake to deplete the fish stock, increase pollution of the lake and surrounding area, and put the natural environment at further risk.
- I do not think that a boat launch and public users bringing in boats is an appropriate idea. It contributes to the environmental degradation of the area, makes the lake busier and more dangerous and takes away the enjoyment and tranquility that the area currently possesses.
- I do not support public access at all.

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- I do not feel public access is a good thing for current property owners on Sherbrooke Lake. Public access will compromise safety and security on the lake. It will give the general public access to lake properties by water that is very difficult to monitor. Break ins and vandalism would be two concerns with this increased access. Many properties on the lake are seasonal and only used on weekends and vacations.
- I do not believe motorised access (motor bikes, ATVs and other OHVs) should be considered due to the extra maintenance costs, potential harm to the lake environment and disruption (through noise and fumes) to the enjoyment of residents and visitors. In the same vein I believe that there should be a power limitation for water vehicles.
- I do not agree with public access. This is a place of quiet and retirement for many. A place to enjoy your family and friends without hassle of other people on public beaches.
- I currently pay road maintenance fees and taxes for my property and access to Sherbrooke Lake. I bought this property and access to Sherbrooke Lake with the hopes of retiring to this area and the serenity of Sherbrooke Lake. Opening the Lake for public access will most certain reduce the clam and peacefulness of Sherbrooke Lake. If public access is provided and it ruins what is now a beautiful and pristine environment, I will most certainly reconsider my plans for the future in the area.
- I chose to be on Sherbrooke Lake instead of Big Mush-a-Mush because of the peace and quiet. Public access on Mush-a-Mush makes it a very busy lake and more dangerous for all patrons who use it. There are plenty of other lakes that can be utilized by the public. Sherbrooke doesn't need to be one of them.
- I certainly would not like to see activities such as fishing derby's or poker rallies on the lake. I have children and grandchildren on the lake and would worry about safety issues. Also big concern about liability issues. Also, who would pay for the construction, staffing + upkeep of proposed public space?
- I believe this will benefit the community. Opening up the lake and providing an area for me every of the community to gather is a important thing
- I believe this lake is the headwaters of the North Branch of the Lahave River. The river is a popular route for whitewater canoeists and kayakers when the water levels are high, usually April and May and after heavy rains. I have paddled the river many times and enjoyed the challenges of the river. It is not for beginners and requires skills to be able to run up to Class 3 rapids. In heavy rain some rapids are Class 4. Plus there is Indian Falls below the lake which is a portage. if public access is put in place that is near where the river exits the lake some signage about the risks may be warranted. A public access point is great but it may also tempt beginners to run the river. Just a caution.
- I believe the principal of public access is very important. Our respect for the environment can only grow and strengthen if we have access to the natural environment. Protecting that environment and the peace and quiet that engender deep contemplation and appreciation of nature is important as well. Going with the Ivany report, we need to make good local economic use of public resources. Employing two people seasonally may not seem like much, but really, that can mean one or two people being able to afford higher education. The knock-on gain to the community can be substantial from this point of view. It would be quite possible to set staffing goals with that in mind.
- I believe the only way the public will have access is for the Municipality to purchase a piece of land.
- I believe that there should be public access to all lakes in Nova Scotia. To often developments around lakes tend to make them private because there is no access. I have seen that far to often where I live here in Lower Sackville. You may also want to check he Anglering Act - An Act Respecting the Rights of Fishing in Nova Scotia at <http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/angling.htm>.
- I believe that some public access be allowed to lakes in Nova Scotia.
- I believe many of my concerns have already been stated, but I'll refresh on a few: The area that public access is being considered... 1. is NOT a prime swimming area that can support the public (water quality issues), 2. will possibly have a negative impact on the Nature Reserve area for the existing wildlife, 3. is not (in my opinion) financially affordable - Vienotte Rd is in constant need of maintenance already and I've aware of the minimum costs related to building and maintaining a proper road, 4. is too close to many other great public access areas that provide the same needs this project is trying to fulfill, 5. is not fair to current residents of the lake that have purchased property for the reason of a quite retreat spot (and pay higher taxes) to have a proposed public beach placed in the middle of it all. Any public access interest should have a large buffer area against the existing owner's property such as that of the Sherbrooke Lake United Church Campground.
- I believe if public access is granted that we would be open to having all manner of boats on the lake creating noise,pollution and too much traffic ,disturbing the tranquillity.
- I believe access to waters for recreational angling is enshrined in provincial legislation (Fisheries Act) but as a responsible user of the lands and waters I have never exerted this right without discussion with land owners. One concern is that if public access is not provided for some people may decide to exercise the right of access which could lead to confrontation with land owners, a situation nobody wants. By providing regulated access and enforcing the rules of access the concerns of both sides can be addressed,
- I appreciate the efforts to make public space available on Sherbrooke Lake.
- I appreciate the care and time that MODL is taking to consider the interests of citizens in determining what type of public access is proposed. As a respite for Nova Scotians from cities, it is an amazing place to renew one's body and spirit. Motor boats and jet skis have already invaded the lake creating noisy weekend traffic and waves as boaters race up and down the lake. Increasing motorized boat traffic on the lake would be detrimental to the natural benefits of the lake as it is.
- I am very pleased this survey is being done to share all opinions. My first reaction to public access is noise, garbage and environmental destruction. However I am not against it at all. I just want us to think very hard about how and where it is done. A boat ramp and parking lot as on Church Lake recently frightens me. In particular next to any beach. Please put the parking lot well back from a shoreline so run off can be filtered. Access where there is good water circulation would be very important. Supervision and limited access time. Hurray! Water quality should be at the top of the list too. Is the Church Camp interested in some kind of mutual benefit? How do we make the public think about preservation each time they use the access? Make it all too easy and the public may lose sight of how special access to a clean lake is.

