

CLPOA Secretary Report 2023

It has been my pleasure to act as the CLPOA Secretary for the past year, managing our Board Meetings and ensuring compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

2023 has been an active year with expanded participation post-Covid, and new and increasing concern for climate and environmental related issues coming forward to the Board.

The CLPOA continues to benefit from the strong contributions from board members and lake volunteers. This year the CLPOA established ***The Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award*** to honour CLPOA members who have demonstrated exceptional long-term volunteer leadership in support of Chandos Lake priorities. At the 2023 AGM we were extremely pleased to announce **Kathy Robichaud** and **King Baker** were the inaugural recipients.

During the ***CLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social***, generously hosted at Lyn and Duncan Turnbull's lovely cottage, King Baker and Kathy Robichaud were presented with Red Tail Co. handmade maple paddles engraved with the CLPOA logo and award details. The Volunteer Social serves a small thank you to all our committed volunteers and as an opportunity to connect with fellow cottagers. Congratulations to both these exceptional contributors!

With the goal of improving our efficiency and effectiveness related to variance reviews, as part of the 2024 AGM, the Board is proposing a modification to the existing by-law. This adjustment will allow us to advocate for the NK Planning Department and potentially other levels of government and agencies to continue to ensure future variance requests do not pose a threat to the pristine environment of Chandos Lake, while relieving the board of the obligation to scrutinize every application.

Our collective commitment to the well-being of Chandos Lake remains steadfast, and we believe these proposed modifications will strengthen our ability to protect and preserve this natural gem. We appreciate your support and engagement in this endeavor.

We've also established an ***Informal Working Group of Chandos Lake Road Directors*** to foster a community that can exchange experiences, ideas, and serve as a resource for one another. There was lively discussion at our second annual Sunday morning meeting at Wally's Pub.

I'd like to thank Craig Morrison, Director Communications, who is retiring from the board. Craig has been very supportive of all the various secretarial requirements, especially as it relates to pulling together the annual AGM.

I would also like to thank our board members for their ongoing support and commitment to Chandos Lake, we are committed to everyone's enjoyment and on-going wellness of the lake. Finally, we greatly appreciate members support and encourage you to get more involved and invite others to join the fun!

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