

## **2025 Lake Kasshabog Residents Association Annual General Meeting By Zoom Webinar, 7pm, Tuesday May 13, 2025**

### **Agenda**

1. Technical Introduction to Zoom Meeting
2. Establish quorum, call the meeting to order and introduction of the Board and Invited Guests by Jennifer Cummings
3. Approval of minutes 2024 AGM
4. Report from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township by Mayor Jim Martin
5. 2024 Financial Statement
6. 2025 Budget - Highlights and Review by Hazel Higley
7. Nominations & Election of Board Member Positions
8. Reports on LKRA activities and events
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

The meeting was chaired by Jennifer Cummings, President and Chair, LKRA. Board members in attendance: Hazel Higley (Treasurer), Morgan Storie (Secretary), Jennifer Conron, Gary Kindree, Harry Major. Regrets: Jami Sampson.

### **Agenda Item 1 - Technical introduction**

- Jennifer provided a technical introduction to the Zoom Meeting. The meeting was recorded. Mary Kainer was thanked for taking minutes,

### **Agenda Item 2**

- 36 participants were in attendance at the moment; 27 required including 7 Directors. Note: in total, 43 members attended. Jennifer Cummings declared quorum and called the meeting in order

### **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.

### **Introductions**

Jennifer introduced our guest: Mayor Jim Martin and the 2024-2025 LKRA Board of Directors:

- President – Jennifer Cummings
- Treasurer – Hazel Higley
- Secretary – Morgan Storie
- Membership Director – Jami Sampson
- Members At Large – Jennifer Conron, Harry Major, Gary Kindree

### **LKRA Support, Committees and Liaison**

Jennifer then acknowledged and thanked the following volunteers

- Advertising – Anne Rawson
- Covia Mine Advisory Committee – Rob Milne, Peter Patterson, Dawn Mitchell, Rick Rye, Rob Cosgrove
- Web site, E-News – Jennifer Conron
- HBMLA Liaison Committee –Jennifer Cummings, Terry Rees and Rick Rye
- Lake Marker/Flasher Coordinator – Ted Ward-Griffin, Kenny Little
- HBM Community Hall / Library –Lorraine Day, Cathy Cameron, Karen Hubert
- Yearbook – Anne Rawson, Jennifer Conron, Nicole Dufort
- Regatta – Jan Prentice, Hazel Higley
- Social Media Posts – Morgan Storie
- Kosh Lake Benefit Fund – Gary Kindree, Lori Bailey, Harry Major, Rob Milne

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes of 2024 AGM**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM. Moved by Morgan Storie, seconded by Gary Kindree. Four members abstained, all others approved, **Carried**.

### **Agenda Item 4 - HBM Report by Mayor Jim Martin**

- Mayor Jim Martin congratulated LKRA on attendance.
- \$8 million hefty increase in taxes; costs rising.
- Private road grants of \$1500 matching dollars are available. May be used for ice storm cleanup or culvert replacement.
- Environmental grants of up to \$1000 are available.
- Study on development charges - new lots or new builds to start 2025. Finished strategic plan. Finished website update.
- Healthy Shoreline brochure is in the works. Will be distributed
- Three new Rogers towers now approved for the area.
- Ice storm has caused challenges with water levels due to brush.
- Public works - lots happening around waste. Many changes are coming through Province including recycling. Trying to cut down on garbage.
- Construction is happening in Havelock so may be disruptions.
- Water filling station at Highway 46 is open. Free the past few weeks post ice storm.
- Bottle lake culvert has been delayed for permit but should happen this year. Will behave to close the road for a day. Planning ambulance and fire access. There will be lots of notice for those affected.
- Have ordered tractor with compactor for better township roads. Upgraded gravel haul budget.
- Ice storm set everyone back. Work will continue throughout the whole summer. Currently working on Hwy 46. Asking for patience as it is a huge job.
- Adding to arena with Parks & Rec so will be a lot of construction. Pickle ball courts were well used including by lake residents.
- Have taken over septic approvals from Peterborough Public Health. Has added work to township.
- Building permits are on-line. Call ahead and ask what is required.
- Longterm care is coming and opening in fall. Adding 140 employees through job fairs.
- Not many issues around short-term rentals. By-law enforcement has been pretty effective so far. Only a few complaints.
- There were two fires up on Kosh last week. This is the worst time of year. A lot of dead brush. Urging everyone to be very careful. Problems with people wanting to burn the

ice storm brush. 6th line transfer station and County Depot on 46 are free for brush drop-off.

