



*News and Information from Kashwakamak Lake Association*

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**WWW.KASHWAKAMAK.CA**

The KLA has a website! It was launched last July. We would love your input. What would you like to see on it? Please send your comments and suggestions to [webeditor@kashwakamak.ca](mailto: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](mailto:photos@kashwakamak.ca)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back to those of you who did not spend the winter at the lake. Wherever you wandered, I am sure that you feel the excitement of returning to your lake property and experiencing the wonder of this very special place.

This winter was uneventful as far as our lake and association were concerned. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Mayor McGuire and Council for North Frontenac will hold a Public Information Meeting at 9:00am to provide updates on a number of major issues, changes and initiatives. These meetings are usually well attended by the public, business and lake association members and afford us the opportunity to discuss our common interests. The North Frontenac Web Site has meetings such as this posted well in advance so if possible, it is wise to check their site as well as the Kashwakamak site.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday July 11, at 9:30am in the Lions Hall in Northbrook. Please note the Agenda which is included in this mailing. Gordon Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor, Mississippi Valley Conservation will be our speaker and provide insight into the lake levels of Kashwakamak lake and its relationship to the Mississippi system.

This is election year again and we will bid farewell to a number of directors who have contributed generously their time and efforts to this Association over the years. Karen McCall, our ever cheerful secretary, Al Twombly and Bill Roffey will retire and take a well deserved rest. Karen has kept us on track at meetings and always managed to produce organized minutes regardless of the multi-directional discussions which took place. Joan Lindey, who joined us last year as interim director will also retire. My thanks to all of you.

I hope that over the past months, some of you have given thought to participating in your association. I would like to hear from you if you would consider adding your name to the slate of nominees at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and wish you all a safe and happy summer. ~~~

*Mary Larson*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kashwakamak Lake Association AGM will be held on Saturday July 11th at 1 pm at the Lions' Hall in Northbrook. Everyone is invited to participate.

We will be accepting donations for the Foodbank. ~~~

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

As you will see elsewhere in the Newsletter, several long serving members of our executive are taking well earned retirement this year. On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge their hard work, support and dedication during the years I was President.

Karen McColl, Secretary, kept us all on our toes and somehow or other, managed to disentangle the important items from the trivia, so that we always had excellent minutes of our meetings.

Bill Roffey, as Director, was always willing to take on extra responsibilities, such as investigating the advisability of purchasing insurance. He and Al Twombly, the other long term Director who is retiring, could always be relied on for a direct commonsense point of view in our discussions.

My sincere thanks to you all. Enjoy your retirement! ~~~  
*Elma MacLachan*

## DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

Please note the Kashwakamak Lake Association Dinner/Silent Auction on your calendar! It will take place on Saturday, September 12th at Fernleigh Lodge and we're hoping for a "happy hour" at 6 pm followed by another delicious dinner. This time, stuffed pork roast and those homemade pies.

Tickets will be available at the Annual General Meeting on July 11th from Reg and Mary Locke. Only 80 tickets will be printed and they go fast. Tip, taxes and door prizes are included at \$22 per person.

Start putting aside your items for the silent auction so we can again make a generous donation to Community Services.

Your committee, Heather Penny and I, look forward to another great get-together on the lake. ~~~

*Jean Anne Houle*

## BOAT PARADE

There will be a Canada Day Boat Parade again this year starting from the West end of Kashwakamak Lake. Decorate your boat and come along for the ride. Meet the new boat parade captain, Kim Jerrie and the rest of the flotilla, on July 1st at 1 pm near the deadhead in White Fish Bay. For more info contact Kim at 613-336-3491. ~~~

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership has remained relatively constant over the past year with 381 members on the roster. This includes 92 members from the South Shore Road Association; 20 members from the Silver Mine Road Association and 21 members from the Kashwakamak Cottage Association, the vast majority of which pay their membership dues through their association.

And once more, 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.

