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Lake Nipissing Study completed

North Bay, ON – The Lake Nipissing study has been provided to the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce and submitted to the funders, Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Peter Chirico, President and CEO for the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce commended Dr. Doris Smith, the third-party consultant that undertook the report regarding the study for opportunities to increase the sustainability of Lake Nipissing and the walleye fishery. Mr. Chirico noted “I don’t think we were too surprised with the results of the study by Dr. Smith, but it did provide a few opportunities that are promising for future sustainability.”

While there was an abundance of information in the report, there were four items, that the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce determined could be opportunities to support the walleye fishery with further study or funding.

These items were:

- a) potential for a new Lake Nipissing focused community website with open communication and transparency of annual monitoring, survey data, stock estimates and harvest estimates for all stakeholders and stewards of the lake to have access;
- b) support the current restocking efforts;
- c) support a third party to undertake a further study on stress levels of catch and release (winter vs summer) to determine if there are further opportunities;
- d) support a third party to undertake a further study of the cormorant issue and/or invasive species.

Under Ontario Trillium Foundations guidelines the study was required to allow partners, stakeholders and stewards of the lake to access grow funding through OTF, to implement some of the solutions.

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