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- I am very concerned that public access to Sherbrooke Lake could bring people to the lake who don't respect the lake. We have few power boats at our end of the lake and I would hope it would stay that way for a number of reasons. As a resident of Boat Cove we are home to several duck families, loons, beavers, mink, and a variety of fish. Bringing more power boats not only would contribute to pollution but would also disturb the wild life and residents. There is little out flow from our end of the lake, the water quality will suffer. I am not opposed to people enjoying some recreational time at the lake but I am opposed to careless concern for the future of the lake. We are fairly isolated and enjoy the solitude. A few years ago several cottages including ours were severely vandalized. It appears to have been a group of young people who were partying. I fear more vandalism. There is also a small beach (headwaters) around the corner from us. Each summer the beach cannot be used as it becomes infested from duck parasites. The water is very still there with little movement and the parasites don't easily get flushed away. Public access needs to be in a less isolated area, and where the water flows more. Power boats need to be banned from the lake. I am not in favor of a camp ground or boat launch as this will only encourage more water craft.
- I am very concerned that fishing tournaments or the arrival of many more motorized boats will damage the peacefulness and fragile ecosystem of the lake.
- I am very concerned and somewhat disappointed that there is a rumored site already picked even though this process has just started. Quite frankly it the rumored site is chosen there is probably foul play and corruption involved.
- I am very concerned about the water quality, left garbage, noise, pollution, wild life, and privacy.
- I am very concerned about the maintenance of the road, additional traffic, noise levels with motor boats and seadoos, litter etc.
- I am strongly against opening Sherbrooke Lake to public access as it will hurt the value of the area, as well as its beauty, and drive away locals.
- I am strongly against a public access. I have private water front access now, like my neighbors and do not want any extra traffic whether it is from boats of people using a public access.
- I am so happy that this project is finally getting underway. I am very appreciative to all of the members of council who have fought to provide the public with this opportunity. I look forward to the day that I will be able to take my children to Sherbrooke Lake as my family has taken me.
- I am part of the Board that administers the property and activities of Sherbrooke Lake United Church Camp
- I am opposed to allowing any access to a public space via Gilbert Lane or Crown Lane in Maplewood. These are private roads. Sherbrooke lake is a large lake. Any public access should be via a public road (as provided and maintained by the municipality) and developed as far away as possible to established communities. There should be no events taking place on the lake that would disturb the peacefulness of the lake currently enjoyed by property owners.
- I am not in favour of public access to Sherbrooke Lake
- I am not in favor of public access as this will eventually destroy the beautiful lake that many have enjoyed for generations. Everyone on the lake respects the wilderness and wildlife. There are many who don't because they don't live there..
- I am mostly concerned about noise pollution and water pollution.
- I am in favour of a public access on Sherbrooke Lake. This is a beautiful large lake that the public, and especially those who live locally, should be able to access and enjoy. While I realize that there are a lot of differing views and opinions about this, I think that once it is finally done, the hubbub surrounding it will eventually die down, people will adapt and it will become a non-issue. The sooner it is brought to fruition, I think the better it will be and those involved can move on to other business that needs tending to.
- I am hopeful this project allows me to share Sherbrooke Lake with my family I the near future.
- I am greatly opposed to the public access on Sherbrooke Lake
- I AM DONE WITH THE BABEL.HOPE I DID NOT BORE ANYONE. JUST DO THE BEST YOU CAN DO. ALOT OF PEOPLE TO PLEASE.
- I am concerned that this issue is being pushed by tournament bass anglers. I am an angler and may on occasion use access to Sherbrooke lake, but under not conditions or circumstances do I support access to Sherbrooke Lake for tournament angling.
- I am concerned that the wrong type of access may introduce substantial pressures on the lake's fragile ecosystem.
- I am concerned that public access will not be available to everyone.
- I am concerned that public access to Sherbrooke Lake will have detrimental effects on the fish health and population, lead to more garbage/litter in the lake, increased burglaries of cabins on the lake and lead to an increase in disruptive activity with more high powered motor boats/jet skis etc.
- I am concerned that noise will become an issue. We have noticed that the lake temperature is rising and more people/boats on the lake would put even more pressure on this. The lake has many hidden rocks that some boaters know nothing of...they are dangerous to large, fast boats.
- I am concerned that increased access and activity on the lake will further degrade the health of the lake and the surrounding forest. Intense and unmanaged forestry (including clear cutting) around the lake has resulted in significant degradation of the water quality and the wildlife habitat of the lake and the surrounding forest. Unmanaged drainage and run-off from farming activities near the lake and within its watershed have resulted in the accumulation of several pollutants in the waters of the lake and its watershed which are harmful to humans and the wildlife around and within the waters of the area.
- I am concerned that I have only heard of one possible location for the public access to Sherbrooke lake - the beach at the end of the Veinotte Rd. extension. The survey does not mention that location and does not clarify if I am asked to vote for a beach in general or the beach at the end of Veinotte Rd. which would need to be closed most of the summer due to parasites carried by the ducks.. The answer to other survey questions might also be influenced by the degree of knowledge that respondents have that only one point of access has been tabled so far. The remoteness of the point of access raises questions about supervision, the safety of any trails, the dangers of forest fire. Concerns about water quality and the eco systems are also greater for the Veinotte Rd. beach location but many respondents may not know this. I feel that these concerns would have more support if respondents were aware of them before they answered this survey. I find that even my own answers were skewed. For example, I said "neutral" re having access to a beach - I am more accepting of a beach and less accepting of the Veinotte Rd. beach.
- I am concerned that fishing tournaments and large boats will be allowed on the lake. This would cause many issues to the quiet,safe and unpolluted lake that we enjoy now.
- I am concerned that easy access to Sherbrooke could increase the amount of criminal activity such as break ins and thefts.

