

MOIRA LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter 2016

Featuring...

Moira Memories

The Life and Times of a Lake

By Gordon Pitts
with local contributions
Photos collected by Grant Ketcheson



Greetings from the President

Hi Neighbours!!

I hope you wintered well this year. Mother Nature was not too harsh as compared to previous winters. Hopefully we can get on the lake a bit early this year and have sunny, warm weekends throughout.

Your executive has been busy on your behalf. The free shoreline saplings were a big hit this spring. The Lakeside 911 signage program saw 65 residents take advantage of that subsidized offer.

We worked with acclaimed author Gordon Pitts, and your Association is offering a subsidized purchase price of his book entitled "**Moira Memories – The Life and Times of a Lake**". Please see the promotion in the following pages.

On a personal note, my tenure as President of the Association has been as easy as a cold beer disappearing on a hot summer's day. VP Harry Quart, Treasurer and Lake Steward Chuck Noble, and Secretary Grant Ketcheson, have always come through for me, and for you. My thanks to them is never overstated.

For the latest info go to the MLPOA website www.moiralake.org. There you will find contact information as well as past newsletters and relevant upcoming events and announcements.

If you're thinking of joining us on the executive team this year, please do so. Our executive meetings happen once a month at my house ([393 Mile Point Lane](#)). Liquids are offered as a motivator to keep the meeting under 45 min. We are happy to say, "things are getting done efficiently, and with fun". As this is NOT an election year for your Association, you may want to pop in on an executive meeting to see for yourself that we are a stress-free executive, and we do have fun. If you're considering this

opportunity, call me at 613-661-7601 or e-mail me at jkaehler@hotmail.co.uk.

Here are a few things you want to know about.

Highway 62 traffic will again be limited to a single lane going over the Moira Lake bridge as maintenance concludes this summer.

Municipal/MLPOA Liaison Eric Sandford has recommended to council an enhanced road material matching program that, if passed in the budget, will improve emergency vehicle response time as it improves the lanes up to our driveways.

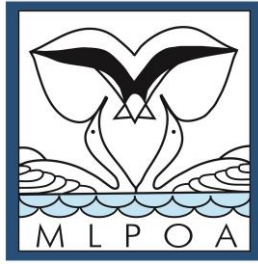
I've attended all meetings regarding the Deloro Mine Reclamation Program, and I am happy to report all is well and good with that initiative.

Congratulations to Harry and his golf tournament volunteers. They raised \$1,200 for local charities. The 2015 recipients of the MLPOA fundraiser were the "Centre Hastings Disaster Relief Fund" and the "Central Hastings Support Network". This year's golf tournament will be a joint venture with the Madoc Lions Club. Dale Noble has volunteered to be the MLPOA prime contact. Get a team together and come join us for this fun day of golf and food. Non-golfers enjoy our format as much as golfers do.

Before I sign off, on behalf of the membership and especially myself, thanks to our Zone Reps for being our members' first point of contact, and key to our future. To those I have failed to recognize, make sure I know, and we will make it up to you at the AGM on August 13th.

Wishing you a Safe Sunny Summer Season.
Your Association's President,

Joe Kaehler



MOIRA LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

The 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Moira Lake Property Owners Association was held at the Madoc Public Library on August 8th.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Kaehler at 10:00 AM and he introduced guests, Mayor Tom Deline, Councillor Eric Sandford and Maya Navrot from Quinte Conservation.

The agenda was presented and approved on a motion of Jim Bakker and Sandra McNevin.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as circulated on a motion of Bruce McNevin and Jim Bakker.

Maya Navrot gave a presentation on shoreline enhancement with slides showing various projects and suitable plants for shorelines. She answered questions and also had plants to give away to members.

Author and member of the MLPOA, Gordon Pitts gave a short update on his work to produce a book on the history of Moira Lake that he hopes to have available in 2016.

Members of the MLPOA executive presented a review of their tour of the Madoc lagoon system and expressed satisfaction on its efficient operation, noting that the staff would be pleased to have anyone take a tour. Questions from members were answered by the executive.

Treasurer Chuck Noble presented the annual budget as published in the newsletter. The 2015-16 budget was accepted on a motion of Andy Sherwin and Kevin McLaughlin.

Joe Kaehler gave the membership report noting that memberships are on a par with last year. He also reported on the Dock Sign project. At a members' cost of \$8.25, there have been 40 signs either ordered or delivered. The cost of signs for members is subsidized by the Association.

