



Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes Landowners' Association (MALLA)

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Meeting Minutes – Saturday June 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order and Welcome Message:** Doug Henderson called the meeting to order at 09:03. Quorum was confirmed:

| MALLA Officers in attendance: | MALLA Paid Members present: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doug Henderson, Vice President Malcolm Lake• Ruth Cooper, Vice President Ardoch Lake• Allan Jamieson, Treasurer• Kathy Smith, Secretary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary Bayne• Bob & Lisa Beauchamp• Tracy Card• Doug Harcourt & Richelle Smockum• Brenda Hay & Cathy Potts• Virginia Henderson• Ron and Wendy Higgins• Pat Jamieson• Steve & Sherry Keenan• Don MacLean & Lisa Rondeau• Geoff & Ruthann Moore• Elaine & Brian Palmer• Chris Sammut• Mark & Liz Shewman• David Smith |

2. **Land Acknowledgement:** Ruth Cooper read a Land Acknowledgement, highlighting the importance of acknowledging indigenous people.

3. **Approval of June 10, 2023 Minutes:**

- Doug Henderson asked for any objections to the minutes. There were no changes required and he asked for a motion to accept the 2023 minutes.

Motion to Accept: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Pat Jamieson

The attendees voted to accept the 2023 minutes and motion was carried.

4. **2023-24 MALLA Expenditure Report, Q&A, Audit and Call for Approval:**

Allan Jamieson provided a quick overview of the income and expenditures for the General and Fishing Committee accounts for 2023/24. The overall balance at year end is \$4069.90. He thanked Lisa Beauchamp and Brenda Hay for completing the audit and advised that there would not be an increase for membership fees at this time.

- Doug Henderson asked for a motion to accept the 2023/24 Audited Financial Statement dated May 21, 2024.

Motion to Receive: Lisa Beauchamp

Seconded By: Bob Beauchamp

The attendees voted to accept the 2023/24 Audited Financial Statement and motion was carried.

5. **Community Update/Q&A - North Frontenac Mayor:** Mayor Gerry Lichty provided the following information:

Cellphone Gap: Rogers Communications is planning to install two towers. 1st at Ardoch Rd and Over the Hills Rd and 2nd at Smith Rd and Ardoch Rd with a tentative completion for both by 2026.

Internet Access: Fibre cable is being place within North Frontenac Township to provide access to Internet/High speed Internet. He could not provide definitive dates for installation and advised attendees to refer to the map provided at Ontario Connect: High Speed Internet for further information.

Ardoch Post Office: The postmaster at Ardoch post office is retiring and the township is working with Canada Post in an attempt to keep access to Canada Post within the municipality.

Robertsville Ambulance Base: The Robertsville ambulance is often not in the area due to being used to cover other Frontenac County and Kingston ambulance bases leaving North Frontenac residents without access to emergency service. Some North Frontenac residents have volunteered to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the safe and proper use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of a pilot program called 'Neighbours saving Neighbours'.

Fairmount Home: The cost to replace this facility could be \$100,000,000 resulting in a significant tax increase. As a member of the County council, he has asked for a study to determine how much life is left in the current building since the current facility could have 40 to 45 years of viability without incurring that expense.

K&P Trail: Frontenac County is going to submit a request for a Rural Economic Development grant to help pay for the \$250,000 cost required to resurface the trail. The trail is completed to Snow Road but will not proceed further until expropriations are resolved. In the interim, the County is considering purchasing the old K&P property if it is 'free & clear'; and Lanark County cooperates.

Medical Service Costs: North Frontenac is paying \$5000/yr. for three years for the purchase of the MRI in Smiths Falls; paid \$20,000 to recruit a doctor for the Lakeland Family Health Team in Northbrook; and will continue to pay \$15,000/yr. for three years to retain that doctor.

Property Taxes: Mayor Lichty provided copies of the North Frontenac Township 2024 Budget that were distributed to the attendees for reference - 5.99% increase due to increase in costs for equipment and road maintenance. He stated that there is 399 kilometers of roads to maintain within North Frontenac Township. The township's goal is to maintain 28 km/year but has been averaging 21/km or less per year. \$1,000,000 is scheduled for maintenance of Ardoch Road in 2027/28.

Questions and Answers:

Ron Higgins asked if the municipality would consider implementing an 'Accommodation Tax' for tourists that use the municipal roads? Mayor Lichty stated that there are no plans to implement that type of tax.

