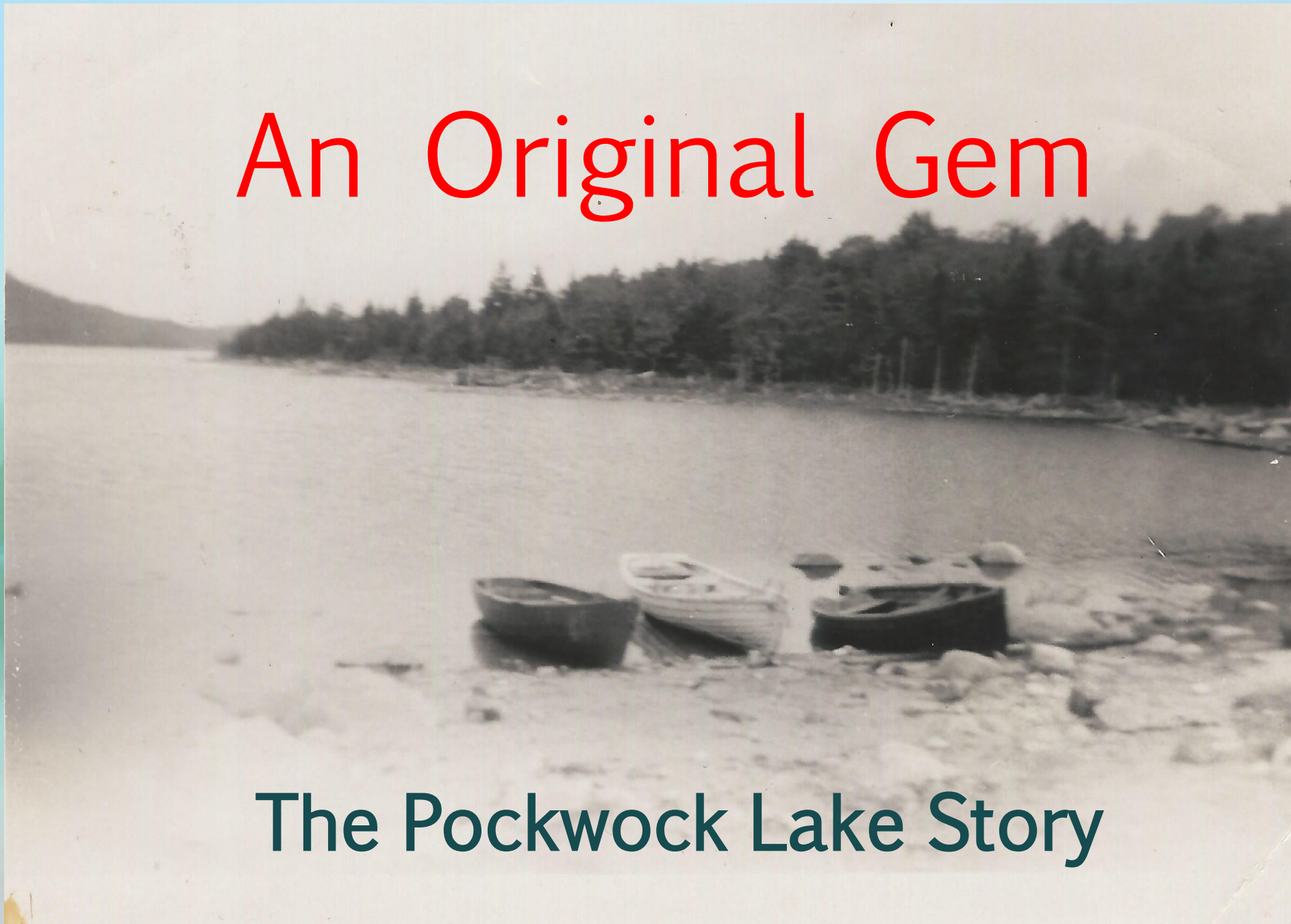
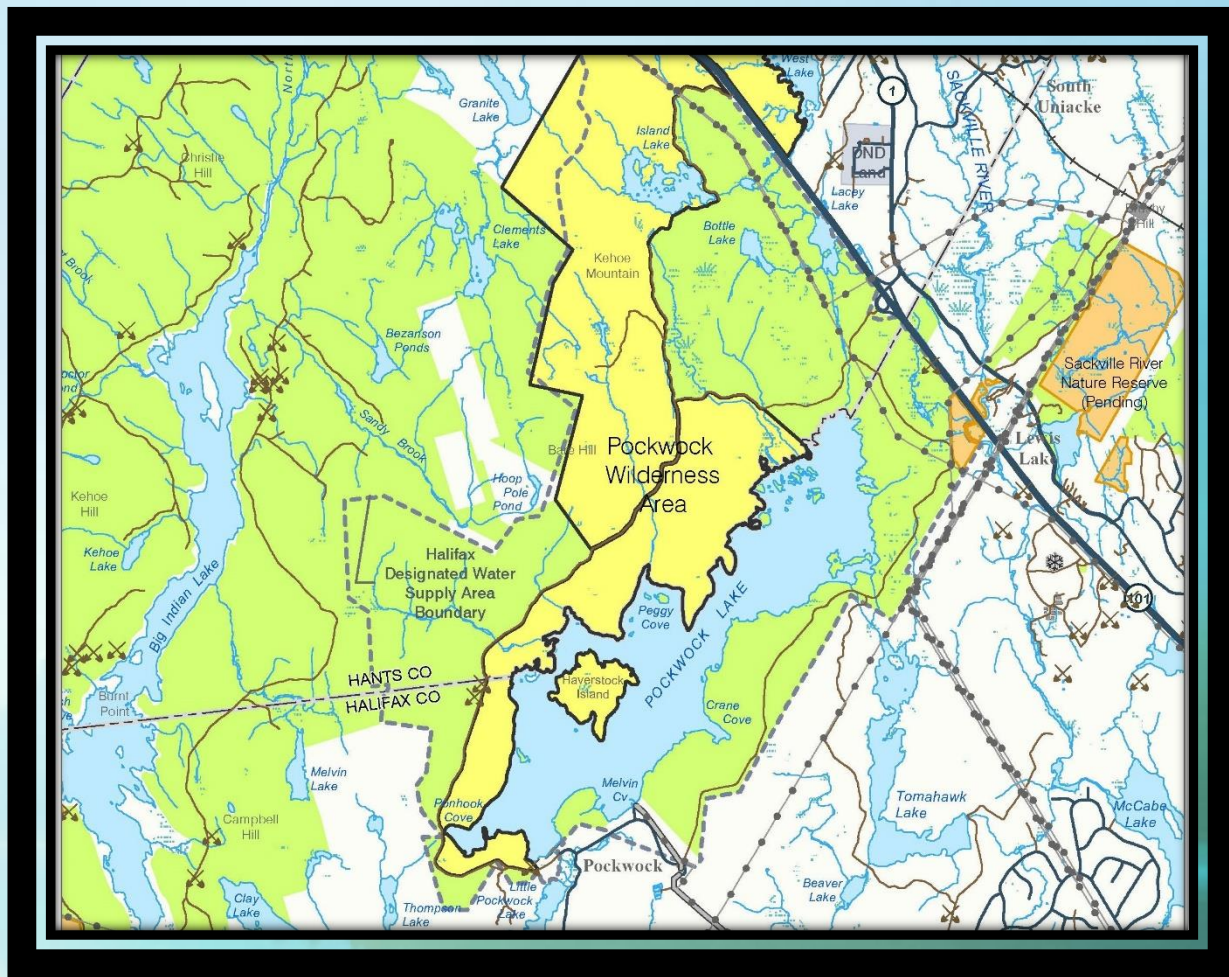


