

Membership Update

Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank you for renewing your 2019 membership, your continued support is appreciated. This year I tried not to hound the late payers, but alas, that back fired, and the primary numbers are down this year as a result.

We currently have 261 Primary Members, same as 2017, but down from 274 last year. However, we have had a substantial increase in Associate

Memberships, a 16.2% increase, we are up to 86 Associate Members! What is really incredible, is our donations. They have increased 44.5%! Our focus on Lake Health, water testing, Invasive Species Studies, are all at the forefront of our efforts and your donations reflect your desire for us to continue on this path. Thank you.

Spread the word to the new owners on your road. We have had many cottages change hands last year. Your new neighbours are joining the GLCA and becoming a part of the Gull Lake Community. I get to go out and meet our new Gull Lake cottagers. It's interesting to note that some are long time cottagers from Gull Lake, buying their own piece of heaven. We provide them with a GLCA Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNRF and the OPP, Gull Lake Swag, and a NEW OWNER Membership Form. Please let the GLCA know if there is someone new on your road. We would like to welcome them to the lake too!

We have four NEW owners on Gull Lake, that I have been made aware of. I managed to connect with only one, and one from last year, so far.

We have made renewing your membership as easy as possible. The simplest way is to send us an eTransfer with your cottage address in the comment box. You can still renew online



Peter West purchased his cottage last year on Beverly Lane and showed up at the AGM and became a Primary Member. We kept missing each other last summer, but managed to connect this year. Peter grew up on Gull Lake over in Deep Bay and has now become an owner. Peter was very happy to FINALLY get his swag bag. Sorry for the delay Peter...

at www.glca.ca using PayPal, if you don't have a PayPal account, you can bypass PayPal right at the end and go straight to Credit Card Payment. We still love to get the good old fashion snail mail, just print the attached Membership Form and send in your Membership Fees for 2020!



Krista and Sean made it out to the AGM this year and signed up! They too are long time cottagers on Gull Lake and are thrilled to be owners now. They have been working very hard on bringing their cottage up to code.

Introducing our Newest GLCA Board Member

Michael Latimer, Director at Large

Following a long family history on Gull Lake, Michael Latimer is excited to join the Gull Lake Board. Michael's family owns and operates Kilcoo Camp and he has spent all of his 52 summers on Gull Lake, which is his favourite place. Kilcoo was the third property on Gull Lake, after U of T and the Aziz family. This personal family history has Michael very interested in putting together a historic overview for all of our lake owners to enjoy.

Gull Lake is a massive support for Kilcoo and the Latimer's have no plans to move Kilcoo out of the family. The Board's work on water conservation and lake preservation is vital to Kilcoo and for all of us in the future. Michael intends to get involved and support the Board in any way he can and to continue to increase the Association's awareness and all the amazing work it does.



Fall 2019 Lake Steward's Report

Mike Thorne, Lake Steward

I would just like to bring you up to date on what's been happening since my last report.

Lake Sampling.

We (Don Drouillard and myself) undertook sampling at 6 spots on the lake for clarity (Secchi Disc), Total Phosphorus and E. coli in mid-September this year.

The results in general indicate good water clarity, virtually no pollution based on the low E-coli results and the low total phosphorus results mean we are unlikely to have algae blooms.

Sample Location	Secchi Depth Metres m	TP mg/L	E. coli cfu/100ml
Gull Lake #1 North End Inlet	5.5 m	<.003	3
Gull Lake #2 Gull Rock	5.0 m	<.003	1
Gull Lake #3 Deep Bay - Middle	5.5 m	<.003	0
Gull Lake #4 By outlet	4.5 m	<.003	1
Gull Lake #5 Miners Bay	5.6 m	.008	0
Gull Lake #6 Opposite Rackety	6.0 m	<.003	0

That's all for now folks.

Mike

U-Links/Trent University Benthic Biomonitoring Project.

