



Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:30 a.m.
Chaffey's Lock Hall

Minutes, Record of Decision

1. Land Acknowledgement

Eva Leon, Chair of CALA, opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement of unceded territories of the Anishinaabe, Mississauga, Algonquin, Wendake, and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We offer gratitude to the First Nations for their care for and teachings about our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

2. Call to order

Eva called the meeting to order, welcoming all members, non-members, and representatives of the Township of Rideau Lakes.

Motion to call the meeting to order: Eva Leon, seconded: Cathy Penny

Decision: **carried**

3. Approval of agenda (Annex A)

Eva requested the Agenda be approved as provided.

Motion to approve: Eva Leon, seconded: Scott Parker

Decision: **carried**

4. Mayor Arie Hoogenboom

Mayor Hoogenboom acknowledged CALA's work and its work with other lake associations.

The Township provides an Unconditional Grant for things that CALA's feels are important. The size of the grant is driven by the number of members. This year was \$3,811.

Items discussed:

- The Mayor is proud of the Township's leadership in mandatory inspection for septic tanks. The Township's budget will support road upgrades in next year's budget.

- Campground licensing coming in 2025. There will be consultations to ensure a balance of inputs.
- Housing crisis: The Township encourages secondary suites, such as granny suites, conversion of cottages, into year-round residences.
- Creation in Chaffey's of more park land (near access to Cataraqui trail)
- Queen's University: assisting in study into development of sidewalks in Chaffey's: expensive but needed safety. No decision as yet.
- New fire hall in Portland to replace one that burnt down.
- Considering new municipal building: the choice is to either renew Chantry or build a new building in another hamlet. Possibility of 5 acre lot on highway opposite Kingston street. Public consultations in Sept 16th.
- Elections in fall.

Q and A Time:

1. Are there grants for private roads? Yes – there is information about this on the Twp. Website.
2. Regarding a question regarding grants to Lake Associations, the Mayor reiterated that CALA is responsible for making such decisions with its funds. There are no restrictions as to how CALA uses the grant money.
3. Tom: applauds the interaction that CALA has with the Township and Mayor, and for the opportunity for CALA to exchange ideas to RLLAC, have voice, feel listened to and respected.

5. Presentation: Chantal Lefevre - Natural Edge Regional Coordinator at Watersheds Canada

Watersheds Canada Programs:

Love Your Lake (LYL) is a stewardship program that provides individuals with a property specific report outlining voluntary actions that can improve the health of your lake and shoreline property. Opinicon and Clear Lakes were evaluated in 2023, with Indian and Benson in 2024. Watersheds works with students to build up shorelines, planted 300 plants this summer. Personalized and private evaluations are shared with property owners. A general report is sent to the CALA Executive to share with all members.

Watersheds also works with students to build up shorelines, planted 300 plants this summer.

Natural Edge: Watersheds works with property owners, municipalities, and community groups to create custom planting plans to restore shorelines with native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. The advantage of the program is that it helps buffer pollutants, mitigate erosion, provide food and shelter to wildlife, protects ecosystems from the impacts of climate change.

Watersheds is just one group delivering this program across the country. Using the Natural Edge app allows the landowner to view the shoreline, and develop a plan with plants that would work best for the environment. Watersheds guides are available to help.

The steps Watersheds would take to work with the landowner:

- a. Site visit: take photos, measurements, notes, meet with landowner
- b. Develop the planting plan: create a custom plan that requires landowner's approval.

If approved, the cost of the plan is \$395:

- c. Planting: landowners pick up the starter kit – they can do themselves, or Watersheds can implement for an additional fee. The starter kit includes plants, trees, mulch, hemp mats for around trees – the plan will be tailored to needs/wants of owners.

