

Lake Kasshabog Key Dam Facts

- Reconstructed in 1958
- Built by Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)
- Lake level monitored and controlled by Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
- Dam dimensions: 6.71 m long by 3.55 m high
- Single bay of logs 4.27 m long
- 7 logs at 0.25 m x 0.30 m
- 1 log at 0.25 m x 0.15 m
- Fall drawdown commences annually at October 15
- The dam underwent major reconstruction and repairs in 2012

Background to The Dam Fund

The Kasshabog Dam was reconstructed in 1958 and is owned by the current Ontario NDMNRF which has contracted with The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to monitor and control lake levels. In 2001, representatives from the then MNRF, suggested that if minor repairs needed to be done, the Lake Association might be asked to assist. Thus, a Dam Fund was formed.

In 2002, the Lake Kasshabog Resident's Association (LKRA) kick-started the fund with \$1000 from LKRA reserves and transferred \$2 from every membership that year to maintain fund growth. Over the years, the fund has grown from personal and community donations.

In 2019 the LKRA checked back in with the MNRF with respect to any financial responsibility for maintaining, repairing and improving the Dam. As a result of these consultations, the LKRA recommended to change the designation of the monies held in the Kasshabog Lake Dam fund from "restricted" to "unrestricted". This change in designation frees up these funds, so they may be used for other initiatives and projects that will fulfill the goals and objectives of the LKRA. It was intended that a letter would be sent to all LKRA members and the subject would be raised for discussion at the in-person 2020 AGM. Unfortunately, COVID has precluded that in-person discussion for two years. As of December 31, 2022, the Dam Fund now sits at \$20,104.50.

Current Status

In the Spring of 2022, the LKRA had further discussions with the NDMNRF which has once again confirmed that "the ongoing and long-term maintenance, improvements and repairs of the Kasshabog Lake dam are the responsibility of the NDMNRF as the owner of this structure." NDMNRF contracts routine monitoring and maintenance to the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. NDMNRF dam projects are prioritized provincially and regionally and are programmed subject to funding availability. Stakeholder contributions to a project can be considered through specific partnership arrangements as per Section 74 of the Public Lands Act.

Major capital expenditure on the Lake Kasshabog dam is a priority for the ministry and the dam is on the ministry's long-term infrastructure plan. The Kasshabog Lake dam was last inspected in 2018. Typically dams are inspected every five years. The next one would be due in 2023."

At the April 7th, 2022 LKRA Executive Meeting a decision was taken to renew the current Dam Funds being invested in a GIC for another year. The Executive agreed that no further action would be taken to reallocate these funds until the outcome of the inspection in 2023 was known.

At the Feb 23, 2023 LKRA Executive meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a motion at the 2023 AGM to release the funds since if there is an inspection in 2023 the MNRF still would not require any investment by the Association.