



News and Information from Kashwakamak Lake Association

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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Summer, as usual, was over far too soon. We are however enjoying one of the nicest autumns I can remember in our 41 years at this beautiful lake.

As a result of the Annual Meeting, we now have 11 members on our Board of Directors. I have been appointed President for the coming two years, with Elma MacLachlan serving as Past President. Elma will continue as contact person with North Frontenac Council, having established working relationships with a number of key people.

Many of you will receive this newsletter by email as we strive to become more efficient while saving money and helping the environment. We hope you will find that this method of communication allows you to retain your newsletter on file for reference.

The next step is to establish a KLA web site as many Lake Associations have done. Having researched many of these, I can understand their popularity. If you have time, please Google “lake associations” and see what I mean. We are fortunate to have a member who has the knowledge and skills required to set up a web site and are hopeful that over the winter months the KLA web site will be developed.

Many of you will be heading south for the winter months. Please travel safely. On behalf of your Board of Directors, I send greetings for the coming season whether it be for a Happy Christmas or another holiday which you may observe. ☺

Mary Larson

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We must have set a record for attendance this year with more than 100 members present.

The main item of KLA business on the Agenda was the **election of Directors** for the coming two year term. Reg Locke, as Past President, conducted the election. Guy Nason (Lake Steward), Mary Larson (Foster's Point), Allen Archibald (Mitchell Island) and Nigel Lester (S. Shore) were duly nominated and acclaimed. They join the following current Directors who allowed their names to stand for re-election: Elma MacLachlan (Past President), Karen McCall, Robert Osborne, Bill Roffey, Al Twombly, Al West and Lynn Young.

At an impromptu Board Meeting held after the AGM, **Mary Larson was unanimously elected President**. Congratulations, Mary!

Fire Chief, Steve Riddell, in his presentation emphasized the following points:

- The importance of having an all purpose ABC type of fire extinguisher in the home or cottage
- Speed is of the essence
- Call 911 as soon as possible

- Smoke alarms are mandatory
- Plan your escape route – if caught in a bush fire, boat may be your only option
- Be aware of the Burning By-laws and know when a Fire Ban is in effect
- In the case of an emergency (eg. Ice Storm), when there is no power or phone and the road is blocked, a 72-hour emergency kit is essential.

Before the meeting adjourned, Reg Locke and Ian Brash were again thanked for their many years of service and dedication to the Association.

Ongoing Issues

Woodcrest

At the AGM, Mr. Colton (owner) informed us that he had applied for permission to expand his Trailer Park from 100 sites to 200 sites. This has not yet been granted. KLA understands that Mississippi Valley Conservation will be involved in studying this application.

Septic Re-inspection Program

Approximately 100 sites on Kashwakamak were inspected this summer and these owners will receive an official report in the fall. Brian Black, the Health Officer, has already been notified of those systems which pose a health hazard. He will take the required action.

The 2006 inspections were generally only visual because owners had not been notified or asked to give their permission for the tank to be opened. The Inspector did not feel that he could give an adequate report in these cases. Therefore it has been decided that these systems will be slotted into the regular program in future years and will be inspected again. Owners will receive a letter to this effect.

Fire Ban Signs

Later in this dry summer, when we had a Total Fire Ban in effect for more than three weeks, KLA held further discussions with Fire Chief Riddell.

We asked that the Fire Ban signs be more numerous and more visible (eg. flashing lights) to cottagers arriving after dark. We also asked that signs be posted at Boat Launches and Campsites. We hope to see these suggestions implemented next year. ~~~

Elma MacLachlan
October 2007

ADOPT-A-ROAD

The annual Lake Kashwakamak Road cleanup took place, as planned, on Saturday, June 9th. We managed to pick up garbage on the road from Harlowe right to the other end. Many thanks to the 19 people who participated this year; we can never have too many volunteers so keep your schedule free for around the same time next year. Ken and Joan Lindey once again hosted the BBQ, after the work was done. The food, which was generously provided by Chris Winney of Royal LePage, was great and the company even better. Wayne Good, one of our councillors for the Township of North Frontenac, provided the garbage bags and vests for the cleanup; he was there to distribute empty bags and collect full ones. The dump was opened for us so we could dispose of the garbage immediately. Wayne suggested that we combine the cleanup of the Lake Kashwakamak Road with a cleanup of the Harlowe Rd. next year; we'll let you know more details on that issue as we find out. Please call me at 613-336-2003 so I can add your name to my list of volunteers for next year's cleanup. It is important to keep our roads as natural as possible by keeping our garbage where it belongs, in the dump! ~~~

Roger Guilbert

DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

This year our annual dinner was held at Fernleigh Lodge on Saturday, September 15th. We decided to try to have a cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m. and institute a system whereby attendees would get a place tag with their name on it, go in and claim a space with the tag. We were hoping to alleviate the congestion in the dining room as it was expected that once a place at a table was claimed everyone could go outside and socialize. Alas the weather didn't co-operate! It was much too cold to be outside. However, the congestion was not too bad as we limited the space to 80. Reg and Mary Locke had the tickets available at the AGM this year and were almost sold out that day!