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The Pockwock Lake Story

Pockwock Lake Features



- Largest Lake in Area
- Elongated in Shape – 18 KM long
- A historic Healthy Fish Supply
- Pristine quality of water
- Surrounded by virgin forests



Pockwock Lake - Area

River flows from head of lake into Little Pockwock Lake

River flowing from Little Pockwock Lake contains Pockwock Falls

POCKWOCK FALLS

HALIFAX, NS



Pockwock Falls

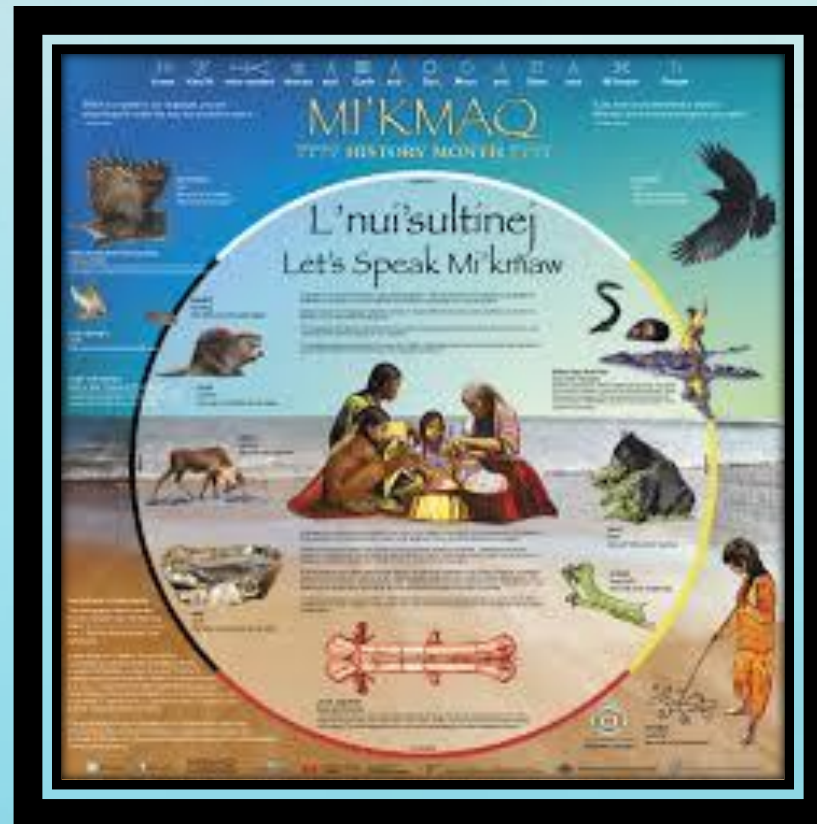
Proper Hiking Trail

Pockwock Lake – Sat for Centuries as a Virgin Natural Paradise – Rich with Wildlife



The Mi' Kmaq – First Human Contact

Not sure when first contact was made?



