

By Luke Mellors - President

President's Message Fall 2023

Another great year on the Wollaston Lake has come

and gone and I am so proud of the many things our association and the dedicated volunteers have accomplished.

We held two successful events with our BBQ and AGM. Once again this year we fundraised to support local needs which are even more important these days with the cost of inflation and interest rates going up. I am glad to report that we assisted 3 local families in need with the funds we raised.

It is extremely rewarding seeing the impact our giving has on these families with one recipient who has suffered a year of tremendous loss in their family saying that our donation to their family motivates them to turn the page and look towards the future.

Next year we also plan to sponsor local kids to be able to get a Camp Kawartha experience that many are just not fortunate enough to afford.

This year for the first time we partnered with a dive club from Bellville to help us install benthic mats in critical areas of the lake.

This type of volunteer partnership is so important to our activities as we do not have the funds to support commercial divers. We accomplished a great deal and will use this experience to see if we can't arrange more volunteer divers in



the future. It really helps get them back when the Barn Chefs donate an amazing charcuterie board for the after work BBQ – we are so lucky to have such amazing local business support as well. There was

tremendous local support from a huge cast of volunteers that made the logistics and orchestration of this event successful – thank you to everyone who assisted.



We once again harvested milfoil out of the channel coming out of Bear Ridge this year. This particular area is difficult due to the amount of traffic and the density of the milfoil bed.

It astounds me every year how a lake our size can accomplish so much. My gratitude goes out to Joanne Pozniak and all of our Milfoil Action Committee and to Fred McConnell, our tireless Lake Steward, who are so important to our Lake in so many ways.

I was reminded that our lake is also home to a community and group of people with shared interests. It was nice to see the Poker Run back again this year. I have asked a few members of our Executive to investigate ways in which we can improve our social engagements and enhance our social engagements around the lake.

We all wish to enjoy the lake and activities around it and with that comes responsibility. We need to be responsible neighbours and community members. There were a couple of incidents this past year



where careless boating resulted in accidents. While boating can be fun and enjoyable, it can also be extremely dangerous. Please boat with caution and never drink while operating any watercraft. Speed is something that increases accident dangers especially close to shoreline or in narrow channels. We ask everyone to respect these areas and slow down. We will be putting in some speed warnings in the channel to the third lake. The degree of leadership our lake

shows in the area of lake health management is remarkable. This is being confirmed by the grants we are getting and may get in the future such as recognition and support from organizations like Watersheds Canada, FOCA and Trent University. I have been very proud to lead such a devoted and talented group of volunteers on the executive.



By Fred McConnell - Lake Steward

WLHCA Fall 2023 Newsletter Lake Steward's Report

The 2023 season was a very busy and productive one for the WLHCA lake health initiatives. In addition to the many invasive species initiatives completed by the Milfoil Action Committee (MAC), public consultation of the state of the lake analysis, expanded seasonal water quality testing and a major Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) grant application were also completed.

Wollaston State of the Lake Public Review

To reiterate, Wollaston Lake, like other lakes within the region, is in the process of transition based on the effects of a number of stressors such as climate change, invasive species, shoreline and adjacent development, increased short term rentals, increased angling pressure, and increased pleasure craft traffic (to name a few).

The Wollaston, State of the Lake Report, was presented at a public meeting, open to all, on June 28 at the Coe Hill Legion and via zoom. The report provides a summary of the most current and relevant environmental information on Wollaston Lake, its watershed and is the first step towards preparing a Lake Stewardship Plan, which is an action-oriented document to guide stewardship activities and land use



policy for the long-term protection, maintenance, and restoration of the Wollaston Lake environment.

This valuable step of the process, with all stakeholders, regarding the state of the lake data analysis, was supported by our key partners. The public review included presentations from Watersheds Canada, the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA). The meeting was well attended with approximately 50 participants in total. The recording of the zoom meeting was made available via the WLHCA facebook group. Updates to the state of the lake review based on feedback are complete and the finalized document will be available by spring 2024.

DFO Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grant Application

The Wollaston Lake Home and Cottage Association (WLHCA) successfully completed the submission of a lengthy grant application by the deadline of August 31, 2023. The federal grant provides project funding for invasive species prevention and management, as well as species at risk habitat restoration for a maximum of three years with annual amounts not to exceed \$250,000 CDN. A critical component of the grant application is letters of reference from relevant organizations attesting to applicant credentials and ability to deliver on large projects. Our application included seven letters of reference from our riding MPP and MP, Mayor Fuerth,



the Watersheds Canada Executive Director, the invasive Species Centre of Ontario, The Land Between COO, and the Turtle Trauma Centre Executive Director. The funding applies to projects beginning in the spring of 2024 and we expect to receive feedback regarding our application status and next steps by the end of November 2023.

