



**Malcolm & Ardoch  
Landowners Association  
Membership Survey  
January 27, 2010**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the survey was to: a) assess the level of satisfaction with the Landowners Association for Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes and b) identify items for the executive for planning purposes for the next 2-3 years. This survey was conducted during December and January of 2009-10.

**Summary:**

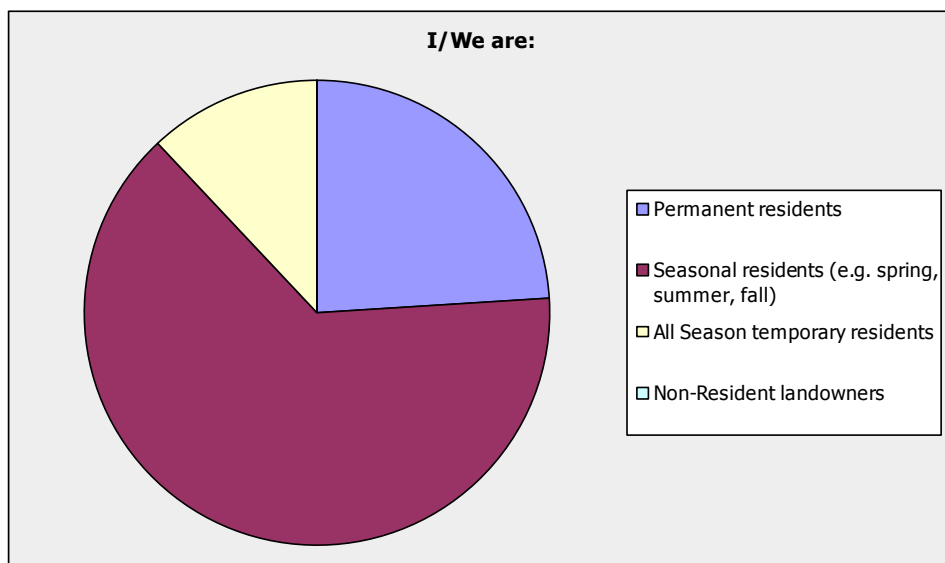
In summary we find all respondents were satisfied with the progress and the executive to date. In the survey we asked for feedback on a name change to Malcolm & Ardoch Lake Landowners Association (MALA) from Malcolm Lake Landowners Association (MLLA). The feedback was 100% in favour of the name change. It is obvious by the responses that we need to preserve the quality of life that our members expect and value.

**Detailed Results:**

The following is the detailed results for the survey as submitted by the respondents.

The respondents who completed the survey numbered 23 out of 36 members (64%) - an excellent response by survey standards. The 23 respondents are categorized as per the chart below and represents:

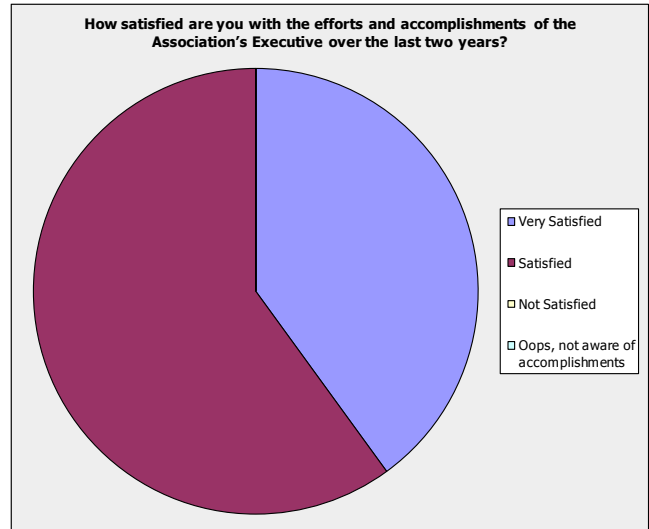
- 64% Seasonal
- 24% Permanent
- 12% all season temporary.



