



March 27, 2024
KOSH LAKE NEWS



Ready for Summer - March 15th. *Photo credit: Deb Tanner Follett*

EVENTS April - May:

- **2024 AGM** - Tue May 14, 7 pm via Zoom
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We Need Your Voice

Make this your year to give back to the lake you love and join the LKRA Board! It's a great team, and you'll have a strong group of volunteers supporting your efforts. Have any questions? Just reach out to President, [Jennifer Cummings](#). Candidates will be introduced for election with a short bio at the upcoming AGM on May 14th.

New LKRA's Bylaws

Ontario's new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act has required us to update our bylaws. Bylaws are important and worth a read as they drive LKRA's priorities and goals year-round, as well as outline how we're structured and governed. Please take a couple of moments and review the new Bylaws [here](#).



Plan to Enjoy the Kosh Library This Summer

Ready for a little summer dreaming? This summer the library will be open on Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm and Thursdays from 11 am - 1:30 pm. On Saturday, July 20th, and August 17th, Penny Boyd will have special DIY craft projects for "artists" of all ages to enjoy for a small charge of \$5. On Thursdays, Cathy Ward-Griffin will be hosting the Parents and Grandparents, Books & the Beach Time. Come with or without kids and discover the books, games, puzzles, and videos you can sign out. After, enjoy the beach with other like-minded cottagers. For more information visit <https://www.kasshabog.ca/other-lake-happenings>

Membership Drive

The LKRA 2024 AGM is fast approaching. Now's the time to renew your membership so you'll be ready to weigh in on some important issues. Please support your association which is working hard to keep the lake vibrant and healthy. It's the best \$25 you'll ever spend. [Join Today!](#)

"Dam Fund" Capital Reserve Committee Next Steps

A Capital Reserve Committee Meeting was held on February 28 at 7 pm. Gary Kindree (chair), Lori Bailey, Rob Milne, and Harry Major attended. The Committee officially changed the Dam Fund Committee name to the Capital Reserve Committee. Recommendations were tabled concerning the fund's management and criteria for fund expenditures. Their report will be tabled at the next LKRA Board/Exec meeting on April 4, 2024. More information concerning next steps will be tabled at the upcoming AGM in May.

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Have you Responded Yet to the Ward System Survey?

At the end of February, you received your HBM tax bill. The HBM council has voted to review the Ward System and inserted a survey with your bill. They are looking for your input. The results of this survey will impact our voice at council as major taxpayers. Your Executive has taken a strong stand on this issue and prepared [this outline](#). Please take a moment to review our thoughts. Then, either complete the survey [online](#) or mail it back to HBM at your earliest opportunity.

To Recycle or Not

Here's a useful reference guide when it comes to determining whether or not we should reuse plastics day-to-day: [What kind of plastic can be recycled? - David Suzuki Foundation](#)

Have any Galvanized Chains Hanging Around?

Our large buoys in the Main Lake often take a beating during high winds and storms. To better reinforce them, our Marker Team is on the lookout for about 100 feet of heavy galvanized chain - in lengths from 6-20 feet. If you happen to have some extra chains hanging around please contact [Ted Ward-Griffin](#).



Plan to Go Native This Summer

Bancroft Stewardship Council has prepared an excellent fact sheet on how and when to plant native trees and shrubs as well as how to introduce more butterflies and attract more birds to your garden. To download this helpful guide, visit <https://www.kasshabog.ca/shoreline>



Wildlife Wonders - Flying Squirrels

A bird feeder swinging late at night, seemingly by itself, would spook most people. But a flashlight soon reveals a small creature with enormous bright eyes playing hide and seek in the dark. Northern flying squirrels are plentiful in our forest.

The nocturnal animals evolved big eyes to collect more light for better night vision. But it isn't hard to guess the coolest thing about flying squirrels! They don't really fly, of course, but glide between trees. They have furry, parachute-like membranes between their front and back legs that catch air as the squirrel falls, letting it propel itself forward. And a cartilage spur at each wrist can be extended, stretching out the skin flap even further. They can glide up to 50 meters – half a football field! And they can even make sharp turns in flight. Scientists have only recently made another amazing discovery: flying squirrels glow! The fur on their bellies gives off a pink hue when exposed to ultraviolet light. We don't know why yet, but gliding and glowing is pretty unique!

Kid's Corner

Bring the beauty of nature inside! <https://www.mudandbloom.com/blog/miniature-mossarium>

Here's another fun project you can create! <https://www.mudandbloom.com/blog/string-art-hearts>





Family Day on Kosh. *Photo credit Terry Rees*

Land Acknowledgement

As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog Lake, we are reminded to respect and nurture our sacred relationship to this land as well as to its First Peoples, both past and present. We acknowledge that our Lake resides upon the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe. We recognize and value the contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present. On their behalf, we commit to supporting the health and welfare of this land in all current and future initiatives.

Yours to Enjoy...Yours to Protect
Lake Kasshabog Residents Association

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