Last year we applied to U-Links (U-Links is a Centre for Community Based Research works with community partners, faculty and students to deliver high quality, relevant research services to Haliburton County) to be part of a benthic biomonitoring study. We have been successful in being one of the Haliburton Lakes to participate . In 2019, U-Links Centre for Community Based Research was the recipient of a Trillium SEED Grant to implement a pilot program that will coordinate and leverage the resources of U-Links, Trent University School of the Environment and Fleming College School of Environmental and Natural Resources Studies, the CHA and individual lake associations, to establish a long-term benthos monitoring program for multiple lakes in the Haliburton Highlands bioregion. The Gull Lake Cottagers' Association (GLCA) is one of six lakes participating in the pilot. We are seeking to conduct a benthic macroinvertebrate survey of the lake in order to aid in understanding the status of lake health, species diversity and provide an important baseline for future comparisons.

Identification of any negative trends could help maintain future health of the lake and potentially help to avoid future issues. Local residents, lake users, and fishermen can benefit from this project. Haliburton County stands to benefit economically and socially from efforts to assess and maintain local lake health.

The program starts with sampling by the Trent students, a U-Links rep. and myself on October 11 with a full report due April 2020.

Septic Re-inspection

As a result of speaking with our local councillor, Pam Sayne, I was asked to be part of the Committee and after one meeting it was decided to defer the Council Report to the next Council as well as give the New Council time to review the results of the reinspection programs in the rest of the County.

As septic systems are or can be one of the major contributors to lake pollution (particularly phosphorus) we have been advocating for a pump out/inspection program to establish a good base for moving forward. I had the opportunity to speak with Mayor Brent Devolin in late September during a Hike Haliburton activity and he indicated the Town of Minden Hills has selected the firm of WSP to undertake a Type 3 septic inspection in late August. A Type 3 inspection involves the removal of the septic tank lid and sampling the depth of scum on the surface and the depth of sludge in the bottom of the tank. It does not require a pump out. The town still has to pass a by-law ratifying the terms of an agreement with WSP. This is expected later on this year. As the Recommendations of the Report are of interest to everyone we are attaching the Recommendations of the Report only for your review. For the full report submitted to Council, check out our website under the Lake Health page. An unknown at this time, are the logistics on how the program will be rolled out. Public meetings are to be held by the Consultant WSP.

Recommendation:

That Report #19-011 – Request for Tender for the provision of a Septic Re-Inspection Program be received as information;

And further, that Council awards the contract for the provision of a Type 3 Mandatory Septic Re-inspection program to WSP Canada Inc. at a cost of \$47,831.25 + HST for Scheduling/Risk Assessment/Mapping, \$1,502.35 + HST for Public Meeting and Education, \$130.00 + HST for Third Party Inspection Reviews and \$1,502.35 + HST for Attendance at Council Meetings. Site Inspection Cost (per property) \$199.60 + HST 25.95 = \$225.55 and Post Remedial Inspection Cost (per property) \$199.60 + HST 25.95 = \$225.55;

And further, that Council directs the following:

- 1.) That property owners be responsible for the following costs: Inspection and Post Remedial Inspection, Document and Search Requests, and Third Party Inspector Qualification Reviews;
- 2.) That the Township be responsible for all costs related to scheduling/risk assessment and mapping, as well as public meetings/education and WSP Canada Inc.'s attendance at Council meetings;
- 3.) That WSP Canada Inc. attend a minimum of one (1) Council meeting per year to update Council on the program and its progress;
- 4.) That WSP Canada Inc. host a minimum of two (2) public meetings to provide information regarding the Type 3 Re-inspection program and its process;

And further, that a contract be developed between the Township and WSP Canada Inc. for services related to a Type 3 Re-inspection Program, as well as any required by-laws; and that said contract and by-laws be provided to Council at a future date for consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin McKnight,
Chief Building Official/MLEO/Planning Supervisor

Regatta Commodore's Report

Tracey D'Alessio

2019 was my first year as the Regatta Commodore. I took over from Will Rea and along with his family, he ran the last 3 regattas. This first year was a handover year and I was able to introduce a few new ideas: not selling plastic water bottles, trying to offer some healthier choices for our barbeque lunch, offering Gully Meals, which were food and drink items bundled together at a reasonable price and having tables and chairs available to eat at. It was a very hot day and the Dairy Queen ice-cream sandwiches were very popular!

Riley and Sammy Allison were responsible for our children's activities, a record number of children participated in them and everyone seemed to be very happy and having fun.

