



MINUTES OF 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday May 1, 2025

7:00pm EDT via videoconference

1. Call to Order and review of the Agenda – Chair

Dave Taillefer opened the May 1st 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CLPOA, a community organization representing around 650 cottages on Chandos Lake. The meeting was recorded and held on the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

2. Minutes from the 2024 AGM

Chair reported that the meeting met our quorum requirement of 10% of Members entitled to vote including those who voted in advance. The 2024 AGM minutes are approved by 100% of voters, 50% required.

3. President's Report – Dave Taillefer

Dave announced that he is stepping down as President of the CLPOA. He thanked Iain Gorman for the work he did last year on the Dock Removal Program. He thanked the many volunteers to make our programs possible and acknowledged the community's contributions. Dave thanked retiring board members Barry Evans, Kathy Verdun and Michelle Schachtschneider and encouraged members to volunteer and help grow the Association's membership.

Dave then introduced Dave Hill, the Treasurer, who discussed the organization's financials.



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4. CLPOA Finances

Dave reported the CLPOA'S financial position, highlighting a surplus of \$15,275 in 2024 due to better-than-expected sponsorship and advertising sales and programs being delivered under budget. The 2025 budget anticipates a small deficit of \$7,700. We are in a strong financial position with \$124,000 in reserves. Dave also noted that the Association did not recommend an increase in membership fees due to the surplus. The Financial Review by Rafiq Dosani indicated the financial statements were fairly presented. Dave thanked Rafiq for his more than 20 years of voluntary service to the CLPOA, conducting our Financial Reviews.

- \$50 Membership Fee - required 50% of votes cast

Dave reported that 98% of the votes cast, voted to confirm the \$50 membership fee.

- Waiver of Financial Review – required 80% of votes cast

Dave reported that 95% of the votes cast voted to waive the need for a Financial Review.

5. Board Elections

Debbie Kirton, Secretary, reported

- the following board candidate was acclaimed for a two-year term with 100% approval, 50% required:

Dave Hill



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- the following board candidates were acclaimed for a two-year term with 100% approval, 50% required:
 - Elspeth Gaukrodger
 - John Lovatsis

- the following individuals were acclaimed with 98% approval, 50% required:
 - new board candidates for a two-year term
 - Elaine Dickson
 - Sean Godfrey
 - David Jones
 - Julia Smith
 - Lyn Turnbull

 - current board members for the remainder of their two-year terms:
 - Debra Anthony
 - Kristen Davison
 - Debbie Kirton
 - UE Kosar
 - Ed Legzdins
 - Mike Lucassan

- Dave Taillefer will assume the role of Past President for a one-year, non-voting term



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- Board Members retiring with thanks:

Barry Evans
Michelle Schachtschneider
Kathy Verduyn

6. Mayor Amyotte Update

Dave provided an update from Mayor Amyotte who unfortunately was absent due to a family emergency.

The biggest challenge the town faces is the increase in population – from 3,000 to 15,000, during the summer months. The Mayor encourages all residents to utilize the websites, the newsletters, and social media to stay connected and find answers to their questions.

Balancing preserving the natural beauty and rural character of the area with growth and development is a challenge. Zoning bylaws and a very comprehensive municipal review help them manage development. The Mayor advised that 70% of our lands are protected.

Initiatives in place to protect lakes, forests, and natural areas from overuse or environmental degradation include the expanded municipal grant program, which covers a broad range on initiatives including the CLPOA Boat Cleaning Station and the Septic Inspection Program which is starting up again.



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Mayor Amyotte encourages everyone to reach out to the town regarding any concerns or suggestions. She is excited about the downtown master plan for Apsley being developed. The repairs to Highway 28 will continue. There will be some upgrades to Bell fibre and Rogers coming soon, along with gravel roads repairs and ongoing road surface retreatment, which is part of their 5-year program.

The Mayor would like to create a friends of Eel Creek group that could work together to provide stewardship while improving, improving, paddling access and navigation along this amazing waterway

7. Chandos Lake Outstanding Contributor Award

Dave presented the **Outstanding Contributor Award** to Edith Gorman. Dave thanked Edith for being the Coordinator and Editor of the CLPOA Chandos Lake Yearbook for many years. We are all beneficiaries of Edith's hard work pulling together the beautiful keepsake Yearbooks we all cherish. In addition, Edith supported membership administration, and has hosted the Canoe and Kayak Days. The Outstanding Contributor Award includes a Red Tail handmade engraved paddle, membership in the CLPOA, and recognition in the yearbook and on the website.

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8. Fire Chief Jesse Lambe



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Chief Lambe provided an overview of local equipment and staffing. Our area is supported by approximately 50 firefighters, and multiple pumpers, tankers, trucks and boats. Most importantly we have wildland firefighting equipment compatible with Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) so we can work effectively with them when necessary.

Chief Lambe described their protocol during emergencies like the recent ice storm and the ability to call on any fire department within Peterborough County.

Regarding fire ban conditions, they utilize information provided through MNR to determine when a full ban should be established. The Chief strongly recommended everyone comply with the bylaw banning all daytime burning.

The Chief suggested everyone follow the **Fire Smart Program** which, recommends clearing roads brush, regular grass cutting, and avoiding piling firewood near decks. In addition, keep your municipal/civic address signs clearly visible, especially on island properties.

When questioned on private fire pumps, he recommended contacting Jack's Lake if Chandos is interested in a lake wide program.



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9. Adjournment

Dave concluded the CLPOA Annual General Meeting without any pending questions, expressing gratitude for the attendees' contributions to the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm