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## 2021 Spring Newsletter

### Message from the President

Spring has sprung and it could not come at a better time. The Leafs are for real, the Blue Jays look like a winner this year and best of all summer at Muldrew is just around the corner. It is hard to believe that one year ago we were shutting down everything not knowing what was in store for us. Fast forward one year and we are still in the Red Zone, the good news is that there is hope coming and with that hope we are going to move ahead with planning a full event calendar this summer. We will be following the guidelines set by the Province and our local health unit to determine the fate of each event.

We are close to wrapping up the first stage of the Lake Plan. Specifically, EcoVue our consulting partner on the project will be submitting their report on the feasibility and scoping component for developing lake-specific land use policy. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. Once the report is published this spring and up on the web there will be another opportunity for community feedback. If you have not already visited the web page here is the link to the Lake Plan Home Page along with a link with more information on Crown Land and Recreational Carrying Capacity.

<https://mlc3a.wildapricot.org/page-1862374>  
<https://mlc3a.wildapricot.org/Lake-Plan-Resource-Page>

Last year we initiated a Membership Drive. It was a tough year to kick it off and are asking for your help this year. If you know of any new cottagers or existing cottages that are not members but show interest, please let us know who they are, and we will give them a welcome package from the MLCA. We will have a Muldrew Lake Coffee Mug from Muksoka&Co for your assistance. You can email or call me with the referral, and I will personally deliver your mug. [president@muldrewlakes.ca](mailto:president@muldrewlakes.ca) or 416-464-0470.

2020 was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the MLCA. We had planned to have a celebration at Memorial Pines last summer, but we are going to have it this summer. Watch for an announcement and come out and join your us on July 17<sup>th</sup> for the celebration.

The MLCA is driven by volunteers that I am proud to be one of. If you are interested in joining the board or simply want to volunteer some time for something you are passionate about, please let me know. High School Community Service Hours can be earned for all events. If you have any ideas or issues that you feel need to be addressed by the MLCA, I can be reached at [president@muldrewlakes.ca](mailto:president@muldrewlakes.ca) or 416-464-0470.  
See you at the lake,

Tim Luke

## MLCA Board Members for 2021

Tim Luke – President	Ted Alley - Vice-President	Barb Vandevalk – Secretary
Kate Hyland – Treasurer	Janet Kincaid – Past-President	Nancy Thornhill – Lake Steward
Sarah Bale – Lake Plan	Ted Nixon – Safe Boating	Wendy Campbell – Events Coordinator
Jessica Roher – Legal	Brent Coward – Communications and Website	

## Calendar of Events for 2021

- \* Dock Drop Delivery June 26
- \*Canoe Canada Day – July 1
- \*Memorial Pines Worship Services July 4 – Aug 29
- \*Canada Day Fireworks – July 3
- \*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - July 17
- \*Canoe Lessons - July 19-23
- \*Swim and Canoe Regatta - July 24
- \*Bugs in the Mud South Lake July 6 North Middle – July 26
- \*Nature Walk – July 31
- \*Sailing Regatta – August 7
- \*MLCA AGM– August 14

## Membership Renewal

Please, when you renew your membership, take the time to update your contact information.

To renew your membership please go to the website and log in then click on your name near the top of the page where you can edit your profile if your information has changed and then hit the renew until June 2022. [Muldrew Lakes Cottagers' Association - Home \(wildapricot.org\)](http://MuldrewLakesCottagersAssociation.com)

If you are joining for the first time or do not have a profile set up you can use the following link <https://mlc3a.wildapricot.org/join>

If you prefer to mail a cheque please use the last page of the newsletter to print out your membership information.

## Spring Road Conditions

It is that time of year again when the frost is coming out of the roads and the softer cottage roads get effected. Jo Morphy our Councillor has asked that we report any problems via the following on-line portal at the Town of Gravenhurst website. Pictures can be uploaded as well on the site.