Chuck Noble gave the Lake Steward report. Due to the unusually high rainfall in June, a mass email was sent out to members regarding water levels. A few docks had to be

rescued, and favourable responses were received from some members, appreciating the warning. The marker buoys were placed by the third week in May, and all weed cutting permits were received in May. Applications for cutting were up 30% from last year and the first cut was completed by July 28 with a cut done this year between Papoose Island and the shore. The second cut will be done in mid-August. Anyone not on the list who wishes a second cut should contact Sharon Pederson at the Centre Hastings Municipal Office.

Harry Quart reported on the Welcome Kits that the Association has prepared. They have been well received and are distributed by Zone Reps to new owners on Moira Lake. The kits are also available through local real estate offices. These kits supply maps of the Lake and area, where Wi-Fi is available, and other pertinent information like garbage and recycling collection.

Jim Bakker raised the issue of junk being left at garbage/recycling sites. This continuing problem is being addressed. Kevin McLaughlin reported that new signs for bins have been ordered and will be bolted to bins as well as new labels for recycling containers. Members of the MLPOA will assist with installation, if needed. Kevin also noted that blue boxes are available from the Municipal Office.

Centre Hastings Council representative to MLPOA, Eric Sandford, reported on the issue of private lanes and informed the meeting that Road Department and Fire Department officials are currently working on a review of these lanes, and a plan will be forthcoming.

A report was presented regarding the Saturday, Aug. 29 golf tournament at West Highland course. Currently there are about half the numbers filled, and teams can still register.

2015 reports were approved on a motion of Diana Patch and Jim Beatty.

All members of the executive have agreed to let their names stand for re-election. There being no nominations from the floor, current executive members were returned to office.

The Chair called for questions from the floor. Diana Patch raised the issue of the gravel subsidy being reinstated. It appears that there will be no definitive answer until the report on private lanes is issued by the Roads and Fire Departments. Don Berry asked about the status of the Boat Launch Project. Mayor Deline responded and noted that the project was still under the direction of the Kiwanis Club of Madoc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Board of Directors

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Lake Steward

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Private Roads Committee

Kevin McLaughlin – 613-473-5116
Andy Sherwin – 416-726-9525

Zone Representatives

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Harry Quart – 613-473-1176

Weed Harvesting

Chuck Noble – 613-473-3088

Web Site Committee

Andy Sherwin – 416-726-9525
Harry Quart – 613-473-1176

MLPOA/Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament Committee

Dale Noble, Chair. See Poster enclosed.

Important Dates to Remember

MLPOA Annual General Meeting:

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM
Madoc Public Library (Basement)
20 Davidson Street, Madoc
(Next door to the Post Office)

Guest Speaker:
TBA

MLPOA/Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 27, 2016 – 1:00 PM
West Highland Golf Course, Madoc. **Open
to the public.**

See poster in this newsletter for registration
or other details.

Madoc Village Classic Cruise Nights

5PM – 8PM on May 25th, June 8th & 22nd,
July 6th & 20th, August 3rd, 17th and 31st.

Moira Lake Family Day Ice Fishing Derby

Watch for more news about this great winter
event next Family Day, February, 2017.

Bass Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 18th, 2016. Bailey's Resort,
141 Lahey Rd., Madoc. Contact Doug
Phillips 613-473-4119. See poster
enclosed.

MLPOA Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2016

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
		Operating Expenses:	
Membership fees	\$4,500	Liability Insurance	\$2,000
MLPOA/Lions Charity Golf Tournament	\$2,200	Website	\$750
Gravel Matching Program – Note 1	\$5,000	Zone Representative Meeting	\$50
“Moirra Memories” Sales – Note 2	\$4,500	Annual General Meeting	\$100
		Newsletter	\$500
		Buoys (maintenance)	\$150
		Misc. Administration Fees	\$250
		Operations Sub-Total	\$3,800
		Donations:	
		Madoc Chamber of Commerce	\$100
		Bass Tournament	\$200
		Ice Fishing Derby Youth Trophy	\$200
		Madoc Classic Cruise Nights	\$150
		MLPOA/Lions Charity Golf Tournament	\$2,500
		Donations Sub-Total	\$3,150
		Special Projects / Activities	
		Road Gravel Matching Payouts – Note 1	\$5,000
		“Moirra Memories” Book Cost – Note 2	\$5,460
Total Revenue	\$16,200	Lake Improvement Contingency Fund – Note 3	\$2,000
Total Expenses	\$19,410	Special Projects / Activities Sub-Total	\$12,460
Gain / (Loss)	(\$3,210)	Total Expenses	\$19,410

Note 1 - The Centre Hastings Road Gravel Matching Program is subject to approval in the Municipal budget. If approved MLPOA handles administration of the funds, in and out.

