



April 20, 2023
KOSH LAKE NEWS



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EVENTS April-May-June:

- **Declining Loon Populations** - Thur April 20th (webinar)
- **2023 AGM** - Tue April 25, 7pm via Zoom
- **First Nations Teaching and Perspectives** - Thurs May 25th (webinar)
- **Maggie Brickell Celebration of Life** - Sun May 28, 2pm
- **Natural Edge Workshop** - Sat June 10th
- **The Eyrie (Bird of Prey)** - Sat June 24th

Also In this issue:

Loon Population Declines in Canada

As covered in a recent issue of Cottage Life, Canada's Loon population is in decline. Sign up and register for a free webinar on Thursday April 20th (6:30-8pm) - [Our Declining Loon Population webinar](#). Two excellent speakers will discuss the reasons behind this and what we can do about it. Loon Surveys play an important role in uncovering what is happening with loon populations. If anyone is interested in a Kasshabog specific program please contact environment@kasshabog.ca

2023 LKRA AGM

Join us on Tue April 25th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for our 2023 AGM. Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and the documents we will be tabling at the meeting. To get a Zoom link you need to be a paid-up member for either 2022 or 2023. FOCA will receive a list of all LKRA members and will send out a Zoom link to the AGM prior to the meeting.

In addition to hearing about what the LKRA has been up to, both Terry Rees, the Executive Director of FOCA, and Mayor Jim Martin will provide quick updates. On the table at this AGM is a motion to “unrestrict” the Dam Fund and enable using the monies elsewhere for the benefit of our lake. Come and find out more.

New Board Members are Needed

We are actively seeking new residents to join the LKRA Board. There are lots of interesting ways to use your skills. Please take a look at the Current [Volunteer Positions available](#).



Is Your Shoreline Healthy?

A healthy lake starts with a healthy shoreline. Did you know that the state of your shoreline can directly affect the quality of the water that you swim and play in? Your

shoreline impacts your own waterfront as well as elsewhere on the lake! We can all do our part to help keep our lake water the best it can be and Watersheds Canada is coming to Ksshabog to help.

On **Sat, June 10th, 2023** at the Kosh Lake Community Hall/Library they will run their **[Natural Edge Shoreline workshop](#)**. Each participant will get a customized plan with ideas for improving their shoreline: to help our lake water quality and to reduce erosion. To reserve your spot for this free workshop email environment@Ksshabog.ca



75th Anniversary Events

It was great to see how many residents enjoyed last month's 75th Anniversary video featuring Jim Holdcroft. We're pausing this month, but will be back in May with our next video that will continue celebrating Kosh life then and now. This month, we have a different 75th event planned. It's the launch of a special online Children's story featuring...

The One and Only Chopper

This delightful children's short story is posted in celebration of our 75th and will make for fun reading at the cottage. It's ideally suited to kids 6-10. Check it out on our website [75th event page](#).



The Eyrie (Birds of Prey)

The Eyrie is a Birds of Prey centre



located near Apsley that inspires conservation through meaningful education on Raptors (Birds of Prey). Raptors are so important to help clean up our environment (e.g. they eat rodents; carrion; insects; etc.). On **Sat June 24th, 2023** (10am) The Eyrie is coming to Kasshabog with some of their Raptors! What a fabulous opportunity to get a front row seat to see these amazing birds! Check the LKRA [Environment Events](#) for all of the details.

Membership Drive for 75

Come on everyone, it's time to renew your membership for 2023. It's [easy online](#) and your support is vital. While you're at it, especially if your email address has changed in the last year, [re-sign up to receive Kosh Lake News](#). Don't miss news of special events and activities planned for this year.



2023 Photo Contest Now Underway

This year's Photo Contest runs from April 1 - July 31, 2023. There are new

categories and, in honour of our 75th, we'll be awarding prizes as well. Check out all the info on the [LKRA website](#).



Ice Out Contest

Once again this year, Stuart Day organized our Annual Ice Out Contest. By the deadline of midnight March 31st. 141 Boggers had submitted an entry. It's now official, the ice was out April 14th and the winners of this year's competition are: First place - Cynthia Cole, Second place - Taya Prosser, Third place - Tess Greenwood

First Nations Teaching and Perspectives Thurs May 25th (webinar)

Jack Hogarth, the Cultural Archivist and Engagement Officer, Curve Lake First Nation Cultural Centre will be presenting a brief history of the Mississauga Anishinaabe and an overview of archaeology within the Kawarthas and the community's relationship with archaeologists, as well as the steps to and process of repatriation. Additional details (including how to register for this event) will be in our May E-News (and on our website in early May).



Wildlife Wonders - Ospreys

Ospreys, also known as fish hawks, are currently migrating back to their summer breeding grounds. Ospreys eat only fish and their bodies have perfectly adapted to catching their prey in the water. They have dense, oily feathers that repel water, special valves to prevent water going up their noses and a reversible outer toe to grip slippery fish. After diving feet-first up to a metre deep to grab a fish, their super-strong wings lift them back up off the surface. Once airborne, they always carry the fish facing forward to decrease wind resistance. The strangest thing about ospreys? Even though they spend their whole

lives around water, they never need to take a drink. Their fishy diet supplies all the liquid they need.

Kids Corner

[Colouring Page](#) - Mothers Day is May 14th. Have the kids colour this for Mom. She'll love it!

[Word Search](#): find all the Spring words. What other words make you think of Spring?

[Scavenger Hunt](#) - now that the snow is melting let's do a scavenger hunt! Print off the sheet and find all the items listed (maybe you'll find more than one)!



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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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