



News and Information from Kashwakamak Lake Association

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Although you might say this was the summer that wasn't, September has provided us with some lovely weather and hopefully the remaining months of autumn will be the same.

I hope those of you who have computers have checked out our website www.kashwakamak.ca. It is important that we have your input as to what you would like to see on the site. I have accessed many of the various lake websites and was surprised at the information available. Last year at this time our web site was a dream, now it is a reality and we are so fortunate to have Carol and Lew Shepherdson who put this together for us.

Next year will be election year at the AGM. I would ask that before then, you consider participating in your association. Over the years the association has been effective on many issues relating to North Frontenac Township. The future and direction of the township are affected by the Official Plan which is currently under its 5 year review. The Official Plan draft is on the township's web site www.northfrontenac.ca and is definitely worth reading.

Like all summers, this one has passed very quickly. Winter will be here before we know it and many of you will be packing up for the season. Wherever you are your board of directors wishes you a safe and healthy winter. ❧ *Mary Larson*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to those who attended our AGM in July where we again had a good turnout. We appreciate your support as we all know how hard it is to break away from the cottage. The current directors, including two new appointees, Lynn McEvoy (Weiss Point) and Joan Lindey (S. Shore) were introduced. Lynn and Joan have replaced Al West, Lynn Young and Nigel Lester who found it necessary to resign during the year.

Following the regular KLA business, our first speaker was Jamie Saunders, who is doing all the Septic Re-inspections in North Frontenac. Jamie discussed the results from 2007 Program and how the program was evolving. Several members asked if they could volunteer to be included in the 2008 Program. Jamie indicated that this would be possible and gave out contact information. In answer to a member's question, Jamie later supplied KLA with a "Trouble Shooting" list.

After the Coffee Break, our second speaker was Mayor Ron Maguire. The Mayor discussed several projects and initiatives in which the Township is involved. The avail-

ability of Broadband Internet and Cell Phone coverage is badly needed in this area and North Frontenac will be applying for Provincial funds this winter. However they do need to show that there is sufficient interest and need for this service. To this end it was suggested that petitions could be circulated and the Mayor agreed that signatures on petitions would lend a lot of weight to their application. (See Broadband/Cell Phone Update).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sale of shrubs. It was fun and profitable. ❧ *Mary Larson*

BROADBAND/CELL PHONE UPDATE

Pursuant to the discussion with the Mayor at the AGM, KLA Board drew up a petition and made it available for signature at approx. 18 places of business between Plevna and Cloyne. Thanks to Karen McCall and Lynn McEvoy for the distribution and collection. We obtained approx. 2040 signatures, which was excellent! Thank you all for supporting this. The petitions have been delivered to the Mayor and he was delighted with the response.

North Frontenac, in partnership with the County, will be applying for Provincial funds in February to acquire this service. Broadband service has to come first, and then hopefully cell phones can use the same towers.

Omniglobe, who installed the Broadband service at NAEC in Cloyne and at schools in Plevna and Snow Road, now seem to be interested in expanding their coverage. Unfortunately, they have waited until all the summer people have gone. They are planning information meetings in Barrie Hall on October 16 at 7.00pm and in Clar-Millar Hall in Plevna on October 22, also at 7.00pm. Anyone who is still here would find these meetings of great interest. ❧ *Elma MacLachlan*

PLANT AND SHRUB SALE

Elma MacLachlan and Mary Larson brought 42 various native species of bushes and shrubs to the AGM that were donated to the Association by the Frontenac Stewardship Council.

I volunteered to be responsible for selling the shrubs before and after the meeting. We sold them for \$2, \$3 and \$4 each for a total of \$154.50. (One member gave us all her change, but did not want any plants in return).