We believe we put forward a strong grant application based on our track record of invasive species management over the last six years.

Water Quality Testing and Community Outreach

As first communicated in the Spring 2022 newsletter, the just completed water quality testing season added water quality testing at additional points on the Wollaston Lake watershed as well as adjacent lakes within Wollaston Township. With our assistance Urbach, Finnigan, Ragged, Casteroil (Wollaston Lake Watershed) and Deer river headwaters (Wollaston Lake watershed) are enrolled in the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) Lake Partner Program. One sample from most were again completed by the end of the season and will be used to inform water quality testing planning for the 2024 season. We followed up on a request to add Peter Lake for 2023 which was declined and are open to other sug-



gestions within Wollaston Township. To be added the water body needs to provide a prime contact to be trained to conduct the future collection of water samples.

At the request of the Wollaston Township Chief Building Official (CBO), in support of the septic reinspection program, three additional sites were added on Wollaston Lake to our previous four sites for a total of seven sampling sites. Sampling results are now being received from the labs and will be presented in the

Spring 2024 newsletter.

In the late spring of 2023, water quality restoration initiatives were commenced (at the request of a majority of the lake front property owners) on Urbach Lake in consultation with the CVCA and the Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP). A severe outbreak of filamentous algae on the lake (at times as much as 50% of the surface covered) has shown visible signs of being mostly reversed over the summer of 2023.



By Mary Byrne - Director
of Memberships

**Membership
Matters**

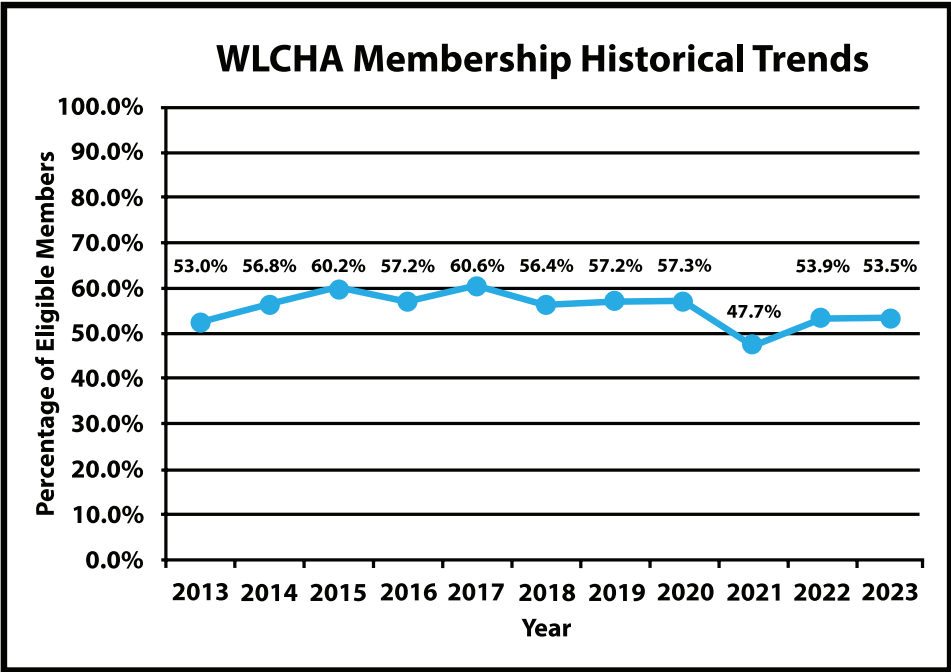
seasonal tasks while it is still good working weather.

The boats have been pulled out and engines stabilized. Docks stored. The last few fires to clear the property of the deadfall and windfall of the season. A thorough house cleaning and clearing.

My favourite chore is cleaning the eaves. The view from the ladder is fabulous, looking north across the lake to the autumn colours on Anson, Beach, and Stephenson Lanes.

Membership Update

Thanks to the 53.5% of Wollaston Lake property owners, the 137 of the 256 eligible properties, who supported the Association this year with a new or renewed membership. Membership has been on the rise since 2021, with a five-year average of 53.9%.



The real estate market was even slower than last year, with 8 properties having changed ownership, and 1 active listing at the time of writing. This data is based on listings on Realtor.ca and may not include private sales.





