

75th Anniversary Edition
2023 Yearbook



Lake Kasshabog
Residents Association

Editor's Note:

What a kaleidoscope of feelings I have these days: admiration, excitement, anticipation, and a touch of nostalgia as we get ready to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our association.



I hope the stories and videos you've seen so far have touched your heart, just like they did mine. Now, in this special 75th Anniversary Yearbook, we will share more tales of early founding families. At August's Meet & Greet, even more will be shared! And how appropriate that our beautiful wrap-around cover photograph was shot by Jill Puffer, great-niece of Garfield Puffer.

I am so grateful to all those men and women who took a chance, walked miles over bare rock and courageously set down roots a century ago. I think they would be proud of the community we are trying to build and the commitment we are each making to preserve the quality of our lake environment.

As Maya Angelou said: "You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been." May each of us take time over the summer to pause, appreciate and be grateful for the rich legacy of our Association, our family and Kosh. Wishing you a summer of celebration and connection.

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*This special 2023 Yearbook celebrates the
75th Anniversary of the LKRA, and is dedicated to
the memory of Maggie Brickell.*

*Maggie's zest for life and outstanding contributions touched
every aspect of the LKRA, including this Yearbook.*

President's Report 2023

by Jennifer Cummings



The 2022 summer turned out to be wonderful at the lake with the successful return of the regatta and numerous in-person events. Here are just a few of the accomplishments of the LKRA and its volunteers over the past year:

- » On Jun 18 we held the first-ever Marketplace and Turtle Talk at the Half Moon Bay Beach. Another Marketplace was held on Oct 8th.
- » Jami Sampson championed our 2022 Canada Day Boat Parade and the Dock (Yard) Sale on Aug 6th. Bigger and even better events are planned for this summer.
- » In July we launched a new, enticing, easy to navigate and manage website. If you haven't visited it yet do so, www.kasshabog.ca. There's great information on it. Thanks go to Anne Rawson, your Communications Director, for doing the lion's share of the work on this and continuing to maintain it! And thanks to Anne and Jennifer Conron for

the great new look and feel of the Newsletter/Yearbook!

- » Last year Jennifer also redesigned the E-News format to make it more engaging and easier to read. We issued 13 E-News bulletins to our database of over 1,100 to keep them informed. If you are not getting the E-News, sign up on our website today.
- » In addition to our ongoing news, e-News readers enjoy sections like Kids Corner and Wildlife Wonders. A big thanks to Cynthia Cole, your LKRA Environment Director, for writing these and for her environmental leadership. Among her other initiatives were Turtle Talks; liaising with the Trent Aquatic Research Program and arranging their visit to test our lake water on Aug 17; and contracting Trent University to deliver a Fanwort Study, followed by a fanwort management workshop on Aug 28. All these programs were co-sponsored by the LKRA.
- » Working with FOCA, we arranged for two free webinars on cottage succession planning on Jun 8 and Sep 22.
- » In July leading up to the municipal election, we surveyed Kosh residents about their areas of concern and received 50 responses. We then asked candidates to address your major concerns and we shared their responses via E-News and on the LKRA website. We invited neighbouring lakes

to check out our website coverage too! On Aug 31, over 60 people attended the HBM all-candidates meeting we arranged at the Community Hall/Library.

- » We know the marker program is important to you and during 2022 we upgraded many Javex bottle-type markers with new orange ones. Thank you to Ted Ward-Griffin and his volunteers for taking on the marker program, and I would especially like to thank Stuart Day for ably managing the program for years!
- » Winners of our successful 2022 photo contest were featured in the 2023 calendar and on our website. Congratulations to all! I love the scenery photos of our little bit of paradise but I especially enjoy seeing the kids having so much fun!
- » On June 28 our AGM was once again held by Zoom. Minutes are on the website and in this Yearbook. While not as social as an in-person meeting at the beach, we do get more attendees by Zoom. And because we need to hold the AGM within six months of the fiscal year end in accordance with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, a-Zooming we will go! By the time you read this, we will have had our 2023 AGM, and hopefully elected more directors. Please consider volunteering for the LKRA – there are many opportunities both large and small.

President's Report 2023 cont'd

After the derecho on May 21st 2022, many residents came together armed with chain saws and muscles to help clear our roads and each other's properties. Parts of the lake had severe damage, but thankfully nobody was hurt and together we pulled through. What a wonderful community we have!

A huge thank you goes out to Lorraine Day, Cathy Cameron and Cynthia Cole, who spent countless hours last spring cleaning the community hall/library, sorting out everything that was in there, tossing out old items and (gross!) dealing with lots of filth including mice poop! And outside the pollinator garden was totally rejuvenated thanks to Cynthia and a fresh team of volunteers! Bring on the bees and butterflies!

Another big thank you goes to Tom Brickell and Stacy Dedlow for their work planning and executing the regatta. After missing a couple of years due to you-know-what, the 2022 regatta was a huge success. We're sad that they're unable to continue this year but we are happy to report that Jan Prentice and Hazel Higley are stepping in to fill their big shoes and plan this year's 65th Annual LKRA Regatta.

On a sad note, we lost a valued member of the LKRA Executive and long-time Kosh resident, Maggie Gravelle Brickell. She volunteered countless hours for us on the lake map, newsletter, calendar, marketplaces, E-News, advertising, photo contest and regattas. She's left a big hole and is missed very much.

So as you can see, your LKRA has worked hard for you this past year. Yet, 43% of residents did not reach out and pay their membership. It's sad. Your \$25 family membership is not only vital to support our efforts to protect and sustain the beauty of this lake but it affirms the work we are doing. With this year being our 75th Anniversary, more events are being planned. Our goal is to increase our membership rate to at least 75%. It is easy to pay online at www.kasshabog.ca, you can bring \$25 to the Regatta or another in-person event this summer, or put it in the box at Stoney Point Marina.

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer!

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

ONCA - What it Means to LKRA

by Jennifer Cummings

ONCA is Ontario's new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. Since the LKRA is registered with the Ontario government as a not-for-profit corporation, we will need to finish changing our by-laws at the 2024 AGM to be compliant with the new Act before the Oct 2024 deadline. Those of you who attended last year's AGM began the process with a couple of amendments. Here are the highlights of the coming changes:

- » At the 2024 AGM, LKRA members will elect a group of directors to form the Board and manage the corporation (Term 2 years / no limit on re-election). The Board will then appoint a director to be Chair and appoint officers (President, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.). These officers do not necessarily need to be directors.
- » AGMs must be held within six months of the LKRA fiscal year end of Dec 31st.

- » By-laws must be clear on voting members (who they are), membership terms and what constitutes a quorum.
- » If we have less than \$500,000 in annual revenue, which we historically do, each year members can waive an audit or a review engagement as was done last year.

We currently have both Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. To change our Articles and By-laws, we will need Board approval (at which point they come into effect). They must then be brought to the 2024 AGM or other special meeting for a vote of the membership with appropriate notice and a quorum.

For more detailed information visit our website: www.kasshabog.ca/documents-reports.

2022/2023 LKRA Executive



President - Jennifer Cummings president@kasshabog.ca

I have lived fulltime since 2011 on MacDonald Bay with my husband Bob, and our two dogs, Guinness and Porter. I love all four seasons on the lake (except bug season) and enjoy swimming, boating, campfires, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, golfing, hiking, walking the dogs and having fun when our four grandchildren visit. I'm now retired from my career as a physiotherapist and homecare business owner. I've had the privilege of serving on many boards, from a golf course to the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. These experiences have helped contribute to the experience I bring to the LKRA.



Past President - Mike Delsey

I've been a cottager on Kosh Lake for 32 years and have just completed my term as Past President after having served as President of LKRA for four years. I'm a strong advocate for boater safety and a supporter of initiatives that protect our environment. Last year I was elected to the Board of Directors of FOCA where I will continue to be an advocate for preserving healthy and sustainable waterfronts.



Treasurer - Hazel Higley treasurer@kasshabog.ca

I've been on the LKRA executive for 35+ years and have been Treasurer for the last 30! 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

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. In fact, 75 years ago, my grandfather was one of the early founders of the first lake association! I'm a confessed water-baby and most happy when slalom skiing, rowing, swimming or kayaking. However, enjoying an early morning coffee in the back bay is right up there.



Environment Director - Cynthia Cole

I've spent my entire life cottaging on Kosh. My love of the outdoors and nature has made me an advocate of all things concerning the environment. Enjoying life at Kosh includes many outdoor activities including kayaking, swimming, stargazing, or hiking in the woods. Being able to share beautiful Kosh with family and friends: priceless. My cottage motto has always been the more the merrier.



Membership Director - Jami Sampson membership@kasshabog.ca

My goal this year is to spread the celebration of the LKRA 75th anniversary and grow our membership. My husband, Ken, our kids, Nicholas and Lily, and our dogs, Frankie and Clifford can be found at our property in Stoney Lake Bay. Our days are full with fishing, tubing, swimming, kayaking, relaxing on the dock, and spending time with our family and friends on the lake. I am a waterfront Realtor with Ball Real Estate in Apsley and spend my days discovering and showing clients the stunning lakes in Ontario. I'm so fortunate to be passionate about my work and our beautiful 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 communications projects with the LKRA. 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 - Chris Bradley

My family (Lelia, Andrew and Michael) and I have been cottagers on the lake since 1995. I retired at the end of 2020 and feel very fortunate to be able to spend the warm months kayaking, golfing and enjoying Kosh, and travelling the world (pandemics-permitting) during the cold months. I have been interim Assistant Secretary but will now continue to support Jennifer Cummings as we prepare the edits needed to our by-laws to be compliant with ONCA.



Member at Large - Lorraine Day commhall.library@kasshabog.ca

I have been enjoying Kosh Lake with my husband and two sons for over 40 years. Five years ago I retired after 29 years as an elementary school teacher with the Durham District School Board. I now live in MacDonald Bay with my husband and youngest son. As Member at Large, I will focus on the Kosh Lake community hall/library. As a former dance teacher, I teach line dancing at the community hall and I’m hoping to get others to take advantage of the facility and its great potential as a gathering spot for our lake residents! I’m excited to be a part of the LKRA Executive and to contribute wherever I can.



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

I’m the 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 bringing my experience to LKRA.



Member at Large - Morgan Storie

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 the Entertainment Media space.

Membership Report

by Jami Sampson

Thank you to all our members for your support!

In 2022 we had 357 or 57% out of 621 properties pay their membership. With many events this year and the celebration of our 75th Anniversary, we know we can reach this year's goal of 75% membership. We need your support! We are tracking our progress towards this goal each month in the Kosh Lake News. If you don't already receive the E-News, sign up today at www.kasshabog.ca/e-news-sign.

Your LKRA membership fee helps to fund:

- » The supply of the equipment for volunteers to place safety markers around the lake
- » The creation and oversight of key environmental education and protection programs
- » Building community through communications including the Annual Yearbook, LKRA website, Kosh Lake E-News, and the Facebook page
- » Events throughout the year - for full list of see insert or go to www.kasshabog.ca/events-1
- » Membership in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) representing waterfront residents' interest at the provincial level
- » Participation at HBM Lake Association Representatives - our lake's interests at local Township Council
- » Monitoring and communicating with our neighbour, Covia Mine
- » Your association's insurance
- » Your ability to participate in members-only webinars and seminars

- » Important LKRA meetings such as Town Halls and the AGM where membership is required to participate.
- » Other programs and improvements as funds permit

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!

You can pay your \$25 Lake Kasshabog Residents Association membership fee by:

- » Completing the form you received with this Yearbook and sending it with a cheque payable to LKRA to P.O. Box 858, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0
- » Dropping into the Stoney Point Marina and putting your cash with the completed membership form in the LKRA Membership box
- » Paying at LKRA-sponsored events
- » E-transfer treasurer@kasshabog.ca with your cottage number in comments, then complete the membership form www.kasshabog.ca/join-today

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

2023 Committees

HBMLA Liaison Committee

Rick Rye
Jennifer Cummings
Jennifer Conron
Kathryn Jones

LKRA Community Hall/Library

Cathy Cameron
Lorraine Day
Karen Hubert

Marker/Flasher Program

Ted Ward-Griffin

Covia PLC

Janet Humber
Rick Rye
John Davison
Mike Delsey
Dawn Mitchell

75th Anniversary

Anne Rawson
Jami Sampson
Jennifer Conron

Regatta

Jan Prentice
Hazel Higley

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income & Expenses for 2022

Income

Membership Fees	\$ 9,356.29
Advertising	\$ 7,150.00
Calendar Sales	\$ 1,880.00
Donations	\$ 295.00
Regatta 5050 Raffle	\$ 766.00
Bank Interest	\$ 168.17
Covia donation to Environment	\$ 1,000.00
Total Income	\$ 20,615.46

Expenses

FOCA	\$ 1,721.00
Membership	\$ 1,179.51
Regatta	\$ 2,337.10
Insurance	\$ 2,864.16
Newsletter	\$ 3,304.85
Norkla Membership	\$ 200.00
Trent Aquatic Research	\$ 250.00
Watersheds Donation	\$ 100.00
Legal Expense	\$ 382.28
Marker Program	\$ 2,094.89
Website Expense	\$ 3,736.09
Environment Expense	\$ 2,144.31
Kasshabog Signage	\$ 15.00
Calendar Expense	\$ 1,963.20
75th Anniversary Expense	\$ 400.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 48.00
Total Expenses	\$ 22,740.39

Dam Fund

Funds on hand Dec. 31, 2022 **\$ 20,104.50**

Environment Fund

Funds on hand Dec. 31, 2021	\$ 722.64
Loon Sign Program cost	-\$ 789.87
LKRA support	\$ 67.23
Balance of Environment Fund	NIL
Richardson Family Donation	\$ 1,075.00
Balance	\$ 1,075.00

Trent University Fanwort Program

FOCA Donation	\$ 2,500.00
Covia Donation	\$ 1,000.00
LKRA Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Havelock Belmont Township Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 5,500.00
Trent University Fanworth Project cost	-\$ 5,500.00
Balance	NIL

Funds on hand Dec. 31, 2021	\$ 31,115.83
Excess of Expenses over Income 2022	-\$ 2,124.93
Balance of Environment Fund	\$ 1,075.00
Funds on hand Dec 31, 2022	\$ 30,065.90

On deposit in RBC account ending in 69 (includes \$1,075 Environment Fund)	\$ 10,065.90
GIC #0053	\$ 10,000.00
GIC #0054	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 30,065.90
Dam Fund in GIC #0052	\$ 20,104.50

Join the 2023/2024 Executive!

The following positions are vacant: Secretary, Environment Director, Volunteer Director and Safety Director.

Please contact president@kasshabog.ca for more information on these opportunities and how you can help.

SUMMARY OF LKRA 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tues, June 28, 2022 by Zoom, hosted by FOCA

Thirty-four cottages (actual number of participants unknown) 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 the Zoom platform, with the required number of Executive and association members in attendance 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. Terry Rees opened with a Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. LKRA Executive and Support, Committees and Liaison members were introduced. Mike Delsey, President of the LKRA, welcomed Lorraine Day who volunteered to join the Executive as a member at large, and thanked Hector Barber who resigned his position as a Member at Large.

3. Terry Rees discussed the programs and benefits that FOCA provides. Key issues that FOCA is working on include aquatic invasive species, rural roads, short-term rentals, and how cottagers can participate in the 2022 municipal elections.

