



# PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

### Line 5 Agreement, article by TOMWC.....Comment Period ends 12-19-17

On Monday, September 27, 2017, Governor Rick Snyder signed an agreement with Enbridge regarding Line 5. The agreement calls for the following:

- Expanded state oversight of Enbridge actions and information;
- Replacement of the portion of Line 5 that crosses beneath the St. Clair River by using horizontal directional drilling;
- Temporary shutdown of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac during periods of “sustained adverse weather conditions,” which is wave heights greater than 8 feet continuously for one hour;
- Evaluation of technologies to enhance leak detection and better assess the condition of the coating on the pipelines in the Straits;
- Implementation of measures to mitigate potential vessel anchor strikes;
- Evaluation of options for the replacement of Line 5, including placing a new pipeline in a tunnel under the Straits, installing a new pipeline below the lakebed using horizontal directional drilling, and placing a new pipeline in a secondary containment system in a trench on the bottom of the Great Lakes; and
- Evaluation of all other Line 5 water crossings to assess measures to minimize the likelihood and/or consequences of a release at each location.

### The Watershed Council’s Opinion on the Agreement between State and Enbridge

While the agreement includes a few positives, overall, it fails to protect the Great Lakes from the risk posed by Line 5 and discounts the voice of Michigan’s citizens. In 2015, the Governor created a Pipeline Safety Advisory Board, which includes a representative from Tip of the Watershed Council. The charge of the Board is to provide guidance and advice on the safety, upkeep and transparency of issues related to Michigan’s network of pipelines. The agreement signed on September 27th was made behind closed doors and without input or knowledge from the Advisory Board. This makes the agreement disingenuous and disconcerting. One of the most glaring problems with the agreement is its failure to address the most visible and immediate concern – the coating issues that we now know have plagued the pipeline for years. *(Continued on page 6)*

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PLA 2018 ACTIVITIES

Jan 20	Ice Fishing Tournament
June 09	Spring Bike Tour
July 07	Summer Festival
July 28	Boating Safety Class
August 5	Annual Meeting
Sept 08	Fall Bike Tour

PLA OFFICERS

President:	Greg Torsky
Vice President:	Donna Karbowski
Treasurer:	Barry Potter
Secretary:	Jolene Michaels
Past President:	Mary Lu Norton
Trustees:	Terry Burge, Mike Madden, Mary Lu Norton, Jim Pauling
Seasonal Trustees:	George Bearden, Dale Berry, Dick Elliott, Paul Karbowski

2018 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES

Members & Public Welcome--at Carp Lake town hall except January and August

January 9(Torsky's)	Aug 5 (Pavilion)
April 3	September 4
May 1	October 2
June 5	November 8
July 3	December 5, 2017

From the Desk of the President...



For Your Consideration.....

Today, December 6, 2017 I am looking out my window at this blustery winter day. It looks like winter might be here to stay. Now it is time for our lake to rest and rejuvenate under a crust of ice and snow that will soon be here. Plans are under way for our annual Ice Fishing Tournament to be held January 20, 2018. Let's hope for mild temperatures and good ice conditions.

The end of the year is a good time to reflect on the events of 2017. It is also a good time to think about what we can do for our lake and community in 2018. Here are a few suggestions to think about:

- \*\*donate food, cash or volunteer to help with Christmas baskets.
- \*\*volunteer to help at the ice fishing tournament on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- \*\*volunteer to help at the pancake breakfast and/or parade for Summer Fest July 7<sup>th</sup>
- \*\*support your PLA with your membership
- \*\*attend PLA board meetings
- \*\*attend the annual member PLA picnic in August

For more information please contact: [paradise.lake.lover@gmail.com](mailto:paradise.lake.lover@gmail.com) or Greg Torsky at 231-758-0586

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!.....*Greg*

**This Christmas**.....Light a Candle.....Smell the Pine.....Count your Blessings.....Thank God.

**This Year**.....Recognize Your Uniqueness.....Offer Support to Someone who Needs it.....Keep

Going.....Focus on Love, Forgiveness and Peace.....Keep Growing.....Steer Clear of People and

Things that Wound You.....See the Love around You.....Strive to be Happy.....Speak and be

Heard.....Support what is Right in the Face of what is Wrong.....Look Forward and Live Today.....

*source unknown*

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Collection boxes are in place at the Paradise Lake Marina, the Carp Lake General Store, the Carp Lake Post Office and Roy Alexander's pole barn, 7663 Paradise Trail for non-perishable food donations for the PLA annual Christmas Basket and "Thinking of You" Baskets. Delivery will be Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Make your holiday a little brighter by donating food, money and/or volunteering to sort and help deliver baskets. Food baskets are delivered to folks in need of a little extra cheer this year. "Thinking of You" fruit baskets are given to those who have had an illness, lost a loved one or are new to the neighborhood.

**PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT**

	ENTRY#	NAME	WT
HEAVIEST PIKE	28"	#32 Bryan McCafferty	4.26 <sup>+</sup>
HEAVIEST WALLEYE	23 1/2"	#26 Clayton Mooney	4.39 <sup>+</sup>
HEAVIEST PANFISH	11 1/2"	#47 Austin Neill	.77 <sup>+</sup>
2ND PLACE PIKE		#45 Jacob Schmalzried	2.86 <sup>+</sup>
1ST PIKE	25"	#13 Chris Alexander	2.65 <sup>+</sup>
1st 10" or over Perch	11"	#11 Craig Ambrose	1.64 <sup>+</sup>



Get your name on the above "Leader Board" and keep it there until the end of the day you will be in the money category!!! The annual Paradise Lake Association Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday January 20, 2018 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be conducted out of the Paradise Lake Marina. Fishermen registering the Heaviest Walleye, Heaviest Pike and Heaviest Pan fish will be awarded \$300 each. Prizes are prorated if fewer than 80 competitors are registered in the tournament so encourage your friends and neighbors to participate and give everyone a chance at the big money! There is also a chance ticket for cash prizes for first 10" or over pan fish, first legal pike and a ticket drawing at the awards announcements. See the PLA website, Carp Lake General Store, Paradise Lake Marina and other area businesses posting tournament rules for details. Winter in Michigan doesn't get any better than this. Enjoy the outdoors, the challenge and good times shared with good friends. Call President Greg Torsky at 231-758-0586 if you have questions.

**LOONS ON PARADISE LAKE IN DECEMBER??? COULD SURFACE ICE FORMING BE A FACTOR???**

Today is 12-8-17.....and we have watched two Loons most of the day, eating out front, in the ONLY open water we can see.....one of the Loons was larger than the others, so we figured it was a baby and an adult, and we also said that we have NEVER seen Loons on the lake this late.....it is usually October when we see them take off.....

Well, a little over an hour ago, we saw the largest one take-off, and not return.....but the smallest one has tried and tried to take off, without success.....just a few minutes ago, we went to the basement to feed the wood furnace, and the minute we came back upstairs, we can't find the smallest one, so we are happily assuming that it was finally able to take flight!!!

I asked Roy what would happen if it couldn't take-off today, and he said it would probably get frozen-in, and become Eagle bait.....well, I have prayed and prayed that it would take-off, as the tears came streaming down my face!!!! I keep checking out in the lake, and I can't find the Loon.....YEA, I think.....*submitted by Annie Coffin & Roy Alexander, competing for the best pair of binoculars. ☺*

## PLA MEMBERSHIP

If you listen to the loons with awe, watch eagles soar, love the sunsets, are invested in the health of our fishery and appreciate the vibe of our step-back-in-time community, then you will want to stay informed through your new or renewed PLA membership. The quarterly newsletters, periodic e-mail notices and fun events will keep you involved and informed. The address label on the front of this newsletter indicates the year through which you have paid your dues. Applications are available on the last page of this newsletter or on [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org) under the “Store” tab. Notice the 3 year family category on the application, designed to save you money! Invite your neighbor to join. Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.  
.....*Tune in and Stay Informed*!!!! .....

### KUDOS TO BENEFACTOR CATEGORY MEMBERS

Alexander’s Plumbing & Heating, Robb Burkee State Farm Insurance, Darrow Brother’s Excavating, Lakeside Building, The Maples Resort, Terry Burge, Helen & Dale Ehrlich, Dick & Judy Guernsey, Richard Hayes, Bob & Marilyn Roll, Kim & Mark Stecko, Greg Torsky, Joe Wilhelm & Connie Shelton. Thanks so much to the above PLA members for supporting their favorite organization with additional funds!!!! You are appreciated!!

### PLA WEBSITE

The PLA website is [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org). Visit there for updated information about our lake and community. There are a number of beautiful photos submitted by PLA members. We enjoy new photos, so if you have photos you would like to share, send to [photo@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:photo@paradiselakeassociation.org). Members can reach a given board member at specific email addresses noted on website or email all board members using address: [board@paradiselakeassociation.org](mailto:board@paradiselakeassociation.org)



### PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

The next PLIB meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Carp Lake town hall. The Laminar Flow project was approved by the PLIB in 2016 for another 5 year period. A study conducted by the University of Michigan Biological Station staff and students in summer of 2017 has proved that muck build up on the properties of 3 riparian owners on the southeast shoreline is not coming from sediment in the Laminar Flow area. It is coming from deteriorated Eurasian water milfoil that is disrupted, floating and breaking down. The PLIB is researching options to correct the situation. The full study report is available on the PLIB website listed below. PLIB mailing address is P.O. Box 52, Carp Lake, MI 49718-0052, e-mail address is [paradiselib@gmail.com](mailto:paradiselib@gmail.com) and website is [www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com](http://www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com). This website is the official valid source of information regarding PLIB minutes and business.