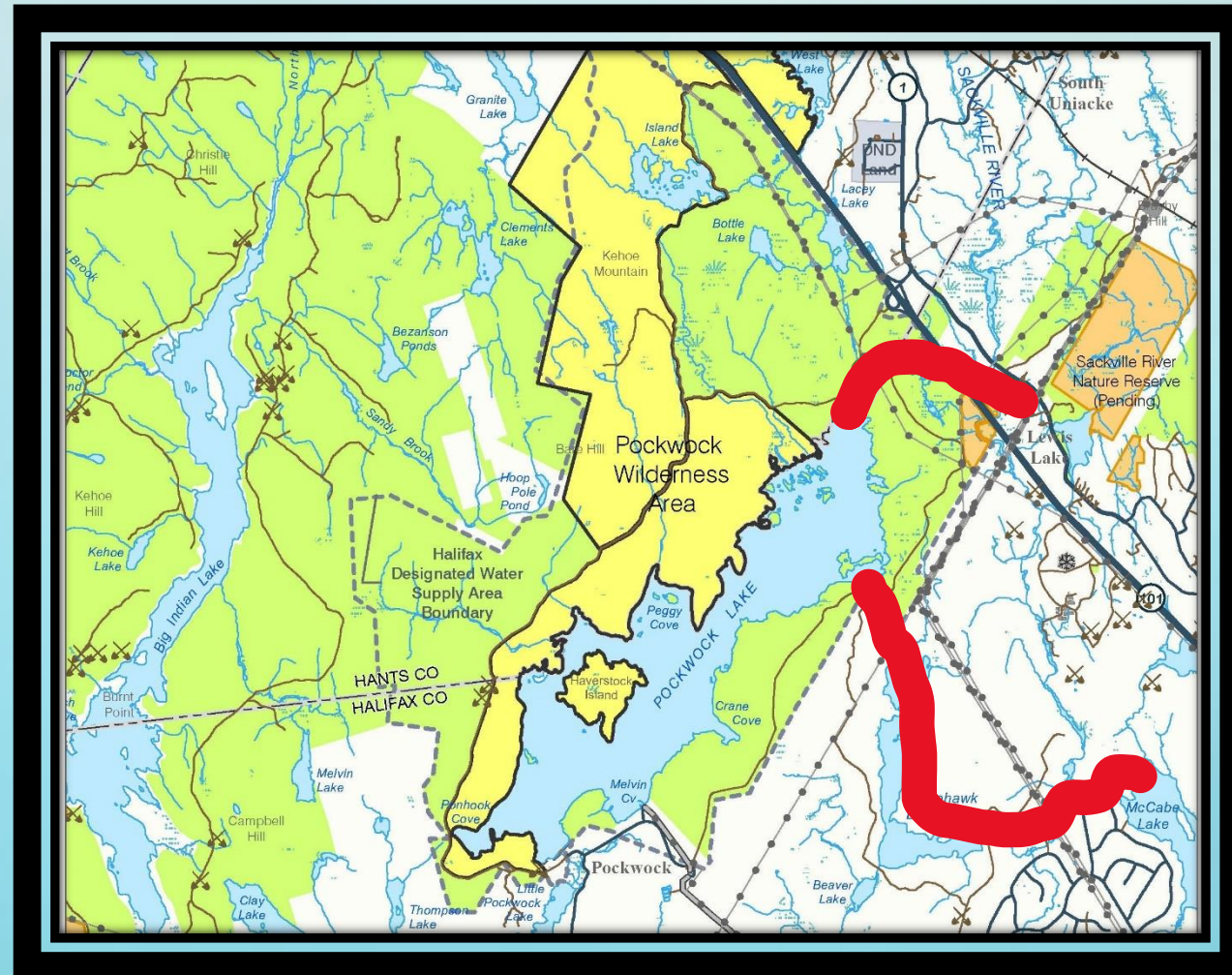
The Mi' Kmaq – Winter Encampments

A small group of Mi' Kmaq used area around lake as winter residence



The Mi' Kmaq – Winter Encampments

Travelled to Bedford Basin for summer season – via waterways



The Mi' Kmaq – Uses of Pockwock Lake

Reliable Source of Food-Water / Transportation / Forests around lake



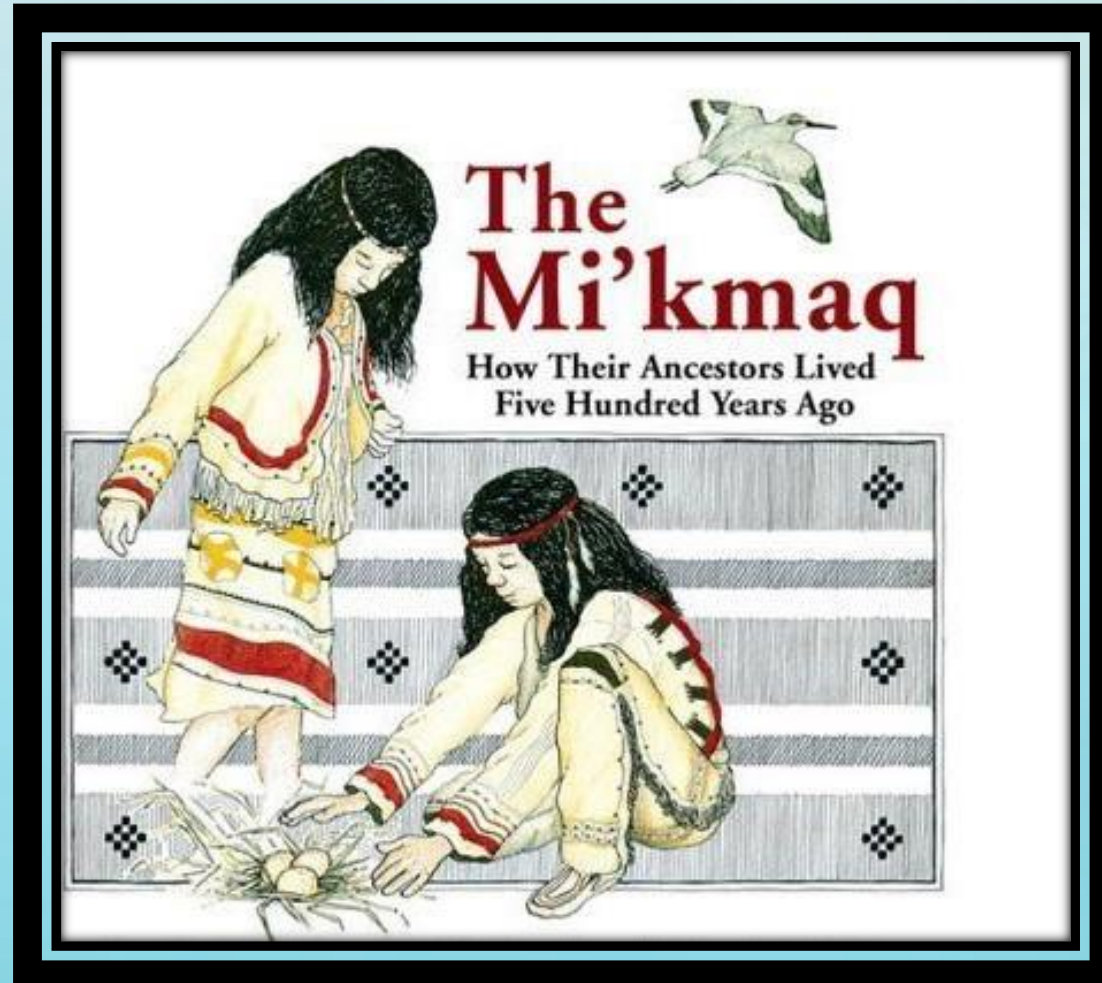
The Mi' Kmaq – The Moose

