

Editor's Note:

Now that the 75th celebrations are behind us it's time for some R&R at Kosh!

In this Yearbook, we continue to focus on ways to individually make a difference in protecting our lake for future generations.



Terry Rees' perspective on our changing watershed is thought-provoking as is Nicole Dufort's overview on invasive species. Building healthy shorelines and safeguarding our loon population are just some of the other topics we've covered. We've also included lots of recreational reading, so pour a cup of tea or glass of wine and get ready to enjoy.

Have you ever dreamt of shaping a magazine? Would you enjoy connecting with other cottagers and bringing important stories and ideas to life? As you will see by the article *Keeping Cottagers Current*, on the next page, we have a wonderful group of volunteers who work on the Yearbook. As I step back at the end of this issue, the team is looking for someone to join them next year. I'll still stay on as Advertising Manager and Jennifer Conron as the Yearbook's designer, but we need someone to help shape the next issue. Please consider it. Just reach out to communications@kasshabog.ca. It will be interesting and you can count on lots of support from both of us!

Hope to see you on the lake this summer!

Anne

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Keeping Cottagers Current

by Anne Rawson

When members formed the first Lake Association in 1948, they reached out to cottagers by letter outlining news about the lake, services, dam, roads, and membership. By 1959 with 458 cottages on the lake, it seemed time for more formal communications so two newsletters a year were issued - one in the summer and one following the AGM in August. By the mid-1970s the newsletter had evolved into a booklet format that would continue for decades to come.

From its earliest beginnings, the newsletter's role was to inform, educate, and inspire residents to love and protect this pristine lake for future generations. Over the years there have been many dedicated volunteers who have played a role in keeping residents informed. Today, our annual publication is called the Yearbook, recognizing its expanded content and magazine look and feel, but its role has remained the same. It still requires a team of volunteers to write, edit, design, and distribute the book that is delivered to your cottage every June.

We hope you will enjoy this year's issue!







Editorial Team, left to right: Brenda Koenig, Kathy Lammers, Anne Rawson, Jennifer Conron, Mary Kainer, and Jennifer Cumminas

The 6-month Process

- January: Potential contributors and advertisers are contacted.... and recontacted.
- » February: Content and stories are shaped and
- March: Over 50 articles with images are finalized and uploaded to the shared drive. Graphic design
- » April: The editing process begins, along with graphic design layout. Artwork for the 40 ads is reconfirmed.
- » Mid-May: With the design completed and editing done, the digital files are sent to the printer.
- Early June: Yearbooks are delivered to the Library/ Community Hall and packaged by volunteers - then distributed to Area Team Captains and the over 30 volunteers who deliver them to your door.



President's Report 2024

by Jennifer Cummings



Well, 2023 was certainly a banner year, celebrating our 75th anniversary! The events and celebrations were simply great and couldn't have happened without a committed team of volunteers. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them!

One key accomplishment in 2023 was authorizing the removal of the restriction of the "Dam Fund" dollars. We held a Town Hall meeting at the beach in August and members in attendance gave us their ideas and opinions regarding allocation of the money. This was followed up with an online survey for those who could not attend the Town Hall meeting. A Dam Fund Committee was then formed to compile the results and make recommendations. This committee, renamed the Kosh Lake Benefit Fund Committee, submitted its report in March to the LKRA Board and from there to the AGM.

The LKRA has several committees and many projects that we coordinate. Most are fully dependent on volunteers. These include communications, environmental initiatives, social media management, safety, and events (social and educational).

We know that when you choose to volunteer you have less time to work, be with family, or do other activities such as reading a book in the hammock at the water's edge. So why do people volunteer? Often, it's the desire to learn new skills, get important experience, contribute to a cause one believes in, motivate change in the organization or process, and meet new people around the lake.

Volunteering for the LKRA looks different for each of us. For many volunteers, long-term or intensive commitments such as Editor of the Yearbook (thank you Anne Rawson!) or Director of the Regatta (thank you Jan Prentice!) are not for them. Fortunately, however, we have many positions that require a far smaller time and energy commitment, like adopting a shoal marker or checking emails from Watersheds Canada to identify items appropriate to share with our lake community. Want to know more? Just let us know your interests, skills, and time availability, and we can match you up with a project that suits you!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/FM5WZK8

This year, the LKRA is committed to doing a much better job at celebrating and thanking our volunteers. If you have experience working with and celebrating volunteers in an organization or have volunteered for an organization that does a great job at this, we would love to hear your ideas! Please email your ideas to me at president@kasshabog.ca and we will implement the best!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer on Kosh!

Jennifer has been a cottager on Kasshabog since 2007 and has lived on Kosh full-time since 2011. She became President of the LKRA in 2022, having been Membership Director before that.

New LKRA Bylaws

This year, Ontario's new *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) required that LKRA update its bylaws. Bylaws are actually very important to an association as they drive their priorities and goals year-round, as well as outline how they are structured and governed. President Jennifer Cummings extends a big round of thanks to Chris Bradley and Gary Kindree for their assistance in rewriting LKRA's bylaws this spring. You can take a look at their effort at www.kasshabog.ca/documents-reports

Membership Report

by Jami Sampson

Thank you to all our members for your support!

In 2023 our membership goal was to have 75% participation by residents or 474 of 632 cottage members. Throughout the year we actively promoted membership through the monthly E-News and the website. We sold memberships at the Regatta and our year-end 75th party and we set up membership boxes at both Stoney Point Marina and the Community Hall/ Library. Despite all these efforts there were only 341 properties who supported us with membership. This year we're asking you to help us reach our 75% goal. It's the best \$25 you'll ever spend!

Here are a just a few of the reasons why membership in the LKRA is so important:

- » It provides equipment for volunteers to safely place 100 markers around the lake.
- » It enables the creation and oversight of key environmental education and protection programs.
- » It funds informative communications throughout the year via the Annual Yearbook, LKRA website, Kosh Lake E-News and the LKRA Facebook
- It underwrites community-building events like the Regatta.
- » It provides membership in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) representing waterfront residents' interests at the provincial level.
- » It ensures participation at HBM Lake Associations meetings - promoting our lake's interests at local Township Council meetings.
- » It covers your association's administrative and event insurance.
- » It allows you to participate in members-only webinars and seminars and important LKRA meetings such as Town Halls and the AGM that shape the future of the lake.

How do you pay your \$25 Lake Kasshabog Residents Association membership fee:

- » Complete the form you received with this Yearbook and send it with a cheque payable to LKRA, to P.O. Box 858, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0.
- » Drop into Stoney Point Marina and put your cash or cheque with the completed membership form in the LKRA Membership box. You can also use the box at the Community Hall/Library.
- » Plan to pay at LKRA-sponsored events.
- » E-transfer to treasurer@kasshaboq.ca noting your cottage fire route number in comments, then complete the membership form www.kasshabog.ca/join-today

Planning forward in 2024

Our goal this year is to achieve 75% membership participation. We are also exploring faster, more efficient methods of payment, both in-person and via the website. Look for the Membership table at the Regatta and other in-person events. And don't forget the box at Stoney Point Marina where we've added a NEW thermometer to keep residents up-to-date on our membership progress. Our LKRA executive consists entirely of volunteers who, like you, love our beautiful lake and want to make it better. We all know how valuable these services are to maintaining and ensuring a healthy and safe Kosh community. So, if you haven't had a chance yet, please pay your membership fee right now, and remind your friends and neighbours!

Jami Sampson is LKRA's Membership Director. She can be found at lake events or via email at membership@kasshabog.ca

2023/2024 LKRA Executive



President - Jennifer Cummings president@kasshabog.ca

Since 2011 I have lived on MacDonald Bay full-time with my husband Bob and our two dogs. I enjoy every aspect of our beautiful lake - swimming, boating, campfires, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, hiking and walking the dogs. I'm now retired from my career as a physiotherapist and homecare business owner. I've had the privilege of serving on many boards and these experiences have helped me contribute to the LKRA.



Secretary - Morgan Storie secretary@kasshabog.ca

I have been a resident of Kasshabog Lake for my entire life. My grandfather built the family cottage in the 1950s, when my mom was 14 and my parents have continued to expand on its footprint as the family has grown to accommodate the three generations of Kosh kids. I'm a 20+ year seasoned Human Resources Executive with an MBA and experience working in Financial and Professional Services, and Entertainment Media.



Treasurer - Hazel Higley treasurer@kasshabog.ca

I've been on the LKRA executive for 35+ years and have been Treasurer for the last 31! During this time my banking industry experience has proven an invaluable asset. I've also held other roles on the executive including zone rep and marker program coordinator, but I guess I'm best known for my contributions to our annual regatta and being the creator of the famous "candy run".



Communications Director - Anne Rawson

communications@kasshabog.ca

Over the past three years, I've found my communication, marketing, and community-building background a good fit for this position. I've been cottaging on the lake for 65 years so Kosh is an important part of my soul. It's been an honour to sit on the LKRA Board and give back to the lake. Soon it will be time to sit back and enjoy that glass of wine on the dock.

Environment Director - Position currently vacant environment@kasshabog.ca



Membership Director - Jami Sampson membership@kasshabog.ca

I'm a genuine lake enthusiast and dedicated community advocate. My passion for waterfront living led me into real estate, where I now appreciate the beauty of Ontario's lakes, Kasshabog being my favourite. Having recently rebuilt, I gained valuable insight into the building and permitting processes, which I'm happy to share. As Membership Director, I'm committed to organizing community events that bring Kosh residents closer together to enjoy and support our lake.



Member at Large - Jennifer Conron specialty1@kasshabog.ca

I have been coming to the lake for 25+ years as part of the Milne/Dennison clan who have been on the lake since the 1940s. Recently "refocused" from architecture, I enjoy working on LKRA special projects, and ongoing communications including the Yearbook, website, and E-News. When I'm not playing competitive tennis or plein air painting, I enjoy swimming and kayaking in the serene water of Kosh Lake.



Member at Large - Kathryn Jones specialty2@kasshabog.ca

My family and I purchased on Kosh Lake in 2016 and started to work on improving our property in Stoney Lake Bay. I am currently a Municipal Planner and have worked in Municipal government since 2011. My experiences with various levels of government and my understanding of the land use planning system in Ontario are things that I can share with the Kosh Lake community and the Board.



Member at Large - Gary Kindree specialty3@kasshabog.ca

I'm a fairly new kid on the block. Upon retiring after 44 years of dentistry, my partner and I moved here in the spring of 2019, renovated, and now live here year-round. Having served on many boards, I'm looking forward to continuing to bring my experience to LKRA.

2024 Committees

HBMLA Liaison Committee

Rick Rye Jennifer Cummings Kathryn Jones

Marker/Flasher Program

Ted Ward-Griffin Kenny Little

Regatta

Jan Prentice Hazel Higley

Kosh Lake Benefit Fund Committee

Gary Kindree Harry Major Rob Milne Lori Bailey

Municipal Committee Community Hall/Library

Lorraine Day Cathy Cameron Karen Hubert

Covia Public Liaison Committee (PLC)

Janet Humber*
Rick Rye
John Davison*
Mike Delsey*
Dawn Mitchell
Rob Milne
Peter Patterson

*We wish to thank Janet Humber, John Davison and Mike Delsey for their years of service on this committee - Janet since 2016, Mike and John since the committee's inception in 2014. Rob Milne and Peter Patterson will fill their positions this spring, subject to committee approval.

