



# N e w s l e t t e r



The GLCA is a volunteer organization committed to representing the interests of the residents of Gull Lake.

**April 29, 2018,  
Rackety Trail, Gull Lake**

Longingly waiting for spring...

*Photo submitted by Nick Evans*

## Board of Directors

**President**  
Keith Kennedy

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**Communications/Website**  
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**Regatta Commodore**  
Will Rea

**Director at Large**  
Tracey D'Alessio

**Newsletter Editor**  
Sue Montgomery

**Membership Assistant**  
Jane Robinson

**Website**  
"New Website Released"

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

## President's Message

Your GLCA Board of Directors have been working hard on another excellent year for the lake community! As you are aware, the Association Board Members are all volunteers dedicated to Gull Lake and the surrounding community affecting Gull Lake. We are privileged to be joined by many volunteers who devote their time, energy and resources to supporting that board. My personal thanks to our directors and our volunteers for all their efforts on behalf of the membership.

At the moment, we have nine Board of Directors positions but only eight of the nine are filled and one of eight is coming available due to retirement. Communications/Website and Treasurer are the positions looking for Directors. Please review the Director Descriptions later in the newsletter and let us know if you are willing to help.

This year, Mike Thorne will suggest a more comprehensive review of invasive species and update our lake plan status and action items. Natural shorelines protect and filter our lakes from the effects of human activities on shore and we hope that understanding where we have room for improvement will encourage individual property owners to take steps to "re-naturalize" where possible.

The Love Your Lake program was so successful and informative that the GLCA will organize a re-naturalization contest. If you are considering re-naturalizing your property on Gull Lake, we are planning a "shoreline challenge". The GLCA will match to a certain value the costs of re-naturalizing. Once the contest starts, send in photos of your shoreline and three properties will be chosen, with a matched value of \$500 to \$1,500. Watch for details.

Our website has been updated and looks impressive, check the bottom of the page for membership links and take the time to visit the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association's website. It is exceptionally informative about lake health. Please also review the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow which will keep you informed of lake levels in our system. Another interesting website regarding water levels in our system is <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet>.

Our continued goal is to keep the AGM as information based as possible. Our 2018 AGM will be held at Kilcoo Camp on May 20th and will feature a guest speaker Rob Davis with a very informative presentation regarding septic. Look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to pay for your 2018 membership and encourage your lake neighbour's to join.

**Keith Kennedy**

## Treasurer's Report

by Nick Evans, GLCA Treasurer

We are happy to report that the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association remains in good financial health. The key investment in 2017 was \$2300 in developing a new website. Thank you to Jessica Allison who initiated the project and to Judy Ingram who also put in a significant number of volunteer hours working with our new web designer. Going forward, it is clear that the association will need to be budgeting funds for both annual maintenance and regular upgrades to the GLCA website to ensure it is functioning well and protected.

### The 2017 Financial Numbers

For those interested here are the numbers for 2017: Our membership revenue of \$11,240 was up slightly versus 2016. This is a real accomplishment as the Love Your Lake program boosted membership participation rates in 2016, so being able to maintain the growth again this year was fantastic. Similarly donations to the GLCA from members are up 60% versus two years ago. It certainly gives the Board a sense that we are on the right track in creating programs on behalf of Gull Lake cottagers.

All the expenses are similar to prior years. Insurance continues to be one of our bigger expenses at over \$2,000 but it has been stable for the last 5 years. GLCA donations to the Minden Community were focused on the Hospital, the Food Bank and the Canada Day Celebrations. We also donated to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association in recognition of their work on regional lake health. The AGM, Water Testing, Photo contest, and the Newsletter costs all came in line with previous years. In addition, Association fees cover the GLCA's membership in the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (C.H.A.), the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), and the Federation of Cottage Associations (FOCA).

As stated previously, our long term goal is to have a contingency fund of \$35K to be able to provide an initial response to any significant environmental or development threats to the lake. In 2017 we did not need to dip into our contingency fund to respond to any issues. In addition in 2017, we ended up with our revenue exceeding our expense by \$2,750 so we were able to allocate \$2,000 to the contingency fund bringing it up to \$22,000.