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- I am concerned that access by Vienotte Road is in a highly populated area for homes and summer residents. I do not want this road to open up this area for private enterprise to create a camp ground. Large boats will destroy the water quality and kill the loons. Any excess should be gated and controlled to minimize pollution and destroy privacy of home owners.
- I am concerned motorized watercraft will increase noise and water pollution.
- I am completing this survey from the same home computer as my husband, [name removed], with the same phone number
- i am completely against this
- I am an avid outdoorsman in the province of Nova Scotia. I take my kids with me on almost every excursion whether it be hiking, fishing, camping or day trip with the coleman stove. One thing I've noticed over the past 15 years is many lakes I used to visit throughout this province have been developed in some form or other. Where there was once access to a lake via road, boat launch, or trail is now gated, someone's driveway or a backyard. With "Private Property" signs or "no access granted" posted. Every year there seems to be another lake that no longer has access for everyone to enjoy. Too many lakes in this province that used to have public access are now private lakes. In the eyes of the province they are still available to the public if you can walk to them without trespassing on private property. However the people who live on the lake have unlimited access and don't have to share with the rest of Nova Scotia. Sheerbrooke is just one of these lakes where in the past there was an access point available, it may not have been managed by the community, but was used by the community until it was developed and not replaced. I would love to see access given back to this lake for everyone to enjoy, not just the people who live on it. [Name removed]
- I am an avid fisherman and buy a fishing license every year. Each year it is getting harder and harder to find a place to fish.... soon with all the land owners buying up all the land, there wont be a place to fish anymore... If that is the case, then we shouldn't be able to buy a fishing license. Even though I might not use all the things I asked for, it would be nice for other families to enjoy, bring in tourism and for future generations to go and spend a day....
- I am against public access to Sherbrooke Lake. The general public already has access to Mush-a-mush and Church lake.
- I am against public access to Sherbrooke Lake. landowners have a right to protect their property and lakefront from unruly, irresponsible boaters, and others who have no respect for the lake or its inhabitants.
- I am afraid that allowing public access will apply too great a pressure on the lake trout population and could very easily destroy the population.
- I am afraid of forest fired in this areas and keeping the natural beauty of this area.
- I am a firm believer of public access, however I cannot find the wisdom in asking for public input without projected cost. I believe the feed back and public opinion on public access would be completely different if the cost to tax payer's were included. I compare it to any expense an individual incurs. You may want to purchase a new vehicle for your family. Wouldn't any reasonable person inquire on the cost of the base model before ordering it with accessories?. MODL has already put a large deposit on a vehicle before it has any idea of the acquisition or maintenance cost. What responsible individual would do such a thing? It's unfortunate that MODL has started this costly process before the most fundamental question was asked. The first question should be asked, as rate payer are you willing to pay ?????? for public access.
- I always thought that the sandy beach, across from Turner Point was a public beach.
- I already think it has been too long without some kind of access. Let's get it done sooner, than later. Hopefully this survey you have provided will help make it happen.
- I am a property owner right next to one of the proposed access area and feel that my property will decrease in value due to increased traffic in the immediate area of my cottqge The propey owners pay a road upkeep fee every year so will the county pay there fair share of road upkeep based on the amount of non owner usage?
- hurry up....lets get this done
- Hundreds of the direct stakeholders have made it abundantly clear, over months now, that this is an unwanted development, while no significant number of stakeholders have expressed a desire for it. Nonetheless, this survey goes ahead and asks the wrong questions about the type of access, rather than first asking whether or not there should even be access. This whole debacle is an egregious example of crooked hayseed village council not listening to the desires of its' landowners - their employers, ignoring outcry, and following the personal agendas of certain council members in direct violation of their fiduciary duty. It's all been smelly from the get-go. Whispers of bribery, influence peddling, and conflicts of interest abound. A criminal investigation should be forthcoming.
- Hope there's public access for my family & friends soon and for other folks including visitors to enjoy. I am planning to move back to Nova Scotia permanently in 2016 and would certainly go to Lake Sherbrooke Family Park.
- Having been born and raised in Lunenburg County is saddens me that many of our public spaces and features of the natural environment are no longer accessible to local residents. Too often our lakes and waterways are now restricted to those who purchase land in gated waterfront communities, populated predominantly by those who live elsewhere. Guaranteeing public access to Sherbrooke Lake will help to reduce the environmental impact of local residents being forced to drive significant distances for opportunities for recreation, increase opportunities for recreation and physical activity and thereby decrease the health care costs associated with a sedentary lifestyle as there will now be local opportunities for recreation, encourage tourism and ensure local access to Sherbrook Lake for generations to come.
- Have already made my comments in previous questions.
- Great initiative, I really hope to see public access to the lake.
- Great idea! Look forward to seeing the new park soon!
- Great idea
- Great concerns that the lake will become over populated with boats. Also have great concerns that there is a possibility that someone could launch houseboats for the summer which could potentially pose problems for pollution. Do not want to see Sherbrooke lake become commercialized with fishing tournaments!
- Good place to use for research, suggest checking with colleges and universities that might assist with monitoring environmental conditions and changes associated with different use patterns.
- GOOD BOATING ETIQUITE MUST APPLY TO ALL USERS.. PROPER POLICING COULD APPLY

