

Metcalfe District Hockey Association (MDHA)

Annual General Meeting Report

2025–2026 Season

## **1. Overview**

The MDHA had a very successful 2025–2026 season. We hosted 28 House League Teams and 6 Rep B Teams. All teams experienced success and development and built great lasting memories.

**2. Tournament Success:** several of our teams had success this year, in fact too many to list. Win or lose, they all represented the green and white proudly.

## **3. League Success**

While success isn't only measured in banners, we did have 5 teams advance to the GHA Championship Weekend, with 4 teams capturing the Championship title: U11B1, U13C, U13B2 and U18B1. Our Rep B teams also did very well, with U14 winning the regular season championship and U13 victorious in the playoffs.

Congratulations to all teams for their hard work and competitive spirit throughout the season and playoffs.

## **4. Ice Allocation Challenges**

Ice allocation remains a pressing concern. Many Metcalfe families have expressed a desire for more local ice time, rather than traveling to distant arenas such as Bob McQuarrie. The GHA as a whole faced challenges with the temporary closure of rinks in the fall of 2025 (Kemp). This problem will only be exacerbated next year as the Metcalfe Rink closes completely for an extended period. As of filing, full details are not

know as to duration of closure and which alternate ice times/arenas we will be provided by the city.

## **5. Financial Outlook and Fundraising**

With the rising costs of ice time, referees, and insurance, maintaining affordability for families is becoming increasingly challenging. The association finished the year in the red for the third year in a row. We did undertake some new association-wide fundraising events this year, with some success. We held two pub nights which were well received. The association also received a \$5K gift from a charity golf tournament held in honour of Larry Robinson. We also received a cash donation from the annual Metcalfe Shroomfest.

## **6. Community engagement**

Several of our Metcalfe teams shared ice with both the Condors and the Bandits, hockey teams for kids with developmental difficulties. I was extremely proud of all the kids and coaches who took part in this and will encourage this to grow in the coming years.

Our annual equipment exchange was a big hit this year with the addition of bar b q. It made the night feel like more of a social gathering and served as an unofficial “kick off” to the new season, offering a chance for folks to catch up and chat about their summers.

After a tragedy struck a member of the Metcalfe community, all of our teams participated in wearing Purple tape on their sticks and helmets to honour the young girl’s memory. Several teams also donated remaining team funds to a “go fund me” which was set up in her honour to build a swing set in a local park.

**7. Volunteers:** As usual, the success of MDHA is built on the dedication of our volunteers—coaches, managers, trainers, and countless others who give their time and energy. Your commitment is the backbone of our programs, and we are deeply grateful.

## **8. Closing Remarks**

2025-26 was a successful year, however next year will be a challenging one with the rink closure. The board and all the volunteers will strive to make the season another successful one despite the challenging conditions.

Thank you for a fantastic season.

Ward Mallon

President

Metcalfe Hockey Association