Thanks Reg and Mary for handling the ticket sales again. We ended up selling 79 tickets and raising \$271 with the silent auction. The proceeds have been donated to the Land of Lakes Emergency Food Bank. We had a delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings. Kevin and his staff did a great job;

Kevin welcomed us all and told us about his "catch and release" program. He has encouraged anyone coming to Fernleigh for the fishing to "catch and release" so that the fish population can build up in Kashwakamak Lake. Kudos to Kevin! Carmen and Jean Anne did their usual great job of organizing this event. Carmen has decided to let someone else take over her role and fortunately Heather Penney has volunteered to do so. Jean Anne was ill and couldn't be there to witness the success of the function. She is feeling better and ready to take the job on again next year! Thanks ladies for your time and effort. We look forward to next year's dinner / auction as a cap to the summer season. ~~~

Lynn Young

URANIUM MINE CONCERNS

In the last newsletter (June 2007), mention was made of efforts to change current laws that allow prospectors to stake claims to mineral rights on private property. Since then, local newspapers have provided ongoing coverage about uranium mine explorations underway north of Highway 7 near Sharbot Lake. Algonquin and non-native area residents are attempting to prevent further activity, despite the court and legal actions brought against them.

Over the past few months, many questions have arisen:

- What adverse impact might a uranium mine have upon Land O' Lakes in general and Kashwakamak Lake in particular?
- What benefits might result for this region from such a development?
- How do we find out if we do - or don't - own the mineral rights to our own property?
- How close to Lake Kashwakamak have such mineral rights been staked by a prospector or mining company?
- As individuals and/or as an association, how do we respond?

If you would like to discuss this issue with others, please indicate your interest by Emailing me at: eleanor.ebl@sympatico.ca or phone me at 613-336-1506.

We'll arrange a date and location to share concerns, questions, ideas, and information sources. ~~~

Eleanor Belfry-Lyttle

LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT

New Arrivals: I am pleased to report that a new couple has moved into our community. The Eagles are now comfortably residing in their stick-built summer home high above the south shore of Kashwakamak Lake opposite the entrance to Brown's Bay. I have had the immense pleasure of visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bald Eagle on several occasions. While the youthful and beautiful Mrs. Eagle was always there to greet me, her mate was absent, apparently out fishing. This is a common circumstance among cottage couples, so I was not particularly surprised. During one visit I caught a glimpse of Mr. Eagle fishing, but in the laziest manner imaginable, which is an accomplishment, since most fisher-folk I know go to a lot of effort to appear to be doing very little. Old Baldy was simply soaring above the lake in ever-higher circles, allowing air currents to do all the work. Not once in the several minutes that I watched did he so much as flick a feather. He just held his wings wide and rode the wind, looking down – all eagle-eyed – in search, presumably, of walleye, bass or other finny delicacies. Whether or not he was successful in his quest I can't say, but others have spied him bringing dinner home and generously sharing it with his young bride. To my knowledge there are no eaglets in the nest this year, but we are hopeful that the fine, feathered couple will return next spring and begin to raise a family. So please join me in welcoming this nesting pair to our neighbourhood and remember to observe them quietly, in small numbers, from a respectful distance. Otherwise they may pull up stakes and relocate elsewhere. And we would be the poorer for that.

Sampling Results: Last May I took water samples and forwarded them to the Ministry of the Environment at Dorset for the purpose of measuring total phosphorus in Kashwakamak Lake. In addition, I have measured the lake's clarity and temperature in a consistent fashion every two weeks (more or less). The phosphorus results have not been published yet, but I can report that over the summer, the clarity of Kashwakamak Lake has hovered between 6 and 7 m and the temperature fluctuated between 22 and 26 degrees from late June to late August (1m below the surface in mid-lake). Not surprisingly, it has been dropping steadily since then. But you swimmers already know that, right? The water clarity (trans-



parency) numbers are about 1m higher than in the previous few years, but in all likelihood that is more the result of new eyes (mine) and a new, higher contrast Secchi disc than in any real change to the water. Water clarity is a rough indicator of the presence or absence of algae, which could be caused by the leaking of sewage and/or other pollutants into the lake. I'm pleased to say that, to date, we do not appear to have such problems in Kashwakamak Lake. With your continued vigilance, we can maintain and improve the health of our lake.