Our waterfront events remained unchanged and there was stiff competition with a few families dominating some of the events! Just before we started our awards at the end of the afternoon, the dark clouds arrived and soon it started to rain. It became increasingly heavy and we had to rush to get all the trophies and medals awarded. Well done to all our winners and competitors and a huge thank you to all the volunteers, who made this a fun day.

We look forward to a few more additions to our annual regatta over the next few years, culminating in a very special celebration in 2022 for our 100th regatta.

If you have any comments or feedback about this years event, please email me at dalessiotracey@gmail.com or info@glca.com.

2019 Gull Lake Regatta Results

Treadgold Trophy

- 1 -Oliver Jones
- 2 – Mikka Borges
- 3- Jackson Gormley

Bedlington Cup

- 1-Eric Fode and Maddie Hutchison
- 2-Sebastian Jones
- 3-Jackson Gormley and Petra Lett

Minto Cup

- 1-Maurita Wong-Hutchison
- 2-Steve Hutchison
- 3- Calvin Tarczy

Sharp Family Paddles

- 12 and under solo canoe
- Jackson Gormley
- Morgan Hutchison

Crerar Family Paddles

- 16 and under solo canoe
- Eric Fode
- Maddie Hutchison

Chisholm Cup – Parent and Child

Steve and Morgan Hutchison

Christie Cup – Mixed War

The Williams Family

Carley Allison Memorial Trophy

– Mixed Terrain

Samantha Allison, Eric Fode and Steve Hutchison

Parr Memorial Trophy – Men's Double

Steve Hutchison and Peter Fode

Stinson Plaque – Mixed Double 17 and Over

Steve Hutchison and Maurita Wong-Hutchison



The Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest

By Catherine Gregory and Scott Russell

I love gardening and at our cottage I have been making a concerted effort to create garden spaces that require minimal maintenance. Part of that is planting native species. So when the GLCA ran the Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest in 2018, I saw that as a golden opportunity to restore a large patch of land behind our dock and adjoining deck. The area had previously been cleared of trees, presumably to create more space behind the deck and for the view of the rock face behind. As a result there was a risk of erosion and run-off – a risk that had been identified in our “Love Your Lake” shoreline report commissioned by the GLCA in 2017. My goal was to plant wildflowers and low growing shrubs in the bare area in order to reduce the risk of erosion and restore the natural beauty, while at the same time preserving the view of the rock face behind.

Julie Sutton, a shoreline re-naturalization expert, visited our property last fall. She took soil samples, and identified areas with enough depth for planting (it is very rocky in the area). Her final report to us included recommendations of native plants and shrubs that could grow well in the area and sources for obtaining the plants.

This spring we put our minds to the planting. We dealt with two nurseries that specialize in native plants: Native Plants in Claremont and Ontario Native Plants. All the ordering was done online,

and apart from one visit to Claremont, all the plants were shipped to us.

We wanted to try a wide variety of species in order to determine what would do best in the area, and to get a variety of colours and textures. For shrubs we chose Ninebark, Winterberry, Northern Bush Honeysuckle, and Nannyberry. Flowers included native varieties of Aster, Beardtongue, Black Eyed Susan, Coneflower, Foamflower, Yarrow and Columbine. Julia suggested grouping the flowers in indented areas between rocks, where rain water would pool and not drain off so quickly. I also planted some Cardinal Flower and Great Blue Lobelia right at the shoreline as they like a lot of moisture.

As with any planting, the hard work paid off when we started seeing blooms later in the summer and we were inspired to do a second batch of planting at another area that is at risk for erosion. This is an area that had been cleared of trees and shrubs to make room for the steps and stairs that run from our cottage, down the cliff to our dock.

In addition to contributing to the health of our shoreline, this project has added natural beauty to our property. I have also learned how to identify native shrubs and flowers and recognize the value and beauty of plants already growing in the area. There will still be a place for cultivated flowers like Hostas and Hydrangea in the garden up top beside the cottage, but we will be planting native everywhere else.



The Shoreline Re-Naturalization Contest

By CJ Ashley

Our family had a wonderful experience with this project. It was a great opportunity to work together with the GLCA and our neighbors.

Julia's insight and expertise really helped bring the project to life and provided us with a wealth of information and options to choose from. Native Plants in Claremont were able to supply everything we needed for a successful planting and we're looking forward to watching the shoreline grow for years to come. We're so happy with the final result on our property.



