

# **Moira Lake Property Owners Association**

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- A revitalized Association
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2025 Annual Newsletter

## Our Vision

A vibrant and sustainable
Community of Moira Lake
Property Owners, committed to
preserving its natural beauty,
protecting its ecosystems,
promoting community, and
fostering a lasting legacy for
future generations.



## **Greetings from Your Acting-President**

Dear Moira Lake Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the return of warmer weather after a cold and icy winter.

I'd like to update you on the significant progress we've made over the past few months—and share the exciting direction we're heading.

In August 2024, a new MLPOA Board was elected. James Borer was elected President, and I was elected Vice-President. Due to unforeseen health reasons, James stepped down as President, and I assumed the role of Acting President. We wish him the very best.

Since then, the Board has been hard at work modernizing operations, strengthening communications, and setting a strong foundation for the future. Our efforts are now guided by the MLPOA Five-Year Strategic Plan (2025–2030), developed through consultations with members, community partners, and local stakeholders. It focuses on four key pillars:

- Environmental Stewardship: Protecting lake health through expanded water testing, shoreline naturalization, invasive species management, and advocacy initiatives.
- Member Engagement: Strengthening community ties with a renewed communications strategy, monthly Information Bulletins, refreshed social media channels, and revitalized events.
- Governance & Administration: Modernizing governance structures, updating our bylaws, maintaining regulatory compliance, and transitioning to a more cost-effective technology platform.
- Financial Sustainability: Ensuring long-term resilience through grant applications, sponsorship development, and more efficient operations

Key actions (among many) already completed or underway include:

- Membership Survey (November 2024)
- Public Boat Launch Refurbishment
- New Communications Policy and Strategy
- Launch of a new Website and Facebook Page
- Revised and clarified Bylaws
- Submission of a Walleye Population Report to the MNR
- Renewal of our Water Testing Program
- Monthly Information Bulletins (launched)

We are proud of what's been accomplished and even more excited about what's ahead. As you can see, Strategic Plan implementation is already well underway.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find more details on many of the initiatives mentioned above. For a full copy of the Strategic Plan or information on specific initiatives, feel free to reach out to any MLPOA Board member.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Madoc Library. Please join us to share your ideas and have your voice heard.

Wishing you a wonderful spring and summer ahead.
Sincerely,

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Doug McCarthy





## **2025 MLPOA Annual Meeting**

### All MLPOA Members are Invited.

When: Saturday, August 09, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Where: Madoc Public Library (Basement), 20 Davidson St.

9:30 – 10:00: Meet & Greet

10:00 – 12:00: Formal Meeting

The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to hear about: what the Association has been up to, future plans, and topics of interest. An agenda and information package will be circulated at least two weeks in advance via email.

## **Your Current Board of Directors**

| Position           | Name          | Email                   |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Acting-President   | Doug McCarthy | drjmccarthy@gmail.com   |
| Vice President     | Vacant        |                         |
| Past President     | Joe Kaehler   | JKaehler@hotmail.co.uk  |
| Treasurer          | Anne Kaehler  | akaehler@royallepage.ca |
| Secretary          | Cid Palacio   | cid palacio@yahoo.ca    |
| Operations Officer | Dianna Patch  | diannapatch@bell.net    |
| Director           | Andy Sherwin  | asherwin@sympatico.ca   |
| Director           | James Borer   | jamesborer@gmail.com    |

For more details and profiles of the current Board go to: <a href="http://www.moiralake.org/">http://www.moiralake.org/</a>

Councillor Eric Sandford is our Municipal Liaison Contact. Many thanks for his ongoing support.



