

**January 19, 2023**  
**KOSH LAKE NEWS**



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### **2023 Event - Hold the Date!:**

- **2023 AGM - Tue April 25 via Zoom**

- **Canada Day Parade** - Sat July 1
  - **Regatta** - Sat Aug 5 & Sun Aug 6
  - **Dock Sale** - Sat Aug 19
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## 75 Years Forward

Last summer, 33 members of the Richardson family celebrated their 75 years on the lake with a rousing Richardson Regatta and BBQ. Like most of us, they are passionate about Kosh and concerned about the lake's environmental health in the next 75 years to come. So, they decided to cap off their event by collecting donations from all family members. Over \$1000 was raised and has been donated to the LKRA. The Association is grateful for the donation and is exploring ways to build on this initiative to preserve the environmental quality of our lake. Your input on projects will be welcomed moving forward. Have an idea right now? Send it along to [environment@kasshabog.ca](mailto:environment@kasshabog.ca)

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## Celebrating Our 75th LKRA Anniversary

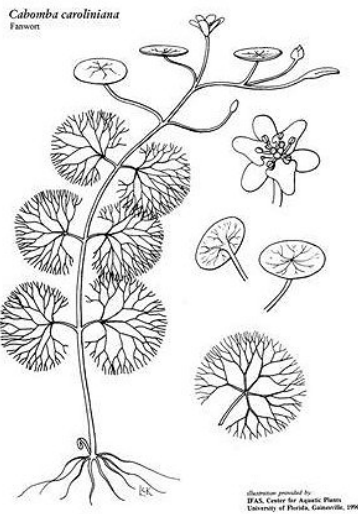
The LKRA looks forward to celebrating 75 years of lake and community-building during this special year. There are lots of things in the works that you'll hear about soon. Right now, however, we really need your help with some of our annual events and communications. Please visit our [LKRA Website](#) and fill out the form provided. We especially need new people to join us on the Executive to assist us in setting lake priorities as we move forward this year!

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## Fanwort Update

A big thank you to the generous sponsors of the Kasshabog Lake 2022 Fanwort Project:

- Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA)
- COVIA Mines
- Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HMB) township
- Lake Kasshabog Residents Association



(LKRA)

If you want to know more about Fanwort, check out [kasshabog.ca/invasive-species](https://kasshabog.ca/invasive-species) Additional details about the 2022 Fanwort Project and our plans for 2023 will be announced over the months ahead.

## Municipal Election Next Steps

Late last fall we elected a new team to form the HBM Council for the next 4 years. To review election results you can visit [www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates](https://www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates). The LKRA has already submitted a **new private road grant request** to HBM Council for the 2023 budget. We'll keep you posted. Interested in knowing what we asked for? The proposal is posted at the link above.

## The 2023 Yearbook (Newsletter) is Underway

Do you have a topic that you would like us to include in this year's annual Yearbook? Perhaps it's a subject that you'd like more information about? If so, please let us know via [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca)



## Ice Safety

Just a reminder that it's always important to use precaution when traveling over the ice. This [short OPP video](#) underlines the potential danger when water moves under the ice. It's important to know the many 'soft spots' on Kasshabog before you travel on the ice. For instance, keep this in mind if you're walking or sledding into or out of the Dam Bay or Bills Bay narrows.

## Frogs and Toads

Many think that frogs burrow into the muck at the bottom of the lake to "keep warm" and stay hidden from





predators. But it turns out that in order to survive the winter under the ice they need to stay out of the mud because they breathe through their skin! Full details can be found on the [Ontario Parks website](#)

If you want to learn more about frogs and toads, check out [www.kasshabog.ca/wildlife](http://www.kasshabog.ca/wildlife)



### **Wildlife Wonder**

Otters are both fun – and fascinating! The semi-aquatic, largest member of the weasel family is one of the few animals that play as an adult. It's no wonder that a group is called a romp!

Otters can swim up to seven miles per hour (three times faster than us) and hold their breath for five minutes as they dive up to 60 feet searching for prey.

All this activity means they must eat 20-33% of their body weight each day. That's like a 160-lb human eating 40 lbs of food! And then what happens? Scientists say otters perform “scat dances” and leave their poop as a form of communication. And it supposedly smells like violets. Let's... um... take their word for it.

*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.*



Photo Credit: Joy Brickell - North Shore Road

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