



# Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes Landowners' Association (MALLA)

## Annual General Meeting (AGM) Meeting Minutes – Saturday June 4, 2022

**1. Attendance, Confirmation of a Quorum, Welcome including Recognitions, Call to Order:**

Brenda Martin convened the meeting at 9:00 am welcoming all attendees post-covid. She expressed gratitude for the venue provided by Roy Whittaker at 5364 Ardoch Rd: recognized Terry Reed for organizing a bountiful breakfast, and Cathy Potts for updating the MALLA website. Quorum was confirmed.

MALLA Officers in attendance:	MALLA Paid Members present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Martin, Vice President Malcolm Lake</li> <li>• Ruth Cooper, Vice President Ardoch Lake</li> <li>• Allan Jamieson, Treasurer</li> <li>• Kathy Smith, Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Bayne</li> <li>• Bob Beauchamp</li> <li>• Jeff &amp; Karen Cannons</li> <li>• Geof Green</li> <li>• Doug &amp; Virginia Henderson</li> <li>• Ron and Wendy Higgins</li> <li>• Pat Jamieson</li> <li>• Dave Johnston</li> <li>• Cindy Livingstone</li> <li>• Gerry Martin</li> <li>• Katie McDonald</li> <li>• Cathy &amp; Trevor Owen</li> <li>• Cathy Potts &amp; Brenda Hay</li> <li>• Ron &amp; Terry Reed</li> <li>• David Smith</li> </ul>

**2. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2019:** No changes required and approved by all attendees.

Motion to accept: Ron Higgins

Seconded by Brenda Hay

**3. Residential Break-ins /Burglaries 2021/22 OPP Report:** Gerry Martin provided information and an update since Marty McConnell, OPP liaison, was unable to attend. The break-ins occurred in North, Central and South Frontenac in the fall of 2021 prior to snowfall. The OPP apprehended the burglars by accessing video on property owners' trail cams. OPP recommend trail cams as a security option for residents north of highway 7.

**4. Fire Safety:** Eric Korhonen, North Frontenac Fire Chief, was unable to attend. Gerry Martin introduced Jim Boles, Assistant Fire Chief, and Jackie Leach, Volunteer EFR/Firefighter.

Firstly, Jim provided details about the fire departments involvement during the devastating derecho that swept through North Frontenac Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Roads were inaccessible due to fallen trees, poles, etc. which hampered response times for all emergency services. Jackie stated that she had to cut trees before she could respond from her residence on Moss Lake.

Jim stated that the North Frontenac Fire Department was:

- initially dispatched to several medical calls to provide first response prior to Frontenac EMS arrival.
- remained on scene when the ambulances had to return to base as per the Frontenac County deployment plan until another ambulance arrived on scene.
- coordinated rescue efforts with the OPP.
- provided wellness checks independently for stranded cottagers in the area.

Gerry Martin asked if there were deaths or injuries due to the storm. Jim said the FD assisted with two patients that had been injured but there were no deaths.

Secondly, Jim stressed the importance for residents to ensure that their roads/laneways are clear and can accommodate multiple/large emergency vehicles to ensure a safe and prompt response during a fire or medical emergency.

Thirdly, Jim stressed the importance for every household to have a working fire extinguisher. He stated that homeowners should place the extinguisher in an area of the house where the potential for fire is minimal; and ensure the extinguisher is operational by checking the gauge, tapping the bottom of it, or tipping it upside down to loosen any compacted extinguishing agent on regular basis. He mentioned that someone had come to the Ompah firehall in the past to check residents' extinguishers. Cathy Owen asked if this could be organized again, and Jim agreed to try to get this coordinated for the future.

Lastly, Jim spoke about the importance of having smoke alarms. Cindy Livingstone asked about the safe operation of a smoke alarm. He stated that smoke alarms have an expiry date and need to be changed within 7 to 10 years, and that most modern deaths are due to smoke inhalation rather than burning to death. Ron Higgins asked about 'false' alarms and Jim said that spider webs in the detector can cause those types of problems.