## MLPOA 2023/2024 Profit & Loss and 2025 Budget - Draft

|                                    | Draft Operating<br>Statement for year<br>ended Dec 31, 2023 | Stat | t Operating<br>ement for year<br>ed Dec 31, 2024 |     | posed Budget<br>ear ended Dec<br>31, 2025 |        |
|------------------------------------|---|------|--|-----|---|--------|
|                                    | ,   |      | •  | Ja  | n-Dec 2025                                |        |
| Revenue                            |   |      |  |     |   |        |
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| Membership Dues                    | 3,900.00  |      | 4,100.00   |     | 4,300.00                                  |        |
| Gravel Matching Program            | 6,000.00  |      | 6,000.00   | _   | 6,500.00                                  | Note 2 |
| Bank Interest                      | 6.25  |      | 7.25   | _   | 3.63                                      |        |
| 911 Signs Member contribution      | 180.00  |      |  |     |   |        |
| Total Revenue                      | 10,086.25   | \$   | 10,107.25  | \$  | 10,803.63                                 |        |
| Expenses:                          |   |      |  |     |   |        |
| Gravel Matching Program            | 6,000.01  |      | 6,000.00   |     | 6,500.00                                  |        |
| Liability Insurance                | 984.74  |      | 984.74   |     | 985.00                                    |        |
| Website/Systems                    | 2,153.71  |      | 2,755.73   |     | 1,970.50                                  | Note 3 |
| Newsletter print                   | 187.58  |      | -  |     | 100.00                                    |        |
| AGM/Library                        | 50.00   |      | 50.00  |     | 50.00                                     |        |
| Promotion/cards/R&R                | 30.00   |      | 200.00   |     | 225.00                                    | Note 6 |
| Total Operating expenses           | 9,376.04  | \$   | 9,990.47   | \$  | 9,830.50                                  |        |
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| Operating surplus/deficit before   | 710 21  |      | 116 70   |     | 072.12                                    |        |
| special programs                   | 710.21  |      | 116.78   |     | 973.13                                    |        |
| Boat Launch Improvements           | 359.81  |      | 706.5  |     | 1,000.00                                  | Note 4 |
| Water Testing Program              | 0   |      | 0  |     | 800.00                                    | Note 5 |
| 911 signs                          | 423.46  |      |  |     |   |        |
| Total Special Programs             | \$ 783.27   | \$   | 706.50   | \$  | 1,800.00                                  |        |
|                                    |   |      |  |     |   |        |
| Total Expenses                     | \$ 10,159.31  | \$   | 10,696.97  | \$  | 11,630.50                                 |        |
| Final operating surplus/Defict     | -\$ 73.06   | -\$  | 589.72   | -\$ | 826.87                                    |        |
| Beginning Accumulated Cash/surplus | 14,151.38   |      | 14,078.32  |     | 14,078.32                                 |        |
| Operating surplus/Deficit          | -\$ 73.06   | -    | 589.72   | -\$ | 826.87                                    |        |
| Net funds available ending         | \$ 14,078.32  |      | 13,488.60  | 7   | 13,251.45                                 |        |
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#### Notes:

- 1. Membership fees of \$20 per member, budget proposes an increase of 10 new members in 2025
- 2. Gravel Matching Program is funded by the Municipality and distributed to members. Increase of \$500 approved by Council for 2025.
- 3. Website /System costs, budget proposed moving to a more cost-effective system by June 30, 2025. In 2026 we estimate these costs to be around \$1,000 annually.
- 4. Improvements to boat launch as part of a \$4,000 package previously approved. Budget includes outstanding item of Dedication Plaque.
- 5. Water Testing to be conducted in 2025 and funded from previously approved fund of \$3,000.
- 6. Newsletter printing, benefits of membership card printing, and \$100 Rewards & Recognition for zone Reps



#### 2025 Moira Lake Photo Contest

Please send us your photographs capturing the beauty of Moira Lake and the surrounding area. We invite you to submit your images in three distinct categories: Scenery, Wildlife, and People & Activities. Each category presents a unique opportunity to showcase the diverse aspects of this picturesque locale.

Whether you have breathtaking landscapes that highlight the serene waters and lush surroundings, captivating wildlife shots that reveal the rich biodiversity of the region, or vibrant images of community members engaging in various activities, we want to see it all.

We look forward to receiving your entries and showcasing the incredible moments captured through your lens. Photographs may be published on the MLPOA website and Facebook page.

There is no RSVP or pre-registration required for this event. **Either email** pics to mlpoa.photocontest@gmail.com, post on our Facebook page (Facebook), or on Instagram using @MLPOA and hashtag #MLPOAPhotoContest.

The contest runs from now until September 30.

For more information and a copy of the contest rules go to: <a href="http://www.moiralake.org/">http://www.moiralake.org/</a>.





## Stakeholder Survey Results: Your Voice, Our Roadmap

#### Survey Highlights

65 out of 199 surveys were returned (32%), significantly above the typical 20-25% return rate for similar surveys, indicating strong stakeholder engagement.