On a personal note, based on the bylaws it is my time to step down from the Board in 2018. It has been wonderful to meet so many cottagers on the lake and contribute to keeping Gull Lake healthy and the Association financially stable. We are still looking for someone new to volunteer to be the Treasurer. It is really quite simple, if you can handle your household finances you can handle being the Treasurer, and I am willing to provide any support required. Please email me directly if you are at all interested at [nick@nickevans.com](mailto:nick@nickevans.com).



### Gull Lake Cottagers Association

#### Statement of Profit and Loss

January 1, 2017 to December 31 2017

#### REVENUE

Membership	\$ 11,240
Donations to GLCA	\$ 1,485
Newsletter	\$ 270
Merchandise	\$ 10
Regatta	\$ 1,075
Advertising	\$ 350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,430</b>

#### EXPENSES

Newsletter and Website	\$ 2940
Donations to Community	\$ 950
AGM	\$ 1,865
Regatta	\$ 1,700
Lake Plan	\$ 550
Water Testing	\$ 180
Photo Contest	\$ 125
Golf event	\$ 45
Association Fees	\$ 910
Insurance	\$ 2,075
Expenses office/bank	\$ 155
Recognition to volunteers	\$ 185
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,680</b>

2016 Revenue less Expenses \$ 2,750

**April 6, 2018**

Gull Lake still in  
Winter Wonderland!

*Photo submitted by  
Judy Ingram*

## Membership Update

By Judy Ingram, Membership Director

I would like to thank those of you who have already renewed your 2018 membership. We currently have more than one third of our Primary Members and one third of our Associate Members signed up for 2018 and beyond!

Our new website is up and running and some of you have taken advantage of it and renewed your membership online. If you would prefer to send us an eTransfer, you can do so, but please send the eTransfer to [info@gulllakecottagers.com](mailto:info@gulllakecottagers.com). Be sure to include your cottage address, home address and email addresses in the accompanying email to the [info@gulllakecottagers.com](mailto:info@gulllakecottagers.com) address. For those of you that prefer sending a cheque, please feel free to print the Membership Renewal Form included in the Newsletter, or print the one online, fill it out, and send it along with your cheque to 10 Shortland Crescent, Etobicoke, ON M9R 2T3. Our goal is to have as many renewals processed BEFORE the AGM as we can. This really helps to stream line the entry process at the AGM. If you prefer to pay at the AGM, feel free to do so, we look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to extend a huge welcome to Janis and Mark Ketcheson who have purchased a lot on Lackie's Lane. They have already joined the GLCA and they don't even have a cottage yet. Hopefully they will be able to make it out to the AGM and gather a wealth of information from the Gull Lake Cottagers.

I'm sad to say good bye to Bob and Joanne Hill, long time members of the GLCA. They have sold their cottage on Bedlington Lane. However, Karen and Wayne Antill, the new owners, have already joined the GLCA, and I would like to extend a hearty welcome to them. I will be stopping by their place with Tracey D'Alessio to welcome them officially.

Please let the GLCA know if there is someone new on your road. We would like to welcome them to the lake too! We will provide them with a GLCA Gift Bag filled with useful information, booklets and pamphlets from the MNRF and the OPP, Gull Lake Swag, and a NEW OWNER Membership Form. You and your new neighbour could be featured in the next newsletter.

## Rehabilitation of Gull River Bridges & Miners Bay Culvert on Highway 35

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) have taken steps to begin the rehabilitation of the Gull River bridges (at Moore Falls), Miners Bay Culvert and Black Creek Culvert. Currently, the firm of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers are carrying out the detailed design and environmental assessment of this project.

The project is not to begin until 2019. More information will be provided in subsequent newsletters.

At this point, there is no indication that the repair work will include any new solution to a portage that will replace the rollers that were removed between Gull and Moore Lake.



Study Area Key Map

## GLCA Director Positions Open

The following Board of Director positions are open for a volunteer opportunity.

