

# Eagle Moose Lake Property Owners Association

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## Mission Statement

*The Eagle Moose Lake Property Owners Association (EMLPO) is a group of volunteer lake stewards that advocate for the health and preservation of our lakes. The association will communicate to and educate members related to the sustainable lake environment and enjoyment of Eagle, Moose, and Glen Lakes.*

## Updates and changes to the Directorship of the Association

This summer marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the formation of the **EAGLE MOOSE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION** concurrent with the launch of the website [www.emlpo.ca](http://www.emlpo.ca). Since the inaugural meeting in May 2016, the association has joined membership with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA, [www.cohpoa.org](http://www.cohpoa.org)), a larger umbrella organization comprised of approximately 50 lake associations, representing over 120 lakes and 16,000 shoreline properties within the geographical limits of Haliburton County. Virtually every lake association in the County is a member of the CHA.

Last summer in June 2017, EMLPO also coordinated and completed the **LOVE YOUR LAKE** shoreline evaluation project ([www.loveyourlake.ca](http://www.loveyourlake.ca)), a program developed by Watersheds Canada and supported by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. 2017 was the last summer CHA would be offering this program to its members with assistance funding, so we were fortunate to have been able to take advantage of this. The study was conducted with a team of evaluators and resident volunteers providing their boats and overnight accommodation over the course of two days. Each shoreline property owner (shoreline only) should have received a confidential report evaluation of their individual property. EMLPO will also receive an overall report and review of our lakes from the CHA, which we will share once received.

Over the past two years, EMLPO membership has grown from its first 32 members at the inaugural meeting to **82 MEMBERS** today. We still have a way to go as we estimate over 340 properties combined on all three lakes, both on the shoreline and surrounding area. At this point, the most important thing EMLPO and its members can do is continue to reach out and connect with neighbours until our association represents all property owners.

This brings me to the topic of EMLPO and its executive structure. As we are a relatively new lake association, the initial work of our core group of 10 Directors have done the job of establishing EMLPO. The future of the association is now in the hands of its members. In respect of this, EMLPO will continue to maintain operations and membership with the CHA and other umbrella organizations, and act as a communications hub for members to share their questions/concerns and access group benefits such as product or service bulk purchase discounts. Over time, I'm confident our association will evolve into the form and function it needs to be in order to best serve its members. At this time, we feel the Director structure is not representative of the roles and responsibilities we need to keep EMLPO moving forward and have decided to define a group of volunteer roles that together will form a **STEERING COMMITTEE**.

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That being said, as our association grows and its activities diversify we may transition back to a Director structure in the future. In the meantime, we currently have a committee of 5 volunteers assigned with the following roles:

1. Communications Coordinator – Michelle Tatham (me)
2. Financial – Laurel McCauley
3. Website Operations – Wayne Lavery
4. Projects and Programs Coordinators – Armin Weber and Mary Jowett

If any member is interested to take on a volunteer role with the association, below is a list of suggestions; or think of a role that is geared toward a specific skill/area of interest that you could lend to the association.

5. Membership
6. CHA Liaison
7. Digital and Social Media
8. Legal
9. Graphic Design
10. Media Content/Writer
11. Events Coordinator
12. Lake Health Coordinator (incl. water testing)
13. Septic Health Coordinator
14. Shoreline Health Coordinator
15. Sponsorship
16. Invasive Species
17. FOCA Liaison (pending)
18. City Council representative and By Laws

With this transition, (from start-up to cruise control) the annual costs to maintain EMLPO will be reduced compared to previous years – approximately \$30 per year per member. In recognition that some members paid up front for a 2-year membership (\$75), and others paid for a 1-year membership (\$40), we have decided to renew all members this summer on the same day (to be decided) and your renewal rate will take into account what you paid in previous years. Basically, everyone pays \$75 for the first 2 years and then \$30 thereafter, including new members. Invoices will be sent out later this summer and payment details will be provided on the invoice.

I've really enjoyed participating in the initiation of EMLPO, mostly for all the awesome people I've met along the way. Our lakes are truly surrounded by people who genuinely care about their neighbours, the lake health, and appreciate how lucky we are to have such a special place to live. A special thanks to our

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founding members – Wayne, Armin, Mary, Rod, Stan, Peter, and especially Laurel McCauley who occupied the role of President with gracious professionalism – for getting this thing off the ground!

As your Communications Coordinator moving forward, please feel free to reach out to me either by email or phone call if you have any questions or ideas to share. My role will be primarily to act as a conduit of information, communicating important news and initiatives from the CHA and collaborating with other lake associations to get ideas and share resources with them. Over the summer we will be making updates to the website and submitting an application for membership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA, [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)).

But please be aware \*\* vacation alert \*\* I will be out of the country from June 28<sup>th</sup> until July 15<sup>th</sup> and unable to respond to any phone calls or emails during this time. I'll be happy to touch base with you once I get back.

Enjoy the summer, and I hope to connect with you soon.

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