



**Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes Landowners' Association (MALLA)**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Meeting Minutes – Saturday June 7, 2025**

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome Message:** Don MacLean called the meeting to order at 09:05 and Quorum was confirmed by Kathy Smith.

MALLA Officers in attendance:	MALLA Paid Members present:
Don MacLean, President  Steve Keenan, Vice President Malcolm Lake  Allan Jamieson, Treasurer  Kathy Smith, Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob &amp; Lisa Beauchamp</li> <li>• Brenda Cain-Kealey &amp; Jeff Kealey</li> <li>• Tracy Card</li> <li>• Dan &amp; Sue Chambers</li> <li>• Geof Green</li> <li>• Brenda Hay &amp; Cathy Potts</li> <li>• Doug &amp; Virginia Henderson</li> <li>• Ron &amp; Wendy Higgins</li> <li>• Pat Jamieson</li> <li>• Sherry Keenan</li> <li>• Lisa Rondeau</li> <li>• Katie McDonald</li> <li>• Geoff &amp; Ruthann Moore</li> <li>• Elaine Palmer</li> <li>• Chris Sammut &amp; Jayne Flynn</li> <li>• Richelle Smockum</li> </ul>
	Non-MALLA Members present: Vesna & Stephen Herscovitch

- 2. Land Acknowledgement:** Don MacLean read a Land Acknowledgement, highlighting the importance of acknowledging indigenous people.
- 3. Approval of June 8, 2024 Minutes:** Don MacLean asked for any objections to the minutes. There were no changes required. Kathy Smith asked for a motion to accept the 2024 minutes.

Motion to Accept: Pat Jamieson                      Seconded By: Lisa Beauchamp

The attendees voted to accept the June 8, 2024 minutes and the motion was carried.

- 4. 2024-25 MALLA Expenditure Report, Q&A, Audit and Call for Approval:**

Allan Jamieson stated that the audited Financial Statement had been posted on the MALLA website for members to review prior to the AGM and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns.

Don MacLean asked for a motion to accept the 2024/25 Audited Financial Statement dated May 19, 2025.

Motion to Accept: Ron Higgins                      Seconded By: Cathy Owen

The attendees voted to accept the 2024/25 Audited Financial Statement and the motion was carried.

5. **Community Update/Q&A - North Frontenac Ward 2 Counsellor:** Councillor Roy Huetl provided the following information re:

**Re-opening the Ardoch dump located on Austris Rd:** Roy stated that the Ontario government is no longer allocating new waste sites in Ontario municipalities and that there is approximately 38 years of capacity left in North Frontenac. This necessitates the need to reopen the Ardoch waste site which **will not** be open to the public. Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, has started the process to reopen this location as a transfer station to accept waste from the Ompah and Cloyne waste sites to extend the capacity of those two sites. The Township will do the public consultation regarding the Ardoch waste site. No date given.

**Discussion:**

**Concern:** Cathy Potts asked what environmental studies or assessments were performed by the township to make this decision; what standards are being implemented to offset the potential repercussions of Bill 23; and cautioned the council to do their due diligence.

**Response:** Roy Huetl stated that all required testing is being performed and that there are annual reports generated for each waste site in North Frontenac.

Ron Higgins stated that the Ardoch waste site was temporarily closed to keep the capacity left in that dump available when needed in the future; reiterated what Roy stated that the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is not licensing new waste sites for Ontario municipalities to open new waste sites; and that there is currently about 38 years capacity left in North Frontenac.

Ron Higgins stated that since the closure of the Ardoch site in 2014 environmental monitoring has been performed two to three times per year to ensure no leeching is occurring. These tests confirm that there has been no leeching at any time from the Ardoch site.

**Concern:** Ron Higgins stated that since the closure there has been an increase in solar and wind energy/technology; and that both technologies have new forms of pollutants when decommissioned and put into waste sites. Because the Ardoch site is close to many water sources Ron wanted to ensure Council did not put these into the reopened Ardoch Site which Roy confirmed that will not be the case for this site.

Ron suggested that Roy Huetl ask the North Frontenac Mayor to make this a priority with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to address this issue with the province on behalf of **all** municipalities.

**Response:** Roy Huetl agreed with Ron's suggestion and will ensure that this suggestion is brought to the Mayor's attention.

Roy stated that he, as the chairperson for the North Frontenac Environmental Task Force, is also very interested in energy-from-waste ("EFW") as a solution for the waste management but that this can take 35 years to implement.

**Concern:** Steve Keenan asked if there would be a significant increase in traffic on Austris Rd due to trucking waste to the Ardoch Site; and Wendy Higgins asked if the trucking would be time sensitive to avoid noise?

