

# Loon Call Lake – AGM 2025 06 14 Minutes



**Attendees:** approx. 45

**Handouts:** Loon Call Lake Fire Safety map and guidance – if you did not receive one or were not in attendance, see your Area Rep or reach out to the Fire Committee Chair – Henry Decock

**On Display:** Plants to take away or to consult for ordering purposes... see notes regarding Planting Palooza

**Meeting Opened:** 10:05 am by President – Ian Godfrey

**Content:** LCLCA AGM presentation <https://looncalllake.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Loon-Call-Lake-Cottagers-Association-AGM-FINAL-2025-06-14.pdf>

## Minutes and discussion

- 1) Thank you and acknowledgement to past president: Margi Colquhoun in absentia
- 2) **Finance:**
  - a. The refreshments for the AGM were purchased at Sayers. We would like to support local Apsley business, using Sayers as the supplier for the Corn Roast.
  - b. **Question:** are there bank fees:
    - no. We use Simplii, no banking fees
- 3) **Fire Pumps:**
  - a. **Question:** Would the pumps be accessible for volunteers, regardless of availability of the property owner where the pumps are stored?
  - b. Yes, in a deck box near the shore. Paul/Mary Louise: as the back dock.
  - c. **ACTION:** Next newsletter/email: show pictures/videos
  - d. **Note:** With all of the debris from the ice storm, there is so much more likelihood of a fire right now
  - e. **Timeframe:** Pumps are accessible from May long weekend to Thanksgiving, roughly. May be available for a longer period, but should not be expected.
  - f. **Specs:** Pump – Honda - ideally a two person activity to manage, keep close to water source during usage, 100 foot hose
  - g. **Suggestion:** Limit access to information on pump locations
  - h. Limited information will be available on the web site. If greater detail is shared, it would be communicated via email
- 4) **Library:**
  - a. Follow on facebook.
  - b. Visit with the kids/grandkids. It's a great part of the community
- 5) **Planting Palooza and Paddle Palooza:**
  - a. pick up mini-flags (execs) and plants (lot #70) during the Paddle Palooza. Let Danielle know before June 25th
- 6) **Regatta Games:**
  - a. Timmermans acknowledged for their quiet contributing to the games
- 7) **Corn Roast:**
  - a. need volunteers – a number of people raised their hands ... Jacquie to follow up
  - b. **Amendment to original publication:** Jacquie highlighted the volunteer work for the corn roast – acknowledging Roger's contributions.
- 8) **Raffle:**
  - a. send info to Margi if you have a donation
- 9) **Lake Steward:**

- a. TARP: corrected on the slide before publishing ... Tarp monitors 35 lakes (not 60 as previously shown on slide)
- b. what could cause phosphorous increase? some natural processes, usually short term; fertilizers could
- c. Calcium: seems loon call specific. TARP is looking into this. Possible result of a road treatment
- d. Do not put organics in the lake, don't use fertilizer, don't dump cement, plant shoreline plants, pump your septic systems
- e. Invasives: Don't bring in non-native plants and, Clean-Drain-Dry

**10) Guest Speaker: Rory Cummings: The Trapper**

- a. Licensed to trap in the area of Loon Call Lake
- b. Trapping for 45 years, our area for 12 years
- c. Sign posted when trapping on the main trail (see photo)
- d. Trap: Beaver, Otter, Fox, other using Fisher traps and others
- e. Do not tamper with traps. Cameras are set up. A fine applies. Up to \$5000.
- f. Keep dogs on a leash during trapping season.
- g. **Question:** What do you do with the animals that are trapped?
  - Make products to sell (via Facebook: Rory Cummings and shed) . Loon Call facebook now follows Rory, so when we see notices, we will share them
  - Also, sells to others (eg. North Bay)
- h. **Question:** What is the objective:
  - Trapping controls the animals/ Culls. There is a quota system: e.g. Must trap a minimum of 70% of 30 beavers permitted
- i. **Question:** Why are we seeing so many beavers even after removing dams?
  - Two year old beavers are kicked out of home and are looking for places to build their own dams
- j. **Question:** Can we ask for animals to be trapped on our property?
  - Rory can look to see if a property (eg. the island) is on a registered line before he can trap
- k. **Note:** Watch for coyotes and wolves, they may also be following you in the woods!
- l. **Added notes following the meeting:**
  - **Next year, Rory could bring pelts and sample.**
  - **Also, Rory could bring people out to trap lines, but you will need an ATV.**



**11) Guest Speaker: Amy Strizic: Acting Park Biologist**

- a. Send photos if you have interesting species, and report high risk to NHIS
- b. Loon Call Legacy trail is still closed due to the ice storm
- c. Camp sites hit to varying degrees
- d. Spring burns limited by conditions. One burn day
- e. Work with Curve Lake community – joint education
- f. Looking for Tardigrades (tiny organisms that look like teddy bears... look them up, you'll be delighted)
- g. Trees – if you need some replanted after the ice storm, they will be looking at into the fall. Or reach out to the Park Superintendent – Tyler Speck. In general, the park prefers to let natural succession and wind/gap dynamics
- h. **Question:** Anything possible regarding the pine beetle:
  - No. not much you can do. They have tried some, but it generally doesn't work
- i. **Questions:** Ice storm: is there a recommended action to take?
  - Drag into the woods. Don't make one large pile. Spread things out. Make it more "natural"
  - Burn only in the evening (follow NK instruction, as they may change)
- j. **Comment by Sue:** Loon counts: one Loon so far this – keep night lights to a minimum. Let Sue know what you see. Sue needs to see them to count them, but you can head her in the right direction. Has anyone seen the babies lately?

- k. Loon lake study is available

**12) Guest Speaker: Mayor Carolyn Amyotte**

- a. Ice Storm cleanup: NK was under the Peterborough county disaster declaration
- b. Township is still accepting storm debris . Up to 6" in diameter.
- c. Today is the environmental day - Paint cans, bulky items, can be taken to Anstruther dump
- d. Fire: Night burning only
- e. Municipal Grant program – partner with lakes – any environmental initiatives. Apply. 50% up to Max. \$10,000.
- f. High speed internet – storm delayed some activities due to cleanup requirements
- g. Downtown master plan – looking for feedback;
- h. Housing opportunities,
- i. Organizational review (eg. Replace people who are entering retirement)
- j. Annual trappers festival – first weekend of March
- k. Phosphorous – will talk to Paul Frost. Does rain levels affect it?
- l. **Question:** Is there an update to the Access to Anstruther and Hwy 28:
  - Mayors of Hwy 28 Coalition
  - MTO – agreed to do a comprehensive review Hwy 28, Park Entrances, Seasonal traffic, driver behaviour
  - Nothing specific, but they are aware of the issues
- m. **Question:** Can we get more OPP coverage to reduce speeding?
  - OPP are aware. Partnering with them.
  - Enforcement and penalties (eg. Zones)
  - Discussion about photo radar possibilities

**13) Lost and Found:**

- a. Check [looncalllake.ca](http://looncalllake.ca) – Notice Board for items that have been lost and found currently:
  - **Found:** a plate – left at the Corn Roast,
  - **Lost:** a dock – **NOTE added after the meeting: We recommend that you label each dock with your lot number, that will make it easier to return it.**
- meeting adjourned at Noon