



## Scientists urge Muskoka residents to make the area more hospitable... to bats

**B**ats need a new image. The night-flyers tend to get a bad rap, usually getting associated with vampires, haunted houses, and hair entanglement. But conservationists are urging Ontarians to change their views of these flying mammals (which are, by the way, the only flying mammals) and hopefully help to save them before it's too late.

“Eight species of bats live in Ontario’s cottage country and five of them are threatened: the little brown bat, big brown bat, northern myotis bat, eastern small-foot bat, and the tri-coloured bat,” Christina Davy of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests told Muskokaregion.com. “People living in Muskoka can do a lot to help save these species.”

In recent years, bat populations have been under threat due to fungus pathogens, insecticides, wetland destruction, and the loss of native plant species that support their food sources. A pathogen known as white nose syndrome has made its way to North America from Europe and Asia, but unlike the bats there, North American bats have no immunity. And unfortunately, the decline in bat populations go largely unnoticed, possibly in part because they are viewed as undesirable.

Maria Franke, curator of mammals at the Metro Toronto Zoo, believes that bats are hugely underrated. “About 70 per cent of bat species feed

on insects, something which is of great value to us in controlling insects that damage our crops and gardens,” she told Muskokaregion.com. “Bats consume many times their own weight in bugs each night, reducing pesticide usage by as much as 50 per cent. Bats are indicators of a healthy environment. Their future is directly linked to our quality of life and the quality of our environment.”

So what can Muskoka residents do to help bats? First, we can leave them alone. If bats are roosting in an unused attic or barn, don’t evict them — or if you must, hire a professional who will get them out humanely, not fumigate or harm them.

If you want to go above and beyond, you can also add a bat box to your property, that is, a dark, partitioned box that they can use to roost. And planting native wildflowers can lure insects that the bats then feed on.

It’s time for us to stop seeing bats as menacing bloodsuckers (a myth, by the way) and start seeing them as an essential part of the ecosystem that needs our protection. As Davy puts it, “They are amazing creatures with complex social life we’re just beginning to understand.”

By Jessica Faulds



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# President's MESSAGE



As you read this, it will be early Fall 2017, but as you step outside it will likely look and feel like you've found this year's missing summer! I hope that you haven't closed up yet, and have the opportunity to fully enjoy the best of Muskoka 2017 – in September and October (perhaps November too?).

Despite the less than perfect weather, Muskoka never slept; it was a busy time, and there were bright spots this summer. By sheer determination, and with the support of comparably determined participants, our Aquatic Regatta Team carried off an impressive event; almost entirely in the pouring rain (as some might point out, "What's the big deal? It is after all, an Aquatic Regatta!"). The point being that important things should and must go on; despite adversity. My sincere thanks to all the organizers and volunteers (again); and to the families and participants that weathered the storm – literally – and who had such a good time. Congratulations to all!

The MLA sailing program was luckier; having decent weather and wind; results are posted on the MLA website. Hopefully you spotted our sailors as they rounded the new course "marks", two sets of which were donated by Chubb Insurance Company and MMR, MLA's recommended insurance broker. We very much needed new Marks, and appreciate the donation greatly.

Behind the scenes, your Board and volunteers were hard at work with Water Sampling (final results now being analyzed, but early reports suggest we saw some improved overall results this year), the Water Level Task Force corresponded with MNRF at Queens park, met with both the District and TML to examine options and try to find a mutually beneficial path forward, and our Political and Land Use team was particularly challenged with the proposed changes to the District's OP (Official Plan – the long range planning tool that guides important things like development rules in Muskoka). We have grave concerns about some aspects of the proposed new OP – particularly in respect of potential new Resort development rules, which we think have the potential to allow high density residential housing right on the waterfront. World renowned Muskoka as we cherish it, with tree lined rocky shorelines, dotted with cottages large and small, might become a memory if this kind of urbanization is allowed to get a foothold. Contact our office if you'd like to help stop this before it happens! More detail on the MLA website (position papers, back issues of Newsbites, etc.).

Speaking of developments issues, the **MLA has a couple of important developments of our own to highlight!**

- The last component of our new Website, the ecommerce platform, should roll out by November. We'll let you know when it's up and running (MLA themed Christmas Gifts anyone?).

