



Muldrew Lakes Cottagers Survey 2018





Demographics Information :

Age		
Up to age 18	0	
19-24	4	3%
25-30	7	5%
31-40	20	15%
41-54	19	14%
55-65	58	44%
66 or over	24	18%
TOTAL	132	100%

When They Use Their Cottage		
Year round	23	17%
Summer	95	72%
Winter	0	0%
Spring	2	2%
Fall	1	1%
Weekends	11	8%
Weekdays	0	0%
TOTAL	132	100%

How long they've been on Muldreu		
Two years or less	4	3%
3 - 5 years	6	5%
6 -10 years	13	10%
11 - 20 years	7	5%
More than 20 years	101	77%
TOTAL	131	100%

Cottage Access		
Water access from Indian Landing	19	15%
Water access from Peck's Landing	7	5%
Water access from private landing	5	4%
Public Road (maintained by the town)	39	30%
Private road (please provide the name of your road below)	61	47%
TOTAL	131	100%

- 91% of respondents were 31 years or older
- 72% are summer users of the lake
- 77% have been (or family have been) on the lake over 20 years
- 20% of respondents are water access
- Ages 22-64 make up the largest age group on the lake at 45% while the under 10yr group represents 22% and over 65yrs represents 18%



What Brings Enjoyment?

- While 49% of respondents felt boating was important to them, only 22% felt Water Skiing was important, only 22% felt Tubing was important and only 13% felt Wakeboarding was important and 74% felt Driving a PWC was not important at all
- Swimming, Reading, Canoeing/Kayaking and Socializing with private guests seem to be the most valued activities with at least 85% or more of respondents telling us these are important activities to them
- Hiking, Walking, quiet contemplation or listening to the sounds of nature all ranked high on the list as well with 82-83% of respondents telling us these things are important
- In other activities noted in open ended responses, Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) came up repeatedly in 33% of the answers

“Boating is only important insofar as we can boat from Indian Landing to the cottage”

“A gathering place for family occasions”

“Family time, cooking/baking, time away from work and screens”

“Would like to walk more but it's difficult without a road”

“Maintaining the shoreline in natural state”

“Stargazing”

“Writing”



Community Events:

- 57% of respondents are only interested in events in Muskoka during the summer
- 61% would be interested in a live auction held at Memorial Pines of cottage items (new, used or antique) to raise money for repairs to the site and 50% would be interested in a drive-around lake garage sale on people's docks
- 59% would be interested in learning opportunities for children such as a nature or eco camp and 51% would be interested in learning opportunities for adults such as educational workshops, guest lecturers, etc
- 55% would be interested in a Wine and Cheese event
- Of the seasonal events proposed 27% (35 people) would be interested in a Muldreu Lake golf tournament and 17% (22 people) would be interested in a Muldreu Lake Curling bonspiel
- 63% are interested in seeing a BioBlitz happen even if they can't participate while 45% would like to participate in a BioBlitz



Future Lake Plan:

- 90% of respondents agree or strongly agree with commencing a lake planning process
- 67% (85 people) would be interested in participating in the process by attending community meetings, returning surveys, etc.
- 27 people would be interested in volunteering to sit on a steering or other planning committee, etc



Communication:

- Muldreu Lake is My Second Home is the Facebook page of choice with 75% of respondents using this page for information while only 23% of respondents use the Muldreu Lake FB page and 23% do not use FB at all
- 72% of respondents visit www.muldreulakes.ca at some point during the year
- 80% of respondents wish to receive lake communication through e-mail while 18% through the website www.muldreulakes.ca and only two respondents would like a hard copy



Use of MLCA Funds:

- 94% agree strongly agree MLCA funds should be used for environmental protection (water quality and shoreline protection)
- 92% agree or strongly agree MLCA funds should be used for maintenance of the MLCA properties (north and south lake landings, memorial pines etc.)
- 84% agree or strongly agree MLCA funds should be used for community events such as regattas, fireworks, church services and other community activities.
- 73% agree or strongly agree MLCA funds should be used for Boating Safety activities (education)
- 63% MLCA funds should be used for appealing planning applications on individual properties and dwellings where appropriate.
- Only 40% agree and 33% disagree MLCA funds should be used for Cottage fall and winter inspections



MLCA Membership:

- 82% of respondents are MLCA Members while an additional 10% noted they are not members because someone else in their family is

“I used to be for several years, but I don't like the direction it has taken of late, getting too political, and trying to set forth its own plans for the lake as opposed to higher up governing plans”

“It's of no value to me personally. MLCA is a feel good organization with very little power”

“Already getting fleeced by Fish Hook Lane Cottagers Association”

“The MLCA took us to the OMB Board”

“Served on board 10 yrs too political”

“Usually I sign up but missed it this year”

“I didn't know about it”

“I wasn't sure how to become one”



MLCA Membership:

Tell us what you most value from your membership

Sense of Community and or Community Events

24%

Lake Quality, Stewardship, Environmental Concern

23%

Communication

Regatta

Landings

Fireworks

Dock Drops

Property Maintenance

Church

15%

11%

9%

7%

5%

5%

3%

“Knowing there is an association present go to with issues of all kinds. Regatta is a valued tradition too”

“I like to be kept up to date on local government issues that might affect development on the lake or nearby. Taking care of the lake is important but so is gently educating cottagers on certain topics is helpful. I support all of the community events and maintenance”

“Contributing to sustainability and representation of cottages concerns to governments at the various levels. Especially Gravenhurst”



MLCA Membership:

What additional value you would like to see from your membership?

Want stronger stewardship and environmental focus

24%

Want improvements in boating habits, safety, education, markings and speeds on the lake

14%

“More influence on lake use management, e.g. boating issues, shoreline management”

“Servicing south Muldreu Lake road. Garbage monitoring on road to pecks landing”

“Efforts to reduce theft at Indian Landing. Perhaps limit dock access to cottagers”

“More events for children - none of mine are eligible but a science camp that complimented the canoe lessons would be great”

quiet on the lake..reduction of wakes in narrows and reduced music from boats and other cottages

“Boating education and safety”

Any activity to reduce boater speed & wake in channels

“More events for younger kids”

“More social opportunities”

Want more social events and interaction on the lake

24%

Want better or more frequent communication on what’s happening on the lake and in the area

11%