Generally, the survey reflects both positive aspects of the MLPOA and areas needing attention.

Stakeholders
expressed a desire for
greater
organizational
effectiveness,
particularly in
communication,
advocacy, and
environmental
efforts.

#### **Key Takeaways**

★ The MLPOA's Community Role is Valued: Residents appreciate MLPOA's role in fostering community ties and advocacy.

★ Environmental Concerns Are a Top Priority: 36% of respondents said environmental efforts (water quality, invasive species, shoreline conservation) should be the top priority. Including fishing-related initiatives, this increases to 46%.

**★ Communication Needs Improvement:** 65% rated MLPOA's communication as ineffective or somewhat effective. Stakeholders want more transparency, consistent updates, and better accessibility. Effective communication builds trust and engagement.

Advocacy Needs to Be Stronger: 59% felt MLPOA was not effectively representing member interests. A balanced, more impactful advocacy approach is needed to protect property values and lake sustainability.

★ Community Events Can Strengthen Engagement: 15% suggested more social events to bring the community together. These could also help promote MLPOA's environmental and advocacy efforts.

★ External & Internal Challenges: 59% cited government policies as the biggest external threat to MLPOA's work. 94% are concerned about environmental threats, especially water quality and invasive species. 69% flagged volunteer recruitment and funding as challenges in sustaining MLPOA's initiatives.

#### What This Means for the MLPOA:

- Stronger environmental leadership to protect Moira Lake's health.
- Improved communication for transparency and engagement.
- More effective advocacy to represent property owners' interests.
- Increased community engagement through inclusive events.



For more detail on survey results see any MLPOA Board member or click here:



## 5-Year Strategic Plan – Setting the Direction

#### Why This Plan?

Moira Lake is more than a beautiful destination—it's our home, a shared responsibility, and the heart of a thriving community. As environmental pressures increase, member needs evolve, and local policies shift, the Moira Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) recognized the need for a clear, unified strategy to guide our actions over the next five years.

The Strategic Plan ensures that MLPOA's efforts remain focused, proactive, and impactful.

#### **How the Plan Was Developed**

The Strategic Plan was built through extensive consultation with MLPOA members, community stakeholders, and local partners. It draws on:

- Results of the 2024 Membership Stakeholder Survey
- Strategic planning workshops and board insights
- Research into best practices and local environmental challenges
- More than two dozen proposed initiatives
   Together, these inputs shaped a practical and inspiring roadmap for the future.

#### **Strategic Pillars and Focus Areas**

#### 1. Environmental Stewardship

- Protect and enhance lake health through water quality monitoring, invasive species management, and restoration projects.
- Key Targets: Baseline lake health data by 2025, Lake Management Plan by 2027, 25% invasive species reduction by 2030, walleye restocking by 2030.

#### 2. Member Engagement

 Strengthen community participation through improved communication, events, and volunteer initiatives.  Key Targets: 15% increase in membership by 2028, 50% email open rates, expanded social media presence, and new digital member forums.

#### 3. Governance & Administration

- Modernize governance practices and ensure transparency and compliance.
- Key Targets: Full regulatory compliance annually, 85% board meeting attendance, updated bylaws and governance structure by 2026.

#### 4. Financial Sustainability

- Secure diverse funding sources and manage resources effectively.
- Key Targets: \$25,000 annual funding average by 2030, reserve fund covering one year of operations by 2028, 40% technology cost reduction by Q3 2025.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Implementation of the Strategic Plan has already begun, with early initiatives such as a renewed water testing program, invasive species control planning, communications upgrades, and organizational modernization well underway.

MLPOA is committed to protecting the lake we love, strengthening our community, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. For more detail see:

http://www.moiralake.org/





## **Lake Steward's Report**

#### Greetings Once Again,

I want to take this opportunity to expand on some of the Environmental Stewardship initiatives outlined in my introductory letter.

#### Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species Study

We have applied for funding to conduct a comprehensive survey of aquatic plants in Moira Lake to map invasive species, assess their impact, and develop management strategies. Invasive species threaten biodiversity, fish habitat, and water quality. Identifying hotspots will allow for targeted control measures and long-term solutions.

#### **Eurasian Water Milfoil Control**

Eurasian Water Milfoil spreads rapidly, interfering with boating, swimming, and fish habitat. MLPOA is collaborating with other lake associations to develop a coordinated, science-based control plan.