Speaking of membership fees, we continue to charge \$10 per family annually. While there may be those out there who remember a different amount, I do not. To hold the dues static for so many years is a real tribute to the dedication of volunteers who contribute their time and effort to helping the Association function and to contribute to the Association's mandate of keeping our Lake healthy, beautiful and safe.

As we go to press, 32 members have yet to pay their 2008 dues while 24 members have pre-paid their 2009 dues. The payment of a relatively small \$10 invoice can be more annoying than anything, and so we encourage multi-year payments. For those 24 members already paid, we are enclosing a small Thank-You with a reminder that they do not have to pay this year.

Included in this Newsletter mailing is the Financial Statement of the Association. You will notice that the bulk of the costs of the Association are incurred in mailing out two Newsletters each year. Unfortunately you can also see that these costs keep escalating. Last year we asked those members who would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, thereby saving mailing and printing costs, to indicate this on their renewal form.

We were encouraged with the response, and as a result sent out last Fall's Newsletter to many e-mail recipients. Unfortunately, a number of these e-mails were bounced back because of incorrect addresses. So we are sending out this Spring 2009 Newsletter to everyone through the Post Office.

Included in this Newsletter package is a Membership Renewal Form. While its original intention is to promote the payment of Association dues (still only \$10 annually), it has taken on an equally important role of ensuring that we have all the pertinent information on our files, from Newsletter mailings to finding the owner of a lost dog (actual case last summer).

I would ask, even plead, that the information we have provided at the top of the form be checked, and to let us know of any changes, and any additional information to complete the blanks. Even if you are not going to be using this form to pay your dues, because you pay through your Road Association, or because you are one of the 24 members who have already pre-paid their dues for this year, I would still ask you to Review your Label, and Let me Know. If there are changes or omissions please mail it to the Association or e-mail the changes to me directly: allenarchibald@lincsat.com.

In closing, we know that there are still cottagers out there who may not have heard of the Association, and we ask our fellow members to pass the word to them, or to identify them to one of the Board members so that we may make contact. Transfers of cottage ownership also provide an opportunity to have new members join the association. This is particularly important if the previous owner was an Association member, and so again we call upon the Association members who are neighbours to the new owners to pass along the news about the KLA. ❧

*Allen Archibald*

*Treasurer and Memberships*

## N. FRONTENAC PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

June 13, 2009

I was able to attend the above meeting which I referred to in my earlier message, and wanted to report briefly on it.

The government's Economic Action Program has approved \$750,000 for the reconditioning of Ardoch Rd. The Township's share is 1/3 which has been budgeted for.

Mallory Hill near Buckshot Lake is the site of a proposed \$2 million dollar telescope with a nearby Visitor's Center which is expected to draw visitors from far and wide. It is expected to be operational by 2011. Our area apparently has the "darkest skies" in southern Canada, hence the location of the telescope in this area. The venture will be funded by the academic community and is expected to generate other business opportunities. It has been suggested that visitors may require other amenities, ie resorts, golf, hiking, near the site but not too close as to affect our "darkest skies".

A draft of the new brochure for North Frontenac was available for review. This will be mailed to all households and contains information relating to all aspects of life in North Frontenac Township.

All lake associations were asked to ensure that their roads are wide enough to accommodate emergency vehicles without causing damage to same.

Our radio station AFAR has run into a transmission problem due to signals from a station in Gatineau and a country station from Fulton, NY, both with significant signal strengths. They may be looking at a tower in the Ardoch Road area. AFAR has been incorporated and is financially solvent.

The Land of Lakes Garden Club was commended for the restoration of the Pioneer Cemetery behind the Museum in Cloyne. ❧

*Mary Larson*

## LOON WATCH

“The loon is the symbol of the northern wilderness. It’s presence on the lake along with it’s invigorating song refreshes the human soul, soiled by traffic noises and urban sprawl.” (*Ontario Birds* by Chris Fisher)

Loons have four distinct calls.