### CARP LAKE WOMEN’S CLUB CHRISTMAS TEA

The CLWC Christmas Party/Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 12, at the Carp Lake Township Hall at 12 noon. Tea will be provided. Ladies will bring a dish to pass appropriate to a tea - cookies, small sandwiches, tartlets, etc. and their own teacup (and perhaps an interesting story about it?). Hats and gloves are optional :-). Fee for entry is product for the food pantry in Mackinaw City. It sounds like a perfect Christmas gathering for our step-back-in-time community!!

## *Enbridge Line 5 Agreement, Article by TOMWC (continued from page 1)*

Enbridge recently inspected 48 out of 128 anchor locations along the pipeline route in the Straits and a majority of those 48 areas have coating gaps. We can only presume that a majority of the remaining 80 anchor locations that still need to be inspected will also have coating gaps. Given this knowledge, the agreement should have called for the temporary shutdown of Line 5 operations until the rest of Line 5 in the Straits can be inspected and all of the bare steel and coating issues can be fully repaired.

In addition, the timing of the agreement is questionable. The State released the final version of the [Line 5 Alternatives Analysis report](#) on November 20, 2017 which began a public comment period to gather input on what the State should do regarding the future of Line 5. However, seven days later, prior to scheduled public feedback sessions, this agreement is announced. This completely discounts the public's voice. The agreement tells the public that a pathway forward has been chosen and conveys to the public that their input doesn't matter. While the agreement does not represent the final decision on Line 5, it does lead toward a particular alternative – replacement of Line 5 in a tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Most of the public would not agree that this is the path the State should be pursuing for the future of Line 5 and the Watershed Council agrees.

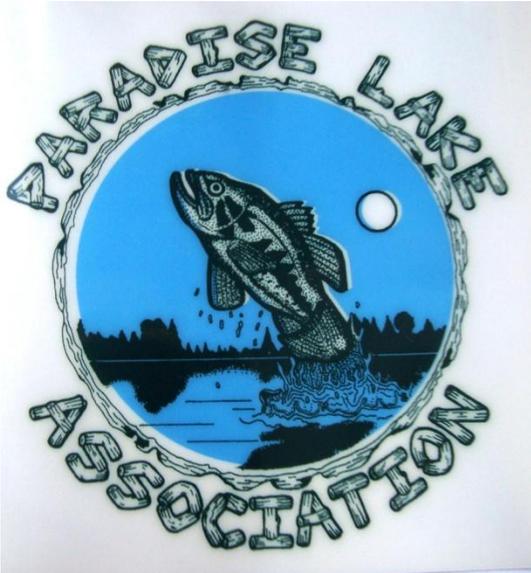
Replacement of Line 5 in the Straits, whether tunneled, installed below the lakebed using horizontal directional drilling, or trenched in secondary containment, will not eliminate the risk to the public trust waters of the Great Lakes. The inland portions of Line 5 will still remain. In particular, Line 5 will still traverse across the Upper Peninsula, along the U.S. 2 corridor, where there are a number of direct tributaries to Lake Michigan. Any leak or rupture along this portion would still result in an oil spill in Lakes Michigan-Huron and the Straits of Mackinac, and the same containment and recovery difficulties would exist.

Additionally, the inland portions can pose just as great, if not greater threat, due to the basic construction, operation, and maintenance of the line. The wall thickness of the inland pipeline is significantly less. It is 0.281 inches thick versus 0.813 inches at the Straits. Along with a thinner pipeline, it operates at a higher pressure. In addition, it has a side seam, which the Straits portion of pipe does not have. This seam can be subject to stress cracking and could cause the inland pipe to be more vulnerable. The inland portion is also not subject to the same inspection frequencies. If you look at historic dent summary, you will see that there are more dent features total and features per mile inland than in the Straits. This shows the vulnerability of the inland portion of Line 5. Therefore, simply replacing the Straits portion of the pipeline ultimately fails to eliminate the risk to the Great Lakes and Michigan's waters.

Despite all of this, there are a few positives in the agreement worth noting. First, it provides a timeline and sets a goal of August 2018 for reaching a final decision on the future of Line 5. In addition, the agreement finally has the State looking beyond the 4 mile stretch of Line 5 located in the Straits of Mackinac. It calls for an evaluation of all 245 other water crossings across the State. Three years ago, the Watershed Council led the effort calling for a water crossing study to evaluate the risk of ruptures and leaks in all sections of pipeline that cross Michigan's rivers, streams, and wetlands. While it should not have taken three years for it to come to fruition, we are pleased to see that an assessment will at long last be conducted to identify measures to minimize the risk at Line 5 water crossings.