Kosh Lake Benefit Fund Committee Update

by Gary Kindree

At the 2023 AGM, members approved that the funds in the former "Dam Fund" be designated as "unrestricted" and that the funds may be used by the LKRA for other projects and initiatives that benefit both its membership and Kasshabog Lake in general.

A Townhall Meeting with residents was held at the Public Beach/Library on August 12, 2023 to brainstorm potential uses for the funds. Subsequently, a small "Dam Fund" committee was formed and a LKRA Survey of residents was conducted in November to provide the Committee with additional input.

Results from the Townhall and Survey indicated that:

- » A significant number of residents supported the establishment of a "contingency fund" to be used as a source of funding on an ongoing basis, allowing the LKRA to support various initiatives over the next several years. It was not necessary to spend all the funds in one year or on one project.
- » The general themes of environmental stewardship, lake-based recreation, and the provision of goods and services benefiting all lake residents were the predominant in the feedback.

The Committee retitled the "Dam Fund" the "Kosh Lake Benefit Fund" and recommended that not-for-profit projects funded must support either:

1. Environmental stewardship

» An example is fanwort management/removal, shoreline protection, lead based tackle, etc.

2. Lake-based recreation

» An example is native fish stocking

3. Resident goods and services

» An example is fire pumps, boat washes or providing accessible information on importing wood, how to fuel boats safely, guidelines on short term rentals,

To manage the Kosh Lake Benefit Fund going forward, it was proposed that:

- » Proposals can only be submitted by LKRA members in good standing
- » Up to a maximum of \$2,000 be available per year for projects (approx.10% of the existing Fund today). Any proposal requesting funding over this threshold would require Board approval prior to acceptance.
- » To facilitate proper review and project management, only one proposal will usually be approved per funding year.
- » Proposals are to be sent to the LKRA Board by Nov 1st for their consideration. The LKRA Board will then forward proposals to the Benefit Fund Committee for their final review and recommendation.

Next Steps

The Benefit Committee thought it would be appropriate for members at the May 14, 2024 LKRA AGM to approve the funding criteria and management principles first before proceeding with any projects, and their report was tabled for discussion. The outcome of the committee's presentation can be found in the AGM minutes located on the LKRA website.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income & Expenses for 2023

Income		Expenses	
Membership Fees	\$8,532.14	FOCA	\$2,003.49
Advertising	\$7,305.00	Membership	\$1,532.28
Calendar Sales (from 2022 sales)	\$70.00	Administration	\$542.83
Donations	\$200.00	Insurance	\$2,949.48
Donation from Covia	\$1,000.00	Yearbook	\$4,509.80
Penny Boyd Craft Days Donation	\$521.00	Regatta	\$2,911.45
Regatta Donations	\$590.00	Website	\$1,182.85
Regatta 50/50	\$566.00	Marker Program	\$1,516.50
Cookbook sales	\$700.00	Environment	\$508.49
Bank Interest	\$1,022.61	Norkla Membership	\$200.00
Total Income	\$20,506.75	Trent Aquatic Research	\$250.00
		Watershed Canada	\$200.00
		AED Expenses	\$169.73
		Photo Contest Prizes	\$350.00
		Cookbook	\$1,227.18
		75th Anniversary	\$4,992.86
		Bank Service Charges	\$48.00
		Total Expenses	\$25,094.94
		Funds on hand Dec. 31, 2022	\$30,065.90
		Excess of Expenses over Income 2023	-\$4,588.19
		Funds on hand Dec 31, 2023	\$25,477.71
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Environment Fund		On deposit in RBC account ending in 6	59
Funds on hand Dec 31, 2022	\$1,075.00	(includes \$1,596 Environment Fund)	\$5,477.71
Penny Boyd Donation	\$521.00	GIC #57	\$10,000.00
Funds on hand Dec 31, 2023	\$1,596.00	GIC #56	\$10,000.00
		Total	\$25,477.71
Dam Fund			
Funds on hand Dec. 31, 2023	<u>\$20,104.50</u>	Dam Fund In GIC #0055	\$20,104.50

SUMMARY OF LKRA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tues, April 25, 2023, via Zoom, hosted by FOCA

Over 60 cottage participants and 10 executive members attended this meeting, along with guest speakers Mayor Jim Martin, FOCA Executive Director Terry Rees, and Michelle Lewin from FOCA who ran the webinar.

- 1. The AGM was held on a Zoom platform with the required number of Executive and Association members to make the meeting official. The webinar was recorded. Voting was conducted via the Zoom poll feature. Only paid-up members of the LKRA were permitted to vote, with one vote per property. Michelle Lewin read a Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- 2. LKRA Executive and Support, Committees and Liaison members were introduced. President Jennifer Cummings called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and introduced the members of the Executive and the non-executive members of several committees. She then reviewed the agenda.
- **3.** Approval of the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Shirley Bell motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Rick Rees. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion Carried.
- **4.** Terry Rees discussed FOCA's background, the programs, and the benefits that FOCA provides. FOCA is working on a few hot issues: Underused Housing Tax, Floating Accommodations, and Land Use Planning.
- 5. Jim Martin, Mayor of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, discussed several issues, including:
 - » HBM's budget increase for this year will be 2.9%. Reserves will fund some of the increase. Last year HBM incurred significant costs relating to the derecho (Jack Lake was hit particularly hard). North Shore Road was supposed to have culverts replaced but that will not be done this year.
 - » HBM will use weigh scales at the 6th Line dump to make cost allocation fairer.
 - Fireworks are still a problem, often contravening the new Fireworks bylaw and they require a permit. There are administrative monetary penalties (AMPs, aka fines) for non-compliance. HBM also plans to implement AMPs for some other bylaw infractions, such as parking illegally near the beach.

- » He encouraged cottagers to view council meetings on YouTube.
- » In response to a member query, the mayor indicated that HBM will be providing some funds (grants) to help maintain private roads and the budget will also provide for environmental grants for lakes. There are no plans for a fireboat to help protect island cottages.

6. 2022 Financial Statement and Auditing Procedures.

The 2022 Financial Statement was approved by the Executive and posted on www.Kasshabog.ca. It was noted that the Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) requires not-for-profits to have an audit or a review engagement done, unless the members pass a resolution every year to waive that requirement. The LKRA financials have traditionally been reviewed by a volunteer. Hazel Higley thanked Steve Wright for reviewing the financials and providing helpful suggestions. Les Nelson moved to waive the audit/review engagement requirement in favour of the LKRA's traditional approach, seconded by Caryn Phoenix-Renz. Zoom poll: 98% in favour. Motion carried.

- 7. The Proposed 2023 Budget. Hazel Higley tabled the budget with the following comments: There had been donations from people contributing more than their annual membership fee to thank the LKRA for its service. Interest on the GICs has increased. The Environment Fund was established as a result of a donation from the Richardson family. This year's deficit is largely because of one-time expenses such as the 75th anniversary. When formulating the annual budget, Hazel always errs on the side of caution. Last year's budget predicted a \$7000 deficit but the actual deficit was closer to \$2000. Lori Bailey motioned to receive the budget as presented, seconded by Brenda Koenig. Zoom poll: 90% in favour. Motion carried.
- 8. Next Steps Regarding the Dam Fund. Jennifer Cummings referred to a Resolution regarding the Dam Fund outlined on the slide deck, prepared by the LKRA's law firm. This motion can be reviewed at www.kasshabog.ca. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has confirmed that they are responsible for maintaining the dam. Therefore, the LKRA proposes to release the money in the Dam Fund for other uses. The LKRA will reach out to members

SUMMARY OF LKRA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Cont'd

for suggestions on how to spend the money. Several members posted suggestions in the chat during the meeting. There will be an in-person meeting this summer. Until then, the money will continue to be invested in GICs. A motion to pass the Resolution was made by Lorna Day, seconded by Shirley Bell. Zoom poll: 94% in favour. Motion carried.

9. Nomination and Election of Executive Members. President Jennifer Cummings noted there is a volunteer shortage on our Executive and several key positions are vacant - some as a result of members stepping down at the end of their terms (Cynthia Cole, Mike Delsey and Chris Bradley) and another due to the untimely death of Maggie Brickell, our long-time Secretary and supervolunteer. Three nominations had been received for Members at Large: Kathryn Jones, Morgan Storie, and Gary Kindree. Jennifer Cummings, Hazel Higley and Jami Sampson's terms are up and all three are standing for re-election. Jennifer asked attendees if there were other nominations. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made by Jami Sampson to accept the slate of candidates as presented, seconded by Fred Lautenschlager. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion carried.

10. The Impact of Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). ONCA, which came into effect in October 2021, requires not-for-profit entities, such as the LKRA, to make their bylaws consistent with ONCA regulations within three years. Some changes were implemented at the 2022 AGM. Jennifer and Chris Bradley are looking at other changes required. The most significant change will be the structure of the LKRA. Instead of members being elected to various Executive positions, members will be elected to a Board of Directors. The Board will then appoint the officers. ONCA also requires that the LKRA hold its AGM within six months after its fiscal yearend (December 31). Jennifer asked attendees to vote on whether they prefer to have the AGM via Zoom in April or in-person in late May or early June. This was a nonbinding poll, not a resolution. Zoom poll: 6% preferred in-person, 77% Zoom, 17% either.

11. Reports from the LKRA Committees. Anne Rawson discussed the Communications Report and highlighted the many ways the LKRA is celebrating 75 years this summer, including a video series, special Anniversary Edition of the Yearbook, 75th Cookbook, Founders Meet and Greet, Year-end party. In Cynthia Cole's absence, Jennifer Cummings highlighted the Environment Report, noting Bob Cummings is in charge of water quality testing for the Lake Partner program. Also mentioned was the upcoming Birds of Prey demonstration at the Kosh Community Hall/Library. Jami Sampson discussed the Membership Report and hopes to achieve 75% membership of residents. A Regatta Report was tabled by Hazel Higley who advised that Jan Prentice had stepped in to organize this year's 65th Annual Regatta. A Community Hall/ **Library** report was tabled by Lorraine Day. Many events are planned including line dancing and yoga that will be posted on www.Kasshabog.ca. Notes from the Covia PLC reported that the Nephton plant is not closed yet but modernization of the Blue Mountain plant should be completed by this summer. Thanks were extended to Ted Ward-Griffin for his work on the Marker Committee.

12. Meeting Adjourned. There was no new business. Jennifer thanked FOCA for hosting and Michelle Lewin for her assistance and a motion to adjourn was tabled by Julie Moher, seconded by Carole McFarquahar. Zoom poll: all in favour. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Communications Report

by Anne Rawson

ast year, the 75th LKRA Anniversary kept your Communications Team on their toes. In addition to ensuring residents were up to date on environmental, municipal and local affairs, our goal was to use interesting and unique ways to communicate, celebrate and share our 75-year history. These images capture the fun and stories we shared.

Many thanks to Jennifer Conron for helping to stage the Founders Meet and Greet, and Jami Sampson and Haley Bates for organizing and throwing a memorable summer-end bash!

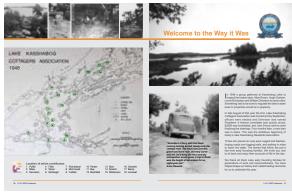
A big thanks to Colin Field who masterfully shared his creative video expertise and to author Liz Fairley, whose cookbook, Simple Cottage Cooking, proved a delightful retrospective.

