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# GOOD PRACTISE GUIDE

## FOR USE BY MEMBERS, THEIR GUESTS AND LONG-TERM TENANTS

## For a Better Quality of Community Life Surrounded by a Healthy Lake.

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Aimed at property and homeowners on Lake Nick, this guide is intended to provide information on regulations and best practises for ensuring:

- A harmonious neighbourhood for residents, their guests and tenants;
- Safety for all;
- Maintaining the quality and health of Lake Nick;
- Maintaining the value of the properties in the sector.

**This guide is available in PDF format on the Lake Nick Owners Association (APLN) website: [www.lacnick.com](http://www.lacnick.com).**



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## Chapter 1 MISSION

The APLN is a non-profit association of homeowners and landowners in the Lake Nick area that was established in September 1995. Its objectives are to:

- Foster collaboration, goodwill and good neighbourliness among members.
- Defend the rights and interests of all members.
- Promote the protection of Lake Nick and its watershed.
- Communicate with members and inform them of all relevant topics.
- Organize and support social events that help improve community life.
- Represent members regarding the Bolton-Est Municipality.
- Manage the Kaiser and Spring Lake beaches.

***Thank you for your support!***

## Chapter 2 CONSTITUTION

The Lake Nick Owners Association is a non-profit organization representing nearly 390 property owners. Its purpose is to represent and provide **support** to all its members, to ensure the **protection** and **improvement** of their quality of life and that of their families, guests and tenants. The APLN seeks the commitment and cooperation of ALL owners to ensure fairness in the sharing of fees for the common use of property owned by the Association. **The strength** and effectiveness of the representation of the Association, among other things, with municipal and governmental bodies, is the collaboration and financial involvement of all the owners.

### MEMBERS

With the annual FEES charged to all homeowners and landowners, the Association can manage and carry out various projects for the preservation of the lake and the well being of the community. The payment of beach fees is mandatory for all owners according to their title deeds. Indeed, all owners have the notarial obligation to participate in the common costs in exchange for proof of identification that gives them access to the common areas. This proof of identification must be in the possession of the member (or, his guests or his tenants) during any visit to the beach or during the activities, and must be presented to the prevention officer upon request. Fee renewal is done in May of each year by email. Payment is made via our website using your email and a password to log in. The Board of Directors (CA) sets the amount annually. The list of rates is available and updated on the Association's website. Any new owner is asked to contact the Association by email: [info@lacnick.com](mailto:info@lacnick.com).

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CA)

A board of directors composed of seven members - appointed officers - a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and four Directors, manage the APLN. Board members of your Association are volunteers who are elected for a two-year term. Elected by the members who are present at the Annual General Meeting, the Board officers prioritize and manage the projects and related expenses for the benefit of all the owners of the Lake Nick Estates. In 2018-19, the officers are:

**Patrice Rioux**  
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## COMMITTEES

### COMMUNICATIONS AND WEB SITE

**Patrice Rioux (Person Responsible)**

*Volunteers:* Alain Déry, Jean-Phillipe Audren and Ann Oliver

- Prepare Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting.
- Archive and administer the Association's legal and administrative files.
- Ensure **communications** with members through information sent by email, on the website, in the Good Practice Guide or on the bulletin board near Postal Boxes.
- Promote camaraderie between residents by organizing events such as annual clean-up, wine and cheese tasting.

### FINANCES

**Jean-Phillipe Audren (Person Responsible) and Jacinthe Roy, Auditor**

*Volunteers:* Alain Déry, Patrice Rioux

- Ensure the **proper management** of assets, funds and the Association's Budget.
- Provide accounting and prepare annual financial statements.
- Manage the Association's insurance.
- Manage staff (for example: student employment).
- Advise Directors and Sub-committees for a sound administration.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Réjean Beauchemin (Person Responsible)**

*Volunteers:* Catherine Boucher, Linda Horne, Alain Déry, Jeannine Bernier et several others

- Maintain the **quality of our** environment.
- Monitor the Lake Nick **water quality**.
- Put in place **preventive** or **protective** measures to avoid the problem of invasive alien plants.
- Pursue representations to the Municipality of Bolton-Est for **quality services** related to Estate's roads (grading and snow removal).
- Obtain **answers from the Municipality from Bolton-Est during** specific situations or emergencies.
- **Represent** and defend the current and future interests of members to improve the **infrastructure** they benefit from at Nick Lake.
- Maintain a neighbourhood and roads watch program.



