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KOSH LAKE NEWS



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Town Hall Wrap-Up

It was a first for the LKRA and the 58 participants and their families who live-streamed the event and enjoyed meeting LKRA volunteers and hearing what fellow cottagers had to say.

Nineteen attendees raised issues such as boat safety, public dock safety, illegal camping, future COVIA plans, fanwort status, lack of gas pumps on the lake, fireworks, etc. Each question was fielded by an appropriate member of the Executive Committee. The Plant Manager at Covia was also online to answer resident questions.

Pop-up polls throughout the discussion indicated that: 73% of attendees had

been on the lake 20 years or more, the majority were from MacDonald Bay and the Main Lake, that safety emphasis should be placed on increasing markers followed by Fire Pump equipment.

When asked about the best way to build community, 68% of respondents said they'd enjoy more annual events, 73% wanted to share more cottager stories using the website and newsletter and 66% were keen to hold more events online to increase reach and cottager involvement. If you missed the live event, you can still stream it [here](#).



Ever Wondering...

...why your soul always longs to get back to Kosh or what the lake will look like 20 years from now? Our very own past president of the LKRA, Terry Rees, reflects on his personal experience of Kosh and shares his beliefs on how we can best protect the lake we love. Take 5 and enjoy some [summer dreaming](#). Terry is the current Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA).

New Leader of the Pack

Do you love the lake and want a way to contribute to ensuring its healthy

future? Are you a leader who enjoys working and motivating teams to make things happen? Would you like an opportunity to get to know your lake community better? If so, please consider stepping up and becoming our next LKRA President. Our current President, Mike Delsey, has done an excellent job during his four years serving in this role, but his term with the LKRA ends at our next AGM this July. It is now time for a new volunteer to bring fresh ideas and renewed energy to the LKRA. To find out more about what's involved in this position, why not reach out to president@kasshabog.ca You will have a dedicated Executive Committee team and an excellent group of volunteers to support you.

Having Issues With Your Septic System?

Join FOCA and Make-Way Environmental Technologies for a FREE "Lunch and Learn" webinar on February 15, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Discover what types of septic systems are permitted in Ontario and hear about creative solutions for difficult sites. Q&A time will be scheduled. [Pre-registration](#) is required, but the webinar is free, thanks to event sponsor Make-Way Environmental Technologies, certified installers of the Enviro-Septic system. Post-event, all who registered will receive a link to the webinar to share with family and friends.

Fall Municipal Election

It's never too early to start thinking about this fall's municipal election on Monday, October 24, 2022. Our lake residents would benefit greatly from the election of a progressive, knowledgeable Council which would better understand and respond to our issues and concerns. To run for Council, a Kosh cottager must be a property owner on the lake but not necessarily a permanent resident. [Food for thought.](#)

This spring we will survey Kosh residents to determine the issues of greatest concern to residents and what they would like to see changed. [Jen Cummings](#) is leading this initiative. She needs a couple of volunteers to join a short-



term task force to help her with the Survey
Monkey questionnaire? Can you help?



Wildlife Wonders

Visitors to Canada during the winter love discovering the yummy fried pastry treat “beaver tails.” Do you know who else loves beaver tails in winter? Beavers, of course! An adult beaver’s one-foot tail is an important storehouse of fat in cold weather, increasing its fat supply by up to 60 percent. The unique, black scaly appendage has other uses too. A beaver uses its tail as a brace

when standing upright gnawing on trees, like a rudder when swimming, and as a warning tool by slapping it on the water to frighten predators and notify family members of danger. So, although the real beaver tail may not be tasty, it sure is handy!

Just for Kids

Activity books are always fun and who doesn't like colouring? Just open [this link](#) and print it off; and enjoy learning about Invasive species (and Clean, Drain, and Dry).

Information about the new Clean, Drain, Dry Clean, Drain, Dry was in our Nov 26, 2021 Eblast, which included a [link](#) to additional information on the FOCA website.

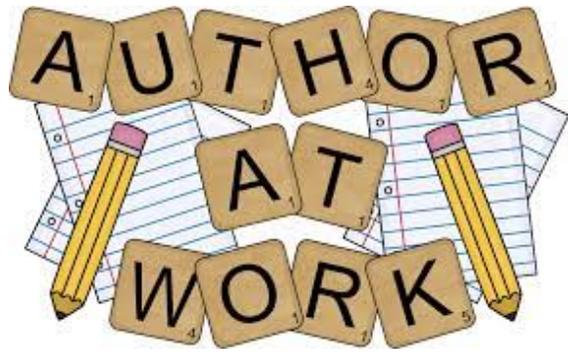


Birds ... and more

The Birds Canada, Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb 18-21, 2022. Participation is free and can be done from anywhere (even in your own backyard). What a positive activity for the entire family! [Click Here](#) for additional information and how to sign up. And, if marshes intrigue you, and we have some great ones around Kosh. [Check out](#) what Birds Canada is doing to preserve them.

Kosh Creative Kids

Hey, we are looking for some Kosh Lake kids who like writing poems or short stories. [Send us](#) your funny story, adventure, or favourite thing to do at the lake, and include your name and age. We'll publish your work in this year's Newsletter.



Land Acknowledgment

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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