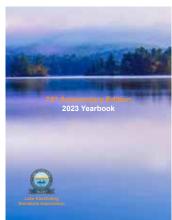




As always, keeping in touch is what makes communities vibrant, caring, engaged and resourceful. We continue to reach out through our website www.kasshabog.ca, this Yearbook, the monthly Kosh E-News, and our LKRA Facebook page

www.facebook.com/LakeKasshabogResidentsAssociation We also share news through the private group, Lake Kasshabog'er www.facebook.com/groups/2229354132









75 Anniversary Video Series

wonderful 75th Anniversary video series was created in 2023 to celebrate LKRA's people and 75 years of memories. The series included interviews of residents and their early founding family stories, as well as photographs and images from family archives and Docks of the Bays. The videos were directed by cinematographer and editor, Colin Field, and produced by Anne Rawson, and include many spectacular aerial views of the lake shot by drone.

Show them to your family and friends; find links on our website www.kasshabog.ca/kosh-videos

- » Community makes LKRA stronger (7:40 minutes)
- 65th Regatta sneak peek! (2:13 minutes)
- » Kasshabog Lake Reflections (8:14 minutes) Early founders and other cottagers share their first impression of Kosh, how life was in the '50s, how it's changed and what keeps them coming back.





- Holdcoft Legacy: Kasshabog Lake 75th (4:28 minutes) Meet Jim Holdcroft, grandson of Dr. Joe Holdcroft, who was the patriarch of one of our founding families in the late 1800s. Jim recalls his grandfather's early days and his own memories of gallivanting around Holdcroft Island.
- Video Trailer Sets the Stage (2:12 minutes)

Community Hall/Library Report

by Lorraine Day

■ello Boggers. The Community Hall/Library Committee (Lorraine Day, Cathy Cameron, Karen Hubert) is pleased to welcome you to another year of fun events. The building was host to several events over the last year. The Birds of Prey presentation put on by the amazing people at The Eyrie, Apsley, and funded by Covia, was spectacular and many lake members joined us to see and learn about some beautiful raptors. There was also a Watersheds Canada workshop for waterfront preservation and naturalized shorelines. Throughout the season there were some yoga classes, craft classes, and line dancing classes that ran every Thursday morning from May through to October. The LKRA hosted the 75th Anniversary Founders Meet and Greet on the Saturday of the regatta weekend. Our student volunteer, Ethan Plasko, was on library duty for several Saturdays throughout July and August. Community service hours are available to student volunteers, so please keep that in mind if you know a young person who would like to help out.

There are plans underway for more craft classes this season, and line dancing classes will resume either in April or May. A start date and details about the classes will be posted on the Kasshabog'er FaceBook page.

Sunday morning Yoga classes with Shannon Tomlinson will again take place. Dates and times will be shared on Facebook. We still need volunteers for the Saturday shifts at the library during July and August. The library will be open from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays, beginning in July to the end of August, as long as we have volunteers available for those days. Otherwise, just get in touch through our email address, and arrangements can be made to access the library. Joy Brickell will be opening the library on Thursdays from 11am - 1:30pm for the Books and Beach program which involves borrowing materials from the library such as books, DVDs and puzzles. The program will then include spending social time at the public beach across the road. Detailed information, once available, will be posted on the Kasshabog'er, the LKRA Website and Facebook page, and the LKRA E-News.

If you have inquiries or would like to volunteer at the library please email: commhall.library@kasshabog.ca

The Kasshabog Lake Community Hall/Library is located at 409 Peninsula Rd, behind the public beach in MacDonald Bay. The building is owned, maintained and funded by HBM Township.

LKRA Marker/Flasher Report

by Ted Ward-Griffin

The Marker/Flasher program is key to our lake due to water depth and shoals, and the important work of marker volunteers is appreciated by us all.

Over the past two years, the team has worked hard to replace the Javex-style markers with orange markers to provide a consistent look throughout the lake. Last fall, an inventory of markers was taken. Ninety-nine Kosh Lake markers were recorded. A couple of days later I received a request for a marker to mark a rock shoal that had become a problem during the low water periods of the season and that brought our total to 100. Several markers of the older vintage are still on the lake, but we plan to replace them during the 2024 season.

Our trial of using solar lights on top of larger buoys located on the larger portion of the lake has proven successful and was well appreciated by late and early-season boaters and especially by water access cottagers who sometimes find themselves arriving and leaving after dark. The problem with these larger buoys is that even with reinforced ropes, they can detach when the open lake gets rough. Having the large buoys break away leaves a dangerous boating situation with an unmarked hazard until the washed-away buoy can be found, repaired, and reinstalled. Last summer we experimented with replacing some ropes with galvanized chain and it proved to be a good solution. We have requested cottagers with any excess galvanized chains to get in touch. Hopefully through donations and budgeted funds, we can secure all larger buoys with chain this summer.

Buoys can blow off their location in high winds at any time. In the event you find a buoy, please reach out to me and I will arrange to have it picked up and re-installed.

ADOPT A MARKER PROGRAM

Our Adopt a Marker Program is paramount to lake safety. Volunteers adopt Markers/Flashers and ensure their placement in the spring and their removal in the fall, along with their maintenance during the season.

As more people choose to become full-time residents on the lake, the boating season is extended. Special thanks to all our current volunteers who make this possible and we are extending an invitation to new cottagers to join this year so we can all enjoy the lake safely. We would also like to thank Kawartha Metals of Peterborough for continuing to supply metal anchors and counterweights each year, and R&J Machine for donating a supply of chains for securing our buoys.

Ted Ward-Griffin heads up our Marker Team and welcomes your suggestions, observations, and offers to help. Please reach out to him at ted.wg@icloud.com





Left to right: Ted Ward-Griffin installing first 2024 marker in the main lake; Kathy Ward-Griffin completes the 1st install; More markers ready for installation.



Environmental Events 2023

by Jennifer Conron

nce again in 2023, the environment was a key focus of LKRA's educational activities, and we were pleased that cottagers were able to come together and learn about wildlife and creating healthy shorelines and environments at Kosh. Given the number of nearby lake neighbours, it was often beneficial to partner with others.

Jack Lake Wildlife Webinar

The February webinar, hosted by Jack Lake, was interesting and informative. Speaker Dr. Thom Luloff from the Kawartha Wildlife Centre was passionate and knowledgeable about wildlife rehabilitation and he encouraged participants to visit Kawartha Wildlife Centre www.kawarthawildlifecentre.ca



Declining Loon Population Webinar

In April, a free webinar on the declining loon population in Canada was hosted by Jack Lake, with Chandos and Kasshabog partners. Paula Lockhart, a Kosh Lake

resident attending the workshop said, "The webinar was full of statistical info and interesting facts about loons and the impact of the environment. It was made clear that the biggest killer of loons is lead poisoning." Note: see page 17 article "Let's Get the Lead Out."

First Nations Teachings and Perspectives

On May 25, Jack Hogarth, the Cultural Archivist and Engagement officer at the Curve Lake Nation Cultural Centre, presented a brief



history of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, an overview of archaeology within the Kawarthas and steps towards repatriation.



Natural Edge Workshop

On June 10, those who attended the free Watersheds Canada workshop learned firsthand how a naturalized

waterfront impacts water quality on Kosh. Owners' specific concerns were addressed and everyone took home a beautiful native plant to enhance their own waterfront. Thanks to Penny Boyd for her help with this event.

Raptors Ruled

On June 24, The Eyrie Birds of Prev Centre came to Kasshabog with some of their magnificent raptors: a Harris hawk, a great horned owl, a bald eagle, a redtailed hawk, and a lanner falcon. The weather and turnout were great! Covia sponsored this event. Cottagers who attended said, "To be able to see the birds up close was incredible!!"



KoshSmart BINGO Contest



Cottager Danielle Pearcy created the KoshSmart BINGO Contest that ran all summer highlighting 24 fun and easy ways for family and friends to learn how to help the environment. Congratulations to the winning Wright/ Farquharson cottage family who were awarded a spanking new bat house.

Special Waterfront Workshop

The LKRA is very interested in lobbying Havelock-Belmont-Methuen to implement shoreline protection bylaws. On August 26, NORKLA (North Kawartha Lakes Associations), similar to our HBMLA (Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lake Associations), invited all lake residents to a free informative workshop to hear how Paul MacInnes and the Haliburton Coalition have been working on shoreline protection for almost 20 years and have been instrumental in persuading the County of Haliburton to implement a Shoreline Protection Bylaw, which was recently approved.

The LKRA has access to grants and donations that can enhance our environment, but we need a few cottagers to step up and offer to help us spend these funds wisely.

Have an idea? Want to help? Please contact us: communications@kasshabog.ca



Gardening with native plants is becoming an increasingly popular alternative to traditional flower bed plants. People are looking at the natural landscapes of the woodlands, meadows and wetlands of their communities for inspiration in their gardens. The benefits of using native plants are limitless.

There are approximately 1,930 plants that are native to Ontario. Of course not all of these plants are indigenous to the Bancroft - Haliburton area. The list of plants that does grow in this area is still very extensive. Some of the more common species include:

Bedstraw Daisy Fleabane Phlox Evening Primrose Trout Lily Bergamot Black Eyed Susan Fireweed Tansy Goldenrod Tall Buttercup Bunchberry Clover Harebell Trillium Cow Vetch Jack In The Pulpit Wild Columbine Dutchman's -Wild Strawberry Milkweed - Breeches Pearly Everlasting Yarrow

Where to find NATIVE PLANTS for your garden: Local Nurseries:

Ferguson Forest Centre - Kemptville, 1-888-791-1103 Richardson's Pineneedle Farms - Pontypool, 1-888-621-8980 Somerville Nurseries Inc - Alliston, 1-705-435-6258 Peterborough Ecology Park - Peterborough, 1-705-745-3238 Nature Girl Nursery - Tory Hill, 1-705-448-9143

Criteria for Collecting Native Stock:

- DO NOT dig plants from the wild. Native plants are becoming threatened due to loss of habitat and collection.
- The exception to this rule is salvaging plants from sites that are slated for development.
- When collecting seed, only take 10 of what is available

Looking for more extensive information?

- *Field guides such as Peterson's, Audubon, Haliburton Flora by Eleanor and Emerson Skelton, Forest Plants of Central Ontario
- *Canadian Wildlife Federation: Wild about Gardening website, www.wildaboutgardening.org
- *Peterborough Green-Up, www.greenup.on.ca
- **★North American Native Plant Society, www.nanps.org**

Photographs courtesy of www.wildflowers.reach.net

Native: A plant that existed in a particular region prior to European settlement. They are adapted to the environment in which they grow.



Buttercup



Cow Vetch



Milkweed



Black Eyed Susan



Trout Lily

Why you should consider Native Plants:

- Increases biodiversity
- 2. Attracts wildlife species that are dependent on the availability of specific plants
- Provides habitat to wildlife
- 4. Conserves water use in the garden
- 5. Eliminates the need for pesticides and fertilizers, as they are more resistant to disease and pests
- 6. Incredibly low maintenance
- 7. More vigorous and hardy, and are able to withstand our cold winters and hot summers
- 8. Have natural balance checks, that allow them to thrive in their specific growing conditions BUT prevent them from becoming an invasive species
- 9. Celebrate local and regional identity
- 10. Teach us about natural processes
- 11. Connect us with natural and aboriginal history
- 12. Many have medicinal and other useful properties.