Used for meat, clothing and making tools



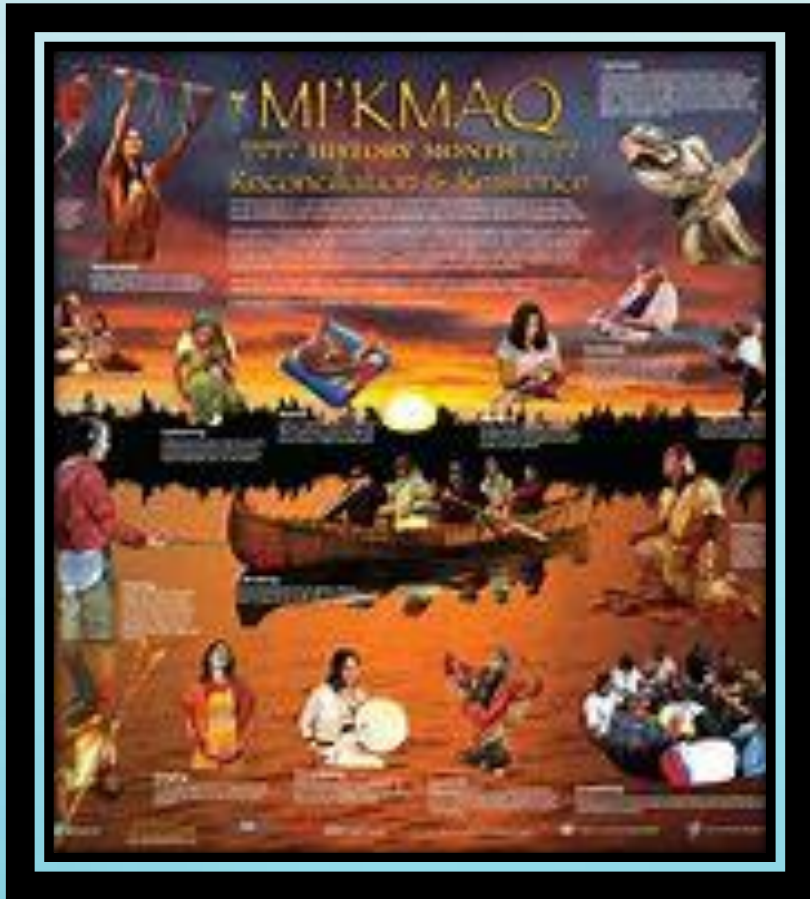
Pockwock Lake – The name

Thought to have originated from Mi'kmaq word Paakwaak – which means stop here, you can not go any further



Pockwock Lake – The name

Context of Name



- Mi' Kmaq had name for the lake
- May have meant that the area had all the requirements for winter encampment – no need to go further