- Summer 2018 marks the beginning of our year long 125th Anniversary Celebration. Most companies and even some countries don't have a pedigree like that! We're looking for volunteers to assist with planning, writing, participating in various way; even as donors of memorabilia (returnable of course!). Gravenhurst's Discovery Centre is our showcase venue for 12 months beginning June 2018.

- Our Political Team is busy compiling and analyzing voting records of Municipal and District councillors – 2018 is a voting year. **REMEMBER, WATERFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE A VERY POWERFUL VOTING BLOCK – WE CAN DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE ON THE 3 BIG LAKES.** Look for updates in the coming months, be aware of the issues, and make a commitment to yourself and Muskoka to make your 2018 vote count.

- Fall Food Drive – details of our annual Food Drive on the back page – empty those Cupboards!! Enjoy Fall 2017!!

Bob Ensor - President

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## New Members

Please welcome the following as new members of the MLA!  
From June 11 to September 6, 2017

Shawn ABERLE	Gerald & Esther IRON	Malcolm GRAHAM
Charlatta ARDELLINI	Craig & Amy IRVINE	Elisabeth RENNIE-
Doug BROHMAN	Chris KARRAM	GRAHAM
Elizabeth BROOKS	Lisa KHOO	Gifford SCOTT
Joel & Jules CARCONE	Nick LETROS	Iain SMITH
Meghan CHEESBROUGH	Paul LEWITT	Donald J. STEADMAN
Daryl & Julie COBER	John and Catherine	Barbara and Frank
Lynda & Greg COUTTS	MARSDEN	TKACH
Peter CRONIN	Lynnet MCDERMOTT	Donald TRENCH
Cherie DALY	Sheila MINKHORST	John TROKE
Debby EDWARDS	John MORGAN	Sean & Cheryl WEIR
Sarah FARRELL	Alan MORRIS	Noreen & Ian WILLIAMS
Jane And John GRANT	Dorian MUNK	Daryl & Janice WILSON
Megan HILL	Stephen NASH	Martha & Arthur ZINN
Lyn HODGE	Welles ORR	
Steve INCE	David RAE	



# MLA Board Actions on Your Behalf

## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

- On-going communication through:
  - ShoreLines (our quarterly newsletter covering key issue)
  - NewsBites (a monthly e-blast summarizing political activity in Muskoka)
  - Press releases
  - Weekly columns (throughout the summer) in The Muskokan
  - Current events and issues on social media through our web site, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Continued enhancement of the successful Advantage Card program encouraging members to “Stock up in Muskoka” and support the local economy.
- Continuing with new member recruitment initiatives and collaboration with small lake associations to increase the strength and influence of our membership
- “Boots on the Ground” initiative to acquire new members, including attending Trade Shows and Farmer’s Markets
- Launched the new website in 2016 with more features in 2017 and 2018
- Membership Survey to be released in fall of 2017
- Ongoing Annual subscription to Muskoka Life – delivered to your home!

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Hosting and/or sponsoring numerous events in 2017, including, but not limited to:

- Aquatic Regatta (August 5, 2017 at the Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club) our 124th year!
- Sailing Regattas – MLA Regatta on August 6, 2017 at the Beaumaris Yacht Club
- Curling Bonspiel – Feb 3 & 4, 2017 at the South Muskoka Curling and Port Carling Curling Clubs
- Educational Seminars – June 17th Water Levels & How to Protect Your Cottage, July 9th, Saving Turtles and August 19 Emergencies in Cottage Country
- Seedling Day – Saturday of the Victoria Day Weekend
- Bursary Program (\$5,000 plus an offer of a summer job assisting the MLA office, to a deserving secondary school graduate from Muskoka for continued education)
- Speed/Radar Sign program
- Annual MLA Food Drive – Labour Day to Thanksgiving Weekend
- CP also oversees our Insurance Program for Members

## POLITICAL & LAND USE (PLUC)

- PLUC meets monthly to address issues of concern regarding new property development and the impact on the environment, and governance in Muskoka.