#### **Renewed Water Testing**

A renewed water testing regime is being put into action. See the next page for details.

#### Madoc Sewage Lagoon Study

While the Madoc Sewage Lagoon meets existing regulatory standards it consistently exceeds Provincial Water Quality Objectives for phosphorus and CBOD5 guidelines, contributing to nutrient loading in Deer Creek and Moira Lake. We recommend:

- Stricter performance objectives to reduce nutrient discharge
- Expanded water quality monitoring
- Greater community engagement to encourage responsible wastewater management

#### Walleye Population Decline

Moira Lake's walleye population has dropped by an estimated 76%, raising ecological and economic concerns. MLPOA submitted a 50page scientific report to the Ministry of Natural Resources, advocating for:

- Habitat restoration for better spawning.
- Enhanced regulatory enforcement
- Restocking programs to replenish numbers
- Education on sustainable fishing.

#### **Lake Management Plan Proposal**

The MLPOA has developed a Lake Management Plan proposal to guide restoration efforts. A well-implemented plan will protect Moira Lake's environmental, economic, and recreational value for future generations. The proposal will be submitted for funding consideration this summer.

#### Moving Forward

These initiatives are part of our commitment to safeguarding Moira Lake's future. Through science-based management, community collaboration, and proactive stewardship, we can preserve its ecological integrity and recreational value.

## Copies of the above referenced documents are available from the MLPOA or go to:

http://www.moiralake.org/

Sincerely,

Doug McCarthy





## **Renewed Water Testing Regime for Moira Lake**

The Water Testing Regime for Moira Lake is a comprehensive plan to monitor and manage the lake's water quality, focusing on its eutrophic status, nutrient levels, and ecological health. The regime integrates physical, chemical, biological, and microbiological parameters to ensure the lake remains a sustainable and valuable resource for the community.

#### **Key Objectives**

- Nutrient Management: Monitor and address nutrient enrichment, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, which drive algal blooms and aquatic vegetation growth.
- Pollution Detection: Identify sources of contaminants such as chloride, arsenic, and E. coli to mitigate their impacts.
- Ecological Health: Assess factors influencing aquatic biodiversity, invasive species, and water quality trends.

#### **Testing Parameters**

The program targets critical indicators, including:

- Physical: Temperature, dissolved oxygen, Secchi depth.
- Chemical: Total phosphorus, nitrogen species (ammonia, nitrate, nitrite), pH, conductivity, chlorophyll-a (under consideration), chloride, calcium, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC), UV275, and assorted heavy metals.
- Biological: Algal blooms, invasive aquatic vegetation.

Micro-biological: E. coli and fecal coliforms.

#### **Sampling Strategy**

- Frequency: Monthly sampling from May to September.
- Sites: Seven strategically selected locations across Moira Lake.
- Collaboration: MLPOA volunteers and established programs like the Lake Partner Program, Water Rangers Program, and the Ontario Clean Water Agency will conduct the testing.

#### **Data Application**

- Management Decisions: Data will guide nutrient mitigation efforts, pollution control, and biodiversity protection.
- Stakeholder Engagement: Findings will be compiled into an annual report shared with MLPOA stakeholders, fostering collaboration and transparency.

#### Conclusion

This water testing regime emphasizes community involvement, science-based management, and targeted monitoring to safeguard Moira Lake's ecological integrity and recreational value. By addressing nutrient enrichment, pollution, and invasive species, the program ensures sustainable use of this vital resource for generations to come.

This plan sets the foundation for robust water quality monitoring and proactive lake management.

For more information on this initiative contact the MLPOA or go to:

http://www.moiralake.org/



## **Exciting Changes Coming Victoria Day Weekend 2025!**

We're excited to announce a complete replacement of our current website, administrative system, and Facebook page — with the launch targeted for Victoria Day weekend 2025!

This upgrade goes beyond just a new look. We're introducing a more user-friendly, modern, and importantly, **much more cost-effective platform** that will improve your experience across the board.

Whether you're browsing our website or interacting with our administrative system, everything will soon be faster, easier, and more intuitive — all while achieving over a 40% reduction in technology costs compared to our previous solution.

