

Tuesday July 26th 2011

#125 Ontario St. Port Sydney
Mary Lake, Huntsville
Muskoka District Municipality

Dear Jane Earthy:

On behalf of the District Municipality of Muskoka, I would like to personally thank the following volunteers for their contribution to the Benthic Monitoring Program:

Katie Paroschy
Chris Rodie
Megan Kamachi

Caitlyn Hopkins
Adrienne Hutchinson
Jane Earthy

Mary Sinclair
Sue Tatrallyay

Due to your determination and focus, the hours of benthic counting for Mary Lake on Monday July 25th, 2011 greatly contributed to additional data collection. This data will be used as a comparison to previously collected data and will provide information for the future of Mary Lake.

Benthic Monitoring is yet another way for waterfront owners to actively participate in maintaining a healthy and productive ecosystem. This valuable data collected from this site on Mary Lake will assist in determining the quality and health of the water. As you are aware, Benthic Monitoring is a long-term commitment, which will have a positive impact on monitoring this important aspect of aquatic life.

The data will be available on the “Muskoka Water Web” website, under “Biological Monitoring Data” at: <http://muskokawaterweb.ca/1/1.1/biological.htm>. We respectfully ask that you allow us a reasonable amount of time to prepare this data for submission to this site. I will also email you the results of this year’s sampling.

You are to be commended for your tremendous involvement and participation in maintaining healthy lake and ecosystem quality in Muskoka.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Benthic Monitoring, please do not hesitate to contact me at the following email: biotech@muskoka.on.ca or call the District Office at: (705) 645-2231 ext. 332 until August 26th 2011. After this time, you may direct questions to Rebecca Willison, Watershed Planning Technician at rwillison@muskoka.on.ca.

Yours in Ecosystem Conservation,

Delaina Rae Arnold
Biological Monitoring Technician 2011
District Municipality of Muskoka