ANNUAL MEETING Approved

Sunday October 26, 2025
Monora Park Pavillion, 500 Monora Park Drive, Mono

Meeting Called to order at 2:11 p.m. (Approved by George Knowles, Seconded by Marion Herron. Carried)

Land Acknowledgment read by Don MacFarlane

Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes (Approved by Harvey Kolodny, seconded by Marion Herron. Carried)

President's Report:

Don MacFarlane introduced the agenda for the meeting followed by an introduction of the board members and key volunteers.

The Board continues to monitor Council Meetings in Mono, Mulmur and at Dufferin County. Thanks to Doug Thomson in Mono, Cheryl Russel in Mulmur and Stephen Middleton for the County reports. Summaries of the meetings are provided to the Board and key points communicated in our monthly News Brief. As a board, we will be monitoring the developments in our neighbouring Township of Melancthon, of a below the water table blasting quarry, proposed by Strada Aggregates. Stephen will provide more detail on this in his presentation to follow.

We have successfully provided a monthly News Brief to members which has become a consistent and informative update to our members. Included in the News Brief and in Board discussions, we share the information we gain from monitoring other organizations. These organizations are part of our "outreach" efforts and include, Melancthon Against Quarries (MAQ), Reform Gravel Mining Coalition along with others with whom we will be seeking to formalize relationships. This has included support to MAQ in their letter writing campaign in opposition to the Strada proposal to blast below the water table.

Going forward we will combine the efforts of our Land Use and Environment Committees and will work to restore community-based meetings, including all-candidates meetings in 2026. We will continue to look local at what will be and should be our focus. At our November Meeting our goal will be the restoration of our Environment/Land Use Committee Meetings. From there, the Committee will determine their path going forward. We look forward to a productive year ahead.

Treasurer's Report 2024-25 presented by Del Bernardi. Copies provided to the members and posted to the website. Bank balance as of June 30, 2025, year end $11,551.96. For comparison, end of June 2025 bank balance was virtually the same as June 2024. Costs increases were offset by membership fees.

Motion to approve acceptance of the Treasurer's report: (Approved by Jill Johnson, seconded Knut Holmsen. Carried)

As our annual revenue is well under the $500,000 threshold, we can elect not to appoint an auditor for a review engagement. Del put forward a motion that the membership elect not to have an audit. (Approved by Don Macfarlane, seconded Knut Holmsen. Carried)

Introduction of Slate of Board Members – Stephen Middleton
A motion was introduced to accept Stephen on the Board of MC2 (Approved by Knut Holmsen, seconded Catherine Campbell. Carried)

Membership/ Communications/Committee Reports: prepared by Cathy Noonan, presented by Don MacFarlane.

Membership fluctuates as long term members leave the area and new members join. We continue to have a solid base of members this year. The MC2 Board of Directors, dedicated volunteers and committee volunteers work together to keep the organization relevant and up to date.

The monthly News Brief reports on the Council activities within Mono, Mulmur and Dufferin County, highlights events hosted by other organizations and includes general happenings in our communities. We are building our social media presence and in 2026 we will renew the website.

We are fortunate to have a base of volunteers who continue to build relationships with community organizations and our elected councils. We have volunteers to be able to move forward with a renewed Environment/Land Use Committee. And this year we were supported by our volunteer base and councils to host a Town Hall Meeting in both of our communities.

Environment:
Stephen Middleton Presented on Blast Impact Assessment
Along with power point images, Stephen touched on the following points:

1. Arcane Art
2. Empirical formulas
3. Nature of fractured limestone
4. Detonation non-linear reaction
5. Realm of Chaos Theory
6. Edward Lorenz 1960's Butterfly Effect7
7. Quarry Typical blast > ton of explosives
8. Small error in calculation, bore hole angle, OR limestone anomaly
9. = flystone contained 60M vs 600M
10. Setbacks only defence
11. QU & NB 600M; NS 800M
12. ONT Ministry reg's = if “Sensitive Receptors” <500M reasonable precautions
13. Expert opinion =1000M
14. Strada quarry = 16 “Sensitive Receptors” 160M to 1025M
15. Strada Cannot guarantee safety

Other Business – none

Past Board Member Presentations: by Don MacFarlane

Thanks to past Board Members Rita Reitsma (absent), Arnold Degraaff (absent) and Knut Holmsen for their dedication and longstanding service to the Board of MC2.

2:55 p.m. Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Approved Del Bernardi, Seconded Marion Herron. Carried)

Break/Refreshments

3:10 p.m. Introduction of guest Speaker John L. Riley

As a multiple award-winning author and conservation professional, John serves as the science advisor emeritus at the Nature Conservancy of Canada. He has had careers as a botanist, geologist and ecologist, and he co-founded the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation and Greenbelt Foundation, as well as the Partnership for Public Lands, in which he led a campaign that added six million acres of protected areas across Ontario. We are honoured to have John speak with us today.

4:00 p.m. Close of Meeting