### Communications:

The Communications Director oversees all Gull Lake Cottagers' Association information between the Board and membership, including announcements, updates, alerts and newsletters.

Also responsible for updating the website and Facebook. Is an active role on the Board of Directors.

### Duties

- Distribute executive messages to the GLCA membership.
- Update Facebook
- Maintain website
- Monitor the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association email regularly.
- Distribute membership inquiries to the board for response.
- Keep records of all newsletters
- Generally represent our organization to membership and interested parties.

### Requirements

Preferably have strong written and oral communications skills and a comfort level with technology. Research and proofreading skills to ensure all materials are high quality and accurate.

### Treasurer:

#### Key Responsibilities

- Pay for any expenses.
- Track the money coming in and out of the bank account.
- Do a 10 minute presentation on the financials at the Annual General Meeting in May.
- Attend the 4-5 Board meetings a year.

You don't need to be a financial expert, just someone who can manage household financials and track it on an excel spreadsheet. Nick, the current Treasurer, will work with you so that you will know everything you need to know.



## Upcoming GLCA Events!

### Mark your Calendars!

**Sunday, May 20**

**AGM/Cottage Opening - Social/Lunch**

Registration @ 11:15 am, Lunch @12:00, Meeting @ 12:15

**Saturday, July 28**

**Sailing race** - Meet at Gull Rock (Rain / No Wind date is Sunday, July 29)

Participants must sign-up ahead of time - this is a **new requirement for 2018**.

**Saturday, August 4**

**Regatta** - Rain or Shine,- meet at University of Toronto Survey Camp

**Saturday, August 11**

**Rock Bass Derby** - weigh in @12:30 pm at Miners' Bay

**Saturday, August 18**

**GLCA Golf Tournament** - The Links of Monck's Landing in Norland

**Monday, September 3**

**Photo Day Contest** - last day for submissions

### A Message from the Regatta Commodore Will Rea

We are all looking forward to the coming summer months and all the events that take place. As Regatta Commodore, I am reaching out to the Gull Lake community looking for volunteers to help out. For the Regatta, we are looking for half day or full day volunteers. You can either come in the morning, for set up and the children's games, or the afternoon, for waterfront games and clean up. If you are interested please go to [www.glca.ca](http://www.glca.ca) and complete the form on the Regatta page. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students looking to earn some volunteer hours. Remember, the Regatta is always on the Saturday of the August long weekend, rain or shine, this year it is Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Sailing Race will be held on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and we will require participants to sign-up ahead of time. This is a **new requirement for 2018**. We want to make sure there will be enough participants to run a good race. The Sailing Race has a Rain / No-wind date of Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We are also open to new ideas for 'lake races', if you have any, please send them through [www.glca.ca](http://www.glca.ca).



## Social Activity & GLCA Merchandise

*By Brian Pinnock, Special Events & Merchandise Director*

After last year's success, we will host our second GLCA golf tournament on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Links of Monck's Landing in Norland. Please mark your calendars, more details to follow in June.

New GLCA Merchandise will be available to purchase (cash sales) at the Annual General Meeting, at Kilcoo Camp on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> and again at the Regatta on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Lake Steward's Report

By Mike Thorne

## Treatment of Our Cottage Septic Systems

As I recently (February 2018) had to have my Septic Tank pumped out due to the failure of the pump (I think-21 years old), that pumps my septic effluent up a hill to my tile bed. I have to wait until the ground thaws to locate 2<sup>nd</sup> tank hatch and have the effluent pump checked and replaced if necessary.

However, this incident reminded me of three things 1) make sure you have your septic system pumped and inspected every 3-5 years and 2) after looking at the solids build up-- when I opened the lid, it reminded me that the old adage "out of site out of mind" should not be used when thinking about how our cottage waste treatment systems should be considered and 3) make sure you have the exact measurements of where your septic tank access hatch is located particularly when it is under a foot of snow....and remember where you stored the measurements.

In the Spring Issue of the current Cottage Life magazine there is an article by Leslie Garrett "Talk Dirty To Me" that has some points worth repeating on what's safe for your septic system. In discussion with Rob Davis a septic operations expert-who by the way will address us at the upcoming AGM, he outlined to Leslie what we should not be putting down the drain.