**Response:** Roy Huetl stated that the current plan is to transfer waste once per week.

**Communal Services:** Roy Huetl explained that communal services is a shared water and sewage treatment system that Frontenac County, managed by the Frontenac Municipal Services Corporation, will be implementing/enforcing for future development within the County. This system will replace the current well and septic system which requires a two-acre lot and will allow for buildings on a ½ acre lot in developments with 5+ buildings.

Roy stated that he foresees using communal services for small development projects in the hamlets in North Frontenac...NOT on waterfront properties.

**Discussion:** Roy Huetl, Kathy Smith and Don MacLean suggested that the attendees watch the YouTube video of the June 6, 2025 Public Information Session to get further information about communal services, the County & Municipal stance, and public input @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAwGVOgE27c>.

Don MacLean also requested attendees to complete the survey on the Frontenac Engagement site @ <https://engagefrontenac.ca/community-planning-permit-system> re: How you see waterfront development in Frontenac County.

Roy Huetl stated that there will be public consultation before communal services are implemented in North Frontenac.

**Concern:** Elaine Palmer stated that having the meeting on a Friday afternoon was inappropriate for public attendance/participation at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Public Information Session.

**Response:** Roy Huetl stated that he had suggested changing the date and time but was not successful.

### **Scheduled Road Maintenance:**

- The large Pine Lake culvert is going to be replaced before Labour Day. Therefore, Ardoch Rd will be closed to all traffic Monday to Friday for 3-5 days but will be open on weekends.
- Three kilometers of Ardoch Rd will be resurfaced from Coxvale north.
- Replacing the culvert on Smith Rd at Johnson's Creek.
- Gravel and grass cutting on Austris Rd.

**Discussion:** Lisa and Bob Beauchamp mentioned that the township had hoe-rammed a hill on Smith Rd. but have not returned to complete the road work. This has resulted in dangerous driving conditions. The road is down to one lane in a treacherous location. Bob stated that there isn't any signage in place to address this safety issue.

Roy Huetl was unaware of this construction work but will investigate it.

Bob Beauchamp asked who had won the tender for the upcoming culvert work, but Roy Huetl could not answer that question.

Ron Higgins thanked Roy Huetl for always being approachable and responsive to questions and concerns.

6. **Proposed 2025/26 Budget:** The proposed budget was posted on the MALLA website for review prior to the AGM.

Allan Jamieson identified changes required for the proposed 2025/26 budget as follows:

The Opening Balance would need to be adjusted to reflect \$4015.66 because an additional \$2.50 BMO maintenance fee was taken out of the bank account at the end of April.

The Bank Fees would need to be increased to reflect \$34 because of the \$2.50 monthly maintenance fee = \$30 plus potential e-transfer fees to pay for insurance, NFLAA dues, etc. @ \$1.50 per transaction.

Allan explained that he had increased all the expenses by five percent for the proposed budget.

Don MacLean asked for a motion to accept the changes and the proposed 2025/26 budget.

Motion to Accept: Ron Higgins

Seconded By: Trevor Owen

The attendees voted to accept the 2025/26 Proposed Budget and the motion was carried.

7. **Stewardship, Fishing and Social Committee Chair Reports:** The Stewardship and Fishing Committee Reports were posted on the MALLA website so were not read at the AGM.

**Stewardship:** No additional reporting because Ruth Cooper was not in attendance.

**Fishing:** Chris Sammut additionally reported that:

- The fishing committee is currently organizing the annual fishing derby scheduled for July 5, 2025.
- Glen Fowler, a MALLA member, will no longer be performing the Secchi water testing for Malcolm Lake. Chris explained the process and asked that if any of the attendees would be interested in volunteering for this responsibility to speak to him after the AGM.

Chris Sammut explained that MALLA members and family members, 13+ years of age, must purchase a \$10 ticket to participate in the fishing derby and be eligible for a prize.

Chris Sammut expressed his gratitude to Craig Williams, a MALLA member, for generously donating prizes, in large volume and monetarily, for the kids prize table; and encouraged other MALLA members, by choice, to donate prizes for the kids or adult prize table.

### **Discussion:**

Trevor Owen asked if the annual fish count had been performed. Chris Sammut explained the process to the attendees and confirmed that it had been completed in April.

Tracy Card stated that paper and electronic tickets for the fishing derby are available for purchase.

**Social:** Lisa Beauchamp did not have anything to report.

8. **Review and Approval for Updates By-Laws:** The MALLA By-Laws 2024 Draft dated January 8, 2025 was posted on the MALLA website for review prior to the AGM.

Don MacLean explained that a motion to review the MALLA by-laws was requested and approved at the June 8, 2024 AGM; the process and rationale used to review and revise the by-laws specifically sections 13 (Quorum) and 15 (Voting); and that the draft revision dated January 8, 2025 was published and posted on the MALLA website for review and approval by the membership.

