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Study To Check Kal Lake Water Quality

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Local government is looking at a study into water quality in the Cosens Bay area of Kalamalka Lake.

Regional District of North Okanagan staff want to find out if there's any impact from septic systems from the approximately 100 homes and cottages along three kilometres of shoreline in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

"The proposed sampling would contrast water quality and periphyton growth in the fall to that of the summer months to see if the seasonal peak in septic system use causes any detectable impacts on water quality in Cosens Bay," reads a staff report from water sustainability coordinator Emma Posluns to the RDNO and GVAC boards.

RDNO is seeking a grant of \$9,700 for the study from the Okanagan Basin Water Board, one of four grants applications to OBWB totalling \$45,700.

Other projects include \$8,000 for a water ambassador summer program, \$8,000 for a water sustainability educational program, and \$20,000 for the North Kal Lake intake protection zone storm water reclamation project.