

Annual General Meeting, June 20, 2018

The annual general meeting of the **COALITION** filled the meeting room at the Complexe Aquatique in Mont-Tremblant on June 20, 2018. An overview of the Coalition's raison d'être and initiatives was presented by the **COALITION**'s President, Will Dubitsky, and his colleagues.

Will spoke of the Coalition's mission to bring together small waterway communities from across Canada to influence Transport Canada to adopt motor boat environmental science-based legislation. To-date communities have been inclined to solve motor boat issues locally, but this is not a viable option since the navigation legislation is federal and the increasing contemporary environmental challenges cannot be resolved under the current regulatory framework. National science-based solutions offer an alternative path to futile local debates, but to achieve this goal, it is essential that the voices of majority of waterway residents/users be heard via a common effort under the Coalition umbrella.

Denise Cloutier summarized the initial results of the **COALITION** survey on the views of waterway residents indicating 80% to 86% support for more stringent regulations based on environmental sciences and 77% favouring **COALITION**'s initiatives to make this happen.

Diane Berthelette, Associate Professor at the Université du Québec Montreal campus joined the **COALITION** Board.