**1. How satisfied are you with the efforts and accomplishments of the Association’s Executive over the last two years?**

Comments

- Require improved communication and core membership support.
- Try to have at least one MALA member attend council meetings when lake issues/developments are discussed to have a better awareness and have our voice heard.
- One Annual General Meeting is sufficient. If needed, additional meetings could be arranged on specific issues.



**2. Do you own/operate a; (check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent
Power boat under 9.9 hp	52.0%
Power boat between 10 hp and 45 hp	32.0%
Power boat over 45 hp	24.0%
Non motorized craft(s) Please describe below	80.0%

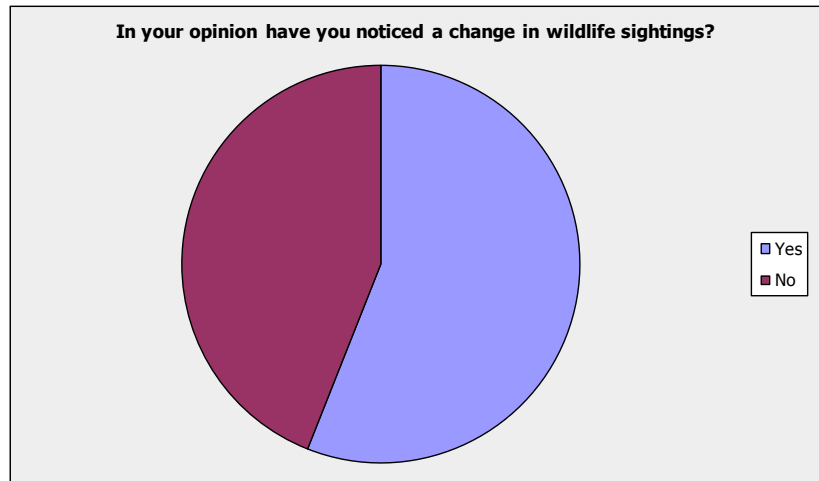
Membership input for Non Motorized crafts included;

- Canoe and peddle boat
- Canoe(s) and kayak
- Canoe
- Canoe and Kayak
- Canoe
- canoe, kayak, windsurfer
- Sail boat, paddle boat, canoe
- Canoe, paddle boat and sea kayak
- Canoe, kayak and windsurfer.
- One canoe and two kayaks
- Canoe
- Canoe
- Canoe, kayaks
- Canoe
- Pedal boat and a canoe
- paddle boat
- Canoe, row boat, peddle boat
- Paddle boat
- Canoe & paddle boat
- Canoe, peddle boat

### 3. In your opinion have you noticed a change in wildlife sightings?

This was an interesting response as it is almost even in the responses for wildlife changes. To summarize - there seems to be less deer, loons and partridge and more wolves/coyotes.

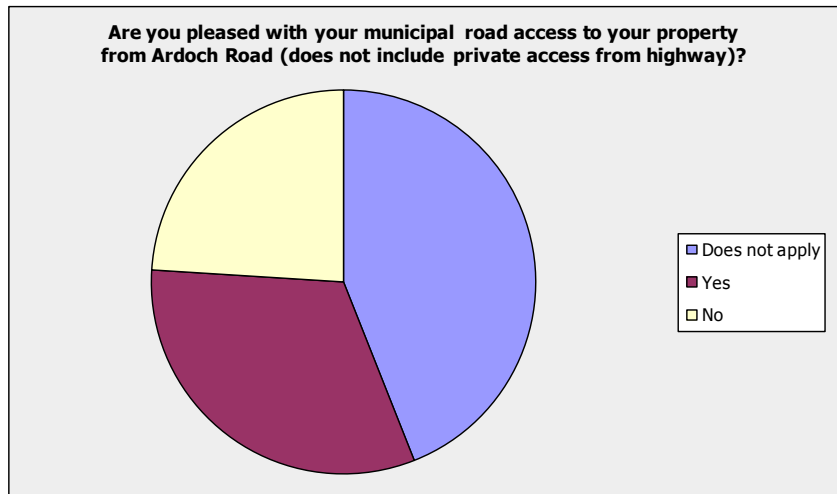
- We have been landowners since 2000 and have not noticed any changes to the wildlife - one thing I will say is that I see more wildlife (snapping turtles, painted turtles, leopard frogs, fish, loons, dragon flies) on Malcolm Lake than at other lakes in north/south frontenac area.
- "The deer population has been reduced."
- The wolf/coyote population has increased."
- "Decreasing habitat in shoreline environment has resulted in fewer species commonly are found along the shore such as muskrat and mink."
- People should make an effort to leave at least half of the shoreline undeveloped and in its natural state. If they have already cleared the shrubbery that naturally grows there, they could make an effort to replant."
- Seen lots of Blue Jays.
- There are still nesting loons on the lake, but there seem to be fewer pairs in recent years.
- Too many fishing boats
- The cottagers are still having a wild time at their cottages. The wild life on the lake is alive and well. (Someone has a sense of humour)
- Less of deer, fish and birds.
- Less loons last year
- More
- Lack of deer, partridge, fish
- Still see deer, partridge, loons, beavers, otters, foxes, mink, birds
- "Water fowl about the same."
- Partridge and small game seem to have dropped off.
- Not many deer sighting in my area the last few years."
- More coyotes
- We don't go to the cottage as often as our children.
- Seeing more wild turkeys, hearing more wolves in the winter, fewer songbirds and grouse.