4. Jim Martin, Mayor of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, discussed several issues, including:

- » HBM's budget increase for this year was 2.2%.
- » Building inspectors have left HBM but are being replaced.
- » HBM is awarding 10 grants of \$1,000 each for environmental projects. The LKRA received the first grant to help fund Trent University's assessment of fanwort in the lake.
- » Short-term cottage rentals are becoming a big issue. Peterborough County is leaving it up to each township to regulate rentals. Townships will be given the right to assess administrative monetary penalties (AMPs), i.e. fines. It will probably take a few years to get short-term rentals under control.

- » The Public Works Department is swamped. Their six employees and outside contractors are working on getting rid of downed trees from the derecho on May 21. HBM has added \$50,000 to the budget for additional gravel on township roads. West Kosh has been done and North Shore and Peninsula Roads will be done this summer.
- » The Parks Department has been doing work on the public beach and the community hall/library.
- » HBM's new Fireworks By-law is in effect. AMPs will help with enforcement.
- » Work continues on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). Internet providers plan to close gaps in cell coverage in eastern Ontario. The goal is 99% cell coverage. An additional 265 towers are being installed in the next five years.
- » A recent proposal for HBM to provide funds to help maintain private roads was rejected by HBM Council. We could lobby the next Council to change that position.
- » He will look into how to get maintenance for the boat launch on Stony Lake Bay, off FR83.
- » The MNRF needs to address concerns about fire risk and environmental degradation at Bottle Lake and elsewhere since that is provincial land, not HBM land. The MNRF worked with HBM by-law enforcement briefly, but not recently.

5. Members were asked to approve the LKRA not obtaining an audit or a review engagement for our financial statements. The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), a new Ontario law that governs not-for-profit corporations such as the LKRA, requires not-for-profits to have an audit or a review engagement done unless the members pass an extraordinary resolution to waive that requirement. The LKRA has traditionally had our books reviewed by a volunteer, at no cost. A motion to waive the audit/review engagement requirement in favour of the LKRA's traditional approach was **APPROVED**.

SUMMARY OF LKRA 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tues, June 28, 2022 7pm by Zoom, hosted by FOCA - Cont'd

6. The LKRA plans to hold future AGMs in March or April. That would ensure that we meet the new ONCA requirement to hold the AGM within six months of our fiscal year end (December 31), and also allow members to see spending plans earlier in the year before most of the funds have been spent. Although ONCA does not require that members approve the budget, the LKRA will continue to share the Association's financials as has been done in the past.

7. There was a proposal to amend the LKRA Constitution with respect to meetings, voting and executive positions. The following amendments were **APPROVED**:

- » Articles VI, XIX and XX will be amended to allow voting by members whose fees are paid up for the current year or the previous year. This relates to our intention to hold AGMs in March or April.
- » Article VII will be amended to allow meetings to be held electronically, and to allow notice of meetings to be given electronically by email and by posting notices on the LKRA's communication and social media platforms.
- » Article III will be amended to increase the maximum number of members on the Executive.
- » Article VIII will be amended to allow for new executive positions - a Volunteer Development Director and a Safety Director.

8. There were eight executive positions up for election because the people in those positions had completed a two-year term. The positions and the people nominated were President (no nominations), two Vice-Presidents (no nominations), Communications Director (Anne Rawson, incumbent), Secretary (Maggie Brickell, incumbent), Member at Large (Lorraine Day), Volunteer Development Director (no nominations) and Safety Director (no nominations). Members were told that if no one is nominated for the position of President, LKRA's by-laws require the Executive to appoint a President. No additional nominations were made and the nominees were **APPROVED**.

(After the AGM, the Executive nominated Jennifer Cummings and she agreed to become President. Jami Sampson relinquished her VP role and took over Jennifer's role as Membership Director.)

9. The proposed 2022 Budget was tabled by Hazel Higley with the following comments: It's planned to hold the Dam Fund in a locked-in GIC until after the dam is inspected in 2023. The budget has a line item for fire pumps because LKRA is considering trying to get fire pumps back on the lake. The budget calls for a deficit after last year's surplus. Factors leading to the surplus included lower insurance and other costs from not holding the regatta, and the fact that the cost of removing derelict docks from Crown land was lower because Steve Martin absorbed most of the cost.

Membership currently sits at 249 out of 621 = 40%. The budget assumes that 60% of cottages will become members. We are hoping to get up to 75%.

10. Reports from the LKRA's Committees (Communications, Environment, Membership, Regatta, Community Hall/Library, Covia and Safety), which are available on the LKRA website, were discussed. Points noted included: a series of videos is being prepared in connection with the 75th anniversary; there will be a boat parade on Canada Day; a scavenger hunt; and a garage sale to be held on cottage docks and the public beach. We need representation from lake residents on HBM Council. The timeline for closing Covia's Nepton plant has been pushed back several times. It's currently estimated that the work to expand the Blue Mountain plant will be completed toward the end of 2022, after which the Nepton plant will be shut down.

Questions submitted and answered at the meeting and a detailed copy of the minutes are posted on the LKRA website.

A Visitor's Guide to Kosh

The moment guests arrive they will feel the hustle and bustle of urban life melt away. The pine-scented air is sweet, the water is clean, wildlife abounds, and starry skies bless each night. Here are a few important Kosh guidelines that we follow to respect and protect each other and this beautiful lake.

Cottaging and Enjoying Time on Kosh Together:

Kosh is a small lake so neighbours are always close. Noisy pets, loud noise, and excessive lights impact the enjoyment of everyone. Please respect your neighbours and remember that we all unwind in different ways and noise travels across the lake farther than you think... as do conversations, so keep your volume at a level only you can enjoy.

Septic Systems: If you're on a septic system it needs to be managed carefully. The best way is to try to limit the use of water and never put harmful chemicals or non-degradable items down the sink or toilet. Use phosphate-free products whenever possible to wash and clean.

Our Lake: At Kosh, we avoid bathing, washing our hair or brushing our teeth in the lake. We pride ourselves on our water quality and all work together to keep it that way.

Garbage and Recycling: Best to keep garbage well locked up or in an animal-proof tin until your trip to the dump. Bears and raccoons just love a midnight snack! In this township, garbage is taken to local transfer stations. All garbage must be in clear bags and tagged. Recycle enthusiastically and compost smartly if possible. Visit www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates for dump hours and locations.

Boats: As of January 1st, 2022, Ontario has regulated watercraft (boats, canoes, kayaks) as a carrier of invasive species under the Invasive Species Act. If guests are visiting our lake from another lake and bringing their boat, it must be cleaned, dried and drained before launching it into Kosh. Do not clean or empty bait buckets and live bait into the lake as invasive species such as zebra mussels and spiny water fleas can spread between water bodies, causing disease and damage to native species.

Campfires: The status of Forest Fire Danger is clearly posted on roads leading to the lake. Since the closest fire station is a distance away, a spreading fire poses a significant danger to all of us! Therefore, only have a campfire when it is safe to do so and of course never on windy days. Limit its width and height. Never leave your fire unattended and always keep a water source readily available. Remember, in our township there is no daytime burning unless special permitting is arranged.

Our Amazing Wildlife: We share this lake with an abundant number of beautiful wild creatures. Whether it's a deer or fox in the woods, smaller lake-side animals such as beavers, otters, turtles or our magnificent loons that nest and live in our bays, they deserve our respect and consideration. Never encroach upon their space or follow them in a boat. Just let them be and watch and enjoy them from a distance.

Fireworks: Firework displays on Kasshabog Lake require a permit and are limited to holiday weekends only. Visit www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates to review these dates and Firework By-laws and information on obtaining a permit.

Sports: Environment Canada and Parks Canada prohibit the possession of lead fishing sinkers or lead jigs weighing less than 50g, so do not use them. As well, please retrieve your fishing line whenever possible, as it poses a considerable danger to our native loons and other wildlife. We love golf but provincial laws prohibit you driving balls into our lake or otherwise littering. If you are boating, you'll need a Pleasure Craft Operator's License and you are encouraged to follow safe practices. Kosh has many shoals so only venture where you know the water is deep enough.

Communications Report

by Anne Rawson

LKRA Website www.kasshabog.ca

Last summer we launched our new website. There's lots of useful information on the site and it's the best place to go for dates and details concerning upcoming events, major lake news and issues affecting your property. You can sign up for your annual membership on the website, as well as read the Kosh Lake E-News.

Annual LKRA Yearbook

This annual publication provides a detailed, up-to-date summary of the Association's activities. It is published in June each year and hand-delivered in hard-copy to cottagers by a group of dedicated volunteers. It is also available to view on the LKRA website.

Kosh Lake News (E-News)

This monthly, electronic news bulletin is how the LKRA keeps you up to date on important lake news. It's short and easy to read with links to additional information.

Keeping in touch is what makes communities vibrant, caring, engaged and resourceful. Here's how we do it on Kosh.

Facebook Page www.facebook.com/LakeKasshabogResidentsAssociation

This is the official FB page for the Association and is followed by 764 cottagers. The LKRA Executive posts news and information of interest year-round.

Facebook Group - Lake Kasshabog'er www.facebook.com/groups/2229354132/

This is a private group with 2,500 members. This group shares timely lake, Association, and cottage information as well as photos and comments. It can be an excellent vehicle for obtaining fellow cottager input.

Facebook Group - Lake Kasshabog'er Buy and Sell www.facebook.com/groups/1446074719039606/

This is a private group of 935 members. The platform allows Kosh residents to buy and sell cottage-related items with others on the lake, thereby encouraging reuse and reduce.

Community Hall / Library Report

by Lorraine Day

Hello Beggars. The Community Hall/Library Committee is pleased to welcome you to a new year of exciting events. In April 2022, the hall/library was completely cleaned up and prepared for use as an event space which included a pared down selection of books and puzzles. The library opened in July and was available for use on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm throughout July and August. Our volunteer, Ben Cosgrove, covered most of the shifts, supported by his mom, Kelly and sister, Carleigh who covered some shifts. Cathy Lees also covered a couple of shifts which included our open house in July. Sadly, we lost Cathy Lees this past fall and know she will be dearly missed.

HBM brought us a new screen door for the building and built up the porch and railing that were damaged by the derecho in May. The front garden was refreshed by great volunteers, and perennials were added to create a butterfly garden.

We hosted an All Candidates meeting and a couple of craft/marketplace events, and held yoga and line dancing classes. We have events lined up for this year including line dancing and yoga classes, craft classes, and possibly craft sales/marketplaces. Details for all events will be posted on the LKRA website and Facebook page, E-News and the Kasshabog'er Facebook group.

Volunteers are needed for our regular library hours Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm in July and August. Community service hours are available for high school students who might be interested. Please contact us at commhall.library@kasshabog.ca if you are available to help out. The building is located at 409 Peninsula Rd, behind the public beach in MacDonald Bay.

As of Dec 30, 2022, the Kosh Lake Community Hall/Library fund has \$604.68. Your committee members are Lorraine Day, Cathy Cameron and Karen Hubert.

Environment Report

by Cynthia Cole

The Environment is ours to enjoy; ours to protect. Here are highlights of the 2022 environment activities.



Turtles

After a successful turtle event last June, an encore was requested so a second event was run at the 2022 Regatta. It was wonderful to see so many residents interested in learning about turtles and what we can do to help them. This year we are looking into opportunities to continue sharing important turtle information. Kosh Lake is so fortunate to have a turtle expert: thank you Nicole Dufort for all your help.



Water Quality

LKRA partners with the Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP). Every year TARP associates come to Kasshabog to take water samples for analysis. Water clarity (Secchi Disk) testing has been done on Kasshabog in three areas since 1996: Main/Big Lake, MacDonald Bay, and Connors Bay. The information is forwarded to the Lake Partner Program. Thank you Bob Cummings for continuing the Secchi Disk testing/reporting that was done for many years by Stuart Day.

Information about the TARP and Lake Partner programs, including links to the reports, can be found on our website: www.kasshabog.ca/water-quality.

Shorelines

The Watersheds Canada Natural Edge shoreline program helps residents ensure their shoreline is healthy and that they are doing their part to protect our lake. This program includes:

- » Why natural shorelines are important;
- » Actions you can take to improve your own shoreline;
- » What to consider when designing your plan;
- » Ideas for customizing your own naturalization plan; and
- » Suggestions of native plants and materials to get you started.

We have been working with Watersheds Canada to bring their Natural Edge shorelines workshop to Kosh. Thanks to Penny Boyd for taking the lead on this event. The LKRA has also signed up to participate in the Watersheds Canada Natural Edge Shoreline Stewards program, another important initiative for our lake/water quality. Thank you Caryn Phoenix-Renz for taking the lead on this project.



Raptors

Raptors (birds of prey) are very important to help clean up our environment (e.g., they eat rodents, carrion, insects, etc.). The Eyrie is a Birds of Prey centre located near Apsley. They inspire conservation through meaningful education and we are working with them to come to Kosh this summer. We appreciate Tess Greenwood taking the lead (and Lorraine Day for stepping in to help) with our Raptor event.



Pollinators

Last year, to help build a pollinator friendly space, Jody Heber agreed to research, order, and deliver many new flowering plants for the garden at our Library/Community Hall. A work crew of volunteers came out to help with the cleanup and planting of the garden. Patio stones were then laid and a rock border added. A big thank you to the entire crew: Jody Heber, Jan Prentice, Cheryl Leighton, Lorraine Day, Stuart Day, Yvonne Rees, Patty Delsey, Mike Delsey, Tess Greenwood, Peter Summers, Fred Lautenschlager, Gilles Rioux and Cynthia Cole.

For this coming year we will continue to add pollinator plants to the garden and plan to expand our efforts with a main focus on butterflies. Our thanks to Jody Hebert for continuing with the garden ideas and Nicole Dufort for offering to research other opportunities to help butterflies. Penny Boyd and Jan Prentice have already offered to help with the weeding/planting!



Invasive Aquatic Plants

Clean, Drain, Dry is an important initiative to protect our lakes from invasive, aquatic plants. The Invasive Species division of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) ran a successful boater engagement event on Kasshabog last June at the public boat launch on Peninsula Road. The event was held on the opening day of bass season and all off-lake boaters were provided with information about the importance of “Clean, Drain, and Dry” (the new legislation). It was great to find that the majority of the boaters were aware of the new legislation and that they were following the rules. Visual inspections of individual boats/trailers were done for those who requested additional information.

Fanwort

Last year was fabulous with our Fanwort project and workshop. Nick (TrentU masters student in Environmental Science) spent much of the summer on Kasshabog studying fanwort. Nick also did a workshop (hosted by Carole and Ian MacFarquar) on how to properly remove fanwort from your swimming/docking area. This year, we are pursuing options for communications about fanwort and other aquatic plants.

Starry Stonewort (SSW)

This plant continues to invade local lakes (Stoney Lake has large masses). Key areas of Kosh continue to be checked and we are very happy to report no SSW was found. Checking needs to continue because if it does appear in Kosh, the only hope of possibly eliminating its spread is to catch it early! Thank you Heather Ramsey, Marg MacNaughton and Hector Barber for doing the SSW checks.

Connecting with Other Lakes

Networking is working! Our neighbour, Jack Lake, invited Kasshabog Lake residents to attend its webinar “Challenges and Opportunities for Wildlife on our Lakes”. The webinar was fabulous and we look forward to future joint environment ventures with Jack, Chandos, and other local lakes.