Note 2 – The first 150 copies of the book will be made available to MLPOA members at a subsidized cost.

Note 3 - To establish a contingency fund that can be used for various lake improvement projects.

Lake Steward Report - Chuck Noble

This winter brought exceptionally mild temperatures and far less amounts of snow than normal. However, due to high amounts of rainfall in March, Quinte Conservation Authority issued a Flood Warning for the Moira River Water Shed area. The warning has now been downgraded to normal, and the flows for the tributaries that feed the lake are listed as steady or decreasing.



As of the date of printing there were no well warnings in effect for our area. All of this information and more is available online at: [www. quinteconservation.ca](http://www.quinteconservation.ca)

Water Condition & Testing

On Oct 16, 2015 an advisory was issued by Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Public Health Unit stating that harmful levels of blue-green algae had been found in a sample taken at the public beach on Moira Lake. Blue-green algae can be harmful to animal and human health if ingested. It can also cause skin irritation following contact. Remnants of algae cells, which can cause rashes or mucous membrane irritation, or the toxins from a bloom may be present even after the disappearance of a bloom.

This type of bloom normally occurs in late summer and early fall. If the lake reaches what is considered an unsafe level for swimming, notices will be posted at the Kiwanis Beach (boat launch) as well as on our MLPOA web site. An email blast will be immediately sent out to all of our members.

Although this is certainly unsettling it should be noted that this type of occurrence goes back to at least the 1950s, and did occur far more frequently in the past than it is does now. The efforts to clean up the water by different Government Agencies and organizations are paying off, and our water quantity is steadily improving and will continue to do so over the upcoming years.

For a complete explanation and the effects of blue-green algae, please check out the attached web site www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae.

Testing in the Lake is conducted by several government and quasigovernment bodies throughout the year. Early in the spring and late in the fall the municipal sewage lagoons are discharged into Deer Creek and through the Lake. This activity is closely monitored, and the test results show that the levels of contaminants in the discharge are very low and much below the permitted safe levels. Nevertheless, the MLPOA continues to voice concerns that the nutrient value (nitrogen, phosphorous, etc.) in the discharge does promote weed growth in the Lake. Additional information on this can be found in the "Items of Interest" section of this Newsletter.

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Ice Fishing Derby

Due to the extremely mild winter which resulted in unsafe ice conditions, the 2016 Derby had to be cancelled. Plans are currently underway for 2017, and these will be posted on our web site as the details become available.

Buoys

Buoys will be put out as soon as water levels have dropped to the point where the rocks they are marking can be properly located. Boaters are once again reminded that buoys are placed on a “best-efforts” basis by the MLPOA as a guide to known hazards. However, it is the responsibility of boaters to be aware that there may be unmarked rocks or shoals in the Lake, and to govern themselves accordingly.

If you are aware of other areas that you feel should be marked by buoys but haven't been in the past, please advise me or any other Board member.

Fishing Season Reminders

The season opens for Walleye (Pickerel) and Pike the 2nd Saturday in May. Walleye regulations include a slot size limit. Walleye legally kept must be between 40 and 50 centimeters (15.7 to 19.7 inches). Muskie season opens the 1st Saturday in June. To be legally kept, they must be greater than 102 cm (40") in length.

Bass season (Largemouth and Smallmouth) starts the 3rd Saturday in June.

REMEMBER - IT IS ILLEGAL TO ATTEMPT TO CATCH FISH FOR WHICH THE SEASON IS CLOSED, EVEN IF YOU ARE PLANNING A LIVE RELEASE.

Weed Harvesting

A record number of private cuts, around 70, along with all the Municipality (public) cuts, were completed on schedule in 2015. The Municipality areas include the River inlet and outlet, Deer Creek inlet, the culvert running under Highway 62 between Upper and Lower Lake, and the public swimming area at the boat launch. These areas are cut to help increase water flow through the Lake which, in turn, improves water quality.

The program for private shore harvesting will be offered again in 2016. The cuts are scheduled to start in mid-July. Anyone interested in having their private beach areas harvested will find the application form in this Newsletter. Please complete all of the information, and follow all instructions with respect to marking your property. The idea behind the harvesting is to allow private areas to be cleared of weeds for recreational swimming and/or for getting boats out into deeper water without destroying the natural habitat of the aquatic life. Harvesting of private areas must not exceed 100 square yards (about 30' x 30').