- Quiet “hoots” or “mews” are intimate chats among loons floating together.
- The wild “yodel” with repeated triplets at the end is a territorial yodel for territorial defence. Each male has his own distinct yodel for his territory.
- The “wail” is a contact call given by both sexes.
- The familiar “tremolo” or “laughing” call is a distress call that loons give when alarmed. The cause may be another loon, a predator or a curious human. If you hear this call nearby, you may have approached a loon’s nest or chick too closely.

Loons only raise one or two chicks each year when all goes well. Female loons reach four years of age before breeding. We need to be sure that we aren’t the cause of disrupting this delicate life cycle.

- Do not encourage loon predators such as raccoons or gulls by feeding them.
- Do not cause loons distress with fast-moving personal watercraft which give loons little warning.
- Do not create large boat wakes which wash away loon eggs and disturb nests.
- Do not allow unrestrained pets to harass loons which could cause nest abandonment. ❧

*Verna Hutchinson*

## WOODCREST TRAILER PARK UPDATE

We understand that Woodcrest is still involved in discussions with Ministry of the Environment regarding septic systems and water supply. Until this is resolved, the Township can do nothing. ❧

*Elma MacLachan*

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

As you may know by now, the Township of North Frontenac has instituted a “Clear Bag” policy for all garbage. Although this is the law now, it will not be strictly enforced until August 15, 2009. Then, if recyclables are visible in your clear/transparent garbage bag, you will have to remove them. This summer will be a learning experience for all of us.

A complete list of all recyclable material is attached to this newsletter, also available at the land fill sites and at [www.kashwakamak.ca](http://www.kashwakamak.ca). Copies will also be available at the AGM. Fred Perry, our Councillor, assures me that transparent bags in all sizes (including kitchen “catchers”), will be generally available in local stores well before the August deadline. This will help to make the transition easier.

Our Township has made this decision because of the serious state of our remaining land fill sites. There is far too much recyclable material going into the garbage. For example, last summer, the #506 site filled by three times the normal summer amount!

When garbage tags were introduced several years ago, this was expected to increase the percentage of material recycled and the revenue from the sale of garbage tags was expected to fall each succeeding year. However this has not been the case - the monies from the sale of tags has increased. It would seem that people would rather pay \$2.00 for a bag tag, than sort out their recyclables.

Unfortunately, this means that our “dumps” are filling rapidly and there will be no new permits issued for new sites in our municipality. When our landfills are full, they would then become “transfer stations”. We, as taxpayers would then have to pay the large cost of transporting our garbage elsewhere.

By implementing the “Clear Bag” policy, it is hoped to keep the “dumps” open as long as possible to allow alternatives such as incineration, to gain acceptance by the Province. The Township is buying a compactor, which will allow them to reduce the volume of recyclables before trucking them to the transfer station.

By July, the #506 site will be accepting hazardous waste, such as oil cans, batteries, paint etc. There will be a collection day later in the summer for electronic waste, such as computers, printers, televisions, etc.

We hope that everyone will become familiar with all the material which can be recycled and cooperate by keeping it out of the landfills. ❧

*Elma MacLachlan*

## MINING ACT REFORMS ANNOUNCED!

FOCA is pleased that the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines introduced legislation today (April 30) to modernize Ontario's *Mining Act*.

FOCA has been represented on the Ministers Mining Act Advisory Committee for many years. We are pleased that many of the shortcomings we identified through this forum appear to have been addressed within this legislation. These include:

- Removing some private lands completely from staking and exploration;
- Enhanced notification of private land owners of claim-staking and prior to exploration;
- The introduction of map staking, eliminating the need for prospectors to physically enter onto private lands.

While FOCA is encouraged by the introduction of this enabling legislation, the ultimate results will be manifested in the regulations that will accompany the bill and which will follow passing of the legislation.