Original shoreline had grass to the edge.

Not only because it creates a more functional and attractive shoreline for our family and friends, but also that it is



Pots are already for planting to create a buffer zone and the new post dock is installed replacing the old crib dock.

an environmentally conscious design and contributes to the health and well being of Gull Lake.

Photography Contest

In 2019 we ran the fifth annual GLCA Photo Contest and received 100 submissions. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from one of the businesses in Minden that sponsored any of our GLCA events. This way we are putting \$125 back into

Nature



Winner
"The Bald Eagle" Photographed by Larry Murphy

the community as a thank you. Prizes will be handed out at the May 2020 AGM. The winners for each category, and an honourable mention, as chosen by our volunteer judge Patty Aziz, are as follows:



Honourable Mention
"Ruby Throated Hummingbird" Photographed by Manfred End

Life at the Cottage

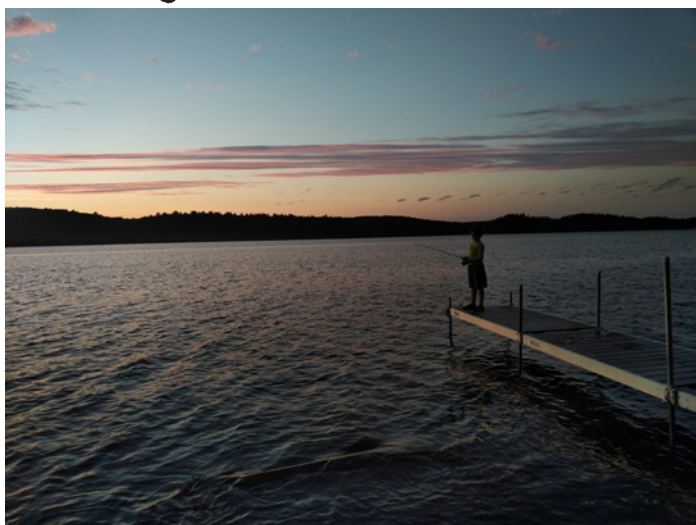


Winner
"Grandchildren" Photographed by Greg Wickware



Honourable Mention
"Long Day by the Water" Photographed by Patricia Lette

Photos by Kids



Winner
"On the Dock" Photographed by Kyle Fletcher



Honourable Mention
"Untitled" Photographed by Isabel Burse

Landscape



Winner
 "Docks in Winter" Photographed by Catherine Gregory



Honourable Mention
 "Nature Devils" Photographed by Manfred End

Action



Winner
 "Gone Skier" Photographed by Brad Adams at the Evans cottage



Honourable Mention
 "The Catch" Photographed by Nick Evans

Stand-Up Paddleboard Regulations

With stand-up paddleboards becoming more popular, it is important to know the regulations that are in place for their use. The following regulations were entered into full force in 2018, published by Transport Canada (TC): If you are paddling across a body of water, or getting from Point A to Point B, you are navigating. Stand-Up Paddleboards (SUP) used for navigation fall into the same category as canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rowing shells and other human-powered boats less than 6 metres, and you are required to

carry mandatory safety equipment under the Small Vessel Regulations.

- Option 1: WEAR a lifejacket with a whistle (no buoyant heaving line required).
 - Option 2: CARRY a lifejacket on-board with whistle and a buoyant heaving line.
 - Option 3: NONE. Then you could receive a \$200 to \$500 fine for non-compliance.
 - Watertight flashlight is required for low-light or nighttime conditions.
- If you are not navigating (park and play at the waterfront, dock, or surf wave,



surf beach), then TC does not consider the SUP use as a regulated vessel for mandatory equipment requirements. Paddle Canada also recommends the use of an appropriate ankle or waistbelt leash, although not required. Source: Paddle Canada website: www.paddlecanada.com/areyou-using-a-stand-up-paddleboard/

Grand Opening of the Minden Animal Hospital

By Michael Latimer

Judy Ingram and I both attended the grand opening of the new Minden Animal Hospital. The event was facilitated by our own CHA President, Paul MacInnes.