The proceeds were donated to the local Community Services. ❧ *Heather Penney*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership in the Kashwakamak Lake Association now stands at 382 families. New families joining the KLA over the past year numbered 7 while we lost 3 over the same period. Attrition is mainly due to cottage sales and our inability to link up with new owners. For this reason we call upon our members to inform their new neighbours (and any others not yet aware of the Association) 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 of gas these days to go from Kash to the 401). If you wish, just let one of the Board members know of a potential member, and we will follow up.

Last year I produced some statistics of where our members called home, with the Toronto area providing the largest percent (19%). This year I have done the same with the focus on where the cottagers reside around the lake. Unfortunately, there are still 72 (19%) members who have yet to provide their 911 address, so the statistics this time are somewhat inaccurate. Nevertheless the results are as follows (omitting the influence of the 72 blank addresses):

Kashwakamak Lake Road	9.4%
Smith Road	7.1%
Shoepack Lane	4.9%
S. Kashwakamak Lake Lane	4.5%
Kashwakamak Road	4.2%
Brown's Bay Lane	4.2%
Big Mountain Lane	3.6%
Myer's Cave Road	3.6%
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	41.5%
All other Roads and Lanes	58.5%

While incomplete, the most noticeable result of my study is that there are 52 Roads and Lanes represented in the above. This would suggest that we have good representation from around the lake.

While still on the subject of membership representation, I would like to extend a very special thanks to Bill Zerter, Bill Roffey and 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 my job of collecting annual dues much easier.

In the Spring Newsletter package we had asked for those interested in receiving future newsletters by e-mail to indicate this on their renewal notice. We have been en-

couraged with the results. Some of you have provided your e-mail address but have chosen to still receive your newsletters at home. This most likely is because of your e-mail being tied to a dial-up network as opposed to a high-speed network. Ignoring the semi-annual newsletters, the use of your e-mail address is to inform you of particular time-sensitive items concerning the lake and which would be too time consuming and expensive to mail out to every member. Typically these items would not have any attachments and would be very small in size (read that download time).

Newsletters on the other hand require attachments to the e-mail. I have come to realize that in some cases, and for whatever reason, these attachments do not always get through to the recipient. For those recipients receiving this Fall newsletter by e-mail, I will be asking them to e-mail me back if there are any problems, and I will send them a hard copy version. Thank you again for helping the Association become more technically advanced, and we appreciate your patience as we go through the necessary learning curve. For those who have not supplied their e-mail address and wish to do so, please send me a note at membership@kashwakamak.ca and mention if this address is also to be used for newsletters with attachments. Incidentally, one advantage of receiving items by e-mail is that you may provide more than one e-mail address per household.

Finally, I would like once again to thank Larry Black and Helen Smith who were kind enough to audit the financial statements of the KLA for 2007 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. If the timing of this mailing coincides with your cheque crossing in the mail, please ignore the reminder. ~~~ *Allen Archibald*

<p>IN MEMORIAM</p> <p>Our Lake Association has lost members who will be missed by all who knew them:</p> <p>Bob Douglas</p> <p>Clayton Young</p>

DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

At our "end of summer" event on September 13th, seventy friends and neighbours on Lake Kashwakamak gathered at Fernleigh Lodge where chef Paul and his staff served us a delicious turkey dinner with home-made pie.

Before and after dinner everyone took part in (silent?) bidding on over 100 items donated by members of our association. Our M.C. Red Emond, kept things orderly while we raised \$582.25 to be donated to North Frontenac Community Services. The dollar value of items sold was \$567.15, "keep the change" donations \$15.10, number of items sold 109, items not sold 2, lowest bid \$.50, highest bid \$31.00.

Door prizes were also drawn and we would like to thank the following for their generous donations and support: Hook's Rona, Nowell Motors, Cloyne Village Foods, Northbrook Foodland, Richard McCall of Pilot Insurance, Rashotte Home Building Centre (Tweed), and Marble Lake Lodge.

Our thanks go to Mary and Reg Locke for handling the ticket sales again this year, Reverend Judith Evendon for the blessing and to Red for volunteering as Master of Ceremonies.

Heather and I want to thank you all for a great evening. Let's do it again next year! ❧

Co-chairs: Heather Archibald and Jean Anne Houle

WOODCREST TRAILER PARK UPDATE

At this time, Woodcrest is still involved in discussions with the Ministry of the Environment. The Township can do nothing until this is resolved. As soon as we are informed by the Township of any action, we will inform all our e-mail members. ❧

Elma MacLachan

WEISS POINT FIRE SIGN

Al West of Weiss Point reports that they have erected the "Fire Threat" sign for their road. He receives the fire risk information from the Fire Chief and adjusts the information accordingly. This would be a wise move for all the cottage roads leading to our lake as the one sign on Hwy. 41 can be missed so easily. ❧

Al West

LOGGING NEAR KASHWAKAMAK LAKE

If the road leading to your cottage is on Crown land you may in the future find that the forest you consider "yours" is being logged. Perhaps it already has been. We on Browns Bay Lane have been experiencing it for the past 2 years. The other directors of KLA suggested that I share what I have learned about logging crown land with you.

There is a corporation named Lanark Mazinaw Forest. The stock holders of that corporation are individual logging companies. LMF holds the licence to log a large area of Crown land, judging by the name of the corporation.

Under contract with MNR, LMF maps the area to be logged in a particular year. Employees of LMF travel the entire area marking which trees are to be taken and which are to be protected. This process is carried out with the idea of maintaining the health of the forest and protecting wildlife.

LMF chooses a logger to work the area in question. As the work is done by the chosen logger, other LMF employees are present to ensure that no unmarked trees are taken. After the work is done a MNR employee does a double check. During the process the logger may clear trails to provide access for equipment and clear areas for loading the trucks which haul the logs away. The main thoroughfare for all this industrial traffic is your cottage road. Imagine one of those double trailer monsters that roar down highway 41! The promise is that the road will be restored to original condition before the job is done.

In our case the logging was only about 25% done by spring 2008 when they stopped working. The road looked kind of beat up and a culvert was crushed. LMF got some money from a MNR fund. With that and some of our road maintenance money our road contractor replaced the culvert, graded and gravelled the worst parts. The road has been not too bad this summer.

This fall the designated logger sub-contracted the job to another logger. This company has made a serious attempt to establish good relations with us and has started work. We are fortunate that our "Road Commissioner", Andy White is a full time resident of Cloyne and can keep track of what is happening.

Of course, the issue other than the road is what the forest looks like when they are done. To some it looks beat up and messy. The brush is left to help the forest to regenerate. The clear cut staging areas will be liked by deer.

The entire process of logging Crown land is managed by the MNR District Forrester out of the Bancroft office.

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Bob Osborne

CATCH & RELEASE - WONDERFUL!

It's Friday morning, September 12, and ... (what else is new?) ... it's pouring rain. Sitting, warm and dry, in our easy chairs, Elaine and I gaze out our window looking at a man and woman trolling out from our shoreline. Then, suddenly ... action! One of the fishermen has tied into a nice small mouth bass. Naturally, we are cheering for the bass ... but our hopes for its survival are dashed when it is finally caught and held up for admiration. Then, just as quickly, it is released, unharmed, back into the water! I immediately went down to our dock and called out to thank the couple for their excellent display of sportsmanship and conservation. Their names are Jerry and Georgia Becker and they are from Pennsylvania. They have been coming to our Lake for 25 years, staying at the Aragain Lodge. And, best of all, they always release the fish which they catch. Needless to say, observing their action made a dull day much brighter! Catch & release seems to be gaining in popularity among fishermen on our Lake. I have witnessed this practice on other occasions over the last couple of years. Also, I know that Fernleigh Lodge has made a practice of encouraging their guests to catch and release. In any event, we tip our hats to those fishermen who do release their fish. If all of us did this, we could be more certain that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the same pleasures of fishing that we do. ❧ Ian Brash

Editor's note: Many of you may have noticed the fishing nets on the lake in August. The MNR were evaluating the fish stocks in our lake.

SUMMER JAMBOREE

Each September we hold our annual dinner and silent auction for our association members at Fernleigh Lodge. This however falls after the summer is over and does not attract many of our members with young families.

We would like to have your input on the thought of holding a Summer Jamboree which would be a Saturday afternoon event and which could include a barbecue, music, games for the young and old and whatever else would be of interest - even possibly a market place.

Our lake, with 41 miles of shoreline, is not conducive to "meeting our neighbours" and this event might provide our members as well as children and grandchildren an opportunity to meet one another.

Please give us your comments by phone at 613-336-8832 or email at newsevents@kashwakamak.ca. ❧

Mary Larson

KASH KLOTHING IS BACK!

An arrangement with Elizabeth Brownlee of Multimedia Promotions has been made to provide outdoor clothing, embroidered with "Lake Kashwakamak" on the left chest. Items may include ball caps golf shirts, crew neck t-shirts and crew neck sweat shirts, hooded sweat shirts and 1/4 zipped sweat shirts. A variety of sizes and colours are available. Order forms will be sent with the spring newsletter and will also be available at the AGM next July. For further info and/or to order prior to next spring, contact Shelley at ebond88@cogeco.ca. (Elizabeth has a "while quantity lasts" sale on womens' collared, sleeveless golf shirts for \$12 - \$15 currently.) . ❧

Shelley Hartt-Bond

KLA LOGO

We are looking for suggestions for a KLA logo to be used on clothing, the newsletter, website, etc. Please send your ideas to president@kashwakamak.ca. ❧

Mary Larson

LOON WATCH

Thanks to all our loon watch volunteers for 2008: Lorraine Buckingham, Bill Roffey, Bob Osborne, Heather James, Darryl Simpson, Helen Smith and Ann Twombly. For 2009, all remain the same except Ann is retiring and Lorna Richards will be replacing her. ❧

Verna Hutchinson

WWW.KASHWAKAMAK.CA

The KLA has a website! It was launched in July, and so far we have had about 100 people take a look at it. We would love your input. What would you like to see on it? Please send your comments and suggestions to webeditor@kashwakamak.ca.

Also, we will be posting as many pictures on the website as we can. Send your cottage pictures of family, friends, neighbours, pets and your view of our wonderful lake to photos@kashwakamak.ca.

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LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT

Yikes! It's October already! Where did the summer go? Perhaps because of the unusually wet and relatively cool summer months this year, the season seems to have slipped by much faster than usual. Pity!

This year's record rainfall certainly affected lake temperature and transparency. Water temperature remained fairly constant in the low 20's from June to September. I'm sure the swimmers and water skiers among us are well aware of that. Brrr! And the Secchi disc readings hovered around 5.5 metres all summer long. That's about a metre less than last year, but still within historical norms. Apparently the drop in transparency is mostly the result of increased sediments and biomass washed into the lake by all that rain.

In August President Mary Larson and I attended a meeting organized by the Township to consider the *5 Year Official Plan Review*. This and other meetings are required as part of the ongoing process of implementing the *Twenty Year Official Plan* of 2003. One of the main issues affecting Kashwakamak Lake and its residents these days is population increase. Mary read into the record an excellent letter from Elma MacLachlan that proposed maintaining a sensible ratio between the number of lots in R.V. parks and the amount of lake frontage, similar to that for cottages. "When the density of development in the Park is being regulated, the amount of waterfront the Park owns should be a major factor in determining the total useable acreage. It is the overuse of the waterfront, which has the potential to cause most environmental damage" wrote Elma. The letter was accepted without comment.

