



# CLEAR LAKE

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

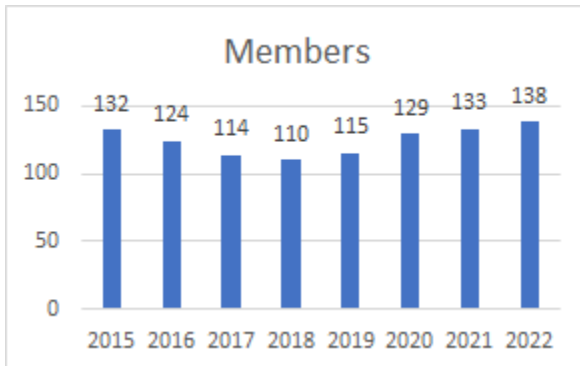
## Spring Newsletter

June 2023

### 2022 CLPOA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We received 138 memberships in 2022, a slight increase from 133 in 2021.

Thanks again to Sharon Cleverdon who spent countless hours following up in



person. I also want to thank everyone who paid their membership dues.

This year there are a few changes to our costs (see Update to MLA Small Lakes Program below), and the continued support of our members allows us to continue with all of our programs – water quality testing, marker buoy maintenance, liability

insurance, membership records, contact lists and mailings, and donations to support groups deemed beneficial to property owners (Muskoka Lakes Association, Safe and Quiet Lakes, Guardians of Muskoka’s Dark Sky, and the Torrance Community Centre).

The AGM will be held on Saturday, July 1st at the Torrance Community Centre at 10 AM. Refreshments will be served, and we hope every cottage will be represented. Come early, carpool with neighbours or walk over. It is a good chance to visit fellow cottagers. Note: Zion Presbyterian Church, a strong member of the Torrance and Clear Lake community for decades, will once again have a fundraiser Bake Sale and BBQ that day from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Please pay your memberships (still just \$30) before the AGM by one of the three methods outlined below:

OPTION #1: E-TRANSFER (INTERAC EMAIL MONEY TRANSFER)

- Set up CLPOA as Recipient ([membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca](mailto:membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca))
- No security Question/Answer--CLPOA's bank account is set up for "Auto Deposit"
- Your E-Transfer will identify to us that you are the sender
- CLPOA's bank will send you confirmation that your deposit has been received
- You may choose to add a message--payment is for a cottage address or family name(s)

#### OPTION #2: TD BRANCH to TD BRANCH TRANSFER (No Charge)

- CLPOA's TD Canada Trust information: Branch #1997, Account #0000667
- If you use Online Banking with TD, call Easy Line at 1-866-222-3456. Add CLPOA as a Personal Payee for the purpose of transferring money. (This is not the same as a Bill Payment—it is a Payee for transfer purposes only). You may then transfer \$30 from your TD account to CLPOA's TD account online or by telephone.
- IMPORTANT--Please email [membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca](mailto:membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca) to confirm your branch-to-branch transfer. This is the only way we can know that the deposit came from you.

#### OPTION #3: CHEQUE payable to Clear Lake Property Owners' Association

Address: CLPOA c/o Sharon Cleverdon, [1077 Clear Lake Rd., Torrance](#), ON P0C 1M0

Please also remember that "One paid membership = One Vote". Membership is required to elect the Board of Directors and to vote on issues needing Association approval. The cottager's contact list is available only to paid members.

#### UPDATE TO MLA SMALL LAKES PROGRAM

This past year the MLA has cancelled their Small Lakes Program. Through this program, any members of ours who were also members of the MLA would give us a \$30 reduction in the cost of water testing. Since that program is no longer in effect, our water testing costs will increase this year.

#### GLAD BRYCE BRINGS HOME THE HARDWARE

In case you didn't see it, our very own Glad Bryce won five medals (two gold, two silver, and a bronze) at the 2023 U.S. Masters Spring National Swimming Championships in California in April.

[https://www.muskokaregion.com/news/california-dreamin-bala-swimmer-racks-up-impressive-results-at-masters-event/article\\_8214e250-f79c-5fed-aca3-4597ffa8f1a2.html](https://www.muskokaregion.com/news/california-dreamin-bala-swimmer-racks-up-impressive-results-at-masters-event/article_8214e250-f79c-5fed-aca3-4597ffa8f1a2.html)

Congratulations on this incredible achievement!

### CANADIAN LAKES LOON SURVEY

Our lake has been a welcome home to loons for years. The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey (<https://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/canadian-lakes-loon-survey>) is a group of volunteer citizen scientists who dedicate a few days a year to monitor the loon population on their lake. Please consider helping out, but also please take a look at the website – it contains ample educational resources on loon conservation.