## BOATS

### Patrice Rioux (Person Responsible)

*Volunteers:* Jean-Phillipe Audren, Ann Oliver

- **Manage boat storage** - Boat racks located at Nick Lake Beach are owned by the APLN and residents can obtain access, depending on space availability, dependent upon payment of an annual fee to the Association for the boat (rates available on the website).

## BEACHES

### Gaétan Hamel (Person Responsible)

*Volunteers:* Jean-Guy Laprise, Catherine Boucher and several others for beach monitoring and cleanliness.

- Ensure the maintenance and cleanliness of the beaches, including measures to counteract the invasion of **geese** and the installation of a chemical toilet.
- Manage the entry/exit of the wharf in the spring and fall.
- **Manage the beaches** and other Association properties.
- Plan the Estate's infrastructure **improvement projects**.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Upgrading of Nick Lake Roads to the Municipality standards.
- Management and maintenance of Lake Nick's Kaiser Beach and parking lot.
- Replacement of the wharf at the beach, purchase of a shed and rental of a chemical toilet for the summer season, etc.
- Annual water quality analysis of tributaries feeding Lake Nick.
- Annual water quality monitoring at Nick Lake ditch.
- Analysis of the quality of bathing water at Kaiser beach.
- Conducted numerous lake studies (available on the APLN website, Environment section).
- Monitoring the appearance of blue-green algae.
- Re-vegetation of the banks of Lake Nick and Lake Spring
- Publication of members' newsletters and continued updating of the Association's website.
- Coordination with Canada Post for the relocation and installation of new mailboxes at the Kaiser Beach parking lot.



## Chapter 3 BEACHES

### ACCESS

Both Kaiser Beach and Spring Lake Beach are **private**. **Only an owner in good standing** who has paid his fees to the APLN has the right to access the beaches for himself, his guests and his tenants. For security reasons, it is prohibited to access the beaches in the evening or overnight. A prevention officer manages access to the beaches; he may ask you to present your proof of identification.

### BOAT RACKS

Kaiser Beach Boat Racks are reserved **solely** for owners **in good standing** who have paid their fees to the APLN for beach maintenance. An additional **annual user fee**, based on the user-pay principle, applies for each location. The annual cost is available on the Association's website. **Depending on availability**, a person may be **allowed two spaces** for their boats. To obtain a boat storage rack, you must send an email to [info@lacnick.com](mailto:info@lacnick.com). A Beach Committee person will then contact you. The APLN assumes no liability for damage, theft or loss of boats stored on the Kaiser Beach racks.

### GRASS MOWING AND WEEDING

A contract is awarded for lawn mowing at the beaches of Lake Nick and Spring Lake. In order to preserve the shoreline and avoid erosion, it is **prohibited** to weed or plant shrubs or other plants in these two places without first consulting the APLN.

### CLEANLINESS

Kaiser Beach is equipped with a trash bin, a recycling bin and a chemical toilet. This equipment is **solely available to the beach users**. The collaboration of all is required to ensure the cleanliness of the premises. Camping or fires are **strictly forbidden** on the premises.

### BOATS

**Motorized boats are prohibited** on our ecological lake in accordance with the ruling issued by Environment Canada.



## Chapter 4 DOGS

Dogs are prohibited at Kaiser beach.

**They are however, permitted at Spring Lake Beach.**

### DOGS ON A LEASH

Dogs must be on a leash at all times at Spring Lake Beach and on the streets of Lake Nick Estates. It is forbidden to let dogs roam on private property without the consent of the homeowner or landowner. All dog owners must take the necessary measures to prevent their dog from wandering, either by tying them to a leash, enclosing them or other means.

