



## MALLA Vice President Malcolm Lake Report 2022 by Brenda Martin

The role of greeting new members remained a challenge in 2021. With the help of the Treasurer, Allan Jamieson, we initiated a renewal membership drive by e-mail asking for present members to notify the Executive if they had new neighbours. In a few cases, we were able welcome new members. For the coming year, I prepared ten Welcome to the Lake packages which we hope to distribute. Hopefully, the membership will remain stable or grow to 60-65 for the coming year. The Executive was able to continue the regular duties such as participating in Zoom meetings with Township Council, North Frontenac Lakes' Associations Alliance and environmental education webinars BUT planned social events were hindered with health regulations. The coming year should be better for lake social events where the Executive can have face-to-face opportunities to communicate with the members.

For the past 10 years, I have been active in MALLA roles commencing with the development and implementation of The Lake Plan. As the editor of the book, *The History of the Lakes: Malcolm and Ardoch*, it was a great opportunity and pleasure to work with the broader community to create a preservation of local history AND freshwater lakes. I have a digital copy of the book if there are sufficient orders from others requesting a copy.

MALLA is recognized by environmental organizations throughout the region as a leader in freshwater lake preservation. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and the Invasive Species Council of Ontario are two such organizations which have sought MALLA input and have funded several projects for us. Mississippi Valley Conservation and Watersheds Canada provide useful resources- both human and publications; these contacts will be vital to educating the members.

In 2021 I had serious health issues which was a sign that I need to resign from my present roles. It is imperative that members fill the Executive positions in order that the Lake Association can continue to serve the property owners on Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes.

Please consider being the Vice President (Malcolm Lake) or President or Stewardship Chair. The Executive has recognized that the Stewardship Chair position is an important one and may need to be considered like other Directors- a separate position from the Vice President's role.

I thank the membership for the support I received during my leadership and invite you to support the new Executive members.