

The Turtle Lake Watershed Survey closed at 11.59 pm on July 31, 2021. A total of 727 survey responses were received by Microsoft. The TLWI Survey was composed using Microsoft Forms platform and the Survey was hosted and administrated Microsoft. Microsoft Forms attach a unique ID number, representing the order the submissions are received as well as a date and time stamp to each submission. Microsoft retains copies of the Survey as presented and all submitted data.

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A. Comments to the QUESTION:

“In your opinion what important lake issues have not been adequately addressed in this survey?”

4 rules and regulations.

1. ban the use of ATV's, specifically young kids driving around for fun - too many accidents have happened and many more will come. I won't let my kids walk to the park or ride their bikes around because of all the ATV activity
2. property development - people can cut down trees and gravel their yard, this should be regulated. if everyone cut down all their trees and graveled their yard what kind of lake would this be.
3. people can drain the water off their property (this should include raising your property)- this shouldn't be allowed, it isn't in other jurisdictions. You can't drain the water from your property in any city onto the neighbors, but you can at the lake.

9 There are no questions about water quality. I think there should be questions on people's opinions about this issue and how the RM is handling water testing etc.

10 High assessments for taxes

14 We are very concerned about the wakeboard boats totally destroying our lake; issues like fish habitat, water quality, eroding shorelines. Because of the stirring up on the bottom of the shallow lake, it's causing excessive algae blooms, which in time, will destroy our pristine lake. These algae blooms stink, as they rot along the beaches all over the lake. These wakeboard boats are designed for deep lakes and oceans, NOT shallower lakes, such as Turtle Lake. We are also concerned about over-development on Turtle Lake, and believe there has been MORE THAN ENOUGH

development. This should be stopped, as well. We sure hope something will be done....and quickly, before the lake is gone forever.

15 Boat motor regulations. Water quality.

16 I believe you have covered the issues of concern to me.

19 Yes

20 Tournament fishing Septic
Tank contamination

Wake and surf boat damage I am very concerned about wake boats operating in shallow waters of the lake doing much damage. I feel there must be an attempt to control or eliminate them as there is no enforcement

21 Very thorough survey 25
Overfishing.

26 Health of the lake

27 It's there a long term plan to identify and mitigate risk from climate change? What level of government, if any, had taken this on?

30 Perhaps a look at limiting the size and horse power of boats.

33 None

41 docks, who is allowed, who isn't, where can they be located. what about marinas

43 Littering

47 Control of watercraft (wakeboard boats) that are damaging to the lake.

49 People who throw a rusted old lift and dock into the lake to claim a piece of shore and never use it. So I guess policing of shore line.

50 Having a paved path around the lake or even within a couple communities would be so enjoyable for people to get out and soak up all the turtle lake beauty while riding bikes, walking or running. I would love to help fundraise or

work together to come up with a viable option for this as I think it could benefit the young and the old to keep their bodies moving, increase the quality of their lives and really connect everyone to be able to go for a walk together.

- 51 Too many trees being removed to build extra large homes. Natural terrain being removed for the planting of grass and landscaping. Total destruction of nature!
- 55 That a little light has got turned on in the administrations head about the lakes density .
- 56 The future developments of marinas and land development forging ahead when the lake is so over populated to this date
- 57 Keeping minimum cabin size down so less privileged people have opportunities to own lake properties
- 61 Garbage removal
- 63 Future development
- 64 The impact of over development & shoreline alteration as well as the increase of boat traffic on the ecosystem of the lake. How is the increased stress on the lake impacting the water quality, the fish habitat as well as the fish stocks?
- 66 Who controls the type & use of boats on our lakes? Wake boats we believe are meant for deep water only & are causing real damage to our lake bottom & fish supplies. And are a real problem to those wanting to find some quiet place to fish.
 Also, it is my understanding that Hamlets cannot make or endorse by-laws so I was puzzled by that question. I understand that only the RM has the right to do that.
 Further development of the lake is a detriment to the lake stability & enjoyment. Some summer days the lake is so full it's a safety issue already.
 The RM and water board should be implementing & enforcing property development standards where building & lot levels must be built above grade & cannot force water to someone else's property. This has a major source of problems in several resorts & has caused much dissection. It should be monitored & controlled under strict municipal & water board rules so that bickering between neighbors isn't necessary.
- 69 I believe that all the wakeboard boats are affecting the fish habitat and should not be allowed to be close to shore. I also believe that the fish limits should be decreased until the fishing starts to recover.

- 73 Once a lake is over deve[op and the water is choke out with Algae and Muscles everything dies. Then what do you have. Its to bad that everything is about MONEY{ TAX DOLLARS}. ITS PROBABLY TO LATE TO SAVE THE LAKE.
- 76 I really think there's a problem with the lake itself, I've been coming to turtle lake all my life as my family has owned lake front property there for generations, it used to be so clean, clear, and full of life. Now, there's algae everywhere like never before, any fish you're miraculously able to catch is tiny in size to what we used to have. I think the lake is starting to die, and serious action needs to be taken soon or we could lose it forever.
- 77 Yes
- 78 The RM needs to uphold by-laws made such as rv use on owed lots (ie : renting out lots as seasonals on non rv regulated sites. Lake front properties must be reminded they do not own to water edge. There is public reserve between them and waters edge and is open for all to use as well as the beach area.
- 80 controlled areas need to be established for wake boats or only residents of turtle lake can have them, no outsiders, as it is ruining the lake and the fish population.
- 84 Wake board boats that create lake bottom issues. Building permits for small renovations at property sites. Keeping the lake level up by controlling a dam at the south end. Allowing campers to stay on the lake during the winter and dump their sewers before they exit the lake.
- 85 I feel it was a good survey. Powm Beach municipal council has very serious issues. Needs to be investigated 87
Over population
- 88 All looks good
- 93 This survey was very detailed. All issues addressed.
- 101 Limits on the Number of people parking trailers in existing cabin driveways and roadways ; would like to see more development in regards to a store and other amenities
- 102 Should the discussion of a Marina be made around the busier resorts to reduce the number of docks on the beach?
- 104 Nothing
- 105 No more wake boats should be allowed on the lake.
- 106 I feel the use of fireworks and minors on atv's, motorbikes, etc needs to be better regulated and enforced. There were a number of incidents at turtle lake lodge last year that could have been prevented. Including mishandling and

poor location choice to set off fireworks. I wish there was some kind of training that was implemented for those who want to use fireworks (this is probably a provincial matter). Specific locations for use of fireworks should be made mandatory and heavy fines for those who disobey. There were lots of kids riding motorized vehicles and I witnessed an accident with a kid who wasn't wearing a helmet and didn't know the rules of the road and ultimately cruised through a controlled intersection before losing control of his dirt bike and ended up sliding down the gravel road. He was showing off by going too fast and fortunately he wasn't hit by a vehicle or more seriously hurt when he lost control.

108 Something needs to be done about the algae blooms

109 Nil

112 Development of residential properties are too numerous

113 ATV/UTV and golf cart operation within residential areas

115 Useage if waterfront beaches for swimming and boat lifts

117 Stop all development on and around turtle lake 123 Fish limits.

125 Natives netting the lake

126 Out of province property owners and developers need to be stopped and removed.

131 To many developments as the lake can't hold as many as there is already and we need to cut down on wake boats and unauthorized drivers

137 Nancy the slot size of fish/limites! Barbless fishing and the operation of large hp boats in shallow waters! Nik 138
The huge wake boats destroying the lake.

140 Pretty much covered it

143 Fish stocks need to be regulated better the limit needs to be cut or there won't be any fish in the near future, this lake gets pressured lots

146 Fish shack would be real nice

149 The amount of people using the lake. Believe a slot limit placed on the fishing

- 151 Water shed rules and fishery enforcement the beaches have been torn up for years rototilling reed bed round up on reeds and grass to lake edge
- 152 Use of wake boats Water levels
- 154 I feel turtle lake is at its capacity. No further development of lots should be allowed. Living close to Sylvan lake, I have seen an amazing lake become an utter disaster to be on the water, too many boats, too many people fishing, too many people on the beaches. The pollution is a the main concern in that regard. The complete abscess of police or emergency services in the area worries me. I do not remember the last time I have seen a patrol car in SSVB.
- 158 There is way too much boat traffic & far too many boat lifts and docks. Every spring there are fights over who puts their boat dock where.
- 159 Mervin - Land Use Rules more then one RV should be ok.
- 160 I think parkland should have a Marina as intended in the original development permit 20+ years ago and would remove most of the unnecessary docs
- Rv's after 10 plus year should require to develop cabin or only one rv allowed on one titled lot
- 164 Over fishing. Net fishing.
- 166 Letting the water out at the south end so lake front cabin owners can have a sand beach
- 167 Covered
- 168 The algae and use of wakeboats and too many high powered boats at one time.
- 169 The Amount of Wake boat's
- 171 Fish limits
- 175 Large development like Breakwater.
- 179 Forcing property owners to build cabins, especially with the current building prices.
- 181 Use of drones should be addressed and a bylaw developed.

- 182 Would like to see a specialized limit reduction on all fish species , too often I see people limit out with inadequate lengths or sizes and in order to ensure repopulation regardless of how much the population is inserted with new eggs, it would be encouraging to see at the very least a slot size limit
- 183 People filling boats with jerry cans and the spillage into the lake. See it often.
- 185 Size of boats and motors allowed on lake. Over fishing.
- 186 The limits of fish in the lake need to be lowered and a slot limit introduced.
- 187
The enforcement of bylaws and the use of atv's by underage people is a huge issue.
- 189 My concerns of over development have been brought up.
- 190 The opportunity for non resident property owners to have input in decision making. The RM council is governed by rural land owners (farmers) whose only interest in the interests of the "lake people" is the amount of tax revenue they generate for the rm and the schools. I have heard that the RM of Mervin is the wealthiest RM in the province. If that's true, where's the money going? I understand the farmland assessment isn't high but that doesn't legitimize the rm getting the large majority of its revenue from the cabin owners. I do applaud the RM of Mervin for not allowing the large development by South Bay but do not understand how an adjacent RM from trying to annex the land for the sole purpose of furthering the development
- 192 quality of the water
Bottom drive boats stirring up the weeds
Garbage on the lake from ice shacks
Over population. No more cabins
- 193 Fish limits need reduce and large fish need protected
- 194 Logging and how much of a gross impact it leaves. Disgusting travelling to the lake seeing the major mess they leave. Why should an oilfield company be forced to reclaim land after a well is abandon and not these logging company's!!!!
- 196 Under age Golf cart use. Use of steel boat lifts or docks
- 197 Water drainage. Cleanliness of lake mostly due to winter shacks. Irresponsible people throwing garbage on the lake.

198 Water levels are continually too low. Quit letting water out of the south end.

200 Size and types of jet boats on the lake.

Continual overfishing and no summer CO presence on lake. They are consistently around in winter checking allotments and licensing but not around in summer with exception of issuing helmet tickets for atvs.

202 Sewer issues draining into lake

208 Fishing pressure

209 Eliminate campers on lots. Make people have to build cabins.

210 Fish limits need to drop and slot size needs to be put in place ... along with netting needs to stop and wake hosts ban

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214 Slot size on fishing and a lower limit on the amount of fish taken from the lake

216 Developments around the lake continue, lots being developed every year. Increased pressure on the fishery, increased boat traffic. Recent algae blooms support the theory of over populated waterbody. Turtle lake is still governed by general fishing limits even though it faces x10 the amount of anglers nearby lakes

219 The number of large surf boats on the lake

221 Services

223 Boat lifts and docks

226 It is a good survey. If people want a secluded lake go up North to one! People have to work together and listen to other opinions and not fight like children.

227 Over usage of boats

228 wildlife, fish, shore lines

230 None

231 The health of the lake

233 Population and boat traffic/safety

236 Fish limits and substaneablity of fish and wildlife 237

None. Great questions.

239 Public access

240 C

243 There definitely needs to be a slot size when it comes to fishing. We also need fish cleaning shacks in every resort so ppl quit throwing the scraps into Bush for the bears. Also more camping for the weekend visits. It is a beautiful lake with a ton of potential. I love going to turtle and spend just about every weekend there during summer and winter fishing seasons. The provincial forest is also a place I visit quite frequently to hunt and quad. There is alot of trails that branch off of the fire guard and it would be great to see it maintained a little more.

246 Ice fishing pollution, careless use of motorized vehicles by minors at the resorts, lack of respect by seasonal dwellers for property surrounding Turtle Lake are a few issues off the top of my head! As with most surveys, only information pertinent to the authors needs with be addressed!

252 Roads

Need for store/laundry facilities on east side of lake

256 Main issue is overall development of the lake and sustainability of the resources it has 257

The run away overpopulation and overuse of the lake.

260 There needs to be a good public dock as well as good public fish cleaning shack.

263 M/a

265 Algae

266 Na

268 Adequatelyaddressed

269 The damage that wake boats are doing to our lake bottom.

270 Store near Indian point, enviornmental issues, there is a lot of litter and sometimes dumping of junk.

271 The attitude of the RM's being mainly farmer based looking on expansion of lake property development as tax revenue to subsidize the rest of the RM.

274 The development of logical plans and building permits for certian areas around the lake and the amount of land cleared by owners and developers

276 Municipality managed fish cleaning stations, boat launching and docking areas.

277 leaking septic systems and the pollution in the lake

- 278 I'm very concerned about the quality of our lake declining over the past few years. It seems like there is more and more stuff floating in it. Also very concerned when the lake front cottage owners clear their land to the water and play with the lake shore and then act like they didn't know they weren't supposed to do it. The speed with which people drive on the gravel grid around the lake is ridiculous
- 281 Turtle Lake is too busy, on the weekend with all the fast boats out there, it's not safe for people that just want to fish or swim
- 287 Destruction of the lake by wake boats. Destruction of ditches and trails by ATVs. Misappropriation of funds by board members. Entitled weekend residency.
- 291 Fish habitat
- 294 purely over population creating problems for the lake eco system
- 300 Too many cabin owners have camper or multiple campers in yards. Make resorts plus lake much busier.
- 301 There should be no more areas opened for development. Our roads & our lake have enough traffic.
- 305 Scum in water
- 306 The unswimmable lake water.
- 309 Environmental impact of increasing population. Impact of increased public facilities on private owners
- 311 Wake boats
- 313 Boat lift placements
- 316 Under age kids driving golf carts and quads on residential roads. They can't drive in their cities or towns why is it allowed at the lake?
- 318 Great survey.
- 319 Angling and boat traffic
- 321 Water levels, future development of marinas, directional drilling into the lake for a water source, winter recreation and the effects.
- 322 The level of the lake. It should be controlled more than it is now still flowing out and i own property on the natural marina at Golden Sands and it is too low

- 323 The lake has been over fished for years, a harsher limit is in order I believe. Consider an upper limit to stop folks from taking big females out of the lake
- 326 Leaking septic tanks or improper disposal of waste.
- 328 Need water level increased May help with some of the weed issues due to warm of water temp 329
Do we need more support from the government to make sure the quality of the water is maintained?
- 333 Development around the lake and increases boat traffic
- 335 Water level management/Boat Motor Horsepower/ speed impact The impact o full time residents vs seasonal
- 338 The algae and the boating. They are not aware of the Laws and regulations and how to operate in shallow water. Our pristine lake is becoming damaged.
- 341 The amount of water allowed to flow out of South Bay annually has a huge effect on the overall quality. The level is allowed go lower than it should be. Have been coming here for over 60 years ,lived here for the past 20 years. This lake is no longer a public facility but for the use of the wealthy entitled.Just try sitting on the beach (public as they are) in front of someone's lake castle and see what that gets ya!
- 343 Inadequate rules and enforcement . Nature is being destroyed by less greenspace...paving, crushed rock, cutting trees, atv's.
Atv use by minors is very dangerous
- 346 Your questions regarding organized hamlets performance. The majority of those questions are outside of the hamlet boards co trip and are the RM's responsibility.
- 350 Fishing pressure and water shed with the water levels
- 351 Over building and what is allowed on the property some have a small cabin and 3 trailers not to be allowed
- 352 The amount of boats on lake and multiple boats per dock. Also encroachment of docks and lifts at public swim areas.
The removal of shoreline reeds and shoreline, this is illegal!
- 355 Would like to see fish number reports on your site by year to see if fish populations are going up or down. 356
Surf boats churning up the lake
- 357 Wakeboard boats
- 358 What kind of watercraft should be approved for this lake? WakeBoats are ruining it 😞 359 Over crowded by to much development and the use of these powerful wake boats.

360 Water levels during summertime heat. And boat use too close to shore causing erosion of shorelines 363
Seems to have covered all

367 No

368 Water quality and access to lake for non lakefront owners.

369 with numbers destroying lake shore vegetation, if this survey can address or guide to control these aggressive activities-appreciate the attempt

371 The use of heavy duty fertilizer on lawns that are on the lakeshore. e.g. Fertilizer that needs a permit to be used.

373 The water this year with the alge

374 Controlling the level of the lake

375 This has become a lake for the rich and entitled, no longer for people of the area, only lake front people. Go try and sit in front of their place on the beach and see where that gets you! Told to leave their beach!! There is disregard for access roads with quads and side by sides ripping up road surfaces, making ruts and dust.

377 Property owners rights 378

Everything has been addressed.

379 None at this time.

381 The need for a closer look at continued development on and around the lake

382 So many underage kids zipping around in Quads; piled on, no helmets and unsupervised.
population getting out of hand ; loss of property is getting ridiculous

The Fox

384 Watershed health/maintenance

386 Establish a NO WAKE ZONE for the entire lake.

A reasonable volume level for music a boat can transmit for the rest of the world to hear.

- 390 When people alter shore line like at Todd's point just paying a fine is not good enough!! They should return it to the original state. It seems like lake front people do as they want and ask for forgiveness later because they. Have the big bucks
- 394 Deteriorating water quality, road access and fire protection
- 396 None, good job
- 398 The enforcement of boating rules on the lake.
Destruction of shore line by wake boat and boat speeding by the shore. ALCOHOL consumption on boats
- 400 Does not matter
- 401 More control over where people get there water and disposal of said items in older developments. Rules for some and not for others.
- 403 I don't agree with cabin owners using fertilizer on their lawns whether it is biodegradable or not! It will still leach into the lake.
- 404 I have grown up and spent every summer out at turtle lake for the past 40 years and in the last 4-5 years the water quality has been extremely concerning. The smell and amount of growth of algae has made our lake experience undesirable and unenjoyable. I know at horseshoe bay the previous board had been pumping the back slough into the lake every spring and I blamed the poor water quality on that, but they stopped doing that and now the entire lake has seemed to be affected. So, is it the surf boats making our lake so disgusting and undesirable? Something needs to be done to remedy the current situation of our once beautiful crystal clean and clear lake. PLEASE HELP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR LAKE WATER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!!!
- 406 Boat traffic is hurting the ecology of the lake by the wake boats creating underwater forces that disturb the natural occurrences thT occur.
- 410 The effect of wake boats on a shallow lake like Turtle
- 411 Green algae in the lake
- 415 Undeveloped properties should not be taxed at the same rate as developed properties. They have less demand on the lake and services. There should be tax guidelines for Turtle View. Our lot has had a 100% increase in taxes since Turtleview took over and an empty lot is not harming the lake or using services. I regret being misinformed about

the implications of the village creation. It has resulted in a huge increase in taxes. Why are we using one cabin for an office? !!

416 The variability in the water levels in the lake year to year and the continued flow of water out of the lake causing water levels to drop.