Bob Beauchamp asked for a list of roads scheduled for road work. Mayor Lichty stated that the information could be found in the budget and that the 'condition assessment of roads' had been completed.

Lisa Beauchamp wanted to know if the township would provide information about who owns the Green Forest Way Road? Mayor Lichty directed her to speak to Tara Mieske or Brooke Ross at the township office for that information.

6. **Community Update/Q&A - North Frontenac Ward 2 Counsellors:** Vernon Hermer was unable to attend. Roy Huetl provided the following information:

Strategic Plan: The environment is the number one concern. He is the chairperson for the Environmental Task Force that is being established.

Fire Department Budget: Increased from \$600,000 to \$800,000 due to economy.

New Fire Chief: The hiring committee followed procedures and is confident that the right person was hired for this position.

Economic Development Officer: This position was not renewed at the expiration of the contract.

Questions and Answers:

Ron Higgins asked what happened to the Deputy Fire Chief? Councillor Huetl stated that the Deputy Fire Chief, Adam Robinson, was hired as the Fire Chief; and that the township is advertising for a new Deputy Fire Chief.

7. **Executive Reports Requiring Membership Approval/Q&A:** Doug Henderson noted that the Executive Reports had been posted on the MALLA website and the attendees agreed that the reports did not need to be read at the AGM.
8. **Stewardship, Fishing and Social Committee Chair Reports:** The official reports were on the MALLA website so were not read at the AGM.

Stewardship: Ruth Cooper stated that they had applied for Green Shovels grants in the past to purchase supplies to fight phragmites. However, the funding model has changed and MALLA will not be applying for funding in 2024/25. They may consider applying in the future for signage to promote awareness.

The stewardship committee, with the help of volunteers, will continue to monitor and cut phragmites at three locations on Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes that have been getting smaller with yearly maintenance over the past three years. They will target the Morales property this year as well.

She advised that there is no solution for zebra mussels.

Questions and Answers:

Ron Higgins asked Allan Jamieson why there is a fluctuation for NFLAA fees? Allan stated that MALLA pays \$25 for NFLAA membership and \$85 for NFLAA liability insurance. The membership fee & liability insurance were not paid in 2023 due to lack of communication but are included in the 2024/25 budget.

Ron Higgins asked what NFLAA does with the fees? Ruth Cooper & Cathy Potts stated that NFLAA works on Short Tern Rental issues; the Septic Tank Re-Inspection program resulting in voluntary re-inspections; had provided significant input for the environmental portion of the North Frontenac's Strategic Plan; and complete a 'Carrying Capacity' study for lakes in their catchment area.

Fishing Committee: Chris Sammut provided information about the committee's cleanup at the Malcolm Lake boat launch completed in May and that the Annual Bass Derby & BBQ will be held July 6, 2024, which falls during free fishing week.

Questions and Answers:

Lisa Beauchamp asked if there was anything to be done about garbage left at the Malcolm Lake boat launch? She volunteered to contact the township or set up a schedule for MALLA members to pick up the garbage. After much discussion it was determined that it is not MALLA's responsibility.

Cathy Potts asked who had made the MALLA sign that is at the boat launch? Chris Sammut made it.

Social Committee: Terry did not have anything to add to her posted report

9. **Proposed 2024/25 Budget:** The budget was posted on the MALLA website for review prior to the AGM. Allan Jamieson provided a breakdown by account:

General Account: The biggest expense is liability insurance noting that MALLA gets a discount as a FOCA member; FOCA membership fees increased in March 2024; \$45 allocated for the Spring and Fall FOCA seminars; and \$25 allocated for Watersheds Canada seminar in October 2024.

Fishing Account: No large expenditures anticipated for 2024/25; and Tracy Card is going to attempt to get donations for Bass Derby prize winners.

Question and Answers:

- Ron Higgins had spoken to Chris Sammut prior to the AGM and proposed offering FREE fishing derby tickets to NEW MALLA members and their immediate family.

Motion to accept the proposal: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Tracy Card

- Doug Henderson asked for a motion to approve the Proposed 2024/25 MALLA Budget.

Motion to Approve: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Don MacLean

Attendees voted all in favour and the motion to accept the Proposed 2024/25 MALLA Budget was carried.

10. **Watershed Canada Seminar Report:** Tracy Card, a MALLA fishing committee volunteer, attended the Annual Lake Links workshop in Perth, Ontario on October 21, 2023. The theme for 2023 was “Hooked on Habitat: Sustainable Fisheries for the Future”.