Don MacLean asked for a motion to accept the revised MALLA By-Laws effective June 7, 2025.

Motion to Accept: Bob Beauchamp

Seconded By: Brenda Hay

The attendees voted to accept the MALLA By-Laws 2024 Draft dated January 8, 2025 effective June 7, 2025 and the motion was carried.

9. **Call for Nominations for Committee & Executive Elections 2025:** MALLA President, VP Ardoch Lake, Secretary, Stewardship. Nominations were not required:

- Don MacLean was acclaimed as President.
- Geof Green was acclaimed as Vice President for Ardoch Lake.
- Secretary – Vacant
- Stewardship – Vacant

The attendees voted to accept the Committee and Executive Members.

10. **MALLA Membership:** Steve Keenan stated that the executive and committee members completed a membership drive in August 2024 resulting in six new memberships bringing the total to seven on Ardoch Lake and fifty-one on Malcolm Lake; and encouraged the attendees to approach new and old neighbours to become members.

#### **Discussion:**

Tracy Card asked what the criteria is for landowners to be members and Kathy Smith stated that landowners within one kilometer of the lakes can become members; and Allan Jamieson stated that fifty members have renewed their membership for 2025/26.

Kathy Smith clarified that tickets for the upcoming fishing derby are free for new members.

11. **New Business, Q&A, Open Discussion:**

Don MacLean advised the attendees of the recent death of Brent Bell and led a moment of silence in remembrance.

Don MacLean presented Kathy Smith with a wooden ornament in recognition for her years as the MALLA secretary.

Ron Higgins suggested transferring membership for the remainder of the fiscal year when a property is sold.

**Action:** Further consideration and investigation are required to implement this.

Richelle Smockum requested a list of MALLA items available for borrowing.

**Action:** Don MacLean will get a list of tools, etc. from Ruth Cooper and post that information on the MALLA Facebook page and website.

Don MacLean suggested hosting future AGM meetings at the Clar-Mill Hall located in Plevna due to potential inclement weather. Cathy Potts suggested keeping the meeting on the lake due to the ambience of being on the lake.

**Action:** Don MacLean will book the hall as a backup plan for protentional inclement weather conditions for the 2026 AGM.

Kathy Smith asked Cathy Potts to inform the attendees about the newly created MALLA Facebook page entitled **Malcolm Ardoch Lakes & Landowners Association** and explain the benefits for MALLA members:

Cathy Potts explained that:

- Ron Higgins has volunteered to help Cathy maintain and manage the Facebook page.
- the current MALLA website uses GoDaddy software which costs approximately \$900 over five years precipitating the need to create the Facebook page.
- the Facebook page & website are currently running parallel.
- Facebook does not have the functionality of the GoDaddy software. However, Ron Higgins will explore FB functionality options to find a way to post reports, etc.
- the public has access to/join the Facebook page, but only active MALLA members can post on the page.

Steve Keenan spoke about the upcoming Canada Day Flotilla that is scheduled for June 28, 2025 @ 1 p.m. dependent on weather conditions. Participants will meet in the bay at Whittaker's Cove and Steve will lead the flotilla around Malcolm Lake.

Don MacLean stated that the Annual Corn Boil is scheduled for August 16, 2025.

12. **50/50 Draw:** Lisa Beauchamp won the \$80 and donated it back to MALLA.

13. **Motion to Adjourn & Provide Next AGM Date:** Don MacLean stated that the next AGM is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2026.

Don MacLean asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Chris Sammut

Seconded By: Lisa Rondeau

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

## **Addendum:**

**Community Update/Q&A - North Frontenac Ward 2 Counsellor:** Roy Huetl sent an email to Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, after the AGM to ask about the incomplete road work on Smith Road that was identified by Lisa & Bob Beauchamp. The following is the response from Darwyn:

“We installed narrow road signs this morning. I understand we didn’t reduce the width – that it is wider than it was. The new ditch may be a little more ominous. There are two locations where we will deliver more granular and widen the road over the hoe rammed widening so the signs are interim. Just busy right now on sweeping and S Lavant Rd.”

## **Actions Items (New Business, Q&A, Open Discussion):**

Resolved Action Item: Book the Clar-Mill hall as a backup plan for protentional inclement weather conditions for the June 13, 2026 AGM.

Completed Date: June 17, 2025

Responsible Party: Don MacLean

Notes: Brooke Ross, Manager Community Development, booked the hall as a backup plan for protentional inclement weather conditions for the June 13, 2026 AGM.

Action Item in Progress:

Action Item: Don MacLean will get a list of tools, etc. from Ruth Cooper and post that information on the MALLA Facebook page and website.

Completed Date: In progress

Responsible Party: Don MacLean

Notes: Geof Green, Vice President Ardoch Lake, contacted Ruth Cooper and has picked up the rakes, cane cutters, etc. from her.