

## DRAFT - Minutes Lake Alliance June 21, 2025

**Attendance:** see list of participants

1. Patty Macdonald welcomed 22 participants to the 10<sup>th</sup> year of Alliance meetings and referred everyone to the handouts table for additional information. A Land Acknowledgement and the goals of the Alliance: communications, information sharing and coordination/partnerships, were stated.
2. Participants introduced themselves, what organization they represent, what they do, and their successes and challenges. Camp Kawartha reviewed their programs, FOCA updated everyone on their activities and strategic plan; the Lovesick Lake Property Owners reviewed the ongoing challenges regarding the Trailer Park expansion; Marjorie McDonald introduced the Kawartha Conservation Climate Partnership group and their goals; the Juniper Point Cottagers Association discussed their concerns regarding invasive species; the Kawartha Park Cottagers Association and the Association of Stony Lake Cottagers reviewed their organizations; the Environment Council outlined their accomplishments over the last 27 years and their challenges; the Birchcliff Property Owners Association stated they have been making regular council presentations and education on issues affecting water quality to members; White Lake Cottager Association outlined how lake demographics were changing; NORKLA representing 10 Lake Associations outlined the challenges of engaging members and they have 2 meetings a year.

Other organizations not present including KLT, USLCA and KLSA activities were outlined and Patty updated everyone on the Blue Lake project and referenced a separate handout of survey results indicating priorities, and links to organizations for more information on participants and programs. Time did not permit for the planned presentation with Beth Goodge on Invasive Species. Information will be attached when the minutes are sent out.

3. Council Representatives then made their presentations.  
Douro - Mayor Watson reported that they are working with the EC on a 30m water setback and shoreline protection measures, septic inspections that residents will need to pay for are being rolled out only for Lake properties, zoning by-laws are being updated and they are trying to standardize these throughout the County.

Selwyn - Mayor and Deputy County Reeve Senis and Councilor Henry outlined they are waiting for their official plan to be approved by the Ministry, there are funds available to fight invasive species, Selwyn only has 1 public boat launch they are responsible for, they are trying to amalgamate garbage/recycling/compost to one company for the complete County, in 2024 they only received 24 complaints (about 7 properties) regarding STRs and residents should call with complaints because these are being tracked, she encouraged residents to write to the Ministry to get one standardized regulation for STRs across the county, they had ice storm recovery funds and free drop off of bush to July 5, they have been thinking of a tree by-law, and the expansion of the Lovesick Trailer Park is being reviewed by the Solicitor General.

Trent Lakes - Peter Franzen stated they have funds available for private road repairs, they have had joint council meetings with 3 municipalities to improve communications and collaboration, and participants should refer to their website for links to their STR policy and governance model.

North Kawartha - Mayor Ayotte stated STRs are an important economic driver and to call the OPP with complaints, they are looking at harmonization of zoning by-laws, they have completed a 5 year cycle of septic re-inspections, they have funds to assist boat launches to install boat cleaning equipment, they are reviewing HWY 28 safety concerns with a coalition of Mayors/Citizens, and there has been much disinformation being circulated misrepresenting climate change

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4. Participants then broke into 4 groups to brain storm two issues:

- How can we improve Communication, Collaboration and Partnerships?
- How can we be better prepared to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change and ensure our natural surroundings survive?

As there was no time left, Patty collected the spreadsheets of suggestions and will summarize and circulate these.

5. Patty thanked everyone for attending. She said the possibility of a follow-up virtual Alliance meeting would be considered.

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