### PERMITS



A By-law on animal control requires that cats and dogs wear an identification medallion indicating the identity of their owner, the address and a telephone number. While walking your dog, bring a bag to pick up the excrement. Respect is as important in cottage country as in the city.

### BARKING

Avoid your dog barking unnecessarily. A **muzzle** may sometimes be necessary when you receive guests who bring an untrained dog who might be unaccustomed to the country life. The collaboration of all is required to ensure the tranquility of the surroundings. Unfortunately, the APLN has no authority to enforce dog by-laws. Complaints must be addressed to the Municipality of Bolton-Est.



(450) 292-3444



<http://boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/Requetes.aspx>

<http://www.spaestrie.qc.ca/signaler-un-probleme/reglementation-municipale.html>



## Chapter 5 GOOD NEIGHBOURS

### NOISE



No person shall make noise, or cause noise that would disturb a neighbour or bystanders. Between 9:00 pm and 7:00 am in areas located at least 150 meters from an inhabited house, it is not permitted to carry out work that makes noise and might disturb neighbours.

<http://www.boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/SecuritePublique.aspx>



On **Sundays**, it is preferable to avoid all noise related to construction, grass cutting, chain sawing or any other noisy equipment that might annoy or disturb neighbours. Radios or any other music are prohibited at the beach. Please use earphones. Respect those who prefer listening to the sound of nature.

Unfortunately, the APLN has no authority to enforce the municipality's noise regulations, whether caused by people or animals. Complaints must be addressed to the Municipality of Bolton-Est.



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<http://boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/Requetes.aspx>

### LIGHT POLLUTION

#### Impact

Think about the environment and the effects that your lights can have on your surroundings: Not only do they have a deterrent effect on thieves (however, studies tend to show that burglaries occur mostly in broad daylight) but they also interfere with observing the sky in the evenings and at night for those who enjoy the observation of the sky, in the evenings or at night.

Did you know that night is essential to life?

#### **What happens when we disrupt the life cycle of animal and plant species?**

Light pollution has a negative impact on the fauna and flora. It is the second leading cause of insect mortality, after pesticides. Indeed, lights play a role of attraction or repulsion in various species such as insects (moths, bees, beetles) - birds (blackbirds, starlings), bats and fish.



Lights disturb their movements and their behaviour. The food chain is then modified and the ecosystem becomes unbalanced. In plants it can cause an earlier germination, a lack of pollination, a change in the representation of species and in photosynthesis.

### Everyone's participation

Everyone can do his or her part. Thank you for taking a few minutes to evaluate how to improve this aspect of your outdoors!

Consider the following:

- I close my lights during part of the night.
- I direct my lights to the ground, not to the sky.
- I use a light with a motion detector or a programmable timer

## Chapter 6 TRAFFIC

### SPEED

The speed limit on the majority of the streets of Lake Nick Estates is 50 km. However, it is recommended to reduce your speed to 30 km at all times near Kaiser Beach, and on any other street to reduce the risk of accidents as well as the problem caused by unpaved roads. To ensure the **safety** of the numerous pedestrians, it is recommended to keep to the right at all times and **slow down** as they approach.

When the roads are dry and following street maintenance (loading and grading), by the Municipality of Bolton-Est, vehicle movement causes a great deal of **dust**. Reducing your speed helps minimize this inconvenience.

The APLN unfortunately has no authority to reduce speed on the streets of the Lake Nick Estates. Complaints must be addressed to the *Sûreté du Québec* at **310-4141** or at \*4141 on your cell.

### STOP SIGNS

Several STOP signs are installed on the Estate roads. They must be respected given the pedestrian traffic and the SIGN's proximity to the beach and Canada Post Boxes.

### SNOWMOBILES – ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

Use of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATV) is **strictly forbidden** on municipal roads.

Unfortunately the APLN has no authority to control traffic or reduce speed on the Estate's roads. We remind you that there are By-laws and regulations that include nuisances:



<http://cantondehatley.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/2016-06-nuisances.pdf>

Or, the one issued by the Quebec Federation of Quad clubs:

<http://www.fqcq.qc.ca/lois-et-securite/lois-et-reglements/>

Complaints must be made to the *Sûreté du Québec* at **310-4141**, or on your cell phone at \*4141.