**4. Are you pleased with your municipal road access to your property from Ardoch Road (does not include private access from highway)?**

Comments

- We really don't like the stones that are put down over the tar stuff on the main Ardoch road that are loose and often fly up into windscreens causing cracking /damage. Surely there is a better choice of paving that could be used instead?
- Our private lane connects directly to Ardoch Road
- Could be graveled and graded better and more timely sanding and clearing in the winter
- It needs to be paved
- Sign on Ardoch Road seemed to be a long time appearing and seems to be knocked over by the snow plows. People speed up since they have recently left the 50 kph zone yet our road has many residences on it.
- The Schonauer Rd. is cleared up to the Cottage Lane quite well.
- Further paving would be appreciated.
- Smith Rd. The township worked on it sporadically last summer and while it is wider in spots, the hill between the Schonauers/Myers and the osprey nest (swamp) is still narrow at the crest of the hill.



**5. The things, about Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes, that are the most important to me that I like and appreciate the most are:**

This is and will remain a great challenge to have a balance between the views of what summer is for some and what it is for others. The key message in the response seems to be the quiet, natural beauty and outdoor recreation.

- Wildlife, clean & healthy lake, peacefully surroundings, trees, quiet neighbours.
- All Environmental advantages relate to solitude, nature and good fishing.
- The quiet enjoyment of the natural environment we used to have before ATVs.
- Now summer is endured while I wait for fall.
- Free and unfettered access to crown land for hunting. Some access is at risk because the township is selling off unused road allowances. Additionally, the township also charges access to the forestry access roads that used to be free. They say it is to pay for maintenance yet the roads do not seem to be any better than when they were unmaintained."
- Quietness, clean water and good fishing.
- Peaceful setting
- Good water quality

- Good fishing
- Undeveloped nature of Ardoch Lake"
- Quiet and solitude
- Most of the people
- Wildlife
- Fishing
- In the autumn when the high speed boats go away"
- The privacy and quiet when boats aren't trolling all evening and the developers on Ardoch Lake aren't playing music outdoors
- The tranquility of the lake, the loons that enjoy their peace and quiet to raise their young. The clean water. The low-density of residences and cottages.
- The good friends and the fishing
- The peace and quiet
- The beauty of the scenery"
- The connecting of the lake members together to share the enjoyment of the lakes together and collective work to ensure the protection (environmental and cultural) of the lakes and their surroundings.
- How productive and positive the new Land Owners Association has been.
- Sense of community and being able to meet other cottagers through the associations events.
- Not many Sea Doo's or large boats.
- Ability to access Ardoch Lake (Green) from Malcolm.
- Multiple fish species however we really need to monitor and control this."
- Privacy, wild life
- Being able to have access all seasons; usually quiet and peaceful; good neighbours
- Being able to get away., have fun and relax..
- If we want to go fishing..we go. If the kids want to play on the Seadoo..they go and play."
- Fishing, camping, the laziness of the weekends
- Quietness of the lake
- Variety and amount of wildlife (both flora and fauna)
- The Loons
- Peace and quiet
- Continued good water quality
- Loons
- Quiet lake with friendly people
- People using boats sensibly
- The quiet fishing time.
- The new friends we met.
- People helping people
- Fishing, swimming and canoeing in clean water and not too many "fast" boats.
- The peace....the quiet.....swimming....
- Peace & quiet.
- Fishing, wildlife, pristineness of Ardoch Lake due to limited development.