418 Limited resources and increased demand for services. Too many boats with no place to store them, too many dogs, docks and boat launchers in front of lake front titles lots should be limited to the lot owner and no more than one per lot

419 Banning wake boats and fishing pressure.

422 Lake water quality, health of lake, bad boaters causing dangerous situations

423 Not sure

426 It is kind of the Wild West. I would like to see more security presence or RCMP. Sometimes I don't feel safe going for a walk.

431 Covered well

433 Wake boats that are affecting the environment and the number of new developments.

I think education needs to come first before a survey.

434 Dangers on the water by aggressive boaters.

435 Excessive pets on beach

438 Everything was addressed. Increased people using the lake, wake boats with full ballasts too close to shore. Farmers using chemicals on lake side farmland all reason for concern.

439 Future use of lake, over fishing, too many boats, is a concern

443 Gravel road maintenance/access

444 Need better access to groceries and supplies.

448 Developing a property with no or very few inspections before and after development.

449 Free for all of docks and boat lifts. 1dock1boat1dock1boat1dock1boat

No enforcement of RM development guidelines

It is not acceptable to have Jim remove your trees corner to corner. It is not acceptable to bring in fill and gravel with no regards for the neighbors. It is not acceptable to pump ponds with mature tadpoles into the lake because they are overflowing onto the road. The ecosystem is getting destroyed as well as the beauty of the landscape.

458 Shorelines and docks. The beautiful sandy shorelines around the lake are now almost all just lines with docks resulting in even fewer locations for lake access and for us to enjoy the lake.

459 Roads on the east side

460 No comment

461 They need to put in a weir that will regulate the water levels better having an adjustable weir

462 The explosion of property and development also wake board boats and the damage to fish habitat and structure

469 Boat traffic on the lake, limiting new developments

476 Too many properties and boats affecting water quality 477

It was a very good survey!

480 Availability of marina spaces, ATV trails and accessibility, concerns about the water levels and how we can mitigate it

481 The amount of watercraft using the lake & what type of watercraft

483 Wake boats - need to restrict these on the lake as they disrupt the bottom of the lake and the natural vegetation growth.

Need to restrict development...the lake cannot sustain the current growth in development.

484 Algae growth and drainage issues

485 Water quality- the lake seems to be getting more polluted.

486 Property development

There is no municipal overlay at all on this lake and worse no enforcement of Enviromental laws that are in place to protect the eco system

Example lake lots developed in the last 15 years set back at least 200 feet from shore

Stripped of all on shore and shoreline and aquatic life. Then we wonder why the lake is dirtier and dirtier. Our resort village is forced to take care of the road with our merger tax base yet it is used by hundreds of no guests and non visitors it's actually insane.

We are seriously thinking of selling the noise is tens time worse the stripping of lots to install monster homes no shoreline management development with not even a seconds thought as to the movement of people around the area unless by vehicle. Ie 10 year olds driving 200 hp machines up and down roads Well ps they have no place else to go.

No coordination of the lake resorts as to items like lagoon services road service in fact anything.

But above all no coordinated law enforcement by anyone

I hear that in the summer the lake population swells to 15,000 people

We're else on earth do 15,000 people not have a police force a fire department

Yahoo should be the lake model

Soon however we will leave you to your green lake

yahoo another \$150,000 wake boat tearing up the aquatic bottom

I do have to admit the rotting organisms on the shoreline is complimentary in smell to the efforts of stewardship for this piece of paradise As the eagles said in 1998

" call a place paradise kiss it goodbye"

Sorry to be so heavy but this lake is dying and 10 different governments overseeing it is just a disaster.

Good luck

- 487 While it was on a checklist. You did not dig deeper into the real issues affecting the lake, nor possible solutions that many might not find palatable, but are necessary. The whole notion that Turtle lake is a south/central body of water deemed useful simply for recreational purposes devoid of any thoughtful environmental regulation is short-sighted.
- 491 Abuse of local governments with regards to the environment at the lake and the continued non transparency of all issues.
- 494 Amount of wake boats close to shore. Disturbing the bottom effecting fishing and stirring up sediment
- 495 Lake traffic and quality(the growth of algae) surf boats on the lake in to shallow of water and close to shore lines
- 500 None
- 501 Water quality
- 505 Use of large water craft and shore line erosion Excessive use of atvs and golf carts operated by minors Excessive noise after 11:00 pm
- 507 The Water Level should controlled . It seems over the past few years the lake has gone down to much . When the water level is high the water is nice and clean as it has gone down there has been more slime on the lake and shoreline . I had to get rid of my boat lift because the lake has gone down so much right now there is 12”of water at the end of my dock it used to be 27” a couple yrs ago .We have a creek by our cabin up until 5 yrs ago it was untouched now every winter they mulch the vegetation and now the water seems dirty running into the lake . Our boat launches need to be upgraded the cement slabs are heaving and there is little to no parking .
- 508 Water level
- 509 The lake does not need more development areas
- 510 The level of the lake is of great concern and it is my understanding that it is being let go at the south end and it needs to be stopped as it’s affecting the whole lake
- 512 Overfished and too many people
- 513 Fishing & hunting
- 515 Restricting development, overuse , lake health and privacy.
- 516 You can't police how many people live at the lake. That's also detrimental to the tax base. You can control what they do there. When I see one cabin owner with 3 boat lifts in the water I question the necessity,

- 517 Development issues on existing properties (ex: multiple rv/campers on a site)
- 519 Too many boaters that disrespect fisherman
And do not follow safe boating driving practices
- 520 The seriousness of overpopulation of the lake and the cleanliness of the water.
- 522 Docks & boat lifts need to be given priority to lake front property owners. It used to only be a few docks or lifts from non lake front but this has drastically grown in the last couple decades. This is starting to cause issues between residents & simply put lake Front pay more taxes & deserve the privileges if not exclusively. Thank you. .
- 523 Water levels , free flowing water leaving the lake at South Bay all year round
- 525 Am Very concerns of RM discrepancy of application and establishment of bylaws and services - depending on where your property is situated (Mervin vs Parkdale); personal conflict of interest of RM Reeves and councillors who are actively or silently involved in lake property development for personal gain ie Brightsand and Turtle - making decisions on permits etc for development that will result in their personal benefit.; taxation of lake property where no services offered - ie taxation does not provide access 'without additional cost' to landfill/waste disposal, and no accountability on regular snow clearing or other services - that is there no transparency of where or how my lake property taxes benefit my local development (how is my lake property subsidizing farm services) and no representation of cottage/lake owners on council - policy and decision directly impact g the lake is being based on agriculture interest or the greater RM - it feels like lake properties are a 'money grab' for local RM with lake owners seeing little in return for their taxes.

All Dock stations should have water flushing system for zebra mussels.

Finally, surf boats should be banned or at very least surfing water ways established on all provincial lakes - they are having significant environment impact.on our shoreline and health of the lake. You see it everyday and it is growing exponentially each year.

- 529 Over development concerns.
- 530 The effects of septic systems and the increase of the algae and boating use in the lake 532 Over development and drainage into lake to make more develment possible.

- 534 The current conditions of the water quality
- 535 Water level to low
- 539 Increased activity on the lake
Very concerned with proposed new new development at south end
- 540 Overdevelopment of the properties around the lake and the number of increased boats on the lake cause water quality deterioration.
- 547 Allowing rv trailers on lake lots,
- 549 Water pollution and banning of pesticides and fertilizer
- 551 Looking at the size of Turtle Lake, how many boats and/or properties can it adequately support??
- 552 To many people & boats
- 553 RVs not being allowed on an empty lot after 2024. Our lot has our beautiful camper on it, we maintain our yard, some say it's the nicest lot in our hamlet. Yet so cabin owners thinks RVs are trashy... take a look at some of the run down, not maintained cabins around the lake. Asking a young family to build a cabin just because some one doesn't like our camper, isn't fair. The lake is supposed to be a fun place for families to enjoy, instead this is making young families not be able to enjoy the lake, as many cannot afford to build a cabin at this stage of life. I would like the RV rule to be re assessed!
- 554 Water quality
- 557 We need to focus on the water quality and its rapid decline in the past 3 or 4 years.
- 558 Biggest issue is the water quality. See comments below.
- 562 Boats on the lake, growth in the lake and impact on fish.
- 565 Development by greedy people & shared dock space for everyone not just lake front people. They do not own the lakefront and need to share so everyone has access to a dock and the lake. Overdevelopment will kill the lake & fish
- 568 People who do not own lakefront property and store there boats /docks in front of Lake front owners property
- 570 Wake boats and number of properties that the lake can sustain
- 571 Wake boats should not be allowed. They are turning up the lake bottom
- 573 Control of water levels

575 Fish limits need a slot size introduced and limits on both walleye and pike reduced to 2

581 Well, there is still a few original quarters that have not been developed. So some of your information in the survey is incorrect. Three quarters remain on the east side between golden sands and sunset. We have had one in the family since they were homestead (approx 1920). Our 2 neighbours North still have quarters as well that have remained mostly unchanged since they were given.

582 Crowding on the water for boat traffic.

586 As usage increases on the lake, it's important to 'educate' users of the lake of appropriate & courteous use. E.g. no wake zone within certain distance of shoreline.

587 The use of boating on the lake. Research has to be done on how wake boats damage the fish habitat in the lake. 588 Need better lake water level management to keep the level consistent

591 Curb any further development

592 Secondary suites or bunk houses that allow dozens of people on a single family dwelling lot.

594 Fishing tournaments:

Puts extra unnecessary pressure on the lake. More boats and more people pulling fish from the lake. 50+ extra boats for one day on the weekend of the big tournament. Sounds like they are going to be more boats next year and it will be for two days instead of one. The lake can get congested enough as it is on a weekend in the summer.

