



News and Information from Kashwakamak Lake Association

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Well, another summer has come and gone, the leaves are turning and fall is definitely in the air.

Some of us have just enjoyed another lovely evening at our Annual Dinner/Auction, held this year at the century old Fernleigh Lodge. A good time was had by all in a very convivial atmosphere and local charities reap the benefit. (See report). Many thanks to Jean Anne Houle and Carmen Smith, co-chairs, Al McGregor, the M.C. and Mary and Reg Locke for ticket sales.

On November 13, you’ll have the chance to determine who will run our municipality for the next four years. In our Township the Council we elect will be somewhat inexperienced, since several of the incumbents, including our Mayor, have decided against another term. The Ward 2 Councillors, Bud Clayton and Betty Hunter, are running for Mayor, so one will certainly be lost to Council. Even the Ward 1 Councillors, Fred Perry and Wayne Good have not yet served a full term.

Why should you care about voting in the North Frontenac election? First of all, it’s your right and privilege and the “mail in” voting makes it very easy. Issues affecting all of us such as taxes, roads, by-laws, development and the environment will be in the hands of those you elect for the next four years

Over the last three years, with the present Mayor, we have come a long way in opening up the lines of communication between Council and the Lake Associations. We want to make sure that this continues.

To assist you in your vote we asked each candidate to submit an “Election Profile”(see page 4.) We hope you will find this useful in making your choice.

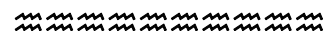
I and all the Board wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a good winter. See you at the lake next summer. ~~~

Elma MacLachlan

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Next year is election year for our Kashwakamak Lake Association board, so please give some consideration to running for the board, as new people with fresh ideas are always desirable.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Although not as well attended as some years, this was again a very successful meeting.

In her report, the President discussed the continuing Waste Water Disposal Inspection Program, the Open House held by North Frontenac Council in June and the high lake levels over the July 1st Weekend.

The President thanked the Chairs of the various projects; Lynn Young and Carol Shepherdson (Newsletter), Roger Guilbert (Adopt-a-Road), Jean Anne Houle and Carmen Smith (Dinner/Auction) and the Loon Watch Volunteers.

All three amendments to the Constitution passed unanimously. This means that those who are not actually waterfront residents, but who use the lake for recreation and are interested in its stewardship, may apply to become members of KLA.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to presentations by Mayor Ron Maguire and Councillors Fred Perry, Wayne Good (Ward 1), Bud Clayton, Betty Hunter (Ward 2), followed by a Question and Answer period.

The Mayor explained that the Budget had been passed with only a 3% inflation increase from 2005, which is good news for taxpayers. Topics which evoked questions included the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation initiative on Pine Lake, Crown Land Stewardship, the possible expansion on the west end of lake, access docks for Mitchell Island residents and extension of the 479 local calling area.

John Flieler was thanked for setting up the sound system. ☺

Elma MacLachlan

ADOPT-A-ROAD

The annual Lake Kashwakamak Road cleanup took place on Saturday, June 10th at 1 p.m. We had 3 crews (17 volunteers); the road from Harlowe to Shoepak was cleaned up but the road from Shoepak to the end of the lake was not done due to lack of volunteers.

Many thanks to all who participated this year but please keep in mind that we need **more** volunteers so we can clean up the entire Lake Kash road next year. It seems that the same loyal and concerned people turn out for this event. Let's see some new faces; it's a great way to meet some of your fellow cottagers!

Ken and Joan Lindey once again generously hosted the BBQ after the work was done; it was a great meal and lots of fun! Chris Winney of Royal LePage provided the food for this event.

I would like to thank the township councillors for arranging to have the dump open for us on the day of the clean up.

Please call me at 613-336-2003 so I can add your name to my list of volunteers for next year's clean up. ☺

Roger Guilbert

DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

On September 16th, 87 cottagers gathered for dinner at Fernleigh Lodge. The weather was warm and ideal for travel by boat.

Our president Elma MacLachlan welcomed the members and introduced our past president Al McGregor, the M.C. for the evening, who went on to entertain us during dinner. The roast beef, fresh vegetables, and homemade pies----followed by an unexpected fireworks display were just super!

