

Lake Plan Amendment Update – November 2022.

In late May/early June, the MLCA distributed the first draft of the amendments to the Gravenhurst Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to all property owners on the lake through the dock drop. Over the summer, we collected feedback regarding the first draft of the amendments from the community:

- through social media,
- by email,
- in person at the Lake Plan Town Hall held in July 2022
- after the AGM, and
- in one-on-one conversations with members of our board and Lake Plan Committee.

We thank everyone who submitted comments and questions regarding the first draft of the amendments. We have prepared a Q&A sheet addressing the comments and questions we received to date, which will be circulated by email and posted on the MLCA website in the coming days.

With the assistance of the planning professionals at EcoVue Consulting Services, the Lake Plan Committee has created a second draft to be released in the coming days, that takes into consideration the feedback from the first draft. EcoVue has ensured the revisions are consistent with approaches taken on other lakes in Ontario and adhere to sound planning policies.

The second draft of the proposed amendments will NOT be submitted directly to the Town. Rather, the MLCA will seek further consultation from the membership, conduct a survey on specific topics of greatest concern and prepare a third and final version that will be voted on by the members.

The next steps in the Lake Plan process are as follows:

- Mid November: Circulate the second draft by email to those on MLCA's email list and by mail to those members for whom we do not have email addresses. We will mail an invitation to all non-MLCA property owners whose addresses are known to review and comment on the second draft on the MLCA website.
- November 26, 2022, 11 am to 1 pm: Hold a fourth Lake Plan Town Hall via Zoom to present the second draft of the amendments and provide members an opportunity to comment or ask questions. The Zoom link will be sent by email to all individuals on MLCA's email list and will be posted on the MLCA website and Facebook page.
- January - March 2023: Conduct a survey to allow members to express their views on the most-discussed amendment topics. The survey will remain open for 2 months to ensure that there is ample opportunity for all members to participate.
- Spring/Summer 2023: The Lake Plan Committee will:
 1. Review the survey results and factor the survey feedback into a third and final draft of the proposed amendments.
 2. Circulate the third and final draft of the proposed amendments to the membership
 3. Conduct a townhall to present the survey results and the final draft of the proposed amendments.
 4. Support the MLCA in conducting a vote of the membership to approve the submission of the final draft of the proposed amendments to the Town.

These dates may be subject to change. This is an iterative process, and we want to ensure that we are responding to the comments and questions from the membership. We encourage all members to review the information about the Lake Plan process on the MLCA website and send all comments and questions to secretary@muldrewlakes.ca.

Yours truly,
Ted Alley, President, MLCA