

Fairness for Clear Lake

On Wednesday, December 10th, members from the Clear Lake Cabin Association (CLCA), Clear Lake Cottage Owners Association (CLCOA) and the Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce (WCC), took part in a virtual town hall with Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) Superintendent Tom Sheldon.

At the virtual event, the leadership of Fairness for Clear Lake provided highlights of our work since the summer, including the hard work of each of our member associations, on engaging with Parks Canada, contributing to consultations for RMNP's new management plan, and advocating for a One Boat, One Lake solution for 2026.

At the town hall, Superintendent Sheldon outlined Parks Canada's decision-making process relating to zebra mussels in Clear Lake, summarized their engagements and progress on developing a new management plan for RMNP, and provided a general timeline for a decision on boating on Clear Lake for the 2026 season. Superintendent Sheldon also took part in a virtual Q&A, addressing members' questions on Parks Canada's vision for RMNP and the process to ensure continued engagement between our community and park management.

While FFCL is funded and supported by many community members, it was formed by three associations. As we work to make progress on behalf of all supporters, we must sometimes be flexible in the way that we work. While Parks Canada has held a series of public engagements, we felt that their engagement with community stakeholders at a town hall was essential. Unfortunately, to keep the event distinct from public consultations, the meeting could not be open to the whole public, but only to members of the CLCA, CLCOA, and WCC.

We understand that some supporters may be disappointed not to have had the opportunity to attend. We want to assure you that we are working hard on your behalf, and we will continue to work hard to keep all supporters up to date on our activities. To that end, please keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter.

This meeting with Superintendent Sheldon represents our ongoing work and the progress and results we continue to fight for together. Here's what we will focus on in the coming months:

- **MOU:** We'll continue to work with Parks Canada to finalize a draft MOU.
- **Boating in 2026:** We'll keep the pressure on Parks Canada to make a decision on boating, and we will continue to advocate for a One Boat, One Lake solution.
- **Legal Action:** We will push for a court date for our Judicial Review of Parks Canada's May 2025 prohibition of motorized boats.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, let's make sure that our community's voices are heard.