Kawartha Wildlife Centre

Kasshabog was fortunate to be invited to the Jack Lake webinar in February 2023. Speaker Dr. Thom Luloff from the Kawartha Wildlife Centre (KWC) is passionate and knowledgeable about wildlife rehabilitation. The KWC mission is to improve human-wildlife coexistence in order to mitigate conflict and hopefully reduce the volume of wildlife in need of human intervention. It is dedicated to providing educational resources and guidance through its website and direct community outreach. To find out more about the Kawartha Wildlife Centre visit its website: www.kawarthawildlifecentre.ca



Kids Corner

It's never too early to start learning about the importance of our environment. We are fortunate to have Danielle Percy, an Ecosystem Management expert, to create kid-friendly write ups about our local environment as well as some cool activities for kids. Thanks Danielle for sharing your expertise. And thank you Lorna Day for your great research finding inspirational ideas.

Environmental Stewardship

A big shout out to all our volunteers from the past year and a huge thank you to Terry Rees and FOCA for their amazing educational support. Thanks also to Covia and HBM for their financial support of our Fanwort project. Covia also supports our wildlife protection initiatives!

If you have an idea about an environment activity (or communication) that you are interested in, please email environment@kasshabog.ca. You can keep up-to-date on environmental activities this year by reading our monthly e-News, Facebook posts and checking the website under Environmental Events.

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We're at a Crossroads

by Anne Rawson

This year of reflection has underscored the importance of volunteers, especially when we think of the early founders whose initial efforts created the first resident association. We continue to embrace their love and vision for this lake. Over the years, you may have been involved on the Board, managed special events and programs, assisted with communications, hosted environment workshops or helped with our library and community hall. And these are just a few of the ways some residents have given back. We thank each of you for the volunteer time and energy that you have contributed.

Now we find ourselves at an interesting crossroads. We want to continue with our important environmental work, government lobbying and community building through media and information, but we are down to a skeletal Board. Last year we lost one of our most dedicated volunteers, Maggie Brickell, who was our secretary and so much more. We also lost Cathy Lees

who had been active with the community hall and library and was on the 75th committee.

Simply said, we need more cottagers to step forward. Yes, we are looking for three to four new Board members who can work on projects but we are also looking for volunteers for one-time special events, someone to assist with our Yearbook advertiser interface and someone to help with our Wix-designed website as needed. There is this saying: "Many hands make light work". If we can all do a little . . . we can collectively continue to ensure the beauty and health of our lake.

Please reach out with your interest and time availability by visiting kasshabog.ca/volunteer-opportunities and complete the form. We'll get back in touch and discuss specific ways you might be able to help. Thank you in advance.

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.

To learn more about the Campbellford Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Plans visit www.newcmhnow.ca



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Marker/Flasher Report

by Ted Ward-Griffin

This past year has been busy for LKRA Marker/Flasher volunteers. Their important efforts make Kosh Lake a safer place for all water activities.

In previous years it was identified that existing markers throughout the lake were a mixture of newer orange buoys as well as random “Javex”-style bottles. This resulted in an inconsistent and confusing look throughout the lake. Over the past two years, inventories of existing buoys were identified and replacements were ordered and installed. Last fall volunteers were canvassed to assess their needs moving forward with the hope of finalizing marker consistency throughout the lake in 2023.

Given the high number of serious storms the lake endured in 2022, it was a challenging year for the program. Many of the buoys were repeatedly blown off their locations. Many were lost and damaged, and some washed up on cottagers’ shores and were returned. In the event you do find a buoy, please reach out to me and I will arrange to have it picked up and re-installed. We are reviewing the anchoring systems in use and hope to come up with a more robust system versus the random pieces of rope and hardware volunteers generally use from existing supplies found around their cottage.

Another initiative introduced last year was the installation of larger buoys with top mounted solar lights. Our intent in open water areas of the lake was to assist “Water Access Only Cottagers” as well as everyone navigating the lake at night. The response from cottagers has been very positive! The concern is always that by adding lights to buoys we may impact light pollution for nearby cottagers. Special care has been taken to only locate these lighted buoys out on the open waters of the wider sections of the lake in order to reduce their impact as much as possible.

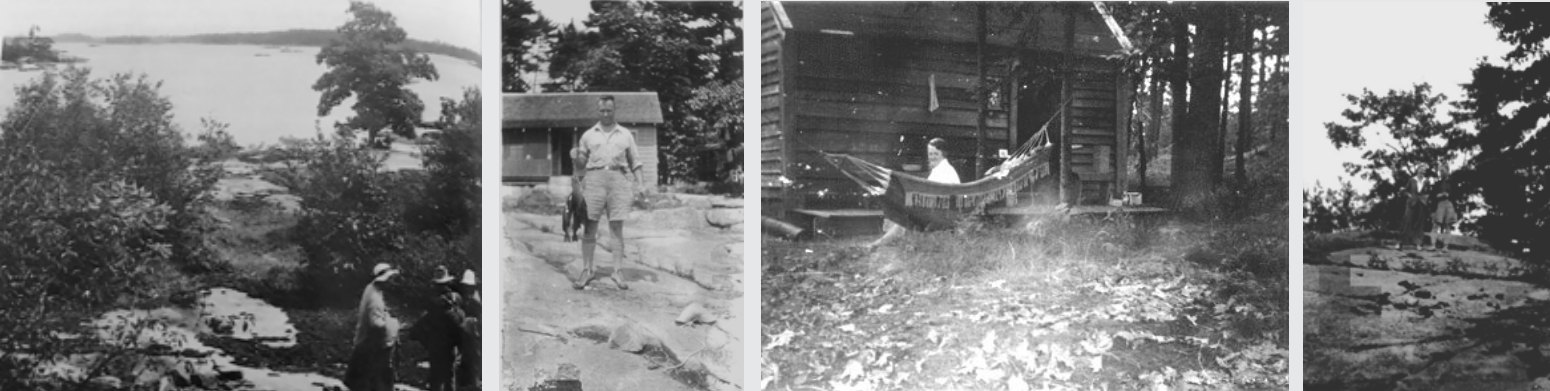


The marker volunteer team, under Ted Ward-Griffin’s leadership, prepped for the 2023 boating season on Kosh. Left to right: Mike Bailey, Pete Summers, Bill Prentice, Cathy Ward-Griffin, Tom Clarke, Karen Harrison and Lori Bailey.

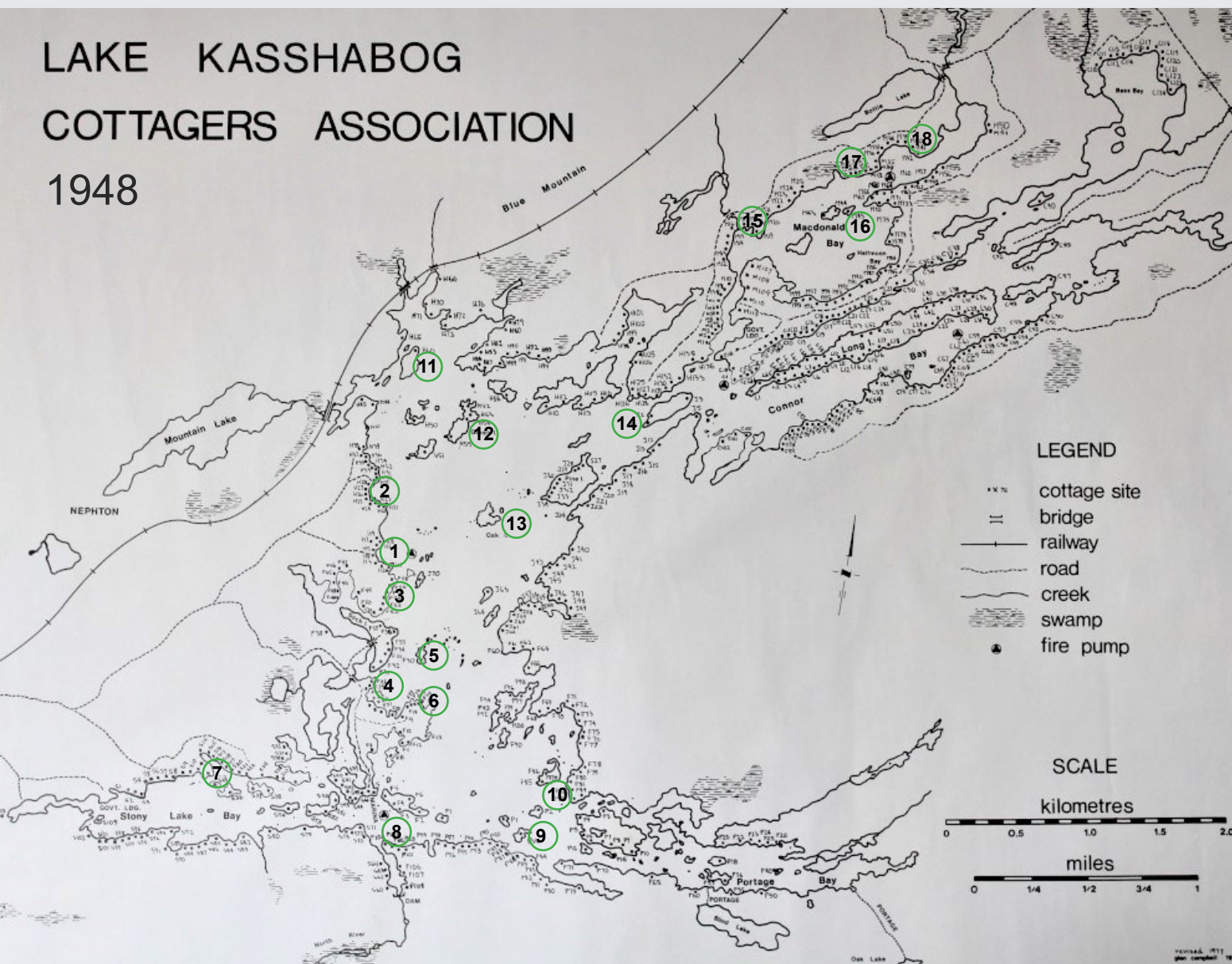
ADOPT A MARKER PROGRAM

In years past, an important Adopt a Marker Program was initiated. 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 extend 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 counter weights each year.

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



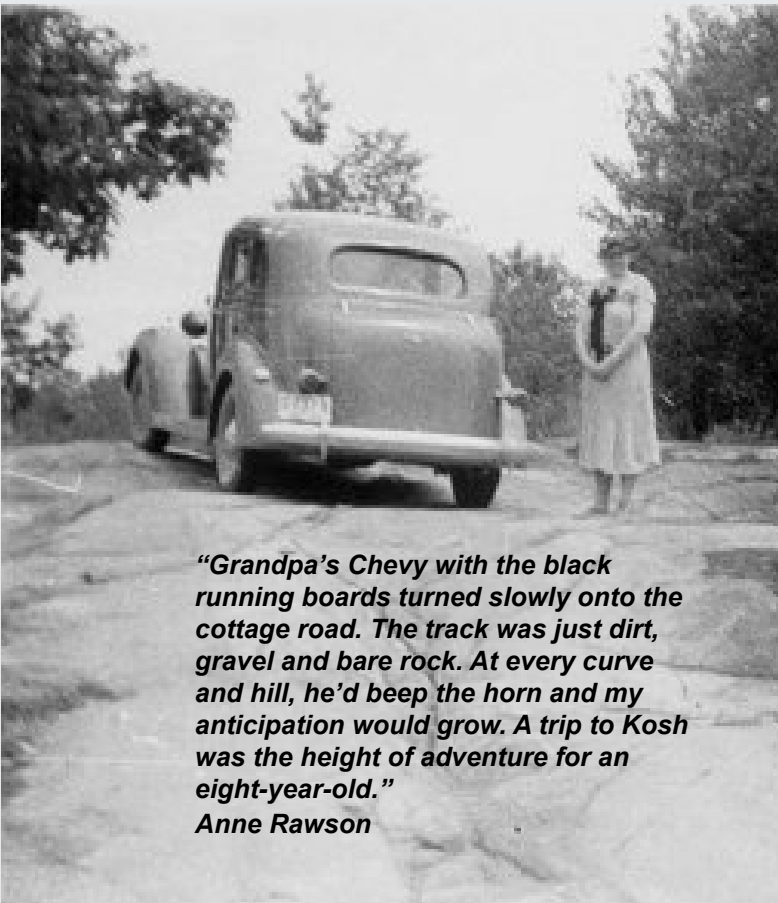
LAKE KASSHABOG COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION 1948



Location of article contributors

1 Puffer	4 Field	7 Richardson	10 Parker	13 Storr	16 Gravelle
2 Miles	5 Wood	8 McConnell	11 Rye	14 Simard	17 Barrie
3 Dennison	6 McGregor	9 Cattrell	12 Bushfield	15 Williamson	18 Lockhart

Welcome to the Way it Was



***“Grandpa’s Chevy with the black running boards turned slowly onto the cottage road. The track was just dirt, gravel and bare rock. At every curve and hill, he’d beep the horn and my anticipation would grow. A trip to Kosh was the height of adventure for an eight-year-old.”
Anne Rawson***

In 1948 a group gathered at Kasshabog Lake to inspect the broken dam: Allan Brown, Hugh Graham, Lorne Richardson and William Dennison to name a few. Something had to be done to regulate the lake’s water level or properties would be in jeopardy.

In late August of that year the first, Lake Kasshabog Cottagers’ Association was formed and by September, officers were elected and Dennison was named President. A finance committee was quickly struck, \$2000 was fundraised, and John Pierce went to work finalizing the drawings. Four months later, a new dam was in place. This was the ambitious beginning of today’s Lake Kasshabog Residents Association.

Those who paved our way were rugged and fearless, forging roads over logging trails, and walking in miles to reach the water. The stories that follow are just a few from early founding families. We invite you now to sit back and enjoy their accounts of life in the day.

We thank all Kosh Lake early founding families for generations of work and resourcefulness. You have helped shape our history and created lasting memories for us to celebrate this year.



The Puffer Family 1920

by Jill Puffer (Map 1)

Puffer and Drain families after the deer hunt 1920

My grandfather, Russell Puffer, married Mabel and they had four children, including my dad Ralph and Marina Puffer (Butland). You will remember that Marina and Bev McLeod lovingly compiled a history of early Kosh life in the wonderful book *Docks of the Bays*.

The Puffer, Drain, Hull and Miles families go back a long way to 1920 on Kosh Lake. The men set up a hunting camp so they could hunt and supply their families with a winter's food supply of deer, bear, fish, etc. Farmland back then did not produce enough food for the families and this is why the hunt camp began as deer herds were as plentiful as the fish.

The other Puffer brothers, William (Henry as he was known), Russell and Garfield, became key in opening the west shore of Kasshabog Lake, which in subsequent years brought cottagers, hence the need for a store that Garfield built and operated.

My father Ralph, was awarded the "lot" of land next to my grandfather's cottage, but he never got the chance to build on it because they built the dam and the water level in the lake rose and a lot of his land became submerged. Despite this, my parents, my brother and I spent a lot of summers at Kosh, and had many good times with grandparents and cousins.

Jill Puffer of Burlington, Ontario, and her brother, Malcom Puffer of Stoney Creek, are descendants of the founding Puffer family. Jill is an accomplished photographer and we thank her for allowing us to use the beautiful photograph of Kasshabog Lake as our 75th Anniversary Yearbook's wrap-around cover. Last autumn, she had the exceptional honour of having this photograph published in the Universe of Colour Photography (UCP) International magazine.

