



The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

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Mayor Maureen Cole and Council  
Municipality of South Huron  
PO Box 759 322 Main Street South  
Exeter, ON N0M 1S6

**RE: 'Is the Coast Clear?' Lake Huron Conference & Coastal Conservation Gala**

Dear Mayor Maureen Cole and Council

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation (LHCCC) is a non-government charitable organization established in 1998 with the goals of protecting and restoring Lake Huron's coastal environment, and supporting a healthy coastal ecosystem through education, restoration, and research projects.

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation Board of Directors and staff are pleased to invite you to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> biennial 'Is the Coast Clear?' conference being held May 10-11, 2018 at the Oakwood Resort in Grand Bend. This unique event provides a forum for the public and environmental professionals to learn about issues affecting Lake Huron's coastal environment, promoting greater community engagement. Experts from the Great Lakes region will speak about coastal research, along with local actions and solutions to environmental challenges. A diverse audience of all ages, including cottagers, farmers, municipal staff, elected officials, industry, and NGOs have the opportunity to network and broaden their awareness of water quality issues. Some of the topics discussed will include Great Lakes water levels, micro-plastics, turtle species at risk, agricultural environmental concerns and solutions, and the changing fish communities of Lake Huron.

On the Thursday evening of the conference, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the LHCCC will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Coastal Conservation Fundraising Gala held at the conference venue. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner with live musical entertainment, cash bar, raffle prizes, and a silent auction.

Enclosed are copies of our conference announcement brochure. You can also find additional information about the event on our website [www.lakehuron.ca/conference](http://www.lakehuron.ca/conference). If you have any questions please contact us at 226-421-3029 or via email at [coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca](mailto:coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca). We look forward to hosting you in Grand Bend in May!

Sincerely,

Erinn Lawrie  
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