

Leonard Lake Annual General Meeting

(AGM) 2021-2022

Saturday, July 23, 2022

The 2021-22 LLSA AGM was held and conducted in person at the Milford Bay Community Centre. Each member present was provided with a voting card, 1 card per property.

Call to Order 9:30 AM EST

Present: Mark Scarrow, President of LLSA and Chair of the 2022-2023 AGM. Board Members: Marilyne Doyle, Communications Director; Steve Rohacek, Development Director; Bruce McNeely, Development Director; Ken Riley, Water Quality Director; Ann Lowry, Treasurer Director; Lynn Jewell Coon, Social Committee and Director; Deb Solarski, Secretary and Director.

All board members introduced themselves.

Mark recognized Gord Roberts for his position as Councilor, Township of Muskoka however is in attendance as Gord Roberts stakeholder member. Also introduced was Chris James from Waterloo Biofilters as our keynote speaker.

Doug Cross Foundation Award, Muskoka Watershed Council

Betty Isbister, an LLSA Director from 2006 to 2016 and in addition, a volunteer member of the Leonard Lake Water Quality Team, was awarded the Doug Cross Foundation Award for good lake stewardship activities. The award, offered through the Muskoka Watershed Council reflects a high standard of service, and Betty not only sets an example of land and water stewardship on her own property, but has helped monitor environmental health through more than a decade of participation in Leonard Lake citizen science initiatives.

Opening Remarks-Mark Scarrow

Reviewed were the Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association's mandate and mission written in 2005 and how it applies to 2022. He urged membership for all and to become involved with the association which is always appreciative of fresh ideas and talent to LLSA. Mark referred to the Director's portfolio remarks for highlights of the yearly activities and initiatives.

What it means to be part of the Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association (LLSA) AGM 2022 – July 23, 2022

The LLSA was incorporated on August 31, 2005.

The stated objects of the entity are to advance the best interests of the stakeholders of Leonard Lake, including

- To preserve promote and enhance the quality of life on Leonard Lake for all users,
- To promote the safe use of Leonard Lake, and
- To recognize and promote the protection of the unique characteristics of Leonard Lake, and to encourage land use policy and stewardship approaches to ensure the long-term protection, maintenance and restoration of its natural, social and physical features, including water, shoreline, watershed and adjacent lands.

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Details to Directors Portfolios to be found in Appendix B.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting had been distributed electronically prior to the 2022 AGM.

Resolution was tabled to accept the 2021 AGM minutes.

Eric Morgan motioned to accept the 2021 AGM minutes, seconded by Vicki Riffel. All voted in favour, none opposed. Motion passed.

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association Directors' Resolution Fixed the Record Date for the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting.

All the directors of Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association being present by electronic means within the meaning of the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act, 2010 on July 14, 2022, the Secretary of the Association declared the meeting to be duly constituted. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the record date for the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting of Members of the Association was fixed at the time when the Chair calls the meeting to order to conduct the formal business of the meeting on July 23, 2022 or the adjournment date of the meeting, if any. The Chair noted that the foregoing facilitates participation in the meeting by Members who pay their annual dues in full

on or before commencement of the formal business of the meeting
See: section 54(1) and (2) of the Act.

Wave Requirement for an Audit-Special Resolution

Resolution was tabled to waive the audit requirement for the financial year of the Association ending April 30th, 2022.

After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the following was passed by at least 80% of the Members present as an Extraordinary Resolution of the Corporation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 76(2)(b) of the Ontario *Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*, the Corporation shall neither appoint an auditor nor obtain an audit or a review engagement of the Corporation's financial year ending on April 30, 2022.

Phyllis Morgan motioned to dispense with the audit for the fiscal year 2022, seconded by Eleanor Ross. All in favour, none opposed. Motion passed.

A resolution was tabled to accept the LLSA unaudited financial statements as of April 30, 2022 as presented.

Bob Manning moved to accept statements as presented, seconded by Paul Freeman. All voted, resolution passed unanimously by those present. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

LLSA Election of Directors

LLSA Directors (8 currently) are elected/re-elected in staggered terms of two years and at this year's meeting, four Directors were slated for re-election. No other nominations for Directors were submitted in advance of the AGM.