- PLUC reviews long range changes in development policies by the area municipalities and district council (and comments and delegates when needed).
- PLUC reviews municipal budgets and costs to the taxpayer, i.e. your taxes.
- The Political and Land Use committee has been successful at achieving respected dialogue with municipal councillors and staff in putting forth your concerns and by working with other organizations and lake associations to make sure cottagers voices are heard.
- Please ensure you don’t miss reading the monthly NewsBites email for 2017-2018

## WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENT

- Water sampling and monitoring of 200 sites in Muskoka for Phosphorus, Bacteria and DOC tests
- Partnership with the Muskoka Conservancy to educate waterfront residents regarding best practices to protect water quality and maintain and develop natural shorelines
- Published MLA 2016 Water Quality Report which is available on the our web site [www.mla.on.ca](http://www.mla.on.ca)
- 2016 WQ Report presented to Township of Muskoka Lakes, District Municipality of Muskoka and Town of Bracebridge
- 2017 testing program revised to focus more on Near Shore sites while maintaining comparability to District of Muskoka and Lake Partner Program deep water programs.
- Participation on Muskoka Watershed Council
- Assisting Three Mile Lake with algae mitigation pilot tests

## WATER LEVEL TASK FORCE

An initiative born in spring 2016 to find better answers to water level management on the Big 3 Lakes

- Weekly reports which began in February 2017 were well received
- Task Force has a positive and supportive relationship with our local governments
- We have established a cooperative relationship with the Parry Sound MNRF
- Our long-term agenda has been to convince Queens Park MNRF to re-open the Muskoka River Water Management Plan for the review that had been scheduled to happen by spring 2016.
- We want to be involved with crafting a revised Water Level Management Plan

## 2018 WILL BE AN EXCITING YEAR FOR THE MLA

- (Just a Sampling!)
- 125th MLA Anniversary Celebrations begin
- 125th MLA Aquatic Regatta – Saturday August 4th, 2018
- MLA Antique Boat Show (biennial) – Saturday August 11, 2018
- October 2018 Municipal Elections



January 12 – 21, 2018

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## Township of Muskoka Lakes By-law Enforcement Information

Under the authority of the Provincial statutes, by-laws are created to address issues and concerns of the local community. They are created to protect the environment, public health, public safety or to maintain an orderly appearance to your community. Some By-laws are available on the Township of Muskoka Lakes website at [www.muskokalakelakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakelakes.ca) under By-laws.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes currently employs one full-time By-law Enforcement Officer. The role of the By-law Enforcement Officer includes education, investigation and enforcement of all By-laws within the Township and includes parking enforcement, property standards and dog control.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes By-law Enforcement is a three pronged approach. A By-law Enforcement Officer cannot stop people from contravening by-laws; he/she can only enforce the by-laws. Compliance with by-laws may be achieved in the following manner:

1. Giving verbal or written warnings and providing copies of the appropriate by-laws;
2. Issuing a Part 1 ticket in accordance with the Provincial Offences Act (short form wording and set fines);
3. Summoning a defendant to court, usually initiated for a second, third or more serious offence where a larger fine or a Court Order is appropriate.

It is not the responsibility of the By-law Enforcement Officer to mediate neighbour disputes, civil matters or diffuse potentially volatile situations.

By phone: 705-765-3156 Fax: 705-765-6755

By mail or hand delivered: Township of Muskoka Lakes P.O. Box 129 1 Bailey Street Port Carling, P0B 1J0

Through the Township's website: [www.muskokalakelakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakelakes.ca) Under Search type Complaint Form.

**After-hour calls are handled through an answering service (705-765-3156). Call takers will contact the appropriate staff if immediate action is required.\***



## Flood and Ice Floe Insurance is now available!

In 2013 residents, cottagers and business' in Muskoka suffered damages conservatively estimated to be over \$50 million that were not covered by insurance. That same spring, Muskoka and many parts of Ontario experienced excessive rain that accompanied the normal spring freshet (melting of snow) resulting in flooding that was described as a 100 year event. In other words, a flood that statistically has a 1% chance of occurring. Yet in 2016 damage caused by high water and winter ice floe was even more excessive than in 2013. The year of 2016 had steady rain throughout April and May and resulted in flood warnings throughout the spring.

One Canadian insurance company, Guarantee Company of North America (GCNA) has recognized that "...flowing or frozen water has a devastating, costly and at times catastrophic effect on our lives." In response, GCNA has enhanced their high quality Home and Cottage insurance product. GUARANTEE GOLD now includes optional coverage for their clients to address water risk issues.