Watersheds can be contacted at:

[Watersheds - Watersheds Canada – Work, Live & Play in Healthy Lakes and Rivers](#)

6. 2023 AGM minutes (Annex B)

Motion to approve: Thomas Todd, seconded: Gay Henniger

Decision: **carried**

7. Board Reports

a. Executive report: Eva (Annex C)

- i. CALA submitted two letters: Underused housing tax and Safety on the water
- ii. CALA vision and bylaws to comply with Not-for-profit Act by October 2024
- iii. Summer season: Meet and Greet in Elgin May 1: well water and lake water resources were discussed.
- iv. Canada Day: duck race sold out
- v. LYL: Two students conducted assessed Indian and Benson Lakes. Reports due next spring
- vi. Property development: On Indian Lake road, one property (0.33 acres) is asking for a variance to build 6 metres from a wetland of significance. Township staff stated that owners have right to build 6 metres from water (because it is so small, not 30 meters as with larger lots). This request has been deferred (not refused):
 - 1. To allow for time for environmental impact assessment to have independent peer review (paid for by applicants)
 - 2. That an amended shoreline buffer planting plan be submitted that identifies additional plantings along the shoreline area;
 - 3. To allow for more time to receive formal comments from the CRCA and Parks Canada

Question posed: Why is this being considered? Joan Delaney: Chair of Planning Advisory and Committee of Adjustment, indicated that the province will not support an objection, so if the application is defeated, the applicants will most likely take it to the Land Tribunal. At the Tribunal, the decision will likely be supported, and the Township will be responsible to pay appeal costs. Upsetting but Township is caught in a difficult situation: objections likely will be overturned, and Township will pay appeal costs. Joan suggested that we let our voices be known to elected officials: Rideau Lakes Township Manager of Development Services, Malcolm Norwood.

Tom Belton suggested that CALA make a formal request to FOCA to be involved.

b. Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, **Annex D**): Josée Bentivoglio:

Nov 2023: there was a change of CALA Treasurer, huge thanks to Jeanie.

We retain healthy balance: revenue sources include: membership renewals, duck race, township grant

Financial goal: grow membership

Special resolution to waive audit/review engagement : Cathy Penny, seconded Tom Belton

Decision: **carried**

c. Membership Report July 1 – June 30, 2024 (**Annex E**): Maggie Boudens:

9% increase over last 8 years.

85 memberships

d. Communication Report (Gay Henniger, **Annex F**)

- Zoom meetings subscription for meetings, Tom submits reports for RLLAC
- Ella introduced CALA to Instagram, developed a presence
- 2 newsletter per year
- Using Elerts more: welcome ideas for content
- New CALA pamphlet: includes everything that we stand for
- Door knob reminder if people not home for membership renewal
- Lake Links webinar: Watersheds a participant: members join for webinars: info in sept newsletter
- Reinvigorate: young members: Scott, Ella, Maggie, Josée

e. Motion to approve reports

Motion to approve reports : Cathy Penny, seconded Read Davis

Decision: **carried**

8. Motion to approve the amended **CALA bylaws** and the amended **Articles of Incorporation** to comply with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

Overall changes:

- One class of membership
- Directors: no less than 3, no more than 9
- Had to add: In case of dissolution: CALA's property distributed to other public non-profits with similar interest
- Tie when voting: more discussion or don't pass if a resolution cannot be found
- Bylaws followed closely those of FOCA, as lawyer had reviewed theirs.

Motion to approve reports : Stella Cowley, seconded Scott Parker

Decision: **carried**

9. **Rideau Waterway Land Trust appeal**

Peter Hannah, Former Chair

The Trust received a donation of parcel of land 200 acres near Jones Falls; however, the Trust needs financial support to be able to take it on and an endowment to protect forever. Legal fees, appraisal fees, land transfer tax are costs, although the land is exempt from capital gains tax.

Need 10% of \$600,000 as a rough estimate, and charitable receipts are issued for amount of donation,

Increasingly, this will happen, and the Trust needs support.

Peter indicated that the Trust was not looking to CALA for funding, but a pledge.

10. Protect Opinicon

Read Davis

Protect Opinicon has hired a Toronto environmental law firm to represent them. They need about \$125,000, and have raised about one-third.

Ways to donate: small change fund (smallchangefund.ca), directly to a trust fund that the lawyer is setting up

Date for Tribunal: Jan 6, 15 2025

11. Other Business

Dave Philips: speaking on bass spawning sanctuaries and Coalition for Innovative Bass Conservation Dave spoke to illegal pre-season bass fishing. The spawning season was 11 days in 2024.