Go to [www.mndm.gov.on.ca/default\\_e.asp](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/default_e.asp) for more information on the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

To read more about FOCA's involvement on this issue, go to [www.foca.on.ca/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=94](http://www.foca.on.ca/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=94)

Please stay tuned to [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca) for updates on mining and other issues impacting our members. ❧

## DRINKING WATER REMINDER

Remember to have your drinking water tested this summer. Whether it is from a well or treated lake water, ideally it should be tested twice during the summer. Sample bottles are available at KFL&A Health Office in Cloyne and may be returned there before 11.00 am on Wednesday mornings for pick up and analysis. ❧

*Elma MacLachan*

## BROADBAND UPDATE

In February, North Frontenac applied to the Province's Rural Broadband Support Program for a grant to bring Broadband (High Speed Internet) Service to the Township. To date, (June 8) there has been no announcement of the distribution of the grants, so we are still waiting. ❧

*Elma MacLachan*

## IN MEMORIAM

On January 28th of this year, Inge Petrescu, a lake neighbour of mine died accidentally at her home in Belleville, Ontario where Inge lived during the winter months while awaiting her return to the lake. Inge and her husband Dimi, who we lost in 2003, were part of the founding members of the association which preceded the KLA.

They had stayed on the lake many times before they purchased the land next to ours in 1967, the year after we had bought our piece of paradise. They were wonderful neighbours and were like an aunt and uncle to our children.

Inge would move back to the lake as soon as the roads were passable. Early spring would see her planting flowers and vegetables, which she would tend through the summer and then enjoy the harvest, much of which she would freeze for the winter months. She truly had a "green" thumb and her garden responded to her loving care. The lake was her true "home" where she was close to nature and to her husband Dimi who had created their paradise.

We will truly miss Inge and Dimi. We will miss the sound of their laughter which would carry across the water and we will miss their warm hospitality which so many of us shared. ❧

*Mary Larson*

## KASH ROAD CLEAN-UP

Significant improvements were initiated by the Kash Road Clean-up crews.

During the month of April, personnel completed cleaning requirements before "Mother Nature" sprouted her finery, thereby avoiding poison ivy! The motivated crews worked from Shoepack to the dump area. More trash was clearly in evidence.

Herman Houle also provided his services in April and picked up 3 trailer loads of tires, signs, galvanized metal, etc. etc. between Harlowe and the dump.


The Houle brothers (Herman & Milton) volunteered to clean their designated area throughout the year. Hopefully their enthusiasm will affect other people and they will begin to participate as well.

The MacGregor crews did their work in June, from the dump to Harlowe, as they arrived in our area at the end of May. Other crews cleaned the side road areas from Harlowe to Hwy 41.

Ken & Joan Lindey once again generously hosted the BBQ after work completion for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The food for this event was provided by Chris Winney

of Royal LePage as they have done for the same period of time.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Let's see some new faces! Call me anytime at 613-336-2003, so that I can add your names to my volunteer list. This is our community, let's keep it clean!

Thanks for a job well done to all who participated. 

*Roger Guilbert*

#### **GREEN COTTAGE TIPS**

5 WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR WATER USE (AND SAVE YOUR SEPTIC) (From [www.cottagelife.com](http://www.cottagelife.com))

**Fix the leaky cottage throne** - A toilet tank leaking into the bowl adds a lot of water to the septic system. To test for leaks put a few drops of food colouring into the tank. If the colouring appears in the bowl without being flushed, you have a leak.

**Flush less** - A toilet dam or displacement device in the tank reduces the amount of water being flushed. The toilet dam is a simple tool that holds back water from the flapper valve. Displacement devices can be DIY – set a full plastic water bottle in the tank (don't use a brick; it can disintegrate, ruining the valves).

**Install a low- or dual-flush toilet** - A low-flush toilet use six litres per flush, compared with the 18 to 24 litres typical of old-style models. Dual-flush toilets give you an option of three-litre or six-litre flushes with two buttons (the manufacturers leave it up to you to label them number one and number two).

**Install a low-flow showerhead** - especially if long-showering teenagers hang out at your cottage. A low-flow aerator can cut the water flow by 50 per cent without lessening the spray.

**Practice catch-and-release-elsewhere at the sink** - When rinsing fruits and veggies, put a basin below the faucet and recycle the captured water for thirsty plants or sluicing off the deck chairs. Brushing your teeth for two minutes with the tap running loses about 11 litres of water down the drain; a mug of water for brushing and rinsing does the job with much less waste.