First Deed West Side of Kosh

by Kathy Miles (Map 2)

My Grandfather (Archibald Miles) came in around the 1930s. When the Ministry opened the Lake to the public (I believe in 1935) you had five years to upgrade the property in order to receive a deed in your name. At that time, one had to walk to and from the property. So if we include the first five years, the Miles family has been on the Lake for 87 years. Our property is just north of the old Kosh Lake Marina at 909 West Kosh Rd. According to the Ministry office, we were the first to receive a deed on the lake, at least on the west side.



Dennison Cottages 1945

by Rob Milne (Map 3)

We owe it all to the bees. During the summer of 1944, Bill Dennison and a small group of beekeepers traveled to the shores of a “perfect little jewel of a lake” known at the time as Koshkahabogamog Lake at the invitation of a Peterborough beekeeper. One trip was all it took. He and several of his colleagues purchased adjacent lots directly from the Crown in the following year at a cost of a few hundred dollars per lot, and Bill built his cottage on one of his three lots in 1946. What became known as “Drone’s Haven” was established.

At the time, most of the shoreline was without cottages. With a young forest re-establishing itself after the logging, the water was four feet lower than it is today thanks to an old logging dam. There were no maintained roads around the lake, only the remnants of old logging roads. The trip in from the mine road on what was to become West Kosh Road was a combination of grown-over logging trails and bare bedrock – referred to by Bill as “God’s pavement and a mighty poor job he did at it”. Bill finally took mercy on his car and purchased an old Model A (kept at Bennett’s farm) with its higher clearance to make the slow half-hour trip in.

Everything you needed had to be hauled in and carefully kept – there was no hydro available for the dozen or so cottages on the lake. The stove was a two-burner kerosene model with wicks, while the refrigerator was a concrete-lined hole in the ground. Food was largely canned goods, pickled vegetables, or dry goods. One had to like porridge. At least the fish was fresh and always readily available. Dinner was held under an oil lamp light as the night drew in.

Travel on the lake was manual, from canoes to rowboats. The first motorboat at the cottage was a little green wooden flat bottom runabout with a 1.5 hp outboard motor. When a “fast” boat with its 5 hp motor travelled by, everyone would run out to the dock and wave as it passed, amazed at its speed.

Bill Dennison was a natural organizer and served during his career as a City of Toronto Councillor and Mayor, and as a Provincial Member of Parliament. He led the effort to form the first lake association and served as its first President. The catalyst was the risk that the old dam would finally be washed out by the spring runoff and needed to be replaced before that eventuality occurred. And so, on August 28, 1948, the newly formed Association gathered at the Dennison cottage for its first meeting. One of its first actions was to rename the lake as “Kasshabog”. The first debate was over the question of how to get the funds required for the dam rebuild. And the first controversy was over what level should the water be held at once the dam was built.

Bill Dennison first arrived on the shores of Kosh Lake in 1944. Bill purchased three lots from the Crown in 1945 on the open section of the lake on the west side, taking advantage of the few original roads into the lake (currently located at 48 & 60 FR 96). His cottage was built in 1946 and since that time, four generations of descendants and their families have enjoyed Kosh, under the names of Dennison, Milne, Colquhoun, Conron and Coskuner.



Bill Dennison and his son-in-law Ross Milne rebuilding the front on the cottage, which was previously used as a classroom for Dennison School of Speech Correction.



Painting: Battleship Island by Martina Field

"I was going to meet you, really I was. But then things started happening, the wind picked up and I got all turned around and didn't know which way I was going.

I know we'll get together soon, somewhere, somehow, and when we do, oh when we do, we'll have such a lovely time."

Cows on Kosh?

by Martina Field (Map 4)

Our family started coming to Kasshabog in the mid-1940s. Our uncle, Gordon Townsend, and some of his bee-keeping friends, including Bill Dennison, discovered that the lake had opened up. They quickly bought parcels of land beside one another and began building cottages. Gord, and our grandfather, Frederick Townsend, built the first cottage where everyone stayed as they were building theirs. Horse and wagon delivered the lumber, and together they dug a communal well.

It was typical for area farmers to graze their cattle on the scrub left over from the early century fire. Gord and Aunt Nina had two daughters, Joan and Stephanie, and it wasn't unusual for them to see a cow appear at their sleeping cabin window.

They'd make the 8-hour trek from Guelph. Then everyone walked in from County Road 6, so the car wouldn't bottom out along the 'road' over the rock, and marshes. They

remember keeping ice in a hole in the kitchen floor for refrigeration, eating plenty of fish, using sand to scrub pots and pans by the lake, burning coal oil lamps, and cooking on a wood fireplace. Later they would use a three-burner coal oil stove. The closest telephone was at the mine.

Before the dam was built, Joan recalls that their beach was huge and that they could walk across to Lily Lake, and also across other channels where there is now water. There was hardly anyone on the lake then, but there were more mosquitoes and it was a sight to see a boat.

There was plenty of blueberry picking, swims to Woods Island (searching for treasure), picnics, hikes into the Petroglyphs, all-day canoe or rowboat expeditions, and card games. Then as teenagers, there were weekly dances to live rock'n'roll bands in The Pavilion at Crowes Landing for whoever could pile into the Puffer's truck to get there.

As mentioned, our grandfather Fred and Uncle Gord built the first structure

on what was then called Deer Island in 1948. This was before the causeway and the road to Stoney Point Marina were added in the 1950s. They would row over to build the cabin, then row back to Nina and Gord's each evening. Fred gifted half his land to our parents, Jean Townsend and Saul Field, and our cottage was built in 1962.

Our grandmother, Martha Townsend, sketched and painted all day with our mother Jean and Aunt Nora. That tradition has stretched down through the generations and I've done some of my best work as a visual artist on the lake. We also continued the tradition of holding treasure hunts on islands for my brother Colin's birthday parties every August. We would dress up as pirates and head out in rowboats to find treasure. Colin and I and our families have now begun our own tradition of making music together whenever we're at the cottage. We also love to visit with our extended family and dear family friends who go back generations, as well as kindle new friendships on the lake every year. We are truly blessed to be here.

Wood's Island Respite

by Melissa Hope (Map 5)

In the early '30s, my great-great-grandfather, Jim Wood, lived on Oak Lake. The fourth born of 11 children, he married in 1901 and he and his wife, Jane, had three children. Jim would portage his boat to Kasshabog Lake every day and make the long paddle up to the Fire Tower at the North end of the lake. The days often proved long ones on fire watch. At the end of his duty, he'd paddle down the lake, often stopping on a little island. In fact, if he was tired, he would just pitch a tent and stay the night. Eventually, he built a small island cabin to make his overnights more comfortable. Several of Jim's other brothers were active on the lake as well. John had settled on Green Island where their younger sibling Howard would eventually build a cottage nearby.

Jim's daughter and son-in-law (Doreen & Stan Wood), my great-grandparents, eventually obtained a deed for the property/island in 1952 and built what we now know as our family cottage on Wood's Island. Of course, there have been additions and renovations over the years which include a bunkie at the North shore of the island and an upgraded bathroom from the "outhouse." But, the island continues to have no running water or hydro hooked up. The fridge, stove, heat stove and lights run on propane tanks. For those who use the cottage and are willing to haul generators across the lake by boat, we can power up extras and charge phones and tech if needed.



As of 2000, two of the original three children were still interested in the cottage — the Wood family and McNeven family. As the original children were aging, they decided to offer "shares" of the cottage to their 12 children. Whoever was interested could "buy" in. Eight decided they wanted to continue using the island and all became co-owners. That is how it remains today. Eight owners (including my mom), share the cottage and fees. Everyone chooses one specific week between July 1 and August 31 for their own family and friends. The months of May, June, September and October are split with two additional consecutive weeks going to each family. Somehow it works!

My mom, Darlene McGuinness, and her husband often pop up in the winter with friends and, ice-permitting, drive over to the island for two to three days of skiing and skating. My cousin, Ryan, and his wife, Amy, married on Wood island in 2003 and enjoy visiting in the winter with their two sons.

Recently my husband, kids and I started using the island once a year in the winter to experience a winter campout - no running water, no electricity, just a propane furnace for heat. It might be nippy but it's tranquil inside and out. The beauty and stillness of the lake make it all worthwhile!



Adventure on a Western Island

by John Bruce McGregor (Map 6)

In the early '50s my parents, Tom and Catherine McGregor, bought one acre of Crown land at the south end of a three-acre island (F13). The island was located on the west side of the main lake south of Puffer's landing and was separated from the land by a lagoon. Since then it's been partially filled in. We would

cross the lagoon by rowboat or on a small wooden bridge supported by 45-gallon drums.

I remember camping there with my parents our first year. There were no amenities so Dad dug a 2-foot deep hole to house a round covered pail. That's how we kept things cool. Then, in the winter of 1950/51, a builder transported lumber to our island over the frozen lake. He (Mr Rae from Bridgenorth) constructed our cottage facing east.

My first real cottage season was the summer of 1952. As nice as hydro would have been, given our island location, the cost to install two hydro poles over a waterway was simply too expensive so we opted for the alternatives. We installed a two-burner propane hot plate and two propane lamps and got an ice box refrigerator, motoring as needed

to Puffer's for ice and pump water. Later we replaced this fridge with the propane variety.

The mine was operational then and I was an imaginative young boy. When I heard the whistle blow warning of a blast, I would pretend to set my own charge of dynamite out on the rocks. Later in my cottage life, I took my 5.5 horsepower Johnson outboard and motored to the mine through the large culvert by the north end of the railway tracks. One day, I found a large diesel locomotive idling on the track and before you knew it, the engineer had waved me over to see the cab!!

Those summer days at Kosh were the best days of my youth!!!!



top: Bruce in a rowboat by the cottage
bottom: Bruce returning in his 5.5 hp motorboat from the mine

Milestone on Kasshabog

by Doug Richardson (Map 7)

2022 was a milestone for the Richardsons as it marked the 75th year we have been on Lake Kasshabog or, as it was earlier known, Koshkahabogamog. Over the years our family has enjoyed all those things that make living on a lake extra special - swimming, water skiing, canoeing, fishing, and most importantly forging long-lasting friendships with fellow cottagers. Except for having running water and no need for an outhouse, the cottage hasn't changed much since I've been coming up. However, compared to what my grandfather, Lorne Richardson, saw when he first came up, it's very different.

It was in the spring of 1947, at the age of 62, that Lorne first learned of a new release of Crown land on Kasshabog. He had a pioneering spirit and was a seasoned cottager so when the opportunity for a fresh start on a new lake came along, he jumped at it.

His adventure started by driving from Peterborough to Blue Mountain Lodge, which at the time was a remote hunting and fishing camp on Stoney Lake Bay. The road in from the Mine Road, aka Cty Rd. 6, was so rough he had to park and walk in about 1 km. He borrowed a rowboat and headed east along the north shore to view the recently surveyed lots. After picking out his favourite lot and an island lot for his son, (my dad George Richardson), he headed home to start the paperwork.

After the purchase, the first trips to the property were day trips. He would drive to the lodge and walk in. Of course, no trip would be complete without picking a few quarts of blueberries.

Lorne knew that a road would need to be cut to get access to his property. This quickly became a priority when around that same time the lake dam broke. The low water levels made water access to his lot difficult, so it was imperative to get started on the access road. He would continue making day trips armed with an axe and a sledgehammer to work on the road right into December.

The following year, the dam issue, which impacted everyone, jump-started the cottagers getting together to work on the project. Lorne also volunteered to help. In his daily journal on Friday, September 17, 1948, he wrote: "...at 8.15 went to meeting at Allan Brown's of Kosh Lake cottage owners. Officers of the year elected. Finance committee appointed. Mr. Barry and Fred Hull are to build the dam this fall..."

Lorne would continue to be involved with the dam project until its completion in late 1948. At the same time with help from his new neighbours, the road to his cottage was completed. Now he could start building his cottage and set in motion our great history on the lake. We are all so grateful for his vision and hard work in those first, early years and he was certainly remembered during our 75th anniversary this past summer.

Lorne Richardson arrived on Kosh Lake in 1947 and settled in South Stoney Lake Bay. Since that time, 37 descendants under the names of Richardson, Buck, Rawson and Raic have spread out on Kosh and can now be found on Island 124, FR93#467, FR91A#62, FR75 #1410 and FR75P20.



Original mainland cottage South Stoney Lake Bay



Watersports Ruled at the McConnell's

by Kathy McConnell and sister Tracey-Lee Wingrove (nee Ingram) (Map 8)

In the early 1950s our stepfather, Jack Peter, bought the lot on Kosh. It was located on the south shore east of what's now known as Stoney Point Marina. I think it cost about \$200. The requirements of the Crown at the time were that a minimum building 12 x 20 feet had to be erected. So, the first cottage was built 12 x 20 feet. It was mainland but accessed only by water so we had to travel over by boat.

The cottage was essentially one large room with a partial wall and

sliding door to divide the bedroom. We had hot water at a sink but had to use an outhouse. This was our family cottage until about 1980 when the "new" cottage was built.

Our childhood memories are from the late '60s and '70s when we spent every summer weekend and our summer holidays at the lake. Ours was the cottage where a crowd of people met on the shore and dock in the afternoon to socialize, ski, swim, and canoe. All the kids on our side of the lake would come to waterski as Jack was

very patient and took everyone for a go. He built us a slalom course to practice for the regattas with our 50 HP Merc. In the '70s, people moved to more powerful boats so I'm afraid we were left behind.

In 1994 the cottage (P099) was passed to Kathy McConnell and then to her children Stephanie and Trevor McConnell in 2013. We joined the road association responsible for the road put in on the south side of Stoney Lake Bay and that made life so much easier.



Lake Beckons Neighbours to the South

by Mitch Cattrell (Map 9)

My young and adventurous, American grandfather, Jeff Bushfield, heard about Lake Kasshabog and first visited in the 1920s. It seemed there were many early Kosh Lakers from Ohio who ventured north then. He continued to visit as often as possible into the early '50s when he bought our "blueberry" island in 1952/1953. The cabin was built in 1954 and I made my first trip to Kosh in 1955.

My brothers and I were the third generation at Kosh. My brother was named for grandpa and was referred to as Young Jeff. The later picture was 2004. This was the last time we were together as brothers at the lake. Unfortunately, I am the last of the third generation alive.

I missed coming up in 1978 when my first son was born in July. (Poor

planning on my part.) Then, I never missed another year until 2020 and COVID. Now my son and nephews are the fourth generation to enjoy Kosh Lake.

Soon Island 60 will be passed to my nephew, Jeff, and his wife, Kristi. I still plan to be back on occasion, as do my two boys. My youngest son and his two boys live in Maine so my wife and I spend most of our summer time at our cabin there. The lakes in Maine are much like Kosh.... but a piece of my heart will always remain on that beautiful island as you enter Portage Bay.



above: Jeff, Dave and Mitch around 2009
bottom left: Dave, Mitch and Young Jeff in 1964
bottom right: Jeff Bushfield, North River, mid '60s



We would like to acknowledge all the wonderful pictures shared by founding families, either when submitting articles for this special section or during the production of the book, *Docks of the Bays*.

Our thanks to *Docks of the Bays* publishers Bev MacLeod and Marina Puffer-Butland for compiling such an amazing resource of images depicting early life on Kosh.

Fifties Cottage Still Standing

by Joyce Parker (Map 10)

We have been on beautiful Kosh Lake since the early '50s. I remember my brother being born and that was in '54. My father, Jack Moore, built our cottage prefab in Ken Coyles' backyard in Toronto. Then he trucked it up, loaded it in our boat and built it all over again across the lake beside Ray Bailey. Ken Coyles built at the same time. That cottage is still standing. My mother bought the lot F83 that it stands on, and we still have the original cottage.