Research has shown that there is overfishing of adults (those caught are older, more aggressive, stronger), leaving weaker adults behind (the wimpy dads afraid of the hooks, bad defenders, sized smaller because caught sooner). The result is that the population is getting smaller, fewer babies, and the overall population is going down. Over the last 25 years, the population has been decreasing. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has FINALLY agreed to "Spatial Zone" closures. On Opinicon and Charleston Lakes, the compliance is phenomenal, and amount of reproduction 5-10x better than outside sanctuaries, helping to repopulate the lakes.

Next step: expand to other lakes, Cranberry and Dog Lakes, with help of RLLAC to expand. The plan for sanctuaries is to expand, bringing in partners: guides, biologists, environmentalists, anglers, cottagers. MNR is reluctant, but the Coalition will have the voice (precedence, test sanctuaries, voice of partners). Ultimately, want to leave a better fishery for our children.

12. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion adjourn: Gay Henniger, seconded Josée Bentivoglio

Decision: **carried**



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AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement
2. Call to order
3. Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda
4. Mayor Arie Hoogenboom
5. Presentation: Chantal Lefevre - Natural Edge Regional Coordinator at Watersheds Canada
6. 2023 AGM minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes
7. Board Reports
 - a. Executive report
 - b. Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)
 - i. Special resolution to waive audit/review engagement
 - c. Membership Report
 - d. Communication Report
 - e. Motion to approve reports
8. Motion to approve the amended **CALA bylaws** and the amended **Articles of Incorporation** to comply with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act
9. Protect Opinicon
10. Rideau Waterway Land Trust appeal
11. Other business - questions, comments
12. Motion to adjourn meeting

Chaffey's Area Lakes Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:30 a.m.
Chaffey's Lock Hall

Record of Decision and Minutes

1. Acknowledgements

Eva Leon, Chair of CALA, opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement of unceded territories of the Anishinaabe, Mississauga, Algonquin, Wendake, and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We offer gratitude to the First Nations for their care for and teachings about our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

2. Call to Order

Eva called the meeting to order, welcoming all members, non-members, and representatives of the Township of Rideau Lakes. Eva introduced the Board of Directors and thanked them for their service during the past year. Eva noted that directors Tom Belton, Barb Bekooy, and Jeanie Quirt Brown were unable to attend. Scott Parker and Maggie Boudens acting as Secretary to capture notes of 2023 AGM.

3. Approval of Agenda (Annex A)

Eva presented the Agenda and asked for any additions. None were raised. Eva requested the Agenda be approved as provided.

Motion to approve: Mark Bacon, seconded: Nancy McCormick

Decision: **carried**

4. Presentation: Mayor Arie Hoogenboom

Mayor Hoogenboom discussed visiting with the many (15+) lake associations in the Rideau Lakes area through the year and highlighted the importance of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee (RLLAC), which gives a voice to the lake associations directly with Township staff & leadership. Also noted was the presence of three Township councillors today (Joan Delany, Linda Carr, and Deborah Anne Hutchings).

Additional highlights:

- Ongoing septic inspections to protect the health of our lakes and spur improvements; almost 300 inspections this year with many on islands around the Chaffey's Lock area
- The Township Lake Association grant: an unrestricted grant which is a core piece of CALA funding; CALA's is the second largest from the Township due to its large geographic area. Noted was the formula which includes \$5/member, which encourages membership participation and growth
- Also noted was ongoing Zoning & Planning bylaw work, as well as the recent Chaffey's Lock Visioning workshop
- The subdivision being built near Chaffey's lock will include the donation of a park, providing Cataraqui Trail access

- A proposal to engage and partner with Queen’s Engineering to study the feasibility of a sidewalk in Chaffey’s Lock to improve safety
- Discussion of campground licensing and the importance of balancing tourism with sustainable development and protection of the lakes
- Secondary suite development rules – waterfront property secondary suites will be by exception to manage density
- Short-term rental regulations likely to be a growing topic of importance
- Reminder of private road maintenance grant availability for road associations
- New fire-hall planning underway
- Senior staff turn-over (fire chief and Township CAO departures noted). Interim CAO coming August 28 with executive search for new CAO to be underway soon
- A reminder of property tax deadlines; noted small increase this past year. Observation that **waterfront taxpayers compose 65% of the Township tax base**

Q&A items:

- i. Q: Does the Township inspect properties to test density and other permitting (e.g. trailer park expansion and size of trailers)?
A: With licensing of campgrounds we have a control point. We can inspect and investigate if community reports. This applies beyond campgrounds, e.g. the community can report on issues with septic, additions, etc. that may require inspection.
- ii. Q: Can you define a secondary suite?
A: Second living space like a grannie suite or completely separated apartment
- iii. Q: How will exceptions work for secondary suites on waterfront?
A: Requests will go through Planning Committee to verify various issues like parking, septic, density hurdles and so on.
- iv. Q: Any plans for Tiny Homes?
A: Tiny homes are allowed under Plan & Zoning laws, however the challenge is the same as for any development, particularly if a shared septic system is planned. Acknowledge that these could help manage affordability but there are hurdles.
- v. Q: Has there been an increase in transition of seasonal to year-round residents?
A: 80 new homes or conversions permitted last year. Township year-round population is 11,000 residents with 9,000 additional seasonal residents (in an area the size of Metro Toronto). Ongoing trend to convert to permanent, although this doesn’t necessarily translate into increased useage on the lakes.

5. Presentation: Tera Shewchenko – Science Writer and Development Coordinator, Invasive Species Centre

See **Annex G** for full presentation and links to important information

<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca>

Additional notes from discussion / questions:

- Invasive species growth will reach a maximum extent before levelling off, however it is still too much for the environment
- How an invasive species is eliminated depends on the situation. Grants may be available. Check all of the best practices at the end of the presentation

- Eliminating aquatic plants requires a permit. This is the responsibility of the cottage owner, even if a contractor does the work
- Plant ID apps are generally not good enough to distinguish between invasive and non-invasive species. Contact the Invasive Species Centre if unsure (and EDDMaps.org)
- What is the impact of aqua-thrusters? Potential study project for QUBS?
- Regulations to prevent transportation of invasive species apply to non-motorized boats as well as motorized
- Eva suggested adding a clause to fishing tournament agreements requiring boats to be cleaned

6. 2022 AGM Minutes (Annex B)

Scott Parker presented the minutes of the 2022 AGM. Eva asked for approval of the minutes.

Motion to approve: Sandy MacNabb, seconded: Shane Renwick

Decision: **carried**

7. Board Reports

a. Executive Report (Annex C)

Eva highlighted many successes in the past year and thanked volunteers for all of their hard work. Efforts included:

- Annual spring meet & greet, held this year at Morton Hall
- Lake Partner water testing
- Canada Day booth at Chaffey's Lock: rubber duck race sold out, raising \$900
- Ongoing engagement with the Fishing Concerns Committee with Township and fishing derby organizers. Future areas of focus include conflict resolution.
- New signs and wallet cards for MNR & OPP contact information to report illegal fishing and unsafe boating activities.
- Love Your Lake program
- Waterfront assessment mapping of Opinicon Lake; thanks to those who provided boats and housing to students who did work; CALA to receive an overall report of this pilot program and will consider future lake studies
- Heritage Craft Fair booth was well attended at Opinicon
- Protect Opinicon organization – important work to protect Opinicon Lake from Skycroft expansion plans; fundraising through Small Change Fund and ongoing advocacy (see Facebook page); please continue to support
- Keep up with our work through our Facebook page, website, newsletters

b. Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (Annex D)

Jeanie not available to present today, but the Income Statement is present on the back of the agenda (see Annex D). CALA continues to be in a healthy financial situation. If there are any specific questions for the Treasurer please let us know.

i. Special resolution to waive audit/review engagement

Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) requires all non-profits to be compliant with rules by October 2024. If as members we agree that we do not require a special audit for 2023, we need to pass a resolution to waive.

Motion to waive audit moved by: Tom Todd, seconded by Nancy McCormick.

Decision: **carried**

c. Membership Report (Annex E)

Nancy highlighted that the 2022-2023 target was to reach 100 members, which we have now exceeded with 114 members (which represents an estimated 200 individuals). As a reminder the Township grant has been critical to CALA's survival as it regenerated, and the amount is linked to our membership numbers. A stronger, more vibrant base is critical to the organization and to protect our lakes and the environment for the future. Nancy will be moving on from the Board after this AGM and Eva thanked her on behalf of CALA.

Note: CALA is still seeking a member to volunteer to replace Nancy's role in membership tracking.

d. Communication Report (Annex F)

Gay highlighted the importance of our virtual communications (E-newsletters, Elerts, CALA website, Facebook, Zoom). Other key efforts this past year:

- Move to putting detailed information on the CALA website and providing links from the newsletters, to both streamline the newsletter and also to improve how we highlight the most critical (or fun!) information to readers
 - Thanks to Roseanne for all her formatting work and to Scott & Maggie for editing assistance
- Lots of great reader feedback on the Lake Stories, Fish Stories, and Letters to the Editor sections
- Tom Belton attends RLLAC meetings and reports back to CALA
- Continue to sell No Wake signs
- Development of new MNR & OPP reporting signs and wallet cards, which we will distribute to marinas and members as needed
- Members continue to participate in ongoing webinars
- Shout-out to the Review-Mirror local newspaper for being an important partner
- Moving forward, we will have two new board members with social media experience and interest as we continue to improve our communication efforts

e. Motion to Approve Reports

Eva requested a motion to approve and accept the Executive Board reports.

Moved by: Mark Bacon, seconded by Shane Renwick

Decision: **carried**

8. Election of Board of Directors

a. Nominations From the Floor

Eva requested any new Board member nominees from the floor. None were put forward.

b. Motion to Approve Slate of Directors

Eva detailed the returning and new members of the CALA board and requested a vote to approve.

Directors & Positions:

Eva Leon – President

Barb Bekooy – Secretary

Jeanie Quirt Brown – Treasurer

Gay Henniger – Communications

Mark Bacon

Thomas Todd

Ella Rigby

Amy Falkner

Josee Bentivoglio

Stella Cowley

Moved by: Sandy MacNabb, seconded by Jane Monahan

Decision: **carried**

9. Other Business

- i. Reade Davis thanked CALA for its ongoing support of Protect Opinicon
- ii. Sandy MacNabb raised the issue of the new vacant home tax and the challenges for foreign seasonal cottage owners in obtaining Canadian tax identification information and the annual exemption filing requirement. He proposed seeking a way to end the annual filing requirement once it has been filed the first time. Additional discussion was raised around the confusion regarding a ban on foreign buyers (this only applies to major metropolitan areas like Toronto and Vancouver). CALA was asked to put together a letter seeking clarification on both of these issues from the relevant authorities.
Moved: Sandy MacNabb, seconded: Mark Bacon.
- iii. Jane Monahan asked about wake-boating and related wake damage issues, and if CALA has been working in this area. It was noted that this is a concern of the Safe Quiet Lakes organization that CALA has partnered with and more research needs to be done on how this affects our area. RLLAC identified as a key place to raise the issue with other lake associations and the Township. A related discussion was raised regarding boater safety and the recent collisions with paddlers in the area, one of which was fatal and the other very well could have been. A motion to have CALA put together a letter to various authorities to highlight the issues of boater safety was put forward. Mover: Toni Yagoda, seconded: Ross Hennigar
- iv. Ross Hennigar raised the idea that all present members at this year's AGM challenge themselves to bring someone new to next year's meeting. More volunteers and more participation will help keep the organization moving forward. Ross noted he will still make pancakes. Ross also noted an upcoming informal musical gathering to take place at the Chaffey's Lock Hall on August 30. CALA members and others are welcome to join in this social and musical event which hopefully will be ongoing.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Eva asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to approve: Dianne Clipsham, seconded: Cindy Bacon

Decision: **carried**

Executive report 2024

In the winter months we wrote letters to the federal government with regards to the underused housing tax and a letter to the Township about our memberships' concern with safety on the water. We received a reply from the Deputy Assistant Commissioner - Assessment, Benefit, and Service Branch - Canada Revenue Agency but nothing from the ministry of finance. You can read the letters on the table and they will be added to the website.

We worked on CALA's vision and bylaws so we could comply with the rules under ONCA (Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act). The spring Federation of Cottage Associations AGM was very helpful since they also had to comply and we were able to use their revised bylaws as a guide.

The summer season started with a Meet and Greet in Elgin on June 1 with Natasha Mathieu (Source Protection Outreach Lead) from Quinte Conservation. She talked about the importance of protecting our drinking water and how to look after our water sources. Much of the valuable information can be accessed on our website.

Canada Day quickly came around and we were off to the races - the duck races at Chaffey's Lock. We sold out fairly quickly even though we had 600 ducks. Unfortunately, we couldn't retrieve all of them - I believe there are maybe around 50 still out there somewhere.

At the end of June we had 2 students from Watersheds Canada do the Love Your Lake assessment program of Indian, Benson and Clear Lakes. The reports will be out next spring, but please don't forget to fill out the value surveys. A link can be found on our website along with a very thorough assessment of Opinicon Lake from last year.

In July, Rideau Lakes Township sent a notice to property owners at the end of Indian Lake Road (myself included) that a tiny property [76.2 m wide (east – west) along Indian Lake Road, by between approximately 16.7 and 18.8 m deep (north – south) with a total surface area of approximately 0.33 acres in size (1,342 m²)] was asking for considerable variances. The property is zoned Residential Waterfront and is abutting a wetland of significance. However Township staff and the Planning Advisory and Committee of Adjustment seem to think the owners have a right to build on this property even though the dwelling will only be 6m from the water. Neighbours have written letters opposing these variances; however, as one councillor put it “these are just disgruntled neighbours” and he doesn't want to have to go to an LPAT hearing. (LPAT is now called the Land Tribunal). In addition this Councillor said that he hasn't seen that 30m setback in a while and he thinks the Committee can not turn this down. From the meeting I also learned that quite a few of these tiny lots exist across the Township. Which begs the question - how many other developments have been approved that don't meet the 30m setback requirements? The mayor mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that he didn't want to defer this application if the committee was to ultimately turn it down. That seems to suggest a whole lot. Well, the committee heeded this and only decided to defer the application for the following reasons:

1. To provide more time to examine alternative dwelling layouts and sizing with the applicants that result in a maximized water setback;

2. To allow for more time for staff to work with the preparers of the submitted EIS to address the significance of adjacent woodland designations and any potential impacts to the woodlands resulting from the proposed development, and a determination of the water setback from the proposed dwelling to the unevaluated wetland on site. Should the setback be less than 6m which was included in the notice, a re-notice or amendment to the application is required;
3. That the amended EIS receive a peer review that is completed by a qualified firm to the satisfaction of the Manager of Development Services. The cost associated to the peer review shall be recovered by the Township from the applicant;
4. That an amended shoreline buffer planting plan be submitted that identifies additional plantings along the shoreline area; and
5. To allow for more time to receive formal comments from the CRCA and Parks Canada.

Therefore, it seems that if the conditions above are met, this new cottage on a tiny lot will be approved regardless of its proximity to the wetland.

Unfortunately there is a hierarchy in the municipal planning law:

- planning act
- provincial policy statement
- provincial plans ie a place to grow
- official plan
- zoning bylaws

Since the zoning bylaws (30m setback) are last in the order of importance, the planning committee doesn't want to bother following them in case the applicants appeal to the Land Tribunal. What is the point of having them if our elected representatives don't even want to bother with them?

Respectfully Submitted,
Eva Leon, CALA Chair

Financial Report for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

November 2023 saw a change of treasurer for CALA, from Jeanie Quirt Brown to Josée Bentivoglio. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Jeanie for all her hard work and having things in order for me for a smooth transition.

We retain a healthy financial balance due to cost monitoring and the grant we get from the Township of Rideau Lakes. Our revenue was down by almost \$2,000 from last year, mainly due to lower membership renewals (\$900) and no revenue from First Aid (\$1100). We did fare slightly better by about \$200 in the Duck Race in excellent weather and we hope to keep this growing as we sold out of ducks for our 2nd duck race which took place July 1st 2023. We remain ever thankful for the Township of Rideau Lakes grant which brought in \$3811 without which we would not be able to do all that we do and support all that we support.

Our largest expense was Advertising, followed by Donations and Insurance. We designed and printed new brochures and door hangers, with the goal of growing our membership, this was completed at the beginning of the summer 2024 so are hoping to see some good results next year. Our donations were higher as we did not donate last year to Let's Get the Lead Out, we decided it would good to make a bigger donation for this year. Insurance costs were steady enough considering inflation and we cannot do without it.