**Public Comment Opportunities: Your Voice is Needed to Protect the Great Lakes** Even though the agreement is signed, the State is still accepting public comments. Many are feeling helpless and frustrated that this agreement seems to have short circuited the public process, but now is your opportunity to make your voice heard. Let the State know what they should do regarding the future of Line 5. Express your opinion on replacement of Line 5 via a tunnel (or any other means) in the Straits of Mackinac. Let them know that crude oil does not belong in, on, or under our Great Lakes. **Public comments are accepting until December 19<sup>th</sup>.** Comments can be submitted online at the [Michigan Petroleum Pipelines website](#), by [email](#) through the website, or by mail sent to the Michigan DEQ, Attn: Line 5 Alternatives Analysis, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909.

The Paradise Lake Association is a 501(c)3 Non-profit organization. We have been organized since 1973, spending 44 years protecting our lake and coordinating with the community and our Lake Improvement Board. Current projects include Summer Festival “A Summer Day in Paradise”, July 7, 2018, Clean Boats, Clean Water program, Walleye Planting, Loon Nest Raft, Water Quality monitoring, DEQ invasive species program day, Highway clean-up, Spring and Fall Bike Tour rest stop for MCACC, Ice Fishing Tournament, Rain Garden maintenance.



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Summer Festival Color Guard



Summer Festival Pancake Breakfast



2017 MACC fall bike tour rest stop at Mary Madigan's

The purpose of the Paradise Lake Association shall be to:

- 3.1 Promote an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of owners of riparian lands;
- 3.2 Do all things and take such actions as may be necessary to protect the environment of Paradise Lake;
- 3.3 Help solve problems involving lake level, water safety, water pollution, weed control, and development;
- 3.4 Interact with Federal, State and local government bodies and other organizations concerned with water quality and environmental issues and to advance their programs to the extent they shall improve, develop, benefit or serve the area;
- 3.5 Undertake periodic scientific tests of the quality of water in Paradise Lake and take actions, which preserve the clean pure waters contained therein.
- 3.6 Assist in the acquisition, establishment and protection of nature preserves, wilderness and other protected areas in the general vicinity of Paradise Lake and its connecting creeks, streams, rivers and wetlands.

## 2018 Paradise Lake Association Membership Application and Renewal Form

**SUPPORTER** - Family/individual membership, 1 year  ..... \$ 15  
-Family/individual membership, 3 years  .....\$ 40

**SUSTAINER** - For all business members and for families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure.

Business Membership  Family/Individual Membership  ..... \$ 35

**BENEFACTOR** - For business members or families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure. All benefactor members will be recognized in the December newsletter.

Business Membership  Family/Individual Membership  .....\$100

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Website: [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org)

**Please return this form with your dues to the:**  
**Paradise Lake Assn. Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 2**  
**Carp Lake, MI 49718**

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address (only if you receive mail in Carp Lake) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK HERE EACH YEAR INDICATING YOU WISH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY**  
 **E-MAIL OR**  **REGULAR MAIL**

### BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

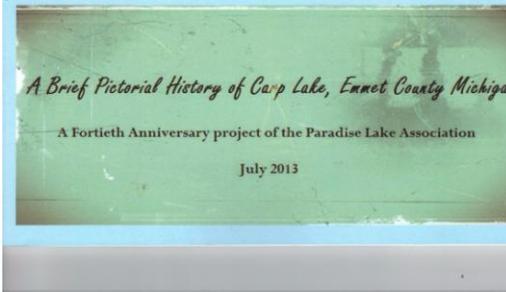
Business Members please complete the following the way you want it stated in the annual directory. **Dues must be received by April 15, 2018 for inclusion in annual area directory.**  
*(Remember to also give us the address where you receive your mail if different than business address)*

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business e-mail \_\_\_\_\_



## **Buy a unique Christmas Gift!!!!**

The Pictorial History of Carp Lake is available for purchase at the very affordable price of \$15. Stock up with Christmas and birthday presents plus one for yourself.

After selling out the third printing of the photo album, many requests were received to order another reprint of the very popular album of memories of the Carp Lake area. Your PLA board voted to accommodate requests by ordering 100 more books. The books as well as PLA logo hats and T-shirts will be available on line at the [www.paradiselakeassociation.org](http://www.paradiselakeassociation.org) website under the "Store" tab. If you need the book shipped add charges of \$2.69 for Media Mail or \$5.60 for Priority Mail.

**Get a Valuable Piece of the Past.**



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