Over the years we docked at Blue Mountain, Puffers, and Harvey Rusaw's. Blue Mountain Lodge was then owned by the Wilson's. The Lodge, as it was known, was the place to go to as it catered to Americans who would come for a few weeks at a time.

My husband, Ron Parker, worked for Garfield Puffer cutting and delivering ice in the early '50s. After that, he worked for Harvey Rusaw. I remember Bob Markue, who had a cottage near Long Island, having a car that went in the water (like James Bond).

Our granddaughters are now the fourth generation to enjoy the lake and cottage, and although there have been a lot of changes over the years to cottages, boats and people, Kasshabog will always be Our Lake.



My husband Ron and I are at F83 and have been there since 1982 when we bought the cottage from my Mum and Dad, Jack and Betty Moore. Before that, we were at F81 and purchased the cottage from Fred Bennett in 1972. Our daughter Sarah and husband, Ray Carter, and granddaughters, Maddy and Emma, are the next generation.

You're invited

Founders Meet & Greet

Sat Aug 5, noon-2pm

Community Hall/Library at 409 Peninsula Road

We are learning so much this year about the early founders of Kasshabog Lake. Some families have shared their stories in this Yearbook. Others you may see and hear in our 75th video series. But there are so many more families that have great stories and memories to share as well.

The LKRA Executive invites you to the Meet & Greet (no RSVP needed). In this special time and space, we look forward to welcoming cottagers, and connecting and sharing some of their family heirlooms and memorabilia. Get ready to learn more about how rich, funny and adventuresome "the good old days" really were.

Plan to pop by our Founders Meet & Greet and celebrate over 75 years of memories!

Rye Island Circa 1946

by Rick Rye (Map 11)

The Rye family cottage was built on Rye Island in 1946.

As documented in the book “Dock of the Bays”, Herbert Rye, residing in Peterborough, states that the first time he saw Kashabogamog Lake was in the summer of 1935. He was working on a Dominion Government survey team and became very good friends with a co-worker named Dawson Gourley. Because of their love for the area, Herb and Dawson purchased several properties over the years, taking advantage of tax sales.

In 1946, Herb and Mary Rye (along with Dawson and Muriel Gourley) built a red and white cabin on the end of the island now known as Rye Island. Supplies of wood and labour were scarce. A fire at the paddle shop owned by the Rye family in Peterborough was unfortunate but allowed Herb to salvage what building materials he could and with poles for the roof structure cut from the bush, a cabin was constructed. In later years, a cottage was built for the Gourleys nearby and the island cottage became solely the Rye’s.

The early days at the cottage were a real challenge for Herb and Mary and their four children, Kathryn (Sally), Richard, Gerry and Philip. West Kosh Road and Holdcroft Road could best be described as trails. Bringing in supplies for two weeks and transporting them to the island in a small boat meant many trips from the mainland to the island. Once there, cooking with a wood stove, refrigeration by icebox, and lighting with lanterns was an interesting challenge. In later years, the cooking and refrigeration were updated to propane and then to hydro in the mid-’70s. My memories of childhood days at the cottage consist of lots of swimming, hiking, fishing, reading comic books by lantern, getting ice blocks from Puffer’s store, and trips to Mountain Lake to observe mine blasting.

Today, son Philip and his wife Rita are owners of the once red and white cabin. After the passing of Herb and Mary in the early 2000s, the island was divided and Sally built a cottage for herself and her family on the other end of the island. Other properties in the area were divided equally amongst the four siblings. Richard



Herb Rye looking out over the lake

and his wife, Judy, built a cottage on the mainland (Holdcroft Road) in 1984 and visit regularly with Rye family members who park cars there before heading over to the island.

Looking out over the lake, we find great peace and tranquillity and are eternally grateful that Herb and Dawson Gourley had the ability to secure this land on such a beautiful, healthy lake. Many wonderful memories were made with my parents Mary and Herb over the years and I believe they would be very pleased to know their descendants not only enjoy time on the island but now have their own cottages nearby where they will continue to create memories for hopefully another 75 years.

Early Memories of Green Island

by Kay Bushfield (Map 12)

In a letter to her family, Kay Bushfield shared her earliest memories of Kosh and of Green Island.

When I (Kay) first came to Kosh with my father, about 1935 – 36, we drove over to the Wood's farm around Havelock. From there we drove into Oak Lake, got into a boat, went across Oak Lake, and then portaged across to Kosh Lake. Howard Wood would meet us on Kosh Lake to take us up to Green Island. There was the main lodge plus three shacks that were very primitive. There was an icehouse full of sawdust and ice which was cut from the lake in winter. I remember them telling us about a horse going through the ice one winter.

Howard and Blanche Wood ran the lodge and shacks on Green Island. Blanche, Howard's wife, cooked on a wood stove. She made the best chocolate pies!



Kay – 16 yrs old.

She did the laundry in a primitive washer with a fire under it and a wooden thing to churn the clothes and sheets. Blanche worked so hard, and she was always upbeat and smiled a lot. Howard liked to lift a few and Blanche always got things done. One thing I couldn't take was that only canned milk was available for your cereal.

There was a real mix of people who came to the lodge. I remember one older man and his daughter. He had been on the expedition that opened King Tut's tomb. Another couple, whose names were in the cabin, was Sam and Marilyn Shepherd. He was the prime suspect in the Ohio murder case of the '50s! There was Ida Connally and the Earl Wrights to name a few.

Early on, there was only Green Island and Dr. Holcroft had a cottage nearby. When you finally could drive clear into Kosh, there really was no road as such. You went over top of all the rocks and hoped that you were going the right way. When you got to the shore (close to where Puffer's was), you blew your horn and hoped that someone would hear you and come pick you up. I remember picking up Olive and Elmer Francy like that. Elmer once had a case of beer with him which

he said was for Olive. A few people from Toronto, Ohio came up: Louis and Bernice, Tom Hudson and his girlfriend (scandalous to everyone!), Fred and Harriet Tarr, and many more that I can't remember.

Dad bought an island from the Crown closer to the opening of Portage Bay (it was called Blueberry Island) for \$300, but had to build in a certain time which he didn't do. So he had to buy it a second time for \$300 and just got the cottage built in time. They floated the pieces for the cabin over to the island. Still, it was a poor road in 1954 and there were no power tools so it was quite an undertaking. The chimney smoked from day one.

We carried and drank the lake water. What a joy when electricity came! Olive and Elmer would rent a cottage nearby. Later on, the Tarrs would go to Green Island. Louis and Bernice would be there too. They all would get together and have good times.



Windswept Island

by Patrick Storr (Map 13)

The story of the Ben-Oliel family on Kosh lake began with two sisters, Margaret and Beatrice Roe. Beatrice and her husband Dr. Joseph Holdcroft were one of the earliest and most well known families to have built a cottage on the lake in 1900.

Margaret married Herbert Alfred Ben-Oliel, an Anglican Minister. They and their two children, Violet and Herbert Theodore (Ted), were frequent visitors to the Holdcroft's until they bought Windswept Island (#25) in 1928. They built their cottage on a rocky outcrop of what is now known as Collin's Island (#24). Since the lake did not yet have a dam, Kosh's water level was several feet lower and the two islands were connected by a sandbar. The original cottage is still in use nearly a century later, but is no longer in the family.

Margaret and Herbert's claim to fame was bringing the first 'speedboat' to Kosh. By this time, the lake had seen a few small engines, but Herbert and Margaret's locally-built flat-bottom punt was the first multi-horsepower craft. Its narrow beam and light weight allowed it to fly around the lake with the astonishing power of 10 horses!

When Herbert's son Ted returned from WWII, he built a cottage on present-day Windswept. His final assignment as Captain was to decommission the base at Niagara. He borrowed a large army truck, loaded it up with used lumber from the base, and drove it to Kosh. The supplies were used to build what is now lovingly referred to as 'The



Old Cottage'. Construction was a family affair, and Ted's nine-year-old daughter, Moe, had the unhappy task of painstakingly straightening bent nails with a hammer so that they could be reused.

By the '60s, Ted's family had outgrown the original cabin. A two-storey 'New Cottage' was built – complete with propane appliances. The stairs in the new cottage led to some serious family debate: almost everyone thought they were too steep. Having sawed the stringers by hand, Ted disagreed. As family lore goes, most of his six children had the unfortunate experience of tumbling down the stairs. Ted insisted they would learn to handle them and even stood firm when his wife took the tumble. It wasn't until the beloved family dog went head-over-heels that Ted finally acquiesced and rebuilt the stairs.

This special lake has been the backdrop to so much of our family history. Three of Ted's kids married someone they met at Kosh, and the fifth generation of cottagers continues to create wonderful memories. We hope to be here for many years to come.

Herbert and Margaret Ben-Oliel first arrived on Kosh in the early 1900s and settled on Windswept Island in 1928. Since that time dozens of descendants have enjoyed Kosh under the names of Munro, Robertson, Gross, Storr, Render, Snyder and Storr-Lapensée.



top: Herbert Alfred paddling the family punt, 1934

bottom: Ted and wife Ethel building The Old Cottage, July 1946



Three Generations Reflect by Simard Family (Map 14)

These lines of a song by the band Sleeping at Last, always remind me of my grandparents and great-grandparents who founded the Simard heritage on Lake Kasshabog more than five decades ago.

*You taught me the courage of stars before you left
How light carries on endlessly even after death
With shortness of breath you explained the infinite
How rare and beautiful it is to even exist*

And so, from the three remaining generations, here are our feelings about Kosh, and how rare and beautiful it is to even exist in this wondrous place for 60 years.

“My grandfather, Ernie Kenyon, learned of a cottage property for sale on Lake Kasshabog in 1963 from his coworker at Honeywell - 571 - FR 82 North Shore Road: “It’s the one straight across from Puffers Marina”, he said. So on a cold day in winter, across a frozen lake, my mom’s parents, Ernie and Myrtle Kenyon, my parents, Earl and Shirley Simard, and six-year-old me pulling my younger brother Len Simard (3), and the twins Roy and Lee-Anne (2) ventured out to see where this treasured cottage was located. “Just a little farther, son,” I remember my dad saying. When we finally crossed the lake, my dad tried a small skeleton key in the door of a cottage but the lock did not turn. Three cottages later, we finally made it to the correct door and we stepped inside to what would become the Simard Family Cottage. As we sat on the floor playing checkers and my grandfather started the old stove to warm us, I knew this was going to be a special place we would cherish forever.” Ken Simard, age 66

“My eyes have looked on Kosh since I was a baby. To me, this place means family. It is where we gathered together for meals, where new friendships were made, where we covered the four-wheelers in mud and made up games in the woods. The stillness of the lake has held my deepest dreams, my harshest fears, and my worst heartache. To me the wonder of the lake is indescribable. It is simply a feeling. A fleeting memory: sitting on a swinging bench with my grandmother Shirley and staring up at the sky through the leaves; painting the old blue trailer with my grandfather; playing card games until it was dark and watching my little brother fall in love. Kosh has made me the woman I am today, with a deep love for nature and an appreciation for the creation of this world, and for that I am so grateful.” Jana Simard-Parker, age 36

“Summers at the lake are filled with discoveries... catching crayfish, frogs, and dragonflies...making little habitats for them and studying their movements. To me, the cottage is a lot of special firsts. The first time jumping off the dock with my little sister. The first time catching a fish with my dad. The first time paddle boarding around an island with my mom. My Papa teaching me to waterski. The first time I fed the chipmunks with my Mimi. These memories will stay with me forever”. Cole Parker, age 5 (son of Jana, first grandson of Ken)



*top: Jana Simard-Parker, age 3 in front of the original Simard cottage in 1989.
above: Earl Simard, Ken Simard and Cole Parker, great-great grandson to Ernie Kenyon*



Russ Beare first arrived on Kosh in 1949 and settled on MacDonald Bay, FR82 #225. Since that time, 15 descendants have enjoyed Kosh life under the names of Williamson, James, Conlin and Hassall.

Our Slice of Paradise on MacDonald Bay

by Bette Williamson (Map 15)

In the spring of 1949 Russ Beare (Dad, Grandpa, Russ) decided that the area around the north end of Kasshabog Lake would be perfect for not only a hunt camp, but also for a cottage for his growing family. Coming from a farming background, he was not afraid of hard work to make this plan come to fruition. With the help of his friends, an old apple truck and a hearty amount of dynamite, he built the first road into the area from Bottle Lake. Battling through the bush, beaver ponds and blackflies, they slowly established what we now call “the old road”. Then arriving on the shores of the lake after a hard day’s work, they rewarded themselves with a cool dip in the water and our family’s roots were firmly established on MacDonald Bay.

Since that first visionary year, four generations have enjoyed the beauty and tranquility of Kasshabog Lake. The original cabin has stood on Pioneer Point warmly welcoming family and visitors summer after summer. The cabin was conceived and built with the same vision and energy as the old road. Low

slung and blending well into the surrounding forest, the cabin contains a long and rich history of lake life within its walls - old Bank of Nova Scotia teller drawers installed in the kitchen, lead glass windows from an old building in Toronto, century-old bar chairs originally from the King Edward Hotel on the patio, and the cross-eyed mounted deer head that Uncle Ernie allegedly shot years ago. These are just a few of the things that make it unique.

Like many cottages, ours is a living time capsule, overflowing with 72 years of memories and stories: mistaking skunks for house cats, musky fishing expeditions, snakes in the walls, waterskiing entertainers, incidents with porcupines, groundhogs and more. These stories have been eagerly passed down from generation to generation and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to continue to foster the creation of new ones.

The rest of the world ceases to exist when you are at the cottage. All that matters is the shoreline, the food, the people you are with, and the



*above: original cottage 1954
top: early cottage life around 1952*

stories you share. Now, as we plan the demolition and reconstruction of the original cottage, we are reminded of our duty to care for our lake and to continue to build memories, and ensure that its shores and woods will continue to be a source of enchantment and joy for generations to come. Long live the cottage!



top: Baby Maggie
bottom: original cottage, Ralph Gravelle

Gravelle/Glanton Islands in MacDonald Bay by Ralph Gravelle (Map 16)

The deeds to the two inhabitable islands in MacDonald Bay were filed in 1950. How two island cottages came to be built by an American takes some explanation that begins with the coal ferry that ran between Cobourg, ON, and Rochester, NY. Many Canadians from the area used the ferry to find work in Rochester. Our father, Norb Gravelle, met several people including Gordy Toms from Havelock and Herm White from Trent River. They convinced Dad to join them deer hunting where he met Garn Emery.

It's important to note that Dad, freshly home from WW II, had a restless spirit. He worked with our grandfather but liked to roam. Our grandfather called his son "A ten-dollar millionaire" because as soon as he earned some cash, he was off on an adventure. When Garn Emery told Dad about the policy that allowed people to claim land for cottages, our father jumped at the chance. In the 1940s and 1950s, to encourage development of cottage country, individuals could claim land with the condition that they build a structure worth \$2,000 within two years. This is how many of the original cottagers came to Kosh.

Our father claimed the smaller of the two inhabitable islands and he convinced a friend, Charlie Bashaw, to build on the larger one. Charlie backed out so dad finished both and received deeds in 1950. When our Mom and Dad got married in 1957, Dad sold the larger island to our grandfather for cash needed for a down payment on our family home. When grandpa Gravelle died in 1959, Dad's brother Orville and sister Wilma Glanton became proud owners.