We prepare a yearly budget so that we can forecast costs and revenue. Any expense that falls outside the approved amount is brought to the board and voted on. We came in \$376 under our expected expenses and will remain vigilant moving forward.

Our financial goals going into 2024-2025 are to grow our membership and get higher revenue from the duck race. We are currently doing a membership drive so any help with that is greatly appreciated, tell your friends and family about CALA and let's keep our lakes beautiful and healthy for all to enjoy.

Kind Regards,
Josée Bentivoglio – CALA Treasurer

CHAFFEY'S AREA LAKES ASSOCIATION (CALA)

Income Statement as of June 30, 2024

Opening Balance July 1, 2023 **\$17,197.62**

Revenue

Memberships	\$	1,875.00		
Donations	\$	160.00		
Township Rideau Lakes Grant	\$	3,811.00		
No Wake sign	\$	25.00		
Duck Race	\$	<u>927.00</u>		
	\$	6,798.00	\$6,798.00	

Expenses

Insurance	\$	1,063.80		
FOCA membership	\$	647.49		
Duck Race				
		Trophy cleaning \$	21.41	
		Prizes \$	143.80	
Donations				
		Safe Quiet Lakes \$	100.00	
		Love Your Lake \$	500.00	
		Watersheds Canada \$	200.00	
		Let's Get the Lead out \$	500.00	
Non-CALA Meetings (FOCA, Lake Links)	\$	70.20	Gift	
Cards for past Exec. Members	\$	104.19	Advertising,	
newsletter, design				
		Newsletter \$	678.00	
Website hosting & SSL certificate	\$	173.01		
		Display Racks \$	148.18	
		Printing & design \$	896.13	CALA
meeting expenses				
		AGM food \$	88.45	
		AGM Hall rental \$	70.00	
		Meet & Greet Food \$	103.96	Zoom
subscription renewal	\$	242.84		
	\$	5,751.46	\$5,751.46	\$1,046.54
				\$18,244.16

Bank Balance as June 30, 2024

Petty Cash

fwd \$63.41 - \$10.40 stamps RND CHG, \$ 53.00
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2024 **\$18,297.16**

Membership Report 2023-2024

Thank you

First of all, on behalf of the executive and all our members, I'd like to thank Nancy McCormick for the years she devoted to CALA as membership coordinator and website developer. I'd also like to extend my sincere gratitude to her for all her guidance as I took over the website maintenance and membership administration portions of her role. Nancy was extremely patient with me and I am grateful for the many hours we spent together as she showed me the ropes..

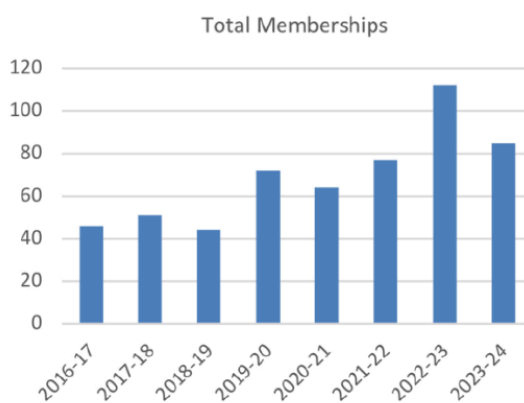
We are also thankful for all of our renewing members and all of our new members. A healthy membership base is what allows us to continue to support our communities in protecting our lakes and the surrounding environment.

Membership Numbers

We are happy to see our membership continuing to increase. While we do have ups and downs over the years, we are on an upward trend overall, with an average 9% increase in membership each year for the last eight years.

Membership Count:

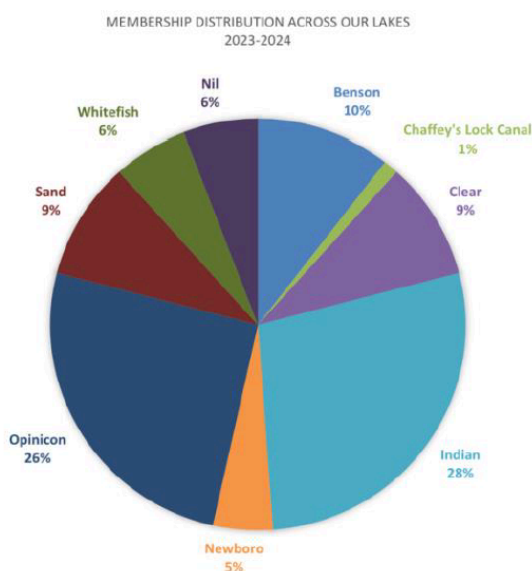
The final count for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 is 85 memberships, including 9 new memberships, with a total of 156 individual members.