Tracy stated that Watersheds Canada is a federal non-profit organization headquartered in Perth. Their mandate is to protect lakes and rivers by providing shoreline and fish habitat programs.; etc. MALLA had worked with Watersheds Canada in 2017 to enhance spawning beds in Ardoch Lake. He recommended going to <https://watersheds.ca/?s=MALLA+2017> for details.

The workshop included representatives from Cataraqui Conservation, Friends of the Tay Watershed Association, Lake Networking Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Watersheds Canada. Tracy met an MNR biologist, Geof, and asked what programs were available to enhance Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes? Geof suggested dusting the spawning beds and introduced Tracy to Melissa Daker of Watersheds Canada. Subsequently, Melissa met up with Tracy and Chris Sammut on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 and used a Go-Pro to film all of the shoals on both lakes on. She has retained all the footage.

Melissa told Tracy that Watersheds Canada will submit applications to the MNR by the end of June. Watersheds Canada will supply the boat and pump but will require volunteers to help clean a couple of shoals in September or October at no cost to MALLA. They will also need a location to deposit the silt since it cannot be left in the water.

Tracy felt that the workshop had been a good networking opportunity. He had several handouts and the report for the 2017 work on Ardoch Lake for attendees to pick up.

11. **Call for Nominations for Committee & Executive Elections** - MALLA President, VP Malcolm, Treasurer, Social Club: Nominations were not required:

- Lisa Beauchamp volunteered to be the Social Club Officer. As per the MALLA By-laws voting is not required for the Committee Chair position.

- Don MacLean volunteered to be the President.

Motion to accept: Brenda Hay

Seconded By: Ron Higgins

- Steve Keenan volunteered to be the Vice President for Malcolm Lake.

Motion to accept: Wendy Higgins

Seconded By: Bob Beauchamp

- Allan Jamieson agreed to remain as the Treasurer so nominations were not required.

The attendees voted to accept the Committee and Executive Members and the motions were carried.

12. **Rural Frontenac Community Services & North Frontenac Township Resources:** Kathy Smith distributed an information package compiled by the Rural Frontenac Community Services for services available to permanent and seasonal residents within their catchment area (i.e. meals on wheels, respite care, transportation, cleaning, play groups, etc.).

She provided an additional handout listing social activities/services within the North Frontenac Township catchment area. (i.e. pickleball, tennis, bingo luncheon, euchre, Summerfest, free Wi-Fi, etc.) See attachment #1.

NOTE: Lisa Beauchamp stated that there is a walk-in clinic available at the Tobias Pharmacy in Northbrook. Please go to <https://www.tobiapharmacy.com/> for details.

13. **MALLA Membership:** Doug Henderson stated that there would be a membership drive prior to the July 6, 2024 fishing derby.

14. New Business, Q&A, Open Discussion:

Ron Higgins MALLA Bylaw 15. Voting: He suggested changing the bylaw so that two family members get to vote rather than one person per family to allow for different points of view.

- Doug Henderson asked for a motion to review the voting bylaws to consider permitting two family members per household to be eligible to vote:
- Motion to consider: Brenda Hay Seconded by: Lisa Beauchamp
- Motion carried. The executive will consider this suggestion when reviewing the bylaws.

Allan Jamieson suggested reimbursing MALLA members, committee officers, and executive directors for pre-approved mileage incurred on behalf of MALLA at a reasonable rate. There was much discussion on how to implement and sustain this proposal. Cathy Potts is going to investigate the possibility of electronic voting on this proposal. Ron Higgins suggested considering this proposal during the bylaw review.

Rochelle Smockum asked if there was going to be a Canada Day Flotilla? Bob Beauchamp & Steve Keenan agreed to organize a flotilla for Sunday, June 30th weather permitting. They will forward an email with details to Kathy Smith to distribute to the membership.

Tracy Card stressed the importance of promoting Free Fishing for the July 6th Fishing Derby.

August 24, 2024 was selected for the Annual Corn Roast.

15. **50/50 Draw:** A total of \$97.00 was collected and the winning ticket (\$48.50) was held by Cathy Potts who donated the money back to MALLA.
16. **Motion to Adjourn & Provide Next AGM Date:** Ruth Cooper thanked Terry Reed for her time and work as the outgoing Social Club Officer. Ruth stated that the next AGM is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th, 2025 at 9 AM to avoid the Father's Day weekend.

Ruth Cooper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Bob Beauchamp

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.