As "Baby Boomer" children, we had the joy of coming to our cottage as soon as school ended and staying with our mother until Labour Day weekend. This was true for a large group of summer friends. We met up at JoAnn's Store, spent all day in our bathing suits, never wore shoes, had sunburns on our sunburns and bug bites on our bug bites. It was a different time back then. We all learned to water ski behind a 25hp Johnson on a 14' aluminum boat. We had no internet, no streaming, no satellite TV - just one station and our radios and records to entertain us.

What we do have is life-long friendships and, as Neil Young sings, "memories to spare" (Helpless).



Norb Gravelle arrived on Kosh Lake in the late '40s and settled in MacDonald Bay. Since that time, the family has grown to include Gravelles, Glantons and Brickells, residing on islands 148 and 164, and the Brickell's at 496 Peninsula Road.



Worth the Trip from TO

by Paula Lockhart (Map 18)

Early Days MacDonald Bay

by Ian Barrie (Map 17)

My uncle, Bill Barrie, built a hunting cabin/cottage on MacDonald Bay in the late '40s or early '50s. Our family spent summers there before hydro and until 1958. My dad and uncle were labourers on the original dam in the late '40s.

In 1959 my parents, Rhoda and Roderick Barrie, also built a cottage on MacDonald Bay - lot FR82B61. And today, my three brothers and our families still enjoy the cottage that is actively used in the summer months.

I have seen many changes in Kosh over my 70 years. In the '50s, on a good day, you might see one boat. Today what amazes me is how clean the lake water still is. A great thank you to all cottagers.

In 1948 when I was three years old, my parents bought a lot at the north end of Macdonald Bay. They paid 10 cents a foot for 200 feet of shoreline. In 1949 the original log cabin was built. It took about five hours to drive from Toronto including an hour from Havelock. After leaving Twin Lakes the road became a single-lane dirt path just wide enough for one car. Tree branches scraped the side of the car as we drove. My mother traveled with a block of ice at her feet while I sat in the back with a can of gasoline on the floor in front of me.

At first we didn't even have an icebox. Perishable food was kept in a small wooden box built right into the ground with a protective tarp draped over it. My mother cooked over a Coleman stove and we had a couple of Coleman lanterns. Later, my mother kept track of events by dividing them into two eras. Things happened BP (before propane) or BE (before electricity). Getting propane was a huge improvement as we had a propane stove and propane lights mounted around the cottage. All water was carried in buckets up the hill from the lake.

The only toilet facility was a two-seater outhouse.

A welcome improvement came when my father installed a gasoline pump near the lakeshore. The water was pumped to a barrel sitting on the roof of the cottage just over the kitchen sink. Now we could open a tap in the kitchen and get lake water. As a young girl, my job was to run down the hill to shut the pump off when the barrel was full. No more carrying buckets.

I miss so many things about those early days. Every night I could hear bullfrogs, see hundreds of fireflies, and listen to endless whip-poor-wills calling. There were little leopard frogs jumping all along the shoreline. Sunfish and catfish were caught in abundance. It was so rare to see other boats on the bay that my father would stop the strangers to ask how they came to be there. It didn't matter there was no radio, no TV and no internet. Much later we had a CB radio and used it to communicate with friends down the lake. It was a quiet, remote place that I loved. How times have changed!



Here's How We're Celebrating LKRA's 75th Anniversary

It's not every year an organization celebrates 75 years of achievement and memories. Here are just a few of the ways to join in the celebration!



Special 75th Video Series

We hope you are enjoying the series of videos celebrating 75 years of Kosh Lake people and memories. They have been created by Director/Cinematographer/Editor Colin Field and produced by Anne Rawson. You'll find them on our website:

www.kasshabog.ca/kosh-videos.

Commemorative 75th Anniversary Yearbook

An overview of the current work of the LKRA and in honour of the 75th, a special section featuring many stories of Early Founders.

The One and Only Chopper

An imaginative children's short story about a very special beaver, shared by the author in honour of our 75th. Fun reading to your kids (ages 6-10) at the cottage.

Simple Cottage Cooking ... and memories!

A collection of early day recipes and memories lovingly compiled by Kosh resident, Elizabeth (Perdue) Fairley, and donated to help us celebrate this milestone year. The 175-page book will be available for just \$10 at the Regatta, & Founder's Meet & Greet. Proceeds to cover production.



75th Anniversary Decal

This year every cottage will receive a special window decal with their Yearbook commemorating the LKRA 75 years of dedication to cottagers and the lake.

Founders Meet & Greet

Many of our early founding families were unable to share their stories in the Yearbook. So, all early founding families are invited to meet with other founders and cottagers on **Sat, August 5, noon - 2 pm** at the Community Hall to swap stories, share pictures and look at cottage lore from the past. Plan to pop by and meet some new and old Kosh lakers.

75th Anniversary Party

Hosted by Stoney Point Marina & the LKRA

To wrap it all up, Haley and Bryan Bates, new owners of Stoney Point Marina, are throwing a wonderful end-of-summer bash at the Marina to celebrate this special year on **Sat, August 26, 2 - 8 pm**. Watch for more information on the website, E-News and Facebook.

Stay up to date on all the special Anniversary events planned by Jami Sampson, Anne Rawson and Jennifer Conron by visiting the LKRA website at: www.kasshabog.ca/75th-anniversary-year-2023.

Summer 2023 Events

Canada Day Boat Parade

Saturday, July 1, 12 noon
Lake-wide

65th Annual Regatta

Saturday, August 5, 10 am
Half Moon Bay

Founders Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 5, 12 pm - 2 pm
Community Hall/Library

65th Annual Regatta

Sunday, August 6, 11 am
Sailing Race
Puffers Bay near Rebel Isle

65th Annual Regatta

Sunday, August 6, 1 pm
Skiing & Canoeing
North Shore Connors Island

Kosh Dock Sale

Saturday, August 19, 10 am - 1 pm
Lake-wide

75th Anniversary Party hosted by Stoney Point Marina & the LKRA

Saturday, August 26, 2 - 8 pm

Join us for a summer full of fun!

For more event details visit

www.kasshabog.ca/events-1



It's the 65th Annual Kosh Lake Regatta

by Jan Prentice

Get ready for our 65th Kosh Lake Regatta on **August 5 and 6**. It will soon be time to dig out the canoes and sailboats and sharpen up on your skills on the water! This year we're kicking off our regatta with special prizes for best dressed canoe. It's never too early to start planning and brainstorming family decorating ideas!

Look for all your favourite events in the regatta program that will be available at Stoney Point Marina and the library in July. You will also find a digital copy on our website under Events.

We will be looking for volunteers for Saturday, August 5 to set up and assist with events. Looking for volunteer hours for school? We can help with that. Just complete our Volunteer Form at www.kashabog.ca/volunteer-opportunities. If you have any questions regarding this year's events, please email me at jeprentice59@gmail.com.

A big thanks to this year's Regatta sponsors!

- » **The Cottage**
The Decorated Canoe Contest
- » **Label Craft**
The Kid's Corner
- » **The MacPherson Family**
The Candy Run
- » **Town 'N Country Storage**
for our 65th Celebration cake!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 65th Annual Kosh Lake Regatta this summer.

A special shout out to Jan Prentice who ran the regatta for nine years from 2010-2018. When Stacey and Thomas needed to step down after last year's regatta, we started looking for a new team to run the 65th Annual Regatta. After all, it is our 75th Anniversary! When no one stepped forward, Jan jumped in to save the day with Hazel Higley by her side. So when you see this team at the regatta, be sure to say a GREAT BIG THANKS!





2023 LKRA Photo Contest

We are looking forward to capturing a special summer on Lake KASHABOG with the 2023 LKRA Photo Contest! This year there will be prizes for winning photos in the form of gift certificates redeemable at Stoney Point Marina. Winning photos will be posted on our LKRA website (Kashabog.ca) in early September and included in next year's Yearbook. You may also see them pop up from time to time in our monthly E-News. The rules of this year's Photo Contest are:

Eligibility:

- » The photo contest is open to families of all paid-up 2023 LKRA members.
- » You must have taken the photo you submit (**amateur** photos only) and not 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.
- » Each photo can be entered in one category only. A maximum of five entries per person 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, written permission from the parent or guardian).
- » Judges and their immediate family are not eligible to enter.

COME ON...
**TAKE YOUR
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LOTS OF PRIZES
& fun new categories.

Entries accepted
April 1st - July 31st

Get all the entry details at
www.kashabog.ca/photo-contest



Categories:

- 1) Funny Moments:** Outtakes, humorous situations/ scenarios, unexpected moments
- 2) Making A Splash:** Favourite active recreation captures
- 3) Wildlife Adventures:** Amazing shots of the creatures with which we share our lake and forests
- 4) Simply Landscapes:** Kosh Lake landscapes year-round from sunrise to sunset
- 5) Life on Kosh:** The places, people and/or activities that ground you to Kosh

Submission:

- » Email your entries to photocontest@kashabog.ca **by July 31, 2023**
- » For each submission, please use the following format to name your photo: category_name_address_caption.jpeg
- » For example: **funnymoments_Bsmith_16FR80A_whoopsmissed.jpeg**
- » Note: please use your cottage location as your address

Winner Selection:

- » Pictures will be judged based on originality, creativity, uniqueness, and relevance to the submission category.

2022 LKRA Photo Contest Results

The 2022 photo contest was a huge success! Awards were given to 27 entries. Congratulations to everyone and thanks to Jennifer Conron for organizing the contest and jurying the entries with Diana Erwin. First place winners on this page.

Overall Photo Contest Winner
Janet Humber
Fall Canoe



Furry Friends Category
» **Larry Isaac, Lounging Around**



Nature Category
» **Peter Lees, Dinner on the Run**



Action Category
» **Jeff McCarthy, Oh No!**



Life On Kosh Category
» **Jen Moore, Family Winter Ice Crossing**



Landscape Category
» **Nancy MacKay, Morning Mist**

Firework Facts

We all love the odd display of fireworks but in the last few years we've realized that as our environment and lake become increasingly vulnerable, we now must reconsider how and when we use them. Why?

- » We now know that fireworks cause extensive air pollution in a short amount of time.
- » Harmful metals are released that can also contaminate soil and lake water, and have negative, long-lasting effects.
- » Then there are the animals. Take dogs for instance: dogs are able to hear up to 60,000hz, while humans can't hear anything above 20,000hz. This auditory acuity of dogs is one of the reasons the sound of fireworks can be so harmful to them. Many suffer from overwhelming anxiety when they are unable to escape from the sound. Other wildlife suffer as well, especially our vulnerable loons!

Last year the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen passed a new Fireworks By-law. All residents should carefully familiarize themselves with the regulations pertaining to when, how and what is required if you are planning a recreational fireworks display. For starters, you **MUST** now obtain a permit from the Fire Chief or designate prior to holding a fireworks display and prove that your intended display meets all By-law regulations.



In 2023, fireworks can only take place on Kosh on the following dates:

- » **Victoria Day weekend**, May 20, 21, 22, from 7-11 pm
- » **Canada Day**, July 1, from 7-11 pm or on the weekend preceding Canada Day (June 24, 25)
- » **Civic Holiday weekend**, August 5, 6, 7, from 7-11 pm
- » **Labour Day weekend**, September 2, 3, 4, from 7-11 pm
- » **New Year's Eve**, December 31, from 7 pm - 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.

There are also important regulations pertaining to **WHERE** you can hold firework displays so you are encouraged to read the new By-law carefully! 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: www.hbmtwp.ca/en/township-services/resources/Documents/By-Law-2022-18-to-Regulate-the-Sale-and-Setting-Off-of-Fireworks-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 at: www.hbmtwp.ca/en/township-services/by-law-enforcement.aspx.

Kasshabog Loon Behaviour

by Nancy Bidgood & Cathy Ward-Griffin

This summer at your cottage, see if you can identify any of the following examples of loon behaviour observed during the 2019 Kosh Lake Loon Project.

- » Nests tend to be approximately six inches above the water line in shallow areas, mostly on islands.
- » Loon chicks ride on their parents' backs or as close to one parent as possible for about one week.
- » Loon parents with chicks stay close to islands and shore when there is a lot of boat traffic.
- » Intruders around nests, loons and chicks are great blue herons, gulls, crows, ravens, geese, ducks, snapping turtles, muskies, wake boarders, boats and people.
- » Loons make shrilling calls and attack when intruders are present.
- » One-month old chicks dive for up to 25 seconds at a time.
- » Mallard and merganser ducks attack loons with eggs on a nest or chicks in the water. In response, the loons chase them from the area,



Photo credit: Lorraine Day

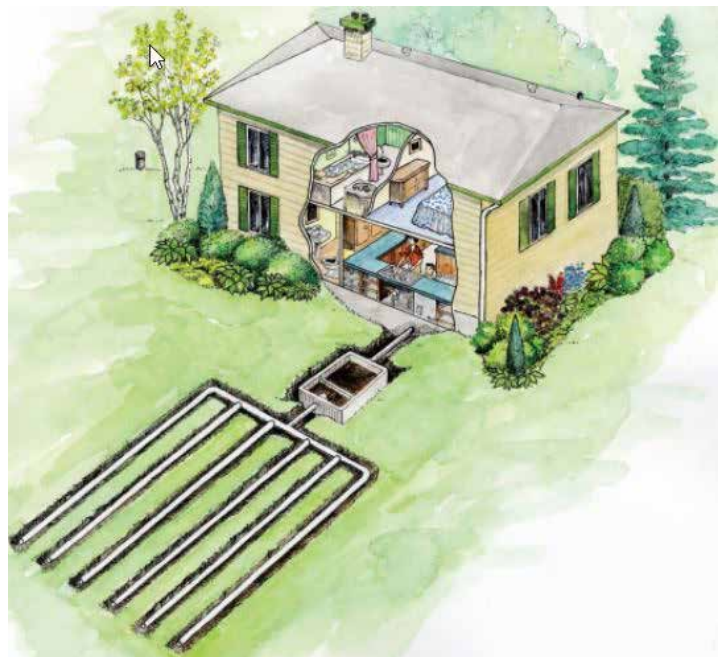
- flapping their wings and using various calls.
- » Loons without chicks visit those with chicks by flying in and forming a circle. Up to eight loons were observed doing this at various times.
- » Loon parents appear to have a very consistent schedule with their chicks, feeding every 10 minutes, teaching them to dive by one month old and feeding on their own by six weeks with their parents feeding them larger fish.

Be Septic Savvy

Do you know how your septic system works? Find out...

These days most cottages have a septic system to manage wastewater and sewage. Everything that goes down your drain - every shower, every flush - ends up in your system. To safeguard your health and keep Kosh free from contaminants, it's important to understand how your system works and check it out frequently. It's also important to educate family and friends – what can go down the drain and toilet, and what can't!

For a great overview visit our website and see **Septic Systems:** kasshabog.ca/water-quality



Healthy Shorelines Matter

Great resources are available to learn more about your shoreline and how to keep it healthy.

Healthy lakes start with healthy shorelines. Did you know that the state of your shoreline can directly affect the quality of the water you swim in and play on, not only at your own waterfront but elsewhere on the lake?

Natural shorelines:

- » Help filter pollutants (which helps us have clean, good quality water)
- » Protect against erosion from waves and boat wakes
- » Provide important habitat for land-based and aquatic wildlife
- » Help keep geese off your property
- » Are healthier and less work so you'll have more deck and dock time!