We have had some very positive feedback from owners who have taken advantage of this program in the past. The list of properties that are harvested yearly has been steadily growing. The costs for private shore harvesting for 2016 are as follows: \$115.00 for a single cut, \$215.00 for two cuts, and \$315.00 for three cuts. These costs must be paid in advance and no later than July 1st. Please make your cheque payable to “The Municipality of Centre Hastings – Weed Harvesting”. Mail your cheque to: The Municipality of Centre Hastings, 7 Furnace St., Box 900 Madoc, ON, K0K 2K0 Attention: Treasurer.

It is important that you physically identify the property/area you wish harvested, making your Lane Name and 911 # visible from the Lake, thereby allowing the harvester operator access to the correct location. This can be accomplished with either a permanent or temporary sign directing the operator to the area you wish harvested. If you have any submerged water intake lines or pumps, please either temporarily remove them, or mark their locations with a float to avoid having them damaged by the harvester. Please direct any questions to the Centre Hastings Municipal Office at 613-473-4030. Have a great summer and I'll see you out on the water!

Chuck

Items of Interest

“Moira Memories – The Life and Times of a Lake”

As mentioned in our President's Welcome, your Association has partnered with Mr. Gordon Pitts who has written a book about Moira Lake. His book is entitled **“Moira Memories – The Life and Times of a Lake”**. Over the past 2 years, Gordon has met with several current and former Moira Lake property owners and many of their descendants. The book compiles many stories and pictures that chronicle life on the Lake over many years.

About the Book:

The book is called “Moira Memories – The Life and Times of a Lake” and that is precisely what it contains – colourful yarns from the lake, spanning the years from First Nations people who were the original inhabitants through the cottage era to the modern-day residents. This is very personal history about the people who made Moira a special place, from Henry Mitchell, the wise woodsman from the North Shore, to Biff Symon, the obsessive mine builder, and John Weir Foote, the Second World War hero. Full of pictures though the ages.

About the Author:

Gordon Pitts is a journalist and author and is currently a business writer in residence at the DeGroot School of Business at McMaster University in Hamilton. He has been a writer and editor for Canadian newspapers for close to four decades, in addition to writing six books. One of his books, Stampede!, won Canada's national business book award. Pitts is retired after 21 years at the Globe and Mail, most recently as a senior writer in the Report on Business. He was raised at Pitts Landing on Moira Lake and still has a cottage there.

An Excerpt from the Book

Here is just one of the many histories of life on Moira Lake...



Harry McDonald - 1917

Wild about Harry

Harry McDonald was a teenager, not yet 19, when he was shipped overseas in the First World War. He was part of the First Canadian Heavy Battery, and his job on the European battlefields was to help transport the shells forward to the big guns on the front lines. He was constantly loading and unloading shells from heavy wagons drawn by six to eight horses.

One night, as he later told his sons, all hell was breaking loose on the Western Front. The Germans discharged mustard gas at the Canadian soldiers, but the wind suddenly changed and the gas drifted back among the Germans. Taking advantage of the situation, the Canadians advanced. As Harry rode the wagons forward, all he could hear was 'crack, crack, crack' – the sound as the wheels crushed the skulls and bones of the sick and dying Germans across the battlefield.

He rarely talked about that sickening experience – it was only after a few drinks later in his life that his sons learned of that awful night. On all his wartime experiences, he was reticent – an unusual response from happy-go-lucky Harry McDonald. After the war, all he wanted to do was to live happily, and make others happy, which meant he didn't want that bad stuff coming up in conversation.

And he succeeded admirably. In the 1940s through the 1960s, Harry McDonald was the entertainer extraordinaire on Moira Lake. His parties in his big cottage were legendary. They drew people from Toronto, often business relations of Harry, who had become a successful stock broker on Bay Street. Friends came down from Madoc. Other cottagers, bombarded with all that noise from the McDonald compound, decided that if they couldn't lick Harry, they would join him.

Harry made a lot of people happy, and he derived personal joy from owning not just a rambling north-shore cottage on the lower lake, but also buying a long expanse of shoreline on the south side of the lake. Some say Harry just liked to look directly across the lake and not see another cottage – he was master of all he surveyed...

Gordon decided to write this book at this time (2016) marking 140 years of his family being on Moira Lake. He is not interested in making a financial profit in making this book available to all who wish to own it. Your Association has purchased 200 copies of the publication at cost directly from the book's publisher. Beyond that, your Association will subsidize \$10.00 of the cost to our members, making the member price only \$20.00. To limit the total amount of the subsidy, only 150 books will be sold at this MLPOA Member Price. Therefore, order yours as soon as possible.