## Chapter 7 CHALET OR HOME RENTAL

### BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Under provincial law, an **uncertified owner cannot rent his home** for a period of 31 days or less. Beyond 31 days, this is a traditional rental outlined by the Quebec Rental Board. Laws and Regulations (L.R.Q., C. E-14.2) on Tourist Accommodation Establishments).

### In addition, short-term rental is prohibited in the Municipality of Bolton Est.

Whatever the use of cottages and residences, the **homeowner must** advise their guests and tenants to respect the laws, regulations and best practices to ensure comfortable and trouble-free cohabitation.

**The Good Practise Guide should be left out in plain view for guests and tenants to consult.**

## Chapter 8 FIRE

### OPEN-AIR FIRES



Except for barbeque cooking, it is strictly to light an open-air fire without first obtaining a permit from the **competent authority**. Contact the Fire Department for an open air permit:



(819) 843-0000



[www.boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/SecuritePublique.aspx](http://www.boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/SecuritePublique.aspx)

### FIREWORKS

The use of restricted fireworks is prohibited unless authorized by the Fire Department Director. The request must be made in writing at least 15 days prior to the intended use and the written authorization will be issued at least 48 hours before the event. If proper authorization is not obtained, those fireworks will therefore in breach of the by-law.

In case of **problems**, contact the Police at 911, or the Austin Fire Department at (819) 843-0000.



Fireworks are **prohibited** on the beaches to prevent water pollution by pyrotechnic residues. This also applies to property owners on the shoreline.

Unfortunately the APLN has no authority to enforce these municipal By-laws that relate to fires. Any complaints should be addressed to the Municipality of Bolton-Est.



(450) 292-3444



<http://boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/Requetes.aspx>



## Chapter 9 ENVIRONMENT

### SHORELINES

Since 2008 the By-laws regarding shorelines must be respected. The strip must be three meters wide if the ground is flat and five meters if the ground slope is more than 30%. Any vegetation control intervention is prohibited, such as lawn mowing, brushing and cutting down trees in the shoreline, except when necessary to carry out work authorized by the municipality.

### RECOMMENDED PLANTS

If you want to naturalize your shoreline strip, here is the list of some recommended plants, shrubs and trees:

#### *Flowers*

Gray Iris - Lobelia Cardinal – Day Lily - Rudbeckie - Canadian Sanguisorbe.

#### *Shrubs*

Holly - Rosier Rugosa – Balsam Berry Herb - Elderberry - Amelanchier Laevis - Sea Buckthorn - Cameris - Cassis.

#### *Trees*

Cherry Tree - Red Maple - White Willow - Western Thayer - American Lime.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

To safeguard the health of Lake Nick, you must:

- **Ban** the use of **pesticides**. Domestic **compost** is preferred to fertilizer.
- **Always** use detergents without phosphates.
- **Do not** throw ashes on the banks or ditches.
- **Do not** pull out aquatic plants.
- **Do not** feed the geese.
- Make sure your septic system is in **compliance** and functioning properly.
- **Clean** any boat that comes from outside Lake Nick before using it on the lake.
- **Maintain** a dense shoreline to discourage geese from settling there.
- For further information, consult the RAPPEL



(819) 636-0092



[www.rappel.qc.ca](http://www.rappel.qc.ca)



## DITCHES

According to the RAPPEL, it is better to leave the grass in the ditches that are located on steep slopes. However, one or two cuttings per year could be accepted in the fall.

## PHRAGMITES

**Phragmite is an invasive plant that is very damaging to the ecosystem and biodiversity.**

If you see any on your property, it is important to cut it regularly to weaken it to throw out the stems. If they are growing at the water's edge, try to control it because it can spread quickly along the shoreline. This plant is very present in our ditches and around Lake Nick.