Martin Merry Reid Limited is the preferred and recommended insurance broker of the Muskoka Lakes Association and now has a coverage offering for damage caused by flooding and ice floe to dwellings, detached private structures and personal property, through our partnership with GCNA GUARANTEE GOLD. Coverage is available effective March 17, 2017 for new clients, and May 23, 2017 for existing clients. Pricing may range from \$75 to \$500 annually for most boathouses and docking systems but will depend upon a number of different factors. Please note this coverage enhancement is only available in conjunction with GCNA's Home and Cottage insurance product, Guarantee Gold.

We would be pleased to discuss this new coverage with you and invite you to call us at 416-366-3333 or visit our website at [www.mmr.ca](http://www.mmr.ca).

**David Browne, Phillip Goad**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MLA Student Bursary Winner!

The Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) has awarded its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MLA Bursary to Robyn McIntyre of St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School in Bracebridge, Ontario.

Robyn has been involved in many aspects of school life, including sitting on the Student Council since Grade 10 and is a member of the St. Dominic Peer Support group. She is actively involved in the school's athletic teams, soccer, volleyball and badminton and has been an honour roll student for four years. She has also volunteered in many charitable initiatives, including the Salvation Army Christmas Food Drives, teen homeless nights and four years with an Anti-Bullying Awareness group. This year Robyn was a member of the St. Dominic's Tanzania Team, where she travelled to Tanzania in May to help in the construction of a school for underprivileged students.

Robyn has accepted admission to the University of Waterloo co-op Bachelor of Planning program where she begins pursuing her degree this fall. Eventually, Robyn hopes to return to Muskoka and use her Planning Degree.

Congratulations Robyn!



# Thank you MLA Volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

The fall has arrived and so the summer has come to an end. Kids are back at school and waterfront owners have return to their permanent homes, if not lucky enough to live in Muskoka full time. What a dedicated group of volunteers we have at the MLA! It allows us to keep striving to obtain our mission "Preserving Muskoka for Future Generations". Our volunteers help run events such as Seedling Day, Aquatic

Regatta and Sailing Regattas. Many other volunteers help test over 200 sites on our lakes and rivers to protect Muskoka's most valuable resource, our water. A special thanks to our board and committee members for watching over this piece of paradise and concerning themselves with pressing issues like taxes, land development, flooding and the environment. THANK YOU ALL.

## MLA Volunteers

Karen Abells  
Peter Armstrong  
Andrew Atkin  
Karen Atkin  
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Wesley Begg  
Judie Benyei  
Andy Benyei  
Greg Bertrand  
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Mike Bidwell  
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Emila Brittain  
Mark Brosch  
Cathy Brown  
Joey Brown  
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Randy Carson  
Rob Clark  
Valerie Clark  
Gary Clark  
Bob Cleverdon  
Sharon Cleverdon  
Michael Cleverdon  
Greg Coutts  
Laura Coutts  
Lynda Coutts  
Louise Cragg  
Chris Cragg  
Christine Cram  
Roger Crawford  
John Curran  
Sandy Currie  
Jim Davis  
Donna Di Lello  
Kellie Dobson

Tim Du Vernet  
Bob Dunlop  
Rick Durst  
Richard Eaves  
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E Elliott  
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Bob Ensor  
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Jack Fenn  
Mike Finley  
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Val Fleck  
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Allen Flye  
Ann Fullerton  
Rob Fullerton  
Don Furniss  
Gary Getson  
Jan Getson  
Jeff Getson  
Karen Gillies  
Geoffrey Goad  
Reid Goldman  
Stuart Golvin  
Barbara Graydon  
Matthew Graydon  
Beth Guy  
Jeff Hall  
Peter Hand  
Sue Hand  
Tim Hand  
Kelly Hart  
Nancy Hart  
Michael Hart  
Debbie Hastings  
Dunc Hawkins  
Cecil Hayhoe  
Marje Henke  
Rob Hindson

Bob Hogg  
Dayle Hogg  
Al Holley  
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Alan Hutton  
Adam Hutton  
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Catharine Inniss  
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Elizabeth Jennings  
Pat Kelly  
Gayle Kelly  
Fred Kelsey  
Melaney Kerley  
Bari Kerton  
Bob Kerton  
Azra Khan  
Catharine King  
Lynn Langford  
Dave Langford  
Jill Lavine  
Tom Laviolette  
Catherine LeBoeuf  
Laurie Leiser  
Jim Lewis  
Eleanor Lewis  
Ryan Lind  
Liz Lundell  
Dave MacIntosh  
Alex Magditsch  
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Scott Millard