#### **WRAFT REPORT MAY 2009**

First of all, on behalf of the Board of Directors of WRAFT, I want to apologize for the recent lack of communication from the organisation. We have been busy implementing the association of WRAFT and FOCA and ensuring that the takeover of administrative responsibilities has gone smoothly.

While WRAFT and FOCA remain two separate legal entities, FOCA and specifically FOCA's Executive Director Terry Rees, is now the spokesman and administrative head of WRAFT.

Terry can be reached at [rees@foca.on.ca](mailto:rees@foca.on.ca) or by telephone at 705-749-3622 or on his cell at 705-927-4455. Bob Topp has retired as WRAFT's Executive Director but remains as a Director of WRAFT and continues to follow WRAFT matters closely. Bob may be reached at [bobtopp1@gmail.com](mailto:bobtopp1@gmail.com) or by telephone at 416-929-9885 and during the summer at 705 732 2094.

Bob is also Chair of **CAPTR\_ the Coalition After Property Tax Reform**. Mail for CAPTR should be addressed to Bob at 84 Poplar Plains Cres. Toronto M4V 1E8. WRAFT maintains its own budget and separate Board of Directors while paying a service fee to FOCA for administrative services.

Moving on to WRAFT matters specifically, the Liberal Party remains in power in Ontario having defeated the Tories who called for a cap on assessment increases well before the fall 2007 provincial election. The Liberals believe they have dealt with the volatility issue (we disagree) by phasing in assessment increases over a 4 year period while immediately implementing assessment decreases. We do not believe they have dealt with the problem and we foresee a crisis coming in 2012 due to the grossly overvalued assessments currently being used. While we were unable to persuade the government of the righteousness of our cause and the unfairness of the assessment system, both opposition parties have adopted this position and our political advisors believe we have made real progress in making CVA and the 2008 assessments a live political issue. We continue to believe that the Liberal government will be vulnerable on the real estate taxation issue in 2011 and we intend to keep the issue in front of the public and ensure our policy is adopted by the next leader of the Tories. Remember that according to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Ontario has the highest property taxes in the western world!

Turning to more current matters, WRAFT has a new board of Directors including Al Morson, Bob Topp, Terry Rees, Karl Fiander (a new Director and President of FOCA). Tom Beer, Doug Bryden, David Bull, Guy Crombie, Mike Hasley, myself (Cliff Hatch), Jack Hi-

gnell, Mary Neal, Peter Oakes and Bill Rowat. For more information see the WRAFT website [www.wraft.com](http://www.wraft.com). Alex Milburn is Treasurer. Most of the members of the Board are ongoing members from prior years.

WRAFT requires funding going forward and we would ask current and new members of WRAFT to contribute to WRAFT along the lines of our existing formula which we have not increased for 2009.

Under 25 Members \$50

26-50 Members \$100

51-100 Members \$200

More than 100 members \$300

While this was a one time fee, many WRAFT members have contributed their fee annually. We would ask that all members do so annually starting this summer.

Please mail cheques to

Terry Rees

Executive Director

WRAFT FOCA

201 - 159 King Street

Peterborough, on

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Looking to the future at our WRAFT Board Meeting held on May 1, 2009 we decided to alter our strategy slightly going forward.

As you are aware, we have pushed the principle of capping assessments at no more than a 5% increase for several years now. It is clear we have lost the fight to do away with the 2008 assessments as badly flawed and we are now stuck with them. We have therefore decided to modify our approach very slightly.

#### **AN UPDATED PROPERTY TAX STRATEGY FOR WRAFT/CAPTR**

It seems clear that the Liberal government will proceed to use the new 2008 phased-in assessments this year. This means that your share of property taxes will be calculated including 1/4 of any increase in assessment between Jan 1, 2005 & Jan 1, 2008 or the full amount of any decrease.