In reading over the proposed changes, I discovered what I hope was an arithmetic error. The Plan projects an increase of 165 cottages and 2200 seasonal residents across the entire Township by 2011. That works out to 13.3 residents per cottage, which seems a bit crowded to me. Moderator Glenn Tunnock and Mayor Ron McGuire agreed that was odd and promised to look into the matter. Obviously, there is no intention to affect such a radical change the current average household size of 2.2 people.

I was personally pleased to hear that the matter of light pollution abatement will be addressed in the five-year amendment of the Plan, where it was completely ignored in the original iteration. Exactly how and to what extent remains to be seen and I'll certainly be keeping a close watch on that and will keep you posted. I'll have much more to say about the importance of good lighting practices in the spring 2009 Kash Kourier. In the meantime, I very much look forward to attending the 7th Annual

Lake Links Workshop in Perth on October 25 where light pollution expert Rob Dick of Ottawa will deliver a keynote address entitled: "Can Artificial Outdoor Lighting Harm the Environment?" I'm sure the answer is "yes", but I'll be very interested in hearing the specifics of the matter.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and wholesome off-season. See you in the spring!

Enjoy Life! ☺

Guy Nason

RAINFALL

We don't need the numbers to tell us that this was one of the wettest (and coolest) summers on record, The lake level was high for most of the summer – there was just so much water in the system.

We have had some lovely September days and the fall colours are forecast to be spectacular this year!

Rainfall in Millimetres

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
May	58.0	75.5	75.5	74.5	30.0	103.5	50.5	100.5
June	50.5	198.0	66.5	81.5	121.5	128.5	62.0	149.0
July	45.0	42.0	57.5	66.0	16.0	61.0	98.0	55.5
Aug	73.5	35.5	95.5	105.5	90.0	19.0	47.0	109.0
Sept	70.5	53.0	108.0	103.0	87.5	167.5	5.5 (25th)	69.0

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Elma MacLachlan

WRAFT REPORT

MPAC assessments

We will all be receiving our new assessments shortly and if you have access to a computer, please read the messages to Cottage Owners, one dated September 25 is from WRAFT, the other dated September 28 is from the current issue of Cottage Life at www.wraft.com.

There is also a petition on the WRAFT website which they are planning to take to Queen's Park later this year. ☺

Mary Larson

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 Sunday 9 am -- 1 pm Monday 10 am -- 5 pm Holiday Monday 10 am -- 6 pm Wed & Fri 9 am -- 1 pm Saturday 12 noon -- 5 pm	Cloyne Site Sunday 9 am -- 4 pm Wednesday 1 pm -- 4 pm Friday 9 am -- 12 noon
506 Site Sunday 2 pm -- 7 pm Mon., Tues., Wed. & Saturday 1 pm -- 6 pm Thurs., & Friday 2 pm -- 6 pm	506 Site Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm Holiday Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm Thursday 9 am -- 1 pm Friday 1 pm -- 4 pm Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm
Kashwakamak Site Holiday Monday 2 pm -- 7 pm Thursday 1 pm -- 6 pm Sunday 2 pm -- 7 pm	Kashwakamak Site Sunday 12 noon -- 4 pm Holiday Monday 12 noon -- 4 pm
WARD TWO	WARD TWO
Plevna Site Sunday & Friday 10 am -- 6 pm Wednesday 8.30 am -- 4.30 pm	Plevna Site Sun., Wed., & Friday 10 am -- 4 pm
Ardoch Site Thursday 1 pm -- 6 pm Saturday 10 am -- 6 pm Monday 1 pm -- 6 pm Holiday Monday 10 am -- 3 pm	Ardoch Site Thurs., & Sat. 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 Tuesday & Saturday 10 am -- 2 pm Thursday & Sunday 4 pm -- 8 pm Ompah Site Tuesday 10 am -- 2 pm Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm Sunday 4 pm -- 8 pm	Mississippi Site Tuesday & Saturday 10 am -- 2 pm Ompah Site Tuesday 10 am -- 2 pm Saturday 12 noon -- 4 pm