## PLANTES ENVAHISSANTES ET NUISIBLES



*Phragmite stems*



*Phragmite spikes*

## JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Hollow rods, such as bamboo, whose roots can break asphalt or concrete. If you have any on your property, it is very important to control it. It is almost impossible to eradicate.



*Knotweed stems*



*Knotweed leaves and flowers de renouée*

## GIANT HOGWEED

Plants whose sap causes second-degree burns when touched. If you find any on your property, you must report it to the municipality, its **eradication is mandatory**.

*If you have any doubts about the identification of the plant, you can contact a member of the board of the APLN.*



*Young plant*



*Mature*

*If you have any doubts about the identification of the plant, you can contact a member of the board of the APLN.*

## Chapter 10 WILD ANIMALS

It is prohibited to feed **all wild animals**, whether they be white-tailed deer, foxes, skunks, raccoons, geese or any other non-domestic animals.

### CANADA GOOSE

Geese that are making nests on the Lake Nick shore are an unwelcome resident. They are a source of pollution and a danger to the health of our lake. It **is forbidden** to feed them. Fences were installed at the beaches to prevent them from nesting and living there.

**Please leave the barriers in place at all times**

At all times, but especially in the spring, during the nesting season, the cooperation of local residents is requested in order to maximize efforts to control the geese. You can cooperate by installing fences on your property, but also by maintaining a very dense and wide strip of vegetation (shoreline strip) between the lake and the grassed area.

### BEAVERS

Beavers are herbivores that like to feed on water plants, fruits of earthly plants, plants such as grass and ferns, hardwoods (poplars, maples, alders and willows). Aspen is their favourite plant.

Dam destruction is **PROHIBITED** under the Wildlife Conservation Act. Moreover, it is useless because the beaver will simply rebuild it. Trapping is also prohibited outside the trapping period and is a temporary solution, as other beavers will come to settle.

**The best** way is to **protect** the trees is with a wire mesh about **90 to 120 cm high**, because the beavers cannot climb high. It is not necessary to encircle an entire area to protect it, as the beaver only enters by the water's edge. Instead, plant species that he doesn't like, such as conifers.

The beaver is an ally in global warming because it recreates important biodiversity and allows the storage of a large quantity of fresh water. If infrastructure is not threatened, it is important to try to live alongside the beaver.

### **WHITE-TAILED DEER**

Here are some shrubs that resist it: Bearberry grape or bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uvaursi*) - Traveling Comptostella (*Comptostella Pilgrim*) - Mountain Laurel or Sheep Laurel or Laurel (*Kalmia Angustifolia*) - Myric Beaumier (*Myrica gale*) - Potentilla (*Potentilla Fruticosa*) - Cassinoid Viorna (*Viburnum Cassinoides*).

Deer do not seem to be interested in wild roses or weigela, which blooms well and is very resistant.

### **LOONS**

This migratory bird has disappeared from several lakes in eastern America due to pollution and acid rain. This species is vulnerable and protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.

The loon needs calm and tranquility especially during its nesting period (May-July) and the next two months, when raising young (one or two chicks), before they can begin their first flight.

**THE DISTURBANCE CAN JEOPARDIZE THE SURVIVAL OF THE YOUNG;** They may stop eating, develop diseases or be abandoned by their parents. Loons usually nest on the shores of lakes or on an islet.

**To protect the loon, it is important to stay away from the shoreline and not willingly approach the bird to observe it.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

Poaching is present in our rural areas. However, **POACHING IS PROHIBITED**. If you hear gunshots outside the hunting season or in the evening, it is important to report these acts to wildlife officers.



**1-800 463 2191**



<http://www.mffp.gouv.gc.ca/faune/sos-braconnage/>



## Chapter 11 OTHER SERVICES

### PARKING AND POSTAL BOXES

Besides the Canada Post boxes located at the Kaiser Beach parking lot, there are also bulletin boards

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Reserved for the APLN for displaying various information;
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Reserved for the Municipality of Bolton-Est for displaying official notices;
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Reserved to display **local** services, lost and found objects, and for sale notices.