Nominees include:

- Mark Scarrow, Director, Road 2, first elected 2014
- Bruce McNeely, Director, Road 1, first elected 2016
- Ann Lowry, Director, Road 2, first elected 2018
- Lynn Jewell Coon, Director, Road 2, first elected 2018

A resolution was tabled to accept the current slate of Directors for Election as presented.

Steve Solarski moved to accept the current slate of Directors for election or re-election, seconded by Norman Geisbrecht. All voted in favour, none opposed. Motion carried.

Key Note Speaker

Reference: Appendix A

Director Portfolio Reports

Reference: Appendix B

Motion to Sanction the Action of the Board since the last meeting of October 23, 2021.

Lisa Penny moved to sanction the actions of the Board since the last meeting of October 2021, seconded by Christine Hatton. All voted in favour, none Opposed. Motion carried.

Mark opened the floor for further discussion. No discussion at this time.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

Kevin Coon moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by James Morgan. All in favour, none opposed. Motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 EST

Appendix A

Keynote Speaker: Chris James, Waterloo Biofilters

Introduction by Mark Scarrow welcoming Chris James of Waterloo Biofilter. Chris has been working with Waterloo Biofilter for 16 years. Waterloo Biofilters is located in Guelph Ontario; the system was developed in conjunction with Waterloo University. He presented a brief overview of all septic systems from conventional systems to tertiary system. LLSA does not endorse the use of specific Waterloo Biofilters and does not receive any monetary funds from Waterloo Biofilters however LLSA does endorse the use of a tertiary septic system.

Chris's slide presentation can be viewed on our Members Page on LLSA's Web site

Gord Roberts informed attendees of TML's upcoming septic system initiative. Currently TML is creating a data base of all properties within the township with septic systems. There will be a two-step component to this initiative. Inspectors will inspect your system at no cost to the property owner. If your septic system has a high rating, such as age of system, abutting water, not enough property, it will be inspected by a qualifying third party for functionality every 5 years at the cost of the owner. More information will be forthcoming.

Appendix B

Presentation by Portfolio Leaders

Water Quality Team- Director Ken Riley

Ken's slide presentation can be viewed on our member's page.

There are 3 near shore locations where blooms have occurred, these sites are sampled biweekly tracking nutrients levels and phosphorous. Fluorimetry testing is done at these sites. See slides.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes Causation Study is pending with possible draft in October.

Ken presented historical activities of the water team along with current testing. See slides.
Activities of the Water Team

- Participation in other programs- Lake Partner, Muskoka Watershed Council- algae, Muskoka Lakes Association
- 2017 Intensive Study "Leonard Lake Water Quality and Algal Blooms" – Report commissioned by LLSA. Excellent baseline
- 2020- Purchased a Fluorimeter which can measure the "signature" left by blooms after they occur, or possibly before they occur.
- Since 2017 "Eyes on the Lake" program, with residents' participation.
- Yearly Blooms since 2017.
- Detailed documentation and analysis of bloom-related data by water team

2022 Initiatives

- Expert advice from Dr Mark Vershoor with a 3-day visit next week
- Economical water chemistry testing at Edmonton Laboratory – same as in 2017
- Comparative Research from the previous year's date.
- Research into where the bloom causing nutrients are coming from. Is it runoff into the lake? Is it deep water released phosphorous? Investigation into what is going on with near shore areas?

Social Event Initiatives- Director Lynn Jewell Coon

Thank you to other members of the committee; Susan Finkbeiner, Carm Sivers and Donna McNeely.

The 2022 Muskoka Lakes Community Grant grant has been awarded to LLSA to support community activities of Leonard Lake.

Three events have been scheduled;

- 1) August 27th –Leonard Lake Social held at Susan and Paul Finkbeiner.
- 2) August 6 & August 20th - Yoga & Pilates on the dock, held at Carm Sivers.
- 3) Golf Outing- sign up sheet at table, details to follow.

Lynn has encouraged all members to come forward with involvement and/or to volunteer to host future events.