596 No new development should be allowed.

597 The main issues I have are road infrastructure, allowing huge developments to come in and commercialize, increased boat traffic, dissolution of the natural hierarchy of lake property development ie tent to trailer to cabin etc that has been interrupted by the RV bylaw.

600 Water safety and quality testing

606 Wake boats are destroying the lake and need to be banned

612 There should be NO further development, but is already too late. Our moonlight bay council should NEVER have allowed the development of numerous lots for a specific family. I have been coming here 57 years and I am extremely worried for the development they allowed and fir the future of our small bay. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on our behalf. We have had to say.

- 613 Water drainage from lake lots into lake !!!!!!!
- 614 The increased fishing pressure the limits need to be reduced or slot size put in place
- 618 Lake shore erosion
- 619 i believe the Rm's that govern the hamlets and villages should be helping with establishing potable water and sewer for all residents from engineering to cost sharing on the projects. i think all hamlets should be similar to evergreen water and sewer plan. it would prevent 2100 wells and standpoints being used and properly manage the waste facilities as well.
- 620 Overcrowding overfishing. Dirty boats coming from all over.
- 621 seemed ok
- 622 Water management. (Levels, control of dirty boats from other lakes especially wake boats with internal tanks that aren't cleaned between lakes, wake boats that stir up the bottom and cause large waves to wash and disturb shore lines.)
Development of Marinas (good or bad?)
Boat lifts left in the water away from shore with no dock access. (Dangerous to other boaters, skiers, swimmers)
Emergency Services, response times RCMP, Ambulance, and Fire. Hospital Emergency Services. It's adequate now but how many more people can we handle in our resorts!
- 623 Wake boats bringing water from other lakes and doing damage to shore lines with large waves. Properties That are neat with a trailer on them should be allowed.
- 625 the accumulation of milfoil on the lake is alarming and can have detrimental impacts on our lake's ecosystem and health, as well as the level of enjoyment experienced by visitors and residences if people can no longer swim, boat or fish in the area. I've researched this and there are ways to get rid of milfoil, but it will take a concentrated effort to do so.
- 628 the number of developed areas around the lake. The number of trailers/motor homes that are allowed on small private properties. Someone buys property from someone who is subdividing then 4 or 5 camper trailers are parked on the property. I don't feel this survey adequately deals with the issue of over use, expansion and harm being done

to the lake. The change in noise level, busyness clarity of the water, and the greater disturbance done by personal water craft and boats to the shore line and lake bottom.

- 629 Water quality.
- 630 The dock situation. I don't see why, when I have lake front and pay more taxes, why everyone that isn't lake front should be able to put their docks out especially blocking in ours when we have been there longer than the rest.
- 632 The fact that the new bylaw will not allow use of your lot if you do not have a permanent structure on your property.
- 633 The lake is becoming a place for the rich. Large homes are taking over the shoreline/ Development regulations governing the number of huge homes is needed. Make the lake more accessible to the average family/
- 636 Grey water being dumped on residential properties - All Seasons has trailers with discharge hoses into the bush beside the trailers. Cabins dumping grey water should be challenged and this must be stopped to help repair our lake
- 639 We need to ban jet boats! They have been banned from Alberta lakes for a good reason!
- 644 Nothing
- 645 People deliberately puncturing their septic tanks to reduce need to pump them out. I don't know how widespread this is or how one could find out who's doing it, but I think it could be a problem.
- 647 Bylaws not being written in a way that is enforceable by the local authorities. I.e RCMP or Bylaw Officers.
- 650 Whether or not we feel Turtle Lake has an over developed or over crowded issue and how we would like to see future development occur.
- 651 There is a big lack of RV lots either to rent or purchase. Also there is a big problem with unauthorized RV's parked on residential lots that have no permanent residence on them and no plan to build such.
- 655 Obnoxious loud music , if you can call it music, from boats. Noise from speakers from boats.
- 657 There was no questions about future development. I am in favour of more development on the lake that allows for people who aren't cabin owners to utilize the lake.
- 661 Main concerns are wake boats, number of boats and public access to launches.
- 662 The huge increase in algae is our number one concern, and we strongly feel something needs to be done immediately before the lake isn't fit to swim in!

665 Amount of development, including people trying to get annexed to another RM when they don't get the decision they want from their current RM. Boats, specifically wake boats, in areas where they are causing damage to the ecosystem (area too shallow), harming wildlife, and causing danger to other lake users such as paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, etc. Large amounts of algae in early July—is this caused or aggravated by too much development and boats that are damaging the ecosystem?

669 None

671 The level of septic discharge needs to be accurately determined relative to the runoff of fertilizer and pesticides.

674 Water quality

675 Emergency response to lake issues and public swimming. Safe public swimming signs.

678 Increased property development. 680

N/A

683 Water level management -and fishing conservation. Extreme poaching occurring

685 Appearance of pollution in the lake.

686 I think this survey should have been emailed to all property owners from the village administrator or a councillor. Many I talk to did not know about it. Thanks.

687 Can't think of any now

688 Fishing derby issues...competition boats may bring in invasive species .. not monitored.

Algae in the lake

Wae Boats on the lake...no control on where they are used.. this lake is too shallow.

689 Allowing cattle to be drinking and shitting in the lake.

691 What beaches are open for residents of Thunderchild to use and enjoy.

Why on earth would any public bathroom facility be locked on a public beach?? This only forces people into the bushes.

Parked boats on the little stretch of “public beach” we have. And then boats and seadoos racing around in mad circles on the other side of the pontoons. Embarrassing to have visitors come to the beach with us to experience this pathetic summer beach. No way it’s safe to long distance swim.

- 692 Over development....going tonthe lake is not the same relaxing experience.....too many people.....too big of cabins...too much of everything
- 693 Development. Water levels have been drained for more beach area at the south end of the lake... which in turn lowers the level at the north end. We want higher water levels at the north end so the slime does not come and water is able to move. There has also been deliberate tree removal on the lake (in public creek) Kivimaa beach to drain water from lots behind.... causing disturbance to the quality of water running into the lake.
- 694 Lake levels and release of water from the lake.
- 698 Increase fines for littering especially in winter where people leave their garbage on top of the ice.
- 699 Opening and closing of creeks into Turtle Lake to satisfy to satisfy lakefront cabins depth of lake in front of their cabins. Too many cabins built to close to the lake on the east side of lake
- 700 No more developments
- 701 I would like to see wake boats banned. Hard on shoreline and eco systems 703 Development limits on the lake.
- 706 Development boundaries and lake usage, actions to promote lake health
- 707 Water quality in the last 3 yrs has completely gone down. The water table continues to go up and down depending on how much water they let run out of the lake at SouthBay.The crap running into the lake and flowing through from the North end is the Major culprit. As the amount of land farmed or grazed by cattle around the direct perimeter of the lake is minimal.
- 708 Lot development around the lake, where is the Max?
- 709 How much taxes are paid such as the low taxation on empty properties vs the taxes paid by cabin owners.
- 713 Boats coming from out of province. People dumping sewer on the land . Wake boats disturbing our lake bottoms is a big one .
- 715 Feel this is a great survey

- 717 Rules and bylaws forcing out individuals who have trailers on their land. This unfair policy has forced many families to break traditions, sell property, etc. The opportunity to enjoy time at the cabin should not be about the have and have not.
- 718 What part RVs play in the development
- 719 -Water quality.
 -Too many developments of property for size of lake.
 -Lake shore destruction
 - The enforcement of fire control, mostly contractors working in the bush. Logging during fire bands and other contractors working in bush in dry times.
 -All terrain vehicles rampant in subdivisions and in Wildlife Properties.
- 726 As a long term user the continued development is destroying our lake. It needs to be controlled much better.

Respdent **General Comments submissions**

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- 5 We need an solution to the marsh drainage in Horseshoe bay. Draining the marsh has made the water in from of my cabin unusable for my family and devalued my property.
- 10 There are presently way to many back row lots for the amount of usable beach areas at Turtle Lake.
- 11 Thanks for this survey!
- 14 I think the wake boats should be banned from all shallow lakes in Saskatchewan. They are made for lakes with deep water. I think this must be done ASAP
- 16 This lake was a golden jewel 20 years ago, the water quality and algae that is present as of today is very concerning and we will lose this lake by development and abuse of the water and properties. Regulations and enforcement are much to late.
- 17 Thank you for developing this survey so that you can assess how the whole population and stakeholders from around the lake are heard.

21 Overall this is a good survey . I think the lake In general is over populated with people and their boats.,high powered boats are damaging our lake...too many cabins already ; why are more being allowed to be developed??? Let's take care of what we have.

23 This summer there has been an enormous amount of green algae along our shoreline which smells like sewer. Smell is strong enough that you cannot sit outside on the deck. We have young grandchildren who are swimming in this. We have seen a number of wake boats on the lake in shallow depths and it is in our opinion that they are disturbing the lake bottom and bringing it to the surface. We are located in a bay and the waves bring the green algae in but not out so we have been attempting to fork it out but it is extremely heavy. I have spent summers all my life at Turtle Lake and have never seen it as bad as it is this year.

27 Over developed already

31 In my lifetime access to the lake by weekend campers has almost been eliminated.

Many large homes have been built and things like camp spots, rental cabins, boat rentals, convenience stores, have mostly been lost. It has become a playground for the rich.

35 Overpopulated, environmental damage from boats and fertilizer, and ignorant behaviour by some boaters 42
thank you for designing this.

48 Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey

50 Glad this is being looked at just hope it does not stop at this and that the results are also reported on with recommendations and a plan.