### BOOK BOXES

The cultural committee of the Municipality of Bolton-Est provides citizens with a library service in various sectors. A book box is located at the Kaiser Beach parking lot. It contains a large number of books in French and English. Borrow them for free!

### THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

The APLN website is well documented and accessible to all. Here you will find information on various topics, including the environment, beaches, FAQs and a section dedicated to archives. Visit the site: [www.lacnick.com](http://www.lacnick.com).

## Chapter 12 VOLUNTEERS AND TASKS

### VOLUNTEERS

In addition to volunteer Board members, a team of other volunteers is ALSO involved in the maintenance and repair of equipment installed at beaches and public places; (with the exception of mowing the lawn, the chemical toilet and clearing the snow at the Kaiser Beach Parking Lot). Their efforts help maintain the **quality** of our environment and the health of Lake Nick. Without them, the APLN could not exist.

### **The ASSOCIATION IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

For many years, teams of experienced and dedicated volunteers have been supporting the APLN Board. However, we are **always looking for new volunteers** to help the Association preserve all of its property and facilities. **You are always welcome** to become volunteers within the Association. There is strength in numbers that makes it possible to not always to ask the same people so we can obtain the maximum benefit. We invite you to contact us to join this team that helps maintain a pleasant and harmonious community life. A simple email to [info@lacnick.com](mailto:info@lacnick.com) will suffice.





## CLEAN-UP TASKS

Each spring, the team of volunteers takes part in the **annual** clean-up tasks which involves various activities. Among those are:

- Repair or improve docks and rafts
- Repair boat racks
- Repair and maintain the playground
- Weeding at beaches and public places
- Planting at beaches and public places
- Cleaning of ditches on Lake Nick Estate

All are invited to participate in the work carried out collectively or, to take advantage of this day to do it on their property and in the surrounding area.

**Together**, we can improve our environment!!

## Chapter 13 GARBAGE COLLECTION – RECYLING – COMPOSTING

### RESIDUAL WASTE

The collection of **residual waste** (green or black bin) and **compostable materials** (brown bin), and **recycling** (blue bin) are picked up according to a scheduled calendar available on the Municipality of Bolton Est website as well as posted on the APLN Bulletin Board near the mailboxes. As we live in a rural area, there is no collection of dead leaves in bags during the fall. They can be scattered in the forest or put in brown bins.

**Note:** Bags or other non-approved containers will **not be** picked up during these collections.

### RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

**Recyclable materials** must be deposited in the blue bin provided by the municipality. Garbage collectors will not pick up bags or any other containers.

### BULKY WASTE

The municipality has changed its agreement with the *Ressourcerie des Frontières*: the at home collection service is now by appointment. All bulky items are recovered regardless of their condition, whether they are functional or not. The *Ressourcerie* gives a second life to almost 95% of the materials it collects!

To dispose of household waste materials that are too bulky (in size, shape or weight) such as stoves, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, mattresses, sofas and box springs, contact **LA RESSOURCERIE DES FRONTIÈRES** who will come and pick it all up, directly from your home by appointment at 1 855 804-1018 or 819 804-1018, or on their website at: [info@ressourceriedesfrontieres.com](mailto:info@ressourceriedesfrontieres.com).

For more information please contact the Municipality's Environment Department at (450) 292-3444 extension 25, or consult the website: <http://www.boltonest.ca/Environnement/MatieresResiduelles.aspx> at the **Bulky Waste** tab.



## COMPOSTING

Since November 2016, the municipality has offered to pick up compostable or organic materials.

### Why?

- By 2020, the organic material in landfill will be banned.
- Landfills are major sources of contamination (water, soil, air).
- These materials can be turned into fertile soil
- Costs for depositing organic materials are cheaper than landfilling.

For the procedures to follow, consult this website:

<http://www.boltonest.ca/Environnement/MatieresResiduelles.aspx> at the **Brown Bin** tab.