Order Your Book Today!

Your MLPOA membership gets you a discount off the regular price for this book. The retail price for the book is \$30.00. The MLPOA member price is just \$20.00. But to take advantage of this discount, don't delay. **Only the first 150 books sold to members will qualify for this discount!**

To order, simply contact Harry Quart at 613-473-1176, or e-mail Harry at handkquart@sympatico.ca. Provide your name, a phone # where you can be reached, your Moira Lake address and the number of books you wish to purchase. Harry will contact you to make arrangements for either delivery or pick up. Due to the limit of the subsidy, payment must be made at the time of delivery/pick up.

Centre Hastings Skate Park

Did you know that last year alone, this "Pride" of Centre Hastings attracted over 22,000 visitors? It's a fact, and visitors come from all over – well, the world! Families from across Ontario, many from all other Canadian Provinces, several families from the United States, from several countries in Europe, and even countries as far away as Japan and Australia!

With all of its glory and fame, the Skate Park suffers one major drawback. It fails to meet the current minimum standards for accessibility. A few weeks ago, Mr. Charles Gordon, the Park's Ambassador, attended an MLPOA board meeting. He shared with us the areas of the park that require improvements, and these are significant. They range from paving the parking lot and pathways to reconstructing washrooms to rebuilding picnic tables, etc. The estimated cost for these and other improvements is \$105,000.00, spread over the next 3 years. Charles approached us to see if our Association would consider making a financial donation to this project. Your board members have decided that at the very least, the MLPOA will donate our 50% of the net proceeds from this year's annual Charity Golf Tournament. (See poster in this Newsletter) Further donation(s) will be considered, and this may be a topic for discussion at our Annual General Meeting on August 13th.

Beyond that, we are advising our members that you may wish to make a personal donation to this project. To do so, simply mail your cheque payable to "The Municipality of Centre Hastings – Skate Park Accessibility" to The Municipality of Centre Hastings, 7 Furnace Street, Madoc, ON, K0K 2K0. Receipts for tax purposes will be issued on all amounts \$20.00 and over. As necessary, please make such a request, and include your mailing address.

Wireless Internet for Lake Property Owners

The folks at TekSavvy Solutions Inc. have installed radio antennae on their tower in Madoc. The objective is to enable those of us on the Lake to have wireless internet. The service will be available starting in May. While not finalized, they expect the monthly cost will be \$49.99. The other good news for cottagers is that this fee will apply to only those months you wish to use the service. Additional set-up equipment is required, and they expect that one-time initial cost to be in the area of \$150.00. If interested, contact TekSavvy Solutions at 877-779-1575.

Madoc Wastewater Lagoon System

In the spring of 2015, your board of directors attended an in-depth tour of the Madoc Wastewater Lagoon System. It is managed by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA). To our members who may not be aware, the lagoon system is discharged in the spring and fall of each year. It flows into the south section of Deer Creek before entering the upper lake. We were very impressed with this tour, especially when the officials informed us that during the discharges, the quality of the water in the south of Deer Creek

tested better than the water in Deer Creek north of the discharge area. We commend the officials at OCWA, and congratulate them on the results.

Each year, the OCWA issues a detailed report to the Municipality of Centre Hastings, summarizing their findings. Though very technical in nature, their 2015 report can be found on the Municipality's web site at:

<https://centrehastings.civicweb.net/document/5447/Madoc%20Lagoon%202015%20Annual%20Report.pdf?handle=964A2D953E624694A65FDD1629D08AF6>

If you would like to tour the facility, please contact Councilor Eric Sandford at the Municipal office at 613-473-4030.

Road Gravel Fund-Matching Program – 2016

At time of writing this Newsletter, Municipal Council had not completed their 2016 Budget deliberations. As for the Fund-Matching Program, Councilor Eric Sandford headed an initiative that visited all MLPOA Zone roadways. We are advised he has developed potential funding options that are subject to Council approval. The options would cover materials only, but not just gravel. The decision by Council will be communicated to our members via our Web Site and/or a mass e-mail and/or at our Annual General Meeting on August 13th.

Garbage Bins and Recycling Stations

The recycling stations are for recyclable waste as per directives issued by Quinte Waste Solutions. These directives are included in this Newsletter. They show what to recycle and what not to recycle.

Many of our members have asked us to again remind lake property owners and their guests that **all recycling is to be properly sorted, placed in the blue bins and not left on the ground next to the bins. The garbage bins are for clear bags only, containing household garbage only. 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 either the recycling or garbage bins, it is to be taken to the landfill site (see below).