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- Give an inch -Take a mile, happens very easily; just ask the residents of Kearney Lake who now give way to public beach users and a growing membership in a canoe club . A quiet peaceful community now over run by the public using the lake and making new regulations to "improve" it, while the residents only have their memories of a quiet little peace of heaven.
- get her done
- Garbage and recycling bins are audible but they can be abused by certain elements of the public. To be effective they must be maintained and policed and this costs money
- For being a resident in the area all my life, who is visually impaired, I envision a place to enjoy the beauty of nature such as fresh air, singing birds, rippling water, whistling wind, chirping squirrels, etc. The negative part would be people littering and destroying the beauty.
- First of all, I see much fear mongering being driven by those who wish to see continued access restrictions at Sherbrooke Lake. Much of this is based on sheer falsehoods, and should be given the consideration they deserve. This is Nova Scotia, and the water belongs to everyone, not just those that own the land surrounding the lake.
- First of all I wish to Thank MODL for making a priority to supply Public Lake Access to the residents in our very precious county. My memories of the free travel to Sherbrooke lake became interrupted when land became bought up for cabin lots. I would like to ask others to please consider what was taken away from us, at one time unquestioned and uninterrupted. Our once considered free travel to the lake became bought out by new comers. We said little or nothing as the new owners sought privacy on "their" new found lake or beach. We said nothing as they claimed control and pushed us out. This lake and other lakes are not mine or yours or theirs but ours, all of us and we need to be willing to share with all. We first shared access now we all need to please be willing to share this part of all our Heritage whether we were their first or last. To MODL I ask and beg that you do hold firm on the commitment to supply Public Lake Access to Sherbrooke Lake. It belongs to all of us.
- Fire hazard is likely to incur as visitors unless highly monitored will abuse access and tend to camp out overnight and have poorly prepared campfires.
- Find a solution that accommodates everyone but the public had the right to access and use this lake. It is not just for the privileged who own land on the shores. And please do everything you can to ensure the environment is considered in all decisions taken,
- Family friendly is the key here in my opinion
- Even though I might not use all the things I asked for, it would be nice for other families to enjoy, bring in tourism and for future generations to go and spend a day..... Being able to take my grandchildren there for a day would also be a nice option..... swimming, picnicking, playing games, fishing... etc... we need more places like this and people shouldn't be deprived because they don't have the money to afford lake frontage properties.
- Even though I don't come home much, it still is a great idea to build a park... why stop people from enjoying the lake, fishing, swimming and getting out and enjoying nature..... there are less and less parks around.. therefore it encourages people to go elsewhere... a great place for family gatherings.... family day, ring toss tournaments, fishing tournaments....
- Even if people do not want it, they need to think for the future.. a great place for family gatherings, photography and to enjoy the nature..... great way to promote tourism... I live away but each time I come home as my wife lives in the area, which is a few times a year, I visit the winery, the falls.. its part of your trip... so this lake would be on the list as well..... no one should be banned from viewing the beauty of what our community has to offer.
- Environment will address environmental issues concerning public access when necessary. Do not restrict public access for this reason. The sale of 400 plus lots on the lake, cutting trees, fertilizing lawns and septic systems not working properly, was not an environmental issue.
- During the last few years, I heard comments that the interest that MODL has in public access to Sherbrooke Lake is being driven by a small but vocal number of people who would like to dramatically change the access for sport fishers to the Lake. With the inclusion of the specific mention of fishing tournaments in the survey my suspicion for the reason to public access is not for the regular residents of Lunenburg or Chester Municipalities seems to be confirmed. If that is true, I have some reservation as to how my comments may be used to support such an agenda of MODL.
- Don't agree at all.
- Dogs if you have a dog pick up after them use the park as if it was your own front yard
- Do not want Public Access on Sherbrooke Lake
- Do not want it to interfere with the safety and use by the residents of the Sherbrooke Lake Church Camp.
- Do not provide access to the lake, the cottagers who live there should preserve their access.
- Do not agree with public access to the lake.Extra boating on this lake can only increase the chances of detrimental damage to the lake with fuel spillages and algae from various watercraft that may affect the water quality for swimming.A good example of this is Lake Torment who have over the last couple of years have been closed for swimming due to bacteria infecting the lake.
- Destruction of nature in the area by ATV's. Increase in boating accidents by people unfamiliar with the rocky areas in the lake. Increase in the rescue incidents for canoes and kayaks when the winds and waves are high- unable to get back up the lake. Increase in cottage break-ins.
- Day permits may be issued at no cost upon registration upon entering the site and is then turned back in upon departure. Respect and consideration will be required from all visitors to ensure that anyone who accesses the site can leave feeling refreshed and renewed. Any persons causing unnecessary disturbance or not following the site regulations should be asked to leave and would forfeit their day permit. Database can be utilized to track the number of people who access the site, the length of stay, the facilities used, and times of the year. Parking should be in an area well away from the main lake access points that do not disturb the peace and quiet of the area. Above all is the requirement to have a clean, environmentally friendly site and take advantage of passive and PV solar panels for green energy lighting and hot water facilities.
- Could use tax dollars more efficiently!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Consider designating the access site a Provincial Park. Consult the Province and Parks Canada for advice on maximizing value of the lake and its natural surroundings to the public.
- CONCERNS: Environmental issues during construction and ongoing usage. High powered bass boats racing around a very rocky lake. Development and ongoing operational costs.
- Concerns-- 1)Increased, uncontrolled Pollution - noise, water, air 2)Unsafe boating which endangers others 3)Increased vandalism/ security risk 4) Introduction of species of fish and algae,etc. that are harmful to the lake 5) Road maintenance