## Chapter 14 VARIOUS INFORMATION

### MESSY TERRAIN



It is prohibited to leave, on a vacant lot or on a construction site or undeveloped site, any scrap metal, waste, garbage of any kind, rubbish deposits, used tires, construction or demolition materials, toxic products, used oils, combustible materials and dead animals. It is prohibited to leave a motor vehicle manufactured more than seven

### SEPTIC TANKS

The municipality has chosen to measure the sludge and scum annually from each septic tank.

### Why?

This service provides economies of scale in the cost of emptying and measurement ensures that emptying is less frequent than required by provincial bylaws.

Did you know that bleach kills the bacteria that work in your septic tank to ensure its proper functioning? Use of toxic products hinders the proper functioning of your septic system.

Once a year, an attendant will measure the scum in your septic tank and meet with you as needed. Please remove your two covers on the dates mentioned on the municipality's calendar to facilitate the work of the attendant.

For more information: <http://www.boltonest.ca/Environnement/EauxUsees.aspx>

## TREE CUTTING



A municipal **permit** is required for cutting trees over 10 cm (4 in.) in diameter at chest height (DHP) or for cutting any tree on the shoreline, regardless of its diameter. Contact the Environment Department at **(450) 292-3444**, or by email: [environnement@boltonest.qc.ca](mailto:environnement@boltonest.qc.ca).

## RENOVATIONS



A building permit is required for any construction, renovation, demolition, tree cutting or installation of a septic system, water intake, pool and dock.

Any person wishing to carry out a construction project, an interior or exterior modification of a building affecting the walls or structure, an extension or addition of buildings must first obtain a permit to this effect.

For more information: <http://www.boltonest.ca/Urbanisme/Permis.aspx>

## CAMPING

Camping is **strictly forbidden** on the Lake Nick Estate territory.

## Chapter 15 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### COUNTRY PICNIC/BARBECUE

This activity aims to bring people living in the same neighbourhood or immediate neighbours closer together. This event is original, because we organize it ourselves and helps us to encourage camaraderie and solidarity in our milieu.

This festivity takes place in July at Kaiser Beach.

### WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

in September, this harvest festival invites all owners to come and celebrate the autumn harvest. The activity is held at Kaiser beach

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Chapter 16 2019-2020 CALENDAR

- Beach maintenance fees must be paid by May 1, 2019
- Annual General Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (Council Chamber at Bolton-Est Town Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon)
- Ditches clean-up duty in the Lake Nick area in May
- Country Picnic July 13, 2019
- Wine and Cheese on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Chapter 17 IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

- In case of emergency, dial 911. To reach the Sûreté du Québec, dial 310-4141 or \*4141 on your cell phone.
- Info santé 811
- Info Transports Québec 511
- Municipality of Bolton-Est (450) 292-3444 <http://www.boltonest.ca/>
- Fire Department (open fire permits) (819) 843-0000
- Magog Hospital (819) 843-2572
- Hydro-Québec – Power Failure/emergency) 1 800 790-2424  
<http://pannes.hydroquebec.com/pannes/>
- Environment emergency 1 866 694-5454
- Québec Services 1 877 644-4545
- APLN Website: [www.lacnick.com](http://www.lacnick.com)
- APLN email address: [info@lacnick.com](mailto:info@lacnick.com)



## Chapter 18 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are the answers to the most frequently asked questions to the APLN.

### **I don't use Kaiser Beach, so why do I have to join the APLN?**

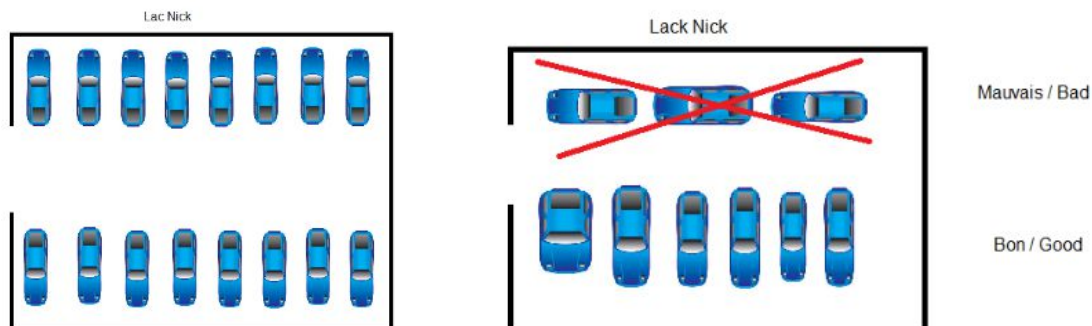
Even if you do not make use of our private beach on the shores of Lake Nick, the value of your property is estimated based on this access to the lake. If the water quality of the lake is compromised, the value of your property will be affected. The main focus of the APLN's work is to maintain the quality of our environment, whether through water quality monitoring or work on the lake's watershed.

