

**Kashwakamak Lake Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Draft for Approval
July 13, 2019**



The annual general meeting of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA), held at the Northbrook Lions Hall on July 13, 2019, was called to order by President Gord Hunter at 9:30 am. President Gord extended a welcome to those attending (approximately 86 members) and introduced the current Board.

The minutes from the 2018 meeting were approved on motion by Doug Galt, seconded by Sue MacGregor. Carried.

Judy McIntyre noted that 2018 audit had been completed and expressed appreciation to Kim Howson and Kerry-Sue Lang for their work in this regard.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on motion by Kim Howson, seconded by Bill Carroll. Carried.

The following current Board members were re-elected by acclamation: Gord Hunter; Sue MacGregor; Judy McIntyre; Don Cory; Sandy Allin; Mary Larson; Pete Johnson; Marilyn Boston; and Kevin Phillips.

President Gord Hunter called for any nominations for Board vacancies. Lois Armstrong nominated Brooke Hawley. Judy McIntyre nominated Kim Howson. There being no further nominations, both were elected by acclamation.

Erica Koeslag of Watersheds Canada presented an overview of the Love Your Lake (LYL) program including its goals to reach out to communities; increase awareness; encourage caring land management practices; and Improve lake health. Under the program, trained staff and students tour the lake by boat to observe and assess waterfront property structures (e.g., docks); erosion control structures; vegetation; and habitat. From this, individual, confidential and non-regulatory shoreline assessments will be provided to each property owner and inform an overall lake summary report.

Following the presentation, questions were entertained on the program's process, timing, logistics and cost (i.e., \$800 was allocated from the KLA Lake Planning Reserve Fund). Subject to the availability of funding from LYL, a shoreline planting program may be available in 2021. It was also noted that volunteers are needed gather property information from the Township; to drive the LYL team to properties via boat; and to provide the team with accommodations. Peter Burbidge of the Water Quality and Shoreline Protection and Health Committee is spearheading the project.

Don Cory presented a report on membership and noted approximately 375 members with a goal to hit 400 members. All were encouraged to assist in reaching this goal and to also keep him apprised of changes to their information.

Sue MacGregor presented a report on communications including social media (i.e., 1,700 members of the Facebook page). It was heartwarming to see neighbours helping each other this past spring with the high-water levels.

Sue MacGregor also provided a Lake Sustainability update and highlighted the Flora, Fauna, Wildlife and Forestry Committee's tracking survey.

Lake Steward Pete Johnson highlighted that the presence of Eurasian Milfoil has been confirmed by an MVCA biologist. While this plant can choke out native species in shallow areas; the threat is lessened by the depth of the lake.

A question and answer session with attendees addressed many issues including how to recognize and mitigate the presence of Eurasian Milfoil; concerns with boaters driving too close to shore; the need to amplify concerns to the Township over the renaming of Kashwakamak Lake Lane to South Kashwakamak Lane (i.e., a risk of misdirected first responders to 911 calls); and a request for an update on the status of the Kashwakamak Lake dam replacement (i.e., anticipated timing and cost). It was noted that the KLA will follow up with the Township and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, respectively, for the latter two matters.

Sandy Allin encouraged members interested in the fall dinner to purchase their tickets soon as seating is limited. Food donations at the door are encouraged and proceeds from the dinner will be donated to a local charity.

Following a draw, Cathy Galt was announced as the winner of raffle.

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2020 at Northbrook Lions Hall.

President Gord ended the meeting by expressing his appreciation for the volunteers and sponsors who assist the KLA and community.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 on motion from Judy McIntyre.