Article source: Native Planting Fact Sheets from BancroftStewardship.ca under Resources



The Natural Edge Plant Database

Watersheds Canada held The Natural Edge workshop at Kosh on June 10, 2023. Check out their online native plant database - a very useful planning tool!

ative plants require less maintenance, and are loved by butterflies, bees, and other animals. Explore The Natural Edge plant database and save your favourites that are best suited for your shoreline property. Note that the list may contain some plants that are not sold in our region.

Visit the plant database:

https://naturaledge.watersheds.ca/plant-database/ Lake Kasshabog is in zone 5b

Results can be filtered by type of plant, moisture level, light conditions, and soil conditions. Click the plant name for more plant details and planting conditions.

Watch your shoreline make a difference

The Natural Edge know that natural shorelines are the best protection for your water quality and our changing climate. It stabilizes soil and slows down nutrients and other run-off from artificially aging your freshwater. Plus, most wildlife spends a portion of their life in this area... it's why they call it the ribbon of life!

When you naturalize your shoreline, you're making a future for our delicate waterbodies. After a few years, your shoreline will be full of beautiful plants made for your region. It's the most important thing you can do for your freshwater.



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Protecting our Loons

by Mary Kainer

Most of us are aware that we need to keep at a distance from loon nests and reduce our wakes. Turns out there are other important ways to help protect our loons and their nests.

The garbage and compost we generate increase the presence of raccoons, foxes and bears. These animals are a big threat to loon nests. So proper garbage disposal is critical. Animal-proof composters are recommended.

A big shoreline buffer of natural plants also helps to reduce the foraging of predators along the shores where our loons nest.

Our household pets can even pose a threat. During May and early June, the time of loon nesting, keep your dogs and cats inside or outside on a leash.

And, of course, be responsible when fishing. Remove all lines and lures from the water when not in use and if possible, when your line has broken.



And do not use those lead weights still in your tackle box. Just one lead weight can kill a loon. Wildlife, particularly waterbirds, can ingest fishing sinkers and jigs by mistaking them for food items. This is why the possession of lead sinkers or jigs that weigh less than 50 g or are less than 2 cm in length is banned in national parks/wildlife refuge areas. We ask that you follow the same rules if you are fishing at Kasshabog Lake.

Wildfire Smoke at the Cottage

by Mary Kainer

ast summer (2023) we were lucky to have only a few smokey days early in the season. Rain in the province kept the number of wildfires relatively low. In the coming years we may not be so lucky. Much of Canada's boreal forest could burn in the next few decades. As a result, leisure activities outside may be severely restricted.

The particulates (small particles) from wildfire smoke are very hazardous to our health, even at very low levels. They get deep into our lungs and bloodstream. There is no safe level of exposure. Even smoke you can't see or smell can be hazardous. It will become increasingly important for us all to pay attention to the Air Quality Index.

During smoke events, for those residents with upgraded cottage homes with air conditioning, you can protect yourselves by staying indoors and using a HEPA air filter. Additionally use a portable air filter to remove the smaller particles. It's best to simply avoid outdoor activity.

Sadly, for those of us with traditional summer cottages, time at the cottage may not be safe during those smokey times. One can wear a N95 mask to reduce the particulates entering your lungs. However, these do not remove the hazardous gasses emitted by wildfires.

All that smoke is going to have an impact on our lake as well. Lake temperatures may drop. Filled with particulates, water will be less transparent. The aquatic life will also be impacted in a variety of ways depending on depth of water and species. Future research will provide us greater knowledge in the years ahead.



Let's Get the Lead Out!

id you know that it only takes one small piece of lead to kill an adult loon? Many cottagers are simply not aware of how deadly lead can be for wildlife. especially for our aquatic birds, eagles, fish and waterfowl. The harmful effects of lead toxicity have been well-documented, ultimately causing organ failure and other ailments that can result in slow and painful death. A powerful neurotoxin, lead can also poison people, especially young children, and threaten our water quality.

How Lead Tackle ends up in a Loon

Lead is invisible to wildlife! Lead tackle is ingested by loons and other aquatic birds in different ways. Loons intentionally swallow small stones to help digest their food, and small lead sinkers and split shot, lost by anglers on lake bottoms, look just like natural pebbles, except they're poisonous. Also, when a fish breaks your line and swims away with tackle attached, it becomes an easy catch for loons, eagles, and ospreys; and sometimes, when a fish dies from swallowing tackle, it is scavenged, literally, "hook, line, and sinker." Even larger lead jig heads are accidentally consumed, as is evident from radiograph images of sick birds or necropsies of fatally poisoned ones. Once lead begins to break down in a bird's gizzard, it is doomed.

Laws are already in place for hunters

In Ontario, the use and possession of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited while hunting migratory game birds other than woodcock. Within National Wildlife Areas that allow hunting, the possession of lead shot is prohibited for all types of hunting, including the hunting of migratory and upland game birds.

How can you make a difference?

First, check out your cottage tackle box and remove the jigs, sinkers, or drop shot lines. Now, check to see if the weights are made from lead. How can you tell? Lead is dull and grey and will leave a mark when scratched on paper. It's a dense soft metal that can be dented with your fingernail or pliers. Is it safe to use coated lead tackle? NO! Coatings are quickly eroded by the grinding in the digestive system and then lead is absorbed into the bloodstream. Hunters should ensure their shell shot is non-lead.

Safe Lead-free options for fishing and hunting

Lead-free fishing tackle is not a novelty product. Sinkers and jigs can be made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, antimony, steel, brass, tungsten, terpene resin putty and polypropylene.



Non-lead shot is typically composed of copper or brass. Nearby Wolfe Lake Cottage Association has developed an amazing Lead-Free Tackle Initiative that we are learning from. They have kindly shared information with us and are asking for our Lake to join them in this important action. To read about their award-winning initiative visit https://wolfelake.org/fish-lead-free

Let's join with them and commit to protecting Kosh wildlife and loons. Start by replacing your tackle this summer! Watch for news on a new, lead-free tackle exchange program that will take place this summer on Regatta weekend.

Source of information and the logo: https://wolfelake.org/fish-lead-free



Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

by Nicole Dufort

hat do reeds, pigs, and crayfish have in common? Not a lot, usually. However, some members of these species have become among the worst invasive species to appear in Ontario. And they, along with a host of other invaders, now pose a growing threat to Ontario's economy and native biodiversity. Invasive species damage important natural ecosystems such as wetlands, forests, lakes, rivers, and streams, and threaten agricultural practices, tourism, fisheries, and water quality and quantity.

While there are scores of damaging invasive plants, animals, and insects in Ontario, it's important to know about some of the species affecting Kasshabog. Our local bat population - so important to



keep the number of mosquitoes and moths in check has been decimated by a fungus brought from Europe!



On the water side, fanwort has had a big impact on our lake and continues to spread. Carolina fanwort was first discovered in Ontario in Kasshabog Lake and is now a restricted invasive species under the Invasive

Species Act - learn more about it and other invasive species at ontario.ca/managinginvasivespecies

Starry Stonewort could be the next aquatic plant to wreak havoc on our shores, boating routes and leisure activities. Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species is why there are now laws



requiring watercraft users to do certain things. As of January 1st, 2022, before transporting a boat or boat equipment overland, boaters are required to 1) remove or open drain plugs to allow water to drain and 2) take reasonable steps to remove all aquatic plants, animals and algae from any boat, boat equipment, vehicle or trailer. It is illegal to place a boat, boating equipment or any vehicle or trailer into any body of water if there are any aquatic plants, animals or algae attached. Learn more at ontario.ca/page/invasive-species-ontario



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Invasive species are not harmful themselves but it is what they do to our native plants and animals that make them so destructive. In many cases, they are able to reproduce faster, with no natural enemies, so they spread uncontrollably and our native species get crowded out. They become competitors for the same limited food and space and native species lose.

One of Ontario's worst invasive plants will probably reach the Kasshabog local area this year, it was already reported at nearby Petroglyphs Provincial Park in 2014 and locations along County Road 6 in 2021 - check eddmaps.org - select Maps - then Plants - select Aquatics - then search 'European common reed'. It is already visible all along Highway 7 and other nearby roadways. Phragmites (or European common reed) is a non-native reed that is quickly spreading throughout Ontario. Found mostly in wetlands, this towering plant takes over and chokes out native plants, such as bullrushes, leaving frogs and turtles without vital habitat and blocking shoreline views and access. Once introduced, the plant's roots spread in a vast network and its seeds are easily dispersed by the wind.

In many cases, once an invasive species has been established, it can be very difficult or impossible to eradicate. Zebra mussels have been a classic example of that. Our best chance lies in not introducing foreign invaders in the first place.

Here is information to help prevent additional invasive species from occupying the Kasshabog area:

- » Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment after each use. Remove all plants, animals, and mud before moving to a new boating area and drain any standing water on land.
- » Never move aquatic plants and animals from one body of water to another.
- » Use artificial lures or bait that is local to the area where you plan to fish. continues on page 19

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- » Put unwanted bait in the garbage or on land at least 30 metres from any body of water. Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to deposit or release into, or within 30 m of, any water: 1) live or dead bait or baitfish, including fish eggs/gametes or fish parts, or 2) water, soil or other materials used to hold any of these items!
- » Never dispose of unwanted plants or pets in the natural environment - it's also generally illegal to
- » Clean your shoes, bicycle tires and ATVs when moving between designated trails in different areas. Invasive plants are often spread accidentally from seeds stuck in treads.

- » Plant native or non-invasive plants in your garden. Avoid relocating plants from your home to your cottage garden and vice versa. Get suggestions in the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead Guide.
- » Use local firewood only.
- » If you come across an invasive species, report it:
 - » by phone, toll-free to the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711
 - » online at: eddmaps.org or inaturalist.org/ projects/invasive-species-in-ontario
 - » on your mobile: download the EDDMapS app

Help keep Lake Kasshabog free from invaders before our much-loved area is changed forever.

2024 Kosh Fishing Info

t's time to get ready for fishing season for Small & Largemouth Bass, Pickerel/Walleye & Sauger and Muskie! Most people require a recreational fishing licence or deemed licence to legally fish in Ontario. Here's the good news, there are several circumstances where, if you meet certain requirements, you don't need to buy a fishing licence! For example, if you're under 18 or 65 years of age or older, you can carry a licence, permit, certificate or identification card issued by a federal, provincial or territorial government of Canada that indicates your name and date of birth and use it as a fishing licence! Learn about other circumstances at ontario.ca/fishing - click on Fishing rules! Otherwise, it's easy to purchase your licence at www.huntandfishontario.com

In Ontario there are also four opportunities to fish without having to purchase a licence. Governmentissued identification is required, however, and anglers must follow catch and possession limits for Conservation Fishing Licences. See below:

- » Family Fishing Weekend (Feb 17-19, 2024)
- » Mother's Day Weekend (May 11-12, 2024)
- » Father's Day Weekend (June 15-16, 2023)
- » Ontario Family Fishing Week (June 29-July 7, 2024)



For details on all regulations pertaining to Kasshabog Lake visit: www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishingregulations-summary/fisheries-management-zone-15

Type of Fish	Fishing Season	Limit of Fish
Large and Smallmouth Bass	Jun 22 - Nov 30	S-6 C-2
Muskellunge	Jun 1 - Dec 15	S-1 greater than 91 cm and C-0
Walleye/Pickerel & Sauger	Jan 1 - Mar 15	S-4 C-2 only 1 > 46cm
Walleye/Pickerel & Sauger	May 18 - Dec 31	S-4 C-2 only 1 > 46cm

Lake Kasshabog is in Fisheries Management Zone 15

S = Sport Fishing Licence

C = Conservation Fishing License

20 Years of Observations from a Water Enthusiast

Terry Rees, the outgoing Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, shares what he's learned from decades in his favourite watershed. BY TERRY REES

If you've spent 60 years experiencing the same landscape, the same patch of glorious Canadian freshwater - you can witness the evolution of the watershed; the transition in the upland forest, the changes to the shoreline structure, plants and the animals that use them; various changes to the water levels – some dictated by one agency or another from time to time; some a function of changing climate, and significantly, changes to the landscape from human activities. All these changes can have a profound – and cumulative - effect on the system's ability to provide abundant clean water; for human consumption, to grow our food, to power our industries, serve our communities.