*Submitted by Joanne Pozniak,
MAC Chair*

Milfoil Action Committee Update

“What would we do without our Volunteers”

I don't know how we do it but every year, I feel this amazing group of volunteers manage to come up and execute some spectacular initiatives around Wollaston Lake. With a continued focus on education and cost savings, the two big projects for the 2023 season were the benthic mat installation with the Belleville Canadian Sport Divers Club and the education booth at the Coe Hill Fair!

On July 22, 13 volunteer scuba divers, 5 boats, and 22 Wollaston lake residents participated in the benthic mat installation project for two locations on the big lake in high traffic boat areas.

The weather was perfect and the collaboration and teamwork resulted in a job well done!

Everyone returned to the Currie and McConnell residence for a well deserved lunch provided in partnership with the Barn Chefs and Lake Association. We are excited to continue our work with the dive team expanding on our knowledge and lake health practices.

The education booth at the Coe Hill Fair was another great day for M.A.C! This education event was particularly a hit with our FREE life jacket whistles in support of the Water Safety Campaign



which started in June at Coe Hill Public School. Special thanks to Jim Mayers General Construction for providing the whistles for the Fair, and Red Eagle Family Campground for providing the whistles in June! Remember life jacket whistles are not just for kids! Please ensure all jackets have one in case of an emergency where help is needed. The other hot item that brought people into the booth were the aquatic invasive species samples provided by the



Invasive Species Center, supporting the “CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY” campaign that is so important to help everyone slow down the spread of aquatic invasive species



to Wollaston Lake and surrounding water bodies.

A very special THANK YOU to this season's M.A.C members for another great year, Fred McConnell, Terry and Wendy Thomas, Tracy McNaught, Angela Baltkois, George Berry, David and Elaine Sawicki, Kathy Corvers, Michael Jain and Adam Low.

SUMMARY OF 2023 ACTION PROJECTS

EDUCATION IN ACTION:

- 3rd Annual Youth Community Contest... Water Safety and Whistle Campaign with Coe Hill Public School and Wollaston Township Library; Sponsored by Red Eagle Family Campground on June 28th
- State of the Lake Presentation at the Legion on June 28th
- Education Blitz at the Coe Hill Fair in partnership with the Invasive Species Center on August 26st
- Annual request of funds or in kind services from Wollaston Township to help with lake health initiatives and to maintain open communication and a working relationship between the organizations.
- Education flyers available at:

library, post office, Coe Hill Grocery Store, Campgrounds and online.

- Update the community using social media on short term action items along with budget projects and on how they can donate to current and future lake health action items.
- Continue to apply for local and government grants to help fund current and future aquatic invasive lake health initiatives, such as the current "Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund" (submitted August 2023) application to help with the goal of a CD3 Boat Cleaning Station.

FUNDRAISING AND IN-KIND DONATIONS IN ACTION

This year MAC has generated approximately \$14,500.00 to be used towards lake health!

- Thank you Wollaston Township for \$10,000 after the February 2023 Delegation
- Invasive Species Micro Grants for a total of \$4000 (Grant writing team: Fred McConnell, Terry Thomson and Tracey McNaught)
- Wollaston Lake Poker Run generated \$1859.00 on August 6th (Event Coordinator Kathy Covers and volunteers)

- Water Safety Whistle Campaign Sponsors approximately \$400 from Red Eagle Family Campground and Jim Myers Construction

2023 ACTION PROJECTS & 2024 PLANNING:

- Eurasian Milfoil Mechanical Harvest was completed on July 17 & 18. Harvesting took place between the big island and Bear Ridge not to exceed 25000 sq. m by Weeds B Gone. E. Milfoil composted at Conlin Family Farm.
- Benthic Mat Installation with Bellville Sport Recreation Dive Team. Five benthic mats were installed with the help of 13 divers and some 22 Wollaston Lake residents!
- 20 NEW buoys were purchased and used this season to help mitigate the fragmentation of large E. Milfoil beds in high traffic areas.
- Youth Environmental Camp in partnership with Coe Hill community members, Camp Kawartha and WLHCA. Planning is underway with hopes to bring back this amazing community learning opportunity for the Coe Hill community. Stay tuned for ways you can help with this project!

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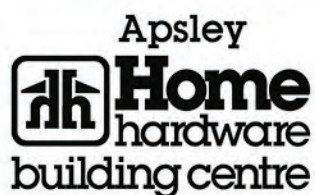


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