Septic Reminders: To that end, here are a few points to keep in mind with respect to your septic systems – now officially termed “waste water management systems”:

Avoid the use of anti-bacterial cleansers and detergents. The whole septic process depends on bacterial action to break down the effluent in the tank. Don't kill those tiny, hard-working critters.

Use phosphate-free cleansers. Phosphate is a nutrient that algae and other lake-clogging organisms find delicious. Phosphates are plentiful enough in human waste without deliberately adding more.

Have your septic tank – sorry, waste water tank – pumped out every three to five years. The sludge

that settles to the bottom and the scum that floats on top must not overflow into the leaching bed. Have that stuff removed before it does so.

Allow the waste water time to be treated in the tank. Conserve water. Ensure the size of your system is sufficient to handle your output.

Plant flowers, not trees. In their quest for nutrients, the roots of trees and shrubs will seek out and crack the pipes. Keep them at least 3m (10 feet) away from the leaching bed. Shallow-rooted ground covers are ideal.

Keep heavy objects off the leaching bed. Park and drive cars, trailers, ATV's, etc. elsewhere to avoid damaging your pipes.

Visit www.foca.on.ca for more information about waste water management.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy winter, whether you stay at the Lake, retreat to urban life, or flee to warmer climes. See you in the spring! ☺

Enjoy Life!

Guy Nason

WRAFT

At the time you receive this newsletter, the October 10th Election will be history. What will not be history is our continued effort to ensure fair taxation on behalf of all waterfront cottage owners.

Going into the election, the present position of the three major policies parties was as follows:

The PC party will cap assessment increases at 5% per annum until sale of the property. The 2008 assessment, which covers increases in value over the past three years, will have a cap of 5% on the property's assessment hike.

The NDP will freeze assessments until sale of the property.

The Liberal government, in the 2007 budget, introduced a four-year assessment cycle with increases phased in over the subsequent four-year period.

Unfortunately, there has been little mention of Tax Reform throughout the election campaign, which is disappointing to this cause. However, regardless of the election results, it is important that we as individuals, as well as through our membership in WRAFT, maintain our interest and involvement. Send mail to: captr@sympatico.ca Visit the

WRAFT website at www.wraft.com for up-to-date news on this issue. ☺

Mary Larson

MITCHELL ISLAND

There have been some members that have inquired about the Mitchell Island situation. If you are unfamiliar with it, here is a brief explanation: Mitchell Island residents have, to date, parked their cars and docked their boats at King's Cottages. King's is for sale and the Islanders need to find an alternative solution for their boats and cars. They approached the MNR with a proposal to use Crown Land near the narrows; they want to build docks and parking facilities. The people with cottages near the proposed site and possibly other cottagers on the lake have misgivings about this use of the land. Presently no decisions have been made as to what these residents will do when King's is sold. If you want more information with respect to both view points, please contact Judy McIntyre at jritchie@mcintyreca.com or Allen Archibald at allenarchibald@lincsat.com. ☺

IN MEMORIAM

On October 20th of last year, Thomas Beckett, one of our lake residents passed away in Perth, Ontario where the Becketts more recently spent their winters. Tom, as we all knew him, was one of the founding members of the association which preceded the KLA.

Tom and Jean had moved to the lake in August of 1985 and after their retirement Tom decided he wished to purchase the 66' shoreline road allowance. The winter of 1990/91 found Tom attending Town Council meetings to pursue this but without much success. Later in the spring, Tom along with Dimi Petrescu and Ted Larson attended more meetings, again with no results.

Tom organized a meeting of a few neighbours and proposed the idea of forming an association, believing there would be strength in numbers. On July 9th, 1991, meeting with Petrescus, Salaks and Larsons, decisions were made for the Inaugural meeting at the Lions Hall in Northbrook to be held on August 10, 1991. The Tower Road Association was born and executive members were elected.

On August 11th at the first Association executive meeting, Tom was elected president and the initial

primary concerns for the lake were established: quality of the lake, safety on the lake, preservation of surrounding area etc.

That fall, November 2nd, 1991, Municipal Elections were held and the members rallied to see that proxies were in place for those who were not present to vote. As a result, we had a new council who were receptive to the shoreline allowance purchase and for those who wished to do so their applications were finalized by 1994. The effect of the association was successful.

