



MLCA Early Spring 2022 Newsletter

Greetings to all,

With our first thunderstorm of the year already behind us and strong sun, the snow is melting fast, and it won't be long before we all think about spending more time at Muldrew. Without trying to tempt fate, it looks like life is returning to normal with the repealing of Covid protocols. As with the previous 2 years, MLCA will follow Provincial and local Health Unit guidance but, right now, it looks like we could have a normal summer.

Throughout the winter months, work has continued on the update of the Lake Plan for the Muldrew community. We anticipate a draft document to be ready in a few months in preparation for submission to the Town of Gravenhurst. More information on the Lake Plan update will be release to the members in the coming weeks.

Dedicated email addresses

The MLCA has expanded our MLCA-dedicated email addresses, allowing members to reach out to our department heads directly. Below is the list of your Board Members and their contact details.

Position	Name	Email Address
President	Ted Alley	president@muldrewlakes.ca
Vice President	John Goshulak	vicepresident@muldrewlakes.ca
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Membership Committee	Deb Marcellus	membership@muldrewlakes.ca
Property Maintenance	John Aitken	info@muldrewlakes.ca
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Legal Counsel	Jessica Roher	info@muldrewlakes.ca
Community Events/Auction	Wendy Campbell	events@muldrewlakes.ca

Cottage Opening

As you prepare to resume your visits to the lake, be aware that FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, has prepared a smart list of opening tips for cottagers to keep in mind. See the complete list at <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-opening-tips/>

Boating Safety and Water Levels

Many of us are keen to launch our boats as soon as the ice is out. Please be mindful the water level will be high, and large wakes combined with high water levels:

- Can be devastating on docks that may not yet be secured for the summer.
- Can wash away nests and eggs for loons, ducks, and other shore birds.

How to minimize your wake - **< 9km/h or Bow Down**

1. Manage your speed – drive at either:
 - a) Less than 9km/hr, or
 - b) “Bow Down” on plane
 - As you start to accelerate, the bow rises, and the wake size increases.
 - Accelerate more and the bow comes down – as the bow comes down, the wake size decreases (but is still bigger than when < 9km/hr)
2. Make your boat lighter
 - Fill the gas tank only ¼-½ full
 - Keep ballast tanks empty

Interesting fact

If a wave doubles in height, the destructive wave energy is increased 4 times.

Muldrew Lakes water levels are monitored and controlled by the MNRF. While Mother Nature is in firm control of the spring rains and snow melt, your Board will work closely with the MNRF to stay on top of the water levels.

LDD Moth (formerly Gypsy Moth) Invasive Species

For those property owners who missed the deadline to book an aerial spray of their property to control the population of LDD Moths, there is still a moth-control option available. **Before the trees leaf-out**, property owners can go on a search and destroy mission for moth egg masses.

- See the Youtube video here for guidance what to look for and how to harvest and destroy the eggs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5gn-zG9JYw>

Water Quality Testing

Public Health Ontario provides a free service to get your drinking water tested. You can pick up test bottles at the rear of the Gravenhurst Town Office and return them to the same location.

Town of Gravenhurst

The municipal offices, public library, opera house and the Centennial Centre, all run by the Town of Gravenhurst are now open to the public. Masking and other Covid prevention protocols are still in place and will follow provincial guidelines.

Muldrew straddles both Ward 2 and 3. Ward 2 includes all of North Muldrew and the NW shore of Middle Muldrew. Ward 3 includes all of South Muldrew and the SE shore of Middle Muldrew. Your Councillors are as follows.

- Jo Morphy (705-479-8927) is the Councillor for Ward 2
- Steven Klinck (705-305-9282) is the Councillor for Ward 3

Municipal Elections

We are scheduled to have a municipal election on Monday October 24, 2022. Note that property owners and tenants are permitted to vote in the election, and you are encouraged to voice your opinion on election day - but you can't vote unless you are on the list. Check to make sure you are on the voters list at www.voterlookup.ca.

Spring Road Conditions / Weight Limits

A reminder that between mid-March and early May, the Town of Gravenhurst puts a weight restriction of 5 tonnes per axle on the roads under its jurisdiction. Please make sure any delivery service is aware of these limits. See the Town's web page for updates:

<https://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/services-and-info/reduced-load-period.aspx>

If you see a problem or giant pot-hole, let the Town know by accessing their website at

<https://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/services-and-info/report-a-problem.aspx#Report-It-Online>

Bequeath a Gift to MLCA

The MLCA owns and maintains a total of 15 docks around the lake, each which requires annual maintenance and at some point, replacement. MLCA is preparing a Capital Assets Budget to address the eventual dock replacement in 15-20 years, which we anticipate will cost approximately \$80-100,000 (today's dollars). We are starting now to collect funds for this eventuality and so would like to ask cottagers to consider, as part of your will, to bequeath a small gift to the MLCA to help us reach our goal for the dock replacement fund.

Looking for Donations

MLCA is looking for donations of any left-over building materials you may have:

1. Pressure Treated Lumber for our routine dock maintenance - looking for 2x6 or 2x8 (min 6 feet)
2. Shingles to re-roof the MLCA boathouse
3. We are also looking for high school students looking to earn community service hours to help with repairs the MLCA docks and boathouse. And they can learn simple construction skills along the way.

If you are able to contribute any of the above material, please contact me at

president@muldrewlakes.ca to arrange pick-up or coordinate volunteers.

There is much work to be done to make a the MLCA run well, and this can only be done with the help from volunteers. If you are interested in joining our fun group on the Board to give back to the Lake community, please contact Tim Luke, Chair of our Nominating Committee, at 416-464-0470

On behalf of the MLCA Board, I wish you all a healthy and safe year at the lake.

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