

March 27, 2025 **KOSH LAKE NEWS**



Photo credit: Waiting Patiently for Spring to Arrive by Joy Brickell

Upcoming Event:

• AGM - Tuesday, May 13, 7pm by ZOOM - Mark your Calendar

Zeffy...the LKRA New Membership Database As many of you are now aware, the LKRA has recently introduced a new, easy way to pay your annual membership. Zeffy is an exciting, well-established Canadian company that has designed products that are free and intuitive to use. Now, with one click, you can complete your membership form and pay by credit card with the option of automatically renewing each year. Just think, no more wondering, did I pay or not? If you haven't already paid your 2025 membership visit kasshabog.ca/join-today and discover more about this new way to pay and all the other available payment



options.

Cottage Life

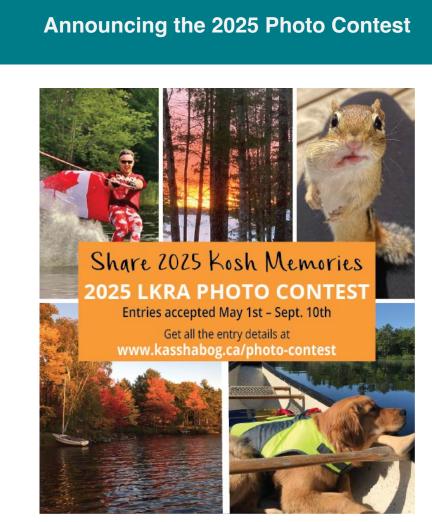
Exciting New Cottage Life Partnership

Cottage Life is interested in deepening its connections with highly engaged cottage associations like the LKRA. Since we share similar values of promoting healthy cottage living and environmental stewardship, they know building membership is critical. For this reason, they have offered each Kosh resident a threemonth free subscription to Cottage Life Magazine, starting with the June/July issue, when you renew your LKRA 2025 membership by April 5th (date extended; was April 1). Don't miss out on this opportunity. Visit kasshabog.ca/join-today today to complete your membership online via the new Zeffy platform, or download a form and email or snail mail in your form and fees. Watch for other ways the LKRA will be partnering with Cottage Life this summer!

Kosh Lake Benefit Fund Applications for 2025 funding now open The Benefit Fund (formerly the Dam Fund) was established to fund projects to the benefit of the lake and its community. Please see the full background

Applications, to a maximum of \$2,000, must detail the benefits of the project to the lake and or residents. Submissions must be emailed to the committee (benefitfund@kasshabog.ca) by no later than June 1, 2025. Please note that the LKRA may apply to the township to match an environmental project up to \$1,000, and Covia has also generously supported environmental projects in the past. So if your project is environmental in nature, please indicate if it requires funding above \$2,000 from these sources.

document on our website: Benefit Fund.



Maybe it's the Perfect Time to Give Back to the Lake you Love

The LKRA Board of Directors is looking for residents who love the lake, want to give back and join a group of like-minded volunteers. Your time commitment can be tailored to your interests, schedule and availability. We would love to add people with an interest in environmental issues, who enjoy the social events, who have project management, communication or marketing experience, or who would just plain enjoy meeting other residents and learning more about Kosh.

The new Board members will be elected at the AGM that takes place on May 13th. Please indicate your interest by email to president@kasshabog.ca

Good Water Quality Results!

Our water is tested each year, along with the other lakes in Kawartha, as part of the Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP) through Trent University. LKRA supports and participates in the program, with the assistance of Terry Rees and his boat. The TARP 2025 report (2024 sampling results) indicates our water quality is very good when compared with several other nearby lakes.









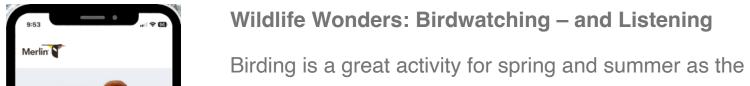
contact naturaledge@watersheds.ca **Exciting Shoreline Programs this Summer!**

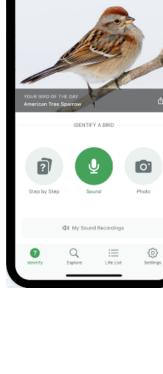
The joint lake associations of HBM township (HBMLA) are working with the township and Watersheds Canada's Natural Edge Program to bring lake

residents resources to preserve and restore our shorelines. Watersheds Canada received a Canada Water Agency grant to bring the Natural Edge program to the catchment of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. Watch for more information all summer long. The HBMLA is also working with the township to update its Healthy Shorelines

brochure, hoping to have it inserted in the HBM summer tax mailing and also

available online. Watersheds Canada is also happy to assist us in our lobbying efforts to have shoreline protection bylaws. For more information, contact naturaledge@watersheds.ca Wildlife Wonders: Birdwatching – and Listening





woods abound with the colours and calls of our feathered friends. As spring appears and the birds return to their warm weather homes, they begin vocally announcing their presence to potential mates or rivals. They are also sporting their brightest plumage to attract a partner or deter a trespasser. But it can be hard to pair the birdsong that we hear with the species that is making the sound. A good pair of binoculars allows you to check out any birds that are in sight. But there is another way to find

out what birds may be nearby, too! Start by downloading the "Merlin Bird ID" app on your phone or tablet and set it up for your area. Once outside, open the app and hit the microphone button. Your app will pick up any bird sound that is around you and tell you what kind of bird it is. You can also upload a photo that you have taken and the app will visually identify the species as well. **Kid's Corner - Bookmarks**

While you are busy getting the cottage ready for summer outside, why not encourage kids or

grandkids to create their very own summer bookmark? All you need is one piece of bristol board, some markers or water paints, and some ribbon or crochet-like string, and if you want an item to attach to the bottom of the string.. Adults can precut the bristol board into rectangular pieces, make a hole at the top of each piece, thread it with string, and provide paints or markers. If you also bring along a couple of your kid's favourite books they can put their creations to work right away!





As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog Lake, we are

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

Lake Kasshabog Residents Association





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