Jim held a free draw for essential 'Fire Safety' equipment: Winners were Pat Jamieson (fire extinguisher), Cindy Livingstone (fire extinguisher), and Brenda Hay (smoke detector).

Jim had driven the NEW Pumper 531 from Clarendon Miller Fire Station, and Jackie drove the S511(Squad) vehicle from the Ompah Fire Station to the AGM meeting and invited everyone to view them. They provided free gift bags, on behalf of the fire department, for attendees to take home.

**5. Councillor's Update:** Gerry Martin, Ward 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor:

- Spoke about the lack of access to 'paramedicine' for residents in North Frontenac that he became aware of while attending Frontenac County council meetings. Paramedicine is available to residents with a referral from a physician. However, numerous residents' physicians are outside Frontenac County, and those physicians are not aware of this program, or how to refer patients. Therefore, he has scheduled a meeting to be held in Northbrook, June 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss/resolve this discrepancy in service with Frontenac EMS management and physicians.

- Stated that North Frontenac is solvent with 8 million dollars in the Reserve Fund and referred the attendees to the '2022 Budget' handout that he had provided at the Membership table prior to the AGM meeting for their perusal.
- He advised that the township tried to apply for a grant to facilitate an office renovation but were not eligible, as per KPMG, since the township does not have 'debt'. Therefore, the NF township council decided to borrow money for the office renovation which will allow them access to 'Grant' monies again.

Gerry held a **free** draw for North Frontenac Township memorabilia: Winners were Bob Beauchamp (travel mug); Pat Jamieson (First Aid tote bag), and Virginia Henderson (Swiss Army emergency kit).

6. **Mayor's Update:** Ron Higgins provided the following information:

- The North Frontenac Lake Alliance Association (NFLAA) requested council to implement mandatory septic tank inspections for all property sales in North Frontenac. Mayor Higgins stated that this policy is not/will not be endorsed by NF council due to a lack of evidence to indicate septic systems are a problem for our waterways. Council is approaching the Ontario Realtors Association requesting that it implement mandatory septic tank inspections for all house sales. The cost could be included in the price of the sale.
- North, Central, and South Frontenac as well as Addington Highlands townships have been discussing problems/complaints due to short-term rental properties. The townships agree that they do not want to punish the property owners who are just trying to recoup their taxes, and/or are not creating a problem. The townships have decided to monitor the number and type of complaints this year and revisit the issue in the next term of Council. In the interim, North Frontenac township is working on creating a bylaw to address this problem, if necessary, based on the data that will be collected.
- The Lanark – Frontenac- Kingston riding has been without a functioning provincial representative since Randy Hillier was expelled from the Ontario PC Party's caucus in 2019. John Yakabuski, MPP for the Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke riding helped the township in the interim. Ron will approach John Jordan, newly elected PC MPP, to meet with NF council.
- The May 21st derecho: Ron acknowledged the North Frontenac staff and expressed his gratitude for their response during/since the derecho.
- Ron thanked the MALLA executive members for the work they did during the pandemic.

The attendees had several comments and questions about the storm after Mayor Higgins update.

Gerry and Jim stressed the importance for residents to have emergency preparedness kits, generators, etc. due to the devastation and lack of power caused by May 21st storm. They advised that some NF residents may not have power restored until July or August due to access to/replacement of Hydro One infrastructure.

The annual Emergency Preparedness Week was May 1 to 7, 2022 and an Emergency Preparedness Quiz was posted on the township website. Glen Fowler, a Malcolm Lake resident, won the prize – a emergency preparedness kit.

The township has contracted additional non-government resources to assist with the cleanup. The township must spend \$187,000 to be able to recoup their monies from the province. Gerry stated that they had spent approximately \$164,000 as per Friday, June 3rd. He also mentioned that several residents volunteered to aid but unfortunately the township was unable to accept their assistance due to liability.

The NF Emergency Plan has been reviewed, and the Emergency Response Team meets on a regular basis due to storms over the past year.

Ron mentioned that the NFLAA had approached him about cleanup. Ron thinks we may put together a volunteer group later this summer if the need is required.