The "Silent Auction" raised \$569.25 and was donated to The Seniors Transportation Service run by North Frontenac Community Services (\$284.60) and to the Land O' Lakes Emergency Response Food Bank (\$284.65) along with seven boxes of canned goods. Our thanks for your generosity.

We will make a few changes next year to allow us more space to socialize but otherwise the good food, rustic setting, and friendly staff at Fernleigh made for another successful "end of summer" experience.

Hope to see you all next year. ☺

Co-chairs: Carmen Smith and Jean Anne Houle

FOCA website: www.foca.on.ca
(Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations)

WRAFT REPORT

(Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation)

As I reported at our annual meeting in July, the lobbying efforts undertaken by WRAFT and by CAPTR have finally attracted the attention of the Ontario government. Earlier this summer, Finance Minister Greg Sorbara announced a two year moratorium on property assessment increases. What that means for us is that, providing the Township government does not raise taxes, we will not be hit with a property tax increase again until 2009. So this is good news and congratulations should be extended, not only to WRAFT and CAPTR, but to all of you who contacted your MPP, and to the KLA Board of Directors who communicated our collective concerns to our MPP, Leona Dombrowski.

Unfortunately, this is only one small victory in a campaign that is by no means over. It may be that the Liberal government undertook this assessment freeze only for the purpose of shelving a volatile political issue until after the next provincial election in October, 2007. Clearly, a simple assessment freeze is not enough and, unless serious reforms are undertaken, the basic problems with our Current Value Assessment property tax system will still remain when the freeze ends. And those problems are now very obvious, especially to waterfront ratepayers: taxes we pay bear little relationship to the value of the benefits and services we receive from our local government and the taxes levied by the local government have little relationship to our ability to pay those taxes. Without reform, as waterfront properties increase dramatically in value, we will continue to see massive increases in our taxes from year to year.

Consequently, we continue to urge all of our KLA members to keep informed of developments concerning this issue. Check the WRAFT website at www.wraft.com and the CAPTR website at www.captr.org for up-to-date information. Moreover, please continue to contact your MPP and let him or her know that you wish to see a thorough reform of the Current Value Assessment (CVA) system. If you have internet access, an easy way to contact your MPP is to click on the "Contact your MPP" button on the WRAFT website and send an e-mail. Finally, you might wish to consider extending financial support to WRAFT or CAPTR. It is estimated that they will need another \$50,000 to continue their lobbying and media efforts over the next two years. Your Board of Directors voted on making another financial contribution of \$300.00 at our fall meeting, but these organizations would certainly welcome individual contributions as well. Check

their websites for names and addresses of persons to contact.

Again, thanks to all of you who took the time to lobby your MPP. The assessment freeze, as modest a victory as it may be, still demonstrates the results that can be achieved when enough of us speak up! ❧

Ian Brash

TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership in the Kashwakamak Lake Association now stands at 365 families. In one sense, we are very pleased with that number, considering that when we expanded to include the whole lake a few years ago, we had only about 100 members. On the other hand, our increase from last October (2005), is only 12 families. We are, obviously, not doing enough to bring in the approximately 200 families who still have not joined. So, if you believe, as I do, that the KLA represents our best hope for keeping our Lake healthy, beautiful, and safe, please do whatever you can to enlist new members. Even if you only pass along a name with a mailing address or phone number to a member of the Board, we can do the rest. Incidentally, I recently met a lady who has a cottage on Weslemkoon Lake and she told me that the annual fee in their Lake Association was \$50. So our annual fee of \$10 should certainly be a good selling point!

Speaking of memberships, I would like to extend a very special thanks to Bill Zerter and Bill Roffey for bringing, each year, their road association members into the Kashwakamak Lake Association. This creates a lot of extra bookkeeping work for them, but makes my job much, much easier. So, thank you gentlemen - your contribution to the KLA is appreciated more than any words can express.