### **Why become a member of the APLN?**

By becoming a member of the APLN, you are supporting an association whose mission is to protect the quality of Lake Nick and its environment. To do this, the APLN takes effective measures to preserve the quality of our environment: tests on the quality of the water of the lake and its tributaries, cutting of invasive plant species, elimination of aquatic invasive species, etc.

### **How to maximize the number of parking spaces at the Kaiser Beach lot?**

In order to allow as many vehicles as possible to park, they must be positioned parallel to Lake Nick Road and not perpendicularly, as shown in the diagram below:



## **What are the main rules to follow when visiting Kaiser Beach?**

### **Animals**

No animals are permitted at Kaiser Beach, except guide dogs. However, animals are allowed at Spring Lake Beach.

### **Fire, Fireworks and Other**

Since Kaiser Beach is categorized as recreational land by the Municipality of Bolton-Est, this type of activity is no longer permitted in accordance with the Nuisance By-law and the Fire Safety By-law: <http://boltonest.ca/ServicesCitoyens/SecuritePublique.aspx>.

### **Bottles, Cans, Other Sharp Containers**

For safety reasons and to avoid any type of injury, it is not permitted to bring such items on the floating raft or on the Kaiser Beach dock.

### **Diving**

Diving from the dock is strictly prohibited. The depth of the water is insufficient, which could cause irreversible injuries: <http://www.journaldemontreal.com/2016/08/08/paralyse-a-14-jours-detre-pere>.

### **Picnic Tables**

Due to the limited number of tables available on the beach, we ask members to use only one table so that everyone can benefit.

### **Volleyball**

The nets must be installed in the upper part of the beach above the cluster of trees.

### **Garbage Can and Toilet**

A chemical toilet is available to members. Thank you for keeping it clean! A garbage can and a recycling bin are also available in the parking lot. Please put your waste AND recyclable materials in there when you leave!

N.B. The toilet is not a garbage can.

### **Parasols**

Parasols are available to members. We ask you to close them when you leave the beach in order to preserve them for as long as possible.

### **Do I have to follow the regulations when I drive an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on the roads in the Lake Nick area?**

Absolutely! At all times you must comply with the regulations in effect when travelling on roads in the Lake Nick area: <http://www.fqcq.qc.ca/lois-et-securite>



## **Which providers offer telecommunications services (Internet, television, telephone) in the Lake Nick area?**

Multiple competitive providers do not cover the Lake Nick area. Only Bell offers telephone landline and Internet services. (The ADSL speed is a maximum of 5 mb/s).

To reduce your monthly telecommunications costs, you can do business with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who can provide you with the same service. Here are some of them:

<http://www.cooptel.ca>

<http://www.ebox.ca/quebec/residentiel>

<http://n4mobile.com>

<http://www.netrevolution.com>

<http://www.b2b2c.ca/accueil>

For television only satellite can receive specialty channels. However, if the general-interest channels are adequate for you, you can purchase an HD antenna.

Subsequently, there is no subscription to pay. For the Sherbrooke area, the following channels are available: SRC, TQ, TVA, V, V, Global and several American channels depending on your location. You can check the list of channels available on this website:

<https://www.tvfool.com>.

For more information you can also consult the following:

<https://www.protegez-vous.ca/Technologie/guide-dachat-antennes-uhfvhf>

<http://www.tvhdcentral.com/index.php>

<http://www.technonumerique.com/accueil.php>