**Questions:**

1. Does HBM have any plans to remove brush on township roads? Yes, the county will be taking care of it over the next few weeks.
2. People have been dumping huge piles of brush near the sides of Peninsula Road. Jim will contact MNR to discuss.
3. Hazardous waste drops - is it available all year round? Staffing is done by students so only available in the summer. Too many restrictions to try to keep open year-round. Peterborough site does offer year-round.
4. What is timing for HBM zoning updates given County plan? There will be a public process. May work collectively with all the municipalities on the OP.
5. A lot of cutbacks in Crowe Valley. Nothing in township yet.
6. Asked about development fees. Tear downs and rebuilds - it only applies to new lots and mostly for bigger developments. Ask building department for precise information.
7. What is the latest map available. Jim replied - Not sure if islands are named or numbered on the County map. It is a huge County-wide map. Maps can be obtained online on Peterborough map site.
8. Is potable water now available? Yes, by the water tower on 46. It is currently free due to ice storm but charge will be applied later in the summer.

Jennifer thanked Jim Martin on behalf of the association.

**Agenda Item 5 - Motion to waive an audit**

Jennifer reported we had budgeted for a deficit but ended with a small surplus. The Board has already approved the budget. No questions.

Motion to waive an audit/review engagement (moved by Hazel Higley, seconded by Harry Major). Three members abstained, all others approved, **Carried**.

**Agenda Item 6 - Proposed Budget for 2025**

Hazel Higley presented the budget. She noted that it is a team effort to make an estimate based on previous years. Hazel thanked Jami Sampson for setting up Zeffy. The number of paid members has doubled compared to this date last year as a result.

**Income**

Membership Income	\$8,750 <sup>1</sup>
Advertising	\$7,200
Cookbook Sales	\$50
Donations	\$100
Regatta 50-50	\$750
Bank Interest	<u>\$822</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,672</b>

**Expenses**

FOCA	\$1,596 <sup>2</sup>
Membership	\$1,000
Newsletter/Yearbook	\$3,716
Administration/Office Supplies	\$250 <sup>3</sup>

Regatta	\$2,000
Marker Program	\$1,600
Website Expense	\$450
Graphic Design Support	\$350
Insurance	\$3,000
Environment	\$1,000
Road Signs	\$250
Zoom program	\$400
Volunteer Program	<u>\$1,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,612</b>

**Expected Surplus                      \$60**

**Note 1:** 350 members assumed

**Note 2:** FOCA = \$125 base + \$4 per member + GST

**Note 3:** PO Box, Microsoft account, Zoom account, Office supplies

Question about the volunteer program — it is a small thanks given at the Corn Roast. Volunteers at the Regatta, and people who hand out the newsletter and worked on the Lead Out Program are examples of the types of people. In answer to a question, it was indicated that we had 366 members last year.

An additional slide with funds on hand was viewed.

**Funds on Hand** (as of Dec. 31, 2024)

LKRA funds on hand                      \$26,140.15

Benefit Fund                                \$20,809.73

Environment Fund\*                      \$1,694.23

\*included in LKRA total

### **Agenda Item 7 - Nominations & Election of Board of Directors.**

Board members who are part way through their 2-year term:

- Jennifer Conron
- Harry Major

Board members whose terms are up:

- Jennifer Cummings
- Jami Sampson
- Hazel Higley
- Kathryn Jones
- Morgan Storie
- Gary Kindree

The President has received 8 nominations.

- Jennifer Cummings (running for re-election)
- Jami Sampson (running for re-election)
- Hazel Higley (running for re-election)
- Morgan Storie (running for re-election)
- Gary Kindree (running for re-election)
- Dane Freiter – new candidate
- André Metivier – new candidate
- Jane Hamilton – new candidate

Jennifer then read the bios of the new candidates - Dane Freiter, André Métivier and Jane Hamilton. No nominations were submitted from the floor. Motion to close nominations (made by Jennifer Conron, seconded by Harry Major). One member abstained, all others approved, **Carried.**

Thank you to all those who are serving. Officers are chosen by the Board at its upcoming meeting in June. Officers will be listed on the website.