### CHLORINE

This chemical kills bacteria, which is why it's in cleaning products. It also kills bacteria and microbes in your septic system, and they are the most critical part of treating sewage.

### ANTIBACTERIAL SOAPS AND CLEANERS

These chemicals also kill bacteria critical for the treatment of sewage. Davis notes occasional use may be okay, but sustained use is a no-no. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are a better choice, as alcohol is easily broken down in septic systems by microbial action. That's why I drink at the cottage, to help the sewage bacteria of course. In your dishwasher, please make sure you are using a chlorine-free, phosphate free detergent. President's Choice Green dishwasher tabs are a good pick.

### LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER

The problem with liquid fabric softener is that it adds fats (usually lanolin or petroleum) to wastewater and causes a build-up that is difficult for native *microbes* to digest.

### PHOSPHATES

Not desirable in a septic system. Phosphate is a powerful nutrient that if your septic system malfunctions or becomes overloaded can leach effluent in to the lake and create algal blooms which can "kill" lakes.

### AUTOMATIC BOWL CLEANERS

"If it's blue, it just won't do!". Those bowl cleaners are usually chlorine based, and when "flushed", bathe the microbes in the system with killer chlorine which affects the level of treatment in your septic tank.

### SODIUM HYDROXIDE

Also known as lye or caustic soda, sodium hydroxide is in chemical drain cleaners which can damage plumbing and is dangerous to handle. It can also be toxic to the hard-working microbes in your septic tank. People often put lye in the privy to control the smell—but as with your septic, lye actually stops the breakdown of outhouse material, preserving the pile. Don't do it. Instead add shredded paper or brown leaves, which will speed up the decomposition process in your outhouse.

To keep your septic system function properly look for products that are biodegradable, chlorine and phosphate-free, and contain no

antibacterial chemicals. Suggestions that we as cottagers on septic systems should all take to heart.

**The better our septic systems work the better it is for our lake.**

## Invasive Species

From FOCA Newsletter

Invasive species are defined as harmful, non-native plants, animals and micro-organisms whose introduction or spread threatens the environment, the economy, or society, including human health. Non-native refers to any plant, animal or microorganism that has been introduced into areas beyond their range; whether this introduction be deliberate or accidental. It is important to note that not all non-native species are considered invasive. There are a wide range of species in Ontario that waterfront property owners should be aware of; including plants, animals, fungi, fish, invertebrates and diseases. Once established, invasive species are extremely difficult and costly to control and eradicate, and their ecological effects are often irreversible. Ontario's definition of an invasive species may include species native to Ontario, which have been introduced to a new geographic region due to human activity. Species may also be considered invasive if their introduction or spread can be linked to our changing climate

Historically, Ontario has had more non-native species establish within its borders than any other province or territory.

## Cormorants on Gull Lake (Protected Species)

Cormorants are colonial water birds that seek aquatic bodies big enough to support their mostly fish diet. However, they may roost and form breeding colonies on smaller lagoons or ponds, and then fly up to 40 miles to a feeding area. In addition to fishing waters, cormorants need perching areas for the considerable amount of time they spend resting each day. After fishing, cormorants retire to high, airy perches to dry off and digest their meals—rocks, wires, tops of dead trees, ship masts. They tend to form breeding colonies in clusters of trees in or near water. After a while, masses of cormorant guano may kill these trees and the trees may topple, at which point the cormorants may switch to nesting on the ground.

A cormorant's diet is almost all fish, with just a few insects, crustaceans, or amphibians. They eat a wide variety of fish (more than 250 species have been reported), and they have impressive fishing technique: diving and chasing fish underwater with powerful propulsion from webbed feet. The tip of a cormorant's upper bill is shaped like a hook, which is helpful for catching prey. When cormorants happen to catch a crustacean like a crayfish, they exhibit a little flair in eating it—hammering the prey on the water to shake its legs off, then flipping it in the air and catching it headfirst for easy swallowing.