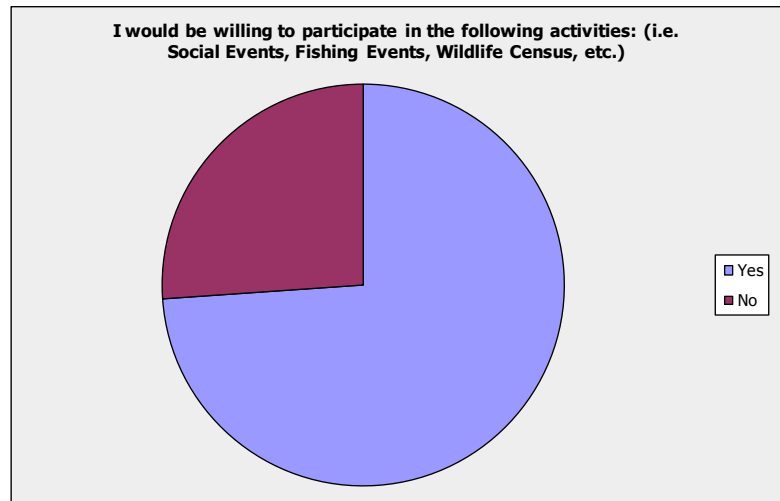
**6. My main concerns and the issues that I feel need to be addressed are listed below. I am listing my concerns/issues from the most important to the least important as follows;**

- The over development of the lakes.
- Degradation of the environment by actions of residents and developers.
- Growing number of bigger boats
- Over fishing of walleye and yellow perch; proposed development on Ardoch Lake; increasing number of large boats/motors;
- Environmental protection, communication and education for members and visitors
- Over fishing/boating on small lake
- Uranium mining.
- Fish preservation
- Over fishing especially by first nations people
- Placing "Ardoch Lake" in the Assoc. name
- Maintain Association involvement and membership in all points listed above. Motor size is a concern
- Water quality, and the trailer park over fishing
- That the waste disposal site not run into the lake; that fish population be revitalized; that lake front owners safeguard that their sewage and soap, etc...not go into the lake
- Too new to give opinion yet
- Uranium mining, development on or near the lake, water quality
- Ardoch Lake development, lack of attention by MNR
- Increasing the pickerel population
- Higher membership numbers, more involvement from different people.
- Proposed development on Ardoch Lake
- Decline in pickerel, development of Ardoch Lake

**7. I would be willing to participate in the following activities: (i.e. Social Events, Fishing Events, Wildlife Census, etc.)**

Comments

- The environment as a whole including both terrestrial and aquatic environments.
- Just keep us posted.
- I am willing to help when we are there in the summer, but our schedule is rather unpredictable.
- Fishing and wildlife census
- Depends on our availability but willing to help when we can
- Wildlife census and council meeting watch for upcoming talk of issues relating to our lake.
- All the above however sometimes it's hard to be 100% involved if you are not there all the time.
- Fish rehab and wildlife
- Fishing (Husband) Social Events (Wife)
- Wildlife conservation and census
- Walleye spawning reef enhancement which we should continue yearly.
- Fishing
- Willing to get involved where ever needed.
- Social events
- All the above.