56 Look at powm beach look how many cabins are located in such a small lake front foot print. Now think if everyone wants a dock in that hamlet what going to happen? Like I have said before there isn't enough lake front foot print for everyone in the area to have one . This would compare to down town Vancouver if everyone wants to park a car on the street or in a park aid . And I have mentioned that to the Rm and the development officer when the ram wanted some more tax money to allow a adjacent development to take place of another 16 lots . Not real smart but we are dealing with small town sask were some growth is better then no growth so almost anything goes to try to make a buck . For this example there already is a problem with the new developer roping off a area of the lake for a swim area even though they haven't developed a lot yet . Once everyone figures out density in a given area everyone's life will be a lot easier just watch

- 57 We have been at Turtle Lake since 1992 having built our cabin there. We have slowly become disillusioned because of boaters who clearly don't follow rules, the population increase and general entitlement of the human race. We will likely be selling sooner than later
- 60 The lake requires a marine where fuel can be purchased. This will reduce the amount of fuel that is spilled in the lake due to the use of gas cans.
I simply do not understand how having a fuel station on the lake could possibly be damaging to the lake. I visited a lot of lakes around the world and the safest and most environmentally friendly way to fill your boat with fuel without removing it from the lake is a marine with fuel.
- 61 The growth and development around the lake continues and seems to have no limits. The lake will be ruined...turned into a stagnant pond!
- 62 When new people come to the lake no one informs them of the regulations. They come in and clear all the trees.
- 63 The lake will be dead in another 20 years we would love to use the lake not a lot of Public Access or able to walk on the shore
- 64 I think we have enough development at Turtle Lake and don't need any more.
- 65 Good survey...that is long overdue!
- 66 There has been so much development that it is starting to feel like you are back in the city instead of at the lake. Too many wake boats are wrecking the water.
- 67 As above but thank you for doing this survey.
- 77 I really hope this gets the attention it deserves, turtle lake is a home to me and I want nothing more than to see it remain as glorious as it has been for so many many years.
- 79 I feel people with boat lifts and docks should only be allowed one space for water vessel/dock per tax payer. Some are using up to two or more spaces thus making it impossible for others to have a space for one vessel. More regulation may be needed as it is getting extremely crowded and many fights are ensuing between cabin owners.
- 80 Biggest concern is the green algae and what's causing it and then find a solution to try and protect against this getting to be a bigger concern / issue.

- 85 See above and thanks for taking the time to set up the survey. I hope you listen???
- 86 The lake is getting too busy and is deteriorating just in the short 5 years I have been here I have drastic changes. I emailed you regarding a serious concern with my hamlet council polluting the lake and never received a response back.
- 89 All ok
- 90 Too much development on the lake results in way too many people on and around the water
- 103 N/A
- 105 Ban atvs
- 118 I'm a tournament angler that has fished the lake for 15 years. I used to be the only real fishing boat on the lake. Now we have hundreds.
I rarely keep fish and I watch LOTS of people keep the big breeding fish and over limits. I have personal contacts for all the conservation officers from meadow, loon and spiritwood and report people on a monthly basis.
I believe a big problem is the Alberta residents that can't keep any fish in all of Alberta so they come here and keep limit after limit.
This lake needs reduced limits for all anglers and a slot limit to save the big breeding fish as turtle lake is a world class fishery that needs protection ASAP
I have no trouble catching big fish like I did 15 years ago, the only problem now is they have moved much deeper then they ever have been I believe due to water traffic. The problem with this is Barotrauma and 95% of people not knowing how to properly deal with a fish with it and the not so great anglers on the water catching on lol
- Thanks for listening to my rant my fellow fisherman and lake people agree with this statement as we talk about trying to protect the lake and what needs to be done on a regular basis
- 119 Lack of support to the businesses that are trying to supply the lake folks , and more support to the 2 places that stay open all year
- 126 Stop all new developement
- 141 There is way to many people on the lake. And I wish you'd make it catch and release only. I'd rather catch a few big fish and send them back than catch nothing at all. The fishing is horrible

148 Good survey

151 To my knowledge there is only 1 filleting place on the whole lake and no public picnic areas. Wake / surf boats should be restricted to a certain depth of water and a certain distance from the shoreline. There is so many respectable boaters on the lake, unfortunately a few reck it for everyone. A public boat docking area that people could rent stalls would help alleviate problems on east side of lake

152 I don't think the municipal government or provincial government has the resources Or really cares to enforce or monitor The destruction on the lake .

155 A regional bylaw or regional municipality may be a good direction to go. But it doesn't need too. A lot can be done to keep turtle lake amazing. It will never be what we had as kids, but times have changed. Just please stop it from becoming an Alberta lake, or we will sell and find somewhere else that isn't. Keep the water clean, fishing decent, boaters and residents safe. Keep it fun for everyone with a healthy balance.

159 There needs to be some regulations and control on boat docks. Permits should be required and limited to one per person and not one per property.

168 Mostly concerned with the rapid growth of cabins and lots being built

170 A huge lack of common sense and courtesy are the major issues facing turtle Lake. Along with Cabins enough Cabins already stop the development it has enough residents now any more is going to seriously harm the lake and take away the appeal for those of us who use it regularly for a fishing or relaxation destination. I use Turtle lake close to 100 days a year and been going since I was 12 and the amount of boats on any given weekend is ridiculous. It's my opinion that these boats are due to residents to cabins at the lake. No lake in Saskatchewan should be so populated this is not Alberta and I'd think most casual users will agree.

176 Slow down further development. Do not slow the Breakwater development.

183 Overall I'd say the issues at hand are very minor , being a lifelong resident it is difficult at times to see new developments established within each community, more so of the fact that there seems to be a lack of infrastructure (ei; parks, services) economic development is bound to at some point or another come into play in all forms and if the plan is to keep growing , there should be some direction as to where it is going

Being an avid fisherman , it's also understandable that the pressure has increased, as well as the situation with covid over the winter time seeing more people out on the ice was great. Only issue would have to be with people who purposefully choose to either not clean up after themselves or don't obey fishing limits, some more presence on water and at shore by the CO's would likely help with enforcement

186 Very good survey. Just need to address the problems. Wake boats stirring up water. Over fishing. We need to take care of the lake or we will not have a good lake so close to enjoy. To many cabins on lake now. Don t need any more developments around lake.

187 This lake is so over populated and the fishing has become worse by the year. The lake needs its own conservation officers, some god damn filiting shacks and some respect 190 We need to cap development.

193 We are very concerned about our beautiful lake. We have been here since 1974. We burnt out in 2002. We rebuilt because this

Lake is so beautiful. Since that time the water quality is worse. The weeds are always on our beach. The pea soup water out 500 feet was very scary. The bottom drive boats are more plentiful. If these boats are responsible for the uprooting of the lake bottom then they should not be allowed. Other lakes have banned them so we should do the same.

198 Need more tickets to be dispersed. Helmets not being worn. Too many golf carts without proper safety. Fireworks during fire bans. Who would do this or approve this? Taxes are high. I would like to spend a day at the schools where are taxes go. Do they even realize that the schools should be thankful for the resorts. Roads aren't maintained.

199 Water levels are too low. Quit letting water out of the south end. And quit trying to regulate everything.

201 Something needs to be done about overgrowth of green in lake

203 Concerned with the amount of vegetation growing and piling up on beaches. Quaility of the lake water.

205 It is time to stop developing new properties at this lake it is getting to many people to sustain.

209 There are far too many people at this lake. The fishing is pressured too much and it's becoming too busy in the summer months

210 Great detailed survey. Well done.

- 213 As a seasonal camper we enjoy going to all of the beaches via boat and spending time with the family. Unfortunately only one resort that we have found as of yet offers public washrooms.
- 214 I think the lake has been well maintained and is not overdeveloped. I would like to see major resorts and developments limited going forward. I think it is tough to limit the amount of new residential developments.
- 215 More conservation checks
- 220 Tax money needs to be used more effectively. A change in council/mayor wouldn't hurt
- 222 Well I'm sure that there is alot of illegal activity going on. Probably for years. The property owners along the lake that have mysterious lines plumbed out into lake spewing sewage into the lake. Every cabin along that shore line needs to have their systems inspected along with there septic tanks. I have more to day but my phone is dieing.
- 226 I am worried about the algae in the lake and the water level.
- 227 If surf boat create so much damage why isn't the lake full of algae all year? It is Not!!! Music from boaters and fun is part of the lake experience.
- 228 Size of boats are getting larger and would like to see wake boats not allowed on lake.
- 229 Wake boards are bad.
Campers are for campgrounds.
Loud music is for bars.
No respect for noise after 11.
Atv are not for Public roads.
Golf carts are for golf courses.
Driving under the influence or under age is horrible and unacceptable.
There needs to be a limit on how many campers you can have on a lot.
Campers on lots should pay full taxes.
A boat launch is not a permanent dock.

231 I feel the lake is becoming over developed

238 Would love to see off lake lots that are marshy/wetland-like protected rather than see obscene amounts of fill brought in to make them sellable.

240 Need more regulations on the fish population in regards to overfishing

241 Thanks

244 There definitely needs to be a slot size when it comes to fishing. We also need fish cleaning shacks in every resort so ppl quit throwing the scraps into Bush for the bears. Also more camping for the weekend visits. It is a beautiful lake with a ton of potential. I love going to turtle and spend just about every weekend there during summer and winter fishing seasons. The provincial forest is also a place I visit quite frequently to hunt and quad. There is a lot of trails that branch off of the fire guard and it would be great to see it maintained a little more.

245 I have been going to a turtle lake since I was a young boy. My family has always had a lake front cabin which is now my parents house. They also farm close by the lake. I have seen the lake waters rise and lower many times over the years. I am not concerned about the green algae because this seems to happen every year after a major warm spell. We say that the lake has flipped. After a couple of weeks it straightens out and life is good again. People complain about the surf boats stirring up the lake but forget that on a very windy day, we see waves a few feet tall that keep crashing into shore lines all day and night. May and June alone were almost all windy days. Don't tell me a few surf boats ruin the lake. I would like to see more police presence or some form of education towards people with seadoos. They hang in front of the beaches annoying the hell out of everyone. Go out into the middle of the lake and play. Also, I am seeing an increase of under age children operating seadoos without supervision. Fishing in both winter and this year so far I feel has dropped greatly. Not the amount of people but rather the population of fish. Perhaps lower species limits should be applied to bring up the population. The resorts are packed with new people. It is actually tough getting through the parked vehicles and boat trailers to get to the cabin. Shoreline boat lifts, docks, and boats have increased immensely. As kids I used to be able to have a huge swim area in front of the cabin. Now there is not enough room to park a boat at the dock because there is so many lifts. No swimming area for us anymore. A few years ago it was an August long weekend and I was anchored on the south east side of the lake in a small cove out of the way of boat traffic. It was a hot day out and the lake was buzzing. I counted over 100 boats on the water at the same time just in the south end. I couldn't believe it. We drove carefully down the middle of the lake heading north in hopes of less traffic. We were wrong. It got worse. We went back to the cabin because it was too dangerous on the water. People were cutting off people non stop. No police. The widest part of the lake never

had traffic growing up. Now there are boats everywhere. It can be the calmest of days and yet there will be white caps on the entire lake due to the boat traffic. Winter time, ice shacks have quadrupled if not more. And that's just over the last few years. Fish population has to be hurting. Thank you for listening.

247 Some questions were not really of any importance to the well being of Turtle Lake. Ie: how many quarter sections were surveyed in 1881!

254 Well done

258 A stop to all new developments should be placed on the lake. Its already overpopulated.

260 I think there shouldn't be any more development for lots or rv sites at turtle lake. We don't need any more boats on the lake, it gets very busy on weekends. That makes more pollution and is disruptive to the shore line. Our lake is beautiful and can't get over crowded or it will get polluted and the fish could die. Our family enjoys fishing all year round. It has happened to many lakes all over Saskatchewan and Alberta already.

267 Na

270 Would like to see a ban on wakeboats in this lake!!!

271 Thanks for doing this !

272 There seems to be no input from the RM to organized hamlet boards on wise spending of the hamlets share of tax dollars collected. Invoices seem to be submitted and paid without any justification required from the hamlet board.

275 The forest creates a filter system for water entering the lake and adds to the beauty of the lake. We should respect and encourage more of it. We do not want to end up like Emma or Candle and other lakes where there are too many boats.

277 The Mervin Municipality collects high taxes for residents but provides minimum services. Better communication is required by this governing body. Development cannot be stopped but proper management can solve many issues. By seeking positions of this government should not be for the benefit of personal gain by individuals. As well, decisions have to be made for the benefit of the taxpayers. Not arbitrary decisions by individuals with their own viewpoints.

282 Start cracking down on speed and boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol

286 If turtle could be more like horseshoe it would be a top notch village. The no beach, no marina, no water swim area is quite disappointing.

292 Children should not be on public roads or Property with ATV's. There must be a bylaw, and It must be strictly enforced.

294 You can't stop visitors, it's good it's busy in some sense, but the roads need to be maintained. Thats a huge issue. Alot of damage to vehicles because of this. Also, the fact that a person does not have cell phone service when you are a permanent resident living a few miles from a tower, is dangerous. Often times you cannot make a phone call or receive one. With there being so many thefts and things going on, a person should be able to reach the rcmp by phone when needed. We can't do that right now. I for one do not feel safe being home alone with my child knowing I may not be able to reach help if someone comes into my yard or tries entering my home.

298 I am pleased that there is interest in surveying thoughts of users and property owners of Turtle Lake. That is the first step to preserving our piece of paradise!

299 On a busy summer day it's hard to even find a place to safely tube without boats buzing by

300 The water quality has deteriorated significantly this year. This is the single biggest issue in my opinion. Its fundamental to have clean and safe water for recreational activities.

301 Turtle lake has a great fishery worried more and more people will put to much pressure on the lake. Wake board boats should stick up middle of lake.

Water level should be controlled a bit at South Bay to maintain a bit higher more consistent water level. On low water years I need 240' of docking.

306 Property drainage

312 Thank you for providing a survey

317 Watershed keep up the great work you do.

319 Lots of great questions! Hope this is the start of understanding and dealing with some concerning issues around the lake.

322 Very good survey, I urge all stakeholders take action and get more controls in place.

I see there is less attraction for day users as the lake is getting to be over populated with personal seasonal dwellers or ice fishing structures. Maybe Thunderchild should build a hotel complex and give an option to attract users that want to come but no options for camping or temporary stays.

323 Game wardens need to be on this lake a lot more. People are not following the rules

327 Would love to see not only a ban on wake boats but also horse power limit on boats. My family has lived near Turtle Lake since the original homestead. This small lake cannot handle the amount of people that are there during summer months.

329 Turtle Lake is a beautiful clear lake we must keep it that way we should have yearly septic tank checks as we know there are some people whose tanks need fixing but don't do it

333 The current water quality is a definite concern and I believe people want to know what is causing this. Is it this summer's heat, disposal of garbage/sewer year round - including ice fishing season, use of wake boats in shallow waters, pumping of sloughs into the lake versus allowing natural drainage, use of heavy equipment at the lake shore, pesticides and herbicides, or climate change? Although one may not be pleased by what we see in the water, is the change in the appearance of the water, a positive or negative change, i.e. healthy for the lake?

Where can one find more and reliable information regarding the lake's health?

Thank you for providing this opportunity for people to speak out.

336 Love this lake but over the past few years it's becoming a bit too overused. Trailers being left on lots and not paying the same taxes or for the amenities that full time or seasonal residents pay for Infrastructure Water/sewer. Would love to see more priority put on by both the RCMP/Conservation Officers to enforce and assist in correcting behaviors that affect the lake experience. Golf carts are great babysitters in our hamlet. 10-14 year olds loaded down driving all around. I believed there was a posting for a RM Peace officer but have never seen or heard what happened

339 Thank you for creating this survey. We are very concerned about the algae situation and the increasing number of wake and surfing boats using the lake without following the rules.

342 There is not enough water front access for all of the 2,3,4,5 row property owners to enjoy the actual lake. Time to limit the development. Enough already.

346 There was an unusual amount of people
Ice fishing on the lake, thousands in fact and daily, every single one of them urinating on the lake and likely some defecating as well, that is the issue and not leaking septic tanks or fertilizer, due to covid everyone fished this lake and to me the human waste has contributed to the algae

347 Thanks for undertaking this large task.

356 Would like to see wake board board either banned or only able to operate in deep sections 361

Hope this survey results are published for public access

364 None

368 It is pretty obvious that there is an agenda behind this survey and we were quickly steered into the answers that you wanted. You will get the answers that you want but people are going to have a negative opinion of you because of it.

369 Interesting survey

370 Those of us who live here and work to preserve our lake world -there is ongoing conflict between lake front and those simply accessing and abusing the shore line and the waters-cannot be open aggression of course-we have to live together but difficult to maintain "happy" shores

376 Previous comments cover this as well.

378 N/a

379 Thank you for the survey.

380 I'm glad the survey included that wake boats can be a serious threat to the health of the bottom of the lake, and the enjoyment of people with smaller boats. On calm days during holidays the lake is no longer calm due to these boats, and people taking their kids water skiing have a hard time finding calmer water for their children to experience the joy of watersports.

382 My biggest concern is the continuing of opening new development on and around the lake. Wake boats, pwc will continue to increase as the properties increase. I am not a scientist but it is apparent that the number of properties the lake can support has pasted it limit.

384 Would like to see a convenience store with gas on the east side 395

This is important work!!

396 Our family love Turtle Lake!! However with the RM of Mervin Bylaw regarding RVs no longer being allowed on our owned properties, it is no longer welcoming or affordable for our family. The increased strain on the local resources and ecosystem caused by large cabins and permanent residents is very concerning to us. The RM will line their pockets, but the lake will suffer greatly.

397 Thanks for creating this great survey

399 There are way too many close calls on the waters. For example: boats speeding too close to the shore where people are in the water, canoeing or kayaking. It is just a matter of time before someone is killed.

400 Water levels and water quality are very important and should be paramount to all areas of the lake. Adequate roadways are also very important which is why we purchased property at this lake.

401 Power to be and people with money get what they want

402 I have always loved Turtle Lake. Sad to see the algae and people not respecting what a beautiful place it is.

404 Hope some of these issues can be resolved!

405 See above..... please help!!!

410 Spell check and a dictionary can be your friend. Many of the questions on this survey are questionable as to their value. It would have helped if you could have outlined the purpose of this survey. I believe it's another info grab that will result in ZERO improvements, changes or adjustments.

414 The 'green' lake is very concerning and issues to address why this is happening should be swift.

416 I am very dissatisfied with the management of Turtle view. I regret having had it change to the resort village.

417 This survey seemed to be skewed toward supporting more "public" access and use of the lake, and also seemed to be pointing some fingers at existing lake property owners. Not sure if that was the intent or not, but that's the impression that was left.

420 I don't mind the busyness on the lake and accidents are relatively low for the amount of pressure out there in the heat of the weekend but I know there isn't enough conservation officers enforcing those wake boats to stay in depths of water at least 30+ feet and not the 8 feet I have seen them tour in. Many many lakes are banning wake boats for their churning of the bottom lake bed and it can be harmful if not operated properly which I would say at least 40-50% of them arnt in my bay of moonlight bay alone.

427 Thank you for this survey.

432 Very concerned how noisy and busy the lake has become. Hardly able during summer months to sit on our beach and enjoy the quiet and relaxing beauty of the lake

434 Thank you for doing this, it is well done.

435 I would like to see massive public education and enforcement to owners, boaters, visitors etc.... regarding the environment of the lake. ie, damage to shore lines with big aggressive wake boats in shallow water. Owners thinking they should fertilize their lawns, letting yards etc..be more wild and natural not groomed like the city.