The MNR is working with the Canadian and U.S. federal governments and other Provincial and State governments in North America to share information about cormorant populations. MNR is also aware of many inland lake cormorant populations and in some cases has been involved in providing breeding evidence to the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas.

Future management for cormorant populations will be determined based on results of current research and will involve consultation with stakeholder groups and interested clients. For more information on cormorants please contact your nearest District MNR office.



## “A Century” at Miners’ Bay

*By Russ and Dottie Wunker*

My family has had an ongoing association with Gull Lake for over a hundred years. Grandfather John Percy first visited Miners’ Bay in 1912, and the family has been here ever since.

By 1920, the Percys had moved from Galloways farm (now Miners’ Bay Lodge) to the point next door. Due to a rash of vandalism and break-ins, John, along with fellow cottagers Art Hatch, A.E. Humphrey, and Alec Horn, formed the Miners’ Bay Property Owners Association. They hired Dan Gillespie (Gerald’s grandfather) as Warden to check and report on their properties. About the same time (1922), a similar organization was established at the north end of Gull Lake.

By the end of WW I, tourists had been coming to the Hotel at Miners’ Bay. By the mid 1930’s it was in decline, and Cottage Association members were concerned enough to consider buying it until they could find the right folk to take it over. Rev. J.E. Windsor, who had vacationed at Miners’ Bay since 1926, worked with the cottagers and introduced the Wunker family, who bought the Bay View Hotel from Herb and Mary Tracey in 1938.

A letter in May 1939 from the Cottage Association to its members recommended that “before you place an order for your season’s supply of groceries in the city that you send a list to Mr. Wunker we bespeak for Mr. Wunker the hearty goodwill and patronage of the cottagers”. They also remarked that he “has wisely changed the name to Miners’ Bay Lodge”.

My grandparents, parents and aunt and uncle ran MBL for 50 years serving the needs of the growing number of tourists and Gull Lake cottagers. The children of many Gull Lake families worked at the Lodge over the years – a pattern which continues to the present time.

In the 1970’s I was the President of the Miners’ Bay Cottagers Association, and Morley Sparling (of Long Island) was president of the Group from the north end of the lake. It was decided to amalgamate into a single Gull Lake Cottagers’ Association.

Like many Gull Lake cottagers, MBL guests return year after year – some for as many as 6 generations! Miners’ Bay Lodge, like Gull Lake, is a special place. Since 1988 Dottie and I have operated MBL. Her family started vacationing here in the 1940’s! After 30 years it is time to retire.

Rather than sell for more money to a developer who would “end the Miners’ Bay dream”, we sought a buyer who would continue the MBL tradition. We are excited that a group of long time MBL guests have chosen to perpetuate the Miners’ Bay Lodge experience. They too know and love Gull Lake. Dottie and I will retire to our home on Miners’ Bay this fall. We look forward to introducing representatives of the new owners of MBL to you at the Annual General Meeting.







**Miners' Bay Church c.1916**

Showing the remains of the dam from the sawmill.



**Bay View Hotel c. 1917**

Showing the Galloway farmhouse and first half of the lodge as well as the wooden bridge, which is now part of Hwy 35.



**Bay View Hotel c. 1920**

After the second half of the main lodge was constructed.



**Miners' Bay Lodge c. 1938**

Showing gravel on Hwy 35.



### Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Protecting the land we love for future generations.

Have you ever wondered what happens to land that people donate?

And how it positively benefits you?

#### About Us:

In 2005, The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) was formed as a non-governmental organization and registered charity dedicated to conserving the natural environment and enhancing quality of life in the Highlands. We do this by acquiring ecologically significant lands and/or interests in lands and the connections between them, and by engaging the community in support of this work to ensure these lands are cared for, in perpetuity. We currently own, protect and manage four richly diverse nature preserves collectively totaling close to 700 acres. For more information on our protected lands, please visit our website at [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca).

#### Our Priorities:

•**Conservation** as the recipient of land that has been donated through the Government of Canada's Ecological Gift Program. Once acquired, the Land Trust is responsible to protect and maintain the land in perpetuity for your enjoyment and for future generations to come.