Is my shoreline healthy?

To find out take the Love your Lake: Self-Assessment www.loveyourlake.ca/self-assessment/

Is your shoreline healthy? What can you do? Check out our website www.kasshabog.ca/shoreline

More info about keeping our lake healthy:

- » FOCA: www.foca.on.ca/shoreline-owners-guide-to-healthy-waterfronts/
- » Watersheds Lake Protection Workbook: www.watersheds.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Lake-Protection-Workbook.pdf

Let's Enjoy

1. Natural shoreline - great wildlife habitat.
2. Small floating dock - low impact on 'Ribbon of life'.
3. Septic System far from the shore - reduces water pollution.
4. Narrow, graveled footpath - less chance of erosion.
5. Trimmed trees and adjustable awnings - natural air conditioning with view maintained
6. Work less - relax more!
7. Kitchen compost - improves your soil's quality.
8. Low-maintenance native plants - provides shoreline buffer.
9. Building - set back from shore and in character with setting.

Let's Talk

1. Bare shoreline - subject to erosion
2. Solid dock - destroys wildlife habitat, alters currents, causes erosion elsewhere.
3. Fertilizer spills and run-off from lawn - damage water quality.
4. Paved lane - pollution-laden runoff flows to water.
5. No shade trees - overworked air conditioner adds to electric bill.
6. Removal of natural vegetation - more work for you and more runoff.
7. Collecting lawn clippings - deprives soil of nutrients.
8. Poor fuel management - spills are deadly.
9. Hardened shoreline - eliminates 'natural filter', degrades water quality, and blocks wildlife access.

2023 Kosh Fishing Facts

It's time to get ready for fishing season for small and largemouth bass, pickerel/walleye and muskie! Here's the good news: if you're under 18 or over 65 you don't need to purchase an outdoor card or fishing licence, simply carry your government-issued identification with you, that includes your name and date of birth, at all times while fishing. Otherwise, it's easy to purchase your licence online at www.huntandfishontario.com.



In Ontario there are **four** opportunities to fish without a licence. Government-issued identification is required however, and anglers must follow catch and possession limits for Conservation Fishing Licences. See below:

- » Family Fishing Weekend (Feb 18-20, 2023)
- » Mother's Day Weekend (May 13-14, 2023)
- » Father's Day Weekend (June 17-18, 2023)
- » Ontario Family Fishing Week (July 1-9, 2023)

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

Type of Fish	Fishing Season	Limit of Fish
Large and Smallmouth Bass	Jun 24 - Nov 30	S-6 C-2
Muskellunge	Jun 3 - Dec 15	S-1 greater than 91 cm and C-0
Walleye/Pickerel	Jan 1 - Mar 15	S-4 C-2 only 1 > 46cm
Walleye/Pickerel	May 20 - 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

Toxins in your Tackle Box

As covered in a recent issue of *Cottage Life*, Canada's loon population is in decline. In April, a free webinar was hosted by Jack Lake, with Chandos and Kasshabog partners, entitled *Our Declining Loon Population*. One Kosh Lake resident who attended the workshop had this to say:

"The webinar on *Our Declining Loon Population* was full of statistical info and interesting facts about loons and the impact of their environment. The loon population in Canada is definitely going down and the presentation analyzed the reasons for this trend. Acid and mercury levels in our lakes have an impact. BUT, it was made clear that the biggest killer of loons is lead poisoning. The loons are eating fish that have been released with lead fishing tackle in them – a very upsetting piece of information." *Paula Lockhart*

Wolfe Lake has launched an innovative program to try to reduce lead poisoning by fishing tackle. Their website has great background on this issue:

Fish Lead Free | Wolfe Lake: wolfelake.org/fish-lead-free

The LKRA is meeting with the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lake Associations (HBMLA) to advocate for a similar program coordinated with all of the lakes in HBM.





Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

by Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

The Crowe watershed comprises approximately 461,000 acres of land and 35,000 acres of water drained by the Crowe River and its tributaries. There are three major drainage basins, each of which is drained by a system of lakes, rivers, creeks and wetlands. The North River system is the westerly subwatershed and Kasshabog Lake is at the headwaters, which is controlled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dam located on the southern shore of the lake. The total drainage area above the dam (control point) is 106 sq. kms (41 sq. miles).

I'd like to share the following with you regarding Kasshabog Lake, its dam and the role of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA).

Kasshabog Lake

Kasshabog Lake combines environmental features with human interactions to create a unique community. The lake is nestled at the southern edge of the Canadian Shield and is one of the largest lakes in the Crowe watershed. Kasshabog Lake is widely dissected with many shoals, reefs and more than 100 islands. It has an area of 2,000 acres (approximately 6% of the Crowe River watershed total) and is the largest and most important lake on the North River.

The Dam

Most, if not all residents and cottagers around the lake, know there is a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dam that is used to control the water levels. An agreement between the CVCA and the Ministry allows the CVCA to conduct all stop log operations at the dam. The CVCA regulates the water levels based on an engineered study completed in the 1980s and the experience of CVCA staff. As a result, water level management plays a significant role and really defines the lake and ultimately the interactions between the environment and human activities.

Kasshabog Dam is a one bay dam reconstructed in 1956. The main control structure of the concrete-gravity dam is 3.55 metres high and 6.71 metres long. There is an overflow weir and the dam has a total length of 21.21 metres.

The dam itself would now be considered an older dam. In terms of its life cycle, the dam could easily be categorized as transitioning from its mid-life to an early mature stage since it is now 67 years old. Often dams are not considered for major reconstruction until they approach 100 years old, depending on condition of course. That being said, CVCA staff have made note of some concrete failure and rebar that has been exposed to the elements. The CVCA has been informed by the Ministry that the dam is "on the radar" for repairs and maintenance, which will help to ensure the dam will be in good shape moving forward to "do its job".

The primary function of the dam is to ensure water levels are maintained at appropriate levels, which is dependent on the season. CVCA staff daily monitor the lake level and then assess current weather conditions, state of the North River subwatershed (particularly in high water scenarios) and further downstream levels and flows on the Crowe River system. This daily cycle results in determining if stop log adjustments are required at the dam.

Water Levels

All lakes with operational dams in the watershed, including Kasshabog, are drawn down to a winter level from the summer recreational levels in the fall of each year. Generally, the drawdown averages 30 to 40 centimeters on each controlled lake and is dependent on a number of factors (size of lake, discharge capacity of dams, location of lake in relation to other lakes). This drawdown creates flood storage capacity throughout the watershed to help alleviate the effects of the spring freshet (flood). This also mimics nature's normal lower levels in the winter. The number of stop logs removed is certainly weather dependent and based on the current log settings. The start date for the drawdown on Kasshabog is the 15th of October with the intention of completing this water level adjustment by the 15th of November. The duration of the drawdown will be determined by weather conditions. A significant storm event can easily affect the schedule extending it past the mid-November date.

In the spring, due to the runoff there is the possibility additional stop logs will have to be removed. Hopefully there has not been a major flood. Regardless of the magnitude of the freshet, once the water levels begin to recede, stop logs are replaced in the dam. Based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, weather conditions, current water level and of course, downstream conditions, the stop log replacement could be done quickly or it may be spread out over a few weeks. Either way, these adjustments can create a period when water levels seem to be “bouncing up and down”. This makes sense since there will still be additional water input into the lake from wetlands, smaller tributaries and rainfall while the CVCA is making the stop log changes.

After the spring freshet has subsided, the CVCA will make any further adjustments with the aim to maintain water levels for cottage owners, residents and visitors for the duration of the summer recreational season.

The Other Side of Lake Management

One of the primary responsibilities the CVCA shoulders is the implementation of *Ontario Regulation 159/06*. This regulation was adopted by the CVCA in 2006 to help guide future development around Kasshabog Lake.

First and foremost, the CVCA wants to ensure that development will not be exposed to flooding or erosion hazards which could result in damage or even loss of life. Therefore, the intent of the regulation is to protect people and their property from the effects of these two natural hazards. This can be accomplished with a regulated area around all water bodies that captures the hazards. If the development proposal is within this regulated area, an application is required to be submitted to the CVCA for review.

Secondly, the CVCA will need to ensure the development will not impact the hazards. For example, if a house was allowed in the floodplain, not only would the home be exposed to flood damage but it would displace flood water from that location and force it elsewhere, which in turn enlarges the floodplain. This could mean a home on another lot downstream which was not in the floodplain is now exposed to this hazard. One may surmise one house may not make a significant difference, but the cumulative impact of a number of similar instances will add up and become problematic.

Kasshabog Lake is blessed with a vast network of wetlands surrounding it, which is especially important to help mitigate the runoff by storing water to slow down and decrease the effects of a flood. If wetlands cannot continue to be protected as they currently are, then flood storage capacity will be reduced if and/or when wetlands are filled in for development purposes. It could and will change the floodplain of our water bodies. The CVCA cannot emphasize enough, ***water still has to go somewhere.***

Collectively, we have a responsibility to prevent the disappearance of natural features – we don’t want a repeat of southwestern Ontario where approximately 70% of wetlands have disappeared in the last 100 years or so.

Please keep in mind, the CVCA’s regulation is really designed to balance the interests of people and the environment. In essence, it gives the environment a voice. If we protect the environment, the environment will protect you. The CVCA is not anti-development; it wants to make sure the ***appropriate*** development occurs in the ***right*** locations.

Moving Forward

If the folks around Kasshabog Lake would please indulge me, I would like to make one last comment. Kasshabog Lake is a community with many key components making it a vibrant special corner of the Crowe Valley watershed. All community members - whether residents, cottage owners, municipal councillors and staff, the CVCA or others - need to think and act both for the short and long term. The health and welfare of this community is dependent on the collective actions and decisions we make around Kasshabog. Remember, we are all stewards while we play, work and live in this neck of the woods.

There is an automated gauge at the east end of the lake that keeps CVCA up to date on the water level. Residents can check water level readings anytime by visiting:

www.crowevalley.com/crowe-valley-conservation-authority-current-water-level-readings/



Capturing the Magic of Kosh Life

by Anne Rawson



One shot at a time, award-winning photographer Mike Quigg (aka Heidi Quigg) captures amazing images for us to enjoy.

Mike Quigg's passion for photography started at an early age; in fact in grade school. He remembers making weekly trips to the drug store with his precious 110 roll of film in hand. There was no shortage of subjects for a young boy growing up in Toronto.

When Mike was 17, he had his first taste of the Kawartha area. He loved it. He remembers hanging out at Stony Lake and camping at Eels Creek.

After high school he went directly into the printing business, working at The Toronto Stock Exchange in-house printing department for 13 years. He then moved to the Kawarthas and continued his career in printing.

An accomplished photographer, Mike exhibited in Toronto's Distillery District for 10 years. In the 80s and 90s, he won the *Toronto Sun* Freelance Photographer award, the *Toronto Sun* Firefighters gold fire-helmet for Photo of the Year, and the Photo of the Year Blog TO award in 2011. His photos have been published world-wide: in books, magazines, calendars and in online publications like Pelican Kayaks and Jeep Canada, as well as on record covers. His prints can be found in private collections including many of those on Kasshabog Lake. Recently his work was highlighted as a *Kawartha Now* photo of the month.

And closer to home, he has generously shared his photography with the LKRA, allowing us to feature it on the cover of our 2022 Newsletter, the home page of our website and in numerous E-News.

Since 2020, Mike has been a full-time Kosh-laker, working from the lake and focussing his lens on landscapes. His partner, Christine, commutes on weekends to their special retreat on Kosh, aptly named *Our Nest*.

He usually shoots with a NIKON D750 using a wide angle lens for landscape and night shots, and a telephoto lens for nature shots. Sometimes he even uses his iPhone 12 Plus or carefully and respectfully uses his DJI Mavic Drone.

As a master light-manipulator, Mike shares his concern these days with the increase in 24/7 lighting on the lake. To avoid light pollution, he hopes residents will consider using more timers or motion sensitive lighting. Not only do we want to be able to see the stars every night, but he reminds us that migrating birds do as well.

To see more of Mike's work, visit his website time-stands-still.com or Instagram page [@_evidence_](https://www.instagram.com/_evidence_). From time-to-time Mike posts on the Kasshabog'er Facebook page and always enjoys hearing from fellow residents.

You can also reach him at mike@time-stands-still.com.

Thanks Mike (aka Heidi, who is his dog) for supporting the work of the LKRA and for continuing to remind us of the magic around us at Kosh Lake.

images:

above right - front cover of the LKRA 2022 Yearbook

left upper - Hold Me in the Darkness 2023

left lower - Lunch on the Lake, Nov 2022 kawarthaNOW winner



The Ins and Outs of Cottage Insurance

by Anne Rawson

After last May's derecho I found myself wondering, what's next? That was quickly followed by, geez I better double check my cottage insurance policy to make sure I have the coverage I need. This led me to several of our Kosh Lake partners in the biz. I asked them a few questions about cottage insurance that I thought might interest you as well.

1. If my cottage had been seriously damaged in last year's storm, would I have been covered by Insurance?

"Yes," says Greg Kruk of Sentinel Risk Insurance Group. "Most insurance policies insure against wind damage which will typically provide coverage for the cottage and structures on the property, including boat houses and contents. Sometimes, however, there are restrictions on watercraft and docks. Typically, insurance policies will also cover removal of a tree that has hit a building on your property. But if trees have fallen on your property and not hit the cottage or an outbuilding, it's your responsibility to remove and dispose of them." Trees are not insurable against wind.

2. What effect has inflation had on the value of my cottage if I need to rebuild?

"Inflation is a serious concern in today's construction industry," says Greg. "The cost to renovate, repair or rebuild has increased at a rapid rate. If a major storm hit Kosh, many cottages might be affected, meaning contractors could charge an even higher rate as their services would be in high demand." Greg suggested I review the rebuild value of my cottage every couple of years and advise my broker of any major renovations.

3. Is my boat covered under my cottage insurance?

According to cottage specialist Marshall Petry of Hudson Henderson Insurance, "insurance companies will automatically extend liability to smaller boats up to 25 hp. If you have a larger boat or to cover for physical damages, you may need to add a watercraft floater to your cottage policy. There are also marine insurance companies that you can approach for standalone boat insurance. They provide specialized coverage at a competitive rate when compared to the property insurance watercraft floater." Good to know.

4. Is it necessary to insure a boathouse? What about my bunkie and dock?

When it comes to boathouses Kruk says, "The majority of cottage insurance policies will cover your boathouse against wind and fire damage but he cautioned residents to ensure the structure is covered to an adequate value and that it is noted on your policy. For instance, wind-driven waves and ice damage would not be covered unless your policy specifically stated that. Furthermore, many boathouses cannot be put back if the structure is removed, so it is crucial for cottage owners to work with Crowe Valley Conservation Authority before starting demolition or repairs to clarify what can and cannot be done. Bunkies will have the same coverage as your cottage but dock coverage will vary company to company." In the end, Greg suggested it's best that I check with my agent when it comes to docks and boathouses.

5. Recently I've heard people talking about by-law coverage. What the heck is that? Do I really need it?

According to Marshall Petry, by-law coverage covers extra costs that arise when rebuilding or replacing damaged or destroyed property in order to meet updated building codes and by-laws. It can include demolition costs, increased materials required and more. "Most companies include this coverage in their policies up to a specified limit of \$10,000. Older cottages will usually require greater coverage," says Petry. Marshall recommended I contact my broker to make sure I have adequate by-law coverage limits, as the resulting costs can be unexpected and expensive.