Whether you are a watershed manager, a municipal planner, an engineer responsible for water infrastructure of any kind – you know that the past is becoming a poor example to follow for success in the future. But understanding the trends, appreciating where we've been and paying attention to where we're headed is essential to making decisions with better economic, ecological, and sustainable outcomes.

Over the twenty years that I have spent leading Canda's largest group of waterfront property owners, I have seen significant change. This group of 250,000 families collectively own and steward 15,000 kilometres and 50,000 hectares of ecologically important real estate along Ontario's lakes and rivers. They also have a front row seat to the changes afoot in our freshwaters.

Our seasons are shifting; if you are a winter sports enthusiast, or if you need to manage for stormwater flows and flooding hazards you will know that in our lifetime, winter has become shorter and rainier. We now regularly experience flood and drought in the same year. When trying to plan for adequate water supplies for drinking, irrigation, recreation, or industry, it matters when and how the water shows up.



Stormier conditions and a warmer atmosphere are also warming our freshwaters.

According to research by Dr. John Smol (Queen's University) and Dr. Sapna Sharma (York University) and others, warming northern lakes globally - including our precious inland and Great Lakes – is resulting in many chemical and physical changes to our natural water systems, including increases to salinity levels, and higher incidence of algae blooms of all types, including toxic cyanobacteria.

We know that these blooms can hamper the ability to provide safe drinking water, can impact human and animal health, reduce recreational opportunities, and decrease property values.

Warmer water leads to higher evaporation rates, lower water levels, and lower dissolved oxygen levels in water - which can impact important biological processes and iconic keystone species, like Canada's globally rare lake trout.

and to embrace a future that, while different, is still water-rich and able to sustain us. This is a whole of society challenge and opportunity, and one where we need to build on the lessons from the past to build a healthy watery future for Canada.

These cumulative changes are happening at a rate that challenges our ability to adapt. But thus is our challenge: as water lovers and water managers, we need to recognize that the baselines are shifting; we need to build (or rebuild) our communities to be more

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resilient to future fluctuations: to lower our footprint overall; we need to scope and deliver infrastructure to consider higher highs and lower lows, and to take advantage of nature's incredible ability to store and clean our water.

Our fresh waters are tremendously resilient even in the face of historical neglect or even abuse. But we have the opportunity, now, to build on our tremendous attachment and reliance to freshwater to overcome complacency,



Terry Rees is the outgoing Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, with 4 decades of ongoing commitment to Canada's natural resources management in the private sector and not for profit sectors. Terry is a member of the Water Canada Advisory Board, and a Water Canada Awards judge as well as a long-term cottager of Kasshabog Lake.

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Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

by Beth Lowe, Regulations Officer

During the cold winter months, many cottage owners begin to dream about summer and their lakefront properties and what can be done to improve their little slice of heaven. It might be the addition or rebuilding of a deck or a complete teardown and rebuilding of the family cottage. Often it may feel like there are so many "hoops" to jump through with such projects that it can be overwhelming.

Working Together - Goals CVCA

The main goals of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) are:

1) to protect the health and safety of people and property by ensuring that the proposed development is not at risk from the impacts of flooding and erosion, and

2) to protect natural features such as wetlands.

To achieve these goals, this includes eliminating (or at the very least minimizing as much as possible if there are no other alternatives) the interference with a wetland or watercourse, and that the control of flooding and erosion are not affected by the development.

First Step in Planning Any Development

The first step when considering and planning any new development is to get in touch with the CVCA office and complete the Property Inquiry Form (PIF). This should happen before expensive plans are drawn up or a planning application has been submitted to the township. As part of the PIF submission, photographs of the shoreline (no snow in the pictures please!), a handdrawn sketch, and as much information as possible on the proposed project are extremely helpful. Sharing this information assists CVCA staff in providing a response that is tailored to site-specific conditions and the proposed development. When a property owner submits a PIF they will receive a letter and map showing the regulated area where a permit from the CVCA is required for development on their property. The letter and map will indicate any setbacks requiring compliance and development considerations that need to be considered. The letter may also recommend further studies, such as an elevation survey, geotechnical report, environmental impact study, or a site visit for the CVCA to complete their review of a permit application.

Depending on the time of year, a response to a PIF may be as little as one week or up to three weeks. The submission of the PIF as early as possible is always recommended to assist with the permit application process.

In Partnership with Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

New development usually means the need to plan with the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM) Township office. They can answer any planning-related questions. Through a memorandum of understanding between Conservation Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Conservation Authorities are responsible for representing Provincial interest in planning matters as they relate to natural hazards (Section 3.1 Natural Hazards, of the Provincial Policy Statement). As a result, CVCA may be involved in providing comments to HBM on natural hazards. They will also add any comments relating to the new Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions, and Permits in effect April 1, 2024. This new regulation replaces the CVCA's Ont. Regulation 159/06: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. This comments letter will be sent to HBM and will inform the landowner and the Township if the CVCA has identified concerns with the proposed development. This could include items such as whether a CVCA permit is required or if there are size limitation restrictions on the development due to natural hazards present on the property. If a PIF has been submitted upfront the planning process can be quite smooth. Staff highly recommend this approach!

Getting a CVCA Permit

If the project is within an area regulated by the CVCA, the next step is obtaining a permit from the CVCA. This permit is required before the Township issues its building permit. The CVCA permit may seem overwhelming at first glance, however, in all likelihood you're not proposing a development that will cover all of the sections - so it's not as daunting as you might think. Sections that do not apply to the project do not need to be filled out. Be as thorough as possible and provide accurate information. This gives CVCA staff all the information required for development and reduces unnecessary time-consuming back-and-forth communication. During this stage, the permitting process staff may often conduct a site visit to collect measurements and take photographs - often seeing the property in person for the first time. They are committed to the protection and preservation of property, especially at the shorelines of our lakes and rivers.

Being within the CVCA's regulated area does not mean that development will be jeopardized. As mentioned earlier, permitting permission is simply required from the CVCA to ensure that development or people are not exposed to natural hazards such as flooding and

erosion. It will also ensure that shoreline habitats will be preserved. This is a key to a healthy lake and an extremely high priority for many owners. CVCA staff can and will often provide suggestions or recommendations for natural options for mitigating erosion, rather than shoreline hardening methods. Suggestions by staff may include natural shoreline plantings or bioengineering, for example. These methods are beneficial alternatives allowing the shoreline to repair naturally while also improving shoreline habitat. Choosing the bio-engineering route may also get you a reduced fee for your permit. Saving money while helping the environment sounds like a win-win proposition.

Our staff are available to help you plan your project by email or phone. Yes, a human being actually picks up the phone when you call the office! We are more than happy to help kick-start your project, so give it some thought, and let's work together to make all Kasshabog Lake projects a positive experience. www.crowevalley.com



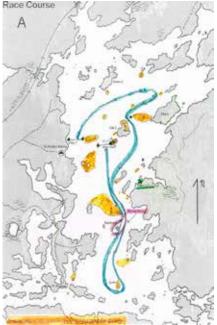
Experience a Taste of Sailing

by Mike Worswick

In the Regatta takes place this summer on the August long weekend, why not plan to participate in the Sailing race on Sunday, August 4th? The race course starts in the main lake and heads east around markers, then circles back heading south on the east side of Oak Island and Battleship Island before circling Loon Island and heading back to the finish at White Rock in the main lake.

Last summer, the sailing race encountered a four-hour race delay and a slightly shortened course due to the lack of wind in the morning. Nonetheless, eight boats competed in a mix of one and two-sail single hulls and catamarans. The race was spirited, with two catamarans (Worswick and Schirm) hitting the first mark and having to circle the mark again. Second/ third place overall was hotly contested, with Dean Correll managing to pass Tom and Lisa Elliot in the last 25 m! The 2023 Varty Cup winners for best time overall (with handicap) were Ron Schirm & Olivier Joyce. Here are the final results.





2023	Catamaran	Single Sail	Two Sail
First	Michael Worswick	Dean Correll	Tom and Lisa Elliot
Second	Ron Schirm and Olivier Joyce	Joe Farquharson	Darci Maude and Will McRae
Third	David Ball		Ted and Danielle Ward-Griffin

Many thanks go out to the race committee team, Terri and Andrew Ball and Eva Zhang, and to the Ball family for providing their boat for the race committee. Also, to Shelly and Doug Jamieson for once again offering to host the après-sail ceremonies and updating the trophy plaques.

Photos thanks to Andrew Ball.









Reflecting on the 65th Annual Regatta Summer of 2023

by Jan Prentice, Kosh Lake Regatta Co-ordinator

hanks to the many volunteers who assisted in planning and running our 65th Kosh Lake Regatta, the long weekend event was a big success! We had huge crowds of young and older folks come out to take part in the festivities.

Saturday events ran like clockwork with the addition of our young volunteers Ethan Plasko, Claire and Andrew Mielke, and Bronte Johnstone who collected community hours for all their efforts. Thank you for all your efforts at the Regatta! A shout out to our hard-working team, Bobby Gravelle, Tom Clarke and Karen Harrison, who were up to their elbows, non-stop in vibrant colours assisting young families to tie-dye shirts. Thanks go out to our Association for providing funds to run our regatta each year and to Anne Rawson and Hazel Higley for all their efforts and work to make things run smoothly and keep me focused. So many volunteers stepped in to help.

Sunday events got underway with sailing on the large part of the lake and the water skiing, volleyball and canoe marathon. A big thank you to Randy and Kelly Cosgrove for the use of their beautiful beachfront to run Sunday's events. Volleyball had 19 adult teams registered to play and we had an increase in our water skiers also. From the youngest to our master class skiers, it is a joy to watch the talent we have on Kosh Lake on our amazing ski course. A huge shout out to Bob Holmes and his crew for driving boats and to our members who maintain the ski course throughout the summer and keep it in excellent shape. I really appreciate what you guys do behind the scenes to make this happen.

To see the 2023 Regatta winners for each event, visit www.kasshabog.ca/the-regatta

Looking Forward to our 2024 Regatta

Planning for our 2024 Regatta is well underway and will take place on August 3rd and 4th, with a rain date of 5th. Flyers will be posted on the LKRA website, and Facebook page and Kasshabog'er FB group. Hard copies of the program will be available by July 15th at Stoney Point Marina and at the library.