•**Education and Research** through workshops and events like our Discovery Days that provide a better understanding of the biodiversity in Haliburton Highlands and to promote the protection of habitats and species at risk.

The Land Trust is looking forward to another great year filled with events, research projects and Discovery Days Programs. Highlights include:

•Environment and Climate Change Canada recognition for the **Dahl Forest** for conserving biodiversity and promoting conservation and stewardship through partnerships

•Canada 150 Funding for our project entitled **I DID IT**. The project included a pollinator garden at Abbey Gardens, the Counties first ever BioBlitz at Dahl Forest and a tree and native shrub planting along the banks of the Gull River in Minden. Sticks and Stones Productions captured all three projects as they happened. The magazine can be found at <https://joom.ag/cfQY> and can also be found on our website.

•The Land Trust completed its three year **Turtle Road Mortality Mitigation Project**. We built a barrier wall and underpass that has proved successful in reducing the numbers of turtles killed while trying to cross Gelert Rd. to reach their nesting site.

•A two year grant to study **Bats in our County** who are threatened by White Nose Syndrome. Paul Heaven, a community member and a biologist working with the Land Trust will be setting up a monitor on Lake Kashagawigamog this spring to detect the numbers and species of bats around our lake. **We will report the findings for a future newsletter.**

#### Discovery Days

The community loves our Discovery Days program held throughout the year because they are family oriented, educational and just plain fun. Please visit our website and click on Discovery Days for the upcoming events and to register. You may want to attend the **Owl Prowl** in April, learn about **Leeks and Wild Edibles** in May, build your very own **Bat Box** in June, learn all about **Dragonflies** in July and take a guided walk through the **Dahl Forest** in September. All of the events are led by experts from the community.

While most of the programs are free, we do encourage a small donation toward the cost and remember to register early as space is sometimes limited.



To learn more about the Land Trust, our properties, our projects or how you can become involved please visit our website at [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca).

You can find information on how to become a member, a volunteer or make a donation to the Land Trust. If you are interested in information on how to donate land, please call our office at 705-457-3700.



# INSPECTION

## Inspection of Approved 2018 – 2019 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft-Minden Forest

The Bancroft District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Bancroft-Minden Forest.

### Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection for a fifteen-day period at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. Office and the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning March 29, 2018 and available to view throughout the one-year duration.

### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the MNRF Bancroft District Office, Glenn McLean. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke.

### More Information

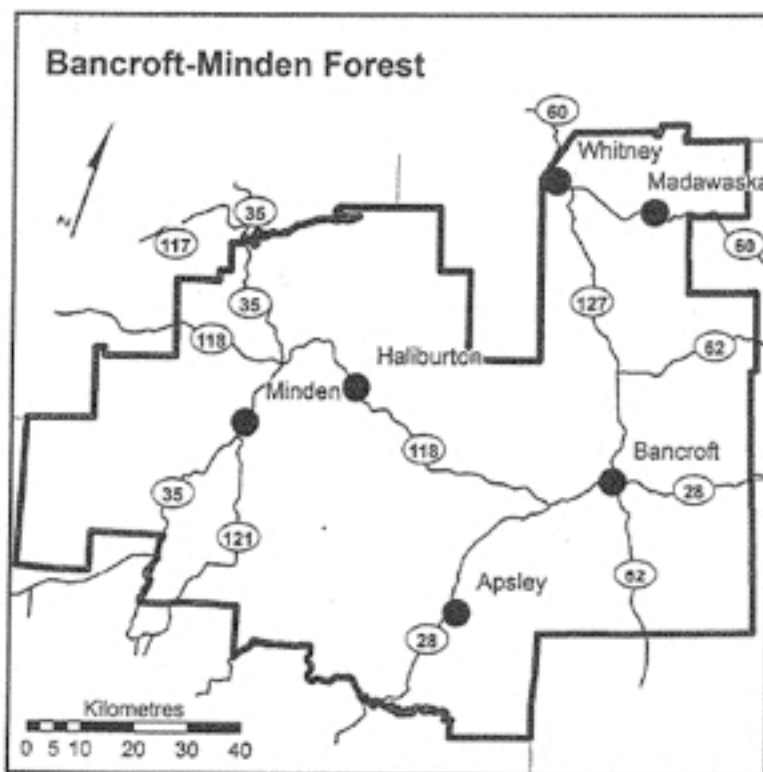
For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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# Ontario Municipal Elections