Membership Distribution:

CALA members are located on, or near, seven lakes and one canal.

Lake	Memberships	%
Indian	24	28
Opinicon	22	26
Benson	9	10
Clear	8	9
Sand	8	9
Whitefish	5	6
Newboro	5	5
Chaffey's Lock Canal	1	1
Nil	5	6



Membership Recruitment

This spring CALA executive initiated a door to door membership campaign. New brochures and door hangers were designed and printed, and the CALA executive and volunteers have been busy pounding the streets.

If you're not a member yet and would like to join, or if you need to renew your membership, and would like to renew, please don't hesitate to contact us. Go to our website remembercala.ca or send us an email at remembercala@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Boudens

CALA Communications Report July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Thanks to the technology honed during COVID, our CALA Board purchased a ZOOM membership so for much of the year we can include all board members in our virtual meetings. Mark Bacon is situated in Ohio and Ella Rigby is a student at University of Guelph. Communications for us has changed quite a bit with the addition of ZOOM meetings, Elert emails, our website and Facebook page. Ella has introduced us to Instagram, and we are hoping to explore more opportunities with that tool in the next year. Communication continues to play a huge role in moving CALA forward. We continue to produce two newsletters per year although this year, I apologize that the Spring/Summer newsletter has not happened due to the time that I have had to take following surgery, with physio every day. I hope that will be over very soon. Almost back to normal. The last newsletter we produced in March/April was twenty-six pages long. We hope to use more links to articles on our website to shorten it up in future. You may see that in the Fall edition. Thank you to all partners, Board members and other volunteers in helping to produce our newsletter. We have had many compliments on it from members and our partners. This year until the Fall edition comes out, we will use Elerts whenever we have pertinent news for members.

The “Letters (and Emails) to the Editor” feature has still proven to be popular in allowing our members and partners to give us feedback. Sue Warren’s Column (Fish Tales) continues to help to tie the history of our lakes to our current programs (thanks Sue!). I keep an eye on other Lake Association newsletters and noted that one newsletter includes a lake related recipe each edition. Anyone interested in taking on this challenge for me, would be welcome to the team. Just send me a note!

All CALA Board members were active in attending ZOOM networking meetings and sending me their notes and reports afterwards for the Elerts and newsletters. Tom Belton attends all Rideau Lakes Lake Associations meetings and sends along his report to help us keep in touch with progressive topics at the Twp. Level. Thank you to Tom who has retired from the Board, but he and his wife Laura still volunteer with RLLAC and the July 1st Booth/CALA Duck Race at the lock. Thank you, Laura and Tom!

This spring we spent a great deal of time developing a new look (Brand) that will help us to promote membership growth. Thank you to member, and photographer, Alison Gow, for allowing us to use one of her inspirational photos to become a frame for our communication tools. Thank you to the ‘Brochure Committee’ and Howie Crichton of Westprint, for the time spent developing a new CALA brochure. It has received many compliments, and we have so far printed it twice. We also developed a new door handle piece that we can leave on a doorknob if a CALA member is canvassing their neighbourhood. All of our social media pieces will now be framed with this photo. Many of our members joined us on webinars orchestrated by our “Partners”. We will continue to keep you in the loop re: upcoming webinars this fall and winter.

Thank-you to the Review-Mirror's new editor, John Fenik and to Howie Crichton, Westprint, for always being there to help us out. We are very lucky to have a community newspaper of such high quality.

For new members, be sure to sign up for the Rideau Lakes Township Newsletter and the FOCA Elert. Both come to your email and are no cost to you. Ask us if you need help with this.

Our goal last year was to bring more youth to our Board & Volunteer team. We are lucky to have attracted Josee, Ella, Maggie and Scott to help us to face whatever comes at us due to environmental challenges.

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Submitted by: Gay Henniger