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Charlie Newlands  
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Aaron Noonan  
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Sarah Phillips  
Steven Phillips  
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Aiden Prowse  
Adam Prowse  
Dylan Prowse  
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Terry Triskan  
Barb Triskan  
Oliver Triskan  
Liz Trotter  
Dianne Turnbull  
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John Wesley  
Sheila Wesley  
Sue Wessenger  
Cindy Williams  
Gord Wilson  
Carissa Wong  
John Wood  
Hanna Ylanko  
Jessica Ylanko

Our apologies if we forgot your name please let the office know.

# Emergencies in Cottage Country

We were very pleased with the interest in this Seminar and thought it would be appropriate to go over some of the important points that we learned.

## FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER

During this presentation, we went over the FireSmart Program and what we can do to protect our homes and reduce the risk of wildfires in Muskoka.

Some important points we covered included:

- Manage the vegetation around your home. Plants, leaves, and wood piles are surface fuels.
- Thin and prune trees within 10-30 metres of your home.
- Grow fire resistant plants.
- Make sure to stack firewood a safe distance from your home.
- Spacing trees at least 3 meters apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.

Please follow the link below for more important information.

<http://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>

## PARAMEDIC SERVICES & EMERGENCY PLANNING

This presentation included the general procedure if paramedics were to arrive at your door, how you can be most helpful when speaking to a 911 operator and the importance of having an emergency survival kit.

Some important points we covered included:

- Depending on the situation, paramedics will advise the most appropriate hospital to take you to when they arrive.
- When phoning 911 it is important to stay calm and give them as much information as possible. As you are speaking with them, they are already confirming your location with the appropriate response service (Fire, Paramedics, Police).
- Muskoka has 5 EMS Stations located in Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Mactier and Port Carling.
- Flashlight, batteries, radio, first aid kit, candles, clothing, footwear and cash are a few things you should have in an emergency survival kit.

## If you are on an island

Many residents throughout our community reside on an island. Our emergency services are well equipped to deal with these situations. Designated Emergency service vessels for the OPP, Paramedics and Fire are docked on our surrounding lakes for this purpose. The boats are stocked with the appropriate kits and materials necessary to make your travel to and from land as comfortable as possible.

## Important message from our first responders!

We need to remember that navigating through cottage country can have

its difficulties. Please always make sure to keep your roads and driveways accessible for emergency vehicles to pass through. As we know, our roads can become quite narrow so clearing any low hanging branches from access routes is imperative. Please make sure your address is clearly marked. Whenever possible, provide two access routes to your home.

**The above information, and much more can also be found on the Districts website below.**

<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/live-and-play/Emergency-Services.aspx>

## Climate Change in Muskoka: A Workshop about Extreme Weather and Shoreline Property

August 8th, 2017 - At this event in Huntsville, Dan Sandink of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction outlined how increased damage to boats and related equipment was linked to the extended periods of time that waterfront properties were left unattended. As we head into the late summer season, consider your own plans to be at your property, and what measures you should take to secure it when you're not there as often.

To see Dan's presentation from the event, and others from Muskoka Watershed Council, Environment Canada, Risk Sciences International, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and FOCA, visit: [http://www.climateontario.ca/w\\_CCinMuskoka\\_WP.php](http://www.climateontario.ca/w_CCinMuskoka_WP.php)



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## Record Safe Quiet Lakes (SQL) Participation in Survey

The report shows a direct correlation between enjoyment of cottage country and the perceptions of safety on the water and noise issues. The survey was conducted by ERIN Research during June and July 2017 and had more than three thousand respondents - a 44% increase over the original study that was conducted in 2013.

The survey found virtually all cottagers, residents and visitors love life on and near the water, including swimming and appreciating the sounds of nature. More than 93 per cent of respondents feel strongly that all Muskoka residents and visitors have a responsibility to protect the natural beauty of the region for future generations. Approximately, 98% of respondents own one or more boat. Canoes are still the most common type of boat but kayaks, paddleboards and powerboats of many kinds and sizes are rapidly gaining in popularity.

