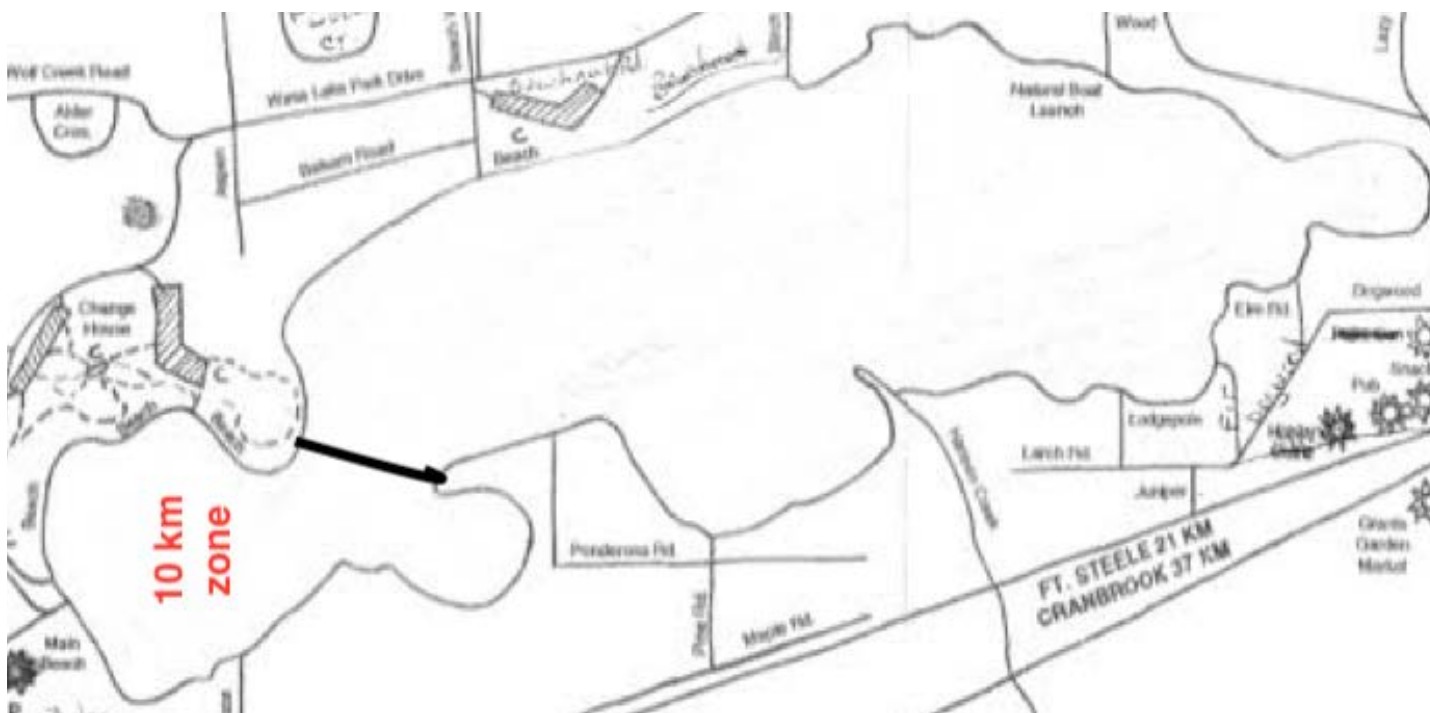


Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation for Wasa Lake

Wasa and Area Safety Advocates (WASA) is seeking community input regarding a proposed application to Transport Canada for a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR) that would restrict the use of internal combustion vessels (gas/diesel powered) on a small portion (15%) of Wasa Lake to a speed limit of 10km/h in the North Bay.

The decision to explore the federal regulation was prompted by safety concerns and environmental factors. Notable concerns include the size and numbers of boats operating near swimmers and non-motorized crafts, increased noise and wake damage to the shore line. The North Bay has the longest public swimming area, stretching from Main Beach to Horseshoe Beach. The small, shallow, North Bay is an ecologically sensitive area. Swimmers and non-motorized paddlers (kayakers, canoers, wind-surfers, SUPs) heavily utilize this area. For all of these reasons, a 10-km/hr speed-limit zone within the North Bay area would greatly increase the safety of swimmers and non-motorized paddlers, without compromising the enjoyment of the motorized craft users.

The input received will determine if the community supports applying to Transport Canada for a VORR. For the purpose of this survey, North Bay includes Ida's Bay (please refer to the map provided).



The personal information collected in this survey is under the authority of Section 26(e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes of gathering feedback from stakeholders to inform an application to Transport Canada for a Vessel Operations Restriction Regulation (VORR). If you have any questions regarding the collection of this information, please contact wasalakesafety@gmail.com. By completing this survey, you consent that your responses will be provided to a third party, Survey Monkey, which stores data on a server located in the United States.

1. Do you own or rent a residential property in the Wasa Lake community?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Do you represent a business or non-profit organization that utilizes Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you represent a business or non-profit organization, what activities does your business/non-profit undertake at Wasa Lake.

In the next section of the survey, you will be asked about motorized watercraft vessels. For the purposes of this survey, a motorized watercraft vessel is defined as a motor boat and includes jet skis.

3. Do you own/operate a motorized watercraft vessel(s) for a business/non-profit organization that is used on Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. If you are an individual lake user, select the activities you enjoy on/at Wasa Lake. Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Using beaches/parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Motorized boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing/wind surfing
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/kayaking/paddleboarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

5. Do you own a personal motorized watercraft vessel(s) that is used on Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you own a personal motorized watercraft vessel, what type do you own? Please check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Motor boat greater than 10hp	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor boat with electric motor
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor boat lesser than 10hp	<input type="checkbox"/> Jet ski

6. Do you have ENVIRONMENTAL concerns with motorized watercraft vessels being used on Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If YES, please share your ENVIRONMENTAL concerns with motorized watercraft vessels being used on Wasa Lake.

7. Do you have SAFETY concerns with the use of motorized on Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If YES, please share your SAFETY concerns with the use of motorized on Wasa Lake.

8. If supported and approved by Transport Canada, will the VORR affect negatively or positively your use of Wasa Lake?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered yes to the previous question, tell us how the VORR will affect your use of Wasa Lake.

9. Would you support an application to Transport Canada for a VORR on Wasa Lake for a speed limit of 10km/h in the North Bay (including Ida's bay).

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Please provide any questions, comments, or additional information you would like the Wasa and Area Safety Advocates (WASA) to take into consideration with respect to submitting an application to Transport Canada for a Vessel Operations Restriction Regulation (VORR).

If you have questions or comments after you submit the survey, you can email them to wasalakesafety@gmail.com

The paper survey can be returned at the Wasa Post Office or you can fill it online on Survey Monkey form May 10th to July 10th 2021. Search: Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation for Wasa Lake on Survey Monkey.