**8. Last year Ardoch Lake joined Malcolm Lake as part of our association. In our opinion we would like to change the name of our association to Malcolm Ardoch Lakes Association (MALA). Do you agree with this name change?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	24
No	0.0%	0
If no what name would you suggest?		4

Comments

- I don't have a strong opinion either way on this although having 2 lakes named in the association may make give the association a slightly stronger standing.
- Malcolm Ardoch and Lakes Association (MALA) or Malcolm-Ardoch Lakes Association (MALA).
- No suggestion but be aware of costs to change.

**Below, are other comments I wish to make at this time:**

- Would like to be more active in myself hopefully in a few years when my children are a little more independent.
- The single focus of the fish committee is probably a waste of resources. Improved fishing will result as a natural result of overall improvement of the total environment. and improved wildlife diversity. Stocking will have only a temporary, if any effect.
- Keep up the good work.
- Good job to date - congratulations
- I think the MLLA is doing an excellent job! Thanks for all of your hard work!
- We open Higgy bear lodge (Another comedian)
- I think this association has done incredible work to get organized and memberships in a relatively short time. I would like to help to continue this and its on-going activities.
- Are there Hockey Tickets being sold this year to raise money for the fish association?
- How much money is in the fish fund and how do we intend to use it. Do the people on Ardoch lake consider the lake called Ardoch or Green?
- What are the plans for the fishing funds if they can't buy fish?
- Keep up the good work!
- I would like to see township government enforce some of our covenants and ordinances relating to temporary living quarters (like trailers) on developed property, be more forceful in inspecting septic systems and illegal filling of wetlands and shoreline. We have some pretty flagrant problems in our area.
- I was a member of the original Malcolm Lake Cottage Association and am pleased to be a member of this new MLLA.
- Internet access to the MLLA site is limited to those people who know the specific address. If the MLLA would show up on a general search (e.g. Google), more people would be aware of the Association.

**Key Points & Concerns**

In summary we would review the following as some key points.

- As an executive we continue to follow the course we have planned from three years ago.
- We need to have more communication with members, from our executive and committees, to educate members on the progress of our plans and frequent updates on the progress of our projects.
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- We need to keep our focus on over-development.
- We need to stay focussed on a Lake Plan and make water quality and water capacity a primary focus.
- We need to ensure educational material is available for members and non members in relation to respecting everyone's needs and wants.
- We need to ensure a focus on regional networking to stay abreast of Council and other activities that may have an impact on our environment.

**Conclusions:**

In conclusion we would like to thank all those who participated in the survey. We, as your executive, will now use this information to put together plans and objectives for the short and long term. These will be presented for approval at the next membership meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd, 2010.

We note, with satisfaction, those who would be willing to be active in some of our activities and that is much appreciated.

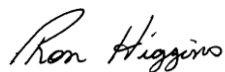
There were a few comments related to the fish committee and our relations with the MNR and Township Council that I, as President, would like to address.

**Fish Committee** – There were comments about fish committee funds and a potential waste of resources based on a single focus of the Fish Committee. Let me assure you that the Fish Committee does not have a single focus. The strategy is to enhance the quality of fishing in the lakes and to have some fun events for all to enjoy. The focus is on fish census, walleye spawning bed enhancement, water and shore quality and education. There is years of work required to meet this objective and a great deal of collaboration with the MNR, other Lake Associations and Council. The issue is that we have not adequately communicated these activities to make our members aware of what the Fish Committee has been doing and their overall objectives. In relation to funding we will need to provide more funding reports to our members and I will address this with the Executive and various committees.

**MNR** – The Fish Committee has developed a great rapport with the MNR and the MNR has been actively involved with our Fish Committee. In addition I have personally been involved with MNR to ensure all our projects are in compliance with Ministry requirements. Our efforts have ensured a focus on our lakes and more activity is to come in this regard.

**Council** – I have been actively involved in all activities with Council and had a direct involvement in changing the Official Plan for North Frontenac that now includes lake plans to be evaluated before any new development on lakes. The plan has passed all local approvals and is with the Ministry for final approval which is expected by June of this year.

Again all these comments are noted and I believe our lack of effective communication to our membership is the cause of some of these comments. Our communication to our membership needs to be improved, and that will be addressed as a priority going forward.



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