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- Concerns are that the public space will not provide proper washroom facilities and be properly policed, maintained and kept clean. This facility should not reduce the water quality on the lake. If you do not own property on the lake should not be allowed to use motor craft of any type. Facility should provide access for canoes, kayaks and non-motorized equipment. There should also be in place fire hazard infrastructure in case of emergency. Correct sign should be in place so private property is not encroached upon. Investment in after hours policing should also be required.
- Concerns about a few spoiling for everybody
- concerns - with public access comes a portion of the public that won't treat the lake and area with respect
- Concerned that this will become yet another place that will go from a relatively pristine place (natural habitat, quiet) to an easy access teen partying, garbage dumping, harass the wildlife kind of place. Any time an area becomes more accessible to human population the local wildlife and environment suffers : garbage, water pollution from motorized vehicles, noise pollution, boat wash destroying bird nests at the lake edges, wildlife harassed, hunters, trappers... In more ways than we could possibly understand.
- Concerned that property owners around the lake want to have exclusive and controlled access to this beautiful lake, and leaving the majority of the public unable to visit and enjoy the natural beauty in this area.
- Concerned about water quality if too many people use the lake. Safety of cottage owners and their property. Polluting from garbage in water and shore line.
- Concerned about the existing cabin users ability to understand that this area will be for all to use and respect the peoples choice to enjoy the area.
- Concerned about people partying after hours and disrupting cottage owners.
- Concern about water pollution, noise and boat and vehicle traffic
- Community recreation and gathering space is wonderful in a healthy environment. Sherbrooke Lake is a gem in Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia has many lakes but few that are as deep and cold (aka excellent fish habitat) as Sherbrooke. It should be important that any development at Sherbrooke Lake seek to first prioritize the environmental protection and ecological services the lake provides.
- Can't allow water quality of the lake to degrade. A preconstruction sampling plan of current lake water quality should be conducted so that changes can be monitored.
- Can not emphasize strongly enough my concerns regarding the water in Sherbrooke lake. This is the biggest priority right now. This lake is home to so many species of fish, ducks and loons. This environment must be preserved.
- Bottom line is how many people will actually benefit from this endeavour. If the answer is many, then the idea has to be pursued. If the answer is very few, then serious consideration must be given to the cost of developing such a recreational access space, also the cost of ongoing upkeep and enforcement of all rules/restrictions that would be have to be in place. Has a budget been discussed so far?
- boating should be restricted to non motorized (canoes, kayaks, etc)
- Biggest concern that this Public Access idea is being pushed forward by a Fishing Association. This is a horrible idea if they want access to the lake for their tournament than they should buy land and build their own boat launch which they are responsible for. We have to ask why do they want access to this lake when they had access to so many others, The answer is simple they over fished the other lakes and need to move on. This will also not be an economic boost for the area there is no lodging or restaurants that close to the lake and I give it 5 years than the Anglers association will have moved on to another lake. Tax payer dollars should not serve Associations like this.
- Biggest concern is that current road access is bad. Lake frontage on the piece of land at end of Vienotte Road is very small. The trails around the lake are not currently well developed.
- Best of luck in getting a consensus
- Bear in mind that many access roads are privately owned and are paid upkeep fees by area owners, don't rock the boat, surely there are many more lakes to be considered for public access.
- Be sure to consider reasonable parking; Recall Sand Dollar Beach, where MODL has access to a lovely beach, but a limitation on parking space, and one that impacts local residents! The Miller Peace Park is in my opinion, well done and has allowed public access with little negative impact on the natural qualities of the area. Also, Indian Falls is in my opinion, well done. Access can be provided without that access having a negative impact on the lake and the surrounding natural environment. Above all, do not allow the lake to be negatively impacted by a large population of power boats, although apparently current owners do use power boats on the lake, and/or be sensitive to the current high water quality of Sherbrooke Lake.
- As stated in question 18
- As indicated I am not in favour of public access to Sherbrooke Lake. I have owned property in Wildor Park since 1984 and have and intend to enjoy it and pass it on to my family as time goes by. I have noticed already that the population around the lake has grown substantially and at times have seen many boats that are too big for the lake. It is getting more and more congested just with cottagers and their visitors.
- As I stated previously this access area should be kept as simple as possible to keep costs down and the impact on the lake as little as possible.
- As I mentioned in previous comments, road access and having the County and/or public pay for road maintenance & upkeep will end up being the major issue, depending on where the County chooses to locate Public Access.
- As defined in an email to Trudy Payne
- as a tournament bass fisherman ! for me I would live to see a nice paved launch and docking area for a fleet of tournament boats
- As a summer resident, public access will disrupt the natural beauty of the lake that it currently holds. This is a mistake that would be opening up Pandora's box that we can not let happen to the ruination of the Eco fragile habitats of those that reside.
- As a property owner on Sherbrooke Lake I am concerned about the vehicle traffic on the private road that I personally contribute to the upkeep of. I do not support public access over the private road - Kill Dog Cove Road - that my property is on. I am concerned about the potential for damage to the water quality of the lake. Some information that I have read indicated that there is a possibility of algae and other contaminants being introduced to Sherbrooke Lake through watercraft that is a concern for me. There is so much information and different view points being discussed that I am not even sure if this is even possible, but if so it would be sad to know that humans were responsible for the role they played in it. Our watercraft goes in Sherbrooke Lake only - no other body of water, but I realize there are groups who travel from lake to lake, that I do not support.
- As a property owner on Sherbrooke Lake having public access will enable more break-in to our properties. We have moved here to enjoy the peace and quiet. People do not respect other persons property and I feel there will be more garbage and partying.