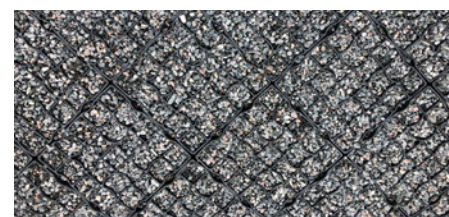
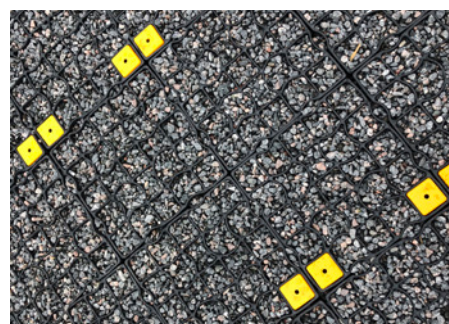
The ground breaking ceremony featured our Minden Mayor, Brent Devolin. Dr. Jenn Morrow profiled the new hospital's innovations: a separate cat area, more comfortable recycled rubber stalls, water walls, heated floors, separate dental unit, larger windows for natural light, to name a few, all proving to make our pets less stressed, better served and faster to recover. The Minden Animal Hospital will be the envy and the model for the future.

Our interests were especially peaked with the demonstration of the permeable paving by our Minden Firefighters. The permeable paving is manufactured by LID Paving (www.LIDpaving.ca) in Canada and is a German technology. The technology is known as Ecoraster and is the #1 best-selling flexible plastic porous paver in Europe where permeable paving has been the "norm" for almost three decades and is all season friendly. Ecoraster is 100% manufactured from recycled bags, in fact their system removed 1.5M plastic bags from landfill, filters 90% of pollutants and reduces erosion and flooding.



The Minden Firefighters simulated a heavy rainfall on the permeable pavement. There was no pooling of water, no run off to lower areas and ditches. The pavement helps to minimize the effects of flooding and storm water flow management, reducing the stress on sewer systems. More importantly, the permeable pavement filters the water that eventually reaches our lakes. It filters out most pollutants (90%) with the exception of salt. But the nature of the permeable pavement eliminates the need for salt and other ice inhibitors. The Ecoraster grid pavers are ground water neutral and fish toxicity neutral. They can be used in environmentally sensitive areas without any risk to the surrounding areas.

The Minden Animal Hospital is leading the way in environmental innovation and protecting our lakes.



Close up of the permeable pavement.

This is what MBL looked like a century ago!

Russ Wunker

The Cameron Road was a colonization Road that had reached Moore's Falls by the mid 1860's. In 1867 bridges were built to cross the rapids at the lower end of Gull Lake, and the road was extended to about a half mile north of what is now MBL.

A wooden pole bridge crossed the Round Lake Creek at Miners' Bay. The road continued on to Minden.

David Galloway moved into the area and built a farm house c. 1875 from timber cut at his saw mill on the creek below the road.

During WW I, the first part of what is now the Main Lodge was constructed to the south of the Farm House to accommodate tourists who were starting to visit the area.

Note that the road surface is much lower in front of the Hotel than it is today.



BAY VIEW HOTEL – c. 1918



2020 GLCA Membership Renewal Form

Please Print

Cottage Address: _____

Primary Member:

Name (first & last): _____

Spouse (first & last): _____

Cottage Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2nd Email (optional): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province/State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Associate Member:

Name (first & last): _____

Spouse (first & last): _____

Cottage Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2nd Email (optional): _____

Home Address: _____

City, Province/State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Primary membership (only one per cottage) \$40 _____

Hard copy of newsletter \$10 _____

Associate membership (each Associate member) \$10 _____

Hard copy of newsletter (each Associate Member) \$10 _____

Donation (any amount appreciated) \$ _____

Total dues for 1 year \$ _____

Optional - renew for 2 years (double one year) \$ _____

Please make out cheque to "GLCA Treasurer"

Mail to 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 2T3

Primary Membership:

There is one Primary Membership per cottage. Primary Membership includes spouse and children who are still pursuing their education.

Associate Membership:

Associate Memberships are for individuals and families who cottage on Gull Lake but are not the Primary Member. Associate Memberships include spouse and children.

Benefits:

Both Primary and Associate Memberships entitle you to attend all events, receive newsletters and communication, and benefit from having Association volunteers work on your behalf to enhance the enjoyment and health of the lake. Only the Primary Member for your cottage can vote on motions.

Website: GLCA.ca

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