European Contact

- Probably in 1700's but may have been in 1600's at Bedford Basin



European Contact

Disease hits Mi' Kmaq nation – Leading to decline in population in area

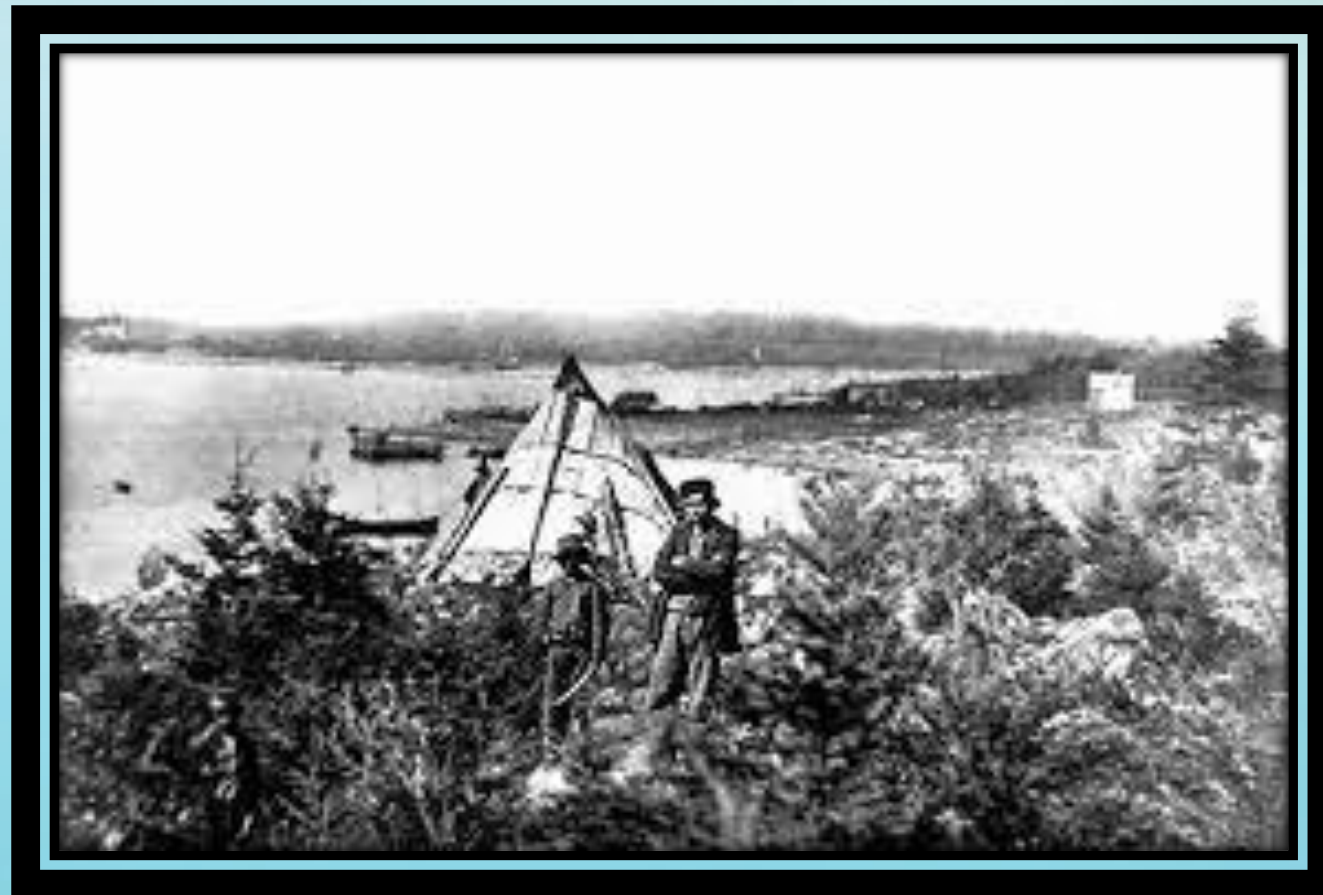


Ice Hockey on Pockwock Lake?



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1760's – 80's – Lands in Pockwock area are granted to English subjects and immigrants



Mi' Kmaq presence disappears

No records exists as to when and how. Thought to be as result of disease and conflict with English. By 1800, population of Mi' Kmaq very small in Pockwock area.



Pockwock Area recognized for its forests

British interested in timber in the area / Lands
at petition for



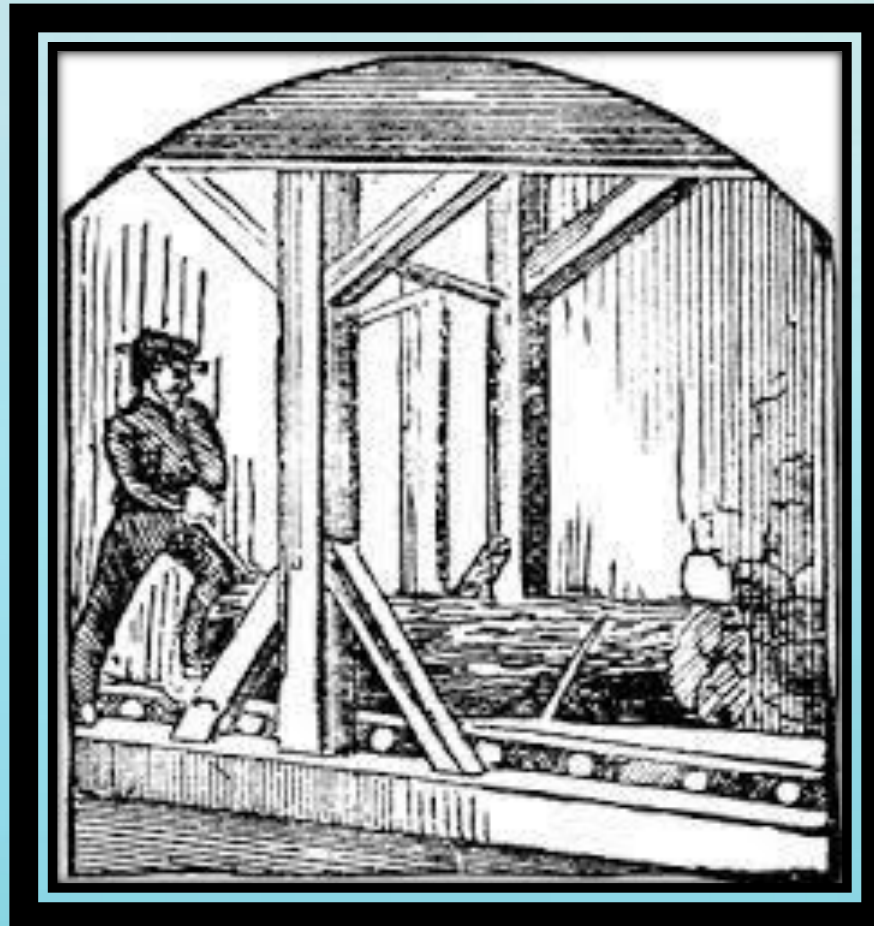
1823 – First Mill is built on Pockwock Lake

4 business partners Jacob Shaffer, William Lunn, John Wright and Phillip Leighteizer petitioned and were granted for lands around Pockwock Lake to build a sawmill.



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They built their mill at the foot of Pockwock Lake, along the river that ran from Big Pockwock to Little Pockwock Lake.



