

Lakeshore 101 was a small workshop that took place over the summer of 2007 where volunteers offered their shoreline for neighbours to gather and listen and talk to Kerri O'Shaughnessey, Cows and Fish Riparian technician. Each workshop was about two hours long with refreshments served after and usually held on a weekend to accommodate seasonal landowners. This particular one was held on Mortensen Beach, June 22, 10:00 a.m. The following is a report from one of the participants:

*Another stellar turn out! We would like to thank the hosts, Lorna and Vern MacFadzen as well as Kerri O'Shaughnessey from Cows and Fish. Kerri started with a little quiz regarding the history of Lac La Nonne which we all found very interesting. We then had a discussion on what we could do, or not do, to help the lake. Kerri was very informative and listened intently to the pros and cons that we discussed. The questions that were put to Kerri were answered with a wealth of knowledge on her part, but I must say parts we agreed with her, and parts we were not quite sold on the idea. One might say it is our old school thinking...but overall she was willing to listen to the concerns we brought to the table. For example, we did not buy a lake front property to have it look the way it does, and not be able to enjoy the beachfront (because there is no beachfront) with our family and friends. We thank her for listening and understanding our concerns and with that she did offer some suggestions. That is when we took the discussion to the water's edge. Kerri proceeded to point out and explain the flora and fauna of the lake; what plants are good for the lake and which ones are not. She explained with great detail why they are good or why they are bad, and what they do.*

*We came away with an historical awareness of what should and shouldn't be removed from the lakeshore frontage that we all have. Together as a community if we ALL work together with a soul purpose "to clean" the lake it will happen. If more people would take the time to come to these informative sessions, working together and in numbers as seen in other areas, the goal to clean up the lake is attainable. With the lack of interest, which is unfortunate, this could be an uphill battle.*

*In closing, we would like to say that Kerri did an awesome job. Not only was it informative, we also had a great time...lots of joking around and laughing...*

*Thanks Kerri!!!*

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