### **Agenda Item 8**

#### **- Communications**

Anne Rawson highlighted the work on the Website - great resources on there and where to sign up for newsletter.

- The Yearbook is a big favourite - it captures the spirit of the year. Anne has raised \$1000 more than projected from the advertisers who live and work in the area. Looking for someone to take over this administrative job.
- E-News comes out regularly.
- Facebook is updated regularly. There is a private but special Facebook page called Lake Kasshabog'er which is administered by a team of 5 including Stuart Day. They also administer the Kasshabog'er Buy and Sell Facebook page.
- We would like to form a Communications Team to come together and help get these Communication tools out.

#### **- Membership**

Jami unable to attend so Jennifer Cummings reported for her. She has signed us up to a new platform called Zeffy. Our membership goal for 80% of cottagers. Have partnered with Cottage Life. Please be aware all information is kept private.

We are excited for a year of events and community initiatives. We welcome and encourage feedback for how we can continue to add value to our members.

#### **- Regatta August 2nd and 3rd (unless rain then pushed to the next day)**

Jan Prentice presented an update on the regatta.

- Parking was a problem last year. Jan Prentice has obtained approval for parking on one side of the road only. Police will patrol and ticket.
- Jan outlined all the Saturday events start time 10 to 3 at Half Moon Bay. Food truck will be on the beach. Public health approval has been obtained. Ice cream available again. Artisan Market is at library. Corn Hole to replace Horseshoes.
- Sunday events include Sailing, volleyball, waterski competition, canoe/kayak/paddle board marathon. Volleyball is a big favourite on Sunday.
- Jan looking for volunteers particularly for set-up and close down.

#### **-Library/Community Hall**

Presented by Lorraine Day

- Line dancing has started. Info on yoga, or craft events still pending.
- Looking for volunteers to run the Library on Saturday mornings from 10 am to 1 in July through August. Need some children's books. Have some puzzles and games.
- Books and the Beach may start up again after each Line Dancing class. Library garden work has been done. It is possible to book the hall by emailing Lorraine Day.

#### **-Other LKRA activities and events**

- Covia Mine Advisory Committee meets at least twice a year to exchange information on mine operations, including environmental monitoring.
- Year End Corn Roast and Volunteer Recognition party – will be held at the marina on Sunday Aug 31st.
- 2026 Calendar featuring 2023 and 2024 photo contest pics. For sale at our events and at the marina all summer long - \$20.
- Dock Sale – keep your eye out for announcements
- Fishing Derby – July 4-6, 2025
- Canada Day Boat parade – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- Kosh Lake Benefit Fund – applications are being received until June 1<sup>st</sup>. See our web site for more detail.
- Loon Count – wanted volunteers to track information on our loons. Coordinated by Tasha Richardson – contact for more info [tadric@hotmail.com](mailto:tadric@hotmail.com). E-News and Facebook announcements to come.
- AED / CPR workshop - There will be two 2-hour workshops held on Saturday June 7th. The morning one will be held at 10am at the home of Jami Sampson, 431 FR 93. The afternoon one will be held at the Library/Community Hall at 130pm. Pre-registration is required. First come basis. Email Morgan Storie ([secretary@kasshabog.ca](mailto:secretary@kasshabog.ca)) to register.
- Marker/Flasher Program – each marker is looked after by a volunteer. Markers are to be out by the May long weekend.
- Water Quality Testing – we take samples every year for the Lake Partner Program and the Trent Aquatic Research Program. Results are posted on our web site (thank you Bob Cummings and Terry Rees).
- HBMLA – we continue to liaise with the lake associations of the other lakes in HBM.
- Natural Edge Program – we are working with Watersheds Canada and Crowe Valley to provide consultation on restoring natural shorelines.

#### **Agenda Item 9 - Other/New Business**

In answers to questions: Calendars can be obtained by mail for an extra \$5 to cover postage. Upcoming communication will provide start location of the Canada Day Boat Parade. No other business was raised.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.** Jennifer thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a great summer on the lake.