We are also reminded that the garbage and 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.

Landfill Site

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 (Noon); and Saturdays from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Summary of Centre Hastings Fire By-law 2006-20

During the period from April 1st to October 31st 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

Please note:

- Between October 31st and April 1st of any calendar year, persons who permit any fires to burn out of control shall be responsible for the cost to extinguish the fires.
- If the need arises for the Fire Department to use the services of the MNR water bombers, all watercraft are to be docked.
- Remember to check all your smoke detectors when you return for the summer.

A Member Shares...

Paradise on Moira

Sometime in the future I hope to live year round on Moira Lake. Because I found paradise and it is on Moira. Don't get me wrong; I love the city as well; the lights, the action, the music scene, the parks, biking to work, and the constant events that happen throughout the year. I love my house and my neighbourhood, and I feel lucky to own a home in Toronto. But from a young age, nature has been the place to escape, to let go, to breathe air that doesn't have a taste. My parents were campers and we visited many Provincial parks, and took driving trips to visit natural wonders. Outdoors became a place of freedom and peace. And that is exactly the feeling I get every time I go up (across) to the cottage.

We searched for a cottage for 4 months, mostly checking the MLS website and putting in what we could afford and the area of Ontario. We wanted the impossible; lakefront, secluded-ish and surrounded by nature. Not with a huge price tag. We restricted ourselves to a maximum of 3 hour drive (some of which is just getting out of Toronto). Most of the places we saw were shacks right beside other shacks. We learned that "Waterfront" apparently means many things (a stream on the property, a brackish river and my favourite; a short walk down a cliff to a river that was mostly dry). When I first saw our Pine Point property, I knew it was the one I wanted. The drive in was exactly how I pictured the drive in should be to a cottage; a gravel road that twists and turns and seems to go on forever. It had been listed for some time, and I wondered why it had not been sold. I was thankful that it had not. We bought it.

The first time we spent any time at the cottage confirmed that it was the right choice. I watched a snake eat a frog and a heron eat a snake and told my partner that, yes, this was paradise. I found peace in the quiet sounds of the lake. I saw fireflies, which I had not seen since I was a kid. I saw so many stars. Since that time I have seen wonders of the world, and I cannot wait for the summer to spend every second I can up at the lake. And a big shout out to the neighbours, who have been and continue to be so generous and helpful. I got stuck in the ice more than once and they helped get me out. I had a tree almost fall on my cottage and my neighbours took it down for me. I have been driven into my cottage on a 4 by 4. The permanent residents all help each other and are a great bunch of folks. I have found paradise and it is on Moira.

Patrick Shaw

Patrick's cottage is located in Zone 8 where he is the Zone Representative. Thanks Patrick!

Cottage Humour

TEXT MESSAGE:

Hi Bill,

This is Alan next door to your cottage. I'm sorry buddy, but I have a confession to make to you. I've been riddled with guilt since the beginning of this summer, and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing. The truth is, I have been sharing your wife, day and night, when you've been in the city and not at your cottage. In fact, probably more than you. I haven't been getting it here recently, but that's no excuse I know. The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt, and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. I promise that it won't happen again. Please come up with a fee for usage, and I'll pay you.

Regards, Alan

Bill, feeling insulted and betrayed, left the city, went to his cottage, grabbed his gun, and shot his neighbour dead. He returned to his cottage where he poured himself a stiff drink, and sat down on the sofa. He took out his phone where he saw he has a subsequent message from his neighbour.

THE SECOND TEXT MESSAGE:

Hi Bill,

This is Alan next door again. Sorry about the slight typo on my last text. I know you'll figure it out anyway, but I'm sure you noticed that my auto correct changed 'Wi-Fi' To 'Wife'. Technology hey?!? Hope you saw the funny side of that.