It is also clear that property values are dropping and no one currently knows when or where they may bottom out, but property owners are upset that they are paying taxes based on an inflated and probably unrealistic value.

If 2012 values are significantly less than 2008 those properties that have experienced the biggest increase over the past few years are likely to experience the biggest decreases in a falling market.

If this is so, a politically unacceptable situation may well arise, as the tax increase on waterfront and hot urban areas that has been phased in over 4 years will be reversed all at once. As a result, for example, non-waterfront properties owners in waterfront areas may be expected to immediately shoulder large increases in tax.

Politicians might well decide to phase in decreases over 4 years, thereby prolonging the agony for property owners that have previously been subject to massive valuation increases by the volatile assessment system.

If this is true, the time to fix the system is as soon as declining values have stabilized.

The time for people to pay attention and demand a new approach is probably when their new values are first used this summer.

An appropriate government strategy might then be:

- 1) Freeze assessments at their 2009 phased-in values, before they are fully committed to using higher values next year in a declining market.
- 2) Reassess as soon as the declining real estate market seems to have bottomed out – no later than 2012
- 3) Accept these new values as appropriate for tax purposes, and return to annual reassessments.
- 4) Adopt a capping system, so that we don't get into this situation again.
- 5) So in summary:

**FREEZE**

**REASSESS**

**GO BACK TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS**

**CAP ASSESSMENT INCREASES AT 5%**

We are hopeful that both the leading PC candidates for the leadership of the party - Tim Hudak and Christine Elliott will adopt our program.

Ultimately it is our intent to bring forth the property tax problem once again at the time of the next provincial election in 2012 and to make sure it is an important issue.

In the interim, we will report to you on a regular basis and try to ensure the issue remains alive.

Please support WRAFT

Sincerely,

Cliff Hatch

Chairman and President

WRAFT

## LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT

Greetings, fellow KLA members! I hope you all had a good winter, wherever you were, and I welcome you back to summer at Kashwakamak Lake. Here are a few items that I hope you will find interesting.

**Results of water clarity and phosphorus tests, 2008** Last year's average water clarity of Kashwakamak Lake was 5.3 metres. That is, the maximum depth of visibility of the Secchi disk was about one metre shallower than the previous year. According to the Ministry of the Environment, a minimum of three years is required before a trend can be surmised.

<b>Secchi Depth (Clarity)</b>		<b>Average Total Phosphorus (TP)</b>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Visibility (metres)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Phosphorus (<math>\mu\text{g/L}</math>)</u>
2003	5.8	2003	6.5
2004	5.8	2004	7.0
2005	5.3	2005	5.3
2006	5.9	2006	4.3
2007	6.4	2007	6.7
2008	5.3	2008	8.0

From the Secchi chart we can see that, although the transparency of the lake was worse than in 2007, the reading is not terribly inconsistent with earlier years. Still, I am a bit concerned, especially when total phosphorus readings are taken into account.

Total phosphorus concentrations are ideally used to interpret nutrient status, since phosphorus is the element that controls the growth of algae in most Ontario Lakes. The total phosphorus result for 2008 was 8.0  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (micrograms per litre), which is the highest since the measurement process was revamped in 2003. Is this cause for concern? According to the Ministry web site, "Lakes with less than 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  TP are considered oligotrophic. These are ... lakes that rarely experience nuisance algal blooms." I take from this that, while the TP concentration is trending upwards, we are not in danger of an algal bloom... yet. One major source of phosphorus in our lakes is faulty septic systems. Have you had yours checked lately? Another is fertilizers. If you have a lawn at your cottage, please consider cutting back on – or, preferably, eliminating – your use of fertilizers.

**Ontario bans cosmetic pesticides** On Earth Day, April 22, 2009, the Government of Ontario banned the use of cosmetic pesticides for most applications. With few exceptions, it will be illegal to sell or purchase pesticides in Ontario that contain any of 22 specified chemicals. Lynn Woodcroft, in FOCA's Lake Stewardship Newsletter 2009, wrote: "Wind and rainfall can carry pesticides across land and into water where its toxic effects can impact water quality and wildlife." The Canadian Cancer Society was among several organizations urging action against unnecessary pesticide use, citing the dangers of toxic chemicals, especially to children.