Jim directed everyone to access the North Frontenac website for the burn bylaw especially if they were considering burning brush.

Karen Cannons said that the dump is accepting brush until July to avoid accidental fires while clearing property/ies. Actually, it expires June 15<sup>th</sup> and Council has it on the agenda next week to extend this to July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda thanked Ron for the update and addressed the issue about the lack of access to gas during the storm in Plevna, Northbrook and Cloyne. Jim Boles stated that the owners of Fernleigh Lodge have a generator that provides access to onsite gas if necessary. He did not have further details about quantity, type, etc. of gas though.

7. **Approval for 2021/22 Executive Reports:** Brenda acknowledged all of the work performed by the executive members, committee members, and volunteers since 2019/20 regardless of the pandemic.

Motion to accept: Karen Cannon

Seconded By; Cathy Owen

8. a) **Financial Audit 2021/22:** For the 2021/2022 financial statement all associated invoices, receipts and spreadsheets were audited and confirmed by John Stewart.

Allan Jamieson stated that the income statement reflects less income with the same expenses for the General Operating Account, and the Fishing Account remained the same due to the pandemic.

b) **Proposed 2022-2023 Budget:** The proposed budget had been emailed to the membership prior to the AGM meeting for their perusal. Allan asked the attendees if they had any comments: Ron Higgins questioned the Fishing Account Opening Balance = \$3682.93. He asked whether the fishing committee needs to have a separate budget, or could it be combined with the General Operating Account; does the fishing committee require that amount of money in the account; and, if not and it was combined, could MALLA offer free membership to encourage new members? The attendees seemed more receptive to a potential 2-year membership for a 1-year fee if monies were combined into one budget.

Gerry Martin stated that the Fishing Committee was having a meeting after the AGM and would discuss Ron's suggestion to combine the two accounts. David Smith, Fishing Committee chairperson, stated he was new and could not decide without discussing it at the upcoming meeting.

Brenda Martin stated that some of the Fishing Account money were grants for the installation of and maintenance for shoals on both lakes. The MNR has to provide the permits for shoal activity. If the Fishing Committee applied to the MNR for future permits and they were approved, more stone and official marine buoys would need to be purchased which are both very expensive purchases. Also, volunteers performing the walleye watch have not recouped their expenses in the past but money needs to be in the account when volunteers need to be reimbursed for the gas, flood lights, etc. that is required to perform that study in the future.

Motion to accept the proposed budget: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Cathy Potts

Closed by group vote

9. **Executive Elections:** Brenda Martin performed the electoral process and these are the results:

- (a) Call for nominations 3 times for President: Position was not filled
- (b) Call for nominations 3 times for Ardoch Lake Vice President: Ruth Cooper was acclaimed
- (c) Call for nominations for Malcolm Lake Vice President: Gerry Martin nominated Cathy Potts. Cathy did not accept the nomination. Brenda called for nominations 3 times – Position was not filled
- (d) Call for nominations 3 times for Secretary: Kathy Smith was acclaimed
- (e) Call for nominations 3 times for Treasurer: Allan Jamieson was acclaimed
- (f) Membership voting for the new Executive Officers was performed by Brenda Martin and the elections were closed @ 10:26.

However, the election process was re-opened at 10:28 am. Wendy Higgins nominated Cathy Potts for the vacant Malcolm Lake Vice President position and Cathy accepted the nomination. Brenda called for other nominations 3x; the membership voted to accept Cathy as the Malcolm Lake VP.

Wendy Higgins agreed to assume the webmaster responsibilities that Cathy had been performing.

10. **Stewardship, Fishing and Social Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship:** Brenda had sent out newsletters over the past two covid years so she did not need to provide a report. She asked attendees to volunteer to be the Stewardship Chairperson but no one was interested. Geof Green agreed to be on the committee, and Ruth Cooper stated that she had some of the Stewardship equipment and agreed to store the remaining material/equipment.

Several discussions about stewardship ensued:

Ron Higgins told the membership that the township has decided to install LARGE ‘turtle’ signs at the entrances to the township rather than installing smaller signs that had been requested at numerous locations within the township.