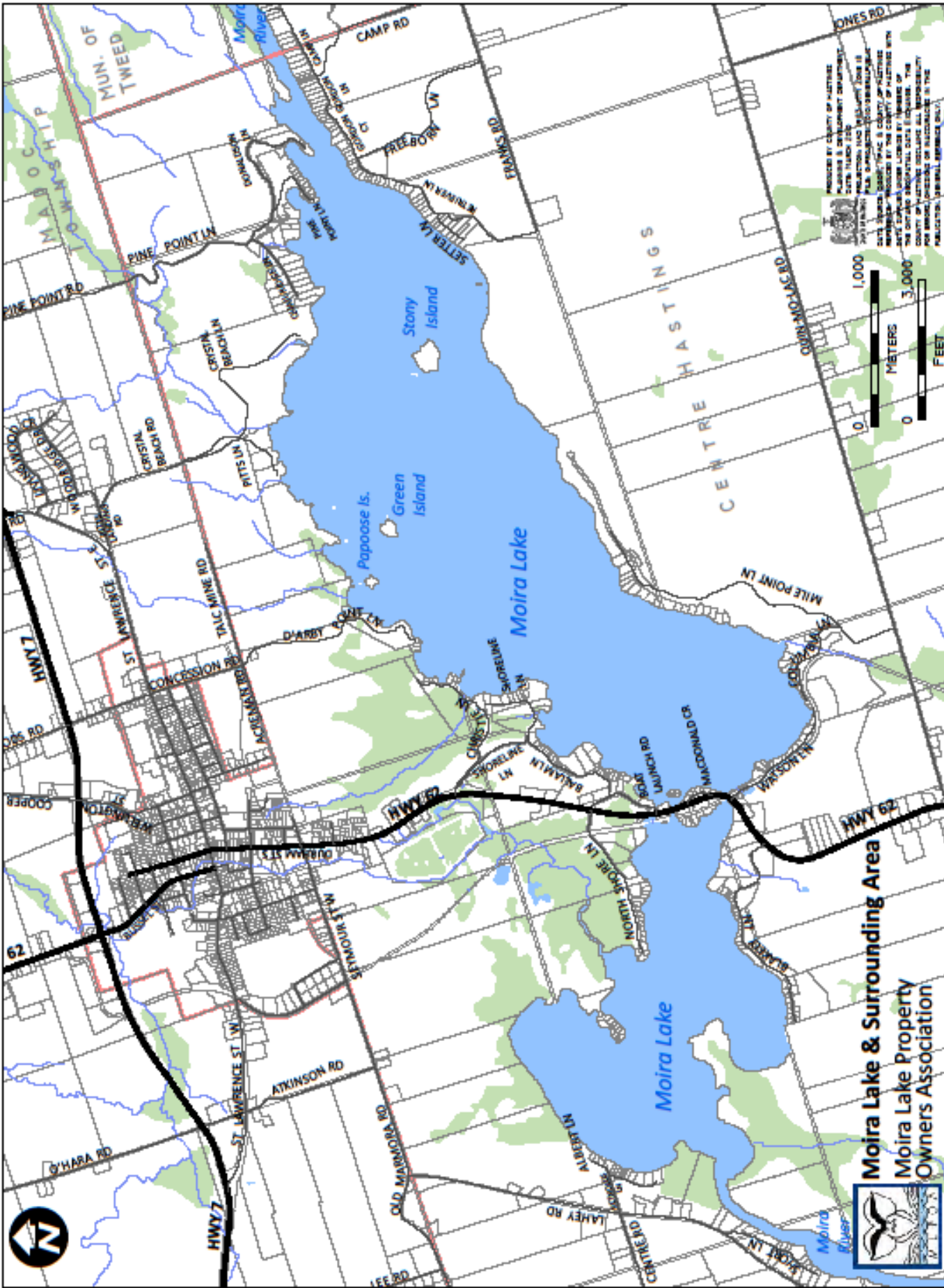
Regards, Alan



Zones and Zone Representatives

The MLPOA is divided into zones around the lake. Each Zone elects one individual to represent the Zone's interests on the MLPOA. Members are encouraged to escalate all Moira Lake related issues and concerns to the MLPOA via their respective Zone Rep.