#### What's Changing?

Our new solution has been designed to:

- Simplify how you access services and information
- Modernize outdated systems for better reliability and speed
- Integrate with a revitalized social media presence to keep you better connected and informed
- Improve compatibility across all devices, including mobile
- Enhance security and data protection
- Deliver significant long-term savings by reducing technology costs by more than 40%.

#### **Launch Timeline**

We're targeting a launch window of Victoria Day weekend 2025. As we get closer to the rollout, we'll share more updates, previews, and everything you'll need to know to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

We're excited about this new chapter and look forward to delivering an improved, more connected, and more cost-effective experience for everyone we serve.

Stay tuned — our new digital experience is coming soon!

For more information on this initiative contact the MLPOA or go to: <a href="http://www.moiralake.org/">http://www.moiralake.org/</a>



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## **Moira Lake Public Boat Launch Rejuvenation**

In Fall 2024, the Moira Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA), in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Madoc, completed a major rejuvenation of the Moira Lake public boat launch.

This community driven project involved over 80 volunteer hours—many of them on the tractor—thanks to the hard work of Joe Kaehler, Steve Antoski, Walt Kincaid, and "Fireman Ron."

The upgrades included a new retaining wall with extensive stonework, fresh sod installation, and the planting of a shade tree to enhance the space for future visitors.

Special thanks to those who assisted with the landscaping and sod work.

Additional improvements are planned for

2025, including the installation of benches this spring and a commemorative plaque in the summer. As part of our ongoing commitment to shoreline health, future efforts will focus on naturalization of the area—this includes removing invasive plant species and replanting with native vegetation to support biodiversity and improve the lake's ecosystem.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of local businesses who contributed to this project: **Stonepath, Upper Canada Stone, La France Sod, and Timber-Mart**.

This project reflects the strength of community spirit and the power of local partnerships. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Moira Lake boat launch a more beautiful and sustainable space for all.



For more information on this initiative contact the MLPOA or go to: <a href="http://www.moiralake.org/">http://www.moiralake.org/</a>





## Strengthening Our Community Through Zone Reps

The Moira Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) is organized into 18 zones, each supported by a dedicated Zone Representative. These volunteers serve as vital connectors between property owners and the MLPOA, helping ensure that local concerns and lake-related issues are heard and addressed.

Zone Reps play an essential role in building a strong, informed lake community. As the eyes and ears of the association, they stay up to date on developments in their areas and provide valuable input that shapes MLPOA's priorities and advocacy. They also assist members with renewing annual memberships, welcome new property owners, and offer helpful insight into the lake's history and evolving challenges.

**Have you met your Zone Rep?** They're a valuable resource—ready to answer questions about lake stewardship, offer historical context on local matters, point you towards appropriate resources, or simply help you feel more connected to fellow residents.

Our goal is to ensure every corner of the lake is actively represented, fostering stronger communication and engagement across the community. Interested in getting involved? We'd love to hear from you!

Together, we can continue building a thriving, engaged, and well-represented Moira Lake community.

Interested in becoming a Zone Rep, or just finding out more about the role, reach out us at moira.lake.poa@gmail.com

We are currently looking for Zone Reps for Zone 8 (Pine Point Lane, Donaldson Lane, and Quail Ridge Lane) and Zone 12B (Short Lane and Lahey Road). If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at <a href="mailto:moira.lake.poa@gmail.com">moira.lake.poa@gmail.com</a>.

A complete listing of 2025 Zone Reps is included on the next page.