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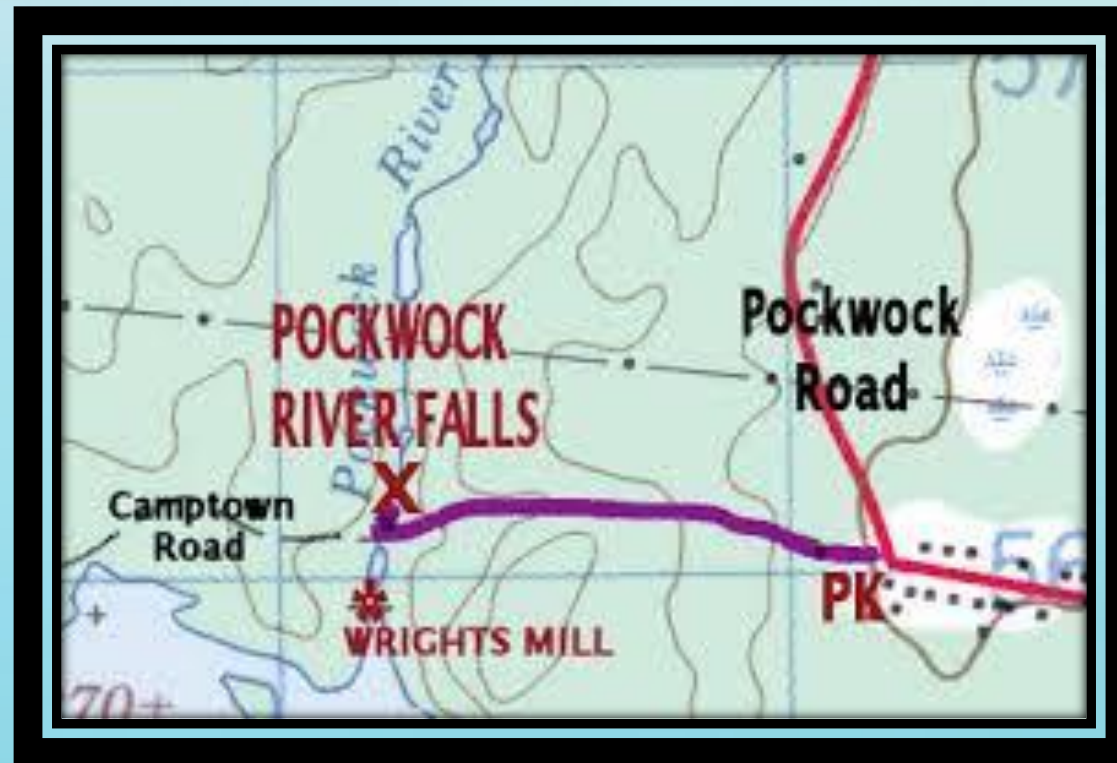
1800's - Pockwock Area Established as Forestry Center

Logs were cut along the shores of the lake and floated to the mill during the spring and summer seasons to be sawed into lumber.



1800's – Road is established to Pockwock Lake

At some point in later 1800's a road is built to Pockwock Lake from Kemptown Corner



1800's – The Hays Era

1830's – Original Mill on Pockwock Lake moved to Wright's Lake

Soon after Wesley Hays buys former mill property and establishes a large mill at the foot of Pockwock Lake.



1800's – The Hays Era

The Hays Family establishes the mill on Pockwock Lake as the largest commercial operation in Hammonds Plains area.



1800's – The Hays Era

The Hays family builds a residence beside the mill, establishing the community known as Pockwock.



1889 – Hays sells to Haverstock/Moran Families

The Hays Mill is split into two operations.



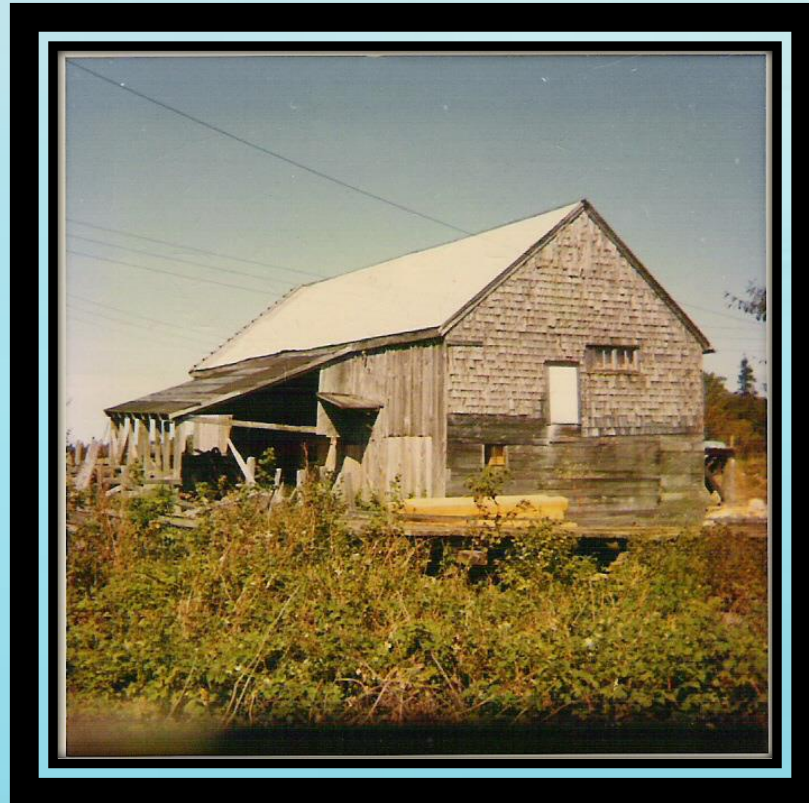
The Moran Presence

Lindsay and Eliza Moren move into Hays residence. Small village is established, including a school. Lindsay becomes leading HP figure, including local councillor



The Haverstock Presence

Haverstock Family headed by Henry Haverstock & Sons (Henry, Edwin, Ronzo) forms a generational forestry dynasty at Pockwock Lake (lasting 80+ years)



