



# MLCA Lake Plan Survey

## Survey Highlights

- 188 people responded to the survey
  - 94% of respondents were property owners or partial owners
  - 6% were family members of property owners

### Lake Planning Process

- **97%** of respondents believe that residents and stakeholders on the Muldre Lakes **should take an active role** in protecting and identifying future directions for the lakes in the form of a lake management plan.
- **88%** of respondents feel they would **benefit from additional resources or workshops** focusing on developing a more general understanding of land use planning.
- **73%** of respondents say they **would participate** in an online or in-person workshop in the next step of the lake planning process.

### Priority Issues and Vision

- **Cottage Lot Development** (setback, scale and massing), **Cottage Development Density**, and **Recreational Boating** ranked as the **top three concerns** of respondents
- **72%** of respondents report that **boat traffic is increasing**
  - In terms of recreational boating, the top three concerns were **reducing boat speeds**, **reducing the wash/wakes** generated by boats, and overall boating **safety**.





- Concerns regarding wash/wakes were associated with damage to personal property (e.g. docks) and shoreline habitat
- In terms of **environmental conservation**, all the listed issues were important to respondents. The top three included 1) **Water Quality**; 2) **The Natural Beauty of the Area**; and 3) **The Natural Shoreline**.
  - Several respondents listed their own issues related to environmental conservation which included:
    - **fire prevention education**;
    - **native species**; and
    - reducing the impacts of **Canada Geese and Cormorants**.
- In the open-ended question pertaining to peoples' values, most cottagers discussed valuing the **natural environment** and **privacy**, as well as the **peacefulness** and **tranquility** of the lake.
- Swimming, Hiking/Walking, Canoeing, Kayaking, Socializing, Stargazing and Reading ranked as the most popular activities among those who responded to the survey

### Possible Policy Solutions and Stewardship Actions

- **80%** of respondents **would support** a Muldrew-specific by-law to **prohibit noisy activities** before 8 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends and statutory holidays
- **70%** of respondents **would support** a Muldrew-specific by-law restricting the **size of rebuilds, extensions and or enlargements within the 30 metre setback** (for existing non-complying structures)
- **54%** of respondents **would support** Muldrew-specific design guidelines with respect to architectural details and landscape elements to preserve the character of the shoreline environment





- An **additional 27%** would consider supporting design guidelines after further discussion
- 18% of respondents do not support Muldre-specific design guidelines
- **90%** of respondents would support exploring a Muldre-specific policy regarding the “social” or “recreational” carrying capacity of the lake.
- **73%** of respondents would support a Muldre-specific policy limiting the size of new cottages (as well as enlargements and extensions on existing cottages).
- **142 responses** were received with suggestions of how to define “modest” and “reasonable” development on the lake. Most responses suggested limiting square footage to something in the range of **2,500 to 3,500 square feet** for a main building. All suggestions will be summarized and presented during future engagement for further discussion.
- **79%** of respondents would support restrictions or a ban on wake surfing activities
- **43 responses** were received regarding suggested areas to be included in environmental features mapping (including sensitive habitat and nesting areas). These will be reviewed in detail and **included in a map in EcoVue’s report**.
- Several suggestions were received from respondents regarding **historic properties** on the lake. This topic will be discussed further during future engagement activities.
- **147 responses** were received describing the **visual character** of the Muldre Lakes. These statements will be synthesized and a draft vision statement will be presented during future engagement and in EcoVue’s final report.





- **132 suggestions of special places which should be protected** on the Muldrewe Lakes were received. These will be reviewed and presented at future engagement sessions and in EcoVue's final report.
- **58%** of respondents **would support** the MLCA in acquiring lands or interests in land for permanent conservation/preservation
  - An **additional 30%** of respondents **might be interested** in supporting the MLCA in the above after further discussion.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey.

**Lake Plan Next Steps: Join the conversation!**

**Virtual Town Hall (Zoom) Sessions**

**December 14th @ 2:00 pm**

and

**December 15th @ 7:00 pm**

Please register for one session by emailing Zoe at [zmager@ecovueconsulting.com](mailto:zmager@ecovueconsulting.com)