438 Too much boat traffic.

450 My father built in 1965. I spent the whole summer at the lake. I grew up here. It breaks my heart to see a place I love getting destroyed. The development guidelines aren't being followed and either the property owner or tree cutter or bobcat operator should be held liable. Doug Cushway 306-229-4107

454 Recreational use of golf carts in the Hamlets needs to stop. There is no reason for people to cruise around on them. So many young children at our hamlet rip around on them unsupervised which is extremely dangerous and impedes vehicle traffic.

457 The lake has gotten so busy, so many people, bigger places and bigger boats. Too much.

463 There is lack of public access to the lake so in turn where there is access it puts excessive pressure on those areas

472 There definitely needs to be more availability for public access. Each beach/resort should have a minimum of a public outhouse and a fish filleting shack. Visitors come to all resorts and this would eliminate the wrongful disposal of fish remains (which attracts bears) as well as unwanted urinating in the surrounding bush/water. IF THERE IS A PARK, THERE SHOULD BE A WASHROOM!!!

478 The lake is great I come all year around and have minimal complaints!! People complaining about minor issues on the lake and quality of the lake is fine but we all should communicate and try to work together on a solution. Fish counts over the last 5 years have proven the numbers are good! As far as watercraft, music, speed, surf boats, wake boats etc. Banning any of these is outrageous! Have the conversation with people in regards to surfing 15' minimum, music down after 10pm, sea doo a reasonable distance from the shore line to create less waves etc. Speed, I'm sure all highways have a speed limit and does everyone follow them?? I think in general, all is good!!

- 479 Main concern is water quality and over development especially at south end of Turtle Lake 481 Thank you for this survey!
- 487 Good luck I give this lake about 5 years at best and it blue green
Pray for rain Cheers
- 488 Turtle lake has degenerated considerably since we starting utilizing it in 1972. Regulation has been lax, if at all. Follow up has been sparse to non-existent to the rules already in place. Septic tanks leak, people run nutrient rich water into the lake, and the number of boats is insane, let alone ones that should be prohibited for the damage they do. There are many other issues that the watershed group are aware of and have attempted to generate resolution. If however, we continue to do nothing we will get more of what is currently happening. I was on the lake yesterday and was appalled at the algae mats around the shoreline and floating in the open water.
- 495 Fishing should be more regulated
- 497 I am very concerned with the number of large wake/surf boats on this lake. In some bays the depth of the lake is less than 15 feet and I feel these boats stir up and disturb the bottom of the lake to the detriment of fish,waterfowl, and the disruption of the weeds that grow in this lake. As well, they are very loud and disrupt an enjoyable afternoon relaxing or fishing on the water. I understand some lakes have banned these larger watercraft. I feel this should be investigated further.
- 502 Too much development.
- 505 My ancestors had the privilege to let us enjoy Turtle lake and I'm sure they would have liked to see that for there future generations. Being a young family I purchased a lake lot, cause that is what I could afford. 2 years later the RM tells me that I can put my camper there anymore.
That was my Childrens first experience of dictatorship. Rich and famous deciding what you can and can't do with your property.
You should remember Our children's up bring is what molds then as an adult. Trauma is a haunting memory you will always remember and can lead you down the wrong path.
So in 2003 when I have to tell my kids we have to sell the lake lot cause we can't park our camper there anymore it is going to hurt.

My explanation will be to them that Turtle lake is now for the rich and famous. The rich and famous are just another human being like me and my family. So let's stop the bullshit and let everyone enjoy the lake.

These rms should be ashamed of what they are doing. My kids will remember Turtle lake like a trauma not a special memory.

506 None

509 Water level has significantly decreased in front of our lake front lot over the last 10 yrs. We can no longer have a boat lift at the end of our dock as we only have 12 inches of water. It used to be well over 27 inches. That is a huge difference. Our lake front shore line is slimy and is unsuitable for swimming as the water is so low. The level needs to be maintained. We have a creek by our lot and they have recently started mulching along the creek and it makes the water dirty and unfit to swim in. We have had this lot for 35 plus yrs and it was fine until they started to do this.

514 Way too many people

Over fished

Over hunted

Worried about water condition & Possible fecies in the water

516 Limiting development , fishing pressure and overuse of watercraft is most important

518 Overall we love turtle lake, most concerns caused by lack of respectful behavior by other property owners (ex: not using public walkways, not returning to own properties to use washrooms, taking pets off own property to go to bathroom, not adhering to fire bans, anchoring boats on public beaches during day). Hoping that the lake does not become over-developed. Appreciate the lack of public facilities as property owners are more likely to respect the area. Also appreciate the work of residents/council to maintain parks, beaches, public docks.

520 I strongly believe we need to cap the number of available lots now.

521 The condition of the lake at present, with algae (or whatever the horrible floating green stuff is) is very concerning!
This is an issue that must be looked at very seriously. The future of the lake depends on it!

523 Overall Turtle lake is amazing & so much to offer. My family has Loved this lake for now 4 generations.

- 526 I hope these results make a difference - we don't want another Emma Lake here - and you can see it travelling around the perimeter of the lake ...we are on the cusp. ...
- 527 I am most concerned about the water in the lake. A while ago it was classed as pristine. Now we have too many boats, especially the big wake boats that should be banned. Our lake is not deep enough for them. This summer we have ugly green slime in the lake and on shore. Nothing pristine about the water.
- 529 I do not believe that it is necessary or fair to have limitations as to what people put on their titled lots at the lake. It is a destination for recreation and gathering of family. Not everyone can afford in the current pricing to be able to build or maintain a residence on the land that they have paid for. Whether it is allowing a camper to park beside an existing dwelling or a lot with no dwelling and an RV, it is your property and you should be allowed to house on it whatever you are able. Governments should not be able to push this agenda. If it is a tax issue then implement a base size of dwelling that is taxable and tax at that rate for anything below.
- 531 Investigation needs to happen regarding septic systems to ensure no leakage, investigate the drainage going on on some resorts to prevent flooding but circumventing the marsh drainage system that mother nature intended 533 Lake experience going downwards with development. Water quality poor. Disgusting with green slime.
- 536 Lake has large areas of shallow water and swamp. Low water levels create algae and warm water which seem encourage algal growth
- 543 my major concern is the number of people using the lake for recreation. At some point the population will overwhelm the resources. I am concerned that we are approaching that threshold
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- 545 Enforcement of bylaws is a major issue, particularly for safety. At TLL there is a major safety issue with underage kids riding ATVs with limited parental supervision.
- 548 I don't agree with the rules on not allowing RVs on lake lots permanently. Not all people can afford to buy a lot and then build right away.
- 550 While I don't want to use NIMBYISM - there may be a need to limit the amount of development and restrict further waterfront development - definitely NO large private resorts type development should occur to preserve the future quality of the lake and surrounding area

552 Water quality is huge concern. Are the number of boats using the lake contributing to this???

557 Would like to see bylaws enforced i.e. unleashed dogs & poop pickup,
11 to 7 quiet time
Fireworks prior to 11 pm plus announced

558 We need to solve the current environment disaster that is threatening Turtle Lake now and for future generations!

559 The main issue is the rapidly decreasing water quality on the lake over the last 4 years. There is a new type of algae on the lake that has never been there over the past 40 years that is rapidly invading the lake. The source of this new algae that is polluting the lake needs to be identified and eliminated. Then efforts must be made to rectify the damage that has already been done to this once pristine lake.

563 Thank you for undertaking this important work.

569 Survey was to long

572 The increase in boating activities on the lake has increased ten fold over the past 5 years.

574 Great place to vacation.

575 Quality of lake watwr

577 The desire to add development at already heavily populated sections of the lake is irresponsible and will h e a very negative impact on the lake. Combined with the number of wakeboard and surfboard tearing up the bottom and the shoreline the overpopulation is destroying the lake.

582 The municipal taxes have gone up over 400% in the past 8 years. The municipality service has drastically decreased.

We have to pay for garbage and the small portion of road they maintain is barley done half the time. When the taxes were 400% less we had much better services. We do realize the lake is growing with people and we welcome anyone to enjoy it the way we have for generations. It would be nice to see it get to a sustainable environment for both man and nature.

While I do like the survey, I feel there is a biased tone in it for keeping Turtle Lake unchanged. I really don't think this will ultimately happen. It may take some time, but eventually more people will come and stay. We have been witnessing it for over a 120 years. All we can do is embrace it and lead by example. More signage and a good environment to push the message would help make people more aware that this is an extremely special place.

587 Because we are lakefront we don't have a major need for public beach etc. But I suspect that is important to users that are away from the shoreline.

592 End all future development 593

Thank you to TLW.

595 Turtle Lake does not need another development. I realize there has been talk of putting another development between Kopps and South Bay. I would be very disappointed to see this go through. The extra strain a new development would put on the local health care system, roads, safety on the lake and fish numbers would be reason enough not to entertain this idea any further.

597 Development around the lake should be capped at what is existing, with no new development. With day users (both summer and winter) there is already an impact to the lake, wildlife, water and environment. We've seen what overdevelopment has done to other northern lakes. Let's keep Turtle Lake the way it is!

598 Our beautiful lake cannot sustain any future property development. There is already too much boat traffic, road traffic for the condition of the roads especially on the east side, and natural water drainage is being damaged by over development. In order to preserve the health of this lake further development needs to be stopped NOW.

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600 Lake is over utilized

601 Let's keep our lakes clean and strong

606 Wake boats need to be banned before they do irreversible damage to our lake and fishing.

611 I'm a fairly new resident to Turtle Lake. We purchased at waterfront lot a few years ago.

I've smelt septic tanks, seen people bath with soap in the water, including their dogs. Wood docks that shouldn't be allowed to be placed in the lake, they fall apart with winds sending boards with nails in the water causing safety issues. People should need a permit for putting in docks to ensure they are safe for the lake.

There should be absolutely no pets allowed on the public beaches. Their droppings can make kids very sick. I understand we don't own the frontage. But I can't see why people are allowed to even step foot on someone's dock. That should be private property someone's dock.