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- As a property owner I do not think that private roads should be used as a public access to the lake. I also don't know much about algae on boats being transported from lake to lake and what affect it has on the lake.
- As a new cottage owner, my concern is that the lake will become busy and noisy with too many power boats, etc. I do not support the idea of a boat launch. Using the area as a public beach or picnic area would be a lot less dangerous to the environment and surrounding area.
- As a land owner I would prefer that there was not public access on sherbrooke lake.
- As a cottage owner on the lake is the municipality going financially deal with road upkeep and policing of the access points so it does not become the burden of lot owners. As on many other lakes with public access there is a common threat of break ins and property damage. How is the municipality going to deal with the safety of already land owners who are elderly, that have on the lake for so many years without a threat? Giving access can also have a negative effect on property values. Public access should not be given.
- Area should be monitored for safety practices, cleanliness, parking area, garbage environment friendly issues
- Any unsupervised unpoliced improperly maintained access would impact lake and environment and wildlife in area . Fish tournaments in motorized boats would create unsafe canoeing and kayaking activity which defeats the proposed purpose of safe recreation .
- Any public access must be limited to non motorcraft(canoes and kayaks only There must be paid supervision of public access area at all times There must be gates installed to prevent after hours partying and camping The lake must be patrolled for boat infractions such as we have witnessed on several occasions The cost of all this will be astronomical and who is expected to pay for this? The safety of the child campers must be ensured (I am a parent and an elementary school teacher)
- Any lot owner on Sherbrooke Lake can tell you public access the way it should be will not happen. It leads to dog crap people leaving damage to access and many honest lot owners. Clean the mess up from friends that are invited when no time [illegible] area and RCMP protection. This man that was murdered was so called friends that was no owner of the 400 lots and lake access owners. Close by their friends would [illegible] near by. Now the drugs can come in other than bottles. Drugs are [illegible]. Dogs get their owners in trouble. I am sure I don't know what's best by imperfect people. Some charge?
- Although MODL has attempted to include property owners in the initial discussions about a public access to Sherbrooke, it is clear that there was never any choice- it has been a fait accompli since the first meeting. This shows a distinct lack of respect for the land owners of Sherbrooke. And it also makes one wonder if there will really be any input property owners will have of significance into the criteria for a public access. It is not that we are against sharing the lake, it is just that we would like to have a significant say in how this public access will look. With everyone in NS allowed to fill in the survey, including groups of folks with specific interests whose numbers may be very great (hunting, fishing, power boating, water skiing) how are we to feel about the impact of our voice?
- already stated
- Allowing boat access could lead to over-fishing, pollution, and noise disturbances. Please consider restricting boat access.
- All significant lakes in Nova Scotia should have public access
- All public water ways should have full public access, no water way should be restricted acces simply because some person was lucky enough to have bought or was given title to the property surrounding it.
- All location options and costs of those options should be explored. Public access to this beautiful lake should be possible without spoiling shoreline that is currently still natural...there are a lot of man-made access points in various developments that have been created by moving large rocks. I don't think the priority should be access for large boats. Most people cannot afford these kinds of toys and they make a lot of noise and add potential pollutants. Please choose a location that (i) makes sense environmentally (do not modify current shoreline that is still natural); (ii) makes sense from a cost perspective and (iii) where adjacent landholders or stakeholders can benefit by for example by the municipality assisting in the maintenance of adjacent private roads.
- All large lakes in NS should have access for members of the surrounding communities. Home and Cottage owners should not lock in the shoreline for themselves. I live on the East side of Lake Torment where there is a community beach, multiple points for folks who do not own shore frontage to sit on the beach or put in a boat. I don't know about the other side of the like which appears more unfriendly than our older side and was developed by a single company as far as I know. G. Falkenham did make sure there were lots of access points for all when he developed this side long ago. I was also told by a long-time Dalhousie resident that monies are always set aside by the municipality (Kings in this case) for the community to purchase waterfront property. Whether this is true I know not.
- Again, very doubtful that any regulations will be enforced, so there will be an inevitable increase in incidents that will not be controlled.
- Access to this lake should have been identified long before the property owners made their significant investments in their property. I am not in favor of allowing big high horsepower boating on the lake. NO BASS TOURNAMENTS.....Access should be respectful of the adjacent property owners. Noise and cleanliness of the access needs to be considered
- Access should not be on private roads. Private road maintenance is expensive for the local home owners. It would not be fair to have them pay more to maintain their road, due to public access.
- a resounding NO.
- A boat launch would be fantastic - there are very few lakes in NS that actually have a decent launch.
- A big concern of mine is motorized boat activity. The lake is active enough with the current home and cottage owners. Sherbrooke lake is still a lovely tranquil space and I hope that as waterfront land owners this remains the same. Another concern is the natural beauty of the lake and ensuring that we are protecting the environment.

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- 9 years since we built the cottage and this is the first time We have been contacted by the municipality other than to bill us for services (taxes) we don't use. An amazing business model - take a great deal of money and provide no service. You would be more credible if you actually cared about the people on the lake you tax. Suggested questions you should have asked; 1) what can the municipality do to support residents who maintain a significant network of channel markers and hazard bouys on the lake? 2) how can the municipality support the annual professional water sampling that is undertaken on Sherbrooke lake? 3) how can the municipality make its garbage pick up actually useful to cottage owners by providing animal proof buildings/containers that allow owners to leave the garbage out for pickup - as opposed to putting high speed garbage trucks on private roads we pay for that do nothing but raise dust and damage the road? Wouldn't it be amazing if the municipality actually asked question of lake land tax payers, who already have access to the lake, that seem to make their enormous contributions to the county worthwhile.
- 1)Public boat launches for motorized boats & seadoos must at all costs be PROHIBITED to preserve what is left of the natural habitat and aquatic wildlife & peaceful natural setting that still exists. 2) Any public access should be as unobtrusive as possible (limited signage/no canteen/no life-guard/no changing rooms/limited hours) 3) Public Access should be on a public road rather than ENCROUCH on a private road (GILBERT'S LANE) where residents PAY ROAD FEES and lake access. 4) Public access should be through a public road, and have a simple beach for swimming and paddling, that's it!
- The lake belongs to the Province - i.e. the people of Nova Scotia, not the cottage owners 2) If the lake is on the "tipping point" for environmental issues don't blame public access. Lake lot owners need to put their house in order 3) There is a lot of misinformation that has been distributed by sherbrokelake.com 4) This matter has been discussed for too long - lets get the access established 5) If we loves constantly in fear of what might happen - we would not live at all. Saying that there will increased pollution, vandalism or other detrimental factors is both negative and deflecting from the original concept of equal access for all.
- 1. Concerned about the impact on the environment. (Garbage, toilets, motorized vehicles, fire hazards) 2.Financial impact of construction and ongoing maintenance of a public access on residents of Lunenburg County tax payers whether they use the access or not. 3.Safety of children and pets due to the added vehicular traffic on lake access roads. Safety of boaters due to the difficulty of navigating hazards on the lake. 4. Privacy of full time and seasonal residents and property owners of Sherbrook Lake.
- Capital and maintenance costs of public access should be borne by users. Property owners on Sherbrooke Lake should not have increased taxes as a result. User pay, and that does not mean municipal governments. If Anglers Assoc. wants public access, costs belong to them and other users. 2. liability for Property damage and harm to owners' persons should be borne by users, not property owners. 3. Where does liability lie if lake water is polluted and residents downstream are adversely affected? 4. User entry fees should be able to cover insurance and other liability costs. Generally, public access presents risks and dangers to residents. Municipal governments increase their liabilities by allowing access. Who pays is a question to be dealt with publicly. Do those living elsewhere in Lunenburg and Chester, other than at Sherbrooke Lake, want to be liable for users' mistakes?
- (1)This lake has a number of areas where the waterfowl nest and the turtles lay their eggs in the spring which should be off limits to any human presence during this time period. (2)The lake also has a number of shoals and rocks which can be very dangerous in the summer for motor boats when the water level drops.Will the lake be marked to help prevent accidents. (3)Will the on site staff have access to watercraft to help any boater in distress should it occur. (4)If water craft will be launched from this site will the watercraft hulls be cleaned before entering the lake at access point. (5)I would hope that this access to the lake be under the control and ownership of the Municipality of Lunenburg and not Private Enterprise. (6)No alcohol to be allowed on watercraft. (7)The lake to be have a scientific study done to check the water quality now and checked yearly to ensure there is no change in the water quality from increased use. We have owned this property on the lake for the last 32 years and have enjoyed the peace and quiet living here.We hope this does not change as the last thing we want to see is a group of motor boats sitting in front of our property with individuals who have no concern for the lake or the state of the lake in general.They just move on.
- . giving property owners the right to dictate who has access to this lake is rediculous.they do not own that lake.under present n.s. law they cannot prevent fishermen from accessing the lake.
- . I am concerned that establishing a large public access with a permanent wharf for the access of large boats would have a disastrous effect on the quality of the water. What about taxes? Who pays for setting the public access up? especially if it turns out to be a large area with cabins, concessions stands, life guards, etc? Would it be on the property owners in the area? A area that respects the ecology and beauty of the lake with swimming and small boats access, with rules for speed and behaviour would be worth considering.
- Would public access come with higher taxes? - Would public access mean policing on the water?