Katie McDonald thanked Brenda for procuring native tree species for the membership during the Mississippi Valley anniversary year and asked where she can purchase more. Wendy Higgins suggested the Canadian Wildlife foundation located in Peterborough. Ruth Cooper suggested the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville that provide native species at a reasonable price.

Ron Higgins asked Brenda if the stewardship committee was still monitoring the quality of the lakes with water testing and checking the temperature. Brenda stated that the Whitton family had participated in the ISample Ontario survey in the summer of 2021 which monitored those conditions. There were no significant outcomes. The committee will concentrate on monitoring the spiny water flea and zebra mussels in both lakes.

Ron Higgins asked if open committee positions can be appointed after the AGM election process and Brenda confirmed that the new executive has the authority to fill the open position/s with volunteers at a later date without an election.

**Fishing:** David Smith had sent out a report prior to the AGM. He encouraged the members to participate in the July 16th Catch and Fry Bass Tournament and BBQ and asked for prize donations for that event.

Wendy Higgins asked about the 2022 walleye watch. David said the volunteers went out ONE night and counted approximately 150 fish on 9 shoals in Malcolm Lake but were unable to perform a count on Ardoch Lake due to cold lake temperatures. They were unable to go out again due to the wind and rising temperatures.

Brenda thanked Ron Higgins for recording the ice in/ice dates that are posted on the MALLA website.

**Social:** Terry Reed reported that there were only three social events for the past two years due to the pandemic. The annual Corn Roast in 2020 and 2021, and the creation of a flower garden at the Ardoch Algonquin monument on July 1, 2021, to recognize the “Every Child Matters’ movement established in 2021 to memorialize the aboriginal children who had been taken from their ancestral homes and found buried on Catholic school grounds.

She asked members to volunteer to host the Flotilla BBQ scheduled for July 2, 2022, and the Family Day Winter Social scheduled for February 18, 2023.

#### 11. **New Business/Open Floor – Q & A:**

- **Fish Huts:** Cindy Livingstone expressed concern about the fish shack that melted into the water on Malcolm Lake and wanted to know how to prevent it from happening again.

Brenda Martin stated that the owners of the fish shack had been approached to remove it since this had happened 2 years in row and suggested reporting the fish hut licence # to the MNR which is the government agency responsible for addressing this problem.

Gerry Martin stated that the MNR had been contacted about this problem; the hut did not have a registration # but the MNR did not respond.

Ron Higgins suggested calling the 1-800-TIPS line. Brenda agreed with Ron and also suggested sending a letter to the MNR on behalf of MALLA.

- **Portable Fish Huts:** Bob Beauchamp told the group that a portable fish hut also melted into the water and is still in the water, it could surface at any time, and residents will need to be cautious when boating on Malcolm Lake.
- **Jim Boles** was asked about the possibility of providing a CPR course. He will approach Mark Halladay, the CPR instructor for the FD, for availability and pricing. Pricing will depend on the number of participants

12. **50/50 draw:** A total of \$90 was collected and the winning ticket worth \$45.00 was held by Ron Higgins. Ron donated the money to the Fishing Committee as a prize for the 2022 Catch & Fry Bass Tournament & BBQ scheduled for July 16, 2022.

13. **2022/2023 AGM:** The date of Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was put forward and accepted as the time for the next AGM.

**Adjournment & Farewell Message:** Brenda explained why they were selling on Malcolm Lake and moving the farm on highway 506; the group started to disburse but Ron Higgins stated that the meeting had not been adjourned.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Dave Smith

Seconded by: Bob Beauchamp

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

#### Addendum 1:

The Fishing Committee had a meeting June 4th after the AGM and discussed the proposed merging of the Fishing Account with the General Account. The committee decided not to merge the accounts. Therefore, the 2 years for 1 year membership suggestion is also waived since the Fishing Committee will not be supplementing that expense from the Fishing account.

#### Addendum 2:

The Fishing Committee adjusted the proposed budget for 2022/23. They increased the prize category to \$500 and reduced the 50/50 category to zero.