



The Malachi Campers' Association Inc.

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**The Malachi Campers Association Inc.
WELCOMES YOU!**

Our Vision:

To foster a sense of community, friendship and mutual respect among the residents of Malachi Lake, while working together to preserve its unique natural and cultural heritage.

Our Mission:

To represent the interests of the membership in a prudent and transparent manner.

Background:

Our Association consists of various volunteer committees who coordinate environmental initiatives, repair and improve the Malachi Lake Trail, build and maintain Association docks and much more.

Annual Campers' membership fees and your volunteer efforts are vital in aiding these initiatives.

Membership Fees for 2023 are \$425.00

Malachi Campers' Association membership fees are due **annually in January** and can be mailed to our current treasurer:

Lacey Miller
325 Notre Dame Drive, Lorette, MB
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All paid members are invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each spring in Winnipeg. Volunteer committee reports are presented and matters of concern are discussed, such as provincial tax reform, road issues, keeping invasive aquatic species out of Malachi Lake, etc.

Your annually-paid Malachi Campers' Association Membership Fee is mandatory.

It provides room for one boat slip per property, as well as parking for one vehicle within our Land Use Permit (LUP) area at the landing. It also allows one vote per membership at the AGM.

Last year, a numbered tag was issued with 2022 annual parking passes. Please attach it securely to a permanent part of your boat slip for emergency contact and slip governance.

Road and docks maintenance, and the annual payment of our Land Use Permit (LUP) make up a major portion of Membership fees, and also covers Association costs such as legal fees, insurance, etc.
The Malachi Campers' Association has the right to remove vehicles/trailers, watercraft, boat slips, and derelict boat slips from the LUP area at the owners' expense if dues are not received in a timely manner.

ROADS:

Originally, campers could only get to Malachi by train. When VIA Rail reduced running the 'Campers' Special' over 50 years ago, a volunteer Road Committee began improving the rough logging/hydro road trail into what it is today. The historic station still stands at the north end of the lake. A limited-service passenger train schedule can be found at www.viarail.ca.

We maintain the road from Trapper Ron's on Pickerel Lake Road to Malachi, with help from Devlin Timber, HD Contracting and Lawrence Derouard Trucking. Our volunteer team oversees grading, replaces culverts, trims safety sightlines, and forms work parties for emergency repairs in summer AND winter. Each grading done throughout the season costs several thousand dollars. Since 1990, the Association has spent over half a million dollars building, repairing, and improving the road for everyone's benefit.

The association issues a coloured parking permit to display in your car with payment of yearly dues. Cottagers who regularly travel in and park more than one vehicle are asked to purchase an additional road maintenance/parking permit for **\$50.00**. Please ensure family members and guests are aware of respectful parking practises.

Respectful Road Use & Parking Guidelines:

* From South dock to Landing is **PAID MEMBERSHIP VEHICLE PARKING ONLY in the Leased Land Use Permit area.**
(MAP posted at entrance to south dock area)
****Park all trailers outside the Land Use Permit area and REMOVE THEM completely once your boat is launched for the season.**

- Clearly display your annual parking pass/passes in your windshield.
- Keep all boat slip access trails open.
- Don't park *in* the boat launch area at the turnaround. It's for launching boats and loading/unloading only.
- If you park on the upper turnaround – **PLEASE leave a wide berth for delivery trucks and over-size trailers** to round corners and pass through.
- Guests' vehicles in high season? Please unload and then park outside the LUP area.
- Please slow down and keep to the right on hills and curves, and remember; ALL Logging vehicles have the right of way.

***NOTE: Road travel and vehicle/trailer/boat parking is at your own risk.**

LANDING & DOCKS:

There are two docks at the main landing and one that serves the southern-most boat caches in the South Lake. There are also docks at the Train Station/CAMP grounds in the North Lake. A volunteer Dock Committee arranges work parties and oversees the building/maintenance of the docks: installing them each spring and storing them in winter to prevent ice damage. The dates of installation and removal (approx. May long weekend, and Thanksgiving weekend respectively) depends on weather and availability of volunteers. There is also a wonderful book lending library at the main landing, built by a lake volunteer!