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Sherbrooke Lake Access Survey

INTRODUCTION

We need your help! The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (the “Municipality”) is exploring the best way to create a place for public access on Sherbrooke Lake. The information you provide will help the Municipality come up with ideas for what type of access would best serve you, your family, and your community.

Sherbrooke Lake, located in Lunenburg County, is a 15-minute drive east of the community of New Germany and a 35-minute drive north of Bridgewater. The lake is home to permanent residents, lakefront cottages, and a summer camp; however, it does not currently have a dedicated space for the general public to enjoy the lake.

In 2003 the Municipality developed an Open Space Strategic Plan. The open space needs of this Plan were identified through user consultations and planning team analysis of the many aspects of the Municipality such as demographic characteristics, and geographic and recreation trends. In 2009, the Municipality underwent a scheduled review of the 2003 Plan. Council adopted the proposed changes in 2010 and passed a motion to approve the amendments to the Open Space Strategic Plan site priorities and associated policy recommendations. Providing public access to Sherbrooke Lake was identified as one of the top five open space priorities.

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is currently looking at possible site options to provide public access to Sherbrooke Lake. The design and features of the public open space also have not been determined. Feedback provided through this survey will help inform the Municipality in making future decisions about the types of public access to Sherbrooke Lake.

The Municipality has engaged UPLAND (the “survey team”) as an independent third party to seek your opinions and ideas about what type of access should be created. The results of all feedback will be released in a publically available report, which will not include personal information (name, phone number, etc.).

To learn more about this project please visit www.modl.ca/sherbrooke or contact Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services for the Municipality, at (902) 541-1333. Ms. Payne is the Municipality's point-of-contact for this project. However, she (or anyone else in the Municipality) will not have access to your individual survey responses.

If you need help filling out the survey, please call (902) 423-0649 to ask for a phone survey.



INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for spending your time on this survey; it is much appreciated! The survey should take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

This survey is open to people who are 15 years old or older. You do not need to be a resident of Lunenburg County to take part in this survey.

The survey can only be filled out once per person.

If you have any questions, or if you have any problems completing the survey, please contact the survey team at (902) 423-0649 or info@uplandstudio.ca

Please mail the completed survey to:

UPLAND Studio
204 - 5663 Cornwallis St.
Halifax, NS B3K 1B6
Canada

Please do not return the survey to the Municipality.

You MUST include this page with your completed survey for it to be valid

For Survey Team use only

CONTACT INFORMATION

Why do we want to know your first name and phone number?

This basic contact information will allow the survey team to follow up with you, if needed, to clarify answers or if surveys were incompletely submitted or accidentally submitted more than once. This contact information will only be used for such follow-ups and will never be made public.

1) What is your FIRST name? **(required)** _____

2) What is your phone number? **(required)** _____

ACCESS

3) Do you currently have access to Sherbrooke Lake? (choose one)

- ☐ Yes, I own waterfront property
- ☐ Yes, I have an agreement with a waterfront owner to use their land
- ☐ Yes, I am part of a subdivision that has community water access for back lot owners
- ☐ Yes, I have some other type of arrangement that legally gives me water access
- ☐ No

ACTIVITIES

4) Would you consider using public space on Sherbrooke Lake, if the option was available?

- ☐ Yes → please skip to Question 6 on Page 4
- ☐ No → please go to Question 5

5) If you answered "no", why not?

Please skip to Question 9 on Page 5

6) What kinds of activities would you, personally, want to use the public space for?
(check all that apply)

- ☐ Badminton, volleyball, Frisbee, and/or other sports
- ☐ Bird watching
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ Canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and/or other non-motorized boating
- ☐ Cross-country skiing
- ☐ Fishing from a boat
- ☐ Fishing from the shore
- ☐ Hiking / walking
- ☐ Ice sailing
- ☐ Ice skating
- ☐ Nature appreciation
- ☐ Painting, art, and/or photography
- ☐ Picnicking
- ☐ Power boating, water skiing, and/or wake boarding
- ☐ Reading, yoga, sunbathing, and/or relaxing
- ☐ Show shoeing
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Other: _____

7) In which season(s) would you, personally, want to use the public space? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Winter

8) What is the largest size of boat you would want to use on Sherbrooke Lake? (choose one)

- ☐ I do not want to use a boat
- ☐ Canoe / kayak
- ☐ Personal watercraft (Jet Ski, See-Doo, etc.)
- ☐ Motorboat → Length: _____ feet; Motor size: _____ horsepower
- ☐ Sailboat → Length: _____ feet
- ☐ Other: _____

FEATURES

9) Please place one check-mark in each row to indicate the types of features or amenities would you want to have or not have at a public space on Sherbrooke Lake:

	-2 Would strongly not want to have	-1 Would not want to have	0 Neutral	1 Would want to have	2 Would strongly want to have
Beach					
Boat Launch					
Canoe/kayak dock					
Canteen (concession stand)					
Change rooms					
Floating swimming dock					
Garbage & recycling bins					
Hiking trails					
Interpretive panels					
Lifeguard					
Observation decks					
Open space or field					
Outdoor BBQ grills					
Picnic area					
Picnic shelters					
Playground					
Shoreline fishing spots					
Washroom facilities					
Other (please list below)					

Other: _____

10) In your opinion, how important is it for the public space to be accessible for people in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges? (choose one)

- ☐ 1 - Not at all important
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 - Extremely important
- ☐ No opinion

MANAGEMENT

11) In your opinion, should the public space on Sherbrooke Lake permit dogs? (choose one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but only if they are on a leash
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

12) In your opinion, should public access to Sherbrooke Lake be limited to certain hours of the day?

