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KOSH LAKE NEWS



Thanks Mike (Heidi Quigg) for this great shot to end the season!



#### Building Community One Step at a Time

It's been an amazing year in the history of our lake. Building upon our earliest beginnings we were able to strengthen and build our Kosh community during this 75th year through engaging events and memorable communications. And just like the social wasp nest, it took a team effort to get there. Things may be quiet in the nest right now - their work is done. But, you can be sure next spring a new community will come together and their work will continue. Just like us!

#### Let's Make 2024 the Best Year Yet

Last month we asked you to consider helping to keep our community and lake vibrant and safe. Many thanks to those who reached out. We are still looking for someone to help us with our social media posts and E-News. Also others to help plan some special events involving volunteer recognition, the Regatta, safety workshops etc. If you haven't done so already, please [complete this survey](#) and let us know how you can help. We can then reach out and start planning as we move into a fantastic new year.

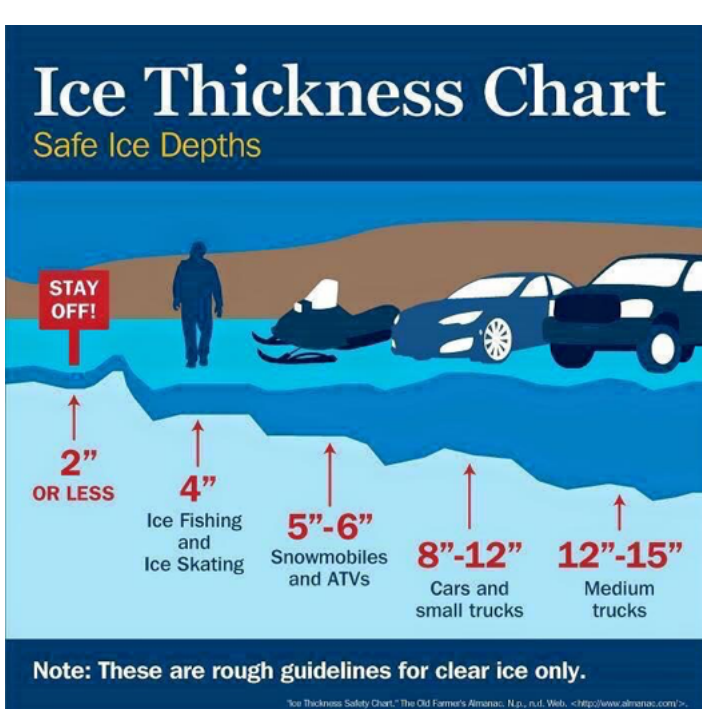


#### Let's Reach Our Goal

Our goal this year was to achieve a membership rate of 75% of lake residents - that's 474 of 632 properties. As of today, we have reached 69% of our goal or 325 properties. We just need 149 more cottagers to step up before the end of the year with their support. Wondering if you have already paid? Contact [membership@kasshabog.ca](mailto:membership@kasshabog.ca) to find out. If you haven't, please support the association that is working hard with you to protect the lake you love. It's the best \$25 you'll ever spend. [Join Today!](#)

#### Dam Fund Next Steps

Last month's residents' survey garnered more ideas on how the dam funds should be allocated. There were 29 responses. Many were in line with those shared in person at the earlier Town Hall. The next step will be for the Evaluation Committee (Lorraine Day, Harry Major, Lori Bailey, Rob Milne) to meet and subsequently make a recommendation on next steps to the LKRA Executive. We will keep you up to date in early 2024.



#### Dangers During the Freeze

We're not there yet, but residents are reminded to use extreme caution during lake freeze up in the months ahead. Narrow channels, such as the channel leading into the dam, can be extremely deceiving and hazardous. Whether you're currently cold water boating or will be shortly venturing out over the ice, take extra care before you travel.

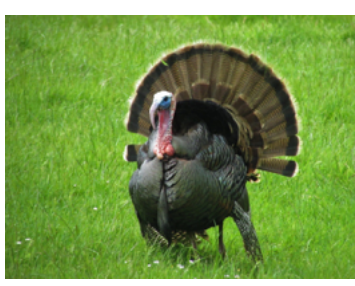
#### Our Voice

As most of you are aware, LKRA is a member of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations). We love their new logo! We encourage you to go to the FOCA website, sign up and subscribe for free monthly updates and FOCA Elerts. For a minimal cost, cottagers who are individual Friends of FOCA can also qualify for amazing discounts too! [Check out](#) all the information.



#### 2024 Yearbook

Most would agree that the personal stories in the 2023 Yearbook made for interesting and enjoyable reading. We're starting to think about content for next year's book. Is there a subject you'd like us to cover? Do you have a story you'd like to share? If so, please send your thoughts to [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca)



#### Wildlife Wonders

The fall season definitely brings turkeys to mind. Yum! But we're talking wild turkeys here. After being almost eliminated from Ontario, turkey numbers have rebounded. The large birds form flocks of up to 30, usually females and young. And while we see them mostly on the ground, turkeys can fly up to 90 km/hr and spend their nights roosting in trees. That's because they have excellent daytime vision (three times better than ours) but their night vision is poor. Did you know a turkey's gobble can be heard 1.5 km away? And how would you like to have caruncles, a wattle, and a snood? Caruncles are bumpy skin ridges on a turkey's bald head, the wattle is the fleshy triangle drooping from the chin and a snood is the dangly bit that grows from the face. Those parts can all change colour in seconds - to red, pink, blue or white - depending on how excited the turkey is. Gobble, gobble!



Photo Credit: Simply Sunset - Sherri McDonald

#### Land Acknowledgement

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

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



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