### REGATTA – SATURDAY AUGUST 5

We are back to our regular rotation of Regatta locations, so this August long weekend the Regatta will be held at the Little Bay dock (Carruthers–Chernecki–Mills–Cartwright). There is minimal parking space, but lots of room in the water so please come by boat. As always, we are looking for volunteers (to prepare/cook/serve food, in the water helping with kids' games, giving out 1st–2nd–3rd place tokens at the race finish, and at the prize table). As always, the day will kick off with a boat parade at 11 AM, so get those creative juices flowing!

### BY–LAW DIVISION SUMMER HOURS

As of Friday, May 19, the Township of Muskoka Lakes By–Law Division is changing their hours to best serve the community. By–Law Staff will be available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The best way to submit a complaint is through the Report a Concern form (<https://forms.muskokalakes.ca/Report-a-Concern>).

These hours will remain in effect up until Labour Day weekend (September 4th, 2023). After that weekend, By–law staff will revert back to normal business hours.

During weekends and holidays, the most efficient way to contact bylaw would be through the Report a Concern form as noted above but alternatively, you can email [bylaw@muskokalakes.ca](mailto:bylaw@muskokalakes.ca) and the officer on duty that day will be able to respond to the concern once they see the report. Unfortunately at this time, phone complaints will not be dealt with until the following business day as some messages may not be seen until the officer for which it was left may not be on shift.

## THE FIRE RATING IS EXTREME

The Muskoka Area Fire Chiefs moved the Fire Danger Rating to EXTREME last Tuesday, and as such, we are in a FULL FIRE BAN.

Additionally, due to the extreme forest fire hazard across the province, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has declared a Restricted Fire Zone effective Thursday, June 1, at 12:01 a.m. local time for the districts of Hearst/Cochrane/Kapuskasing, Chapleau/Wawa, Timmins/Kirkland Lake, Sault Ste Marie/Blind River, Sudbury, North Bay, Minden/Parry Sound/Bracebridge, Pembroke, a northern portion of the Peterborough/Bancroft District, and the southeastern portion of the Far North District. That being said, **Muskoka Lakes is included in this area.**

*No open-air burning, including campfires, is permitted within the boundaries of a Restricted Fire Zone. Portable gas or propane stoves may be used for cooking and warmth BUT must be handled with extreme caution. All burning permits are suspended. The Restricted Fire Zone will remain in place until further notice.*

More information about Restricted Fire Zones can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions>.

## HUNTSVILLE FESTIVAL DISCOUNT

The Huntsville Festival is celebrating its 31st anniversary season with some fantastic concerts & events including Jim Cuddy, Holly Cole, CHOIR!CHOIR!CHOIR!, Lighthouse, Nuit Blanche North and more. You can see the full lineup at <https://huntsvillefestival.ca/whats-on/summer-festival/>

They are offering a 15% discount on tickets to any summer show if purchased during the month of June.



# SPECIAL CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFER!



15% off any summer show  
purchased during the month of June

Call 705-789-4975 and  
use password "clearlake"

[www.huntsvillefestival.ca](http://www.huntsvillefestival.ca)

## REMINDER – FIREWORKS

Please remember that the Township of Muskoka Lakes has updated the Regulation

of Fireworks By-law Fireworks are now only permitted on the following holidays between dusk and 11 PM:

- Victoria Day and the Saturday and Sunday of that same holiday weekend
- Canada Day and,
  - Where Canada Day falls on a Monday or Tuesday, the preceding (before) Saturday and Sunday
  - Where Canada Day falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the proceeding (following) Friday and Saturday
- New Year's Eve/Day (dusk - 12:30 am)

Fireworks being set off on these days are permitted to do so between dusk and 11 PM except for New Year's Eve/Day where fireworks are permitted until 12:30 AM on New Year's Day.

#### REMINDER – BOAT RAMP – HOURS 9 AM – 1 PM

Please respect Boat Ramp hours. Tell your marina, visiting friends and renters that these hours must be recognized. It is a very small stretch of shoreline between cottagers enjoying their properties to either side and a narrow road to travel. Even though our ramp is no longer on private property but instead uses public access to the lake, the ramp was built by the Township on the condition these hours be followed. Ensure boat hulls are carefully washed down before entering the lake. Any bilge must have been emptied before trailering to the ramp. It's a boater's keen responsibility to prevent invasive species from entering Clear Lake.

Your CLPOA Board,

Ian McClennan, Lisa Pennycook, Mike Silver, Jeremy Silver, Ron Algate, Charlie Wilkins, Tom Skopek, Natale Catalano