6. In closing, I asked Greg if he had any tips on fireplace safety at the cottage? We are all a long way from Emergency Fire Services on Kosh so this is important.

"Many fires related to wood heat stem from improper disposal or storage of ashes," he said. "Make sure ashes are placed in a metal container with a metal lid and set on a non-combustible surface outdoors." Note to file: avoid placing on wooden side deck. Finally, he suggested I contact a WETT certified chimney sweep to make sure the chimney is clean and free of blockages that can lead to devastating results.

Many thanks to Greg Kruk, Managing Partner of Sentinel Risk Insurance Group, and Marshall Petry, cottage specialist at Hudson Henderson Insurance Brokers, for answering my questions. Now it looks like it's time to review my policy!

Are You Looking at Me??!

by Paul Grissom

Yes, Boggers, they're everywhere. Faces in the trees, rocks, clouds, innocent objects - all staring back at you. Well, not just you. It seems every one of us has at some time experienced a psychological condition known to the folks in the wizard hats as PAREIDOLIA. It's a form of AOPHENIA, which is a general term for human tendency to seek patterns in random information. We've all seen the man on the moon - how do we know it's not a woman?

Never mind, let's have some fun. Let's see how many of these spirit critters are watching over our cottages. Send us a photo of that creepy face on the inside of your outhouse door, or that rock formation that looks so much like your uncle Fred.

Maybe we'll turn this into a contest. The best ones could win valuable prizes such as coffee with yours truly at Stoney Point Marina; or a cupcake or something similar. We'll figure it out.

Just start looking for the pareidolic spirits (you know they're out there). Send photos to communications@kasshabog.ca. If we get some fun entries we'll upload them to the website – and we'll see what happens.

Here's looking at you.



Ludovico Ceroseis



Cody Evans



Jane Matthews



Jane Matthews



Terry Munro

by Carol DeNure

As many of you know, the mine at the northern tip of Kasshabog Lake dates back nearly 100 years. Our company, COVIA, was created in 2018 through the merger of Unimin and Fairmount Santrol, and our history includes many milestone achievements across industries and partnerships.

Today we are more than just a leading provider of high-performance mineral and material solutions. Our plant employs approximately 215 people and we support many local businesses and services. Eighty percent of our spending is within 200 km of Havelock. We are dedicated to being a good employer, good neighbour, and an environmental steward. For Kosh residents this means everything from adjusting our weekend hauling activities and crushing schedule, to limiting sound at night and in the early morning, to helping fund environmental programs and oversee wildlife protection.

What Is It That We Mine?

Residents are often curious about what we are mining. Our facility is the world's premium source of nepheline: a coarse-grained high alumina feldspar mineral with no free silica. It is inert and non-toxic making it a versatile and safe mineral. It's mind-blowing to think about all the products that our sand helps create. It's used in just about everything from glass, paint and plastics to toothpaste.



Mining Operations Up Close

Below is the main open pit mine that is adjacent to the Blue Mountain plant. Our ore reserves will last approximately 60 years.

Rock from the mine is crushed and then processed through the plant using Covia's micronization services that reduce minerals to the proper size level to work best for customers' applications. The finished product is then shipped directly to customers via CP Rail and transport trucks.



Taking Steps to Move Forward

Last fall we welcomed a new member to our Management team, Dan Lyon, who joined Covia as Director of Operations for Nepheline Syenite Operations (NSO) in Canada. Dan brings over 30 years of exceptional experience in the mining and manufacturing industry. He will lead all operations aspects of NSO including the final stages of the NSO modernization project at the Blue Mountain plant, driving operations excellence and continuous improvement initiatives.



"The Nepton plant will continue to operate through 2023 and into 2024. The long-term status of the Nepton plant is still being evaluated as a function of nepheline syenite market demand, various operating cost scenarios and the capability of Blue Mountain to operate at higher capacities," says Lyon.

Dan looks forward to meeting Kasshabog Lake representatives at the next public liaison meeting.

The Magic of Dream Catchers

There are many stories behind the meaning and tradition of Dream Catchers. They have been part of Indigenous culture for over a century. According to Dream Catcher legend, the good dreams pass through the holes of the web easing their way down the feathers to the person dreaming, typically a child. The bad dreams are trapped in the web where they perish in the light of dawn.



Here is a beautiful story: *How Dream Catchers Came to Be*, told by Elder Hazel from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum: [youtube.com/watch?v=NFvZ3bqM8gw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFvZ3bqM8gw).

Dream Catchers can be created using a variety of materials. However, each Dream Catcher will have a HOOP, thought to represent the circle of life, a WEB, patterned after a spider web, FEATHERS, for decoration and to provide a soft slide for the dreams, and finally BEADS that when placed in the web represent the spider. Beads hanging down can also represent good dreams.

Apsley's Grocery Reopens its Doors

by Mary Kainer

As most of you are aware, in December 2020 fire leveled Sayers grocery store in Apsley forcing residents to travel to Lakefield or Bancroft for groceries. We are happy to report that after years of negotiating, planning and construction, our nearby Apsley grocery store is in the process of reopening. The Sayers family targeted a summer opening with stocking and set-up starting as early as May.

There are some big improvements planned. The floor plan has been completely redesigned. The front half will house the fresh food departments in an open market concept. When it comes to produce, the emphasis will be on local-first and organic where cost-effective. The store will now also feature prepared foods and meals-to-go. The back half of the store will be a traditional grocery aisle format.

Here's An Easy Way to Make Your Own Dream Catcher

It's fun for children to make their own Dream Catcher with your help. All you need is: coloured pipe cleaners, embroidery thread, feathers and beads.

- » Take two pipe cleaners and twist them together lengthwise and then attach the ends to make a circle (hoop).
- » Take a long piece of embroidery thread (24"). Tie it onto a point in the hoop and then create a web by looping it back and forth across the circle making sure each time to loop it twice so each thread of the 'web' will stay in place on the hoop. When you are almost finished creating the web, thread a bead through the remaining embroidery thread so it will be positioned inside the hoop. Now tie off the end of the embroidery thread to the hoop leaving a piece of thread hanging down about 6 inches. Attach beads to this thread and attach feathers with glue.
- » Take two additional 8-inch lengths of embroidery thread and tie them onto the hoop next to the beads and feathers. Add beads and feathers to these threads as well and knot and glue as needed.
- » Attach a final piece of embroidery thread to the top of the hoop. Now you are ready to hang your Dream Catcher over the bed in your bedroom.

Why not look outside at the cottage for other kinds of materials to add to your Dream Catcher?

Sweet Dreams!

The silver lining to the rebuild following the fire was the opportunity to implement a new eco-friendly refrigeration system that significantly reduces energy consumption, CO₂ emissions and leak rates. The owners are also looking into other eco-friendly practices and compostable food service packaging.

The Sayers family has put a lot of effort into planning and rebuilding a viable business to support the local and cottage community. It will be great to welcome the business back.

Summer Garbage Detail!

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 at each transfer station.

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:

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Transfer Station Hours

May 15-Sept 15

SUMMER

Location	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	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

Sept 16-May 14

WINTER

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 & Easter Monday 9-5pm; Good Friday 9-5pm

Oak Lake	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	9-5pm
Thanksgiving Monday 9-5pm; Good Friday & Easter Monday closed							
West Kosh	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm

Thanksgiving Monday 12-4pm; Good Friday & Easter Monday Closed

Jack Lake	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12-4pm
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Thanksgiving Monday 12-4pm; Good Friday and Easter Monday Closed

6th Line (900 6th Line, off Hwy7)
West Kosh Transfer Station (445 West Kosh 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.

Message from Mayor Jim Martin

I would like to start by thanking your Association for all the hard work it does representing our waterfront communities around the Township. Council has always tried to keep lines of communication open with the individual lake associations or the umbrella group, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lake Associations (HBMLA).

I've always liked the analogy that a person who rows the boat is always looking back. I'm not that type of person normally but I feel that with what we went through in the past term, I can't help but reflect. Last term we faced many challenges from the beginning until the end. In 2019, we settled into the first six months of our new council term when we were hit with the pandemic. We then called a State of Emergency and followed all of the protocols to work through that. When things began to settle down last year, I included in my report to you that we were moving into our new normal and our final year of the term of council. We were then hit with the derecho storm on the May long weekend which devastated many areas across our entire township. Although we are still cleaning up from the storms, we learned a lot. We kept moving forward and although council didn't complete everything we had hoped to, we managed to accomplish a great deal.

On October 24th of last year, the municipal election was held and we now have four of the five members on council elected to new positions. I have returned to my second term as your Mayor, Hart Webb has moved from Councillor to Deputy Mayor, and three new Councillors have joined us: Kathy Clement as Councillor at Large, Jerry Doherty as Township Councillor and Beverly Flagler for Village Ward. All of our contact information is listed on the township website at www.hbmtwp.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, council is available to help you.

Highlights from last year included staffing changes: we hired Lionel Towns as Treasurer, Travis Toms as Chief Building Official and we filled the vacant Economic Development Officer position with Shari Gottschalk. Public Works managed to complete several road reconstruction projects and a major gravel haul for some of our township roads while dealing with the cleanup from the two major storms that hit HBM. The Fire Department introduced an updated Fireworks By-law that I suggest you familiarize yourself with,



Back Row L to R: Jerry Doherty, Township Councillor; Kathy Clement, Councillor at Large; Beverly Flagler, Village Ward
Front Row L to R: Jim Martin, Mayor; Hart Webb, Deputy Mayor

while Park's and Recreation completed upgrades to our Mathison Conservation Area which includes trail, signage, parking, and a new splash pad that will be opening this spring. Administration helped council implement our Waterfront Environmental Grant to help with education around shoreline preservation and water quality projects and we continue to improve all of our methods of communications including our very successful hybrid council meetings which have allowed greater participation by more people.

This year, HBM council will begin the term by moving forward with a Strategic Plan which will include input from the township as a whole. We will be reviewing the Ward system and continue to develop a plan for a new Administration/Public Works building. The Building and Planning department are moving into online permitting and adopting our new Official Plan with Peterborough County. We will be strengthening By-law enforcement by partnering with the City of Peterborough's Administrative Monetary Penalty Program. The Province will be implementing changes to Waste Recycling, in particular the Blue Box program and producer responsibility.

Havelock-Belmont-Methuen covers a huge area geographically and the triangle I use is from Jack Lake to Crowe Lake, down to the Trent River in the south. We have many beautiful lakes within that area of almost 550 sq km that we are proud to represent. Council has always worked hard to represent everyone equally. Whether you live here or are a seasonal resident, we will continue to work with all of you and our lake associations to preserve what we have for generations to come.

Have a happy and safe season!

Jim Martin is in his 5th 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.



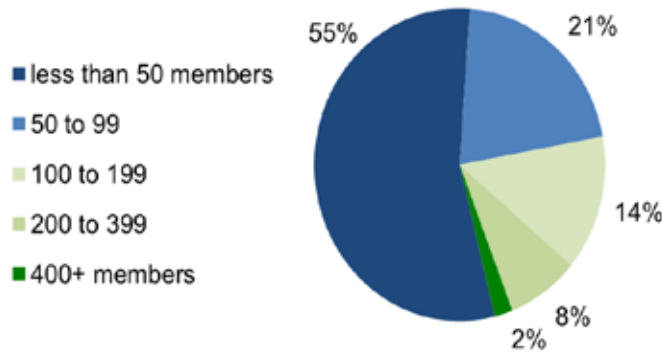
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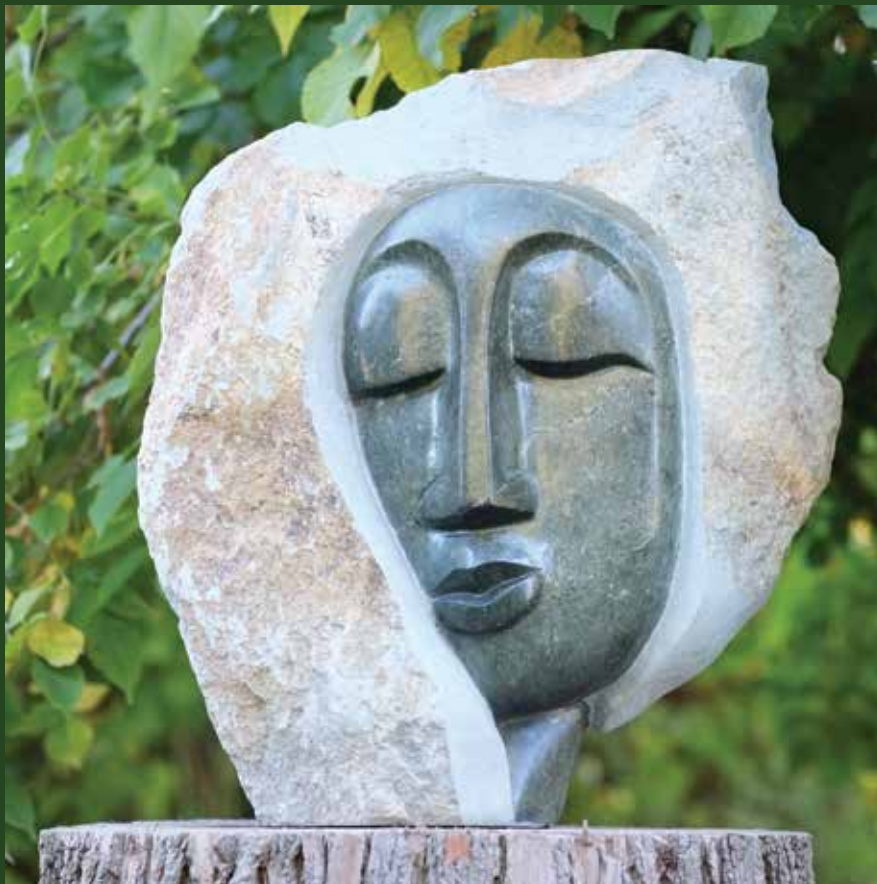
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Fire Chief	Ray Haines	705 7783183	rhaines@hbmtwp.ca
Chief Building Official	Travis Toms	705 778 2308 X222	cbo@hbmtwp.ca
By-Law Enforcement Officer	Michael Gottschalk	705 778 2308	enforcement@hbmtwp.ca

Township Council Meeting Schedule

Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The schedule changes for July and August and Tuesday meeting time changes following a holiday weekend. Please refer to the town website for these changes and how to attend meetings virtually. All information is available at:

www.hbmtwp.ca

To book an appointment with the Building Inspector or to book an inspection, call the Building Administrative Assistant at 705-778-2308 # 229

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY FIRE, POLICE OR AMBULANCE SERVICE CALL 9-1-1

MNRF to report a Forest Fire	310-FIRE (3473)
MNRF-Tips Line (24-7) to report natural resource violations	1-877-847-7667
Police (OPP) (Bancroft)	1-888-310-1122
Ontario Poison Centre	1-800-268-9017
Air Search & Rescue	1-800-267-7270
Crime Stoppers.....	1-800-222-8477
Kids Help Phone.....	1-800-668-6868
Hydro	1-800-434-1235
Telehealth Ontario (Free 24 hr. medical advice)	1-866-797-0000
Campbellford Memorial Hospital	705-653-1140
Good Doctors, Havelock.....	705-304-0018
Peterborough Regional Health Centre (24 hours)	705-743-2121
Kawartha Veterinary Emergency Clinic	705-741-5832
North Kawartha Township.....	705-656-4445



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.