- 613 As I said above development needs to be stopped now! It may already be too late. Moonlight Bay and the lake is over developed and over capacity for a lake this size.
- 614 Some cottage owners blocking access to walk along lake in front of there property!!!!
- 617 Once over 15% of the shoreline is developed, the lake is doomed. Ref - David schindler
- 619 Turtle Lake is my preferred holiday spot. In the last decade it has seen a loss of lake front shoreline causing a real issue for the public trying to access the swimming areas. The loss of sandy beach restricts access. This year we see an increase in algae. May be due to the unseasonably high temperatures we have been experiencing. The algae has been increasing year over year making swimming in the lake a lot less enjoyable.
- 620 i think the RM could help push for more Marinas for boats in the hamlets as well as places to fuel up properly. More damage happens to gas and oil getting spilled into the lake with the 2000 water crafts when everyone is using jerry cans and etc.
- 621 Feel unsafe to enjoy the water. Too many boats in close to shoreline.
- 622 Lake is too developed now.
- 624 Could possibly address a marina. Remote docks in lake not connected by a dock are a hazard to boaters and skiers
- 629 The number of developments around the lake is too many. Hopefully no more will be allowed. The number of camper trailers that are parked on one piece of private property is too many. If a survey is done regarding the number of private lots and number of campgrounds spaces around Turtle Lake would that include all the extra trailers on private property. Yet I feel that if my son wants to come for a visit for a couple weeks in the summer he should be able to park his trailer on my lot for that time. If nothing is done to stop the development around the lake the lake will be greatly negatively affected. Something needs to be done now to save our lake. No more development.
- 630 The presence of plant life (algae or a type of weed) has increased dramatically over the last 3 to 4 years to the point of it being a huge concern and problem.
- 633 I am very disappointed that I will not be able to continue to use my Lake property, because I only have an RV. The time has come for my retirement years and I have looked forward to spending a lot of time at the lake. My children

and grandchildren are also very disappointed that they won't have opportunity to spend their summers at such a beautiful lake and area.

- 634 The lake has always been a place to get away from the stresses of everyday life. The stringent building regulations has made it impossible for the average person to build a cottage and enjoy the lake,
- 635 I think the lake can handle individual growth in each of the resort communities however large new development could be detrimental to the lake health. With development comes the addition of large boats - particularly surf boats with bottom props that stir up the benthic sediment increasing nutrients in the water column as well as increases wave days that erode the shorelines.

The investment of water treatment could be considered as it could monitor/regulate water usage and provide safe water to the communities.

Regional property and drainage development plans should be developed. Yard drainage is a concern. Large houses and built up new pads are impacting older yards and properties that are lower, flooding and damaging foundations, flooding septic tanks and allowing yard runoff with sediments, pesticides and human waste into the lake.

I have a senior level environmental management background.

- 637 We must try to educate the people to respect our lake and stop fertilizing their lawns, dumping grey water, over limit fishing, wake boats must idle out into deeper water.
- 638 In my opinion we need to look very closely at limiting boat motor size, type(wake boats) and establish some "no boating areas". Another major concern is angling limits, this lake is fished very hard and needs to have reduced limits as many other popular angling lakes have had for years. One last major concern would be ice fishing, authorities need to have substantial power to enforce litter and contamination infractions on the ice. Some of the areas are a disgrace, several thousand dollar fines might help!

645 Very important for local control over Turtle Lake.

648 Wake boats should possibly assessed as to the damage they do in shallow water lake bottoms and the shore line.

649 I am against the bylaw of making people develop property and not being able to use an RV. In my opinion it is a blatant attempt to price out young families that can't afford or would have a hard time building a cabin. If this trend continues the lake will eventually only be owned by rich people or the properties will have to be handed down from generation to generation.

652 There will always be a difference of opinion on whether or not there should be more development at Turtle Lake. Kinda like Canada and should we allow immigration or not. Some are very opposed to more immigrants and others think we should have far more than we do. Some people (usually those who already own property - their spot at the lake) don't want anyone else to move in. Far too crowded already. Others who would also like to have their place at the lake, see lots of room. The RM is trying to manage a balance between the 2 views and through the use of the 75% developed rule and development permits they have a plan. They also had a lake study done not too long ago that looked at the science of things. Of course there are areas of the lake that shouldn't have more development but also there are areas that can support more development. The two views will live on of course. If we really want to purify our lake to the greatest degree we would simply ban all human presence. Now that obviously isn't possible so we need to rely on unbiased science and regulation. The UNBIASED part is key. It's a bit like the current drought - NOT climate change- just weather. Bad droughts have happened in the past and will in the future. A current problem at the lake does not mean "the sky is falling". Turtle Lake isn't doomed. Let's rely on the science

655 The lake is becoming overpopulated and the band of wake boats should be considered to protect the health of this lake so generations can enjoy it like I have in the future.

656 Wake boats should be banned

657 Carrying capacity; sewage lagoon capacity; drainage; loud pleasure water craft; poor boatmanship; lack of public access; municipal irresponsibility and indiscriminate development; inadequate fish management.

658 This survey seems very biased towards people who own property around the lake and those who would like to keep the lake free of future development limiting people's abilities to utilize the PUBLIC domain of the lake. There is so

much potential for growth and it is being limited by individuals who have an inability to see the potential that is available and only see their own personal benefits.

659 This survey is written in serious bias and should not be considered evidence of public opinion.

Several of the questions were either too vague or they lead in such a specific direction that you either will get an answer that can be interpreted in any way desired, or the person being surveyed is essentially strong armed into answering the way the author clearly wanted the question answered.

Question 17 and 18 were absolutely ridiculous and provided zero sources to support the information being provided.

661 Out of province rate payers need to pay more taxes

666 There needs to be more consistency over decisions around the lake. Developers should not be allowed to try to get annexed by another RM because they don't like the decision made by their current RM. The RMs around the lake should be consistent rules and regulations regarding development around the lake as well as enforcement of those rules and regulations. A single governing body for the Turtle Lake area would help to ensure that a balance is maintained between humans and nature so that the lake can be enjoyed by future generations.

667 By far the biggest issue in my opinion is the prevalence of algae in the water. We need better control over what is dumped into nearby rivers to avoid ruining the lake

670 Thanks for doing this!

677 There should be certain fishing limits established that pertain to turtle lake like in the many other lakes in northern Saskatchewan.

679 Environmentally we should focus on preserving habitat that has not been developed around the watershed. Lots of enforcement currently focuses on older developed property's (damage is done) The main focus should be on new developments and leaving what we have undeveloped. Habitat preservation is key to any environmental problems in the world. Increase population in turn decreasing habitat and increases watershed use. Basically limit the number of developments. Have a baseline study done for the lake and surrounding area. Repeat the study over time monitoring changes. Good and bad.

680 Your questions on limited lake development are to the point, increased traffic creates stress on the lake,, municipal services, and the list goes on. Does anyone know during a long weekend what population estimate Turtle Lake area would be ? Just have to look at boat traffic to come to the conclusion that we're at our near full capacity for development around the lake.

The water conditions are strictly based on the lake level and our increased climate temperatures, we're having one of the hottest year on record!

681 Love Turtle Lake, but do not want to see any more developments around it. The lake is busy enough. 686 Far to much ice fishing allowed.

687 Thank you for putting this together. 688 I hope my answers helped

689 It sees many of the laws we used to understand were laws are not enforced so appear optional. Our hamlet that are our representatives and should care for the lake pumped algae into our lake... no thought here just convenience. .

690 I would like to see the banning of wake type boats and become CR1 designation.

692 Thank you for doing this survey!

698 I love the lake

702 Thanks for allowing input!

704 The lake needs to have a study done on the capacity of development on the lake.in my opion it is to high 707
A concerned citizen

708 The majority of your questions in regard to hamlet board members is misleading. Board members have zero power to implement or enforce any of their own rules or policies. As you no the RM dictates what the board can can't and should do. Hamlet board members have been reduced to RM watch dogs. It's a sad state of affairs when the RM can tell you you can't put a camper on your own property to take your family camping at the lake. It's ludicrous. It's the rate payers and blue collar men and women that helped develop this lake. We pay city taxes for what? I mean really add it up. No one complains in the city when I park a camper on my driveway. I don't need a permit. The RM gives nothing back and I dare say if it wasn't for the Lakes in this RM these councillors wouldn't be working or enjoying the pay cheques they collect.

- 714 I have lived at turtle lake all my life and also my grandparents home steaded here . There has been many changes from the people from the cities that come out here and want to run it thier way and make up there rules . They don't live here year around and want to have control of it all . The people that live here year round should have the control in corispondince with water shed atority for instance having the bridge NOT blocked off at South Bay it is a PUBLIC ROAD WAY and only a few from the cabins want it closed this is unfair to the rest of the public that use public beech . Like I said some people want to have control of it all and that ends up being a great expense for property owner which is unessary . Thank you
- 716 As a property/cabin owner @ Turtle for the past 45 yrs (full time for the last 17 yrs) this lake is still a gem!
We now have sold, but stilll come back to Turtle as seasonal campers. It has been a big part of now 4 generations of our family & we hope it will continue to be looked after by all organizations for many more years, as our family plan to be here for a few generations!
- 724 Number of wake boats, their noise, water turbulence, and use are concerning.
In general it seems that there are more people that feel entitled in regards to ignoring rules and posted signage referring to atv use, underaged atv use, trash disposal, water use, etc. Sad to see this increasing. There is a lot more money invested in properties and 'toys' that has changed the entire lake life over the years.
- 727 The water quality has been declining for several years now. The algae bloom this year has made it unsafe to swim in and even boating is difficult as you have to try to avoid the blooms. The entire north end is impassable!
- 728 Environmental preservation and over-development at turtle lake are concerns that must be addressed in order to protect and preserve it going forward I hope turtle lake municipalities can find better leadership that is able to effectively address these issues, and not only prioritize money through development.