



February 25, 2021
Photo Courtesy of the Bowens Webcam
Link to the Bowens webcam - [here](#)
For Ice View - [NASA Satellite](#)

Greetings!

The days are now getting longer and vaccination rates are ramping up. We've got a little more of the not so fun times to get through, but we are getting there.

Along with the picture above from the Bowens Webcam, here is another view of the Bay with a link to a YouTube channel set up by Matt Overend with drone videos of the swing bridge area - [here](#). I wonder what the rules are for going around markers this time of year? Matt's going to be updating his channel regularly so save the link. Thanks Matt for sharing!

And thanks to all of you that answered the call for submitting your support for the Norm Miller Private Member's Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act. It unanimously passed Second Reading on February 23rd. This is not the final step. In order for a Bill to become a law in Ontario it must go through two more steps of the process. The first is review by a committee and then it will be debated again in the Provincial Legislature on

Third Reading. Bill 228 has been referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. We will keep you posted on this important topic.

Your Board continues to make phased plans for the summer. Stay tuned for more detail in future newsletters.

Enjoy the rest of the Newsletter with lots more content.

Stay well and safe.

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Thank You...

... to the over 320 members who have already sent in their dues! As of today, we already have 10 new members! We are well on our way!

If for some reason you have not received your dues notice, please contact [Eric Armour](mailto:Eric.Armour) immediately!

Book Drive

The SSCA is looking for gently used kid's and teen's books to build up our library currently located in the Schoolhouse – graphic novels, action, adventure, detective, fiction, board books, etc! We'd like to keep up with the literary demands of our great group of cottage readers! Thank you to those for helping out with this worthwhile project.

For questions, and information on dropping off books at the community centre, please contact sscaprograms@gmail.com

Starlink Service Beta testing coming to Sans Souci area

Reprinted from Parry Sound.com article February 8, 2021



Elon Musk's Starlink project opens beta testing invites to some rural Parry Sound residents

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Georgian Bay News



Fair Electricity Pricing

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Hydro One Networks has written to all 147,649 seasonal class electricity customers to explain how they will be moved to one of the three residential density-based classes. The notice includes Hydro One's estimate of your average monthly electricity use over the past 12 months, in kWh, so you can compare your new estimated rate at the same consumption level.

It is the approximately 78,000 seasonal customers moving to the Low Density (R2) class that will see the largest bill impacts, with total bill increases of up to 100%. The seasonal rate class may be eliminated as early as January 1, 2022.

1. Check your notice, and if you think your classification is incorrect, call the Hydro One Networks Customer Service line: 1-888-664-9376.

Areas with 100 or more customers, and at least 15 customers for every kilometer of power line used to supply energy to the zone, are intended to become "Medium Density" but FOCA has already heard of cases where the designation on the Notice was incorrect.

2. Contact your MPP

Although the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is an independent public agency, FOCA encourages everyone to contact their Ontario Member of Parliament to provide first-hand feedback to our politicians about the negative impact of this change on your household budget. More than 1,200 actions have already been undertaken by you and your fellow waterfront property owners, including:

- emailing the MPP of your seasonal property
- calling the MPP of your seasonal property (speaking notes provided)
- emailing the MPP of your permanent residence.

It only takes a moment to input your address and use the online software to automatically find your MPP. We have provided a template message to make it quick and easy. (Pro tip: customize the subject line and first paragraphs to ensure your message gets read!)

FOCA continues to post background on the subject, here: [Electricity webpage](#).



GBA Asks OEB for Concessions on Seasonal Hydro Rate Cancellation Terms

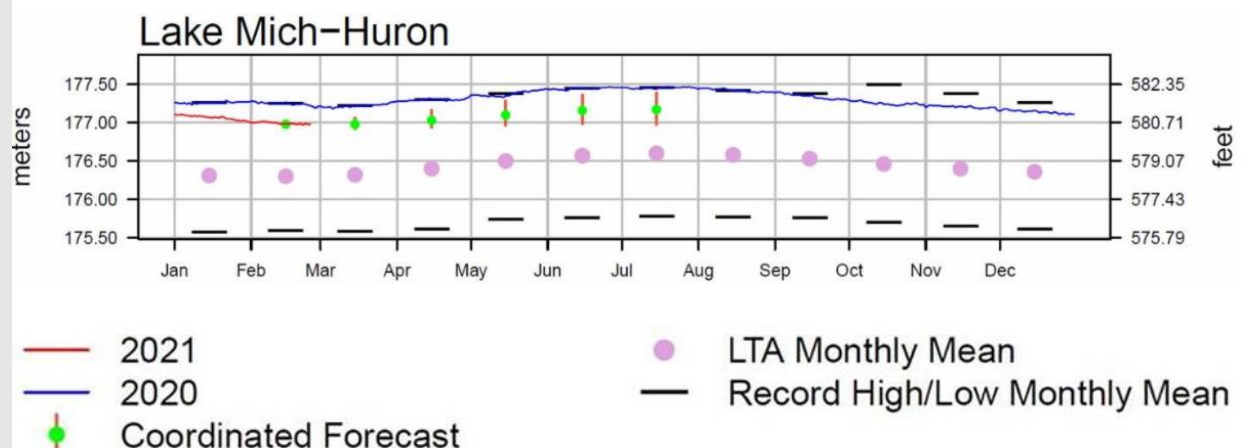
Reprinted from the Georgian Bay Association