## **2025 Zone Rep Listing**

| Zone # | Zone Roads   | Zone Rep(s)         | Contact Info   |
|--------|--|---------------------|--|
| 1A     | Blakely Lane   | Leigh McCoy         | 613-243-4718 /<br>leigh.CFD@gmail.com                      |
| 1B     | As above   | As above            | As above   |
| 2      | Hwy 62   | John<br>McLaren     | 613-243-6387 /<br>johnmclaren@bell.net                     |
| 3      | MacDonald Cres.                                      | As above            | or lindamclaren54@gmail.com                                |
| 4      | Watson Lane  | Mark Parish         | 613-243-0722 / mark.parish@myyahoo.com                     |
| 5      | Columbia Lane, Mile Point Lane                       | Joe Kaehler         | 613-827-8690 /<br>JKaehler@hotmail.co.uk                   |
| 6A     | Setter Lane, Retriever Lane                          | Andy Sherwin        | 416-726-9525 / 416-265-8218 /<br>asherwin@sympatico.ca     |
| 6B     | Freeborn Lane, Gordon Court                          | Margaret<br>Reid    | 613-885-2716 / reidmargaret57@gmail.com                    |
| 7      | Gordon Lane, Camp Lane                               | Kathie<br>Benson    | 613-473-0204 / kathiebenson48@gmail.com                    |
| 8      | Pine Point Lane, Donaldson Lane,<br>Quail Ridge Lane |                     |  |
| 9      | Darby Point Lane                                     | Cameron<br>McBain   | 519-716-7129 / cameron.mcbain@gmail.com                    |
| 10A    | Shoreline Lane                                       | Brian Mayes         | 613-473-2473 / 613-962-3120 / brian.mayes@sympatico.ca     |
| 10B1   | Ballam Lane  | Dianna Patch        | 613-473-0424 / diannapatch@bell.net                        |
| 10B2   | Ballam Lane, Boat Launch Rd.                         | Kathryn<br>Atkinson | 416-795-5935 / 905-885-8283 / kathrynwentzell@sympatico.ca |
| 10C    | Christie Lane  | Judy Rocquin        | 360-986-6293 / 360-580-9608 /<br>jrocquin55@gmail.com      |
| 11     | NorthShore Lane                                      | Carol Ann<br>Kramp  | 613-473-4483 / carolannkramp@gmail.com                     |
| 12A    | Reynolds Lane, Albert Lane                           | Julie Fagan         | 905-914-5960 /<br>pittsfagan@aim.com                       |
| 12B    | Short Lane, Lahey Road                               |                     |  |



## **Fishing Regulations**

The 2025 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary is now available <u>online</u> and can be easily accessed as a PDF download.

The summary contains all the details you need to plan your next fishing adventure, including, but not limited to:

- regulation changes for 2025.
- How to register your <u>ice hut.</u>
- Everything you need to know when using live or preserved baitfish.
- How to transport and package your catch.

Before you go fishing we encourage you to review the <u>2025 Ontario Fishing Regulations</u> <u>Summary</u> and ensure you have a valid fishing licence.

Fishing licenses can be purchased or renewed:

- · online at huntandfishontario.com.
- at a participating <a href="ServiceOntario">ServiceOntario</a> location.
- at a licence issuer near you.



## **Fishing Seasons on Moira Lake**



- Largemouth and smallmouth bass combined
  - Season: third Saturday in June to December 15.
- Muskellunge
  - Season: 1st Saturday in June to December 15.
- Northern pike
  - Season: January 1 to March 31 and second Saturday in May to December 31.
- Walleye and sauger combined
  - Season: January 1 to March 1 and second Saturday in May to December 31.

## Fish for free (no licence required)

Four times a year, <u>Canadian residents can fish in Ontario</u> for free. This means you do not need to buy a fishing licence if you want to fish during:

- Family Fishing Weekend (February 15–17, 2025).
- Mother's Day Weekend (May 10–11, 2025).
- Father's Day Weekend (June 14–15, 2025).
- Family Fishing Week (June 28–July 6, 2025).



## **Emergency Access Gravel Program – 2025**

We are pleased to advise that nearly all Zones participated in last year's Emergency Access gravel fund-matching program. This is a program sponsored by the Municipality of Centre Hastings and administered by the MLPOA.

The purpose of the program is to improve the condition of private lanes around the lake to ensure that emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance, police, etc.) have safe and secure access to all properties on the lake.

The Program is continuing this year. For 2025, the fund total is \$6,500.00. The funds can be applied to materials only, such as reground asphalt or gravel. If you have any questions concerning this Program, please contact either Kevin McLaughlin at 613-473-5116 or Andy Sherwin at 416-726-9525.

Important to note: The cost of labour is not covered under this Program. For example, the cost of gravel would apply, but the labour cost to spread the gravel would not apply. To participate in the Program this year, Zones are reminded that their receipts (for materials only – not labour), must be received by the MLPOA Private Roads Committee by Labour Day.

Many thanks to Kevin and Andy for administering the Program and to the Municipality of Centre Hastings for sponsoring it.

#### Did You Know?

- Total gravel expenditures by residents since 2008: over \$202,445.
- Total Municipal subsidies: \$76,708
- Overall investment in gravel for lake lanes: over \$279,153. At today's cost that means over 14,000,000 kgs of gravel.