Respectful Dock/Slip Use Guidelines:

- **Slow down** when approaching or leaving the docks.
- Use the main dock **for loading and unloading only.**
- Day-trip? **Park at the south dock or your slip.**
- Away overnight or longer? **Use your slip.**
- *** Use smaller boats on slips due to limited space.**
- **Don't tie up at the blue 'dock assist' rails.** Leave space for Campers who need them.
- Don't park vehicles **on** the docks when unloading/loading.
- Keep access to the docks open for all - especially those launching boats.
- If possible, deliver large loads of cottage materials **before** the weekend rush.
- Keep your boat slip area maintained and free of debris. **It is a condition of our Land Use Permit**
- Keep pets leashed, and **clean up after them.**

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EVENTS:

MALACHI C.A.M.P. (Campers' Association Meeting Place)

The train station has been an historic gathering place for Malachi Campers for over 100 years.

Our community hosts candy and lake-friendly product sales on summer Saturdays, 12p-2p at the CAMP Building. (a great way for kids to volunteer!) Inside, there's a free book and game lending library, a shelter for train-travellers, and it's available for use to members in good standing for a nominal donation. Contact any director for access.

The building and grounds operate independently of membership dues. Cribbage Tournament in August, and a Floating Poker Derby topped off with a Cobs & Dawgs roast on the September long weekend. Other activities are posted at the landing and on our website. All funds help pay for the CN land lease, insurance, maintenance, and any upgrades.

The Annual Picnic is another major, family-friendly event organized by many volunteers, and is totally self-supporting. It begins with a pancake breakfast, and runs until late afternoon with children's games, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, swimming races, a barbeque, candy sale, and silent auction. Handcrafted items and donations for the auction are gratefully accepted. It ends with a spectacular firework display from Memorial Island, organized by accredited member volunteers. Extra volunteers are always needed to set up, run, and clean-up after the picnic, too!

THERE'S MORE!

The Board of Directors does their best to keep cottage owners informed.

We belong to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) foca.on.ca and are friends of the Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association Inc. (LOWDSA). Both groups work hard to represent cottagers on both the provincial and federal levels, regarding everything from taxation to hydro rates.

Protecting our lake from aquatic invasive species is a priority. We take part in water testing, loon surveys, and ice watch. We seek out relevant experts to present at our AGM and inform on our website.

The Board also sends condolences to family when a member passes, and honours them at the AGM. We also install a name plaque on one of the CAMP'S park benches or picnic tables. (*please contact us if you know of a member who has recently passed on)

We maintain books, records, and bank accounts, as well as oversee the parking and boat slip land-lease (LUP) at the main docks. We pay insurance and service fees when required. We donate funds to the Pickerel Lake Roads Board and the Pellatt United Volunteer Fire Department, who are so vital to emergency services in our community.

EMERGENCIES AT MALACHI (NEW – April 2023)**
9-1-1 does NOT work from Malachi landlines

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: Kenora Ambulance Services
DIRECT LINE: 807- 468-3311

Kenora Ambulance Services will automatically send an Ambulance to the landing.
GPS Coordinates for Malachi Lake Landing: N 49 52 50.7 W 94 59 45.4

They will ask if you can transport the patient to the landing. (If you cannot, they will enlist a Police Boat to get their Paramedics to the patient - they are not allowed to travel in private watercraft.

Depending on the situation, they may also ask you to remain where you are while they check if a Helicopter can be dispatched. (Flying is weather/daylight/availability-dependant) **IF** a Helicopter can be dispatched, Kenora Ambulance will call you back and direct you to take the patient to the Helicopter Landing Site dock. Kenora Ambulance Service, ORNGE Heli's, & OPP are aware of its location.

