

Loon and Turtle Lakes Cottage Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes – Saturday, July 22, 2023

The meeting began at 10:20 AM.

ITEM	TOPIC	OUTCOME
1	Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dan welcomed everyone to the AGM/BBQ. 2. He thanked Sobeyes for their generous donation of food for the BBQ. 3. He stated that this was a great event for neighbours to get to know their fellow neighbours. 4. Dan gave two engraved mugs to the eldest cottagers on our two lakes. One mug depicted Turtle Lake and the other Loon Lake.
2	Review of minutes from 2022	The meeting minutes from 2022 were approved.
3	Board Members	Dan thanked all the volunteers in our community. He introduced the Board members and described their roles. The Board members and their roles were approved by those in attendance.
4	Jo Morphy Councillor Ward 2	<p>Jo spoke briefly on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Banning of floating homes on Ontario waterways. 2. 2024-2026 rebuild of Bay St. from Gull Lake Park to the Wharf. 3. Security cameras have been installed and have been effective in securing arrests following break ins in the downtown area. 4. Music on the Barge – amphitheatre seating to be built in 2024. 5. Short term rental licencing is now in effect. 6. Climate action – hybrid vehicles are now being purchased by the Town. 7. Building permits now have a 3 year life cycle. 8. Septic system inspections have recommenced. 9. Murdoch Mysteries - the TV series fall opener was filmed in Gravenhurst and is expected to be aired sometime in September. 10. MPAC – assessments are still at 2016 rates. 11. A list of new businesses in Town were named. 12. The Town will be reducing the levels of salt used on the roads in the winter. <p>Q&A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaning Trees in the channel – owners responsibility. 2. Loon Lake Road rebuild – the Province prioritizes road rebuilds and instructs the Town accordingly. 3. Green bins – suggested that the cottage association make a request to the Town for green bin pick up. 4. Pickle ball courts to be installed in the area near the Canadian Tire store and will also be included in the planned sports field in town.

5	Doug Cross Sustainability Award	This award was presented by Dan to Peter Helston for his work in maintaining his shoreline with a wide variety of native plants. Congratulations Peter!
6	Environment	<p>Peter Helston highlighted our environmental activities that included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual water testing in the spring in both Loon and Turtle Lakes. Testing for phosphorous has been done for the past 45 years and we are now testing for calcium and chlorides. 2. Planting of white clover instead of grass. 3. The Love Your Lake program. 4. Benthic Monitoring 5. The importance of natural shorelines. 6. Geese mitigation. <p>Peter stated that “We are all doing this so that others will enjoy our lakes in the future.”</p>
7	Financial Report	<p>Copies of our financial statement were distributed. As our Treasurer, Laura Sandwell, was not available to attend today, any questions that you may have can be directed to Dan Miller, David Caruana or Jaclyn Boucher via email. A copy of the 2023 report can be requested by emailing:</p> <p>ltlcaexecutive@gmail.com</p>
8	Membership	<p>David Caruana thanked all of those who are either new members or those who have renewed their Cottage Association membership this year. He also briefly described the benefits of membership and the work the Board does on behalf of cottagers on our lakes.</p>
9	Water Safety Awareness Committee	<p>Michael Clarke discussed the activities that this committee has been involved in over recent years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water safety messages and signage 2. The Visitor Guide 3. The Property owners Guide <p>This year’s program included some signage and a program entitled, “Tell Us Your Story”. This program was met with no involvement by the community.</p> <p>As mentioned earlier by Dan, Michael has resigned as the lead for this committee at the end of this cottage season and it is hoped that one of the current committee members will take on this role.</p>
10	Draws	<p>Dan conducted the draw for a variety of items donated by Home Hardware and Canadian Tire.</p>
11	Q&A	<p>Topics discussed included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new Bell Canada Tower on North Muldrew Lake Road 2. Requirements to be met for insurance coverage when you are away from your home for an extended period. 3. The geese mitigation program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.