Zone #	Zone Roads	Zone Rep	Contact Info
Zone 1A	Blakely Lane	Bruce McNevin 118 Blakely Lane	H: 613-473-4628
Zone 1B	Blakely Lane	Bruce McNevin 118 Blakely Lane	H: 613-473-4628
Zone 2	Highway 62	John McLaren 13273-H Hwy #62	H: 613-473-1506
Zone 3	MacDonald Crescent	John McLaren 13273-H Hwy #62	H: 613-473-1506
Zone 4	Watson Lane	Marty Webster 73 Watson Lane	H: 613-473-5646 C: 613-243-0772
Zone 5	Columbia Lane, Mile Point Lane	Brian Smith 365 Mile Point Lane	H: 613-473-5057
Zone 6A	Setter Lane, Retriever Lane	Andy Sherwin 18 Setter Lane	H: 613-473-5609 C: 416-726-9525
Zone 6B	Freeborn Lane, Gordon Court	Margaret Martin 51 Gordon Court	H: 416-239-0881
Zone 7	Gordon Lane, Camp Lane	Kathy Quart 95 Camp Lane	H: 613-473-1176
Zone 8	Pine Point Lane, Donaldson Lane, Quail Ridge Lane	Patrick Shaw 559C Pine Point Lane	H: 416-305-6744
Zone 9	D'Arby Point Lane	Marty Lamoureux 195 Darby Point Lane	416) 562-5841 mjlamoureux@yahoo.com
Zone 10A	Shoreline Lane	Brian Mayes 204 Shoreline Lane	C: 613-473-2493 H: 613-962-3120
Zone 10B1	Ballam Lane	Dianna Patch 148 Shoreline Lane	H: 613-473-0424
Zone 10B2	Ballam Lane, Boat Launch Road	Kathryn Atkinson 26 C Ballam Lane	H: 905-855-8283 C: 416-795-5935
Zone 10C	Christie Lane	Lois Brown 134 Christie Lane	H: 613-961-1547
Zone 11	North Shore Lane	(Temp) Joe Kaehler 393 Mile Point Lane	613-661-7601
Zone 12A	Reynolds Lane, Albert Lane	Myra Chase 89 Reynolds Lane	H: 613-473-0600
Zone 12B	Short Lane, Lahey Road	Sean Kirby 116 Short Lane	C: 613-473-9910 H: 905-620-0789



Moira Lake & Surrounding Area
Moira Lake Property
Owners Association



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*MLPOA / Madoc Lions Club Annual Charity 6 Pack
Golf Tournament*

**SUPPORTING THE CENTRE HASTINGS PARK'S HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY
UPGRADES**

All levels of Golfers Welcome



**WEST HIGHLAND GOLF COURSE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th,
2016 CHECK-IN TIME 1:00 PM TEE-OFF TIME 2:00 PM**

12 HOLES - Includes Steak Dinner - \$55.00 per golfer. Dinner Only - \$25.00 ea.

Reserve your own golf cart through the golf course. 613-473-3880

**To REGISTER AS A FULL TEAM OF 6, A PARTIAL TEAM, OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE PLACED ON A
TEAM.**, Please supply the information below to Dale Noble – Phone 613- 473-3088 or e-mail to
dalegallagher@hotmail.com and send your cheque by **August 8th** to Dale Noble – PO Box 297, Madoc, On. K0K
2K0

Note: Limited to the first 72 registered and paid golfers.

Please make cheques payable to “MLPOA GOLF TOURNAMENT”

TEAM: CAPTAIN _____ NO. OF PLAYERS (6 max per team) ____ NAMES OF PLAYERS

FOR GOLF & DINNER _____ # FOR DINNER ONLY _____

***Feeling Charitable? Why not bring along a prize? Let's see if, through our silent auction,
we can raise even more \$ for this fantastic park.***



2016 Weed Harvesting Application Moira Lake

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

“911” address (for weed cutting): _____

Phone number (where the operator can contact you during the day, if needed): _____

Rates **\$115.00 (Single Cut)** **\$215.00 (2 Cuts)** **\$315.00 (3 Cuts)**

Arrangements must be made with the Municipal Office by July 1st. You can call Sharon at the municipal office at 613-473-4030. The Centre Hastings municipal office is located at P.O. Box 900, 7 Furnace St., Madoc, ON, K0K 2K0.

Other Requirements:

- A map/diagram of the area to be harvested is mandatory (i.e. East side of dock, in front of cottage, etc.). Last year’s operator may not be this year’s operator. Mark any underwater pumps or pipes clearly with floating markers.
- 911 numbers must be displayed on the dock or beach area to be cut.
- Please make your cheque payable to “Municipality of Centre Hastings-Weed Harvesting”.

The first harvest is scheduled for the last two weeks in July. The second harvest is scheduled for the last two weeks in August. The third harvest is scheduled for the last two weeks in September. Dates are approximate depending on availability of the harvester.

Additional information/instructions:

If you are a New Member or your information has changed, please complete this form as soon as possible, and return it to your Zone Representative, or mail it to: JOE KAEHLER, 393 Mile Point Lane, Centre Hastings, ON, K0K 2K0.

MLPOA MEMBER INFORMATION 2016

Name: _____

Lake Property Address (911 number & Lane or Road): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Lakeside Phone # : _____ Other Phone #: _____

E-MAIL Address _____

(Important for member communication)

Permanent residents () Seasonal residents () Zone # _____

PLEASE NOTE:

I agree the MLPOA may share the above contact information with the Centre Hastings Fire Department and Emergency Services personnel for use in an emergency.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I wish to become more involved with the MLPOA. Please contact me. ()