Finally, I would like to extend thanks to Larry Black and Helen Smith. Larry and Helen were kind enough to audit the financial statements of the KLA for 2005 as required by our Constitution. And, further thanks go out to all of you who paid your \$10 annual membership dues promptly - either at the general meeting or shortly thereafter. It is always pleasing when so few of you need to be "chased" for your dues! ❧

Ian Brash

ELECTION PROFILES

The following are submissions to our Newsletter by the candidates running for Mayor and Council in Wards 1 and 2 (as of Sept. 25, 2006). We hope that these brief notes will help in your voting process.

Bud Clayton - Mayor

Bud has been on Council for 6 years. In the last term he was Chairman of the Waste Management Committee and sat on other Committees and Task Forces such as Personnel and Finance, Waste Water Inspections, Docks, and the Community Police Advisory Committee. He was also Chair of the Waste Diversion Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Pine Meadow Nursing Home Management Board.

If Bud were elected as Mayor, he would:

- Bring into play, long range capital planning
- Put on paper a 5-year Road Plan that considers your concerns
- Freeze hiring of staff
- Hold the line on spending (Taxes)
- Have Crown Land Stewardship Program revenue neutral
- Bring about a more timely budget
- Develop a communication vehicle to keep you more informed

Bud Clayton

Betty Hunter - Mayor

I have been a councillor for Ward 2 for this term (3 years) but always considered I was representing all of North Frontenac and I want to continue to be part of its future.

As your mayor I will continue to represent North Frontenac with enthusiasm not only locally but on the county level and beyond. I support the provinces mandate that asset management is essential in local government and would push to have it complete as soon as possible so council knows where it is and where it is heading to enable more fiscal responsibility.

I am a strong supporter of the Crown Land Stewardship Program and the strides it has made this term. I am also a strong supporter of economic development and will continue to fight locally for cell phone service and high speed internet for the whole municipality.

The attendance at the public meetings we have had with the cottage associations have been a step

in the right direction to ensure that you realize what goals we are working toward and council can listen to what you are looking for. The septic re-inspection program which was expanded this year to allow more inspections, would be continued and grow. This fall you should also watch for a newsletter to keep you informed. I truly believe communications are a must to help alleviate misconceptions and innuendos.

North Frontenac has continued to ask that MPAC show some responsibility in the way it is assessing property values and I would continue to push for a format that shows how they assess real estate.

When you receive your mail-in ballot vote Betty Hunter for Mayor and mail it in right away so your vote will count.

Betty Hunter

Fred Perry and Wayne Good - Council, Ward 1

We consider the following initiatives important for Council during the next four years:

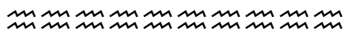
- Council and constituents contact the MPP in their riding to release information during the two year moratorium that MPAC has implemented, and to question MPAC on their new strategies.
- Continue with septic re-inspections in North Frontenac
- Set budgets earlier in the tax year and establish a minimum of two-year rolling budget on major capital and projects
- Apply hold back fees on large developments and sub-divisions to cover future Township expenses i.e. proper infrastructure.
- Continue to work to enhance Waste Management to meet ever increasing government standards, and continue to encourage recycling. Also work with Waste Management in their initiative to establish hazard collection sites for oil filters, batteries etc..
- Fire emergency service continues to enhance training and development of volunteer Fire Fighters. Encourage all residents to become volunteer Fire Fighters. Continue to develop post disaster plan. Continue to pursue standardization of all fire equipment in Fire Halls in N. Frontenac.

- Work with ambulance service to relocate the ambulance base to a more controlled location, probably Plevna.
- Publish to all contractors that their customers are required to have proper building permits, set backs and Mississippi Valley Conservation approvals, when disturbing the waterfront.
- Continue to monitor taxes to the required level to provide the proper services and maintenance to the level expected by the taxpayers of North Frontenac.

Fred Perry and Wayne Good

Ken Cox - Council, Ward 2

Ken has just filed papers and is not prepared to make a statement at this time. He is a former Deputy Fire Chief and ran unsuccessfully against Bud Clayton and Betty Hunter in the last election.



