



Hudson Lakes Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 30th, 2025
7:00 pm @ Hudson Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

- 1) Land Acknowledgement
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
Moved by: Laurie Wilson Seconded by: Janet Carr All in favour
- 3) Motion – To accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, July 31st, 2024
Moved by: Bill Booth Seconded by: Wendy Taylor All in favour
- 4) Welcome by President and introduction of our current HLA Board of Directors
- 5) President's Report – Bill Ramsay

Bill provided an update to the members on the notification received on July 9th of a civil lawsuit against the Hudson Lakes Association. Katie Sullivan and her two sons are the plaintiffs. The incident of August 4th, 2024 was reported to our insurers on August 6th, 2024 and Bill Ramsay and Dana McLean met with the adjuster in September 2024. The Regatta Committee, HLA Directors and two guests met on July 10th and the decision was made to make further modifications to the Regatta Schedule and cancel the Sunday activities all together for this year and proceed with just the Saturday activities in collaboration with the Township. There were questions and discussion around the lawsuit and its implications for the HLA and its members.

In terms of the Township and the Official Plan, it is moving very slowly. We are still waiting to see a complete draft with the requested changes from Council. Planners from out-of-town draft these proposed plans and do not have full understanding of the community and our needs. It is better that things are done slowly and properly, rather than quickly and errors are made.

Hot topic right now is wind turbines. Dana will present information she has gathered in the last couple of months on the topic with the goal of being informed on both sides of the issue (pros and cons). In terms of the HLA this does not directly impact our area on the lakes, nor does it fall under our mandate.

We received a \$3000 grant from The Timiskaming Foundation for the Save Station project. Matt Duke applied with Agnico Eagle and we have been approved for \$7,500 from their social responsibility fund to support the Save Station project as well. The first Save Station will be at the top of Duke's driveway, as there is already hydro there which is required to ensure temperature control of the station. We would like to put one at the mailboxes and a third at Pike Lake Park. Both the mailboxes and the Park will require a financial investment to get hydro put in. Each Save Station will have an AED, epi-pen and Narcan kit.

Laurie Wilson shared that Paule Corneil would gladly offer a free session at the Hudson Hall to train people on how to use the AED and basic CPR.

6) Treasurer's Report – Laurie McLean

Treasurer presented the Report. Balance as of this morning, July 30, 2025 is \$12,862.79 which includes \$3000 from the TTF for the Save Station project. Fees that were paid today etc... are not included in this total.

Motion – That the Association accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved by: Charlotte McCullough Seconded by: Bruce McKee All in favour

7) Motion - To accept our current members as we are non for profit.

Moved by: Janet Carr Seconded by: Lorrie Clark All in favour

8) Motion – Renew our F.O.C.A. membership for 2025/2026

Moved by: Greg McKnight Seconded by: Laurie Laverdure All in favour

9) Regatta 2025 Update – Chelsie McKnight

Chelsie shared her reflections on what the Regatta means to our community. It is the longest standing summer tradition for our area. At Regatta we connect, compete and enjoy time at the lake. Many people have a personal history of attending Regattas over the years. This year's regatta format is different and this has happened before in the past based on volunteers and needs etc... This year the Regatta will be on Saturday only at Pike Lake Park. It will be a packed day and there are events/activities leading up to it. Regatta is about showing up and coming together. Thank you to the volunteers and for those who take part and come out. Having it at Pike Lake makes it more inclusive and allows for the township to be involved. Looking forward to connecting with everyone. Chelsie may be taking a break next year and is happy to assist someone who will take on the torch.

10) Bulletin Board for Mailbox Shelter

Motion to purchase and put up an enclosed Bulletin Board at the mailboxes.

Moved by: Dana McLean Seconded by: Crystal Gauthier All in favour

11) Guest Speaker - Update on Windmills – Dana McLean

Dana McLean, Councillor for Hudson Township has actively been researching wind turbines. She has travelled to areas in which wind turbine projects exist, stood next to them, recorded the noise they make and asked questions of those who host the wind turbines on their properties. She shared her findings both negative and positive. Dana shared that she still has many questions and the companies making proposals would need to answer those questions for her to be able to make an informed decision on the topic. Currently the wind turbine companies require a motion from Council that gives them permission to investigate the possibility of a wind turbine project in Hudson. Providing the approval for the studies to be done etc... does not guarantee that a wind turbine project will happen in Hudson but rather allows the company to do the research and answer the questions with information specific to our township. The Township still can decline the project further down the road in the process.

Stewart Smith from Fairy Lake who lives down south with a wind turbine in “his backyard” (it is about 500 meters away from his home) shared his concerns with wind turbines when they were first proposed in his area. He now lives with one right next to his home and he has not personally experienced any negative impacts.

12) Election of Directors for 2025-2027

Directors remaining on for the second year of their term 2024-2026:

Bill Ramsay – Twin Lakes

Laurie McLean – Fairy Lake

Directors who wish to put their names forward for the 2025-2027 term:

Chelsie McKnight – Twin Lake

Bill Booth – Twin Lakes

Mike Anderson – Bartle Lake

Tricia Hosking – Twin Lakes

Stewart Smith – Fairy Lake

13) New Business –

Crystal Gauthier shared that Hudson Recreation Committee received \$12,500 from Frog’s Breath for new flooring in the arena. They will be setting up pickle ball courts and next is basketball nets. Going to have box with all kinds of balls and equipment available. People are asked to use and return things respectfully.

Janet Carr asked if our Constitution was up to date with the changes to the Not-for profit Act – This has not been done in a while but Bill Ramsay felt they should be ok. It will be added to a future Agenda for the Board of Directors to review. Janet asked that the HLA webpage have at least one year of Meeting Minutes available for review and that the Constitution be posted as well.

14) Next Meeting Date – July 29th, 2026 at 7:00pm

15) Adjournment – moved by: Laurie Wilson at 8:50pm.

Meeting of the new Directors Board following the AGM:

President – Bill Ramsay

Vice-President – Tricia Hosking

Treasurer – Laurie McLean

Secretary – vacant TBD

Motion to change signatories on the HLA bank account to Bill Ramsay, Bill Booth and Laurie McLean.

Moved by: Mike Anderson Seconded by: Tricia Hosking All in favour