- ☐ Yes —————> Please go to Question 13
- ☐ No —————> Please skip to Question 14 on this page
- ☐ No opinion —> Please skip to Question 14 on this page

13) Please choose the time of day you think public access should open and the time of day you think it should close:

	1 am	2 am	3 am	4 am	5 am	6 am	7 am	8 am	9 am	10 am	11 am	12 noon	1 pm	2 pm	3 pm	4 pm	5 pm	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm	9 pm	10 pm	11 pm	12 midnight
Open:																								
Close:																								

14) In your opinion, should the following methods be used to enforce the public space rules, including hours/seasons of operation (if applicable)?

	No	Yes	No opinion
Gate			
Lighting that shuts off automatically at closing time			
Security cameras			
Signage			
Staff supervision			
Other (please list below)			

Other: _____

VISION

15) Please choose up to three statements that are your most important objectives for public access on Sherbrooke Lake:

“A public space on Sherbrooke Lake should...” (choose up to three)

- ☐ Be designed to preserve the natural environment
- ☐ Connect local communities with the water
- ☐ Provide people with opportunities for physical activity and exercise
- ☐ Contribute to local economic development
- ☐ Be safe for users and cottage owners
- ☐ Provide access for fishing tournaments
- ☐ Provide public access for future generations
- ☐ Educate visitors about the history and environment of the lake
- ☐ Be a place to gather with friends
- ☐ Be a space for community events (Canada Day, corn boils, etc.)
- ☐ Be designed to emphasize the natural beauty of the lake
- ☐ Provide people with opportunities for quiet, passive recreation
- ☐ Encourage tourism
- ☐ Be designed to preserve lake water quality
- ☐ Other:

16) In your own words, please describe your vision of a successful public space on Sherbrooke Lake:

[illegible]

COMMENTS

17) In addition to designing a new public space, the Municipality is compiling a history of Sherbrooke Lake. If you have any shorter historical notes or examples of ways you or your family have used Sherbrooke Lake in the past, please feel free to share them here:

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

If you have longer historical information, photos, or other types of media that you want to share, please contact Trudy Payne at (902) 541-1333. Alternatively, you can check the box below and the Municipality will follow up with you:

I give the survey team permission to share my first name and phone number with the Municipality so that the Municipality can follow up with me about historical information on Sherbrooke Lake. I understand that only this contact information will be shared and it will not be connected to my other survey responses.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Your privacy is very important to us

In order to protect your personal information, the survey team will only use your identifying information for testing this survey and/or to follow up with you if the survey team needs to clarify any responses you provide. **We will never share your identifying information with Trudy Payne (the Municipality's point-of-contact), the Municipality, or anybody else outside of the survey team***. We will also permanently delete your identifying information from the survey team's records once this project is finished.

*The only exception to this is if you asked us to share your name and phone number with the Municipality so that they can follow up about historical information you may have. In that case, only your name and phone number will be shared and it will not be connected to your other survey responses.

19) Do you own property on Sherbrooke Lake?

- ☐ Yes —————> Please go to Question 20
- ☐ No —————> Please skip to Question 21 on this page

20) Is your property on Sherbrooke Lake your primary home? Your primary home is where you usually live. It is the address you would probably use to file income tax or have on your ID.

- ☐ Yes —————> Please skip to Question 22 on Page 11
- ☐ No —————> Please go to Question 21

21) What is the postal code for your primary home? Your primary home is where you usually live. It is the address you would probably use to file income tax or have on your ID.

Postal code: _____

If you do not know your postal code or if your primary home is not in Canada, please describe where your primary home is located:

Why do we want to know your age, sex, income, and aboriginal status?

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the surrounding area is a diverse community of communities, consisting of people from a wide variety of backgrounds, ethnicities, and life experiences – all of which are equally valuable. By providing some basic demographic information you will help the survey team know if the results accurately reflect this diverse community, or if certain groups of people have been missed. If the surveys come back and specific groups of people have been missed, the survey team can correct this.

This information will also help the Municipality design a public space that meets different needs. For example, this information may show the survey team that a specific age group will probably want to use the public space only if certain features are included.

22) What is your age?

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ☐ 15 - 19 | ☐ 35 - 39 | ☐ 55 - 59 | ☐ 75 - 79 |
| ☐ 20 - 24 | ☐ 40 - 44 | ☐ 60 - 64 | ☐ 80 - 84 |
| ☐ 25 - 29 | ☐ 45 - 49 | ☐ 65 - 69 | ☐ 85 - 89 |
| ☐ 30 - 34 | ☐ 50 - 54 | ☐ 70 - 74 | ☐ 90 + |

23) What is your biological sex?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other / prefer not to answer

24) What is your total household income per year, before tax?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| ☐ Under \$10,000 | ☐ \$30,000 to \$39,999 | ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| ☐ \$10,000 to \$14,999 | ☐ \$40,000 to \$49,999 | ☐ \$150,000 and up |
| ☐ \$15,000 to \$19,999 | ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
| ☐ \$20,000 to \$29,999 | ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 | |

25) Are you First Nations, Métis, or Inuk?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

THANK YOU!

You are all done! Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input is very much appreciated and will help shape public access on Sherbrooke Lake.

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