Membership and Communication- Director Marilyne Doyle

Marilyne expressed a thank you to all who help with membership needs, Bev Leabeter, Donna McNeely, Ann Lowry and Deb Solarski. This has been a banner year for membership, currently we are sitting at 111 members.

An introduction of all new members was given; Marilyn & Warren Smith (Glen Gordon), Stephanie & Leonard Lee along with Leonard Singh, (RD 1) Jason & Alyson Seier along with Jamie & Sue Anderson (Rd 2) and Brent Densmore & Lauren Jankowski and Derek Densmore and Luisa Ballota Lauren (Rd 1). A big welcome to all.

The suggestions had been made to offer an option for autorenewal for membership dues. With a show of hands, majority of members were in favour of an autorenewal option for membership fees along with sending a reminder that fees are due.

Last year a plea was made for assistance with our web site. Luke Newman, a recent graduate from Queens University has stepped forward and has offered his services to assist with our technology needs. Currently under construction is a Password Protected Members Only page. The question was asked for suggestions as to what people would like to see on a member's only page. Luke is working on placing all previous Eblasts on that page. The suggestion was made to place financial reports on Member's only page.

There was a question about having a roster of Members. This entails privacy issues and would need permission from members. This had been discussed at previous AGMs where some members were in favour and some were not.

There was also a suggestion to place, as they come up, *For Sale or Lost Items* on the web site.

There will be further discussion at the Board level for all these suggestions.

Questions and Answers

A number of questions were asked regarding phosphorous levels, near shore phosphorous, deep water/off-shore phosphorous. More research is needed in all these areas along with extensive research to determine why there are more blooms on the west side of the lake. There is some relationship between warmer and calmer weather conditions but it doesn't explain blooms occurring into November. Development has an impact of increasing shoreline runoff with monumental levels of phosphorous entering the lake. Naturalization of the shoreline becomes imperative to decrease shoreline runoff and act as a filtering agent of minerals and nutrients.

LLSA Plan and Official Plan Portfolio - Director Steve Rohacek

Steve informed membership of upcoming statutory meetings at the Township discussing the draft of the Official Plan.

There will be two meetings with members of the municipality and council where you have the option to participate with your concerns. You can also have the option to voice your concerns via email.

Dates are: August 3rd (via Zoom) and August 12 (Zoom and in person)

There are 5-minute options and 2-minute options for speaking. Preregistration is required 7 days in advance.

Muskoka Small Lakes Coalition

LLSA has joined together other smaller lakes; Skeleton Lake, Brandy Lake, Three Mile Lake and Camel Lake as Muskoka Small Lake Coalition. The idea is the smaller lakes have similar areas of concern and focus which are different than the big lakes.

There are three areas of focus;

- 1) Quarry issues as pertaining to Skeleton Lake.
- 2) Recreational Carrying Capacity being placed back into the Draft 3
- 3) Election outreach for the upcoming election.

Update on the Lake Plan and TML OP Process-President Mark Scarrow

Mark's slide presentation can be viewed on the member's page.

Mark presented a brief recap of TML's current Draft Policies. See slides on Member's Page.

At this time Mark offered an opportunity for other business.

Questions and Answer

The question posed was what is known about the Leonard Lake Cottagers Association? Mark has had some correspondence with Todd Noonan, President of LLCA. Otherwise, Mark does not have too much information.

Gord Roberts: It creates difficulty for TML as concerns must be addressed but which organization represents Leonard Lake and which organization represents a group of individual persons? Council has requested information from both organizations regarding mandates, membership and how they define membership to assist with the recognition of an association. Gord stressed to voice your support or opposition in public at council meetings. LLSA's mandates are published for public perusal on our website and membership numbers have been submitted.

Steve Rohacek stressed the development of the Lake Plan involved all property owners and not just members of LLSA.

Mark will attempt to keep the dialogue open with LLCA to discuss concerns.

There was discussion on Grand Fathering clauses and Applications of Variances which is with the TML and not with the LLSA Lake Plan.

LLSA will not interfere with any application unless it has lake wide implications.

The request was made of LLSA to present members with 6-8 bullet points in which to represent LLSA at council meetings where they can voice their support and concerns at upcoming council meetings.