<https://forms.gravenhurst.ca/Report-a-Problem>

You can also call the Town office at 705-687-3412 ext. 256

During the annual spring thaw period, typically early March to late May, District of Muskoka municipalities place 'half-load' or 'reduced/seasonal load' restrictions on the majority of its roadways. **The Town of Gravenhurst announces that it will lift the half load restrictions effective 12:01 am on Friday May 8, 2021.**

## Spring Water Levels

Muldrew Lakes water levels are monitored and controlled by the MNRF. With the warming spring temperatures combined with winter snowpack, high water levels in lakes and rivers are possible. Town officials would like to remind the public that Mother Nature is in firm control and local high water is most often a result of

heavy precipitation combined with the winter snowpack. Your board will work closely with the MNRF to stay on top of the water levels.

## **Electricity Rate Hike**

There has been a great deal of publicity on the Hydro One Rate increases. The good news is that we are all with Elexicon and they are not planning on any rate hikes anytime soon. Here is the information we have for you from Elexicon thanks to Janet Kincaid working with our Councillor Jo Morphy.

*I'm told the elimination of the seasonal rate class only affects Hydro One customers. Elexicon Energy will continue to have a season rate class for the foreseeable future. Our next opportunity to re-evaluate this class would be in our next rebasing, which may not be until 2029.*

*Kind regards,  
Chris Mace  
Corporate Communications Representative  
55 Taunton Road East  
Ajax, ON L1T 3V3*

## **Memorial Pines Worship Services**

If you are interested in arranging a service, please contact Esther Ewing at [ewingchange@gmail.com](mailto:ewingchange@gmail.com).

## **Silent Auction 2021**

We will continue the tradition this year in support of the Lake Plan and Gravenhurst against Poverty. We really do appreciate the donors for this event and are always interested in unique items to auction off. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Wendy Campbell at [wcampbell@feldmandaxon.com](mailto:wcampbell@feldmandaxon.com)

## **Invasive Species**

As part of our Water Quality Program, we are going to be educating and monitoring for invasive species this summer. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist our Lake Steward Nancy Thornhill with this task. If you are interested in joining the team, please let us know at [nancy@outlawathics.org](mailto:nancy@outlawathics.org)

## **Water Quality**

There are a number of ways that we monitor the quality of the water in Muldrew Lakes. Water sampling and Benthic Monitoring are 2 keyways we measure quality. The results can be found on the website at <http://muldrewlakes.ca/page-1793824> Special thanks to Eric Steeves and Jane Gunther who have been doing the water sampling for many years! The Benthic Monitoring is a chance for everyone to take part in the process. Joanne Twist hosts the Upper Middle Lake later in the summer and Tim Luke hosts the South Lake on July 6th this year. Come learn about all the "Bugs in the Mud".

## **Dock Drop**

If you have information you wish to include in the dock drop please contact [secretary@muldrewlakes.ca](mailto:secretary@muldrewlakes.ca) with requests prior to May 30, 2021.

## **Muldrew Lake Maps – in full colour and suitable for framing or plaquing**

Maps can be bought through the website or by emailing the secretary at [secretary@muldrewlakes.ca](mailto:secretary@muldrewlakes.ca). The maps are \$10 each or \$20 if you want it mailed to you.

## Muldrew Lake Archives and History

The MLCA Archives holds all kinds of treasures: photos; maps; deeds; stories and recollections; newspaper clippings; old post cards; correspondence; agendas and minutes from Directors' and Annual General Meetings; the Constitution; Dock Drops and newsletters; a copy of Sylvan Ontario by W.H. Muldrew; MLCA history books, etc.

We are always looking to add to our collection and wouldn't it be cool to have you family's history in the next Muldrew Lakes History Book!! If you have anything to contribute, please contact Barbara Vandevalk, [secretary@muldrewlakes.ca](mailto:secretary@muldrewlakes.ca)

## Total Fire Ban

A total outdoor fire ban is in effect in the Town of Gravenhurst which means that no fires of any type are permitted, including fires for cooking and/or warmth. **"The Gravenhurst By-Law Division** is enforcing the total fire ban with a zero-tolerance policy on complaint basis with charges and fines ranging between **\$200.00 to \$350.00 per offence,**" said Dustin Gronc, Manager of By-Law Services.