The Tower Road Association became the Lake Kashwakamak West Property Owners Association and in July 2000 the present Kashwakamak Lake Association replaced the Lake Kashwakamak West Property Owners Association. Of approximately 560 cottages on the lake, our association counts approximately 360 as members. Tom enjoyed the beauty of our lake for twenty short years but during that time he worked tirelessly on behalf of the association as it developed and expanded. May we always be so fortunate as to have members like Tom who will continue to work on behalf of our association. ☺

WEISS POINT NEWS

We have had a good year at our point and everyone has pretty much enjoyed the weather. I would like to welcome our new members, the Wards and the Echlin's to KLA and to let you all know that it is such a worthwhile organization, and for such a small fee. I would ask that any residents of Weiss Point who get this newsletter and have not remitted their \$10.00 please do so as soon as possible. If you need any info on KLA please call me at 613-479 0121. I would be happy to chat. For our residents, you will see that your road committee has been busy and improvements, good I hope, have taken place, with grading and new crushed limestone rock; we expect that it will last. I would also like to extend a welcome to the Martin clan from Markin-spa and all related kin who have joined or will soon be members of KLA, and say thanks.

We recently had a test of the emergency response team when one of our residents fell from his roof while attempting to tear down his old cottage. Dave Bouttell suffered broken ribs and a mild concussion and was hospitalized for a week in Napanee. He is

recovering and has words of praise for the hospital and for the emergency response times.

We residents sometimes have some concerns about this and it took only 17 minutes to respond to Weiss Point. It is about 15 km. to Bouttell's residence.

We are still waiting on the township to send us a fire hazard warning sign that they promised.

Well, bye for now, until next time. ☺

Al West

RAINFALL

The cool wet weather at the beginning of July is now only a memory as we enjoy these golden days of September. The low lake levels are a testament to the dryness of the rest of the summer. In fact, from July 20th to the present (September 25th), we have received only 53mm of rain. The September results are quite dramatic with only five days yet to be recorded.

Rainfall in Millimetres

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
May	58.0	75.5	75.5	74.5	30.0	103.5	50.5
June	50.5	198.0	66.5	81.5	121.5	128.5	62.0
July	45.0	42.0	57.5	66.0	16.0	61.0	98.0
Aug	73.5	35.5	95.5	105.5	90.0	19.0	47.0
Sept	70.5	53.0	108.0	103.0	87.5	167.5	5.5 (25 th)

Elma MacLachlan

TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Before I give my first report let me thank Ian Brash for providing my initiation into the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary. While I am told that this function within the Board does not take a lot of time, the initial learning curve, like all tasks, is required, and hopefully I am almost finished. Nevertheless, unlike Ian who knows almost everyone on the lake, I am just beginning to become acquainted with the large number of Association members, and I ask your forgiveness in advance if I mix up some names, or look at you with that all-too-familiar blank stare.

Membership in the Kashwakamak Lake Association now stands at 378 families which is an increase of 13 from this time last year. With over 500 families on the Lake we still have a way to go. However, with 378 ambassadors we are hopeful that the word will get out that the KLA represents our best hope for keeping our Lake healthy, beautiful, and safe, and to join for a year still only costs \$10 (the cost for a day's parking in a city). If you wish, just let one of the Board members know of a potential member, and we will follow up.

Given the size of the membership I became curious as to where we all call home. A totally unofficial statistical count is shown below:

Toronto area and north	19%
Colborne to Kingston	15%
Bowmanville to Pickering	14%
Ottawa and Quebec	9%
Tweed and Sterling	7%
USA	7%
Peterborough & south to 401	6%
Mississauga & west to Niagara	4%
Brampton & west to London	3%
Others	1%

Sub-total	85%
Local area	15%

Total	100%

While still on the subject of memberships, I would like to extend a very special thanks to Bill Zerter, Bill Roffey and most recently Miriam McKeown for bringing, each year, their road association members into the Kashwakamak Lake Association. This creates a lot of extra bookkeeping work for them, but has made Ian's job and now my job much, much easier.

Finally, on behalf of Ian, I would like to thank Larry Black and Helen Smith who were kind enough to audit the financial statements of the KLA for 2006 as required by our constitution. And of course, I would like to thank all of you who have paid your \$10 annual membership dues promptly, either at the general meeting or shortly thereafter. For those few not yet paid up we are attaching a gentle reminder to our newsletter. ☺ *Allan Archibald*

EMAIL

We have sent the fall newsletter to those members with Email addresses who agreed to receive the letter by Email. This is much appreciated as it saves paper, postage, and the labour of stuffing and addressing envelopes. We would like to use Email as much as possible but we do not have current addresses for all our members. The spring newsletter will have a renewal form, which we encourage you to complete, with current information. In the meantime, if you are amenable to Email information sharing, send your current Email address to lynnyoung@xplornet.com and I will update your information now. Many thanks. ☺

Lynn Young

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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 (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	
Holiday Monday 10 am -- 3 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	
Ompah Site	Ompah Site
Tuesday 10 am -- 2 pm	Tuesday 10 am -- 2 pm
Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm	Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Sunday 4 pm -- 8 pm	