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Designated Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area

The map on the right illustrates the *Designated Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area*. The yellow overlay sections on this map depict the lands owned by Halifax Water. The green overlay sections depict the lands owned by the Crown, which includes the Waverley Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area. The remaining areas (no overlay colour) inside the Designated area are private lands.

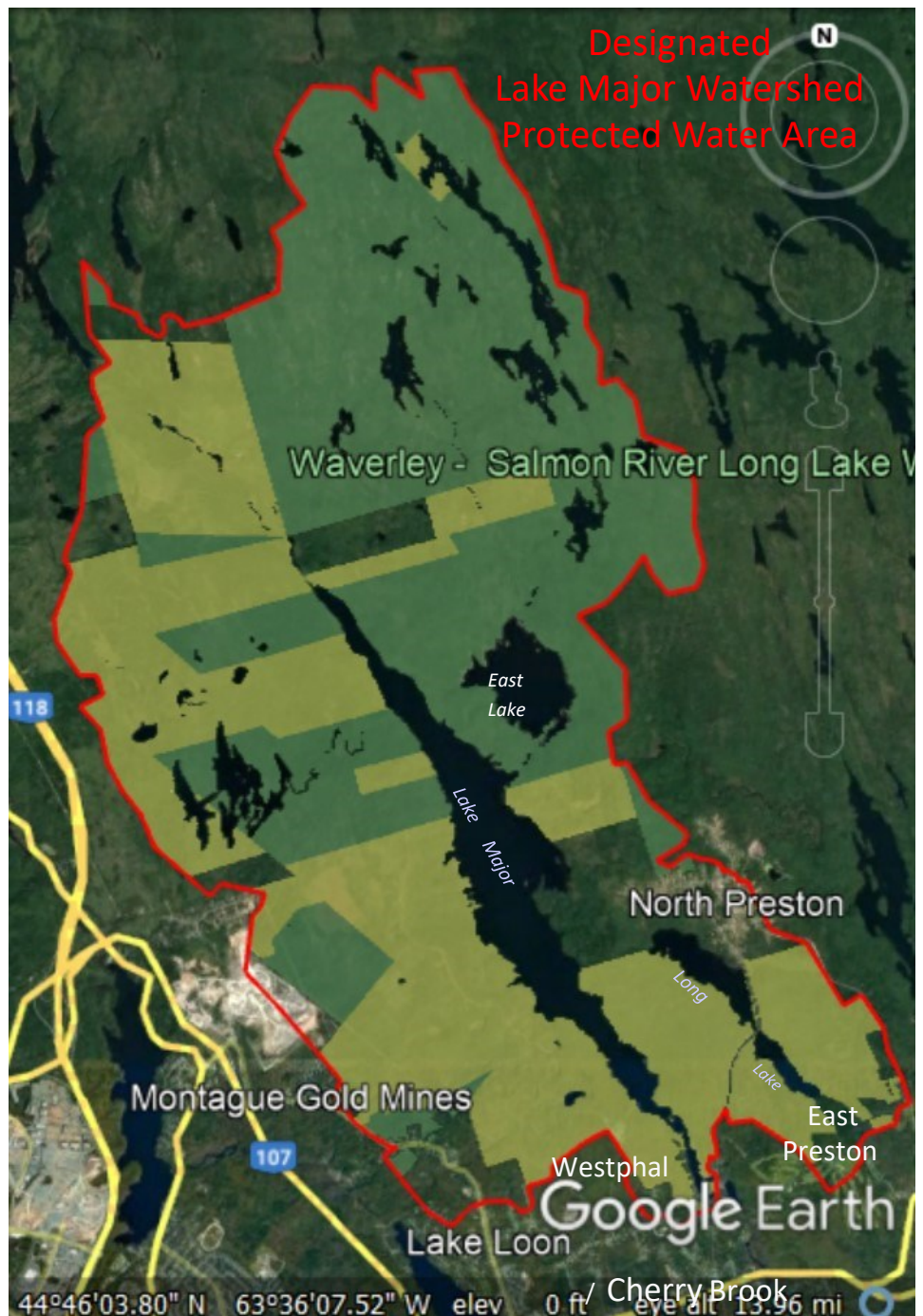
All of the land areas within the red boundary area are governed by the *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area (PWA) Regulations*, which are currently under review (see opposite page) and **still in force**. They may be viewed at <https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envpwlmr.htm>.

There are other regulations that also apply to these lands, according to where they are situated (i.e., inside or outside the *PWA*) and ownership (i.e., Halifax Water, the Crown, or private); they include the *Halifax Regional Water Commission Act*, the *Halifax Charter* and the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act*.

Further, if a land parcel has multiple designations (e.g., *PWA* and Wilderness Area) the most stringent regulation will apply to that area. Together, all of these regulations help to protect the drinking water supply.

Please see the opposite page about the progress of the *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area Regulations* review process.

The area within the red boundary shown on the map below is provincially Designated as the *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area (PWA)*, the primary drinking water supply source for the Dartmouth region, which includes the communities of North Preston, Westphal, Lake Loon/Cherry Brook and East Preston. Halifax Water is legally responsible for managing the *PWA* through provincial legislation.



Progress on Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area Regulation Review

Halifax Water wishes to thank everyone who participated in the *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area* (LMWPWA) Regulations public review process. **Thank you!**

Over the last 8 months, Halifax Water has engaged with various regulatory agencies, landowners and the public in reviewing the LMWPWA Regulations to help make these laws more clear and concise, and to facilitate Halifax Water's ability to enforce protection measures across the *Designated* watershed area (shown on the opposite page).



In July 2022 Halifax Water initiated the review process in response to a letter from the North Preston Ratepayers Association that highlighted some inconsistencies. This letter led to drafting changes to the LMWPWA Regulations in concert with the Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board. That exercise prepared Halifax Water for engagement with LMWPWA landowners and the public.

The public Regulation review process involved informing stakeholders, Halifax Water customers and LMWPWA landowners about how they may provide feedback on updating the existing LMWPWA Regulations and the rationale behind the Regulation review. Newsletters, letters to LMWPWA landowners and social media were the tools used to inform the public. Engagement opportunities were also provided through five in-person (see photos above) and one online public engagement sessions.



A draft of the Regulation revisions has been produced and reviewed by the Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board. The draft revisions have incorporated the suggestions gathered through the engagement opportunities just described

Halifax Water continues to progress with the LMWPWA Regulation review. We are currently preparing to release the draft revisions to the public for further review in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, landowners will receive a communication package in the mail that will include the draft revisions and details on how to provide further comments. Other members of the

public will have an opportunity to review and provide comment on the draft revisions online and at two more public information sessions—dates to be announced.

Halifax Water thanks you for your participation and patience as we prepare to present the draft revisions to the public. In the meantime, we encourage landowners inside the LMWPWA boundary to watch for a package and for everyone to please stay tuned to developments on the next phase of the Regulation review process by visiting Halifax Water's webpage <https://www.halifaxwater.ca/protected-water-areas>, or contact Customer Care at 902-420-9287.

Current Regulations Are Still in Effect

Halifax Water reminds the public that the existing *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area* Regulations are still in effect and will continue to be enforced. The current LMWPWA Regulations are found at <https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envpwlmr.htm>.

If you are aware of any violations to the Regulations, please contact Halifax Water or the RCMP.