***NOTE: A HELICOPTER LANDING SITE is available** on the Northeast Corner of the North Lake, behind Perry & Traci Stephenson's Camp.
GPS Coordinates: N 49 55 34.44 W 94 58 28

****PLEASE HAVE GPS COORDINATES FOR YOUR CAMP HANDY AS WELL****

ALSO: One Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) is housed in a clearly marked box on the dock of members **Clay and Kim Reichert (Jackfish Bay) A second location will be announced (Spring 2023) (Winter 2023/24 locations TBD).**
OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

OPP EMERGENCY: Toll free: 888-310-1122 Landline: (807)683-4200
(Thunder Bay Call Centre will triage)

Health Connect Ontario 1-866-797-0000 or *811

Poison Control 1-800-268-9017

Ministry of Natural Resources- Kenora District (807) 468-2501

FOREST FIRE EMERGENCY: (MNRF) 310-FIRE (3473) or 1-888-284-3473

NOTE: MNRF will respond to grass, brush, bush and wildfires but are not trained to respond to structural fires (ie. buildings, etc.) Their role is to prevent fire from spreading into adjacent forest, so **it is advised to have your own water pump/ fire mitigation equipment.**

The 310-FIRE operator **may** route calls to other services if the issue doesn't fit with what they can respond to. (ie: The Pellatt United Fire Fighters (PUFF), who will respond to medical emergencies at Malachi Landing or Trail but will normally NOT come onto the Lake. Minaki does not respond to our area.

OUTDOOR BURNING RULES (Ont.Gov.) There is a fire-hazard indicator sign as you approach the turnaround at the landing. **Please Don't Burn or drive ATVs in back country, or use Fireworks in extremely dry conditions. Continued...**

Outdoor Fire Permit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits> **Between April 1st and October 31st – You cannot ignite a fire any sooner than 2 hours before sunset and must extinguish it no later than 2 hours after sunrise**

- burn only a single pile at any one time and ensure the pile is less than 2 metres in diameter and less than 2 metres high
- keep the fire at least 2 metres from any flammable materials
- have tools or water adequate to contain the fire at the fire site
- ensure a responsible person tends the fire until it is extinguished
- **Using an incinerator:** *You don't need a fire permit to burn piled wood, brush, leaves or wood by-products in an incinerator if you* ensure the incinerator is an enclosed device constructed entirely of non-combustible material and cover the incinerator with screen with a mesh size not more than 5 millimetres
- keep the incinerator at least 5 metres from any forest area and at least 2 metres from any flammable material
- ensure a responsible person monitors the fire until it is extinguished.

KEEP INFORMED! Visit our website: malachilake.ca It provides current and emergency information, like road wash-outs, fire hazards, etc., posted as quickly as possible by volunteers. You'll find upcoming events, environmental news, a 'buy & sell' section, chatroom, emergency info, photos, links to our Board of Directors, too. We also maintain a webcam, and have fun betting on spring ice-out. New Webmaster Gerry Rouire welcomes submissions and suggestions: webmaster@malachilake.ca Watch for notices at the landing, Narrows, and CAMP in lake season, too!

Here's a few 'good neighbourly' thoughts...

Light Trespass: The stars are stunning! So, keep floodlights and nightlights OFF or directed downward - Lake-aimed lights can blind approaching boaters.

The Sounds of Nature: Let's ensure everyone's peaceful enjoyment of Malachi Lake! Be aware that loud music and roaring motor sounds are magnified and carry over water.

Setting off Fireworks? Inform neighbours so they can protect their pets from being startled,

Fishing: For the health of our fish population, we encourage catch and release.

Fishing regulations for our area: (Zone 5)
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary/fisheries-management-zone-5#zone-wide>

Quading or Walking? Please respect other hikers and stay off private property.

If it's tinder dry, stay out of the back country.

WATCH YOUR WAKE! Please, 'putt' through The Narrows, and give a wide birth to docks, ducks and people *anywhere* on the lake. It is illegal to go faster than 10 km/h (6 mph) within 30 metres (100 feet) of shorelines, and REMEMBER: *Use boat navigation lights at night - It's the law.*

Everyone is invited to volunteer and make our lake great. *Happy Camping!*