LAKE STEWARDSHIP

An official letter was sent to Mississippi Valley Conservation from KLA registering our official dissatisfaction with the handling of water levels on Kashwakamak over the July 1st Weekend. Heavy rainfall, failure of the MVC automatic gauge, fallacious level assumptions and failure to call me for back up information led to the high water levels which we all experienced

Ironically, we received very little rain from then until September - 15.5mm (July); 19.0mm (Aug) - barely an inch of rain in two months. The low lake level and the stressed trees were a testament to that! Thankfully September seems to be making up for it!

Rainfall in Millimeters

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
May	58.0	75.5	75.5	74.5	30.0	103.5
June	50.5	198.0	66.5	81.5	121.5	128.5
July	45.0	42.0	57.5	66.0	16.0	61.0
Aug	73.5	35.5	95.5	105.5	90.0	19.0
Sept	70.5	53.0	108.0	103.0	87.5	120.5 ^(21st)

New Lake Steward

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to take over as Lake Steward next year. Guy Nason has been appointed to the position. Although not a full time resident, Guy is at the lake often enough between spring and fall to carry out the various sampling and testing required. I congratulate Guy and I will give him all the information and help in any way I can. Guy will be taking the early spring samples for phosphorus analysis and will continue the Lake Partner Program with M of E and invasive species sampling with Mississippi Valley Conservation. I will continue to monitor lake levels and rain-fall for MVC.

Is the Ice Safe

If you are at the lake this winter you may wish to walk, skate, ice fish or snowmobile on the lake. How do you determine whether or not the ice is safe? With our recent milder winters this is always a concern. The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee has provided the following guidelines as measured in clear hard ice:

3" (7cm) or less	STAY OFF
4" (10cm)	Ice fishing, walking or cross country skiing
5" (12cm)	One Snowmobile or ATV
8-12" (20-30cm)	One car
12-15" (30-38cm)	One medium truck

AVOID: Slushy ice, ice near moving water, ice that has thawed and refrozen, and layered or "rotten" ice caused by sudden temperature changes.

Evaluate the ice before you travel on it. Remember no ice is without some risk – minimize YOUR risk Be Safe! (From The Shield, Jan. 13, 2006)

Elma MacLachlan

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: This newsletter is published twice a year in the spring and the fall. If there is anything that you would like to see in here, please give me your ideas and I'll see if I can incorporate them. I can be contacted by email at KashKourier@sympatico.ca.

Carol Shepherdson

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Summer hours commencing May 15 th each year	Winter hours commencing October 15 th each year (PLEASE NOTE: Dumps are closed on Christmas and New Years Days)
WARD ONE	WARD ONE
Cloyne Site	Cloyne Site
Sunday 10 am -- 8 pm	Sunday 9 am -- 4 pm
Monday 10 am -- 5 pm	Wednesday 1 pm -- 4 pm
Holiday Monday 10 am -- 6 pm	Friday 9 am -- 12 noon
Wed & Fri 9 am -- 1 pm	
Saturday 12 noon -- 5 pm	
506 Site	506 Site
Sunday 2 pm -- 7 pm	Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Saturday 1 pm -- 6 pm	Holiday Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Thurs., & Friday 2 pm -- 6 pm	Thursday 9 am -- 1 pm
	Friday 1 pm -- 4 pm
	Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Kashwakamak Site	Kashwakamak Site
Holiday Monday 2 pm -- 7 pm	Sunday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Thursday 1 pm -- 6 pm	Holiday Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Sunday 2 pm -- 7 pm	
WARD TWO	WARD TWO
Plevna Site	Plevna Site
Sunday & Friday 10 am -- 6 pm	Sun., Wed., & Friday 10 am -- 4 pm
Wednesday 8.30 am -- 4.30 pm	
Ardoch Site	Ardoch Site
Thursday 1 pm -- 6 pm	Thurs., & Sat. 10 am -- 3 pm
Saturday 10 am -- 6 pm	
Monday 1 pm -- 6 pm	
WARD THREE	WARD THREE
Please note that during holiday weekends, the Ward 3 sites are closed on Sundays and open on Monday	
Mississippi Site	Mississippi Site
Tuesday & Saturday 10 am -- 2 pm	Tuesday & Saturday 10 am -- 2 pm
Thursday & Sunday 4 pm -- 8 pm	