



Welcome to the Brandy Lake Association Annual General Meeting 2026



Agenda

- Welcome
- Guest speakers:
 - Township of Muskoka Lakes Councillors Allen Edwards, Gord Roberts and Susan Mazan
- Greetings from the Executive Committee
- 2025-26 Year at a Glance
- Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
- Revisions to BLA by-laws (previously circulated)
- Membership Renewal and Fee Increase
- Treasurer's Report
- Environment Report
- Election of BLA Executive Committee
- New Business from the Floor
- Motion to Close the Annual Meeting



Guest Speakers

Allen Edwards

Gord Roberts

Susan Mazan

Township of Muskoka Lakes Council





Margrit Kroll
Membership
Director



Amie deVeth
Director at Large



Gerry O'Mahoney
Treasurer



Moreen Miller
Secretary

2025-26

Executive

Committee

Derek Stevens
Director at Large



Daniela Von Bredow
President



Jeff McBain
Director at Large



Hilary Piano
Director at Large



2025 – 26 Update from the Executive Committee

- ➡ 2021- 2022 – BLA's first Strategic Plan and Brandy Lake's first Lake Plan
- ➡ 2023 – implement Strategic Plan & Lake Plan
- ➡ 2024-2026 – maintain both plans



Brandy Lake Association Strategic Plan

Vision

A healthy, vibrant community based on the beauty & environmental health of the Brandy Lake watershed and the contributions of its residents.

Mission

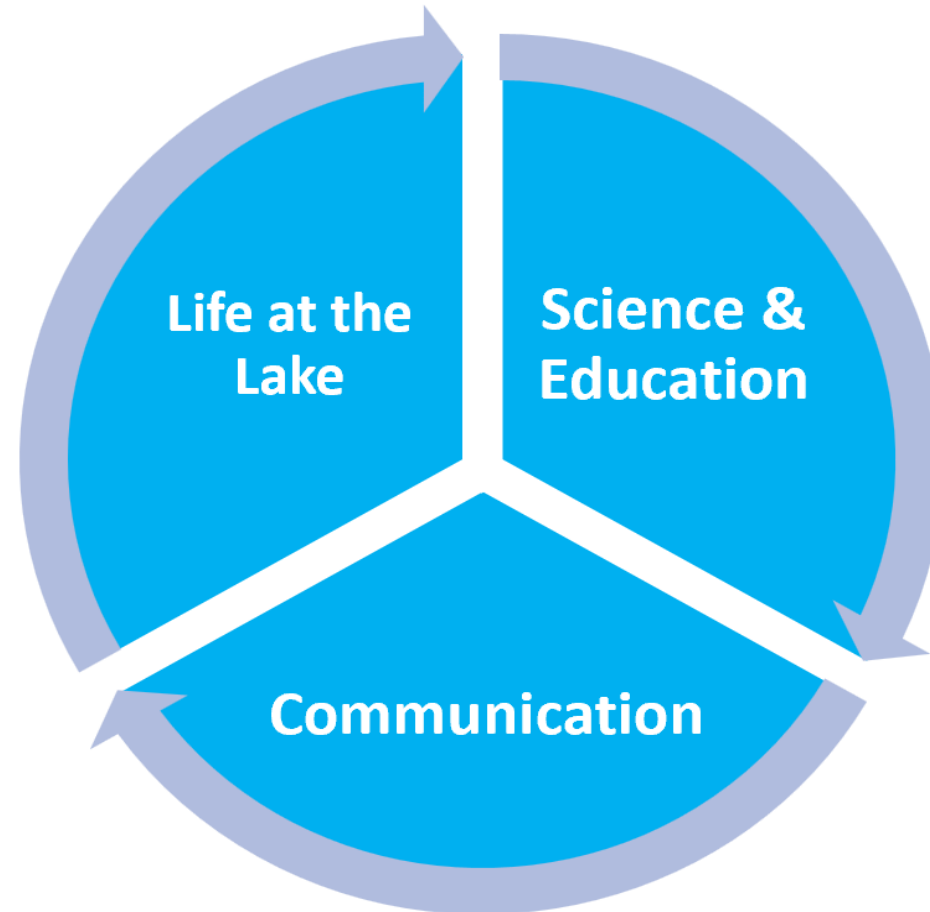
To assist residents in the Brandy Lake watershed in enhancing the health of Brandy Lake through individual and group actions.