## **Summary of Centre Hastings Fire By-law 2006-20**

During the period from April 1 to October 31 **no fire for the burning of grass, rubbish, wood or other combustible material shall be permitted** outdoors between the hours of 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, except for the following:

- Fire for cooking or warmth.
- A small fire no more than 1x1 meter attended at all times by an adult.
- A fire in a metal container covered by a metal mesh ¼ inch in size.

For more information go to: <u>No Open Air Burning – Centre Hastings Fire Department - Municipality of Centre Hastings</u>



## **Recycling Stations**

Our members again have requested that we remind lake property owners and their guests that all re-cycling is to be properly sorted, placed in the blue bins and not left on the ground next to the bins. The ground around this bins is not to be used as a drop for other types of disposals. Simply stated, if the disposal does not belong in the recycling bins, it is to be disposed of with curbside waste or taken to the landfill site.

We are also reminded that the recycling stations around the Lake are provided by the Municipality as a convenience for those of us who own property on the Lake. Most lakes in Ontario do not enjoy this convenience. We need to ensure these stations are being properly used. Misuse only causes unnecessary time and expense, and we run the risk of losing the stations altogether.



These bins are for the exclusive use by lake property owners and their guests. If you see someone who should not be using the bins, please record the vehicle license number, the time and date, and report the incident to the Municipality at 613-473-4030.

## **Change in Recycling Pick-up Day**

Effective July 17, 2025 responsibility for administering recycling in Centre Hastings will transition away from the Municipality to e360 Solutions. All recycling questions or issues should be addressed to e360 at 613-962-7107. <a href="https://e360s.ca/">https://e360s.ca/</a>

The new collection day for the Moira Lake area will be Wednesday.

## 'Curbside' Garbage Pick-up

The pilot program for curbside pickup around Moira Lake has proven to be a resounding success and will be continued. The removal of waste bins has significantly reduced the volume of garbage, effectively extending the lifespan of our landfill. This initiative not only demonstrates our commitment to environmental stewardship but also aligns seamlessly with the strategic objectives of the Moira Lake Property Owners Associations.

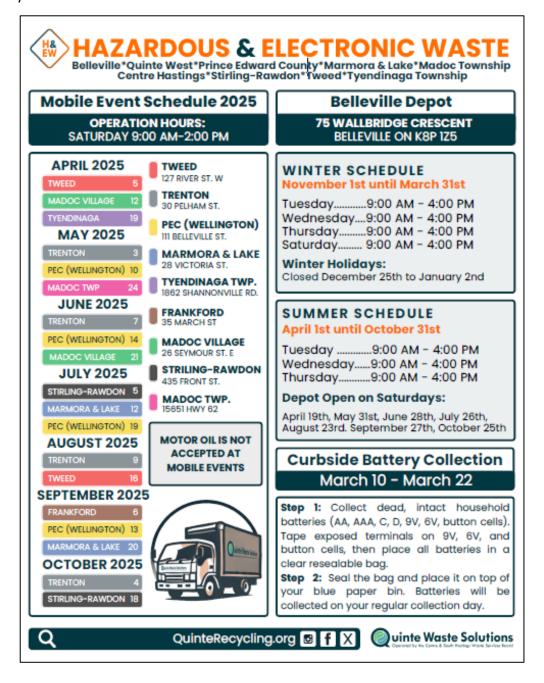
Typhany Choinard, CMO, AOMC
Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Centre Hastings
613.473.4030 ext. 212



## **Landfill Site and Hazardous Waste Disposal**

The Municipality of Centre Hastings Landfill Site and recycling station is located at 106968 Highway #7, east of the intersection of Highways #7 and #62. The phone number is 613-473-4581.

The hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; and Saturdays from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.





## **MLPOA Membership Application 2025**

| Name(s):  |
|---|
| Lake Property Address (911 number & Lane or Road):  |
| Mailing Address (if different):   |
| Please indicate which # is a cell #. Home Phone #:  |
| Lake Phone # : Other Phone #:   |
| E-MAIL Address(Important for member communication)  |
| Permanent residents ( ) Summer cottaging residents ( ) All year cottaging residents ( )   |
| PLEASE NOTE:  |
| 2025 MLPOA membership dues are \$20.00. Please pay your Zone Rep or a Board member.   |
| When you join the MLPOA you agree the MLPOA may share the above contact information with the Centre Hastings Fire Department and Emergency Services personnel.  |
| Notice of Consent to Communicate: When you join the MLPOA, you are providing express consent for the MLPOA to send electronic communications (emails, text messages, etc.) to you. Members always have the option to opt-out of most electronic communications. |
| Signature: Date:  |

Return this form to your Zone Rep or any MLPOA Board member.