Logging at Pockwock Lake

Trees were cut in the woods around the lake in winter



Logs put in a log boom –
Floated to mill in spring



Logging at Pockwock Lake

Logs taken from lake to sawmill



Logs get turned into lumber at sawmill

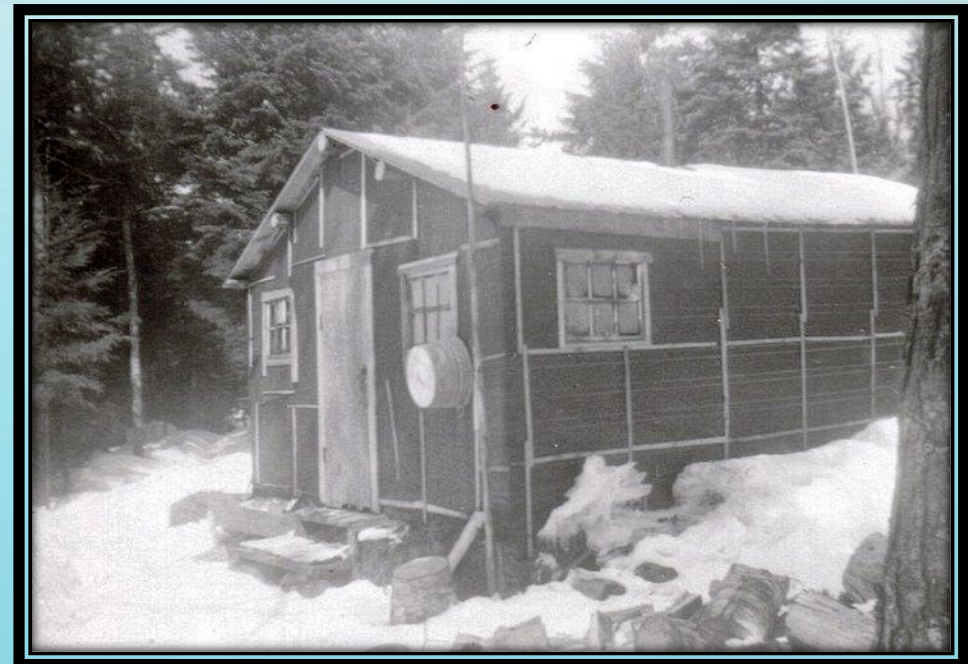


Lumber Camps at Pockwock Lake

Animals



Cook House



The Lumber Mills

Located at head of lake – near river



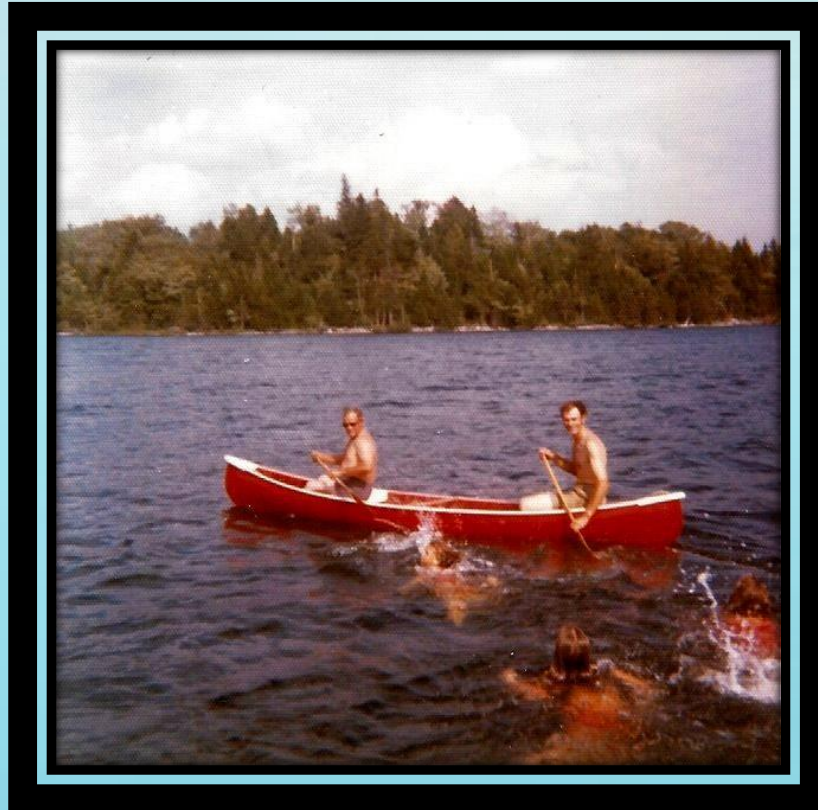
Pockwock Lake Recreational Playground

Fishing – Trout Abounds



Pockwock Lake as a Recreational Playground

Boating



Pockwock Lake as a Recreational Playground

Swimming



Children playing in Pockwock Lake early 1970's

Pockwock Lake as a Recreational Playground

Cottages



Pockwock Lake – A Victoria Day Tradition

A holiday of fishing, boating, picnics



Pockwock Lake – Winter Fun

Car driving over the ice



Pockwock Lake – Dams

Dams have been created at head of lake to regulate water flow.

Pockwock Lake – Boat Launch

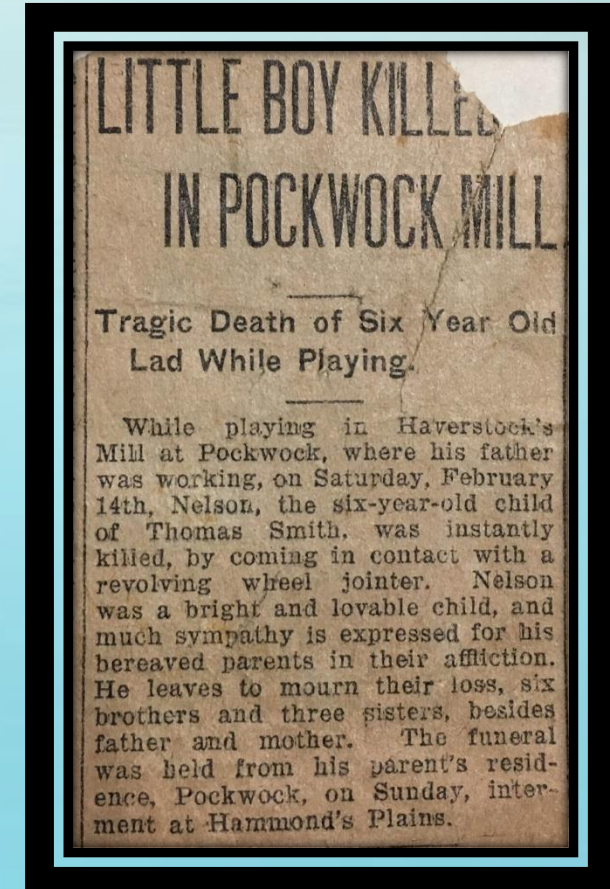
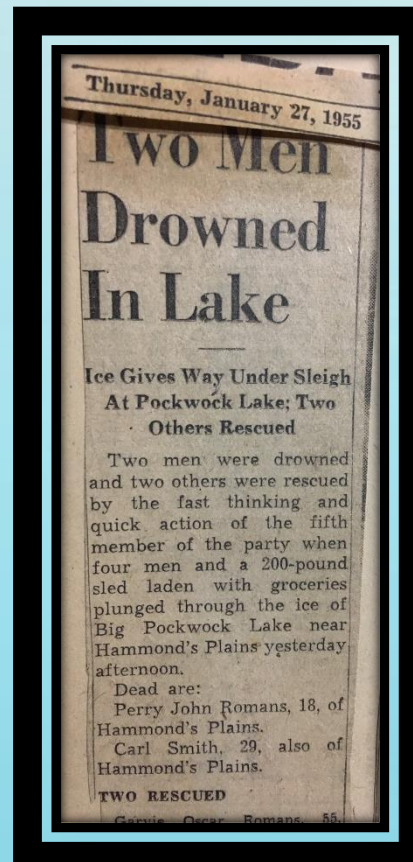
Boat Launch & Parking Lot to allow easy access for boating put in – 1900's