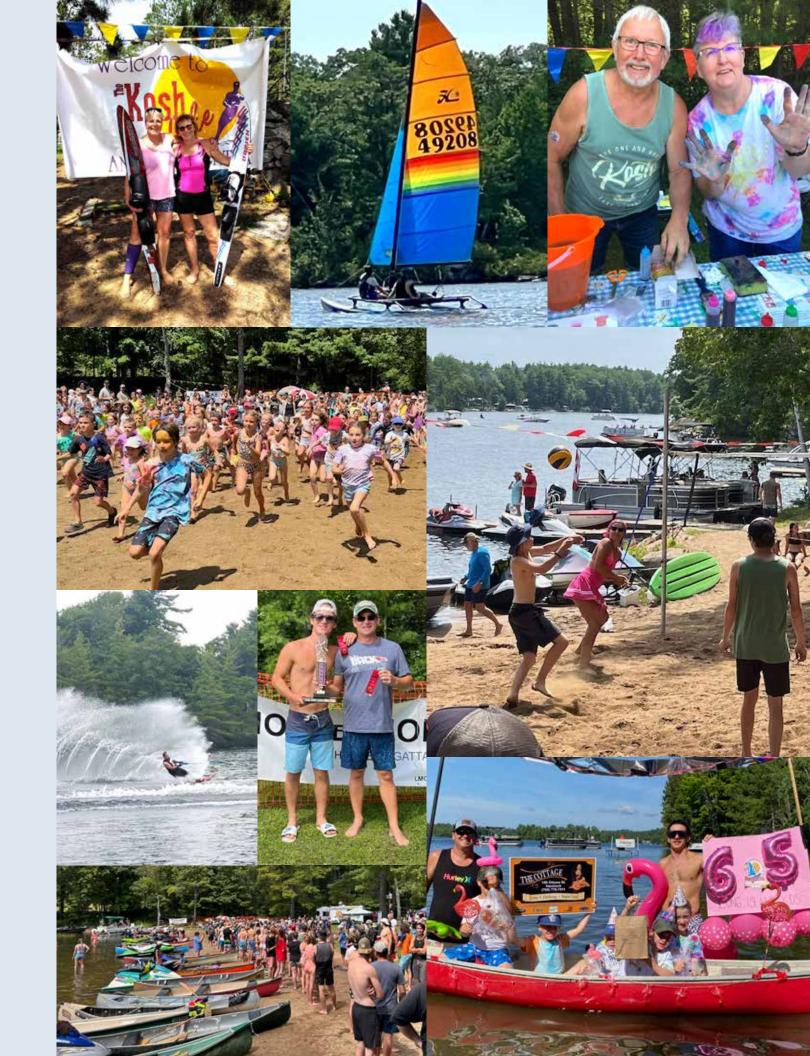
Great news! We've had a volunteer come forward to run an Artisan Market at the library during the Saturday events. Thanks Dina Morris! You can reach out to her at dina godinho@hotmail.com

Once again, we will be looking for volunteers to assist with set up and take down and running events. If any students are looking for community hours, please contact me at: jeprentice59@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at the 2024 Regatta on our beautiful Kosh Lake.















2023 LKRA Photo Contest Results

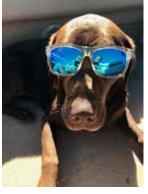
Last year 86 engaging photos were submitted and awards were given to 22 entries. Photos showed off the best of Kosh wildlife, pets and cottagers having fun. The 2024 contest opens June 1, 2024. Get shooting! Congratulations to everyone and thanks to Brenda Livingston and Diana Erwin for their help in organizing and judging. First place winners are on the opposite page.























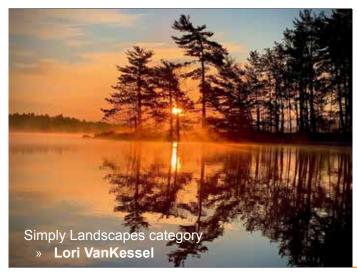
















2024 LKRA Photo Contest

It's time for one of our favourite events of the year - the Annual Photo Contest! Once again this year, there will be lots of fun prizes and winning photos will be posted on our LKRA website (Kasshabog.ca) in early September and included in the 2025 Yearbook. Photos may also pop up, from time to time, in our monthly E-News. And, this year we've decided to simplify the contest entry process to make it even easier for you to participate!

The rules of the contest are:

Eligibility:

- » The photo contest is open to families of all paid-up 2024 LKRA members.
- » You must have taken the photo you submit (amateur photos only) and not have submitted it in previous years.
- » Digital entries only. The entries must be sent electronically as jpeg files and should be at least 5 megapixels or 2560 x 1950 pixels with an image setting of high. High-resolution photos are best for reproduction. If using a mobile device, ensure your camera is set to the highest possible resolution. We will be unable to accept photos not meeting these criteria.
- » A maximum of three photos per cottage location will be accepted.
- » By submitting the photos, you are giving permission to the LKRA to reproduce your photo(s) in print and electronically. You will receive a photo credit.
- » For a photo where a person is recognizable, you must have permission (and in the case of a child or minor, permission from the parent or guardian).
- » Judges and immediate family are not eligible.

Categories:

» This year we are asking you to send along your best photos. Don't worry about the category. Pictures might be landscapes, wildlife, still life or capture ANY great Kosh life moment throughout the year.

Submission:

- » Email your entries to photocontest@ kasshabog.ca by August 6, 2024
- » For each submission, please use the following filename format: yourname_cottageFRaddress.jpeg Example: b.livingston_FR80A.jpeg

Winner Selection:

» Pictures will be judged based on originality, creativity & uniqueness.



COVIA - Committed to Protecting Local Wildlife

by Carol DeNure

At Covia, we continue to innovate and operate with an intentional focus on protecting our planet and preserving our local wildlife. One such example of our commitment is the work of team members at our Nepheline Syenite Operations (NSO) including both Nephton and Blue Mountain sites. Our environmental team, led by



Supervisor Cale Reeder, supports and protects the local turtle populations by collecting and incubating turtle eggs. Over the past few years, NSO has conducted nesting surveys, collecting 991 eggs with a 70% hatch rate. This important program supports the mission of the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre to protect and conserve Ontario's native turtles and the habitat in which they live.

The NSO turtle project was nominated as a finalist for the WHC Reptiles and Amphibians Project Award through the WHC (Wildlife Habitat Canada). At our 2023 Open House event, we were proud to have Lisa Browning join us from the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre (part of the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC)) who brought a very educational display of the many species of turtles that are native to our area. Peterborough has the only turtle hospital in Ontario and people bring eggs or injured turtles to them from all over.

The Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre has veterinarians working for them and the turtles are kept until healed and then returned to their habitat. They received approximately 1,375 patient turtles last year in 2023 and collected 6,584 eggs from injured females. The Centre is largely funded by private donations, and we encourage those interested in turtle preservation to become more involved as a volunteer or consider a donation by visiting their website at: www.ontarioturtle.ca As Covia's corporate commitment in 2024, we will be donating \$25,000 to the OTCC.

Historically Covia has supported environmental programs on Kosh Lake that protect wildlife and support the environment. We look forward to continuing to do so in the future. Please feel free to share your thoughts with your LKRA Executive should you have a program idea that you feel might benefit from our support.

This summer Covia will hold its annual Open House Event on Wed, August 21, and Sat, August 24. An official invite to all Kosh residents will be posted closer to the date.







Stoney Point Marina Bar & Grill

ince assuming ownership of the Marina, Haley and Bryan Bates have done an amazing job expanding services for cottagers on the lake. Once the kitchen was refurbished, they began offering a variety of innovative new menu items from their grill and concluded the summer by cohosting an amazing Year-end 75th anniversary party with the LKRA.

Despite this year's unusual winter, they once again found ways to bring community together by hosting a Superbowl Party, followed quickly by weekend Family Day and Easter Menus, and their popular Friday Night Fish Nights that began March 29th.

And it's not just us who think Stoney Point is special. Cottage Life Magazine listed them as one of the 'Best of Cottage Country' marinas in their March/April 2024 edition. An amazing honour!



This summer you can keep track of upcoming events and new products by visiting their website, Instagram and Facebook pages or via the Kasshabog'er FB group. Haley and Bryan, thanks for your great contribution to Kosh life!

Hoping to see gas on the lake soon? A private GoFundMe was started last year by Kirk Brennen to help raise funds for the new tanks required. As new owners, Haley and Bryan need the lake's support to commence this project. Read Kirk's excellent summary of the project and please consider making a donation:

https://gofund.me/6362b1b9

Sayers Foods - Open & Ready

by Mary Kainer

psley's only grocery store, Sayers Foods, reopened on March 25th after being destroyed by fire over three years ago. As you can imagine, dozens of residents were on hand to celebrate and shop.

The store has been in the same family for generations. It is independently owned and operated by Sayer siblings - Jeff, Barbara, and Rick. It has been an important store for many Kasshabog Lake residents and its closure was a real loss to the people of Apsley and nearby cottagers. According to Global News, the summer population has grown to more than 12,000. The town of Apsley has a population of 2,300 and Sayers Foods is the only grocery store in North Kawartha Township.



The rebuilt store is larger and, in addition to the grocery essentials, includes a deli with ready-to-go meals and a pick-up window. It will also have an outdoor cafe this summer with Wi-Fi and power outlets creating a welcoming social meeting space. It's an important part of the local economy and plans are to have hired between 30 to 50 employees when the store is running at full capacity.

If you don't shop in Apsley, take some time this summer to check out the new Sayers as well as the many other shops and services in Apsley. The town has a marvelous library and community centre, a friendly hardware store and building centre, and numerous gift shops. There is also a pharmacy and a local doctor.



Meet Kosh Art Enthusiast Penny Boyd

by Anne Rawson



enny Boyd is one of those special people on the lake. A resident of Lakefield, she and her family now cottage every summer on Long Island. She has been a textile artist, spinner, and weaver, for 40 years, and has also been an amateur painter all her life. Her formal design background was honed through the Sheridan College design program and later

through the Western University Fine Arts program where she received her Fine Arts degree.

What makes Penny particularly unique is her interest in environmental issues. She often uses reclaimed materials in both her textile and artwork. Last year she organized classes at the lake on recycling textiles into rugs, and making a wire tree sculpture on scavenged rock or wood. Over 30 Kasshabog residents attended these workshops and Penny donated over \$600 in proceeds to the LKRA Environment Fund.

This summer she'll be offering a new workshop integrating recycled windows. "I'm always looking for new creative projects. Last year I had a few old windows, so of course I had to paint on them (see photo) and I'm looking forward to sharing this idea with my lake friends," she added.





workshop (see photo). For this one you would only need a scrap piece of wood decking or siding, maybe 1" x 6", and 20" long. Penny has the wire, paint, etc. Really quick and easy to do. Watch for news on dates and times for these workshops on LKRA E-News, Facebook, Website and on The Kasshabog'er.

Penny will also be offering unique Drop-in craft activities in the Community Hall on Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, Aug 17 during regular library hours. For a small donation of \$5 everyone can make these kid-friendly upcycling projects, as per below righthand picture, incorporating buttons, ribbons, yarn, paper, etc. She'll have lots of supplies or visitors are invited to bring along their own. Once again, Penny plans to donate all the proceeds from these workshops to the LKRA Environment Fund.

