



Moira Lake Property Owners Association

2025 Annual Members Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2025 10:00 AM,

Madoc Public Library, 20 Davidson St. Madoc, Ontario

Chairperson: Doug McCarthy, Acting-President

Minute Taker: Cid Palacio, Secretary

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 10:00

Confirmation of quorum: 38 voting members were present. Quorum satisfied.

Notice of meeting given as required: Notice of meeting was sent out on June 23, 2025.

2. Attendance

Board Members:

- Present: Doug McCarthy, Joe Kealher, Anne Kaehler, Cid Palacio, Andy Sherwin
- Absent: Diana Patch and James Borer.

Voting Members: 38

Guests:

- Mayor Tom Deline; Deputy Mayor, Eric Sandord; Councilor Kevin McLaughlin, Melissa Dakers (Watersheds Canada), Gayle Ketcheson, Madoc Library Board.
- 20+ other guests

MOTIONS

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved by **Joe Kaehler**, seconded by **Jim Bakker**, Carried.

4. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Aug 10, 2024 AGM as presented, moved **Jim Bakker**, seconded by **Bill Terry**, Carried.

5. Approval of Revised By-laws

Motion to approved the 2025 proposed changes to the by-laws which includes an increase in Board Directors to nine, moved by **Sharon Abraham**, seconded by **Kathryn Atkinson**, Carried.

6. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion to approve the financial statements for year ended December 31, 2024, moved by **Joe Kaehler**, seconded by **Jim Bakker**, Carried.

7. Approval /Election of New Board Members:

- Election of **Andy Sherwin** previously appointed by the Board, moved by **Chris Watterton**. Seconded by **Sandy Terry**.
- Election of **Sharon Abraham**, moved by **Sharon Abraham**, seconded by **Al Mazerall**.
- Election of **Tracy Thompson**, moved by **Tracy Thompson**, seconded by **Mark Parish**.

All elected by acclamation.

8. Motion to Adjourn meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 moved by **Cid Palacio**, seconded by **Joe Kaehler**.
Carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Agenda item # 3: **Eric Sandford** extended greetings from the Municipality of Centre Hastings. Eric reported that the road construction on Highway 62 is moving well and ahead of schedule and expected to be finished within 1 year. Long Term care home construction is progressing well with 128 beds expected to be move-in ready by next June.

Agenda item #8: **Gayle Ketcheson** provided a historical overview of Madoc, and noted that the library celebrated its 125th anniversary last year. Gayle talked about Library archives and the importance that Moira Lake has played in its history. Gayle also mentioned that ancestry.com is free at the library and invited folks to come and visit the historical mural and the archives.

Agenda item # 13: **Melissa Dakers** from Watersheds Canada gave an overview of this registered charitable national organization and also introduced two new initiatives which will start next spring in partnership with the MLPOA: the 'Love Your Lake' Shoreline Survey, and the Walleye Spawning Beds Rejuvenation. Members were also encouraged to visit the Watersheds Canada display booth at the meeting and pick-up a copy of the Moira Lake Shoreline Survey Briefing & FAQ document. Watersheds Canada also offers a YouTube channel with a number of educational webinars.

REPORTS & UPDATES

Agenda item # 6B: **Cid Palacio** provided an overview of the 2025, 2026 budgets noting the significant decrease in Website and Systems costs, from \$2,755 in 2024 to a projected cost \$900 in 2026 when a full year of saving is recognized.

Agenda item #7: **Doug McCarthy** proved an update on operations, citing that as of August 9 we had 206 renewed members representing \$4,120 in collected funds.

Agenda item #9: **Andy Sherwin** as Roads Committee Chair provided an update, reminded everyone that the deadline for submission of applications/receipts for the road gravel program is Labour Day weekend. He also mentioned that each area participating in this program needs to have a 5-year Road Plan.

Agenda item #12: **Doug McCarthy** provided an updated on MLPOA projects including:

- Member Survey; Governance & Strategic Planning; Member Communications; Walleye Population Report; Madoc Sewage Lagoon Report (appears to be meeting requirements, but feels requirements are not strict enough); Water Testing; Aquatic Vegetation Study Proposal; Boat Launch Rejuvenation (Plaque coming after long weekend in September); Lake Management Plan (proposal developed and will be submitted for funding soon).

QUESTIONS & ISSUES RAISED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

1. **Emergency Access Program (gravel matching):** There was a desire to better understand how this works and perhaps ensure that it is not always the same lanes getting the subsidy, also a desire to see if there is a way to help with better long-term planning for the amounts to be received.

Action: MLPOA to get input and more ideas from the membership to determine if we need to change the current model.

2. **Fire Chief Annual Lane Inspection:** A request was submitted to have the Fire Chief provide a summary to the MLPOA of the findings of the annual Lanes inspection; this should be shared with the members.

Action: Eric Sandford to reach out to Fire Chief.

3. **Water Levels:** Concern was expressed over the very low water levels in the lake.

Action: MLPOA will reach out to Quinte Conservation to determine if there are any actions that can be taken.

4. **Markers for Weeds/Rocks:** Can we investigate putting more markers especially for weed beds.

Action: MLPOA to investigate.

5. **Membership Fees:** Many members felt that MLPOA could increase fees, others, while supportive, would like to see a proposal for what MLPOA would do with increased membership fees.

Action: MLPOA to investigate.

6. **Bogs:** Concern over floating bog 'islands' and what can be done. Members were advised that they should reach out to Quinte Conservation.

Action: MLPOA will reach out to Quinte Conservation for a formal response.

RECOGNITION & THANKS

The MLPOA presented a gift to past board members **Grant Ketcheson** and **Chuck Noble** (not present) to thank them for their past service and contributions to the MLPOA Board.

The MLPOA Board presented **Doug McCarthy** with the 2025 MVP for his leadership and tireless dedication to MLPOA Board. Including his outstanding work as our Lake Steward, in addition to leading us as Acting-President, taking the helm for our website migration, launching a water testing program, updating our bylaws, managing all communications, and building partnerships to protect Moira Lake.

Members in attendance also recognized Doug's leadership and the amount of work undertaken under his leadership thus far.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of our photo contest were announced, their framed pictures be on display at the Madoc Library during the month of August and September, after which time they can pick up their framed photo. All winning photos can be viewed on the website.

Category: Scenery

1. 'Clouds on Fire 'by Faye Rainie
2. 'Stunning Rainbow by William Hallam
3. 'Trees in Silhouette' by Kathryn Atkinson

Category: Wildlife & Pets

1. 'Loon Swimming' by Patrick Parent
2. 'Taking in the View' by Denise Doucet
3. 'Red Squirrel After Obstacle Course' by Jesse Read

Category: People and Activities

1. 'Men in the Mist' by Sue Davis-McPhaden
2. 'Waiting for the Fireworks' by John Caskey
3. 'Happy 41st Anniversary' by Sue Davis McPhaden

People's Choice

1. 'Seeing Red' by Sharon Abraham