## **Weed Harvesting**



## **GOT WEEDS?**

## MOIRA LAKE AQUATIC WEED HARVESTING

First Cut Begins: July 16 Second Cut Begins: August 5 Third Cut Begins: August 22

Application Form, Full Details and instructions available online at www.centrehastings.com/weeds

#### 2025 Rates:

1 Cut: \$175.15 2 Cuts: \$299.45 3 Cuts: \$423.75

Last summer, a total of 137 private cuts were completed alongside municipal maintenance of key areas, including the river inlet and outlet, Deer Creek inlet, either side of the Highway 62 culvert, and the public swimming area at the boat launch. These cuts help increase water flow and improve lake water quality.

The weed harvesting program will continue in 2025, with the first round of cuts scheduled to begin after July 15. Private property owners interested in having their waterfront areas harvested can find an application form in this newsletter.

Harvesting is intended to provide clear areas for recreational swimming and boat access, while ensuring minimal disruption to aquatic habitats. The maximum allowable harvest area is  $100 \text{ square yards } (30' \times 30')$ .

For further details, contact the Centre Hastings Municipal Office at 613-473-4030.





### 2025 Weed Harvesting Application - Moira Lake

| Name:          |                               |                      |                        |               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Mailing Addres | ss:                           |                      |                        |               |
|                | (911/PO Box #)                | (Street)             | (City)                 | (Postal Code) |
| 911 Address (f | or weed harvesting)           |                      |                        |               |
|                | r:<br>ber - if required by We |                      |                        |               |
| (Daytime num   | ber - If required by we       | eed Harvester Oper   | ator j                 |               |
| Email:         |                               |                      |                        |               |
| 2025 Rates:    | \$175.15 (Single Cut)         | \$299.45 (2 Cuts)    | \$423.75 (3 Cuts)      |               |
| Payment must   | be made to the Muni           | cipal office by June | 25, 2025               |               |
| 7 Furnace Stre | et, P.O. Box 900, Mad         | oc ON KOK 2KO        |                        |               |
| Please make yo | our cheque payable to         | Municipality of Ce   | ntre Hastings – Weed H | arvesting     |

Please make your cheque payable to Municipality of Centre Hastings – Weed Harvesting e-Transfer Payments: to etransfer@centrehastings.com (please include your name and the address of the property being harvested in the notes when submitting.)

The application and map can be emailed to info@centrehastings.com

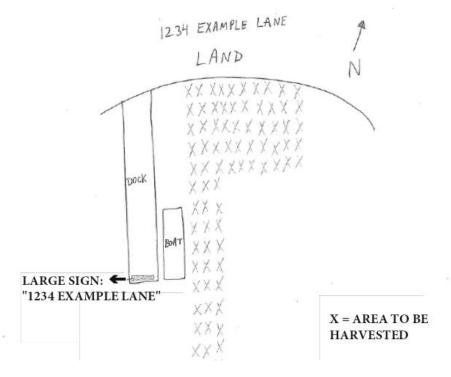
#### Instructions and Requirements:

- A map/diagram of the area to be harvested is MANDATORY (i.e. east side of dock, in front of cottage, etc.). Mark any underwater pumps or pipes, rocks or weed mats clearly with floating markers. Please sketch your map on the next page.
- IMPORTANT: Your 911 number and address (including the Lane or Road name) MUST be displayed on the dock or beach area and be clearly visible from the lake. (large/bright colouring is recommended)
- Weeds cannot be harvested in water that is less than 3 feet in depth.
- Only aquatic vegetation can be harvested (no cattails or wild rice).
- The first cut is scheduled to take place starting July 16th. The second cut will take place starting August 5th and the third cut will take place starting August 22nd. All dates are weather dependent and subject to change.



## Centre Hastings 2025 Weed Harvesting Application - Map

## **Example Map**



## **Your Map Here**