Thank you, Penny, for inspiring Kosh residents with your passion for arts and the environment!







Kawartha Adventure Resort – A Family Vision

by Anne Rawson

For years, cottagers traveling north on Hwy 46 have been watching the old property of the Twin Lakes Resort slowly transform. First, it was a new roof, followed by a year or more of construction. Then one day a *Coming Soon* sign appeared out front. With permits obtained, a soft opening occurred in the spring of 2023 and on Friday, January 10th, 2024 the *Grand Opening* of the *Kawartha Adventure Resort* officially took place. New owners, father Laeeq Javeed, his wife, Sabiha, and sons, Mohammed and Sohail graciously welcomed local dignitaries and dozens of Kosh residents. They provided a tour of the new resort and then shared future plans.

"This is a family business venture," says son, Sohail Ahmed. We heard about the property through Mike Heffernan Realty and were immediately attracted to its potential – the land, trails, lake, and building. "It was the perfect location to realize our family's vision of building the ultimate family adventure resort", he added. "A place where all ages in a family can come together and create lasting memories through adventure."

He explained that the property is currently exclusively marketed to groups looking for a venue for family and friend reunions and corporate events, and is listed via all major booking platforms. It can be booked directly as well at www.kawarthaadventureresort.com. In addition to 10 beautiful rooms, there are common lounges, recreation, and kitchen and dining areas for the group to socialize and connect. Sohail reiterated that "although the resort is targeted to groups, if the resort is not booked in the short term and someone needs an individual room, we are open to hosting them."

Looking into the future, the family said the full lower level in the building is currently sitting empty and could be transformed into any number of things including a convenience store with a gas bar or restaurant. The family has considerable experience in the former and would like to partner with a restaurateur for the latter. Additional buildings on the premises are possible and other services such as adventure tours, recreational rentals, and other services are being looked at.

The family feels the property offers amazing potential! "Right now," says Sohail "we are learning about the community and keeping our eyes on new trends in tourism. We have truly appreciated the Township welcoming us with open arms and cottagers sharing their stories and memories of this property." Kosh residents are encouraged to reach out with ideas for creative partnerships and what services they would like to see and support. With 100-200 guests booking weekly, we all can embrace this new type of adventure tourism and do our part in welcoming and educating their guests to our region.



Left to right: Mohammed Javeed, Laeeq Javeed, and Sohail Ahmed at the ribbon cutting.

"The Cottage" is **Celebrating a Great Decade**

by Anne Rawson

his year, one of Havelock's favourite stores is turning 10! It's a significant milestone marking a decade of serving their community with unique, curated treasures that turn houses into homes. From their humble beginnings to becoming a local favourite, their journey has been filled with unforgettable memories, countless smiles, and an ever-growing family of customers and friends. And, they're stepping into a new chapter of their story with some exciting new additions - a charming mini-golf course and an ice cream shop!

"Nestled in a picturesque park-garden setting, the minigolf course has been designed to challenge all ages" according to Cherie and Chad, "The Cottage" owners. They guarantee that "whether you're a seasoned golfer or picking up a club for the first time, the new course will be fun for everyone."

Cherie and Chad also shared that the store is also being expanded with the addition of a new Ice Cream Shop and more products. "We'll be carrying more of



the Saxx, Roxy, Fox lines in addition to our great water toys, handcrafted home décor, artisanal food items, and unique gifts", they said.

In preparing for this important milestone, the store worked with students at Loyalist College who created their new identity and website and students at George Brown College who developed their launch plan. It truly was a community effort!

"The Cottage", located on Hwy 7 at the east end of Havelock, is inviting residents of Kosh to join them this summer for an exciting new chapter of their store. Supporting local businesses is simply a winwin proposition. We wish "The Cottage" a happy 10th anniversary!

We're here for you.

Life on the lake is good. Sharing fun times with family and friends or relaxing on the deck on a summer's day. It's comforting to know Campbellford Memorial Hospital is just a short distance from the lake when something unexpected happens.



Cottagers Care Program

Every Summer, the number of visits to CMH's **Emergency Department increases dramatically** compared to other seasons. Cottagers and tourists drive the upswing. So now we need your help to create an upswing in cottager donations to CMH. VISIT givetocmh.ca to register for 3 years of caring today!

Do you know government funding does not cover the cost of new equipment at the hospital? Donor support ensures our staff have the life-saving and comfort-giving tools available when they need to help you. Please donate to CMH!

We're counting on you - and thank you for caring about CMH just as we will keep caring for you, your family and your guests when you need us.





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A New Vision for Campbellford Memorial Hospital

by Peter Mitchell, Executive Assistant/Communications and Community Relations Manager

ampbellford Memorial Hospital is undergoing a ✓ transformative project to enhance healthcare accessibility and quality in our region. Our vision? A comprehensive Campus of Care, consolidating a number of essential healthcare services in one location.

Once complete, our groundbreaking Campus of Care will include a new Hospital, a new Long-Term Care Home, a Community Mental Health Clinic, and our esteemed Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network. Additionally, we're planning for the future with space set aside for Supportive and Senior Housing, ensuring a continuum of care for all stages of life.

By centralizing these services in one location, we're committed to streamlining patient care, improving coordination, and elevating healthcare experiences for everyone in our community.

Join us as we redefine healthcare delivery in Campbellford, Trent Hills and beyond, shaping a healthier future for generations to come.



Mayor's Message

s we usher in another summer at the lake in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, I can't thank the volunteers in our community enough for the work they do to make our township such a great place to live. Your waterfront

association is working year-round on your behalf to really help us keep the lines of communication open.

Looking forward to summer at the lake, we need to be mindful of the mild winter conditions we have experienced and the challenges that can come from it. The lack of snow was hard on the winter activities that play a big part in our winter tourism, and dry conditions can affect our summer tourism, with the risk of forest fires. By working together and following the Fire **Department's** safety guidelines and recommendations. we can preserve the natural wonders that make HBM so beautiful. Havelock-Belmont-Methuen council has had a busy winter and was able to pass our 2024 Budget in early February with a 4.2 percent increase. With all the pressures we faced going into the budget process, we were able to maintain the service level that we provide, as well as implement many road improvements and plan for some new recreation projects.

Highlights for 2024

Although I will have provided a more detailed report at your AGM, some highlights for 2024 are as follows:

Thanks to over 550 responses to the online survey and two well-attended in-person meetings, HBM is now preparing a **Strategic Plan** that will help guide the current council for the balance of this term, and future councils. The plan provides an important road map to prioritize business through the next 5 years. We have upgraded our website to make it more user-friendly and encourage your feedback. The council is currently gathering input and preparing for a public meeting to review the Ward System later this spring. We are also offering grants to help lake associations with the environment and shoreline preservation education, private road grants, and community grants. Please contact our Customer **Service Team** or check our website for more details to see which grants may apply to your lake.

After many years of hard work, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is now moving forward with the construction of our 128-bed Long Term Care home on Old Norwood Road. This summer the **Public Works** department



will be urbanizing the street that leads into the LTC site, as well as embarking upon the first phase of reconstructing George Street in the village. Additionally, there are several roads scheduled to be upgraded and reconstructed throughout the Township, with extensive gravel hauls and surface treatment projects this summer. Changes will also continue to occur this year with our Waste Management and Recycling programs as they move over to a manufacturer's responsibility for recycling.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue upgrading our Community Centre as part of the sixyear grant received in 2020. We are also working with our Recreation Master Plan to construct a new sports field off Old Norwood Road that will have two Baseball Diamonds and a Tennis/Pickleball court. This summer. the Parks and Recreation department is also working to offer Pickleball indoors at the arena.

Finally, our **Economic Development Officer** continues to work with local businesses throughout the municipality - the heartbeat of our township. Your patronage will directly contribute to our community's vibrancy and success. These local establishments include boutiques. bakeries, resorts, and cafes that offer a unique charm that cannot be replicated.

In the spirit of community, let's play safe, be stewards of our environment, and show unwavering support for our local businesses. Together we can make this summer season in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen truly exceptional!

Wishing you all a summer filled with sunshine and laughter,

Jim Martin Mayor, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

Jim Martin is in his 6th year as Mayor of HBM Township and enjoys the challenge of overseeing constituents from the ten lakes in the township. He spent his early summers on Kosh Lake and knows the lake well.

Garbage Details

A Transfer Station Card is required before entry is permitted at the Transfer Stations. Only material generated within the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen will be accepted.

All garbage bags must be tagged. A pack of five tags can be purchased for \$6 from the Municipal Office in Havelock, Foodland, East End Market, and the transfer stations.

Note: Only credit and debit cards are accepted for payment at the 6th Line Transfer Station. Cash only is accepted at all other locations.

All garbage must be placed in CLEAR plastic bags.

This mandatory program has been shown to have a positive impact on keeping recyclable materials out of landfills while helping to protect the environment. One privacy bag is accepted per clear bag.

Recycle and compost wherever possible.

For more information visit:

www.hbmtwp.ca/living-here/garbage-recycling-and-waste/

Transfer Station Hours

May 15-September 15

SUMMER HOURS

		Sat	Sun
6 th Line 9-5pm 9-5pm CLOSED CLOSED	9-5pm	9-5pm	9-7pm

6th Line Summer Holiday hours Monday 9-7pm

Oak Lake	9-5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	9-5pm	9-5pm	9-7pm
West Kosh	CLOSED	CLOSED	11-2pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	9-5pm	9-7pm

West Kosh Summer holiday hours Monday 9-7 pm

Jack Lake	10-2pm	CLOSED	10-2pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	10-2pm	10-5pm
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Jack Lake Summer holiday hours - Sunday 10-2pm, Monday 10-5pm

September 16-May 14

WINTER HOURS

Location	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 th Line	9-5pm	9-5pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	9-5pm	9-5pm	9-5pm

Thanksgiving Monday 9-5pm

Oak Lake	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	9-5pm
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Thanksgiving Monday 12-4pm

Jack Lake	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm
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Thanksgiving Monday 12-4pm

All transfer sites are closed Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day

6th Line (900 6th Line, off Hwy7) West Kosh Transfer Station (445 West Kosh Lake Rd) Oak Lake Transfer Station (4755 County Rd 46) Jack Lake Transfer Station (96 Shady Lane)

All the above transfer stations are available to Lake Kasshabog residents.

Firework Facts

This is our seasonal reminder about fireworks displays. If staged carefully and according to Township By-laws they are permitted on Kosh, but limited to certain dates and times. Why?

- » Firework smoke and debris can cause extensive air pollution in a short amount of time.
- » Harmful metals are released that can contaminate soil and lake water and have negative, long-lasting effects.
- » The auditory acuity of animals, especially dogs, can cause them to suffer from overwhelming anxiety when they cannot escape from the sound. Loons and other wildlife also suffer.
- » Fireworks impact those with post-traumatic stress disorders, who are sensitive to noise.

The HBMT Fireworks By-law contains regulations pertaining to when, how, and what is required if you are planning a recreational fireworks display. For starters, you MUST obtain a permit from the Fire Chief or designate before holding a display and prove that your intended display meets all By-law regulations.



