



The Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay 1898

March 19, 2024

Announcement: Finalization of Conservation Easement Agreement

Members and Community of the Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay:

On January 8th, 2024 a Notice of Conservation Easement Agreement between The Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay and the Georgian Bay Land Trust (GBLT) was officially registered on title at the Land Registry Office, finalizing a process that spanned nearly a decade and involved extensive community consultation and input. The Agreement effectively strengthens the Club's conservation efforts, practiced for the last 125 years, and ensures that they will continue in perpetuity, while maintaining our current ownership, access and uses of our Open Lands. This historic step was made possible by an overwhelming consensus of the Go Home community - 87% of eligible site members voted in favour of proceeding with this Agreement (with nearly 90% voting turnout) at a Special Meeting held in late summer 2023 (see below). The funds from GBLT (\$420,000, less taxes and fees) for registering the easement have been transferred to the Club and the Board's long-term plans for managing this endowment will be shared at our upcoming Annual General Meeting this spring.

The Board would like to extend our thanks to the members of the Land Stewardship Committee, who carefully evaluated our options for enhancing protection and guided us through this process, as well as many others in the Go Home community that gave valuable feedback on the Easement itself and finally for the extensive engagement and support shown by the community as a whole for this initiative. We also thank GBLT for their help and guidance throughout the process. If we are to be judged by what we leave behind, this decision speaks volumes about the values and commitment to the environment shared by our members.

Vote Tally:

Total paid eligible sites at time of meeting = 149	Total Votes Cast = 130
Votes For: 113 (87%)	Votes Against: 15 (12%) Abstentions: 2 (2%)

Sincerely,

Lewis Reis
President, The Madawaska Club of Go Home Bay
On behalf of the Board of Directors