Values

Respect for our neighbours
Accurate & timely communication
Community engagement
Maximizing enjoyment of the lake
Active participation in current science



Strategic Plan: The Three Pillars



Communication



Strategy	2025-26 Activities
Create communications strategy that members can depend on	Updated communications strategy Newsletter in spring and summer Updates from Township Communications on septic inspection program/contacts Communicating the process for installation of high speed fibre internet/contacts Updates on water monitoring/conditions
Communicate quickly on urgent issues	Website, Facebook, Instagram accounts Spring water levels/floating items Updates on lake activities, loose docks/boats
Encourage member feedback	Regularly hearing from members Connecting members to information sources (docks/regulations/water quality issues)

Science & Education



Strategy	2025-26 Activities
Monitor and assess lake health	Lake Partners water quality sampling MWC blue green algae sampling MLA phosphorus & bacteria sampling Monitor water levels District of Muskoka benthic sampling Additional monitoring in summer 2026**
Monitor lake plan for Brandy Lake	Lake Plan approved by township late 2022 and is now part of the Twp Official Plan (OP) as appeals have been resolved
Monitor land use changes	Monitoring upstream activities on Brandy Creek Additional upstream sampling/monitoring plan for 2026 Follow up with TML re creek protection Attend MLA 'Small Lakes Forum'



Life at the Lake

Strategy	2025-26 Activities
Create opportunities for BLA members to meet each other	Annual General Meeting BLA social Saturday July 25 at Tony and Cyndi Mule's property 1015 El Kee Point Road (Launch Bay) 4th annual Brandy Lights Flotilla Aug 1st Decorate your boat and join the fun!!
Provide notices of current events	Updates on TML bylaws



We Volunteer

➤ Thank you to our volunteers

➤ Kevin Trimble – Chair of the Environment Committee

➤ Water Quality monitoring team

➤ Derek Stevens, Paige Stevens, Phil Luhovy, Andy Bredow, Kevin Trimble

➤ Jon deVeth - buoy installation, removal & maintenance

➤ Road Representatives

➤ Gary and Judy Simmons, Amie deVeth, Rob Saunders, Marni Tolenski, Daniela Bredow, Margrit Kroll, Moreen Miller



Approval of Minutes from August 2025 AGM

- Minutes were previously circulated to all members on June 18th, 2026
- Motion:
 - “To accept the minutes of the 2025 Brandy Lake Association Annual General Meeting held on August 24, 2025”



Revisions to BLA By-Laws

- New by-laws were approved by the Executive committee and pre-circulated to current members June 18 2026
- Key changes to the by-laws that were sent to the membership;
 - Change to Article 2, Objectives to reflect BLA's continued directive
 - Original To initiate programs and services that will serve the best interests of its members
 - New ***To initiate programs and services (such as water monitoring) that will serve the best interests of its members, consistent with the BLA Strategic Plan and the BLA Lake Plan.***
 - Date of AGM has moved from late August to June
 - Provides an opportunity to plan and execute plans for the summer season in early spring and communicate quickly to the membership
 - Change of financial year end from December 31st to April 30th
 - If approved, current members will have their 2026 membership extended to May 1, 2027



Revisions to BLA By-Laws



- Executive is proposing changes to the June 18th version.
- Financial year end will remain December 31st of each year
- As a result, two changes are proposed to the June 18th version that reference the financial year end, and are;
 - **Article 5 – Meetings**
 - There shall be one Annual General Meeting of the Membership each year to be held between May 15th and June 30th each year. ~~within 45 days of the end of the fiscal year (April 30th).~~ The meeting will be held at a location in the Township of Muskoka Lakes. Notice of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to members within 30 days of the meeting, and posted on the BLA website
 - **Article 11 – Fiscal Year (returned to its original format)**
 - The fiscal year of the Brandy Lake Association is January 1st to December 31st. ~~shall be May 1st to April 30th.~~
- **Motion:**
 - **To amend the BLA by-laws as circulated on June 18th, 2026 and including the two amendments to Article 5 and Article 11 brought forward at the AGM meeting.**

Membership Renewal Fee Increase



- Membership renewals will now be yearly rather than every other year
- Process will be full automated through the BLA website and email address www.brandylakeassociation.ca
- Members will be prompted to update contact information each year and will help us communicate with paid members with up-to-date info
- Membership will be yearly and fully electronic, but payment in person is still accepted by contacting your BLA road representative
- Recommendation from executive committee is to increase the yearly BLA membership fee from the current \$35.00 to \$50.00 to reflect;
 - ongoing increases to routine costs (insurance, water monitoring, communications)
 - additional environmental monitoring upstream of Brandy Lake; Environment Director will highlight this new work later in the agenda today
- Motion from the Treasurer:

That the yearly membership fee for BLA membership be increased to \$50 yearly effective January 1, 2027.



Environment Report

Kevin Trimble
Chair, Environment Committee

Election of BLA Executive Committee 2026-2028

- ➡ Kevin Trimble, Sunset Bay **President**
- ➡ Gerry O'Mahoney, Launch Bay
- ➡ Margit Kroll, Sunset Bay
- ➡ Jeff McBain, The Narrows
- ➡ Derek Stevens, Launch Bay
- ➡ Daniela von Bredow, Sunset Bay
- ➡ Amie deVeth, Launch Bay
- ➡ Moreen Miller, Sunset Bay





New Business from the Floor



Thank you for joining us today!
See you on the lake!