In 2024, fireworks can only take place on Kosh on the following dates:

- » Victoria Day weekend, May 18, 19, 20, from 7-11 pm
- » Canada Day, June 29, 30, July 1, from 7-11 pm
- » Civic Holiday weekend, August 3, 4, 5, from 7-11 pm
- » Labour Day weekend, August 31, September 1, 2, from 7-11 pm
- New Year's Eve. December 31, from 7 pm to 1 am the following day

Note: No fireworks will be permitted if a Township burn ban is in effect. Flying lanterns continue to be prohibited at all times.

If you are renting your cottage this year, please ensure your tenants are aware of the regulations. As an owner, you will be held responsible for any contravention of this By-law.

For more information and permit forms visit the HBM website at: www.hbmtwp.ca/media/d40f1oew/bylaw-2022-18-to-regulate-the-sale-and-setting-off-offireworks-within-the-township.pdf

This new By-law is enforceable by Police, the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen's By-law Enforcement Officer or any member of the Fire and Emergency Service Department, Failure to abide by the provisions of this By-law can result in substantial financial penalties applied to the property owner's property taxes.

The HBM By-law Enforcement Officer will follow up on any complaint about a By-law violation. To register a By-law complaint, you must submit the complaint in writing using the confidential Complaint Registration Form Complaint Form - Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (hbmtwp.ca)



Member Association Services & Benefits

NOTE: offers are subject to change over time, but are current at January 2024

Members: Login at https://foca.on.ca/benefits/ to see how to access the offers

Key Services provided to your ASSOCIATION:

- tips for starting and building a successful lake or road Association
- FOCA Insurance program with Cade Associates Insurance Brokers provides a member discount on liability coverage for Association activities, Directors & Officers, etc. This now includes access to a Legal Helpline!
- information on rural property issues (<u>septics</u>, <u>taxation</u>, <u>land use planning</u>, <u>mining</u>, <u>energy and utilities</u>, ...)
- follow all FOCA's advocacy files and policy updates <u>here</u>. Stay in-the-know with monthly <u>Elerts</u> (e-news). Use FOCA <u>fact sheets and videos</u> in your own association publications & posts!
- FOCA's step-by-step <u>Lake Planning</u> <u>Handbook</u> for community groups
- Association Webpage Offer: FOCA can create a free basic web presence for your Association
- "Who Does What" tools & tips for working with the levels of government
- environmental programs: <u>Lake Partner</u>
 <u>Program</u> water quality data; prevent
 the spread of invasive species

Benefits & Offers available to all your Member families:

- give them your unique association link to create their own unique Username & Password for website materials.
 (The web link is provided when you join or renew your membership; or email us for assistance.)
- receive free Elert (e-news) updates
- attend FOCA <u>events & webinars</u> free, or at reduced member rates
- learn how to start your family's cottage succession plan

Even more special offers from FOCA's corporate partners:

Use access codes or identify yourself as a FOCA member when you order:

- > exclusive access to <u>CottageFirst</u>, the first cottage group insurance program
- > Cottage Life Magazine only \$24.95 annual rate, includes digital access: https://secure.cottagelife.com/W8O1FCAC
- > Action First Aid: ask for the special FOCA price on defibrillators (AEDs)
- Canadian Canoe Museum 25% off any Membership to the Museum

Need help accessing your member benefits?

Contact the FOCA office: info@foca.on.ca 705-749-3622



FOCA is the province-wide umbrella group for Ontario waterfront property owners, representing 50,000 member families in more than 525 lake and road associations.

Our united voice carries weight on issues that matter!

FOCA's current strategic priorities:



Promoting Healthy Lands, Lakes and Rivers



Serving Lake and Road Associations



Advocating for Responsive Government



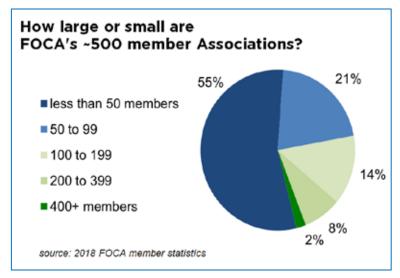
Championing Affordable and Safe Rural Living



Building Organizational Capacity & Strategic Partnerships



Fostering Community in Rural Ontario



What are your lake association peers saying about FOCA?

"What would I do without FOCA for advice? Thanks for sharing others' winning ideas."

~Jayne C., Association Member

"A very big thank you to FOCA for providing us with valuable resources for our lake association. We promote our FOCA membership as an excellent benefit to members, and a well-spent part of the annual membership fee."

~ Kate O., Association Member

FOCA has resources on "hot topics" for Associations, including these, and much more...

Search by keyword at:

https://foca.on.ca/ issues-programs/





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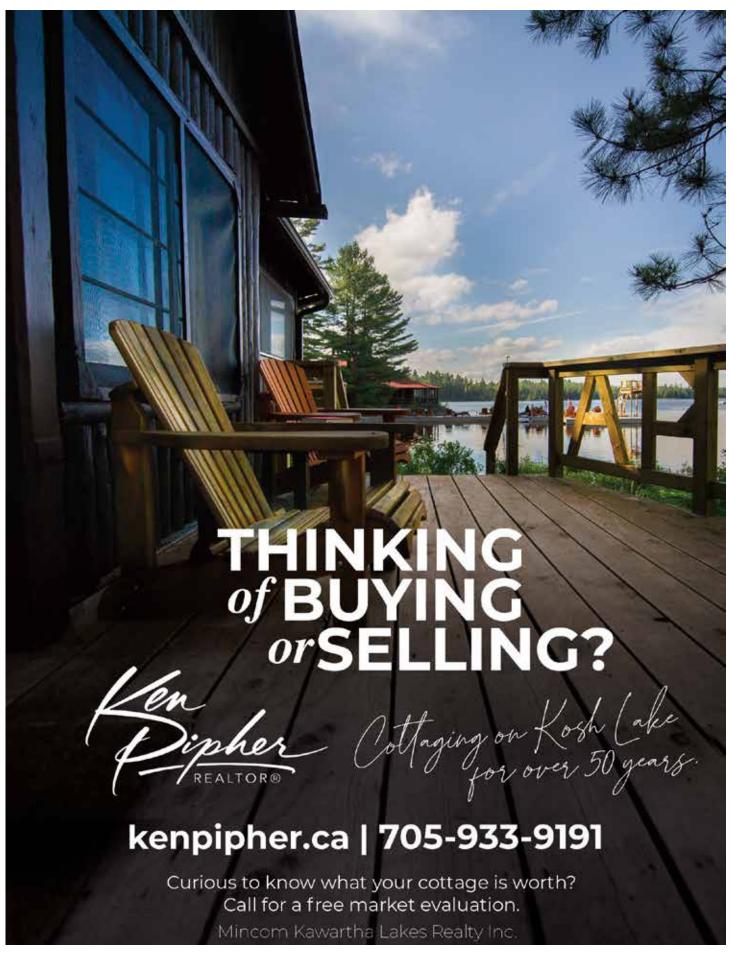
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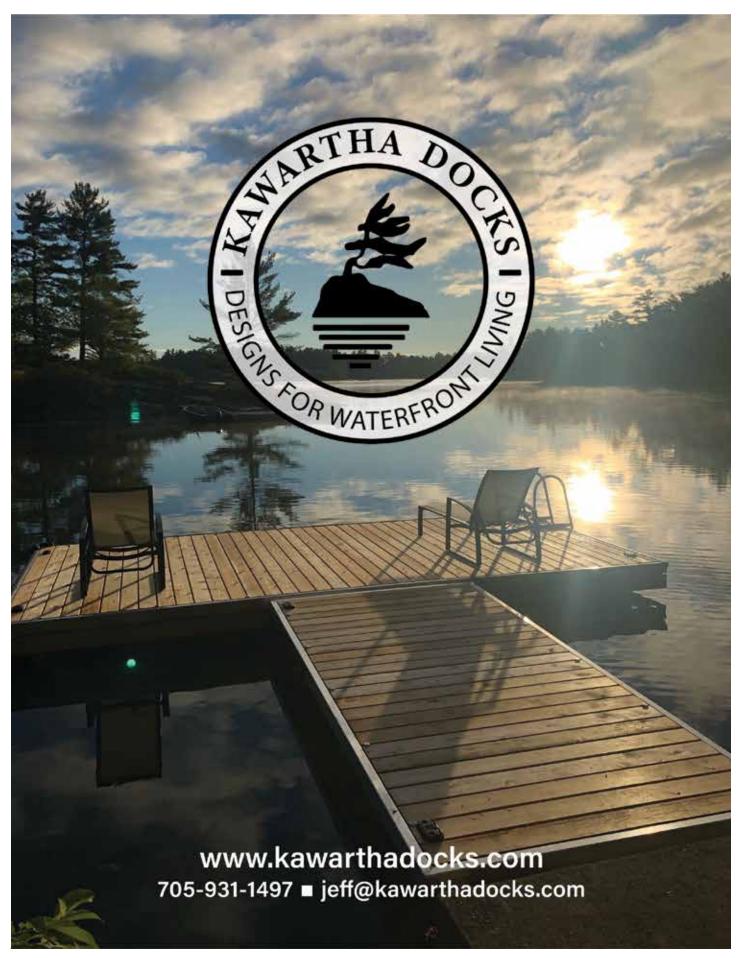
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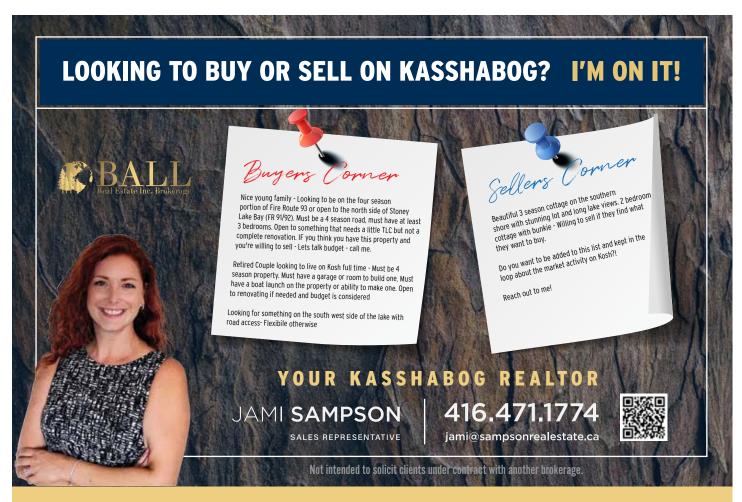


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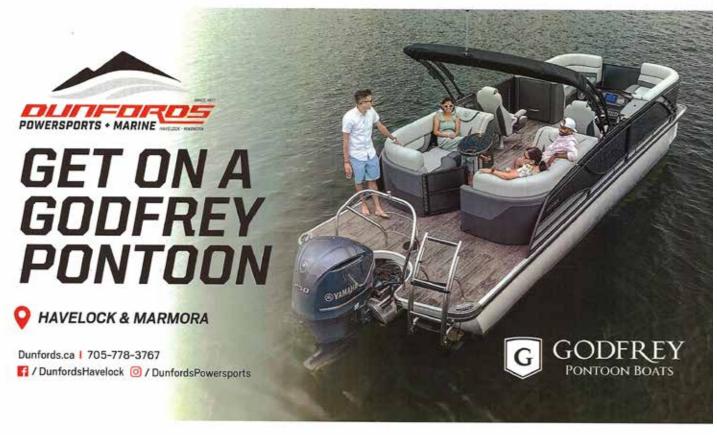




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