

# Fairness for Clear Lake

## Update on Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL) Activities

December 2025

### Highlights of FFCL Activities: Summer 2025 – December 2025

- FFCL Town Hall Meeting, July 29, 2025. The event was attended by approximately 700 community members, making it one of the largest public engagement events in RMNP history. This demonstrates the scale of community concern regarding the May 16 decision reversal and the strong support for reinstating the January 28 “One Boat, One Lake” plan.
- Release of Impact Statements, highlighting the effects of the boat ban and park management on community members.
- Public letter-writing campaign calling for Parks Canada to restore trust and transparency.
- Letter to Andrew Campbell, following up on the in-person Town Hall in July 2025.
- Statement from the leaders of FFCL to reaffirm the goals and purpose of the movement.
- Statement regarding the August 2025 announcement of Thomas Sheldon as new RMNP Superintendent. This appointment marked a significant leadership change at RMNP. The community’s sustained advocacy, public pressure, and formal actions – including the petition, letters, and judicial review – contributed to this transition.
- Public letter-writing campaign in support of One Boat, One Lake, directed to the RMNP Superintendent.
- Since the summer, monthly email newsletters have kept supporters up to date on our activities, relevant headlines, and opportunities to get involved.
- Over 1000 community members signed our Petition to the Government, calling for the reversal of Parks Canada’s ban on motorized watercraft and asking for a return to the “one boat, one lake” solution for Clear Lake. The Petition has now been presented in the House of Commons by M.P. Dan Mazier, Member of Parliament for Riding Mountain.
- Release of the Potential Governance Models Briefing and the accompanying video explainer.
- Release of draft Terms of Reference for Parks Canada – Clear Lake Negotiations.
- Promotion of RMNP Public Engagement survey & events promotion.
- Release of FFCL’s Priorities for a New Park Management Plan.
- Release of Community Survey Results Report, providing an overview of Support for One Boat One Lake.

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- Virtual Town Hall, December 10, 2025. Members of 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. Read more about this event [here](#). The event provided an opportunity to ask questions of the RMNP Superintendent and will help build a stronger relationship between Parks Canada and our community.
- Statement on Parks Canada's AIS Monitoring Results, reinforcing our advocacy for a One Boat, One Lake policy in 2026.
- Release of the Certified Record and ATIP documents, along with the *What We've Found So Far* report, summarizing what we have learned about Parks Canada's decision-making on AIS and watercraft management for Clear Lake to-date.

## Meetings with RMNP Superintendent Tom Sheldon

- FFCL and its member associations, including the Clear Lake Cabin Association (CLCA), Clear Lake Cottage Owners Association (CLCOA) and Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce (WCC), have held a series of meetings with RMNP Superintendent Tom Sheldon.
- In these meetings, representatives from FFCL have:
  - Discussed the new Management Plan for RMNP and the drafting of an MOU between the Clear Lake community and Parks Canada.
  - Advocated for a One Boat, One Lake solution for Clear Lake, and highlighted the broad public support for this policy.
  - Emphasized the need for consistent collaboration with stakeholders.
- Since assuming his new role, Superintendent Sheldon has brought positive change to the management of RMNP. We are encouraged by his willingness to engage all stakeholders in meaningful and productive dialogue. This increased consultation represents important progress in the relationships between RMNP and local stakeholders.

## Legal Action

- The judicial review of Parks Canada's May 2025 decision reversal is still in progress.
- This legal filing has had real impact by increasing public pressure, uncovering important information, and encouraging more consultation and transparent decision-making from RMNP and Parks Canada.
- Legal briefs will be filed in January 2026. We will keep supporters up to date on the progress of the judicial review.

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## **FFCL's Priorities for 2026**

- Advocating for a One Boat, One Lake policy for Clear Lake in 2026.
- Restoring transparency and trust in long-term planning and decision-making at RMNP.
- Balancing protection of the natural environment with economic and community vitality.
- Rebuilding trust through authentic engagement around a new Management Plan for RMNP that includes all stakeholders.
- A new MOU recognized within a New Management Plan with FFCL's member associations recognized collectively.