



photo credit: Stuart Day - *Ice Out Contest*

Ready, Set... It's Ice Out Time

For the last eight years, Stuart Day has organized this super fun contest where cottagers predict when the last of the ice will be out. This year there were 159 entries!!! Now we all wait. Three lucky winners will enjoy one of these beautiful trophies for a year, originally donated by Martha Gregory. "It's soon I hope," exclaimed Stuart. "There's water skiing to be done!"

Let's Hit the 75% Mark

In 2009, 79% of cottagers belonged to the lake association. In the last two years due to COVID, opportunities for in-person sign-ups were limited, and

participation fell to 51%. Well, it's a **new** era and there are new plans underway to invest your membership dollars wisely. In addition to all the ongoing [advantages of membership](#), this coming year volunteers will spend hundreds of additional hours installing new lake markers, securing and coordinating an additional fire pump, planning more informative webinars and lake-side education programs, and keeping residents up-to-date with improved and informative communication tools. We are already preparing for our 75th Anniversary next year. We guarantee you'll love it! So please support your lake and association by signing up for membership today. We can do it! Let's hit the mark!



Yours to Capture - *photo credit Nancy MacKay*

Participate in the 2022 LKRA Photo contest and share your perfect shot of Kosh life. Winning photos will be featured in our special 75th Anniversary Lake Kasshabog Calendar and Annual newsletter; [contest details are here](#). The deadline for submitting your photos is June 25, 2022.

We Need You On Council

Are you considering running in the upcoming HBM municipal election? Don't miss this informative seminar on Wed. April 27, 7:00-9:00 pm. Details on how to

join this Election Candidate 101 session in-person, or by live stream, are posted on our website kasshabog.ca/news.

Cottage Succession A to Z

Don't miss this free Zoom Webinar on Wed. June 8th, from 7:00-8:30 pm, featuring estate lawyer, Peter Lillico. Peter will provide participants with a cottage succession planning overview, highlighting fundamental legal, tax, and family considerations. For more info check our website kasshabog.ca/news. The LKRA invites all members in good standing, and their extended family members, to attend this FOCA-sponsored event at no charge. To register contact membership@kasshabog.ca



Can You Help?

We have a small working group on the Executive with tons of work to be done. Over the next few months, we'll share many short-term opportunities for residents to volunteer and give us a hand supporting the lake they love. For instance, we need someone to:

1. Join our new Website team and assist us in uploading/updating our WIX site when it launches. Training provided.
Email: communications@kasshabog.ca
2. Enter new memberships into our E-News database from home. For more info Email: communications@kasshabog.ca
3. Help identify areas for more fire pumps on the lake. If you have a fire pump already, please contact secretary@kasshabog.ca so we can add it to our map.

4. Help find the right person to be our next President. Maybe you know someone in your Bay who would be perfect.

Email: president@kasshabog.ca and our current President will reach out to them.

Heard About Floating Campers?

FOCA is encouraging more public consultation with lake associations and residents on the issue of [floating container dwellings](#) on Ontario Waterways. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) has recently posted to the [Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO #019-5119\)](#) a Bulletin asking for public input on this issue by April 19, 2022. The LKRA has submitted an [official response](#) and encourages individual waterfront owners to submit their personal input as well with a copy to FOCA at info@foca.on.ca



Wildlife Wonders: Spring

Peepers - *photo credit: Nicole Dufort*

Sleighbells in spring? No, the jingling, [chirping sound](#) (YouTube) you hear from local wetlands marks the awakening of the spring peeper. This tiny 3-cm frog with the notable “X” on its back is one of the first amphibians to emerge once the ice melts. In fact, during below-zero spring nights, it can survive more than half of its body freezing!

The males then get to work calling for mates. Did you know that a chorus of spring peepers can be heard up to a kilometre away? Females are attracted to males that are the loudest and fastest callers. After mating and laying eggs, the now-silent nocturnal treefrogs can be

found amid leaves and debris on the forest floor.



Celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2022

It's a good time to start looking at activities you can do to celebrate this day! Planting seeds is a terrific way. Plants provide habitat and nourishment for our pollinators and birds and nourish our bodies and minds. Get an early start by planting early greens and peas, or scarlet runner beans that deliver beans in summer and flowers enjoyed by pollinators and hummingbirds. Other options include the monarch butterfly's favourite; swamp milkweed. Coneflowers and black-eyed susans are great too! For more ideas visit: www.earthday.org and www.earthday.ca

However you choose to celebrate, just turn out the lights on the evening of April 22nd and think about the awesome planet you live on, and how we can each make it happier and healthier for all.

Just for Kids - *photo credit: Caryn Phoenix-Renz*



Seed planting is an easy way to engage little ones. Why not make an egg carton garden? Save clean, empty egg cartons and poke a hole in the bottom of each egg hole. Then fill with soil (or use jiffy peat pots). Place your garden on a waterproof pan. Sprinkle seeds on top and add a bit of water. Put the garden in a sunny spot and keep an eye on it (don't overwater but don't let them dry out). When the seeds start to sprout, thin them out so that you have one strong seedling per egg hole. On the May long weekend, transplant your seedlings into the garden and enjoy.

Our young gardener (Amelia Mosher) has chosen to plant basil, cat grass, marigolds, and nasturtiums. The basil and nasturtiums should come along quickly and the flowers of nasturtiums are edible in salads (and great outside pollinators as well).

Last Call - Getting Ready for our 75th Celebration in 2023

If your family or extended family has been on the lake for 75 years we'd like to hear from you. Please send a brief email, (Subject 75th), to editor@kasshabog.ca with your family name, cottage location, and a phone number where the LKRA can reach you. Thanks!

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.

Yours to Enjoy...Yours to Protect

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