Pockwock Lake Tragedies

1955 Drowning

1912 Mill Accident



Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

After WW2 discussions started about replacing the outdated Halifax Chain Lake Water Supply System.



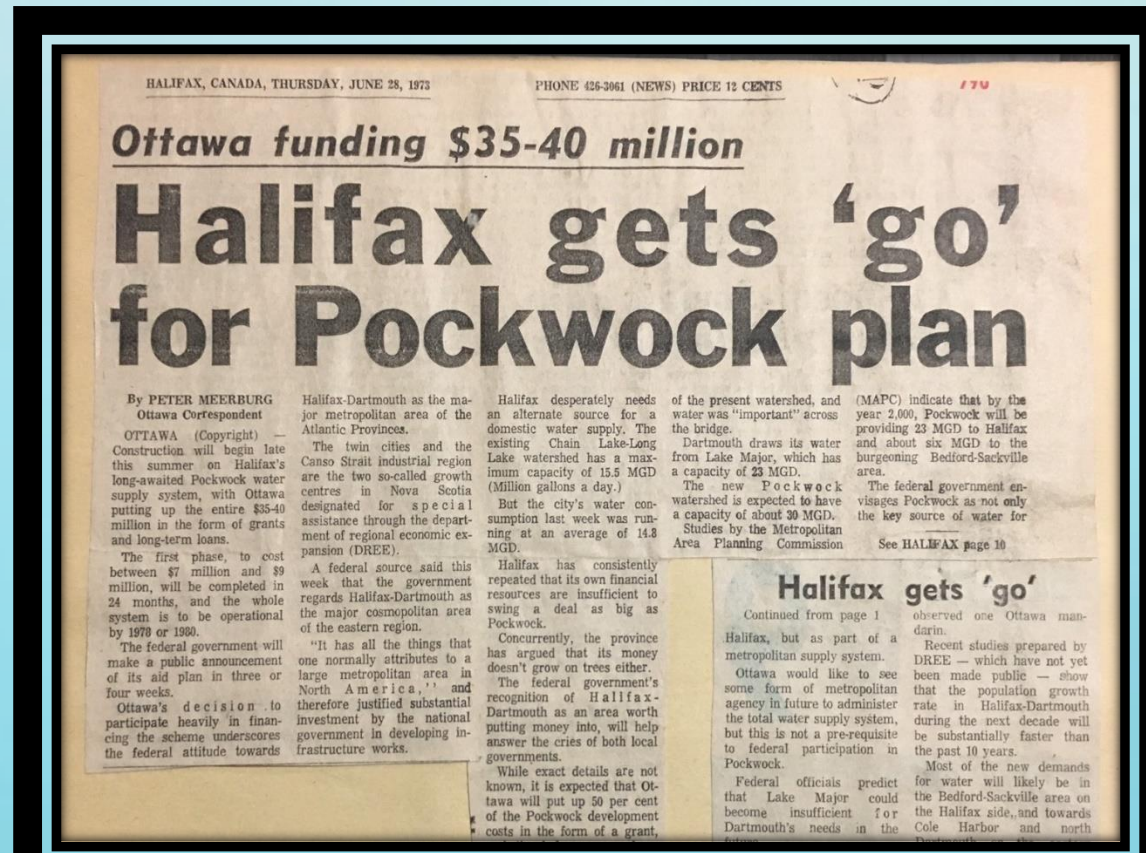
Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

By 1960's discussions and negotiations by Halifax City Staff became serious. Due to it's large supply and relative isolation, Pockwock Lake was identified has the preferred lake.



Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

- 1970's – Decision made to put new water system at Pockwock Lake. Lands are expropriated . Homes, cottages and last mill operation are removed.



Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

- 1973 – Construction is started for new water treatment plants.



Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

- Excess to the lake for the general public was no longer permitted, ending the era of commercial and recreational dreams for generations of Hammonds Plains residents.

Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

1977 - The J. Douglas Kline Water Supply Plant opened using a direct dual media filtration.



Pockwock Lake – Halifax Water Supply

Since 1977 upgrades have been made to Pockwock Water Treatment System. Pockwock Lake is protected either as watershed or wilderness area.



Pockwock Lake – The Future

What happens to Pockwock Lake after Halifax Water leaves?

A vintage black and white photograph of a lake. In the foreground, three small, simple wooden boats are beached on a sandy or rocky shore. The middle boat is white, while the two on either side are dark. The lake extends into the distance, bordered by a dense line of trees on the far shore. The sky is overcast. The entire photograph is framed by a thick black border.

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