More than half of respondents feel that the Muskoka lakes and waterways are busier and noisier than four years ago and that excessive wakes have become more of an issue. The three most frequently mentioned problems in 2017 are all associated with unsafe and inconsiderate boating:

- Boat noise, especially from personal watercraft
- Boat wakes
- Boats operated at high speeds, especially when close to shore

Although respondents feel that boat traffic has increased, their overall perceptions of safety have remained steady since 2013.

Dr. George Spears, one of the principals of ERIN Research said "Respondents told us about their love for the lakes in no uncertain terms and they also told us there are things that they believe need to improve. Most prominently, since 2013 there has been a 10 per cent increase in support for education and communication about responsible boating."

The survey found that there are widely varying levels of support for solutions that have been commonly proposed.

- 72% support more education and communication
- 71% support no wake zones to protect people and wildlife in sensitive areas
- 67% support frequent and consistent enforcement of laws about illegal above water exhausts
- 62% support stronger enforcement of boating while under the influence, and establishing decibel limits on noise made by boats

"The survey allowed cottagers and residents to share their views," said Greg Wilkinson, chair of the Safe Quiet Lakes Research and Advocacy Committee. "Respondents wrote 274 pages of comments, describing their joys and passions for the lakes and also identifying areas where they feel change is warranted."

View the **SUMMARY** and **DETAILED** reports on our website [safequiet.ca](http://safequiet.ca) or [mla.on.ca](http://mla.on.ca)

## Fun Afternoon with some of our Water Quality Volunteers

A warm thank you to our hosts Louise and Chris Cragg for hosting the Water Quality Luncheon at their cottage on Sunday August 27, 2017.



L to R: Michael Hart, Past President; John Bowlby accepting on behalf of Michael Cleverdon; Steve Phillips; Al Moran; Barb Triskan; Chris Turney; Bob Ensor, President (absent - Sandy Currie)

## Thank You!

At the MLA Annual Meeting this past July, we said goodbye to six board members, who have provided support, passion and leadership for the MLA and our actions on members behalf.

### THANK YOU TO:

#### Michael Cleverdon

- Joined the board in 2013
- Played a part in our Small Association Outreach Program
- Helped to pass along cost savings to the MLA with regards to the yearbook

#### Sandy Currie

- Joined the board in 2012
- One of our two resident safe boating experts
- Liaison for Safe Quiet Lakes

#### Steve Phillips

- Joined the board in 2013
- Began the process of the 125th planning
- Helped with strategic planning processes for the association and governance
- Fantastic sailing ambassador

#### Al Moran

- Joined the board in 2011
- Year round eyes and ears of Muskoka
- Active on the political front

#### Barb Triskan

- Joined the board in 2012
- Co-chaired the sailing network for the last few years with a focus on youth sailing in Muskoka
- Continuing to work on the MLA 125th celebrations

#### Chris Turney

- Joined the board in 2011
- Secretary of the association
- Actively worked on multiple issues on behalf of the MLA and provided great advice

Thank You to all of you, for your years of service and dedication to the MLA board.



5TH ANNUAL  
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 FOOD DRIVE  
 August 24th - October 9th



This years food drive is in support of the Manna Food Bank.



**Drop-Off  
 Locations:**

Oliver's Coffee - Port Carling  
 Oliver's Coffee - Bracebridge  
 Allport Marina  
 Bala Cove Marina  
 Campbell's Landing  
 Gordon Bay Marine  
 Indianhead Harbour Marina  
 LCBO - Port Carling (*August 27th*)  
 Muskoka Lakes Marine  
 MLA Office

Oliver's Coffee - Bala  
 Oliver's Coffee - Gravenhurst  
 Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club  
 Pride of Muskoka (Bracebridge)  
 Skeleton Lake Marina  
 SWS Marine  
 Terry Johnson's Hamer Bay Marine  
 The Boatworks of Port Carling  
 Walkers Point Marina  
 Windermere Marina

Drop-off bins are accessible during open hours only inside the above locations

**Please Note:**

1. Canned, tinned and dried foods with a long use-by date are most valued.
2. Fresh Carrots and Potatoes are also accepted.
3. People don't always have can openers, so cans with pull-tabs are very handy.
4. Smaller packages are easier to distribute.
5. Unopened/Unexpired products only please.



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