- The next municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 22, 2018**. There will be some changes this time around, which were part of the *Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016*. Some of these changes took effect immediately, while some others come into effect April 1, 2018, in time for the next municipal election. What's changed? Click [here](#) for highlights.
- The term of office for elected representatives is December 1st, 2018 to November 30th, 2022 (a four year term). Learn who in your community best represents your position on the issues that mean the most to you and your family!
- Those thinking they have a future career in municipal politics can **file nomination papers** from Tuesday, May 1, 2018 up until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018.

## Where can you vote?

In Ontario Municipal elections, you are entitled to vote where you own property. Therefore, plan to vote at your cottage riding **as well as** your permanent residence.

**FAQ: “My family owns a cottage. Can I vote in that municipality?”** In order to qualify as a non-resident elector, you (or your spouse) must be the owner or tenant of the property. If a family member who is not your spouse is the owner, and you have use of the cottage, you would not qualify as a non-resident elector. If the cottage is owned by a trust, you would not qualify as a non-resident elector.

The above information and everything else you need to know about the upcoming municipal election is in the [Voter's Guide for Ontario Municipal and School By-elections 2016-2018](#) (PDF, 24 pages).

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## Who can vote?

Anyone can vote in a municipal election who, on the day of the election, is:

- 18 years of age or older;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant, or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the municipality, during a specified time just before the election.

To be able to vote, your name must be on the list of eligible voters. If you are on the voters list, you should receive a card in later October of the election year, telling you that you are eligible to vote. Call your municipality for assistance if you do not receive your card but think you are eligible to vote.

## How can you vote?

Ask your municipality about the availability of advance polls or online voting. **Now is the time** to check on the options available to your association members for municipal voting in October 2018. Does your municipality offer online or phone options? **FOCA encourages you to start asking questions NOW to prepare to have seasonal residents' voices included in the votes next year.**





**Haliburton School  
of Art + Design**  
Fleming College

# Summer living is easy. Choosing just one art course is hard.

This year's summer program features over 300 courses, including more than 70 new classes to explore: Alla Prima – Direct Painting, Aerial Dance – Creative Movement, Sculptural Sheet Metal Forming, Eco Art, Life Drawing & 3D Model Making, and Writing a Novel, to name a few.

So whether you are enrolling for the first time, or you come back every year, we have courses for your interests, abilities and talent.

The Haliburton School of Art + Design is a wonderful place to learn, grow and create and we hope you can take some time for yourself this summer to explore fresh possibilities.

*Stripes II by Annette Blady Van Mill*

For more information, and to register:

**hsad.ca or 705.457.1680**  
**866.353.6464 ext. 3**

**Primary Membership:**

There is one Primary Membership per cottage. Primary Membership includes spouse and children who are still pursuing their education.

**Associate Membership:**

Associate Memberships are for individuals and families who cottage on Gull Lake but are not the Primary Member. Associate Memberships include spouse and children.

**Benefits:**

Both Primary and Associate Memberships entitle you to attend all events, receive newsletters and communication, and benefit from having Association volunteers work on your behalf to enhance the enjoyment and health of the lake. Only the Primary Member for your cottage can vote on motions.

Website: GLCA.CA

Contact: info@GLCA.CA

# 2018 GLCA Membership Renewal Form

**Please Print**

Cottage Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Member:**

Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Member:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Membership (only one per cottage) \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Hard copy of newsletter \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Membership (for each Associate membership) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Hard copy of newsletter (for each Associate membership) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Details for additional Associate Members may be written on back

Donation (any amount appreciated) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total dues for 1 year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional - renew for 2 years (double the 1 year total) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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