Renaissance Brome Lake as well as several other associations in our region could not have been better served over the years than they have been by someone as dedicated and knowledgeable as Peter Wade. For over half a century, he has been a living example of the volunteer stewardship our lake and other natural areas have needed to survive. His personal and burgeoning archives represent an incredible source of information and history, despite the fact that his dear wife Joan is anxious to get some of the house back. Entering his office is like entering Ali Baba’s cave.

Peter has been part of every fight, every challenge to the health of Brome Lake: protection of wetlands, unbridled urbanization, mostly since 1987, studies and acquisition of knowledge about the lake and its ecosystems.

In 1964, Peter Wade and his family were among the first to settle at Domaine Brome, initially as summer residents and later, in 1988, on a permanent basis. He soon developed a lasting friendship with another pioneer, Marc Decelles, his lake soul mate, and Yves Roy, his neighbour.

Peter has a Ph.D in management and is an expert in statistics and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Statistics. These assets and a willingness to contribute them to the cause have all served us well over the years. For example, the 1989 survey to put in place navigation restrictions (150 metre zone – 10km/hr), and the statistical findings from water sampling work. Peter still collects and analyses weather data and you will frequently see him in his boat during the summer months, measuring water transparency.

In 1987 Peter, along with 3 other residents, all passionate environmentalists concerned about protecting wetlands, co-founded the Brome Lake Land Foundation and at one time or another has served as board member, treasurer and president.

In 1989, Peter was nominated as a member of the newly created environment commission by the town council along with three other friends, Yves Roy, Peter Kerrigan and Geoffrey Hudghson. This commission was a spin-off of great citizen participation called "Imaginaction", a concept in which Peter was actively involved.

Between 1965 and 1999, he was a member and president of the Brome Lake Conservation Association, during a period of intense urbanization and sensitive issues such as the Inverness condo project, the condos at 400 Lakeside, the deviation of Rte 243, the sewer system on Lakeside, Forum 50 etc...

In 2006, he was one of the main artisans of the rebirth of Renaissance Brome Lake: he organised public meetings to raise awareness and acted as scientific vice-president. He was part of the RBL board from 2002-2009 and along the way made many contributions to the Chamber of Commerce, Tempo magazine and the Trail Committee.

Thank you Peter, for all the many services and numerous hours you have given to your community, never allowing yourself to be discouraged by indifference or lack of consideration. You’ve been patient, you’ve been unwaveringly present! Thanks for being our friend and especially a friend of Brome Lake!