



MALLA Vice President Ardoch Report 2024 & Stewardship Committee
Chair 2024 Report - Ruth Cooper
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I am stepping down as **Ardoch Vice President**, after several enjoyable years in this position. During my terms, I have met many lake owners and new friends. It is a very enjoyable position and an opportunity to participate in events that benefit both Malcolm and Ardoch lakes.

The Lake Plan is written and in the township hands as well, and only requires updating periodically. Meetings are in person and via ZOOM link, regarding executive concerns. The Ardoch VP encourage members on Ardoch Lake to join and consider helping out on our Lake Association. We had an 85% membership again from our lake last year.

I kept informed about North Frontenac Lakes Alliance Association (NFLAA) meetings. It represents a common voice for lake concerns in the Township and helps update the local municipality and lake associations, regarding lake stewardship.

I am also stepping down as **Stewardship Chair**, and we have yet to find a volunteer to take over. It is an important role. They coordinate phragmites cutting in three major patches, on the Morales property, the Jamieson property and on Ardoch Lake in the northern bay beside the private road culvert. This reed overtakes and eliminates native vegetation that is vital to wildlife. With successive cutting we are seeing the stands growing smaller each year, as we drown the cut reed out and slowly eradicate it. This cutting continues to lend positive results.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Phragmites continue to be on-going invasive species concerns on our lakes. Many landowners control / cut and remove EWM around their docks. Zebra mussels still appear to be localized in patches, mainly in Malcolm Lake. Education continues to be our best defence and we will continue to seek out up-to-date best practices for controlling it as well.

Please continue to talk to new cottagers and help to motivate them to become part of MALLA. We were able to recruit several new members through a membership campaign last fall. It is our conduit to our lake members and educates and encourages everyone to help protect our lakes and shorelines, as well as having fun together!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about either of these positions,

Ruth Cooper