Persons who witness violations of the ban have several options. If the fire is not a safety hazard and emergency services are not required, residents and visitors are advised to report their concerns to the By-law department at **705-687-3412 ext. 241** or **Online** by visiting [www.gravenhurst.ca/reportit](http://www.gravenhurst.ca/reportit) . Please make sure to provide the exact address of the property, time of the offence, and provide call back information, which is confidential. Officers will investigate and follow up with concerns.

If a fire is out of control and poses a real threat to life, safety, or property, please phone 9-1-1 and the fire department will respond. "If the fire department has to respond to an incident involving open air burning, Town policy is to invoice the property owner for all associated costs," said Breyan Sinnott, Fire Prevention Officer. "Costs are billed out at an hourly rate per truck plus staff costs. If multiple trucks are needed, these costs can easily be in the thousands of dollars, so we're encouraging people not to tempt fate," she added.

The fire ban will be in place until further notice. Yard debris gathered as part of spring clean-up should be taken to the local landfill site. The community's cooperation and understanding is appreciated as the Town of Gravenhurst takes the necessary precautions to keep our community safe.

Information on the most current fire conditions, including if the fire ban has been lifted, can be found Online at [www.Gravenhurst.ca/fire](http://www.Gravenhurst.ca/fire) or by calling 705-687-3414

## Gravenhurst Against Poverty (GAP)

GAP is an inclusive, open, and transparent grassroots organization, with the goal of reducing poverty within the greater Gravenhurst community. The MLCA is a supporter and a number of our members are volunteers at GAP. You can go to the website where you will find information about the programs they offer, how to access the programs, the history, the organizations who support GAP and how to get involved should you wish to volunteer. <https://www.gravenhurstagainstopoverty.com/>

# REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

(If you have any questions or wish to withdraw your membership please contact the secretary)

## Please mail completed forms to:

MULDREW LAKES COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 659  
Gravenhurst, Ontario P1P 1T9

www.muldrewlakes.ca  
secretary@muldrewlakes.ca

**Please complete the following information and sign below** (if nothing has changed since last year just print your cottage number and name, and sign the privacy agreement.)

Cottage Number and Road/Island: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home** Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Off Season Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Off Season Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Amount
<b>Membership Fee - \$65</b>	
<b>Suggested Minimum Additional Contributions</b>	
Canada Day Fireworks - \$40	
North Lake Landing User Fee - \$35	
Boat Launching at South Lake Landing User Fee - \$35	
Memorial Pines - \$25	
Lake Plan Fund – Bronze \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$100	
Additional Support - \$25, \$50, or an amount of your choosing	
<b>Total Paid</b>	

## Privacy & the MLCA

Personal Information Collected by the MLCA: **Name, Address (including e-mail), Telephone Numbers**

The Muldrew Lakes Cottagers Association (MLCA) protects the privacy of its members by maintaining personal information in the strictest confidence. MLCA does not share members' information with any other organizations with the exception of any Governmental Organizations and Authorities (fire, police, ambulance, hospital, etc.), if required to do so, as well as MLCA advisors and representatives, when necessary. MLCA collects, uses and discloses personal information only for those purposes necessary to administer membership and for related MLCA activities and in accordance with The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (January 1, 2004). The information includes, but is not limited to: Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers, Email, Fees paid and Date, Property Roll numbers, Donations. Collection of this information allows MLCA to establish and maintain communications with members, identify members, and respond to their inquiries. MLCA has reviewed its procedures to ensure that access to membership information is restricted only to the executive and Directors and that all information is returned upon their leaving the Board.

MLCA members have the right to access and amend their own personal information and to withdraw consent to the collection, use or disclosure of personal information. In accordance with the Act, the MLCA Secretary as Privacy Officer will ensure that we comply with all aspects of the legislation and continue to uphold all of the principles for protecting members' personal information.

Questions and concerns should be directed to MLCA's Secretary at the above address or by e-mail (see above).  
I/we consent to having this information collected by the MLCA on my/our behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)