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision on this is now final and the cancellation will go ahead. GBA has asked for the current planned implementation date of January 1, 2022 to be postponed, and for the maximum phase in period for billing increases.

Read the press releases here:

- [GBA letter to the Ontario Energy Board – Feb 24 2021](#)
- [Hydro One Notice to Property Owners – Elimination of Seasonal Rates – Feb 2021](#)
- [Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations \(FOCA\) Press Release on Seasonal Electricity – Feb 9 2021](#)

GBA Water Levels Report - Jan 24, 2021



Temperatures in the Great Lakes were above normal over most of the last week.

Water levels continue to be well above average and near record high levels, but all the lakes are continuing their seasonal declines.

Lake Michigan-Huron continues to be below the level it was at this time last year – see first graph below. All the lakes are now lower than they

were at this time last year.

From a month ago the water levels on Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair, Erie and Ontario are **down 3, 2, 2, 6 & 3 inches respectively**. Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair, Erie & Ontario, are lower by 6, 9, 9, 15 & 22 inches, respectively, than they were at this time last year. Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair & Erie are 7, **27**, 30, & 20 inches, respectively, **above their long term February average**, whereas Lake Ontario is 4 inches below. All the lakes are now well below their February record highs.

In a month's time, the expected levels are for: Lakes Superior to be lower by 1 inches, **Michigan-Huron to be unchanged**, and Lake Ontario, St Clair & Erie to be up 2, 6 & 4 inches respectively.

High water levels and potentially record high water levels are expected to persist for at least the next six months, so flood prone areas are expected to remain vulnerable.

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GBA 2020 Water Levels Symposium Report

On October 24, 2020, GBA and Georgian Bay Forever (GBF) brought together leading scientists, engineers, academics, and policymakers to lay the facts on the table about high water levels in the Great Lakes. Over 700 people registered for this inaugural online event with 432 in attendance.

Explore the detailed results of this successful joint venture with Georgian Bay Forever (GBF). Find out about:

- Future water levels – what to expect and why;
- The wider range of water level fluctuations on Lake Michigan-Huron compared to Lake Superior – the real reason for this difference;
- Plan 2012 – positive action that has helped mitigate our high water levels in the Bay – what has been done and how it works; and
- Much, much more.

For a brief overview of the primary issues and action plan, featuring the Top 10 Questions and Key Takeaways, see: [Water Levels Web Symposium Summary](#);

If you'd like to take a deeper dive into the symposium's presentations and discussions go to: [Water Levels Web Symposium Synopsis](#); and to find answers to all 259 questions we received, have a look here: [Water Levels Web Symposium Questions & Answers](#).

On Thin Ice: Trends and Implications for Great Lakes Ice Cover

Whether you skate on it, ice fish through it, or you simply take in its sights and sounds, ice is worth celebrating. For those who live in the Georgian Bay Biosphere, ice cover is important to our economy, recreation, as well as to native species and

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GBLT LANDMARK Speaker Series



Our virtual LANDMARK Speaker Series returns for 2021 with monthly presentations from 10:00 - 11:00 AM on conservation and Georgian Bay topics. Mark your calendars with the dates below, and register to attend each session [here](#).

- March 20th: **Migratory Bird Research** with Stuart Mackenzie
- April 17th: **Fish of Blackstone Lake** with Andy Metelka
- May 8th: **Shipwreck Tales of Georgian Bay** with Cris Kohl & Joan Forsberg

[Register here](#) to attend. All ages are welcome!

P.S. Did you miss any of last year's LANDMARK talks, or would you like to share them with others? Recordings of all past presentations are available to watch anytime on our [website](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

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