**Invasive species** So far, Kashwakamak Lake remains free from the scourges of zebra mussels and spiny water fleas, two invaders specifically monitored by the Ministry of the Environment. Last fall, while attending a FOCA conference, I obtained three FOCA Stop Signs. These are notices in the form of traffic stop signs urging boaters to thoroughly clean their boats and trailers after removing them from the water. By the time you read this, the signs will be posted at three public launch sites on Kashwakamak Lake. I also hope to obtain extra copies for the marinas and lodges on the lake. It is important to remember to clean your boat and empty all water containers immediately after removing the craft from the lake or river. Washing up just before launching your boat may simply flush contaminants and invasive species into the new body of water. I understand that by keeping your craft high and dry (emphasis on "dry") for five consecutive days is another effective way to control the migration of invasive species. Let's all work hard together to keep Kash Lake healthy.



**Speed limits** Federal law stipulates that the speed limit on navigable waterways, of which Kashwakamak Lake is one, is 10 kilometres per hour within 30 metres of shore. (For you Americans and some “highly-experienced” Canadians, that’s six mph within 100 feet.) This law applies not just in narrow passages, but near all shorelines. No exceptions. Please respect this law. By doing so you reduce erosion, maintain spawning beds, and otherwise contribute to the general health of the shoreline.

You may have noticed that the speed limit signs on our lake are quite faded and in poor repair. Kashwakamak Lake Association is working to acquire and post new, legible signs. In the meantime, please go slow close to shore.

**Shoreline lighting** One thing I learned at that FOCA conference last fall was that shoreline lighting can have a detrimental effect on the entire aquatic food chain. According to Robert Dick, Chair of the Royal Astronomical Association of Canada’s Light Pollution Abatement Committee, artificial lights on docks and close to shorelines can interfere with nocturnal migration of zooplankton. Minnows and other small aquatic animals that forage near the surface are then deprived of their food supply if they moved to deeper, colder water. As the supply of healthy minnow population declines, larger fish go hungry. And on it goes up the food chain. And we wonder why the pickerel and bass population of Kashwakamak Lake seems to be declining. Help our lake stay healthy by turning off your shoreline lights. Well-placed reflectors will do a good job of locating and identifying your dock at night. Carry a small flashlight if you stroll by the water’s edge in the evening – or better still, turn it off and allow your eyes to fully adapt to the darkness. You’ll be surprised how much you can see by Moonlight and starlight alone.

If you must have electric lights on your dock or shore, choose dim reddish or amber fixtures. Long wavelengths do not penetrate very far into the water (which is why everything looks bluish underwater) and will have a minimal effect on the lake’s ecosystem. Also, avoid dusk-to-dawn (D-D) lighting altogether. D-D lights waste energy, contribute nothing to safety except a false sense of security, and endanger wildlife and humans alike. Just as with indoor lights, turn off outdoor lights when you “leave the room”.

**Turtles are in trouble!** In a recent conversation with staff of the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre, I was advised that seven of the eight indigenous species of turtles in Ontario are now listed as “at risk”. (Only the painted turtle is still safe, so far.) One of the major causes of turtle mortality is “highway predation”. Turtles are not the fastest critters out there, so there’s little chance they will suddenly surprise you by darting out from the bushes and directly under your wheels. They are large and visible and avoidable on the highway. Unless you are travelling at insane speeds, evasive action is not difficult or dangerous. As the KTTC bumper sticker says, “Give turtles a brake!” Visit <http://www.kawarthaturtle.org/> for more information about the KTTC and Ontario’s turtle population.

I hope you will keep all these things in mind as you enjoy your Kashwakamak Summer. See you on the lake! (Look for the grey-beard under a Tilley hat in the red kayak – or in a 12-foot putt-putt taking water samples at the west end of the lake east of The Narrows.)

Enjoy Life!     ☺

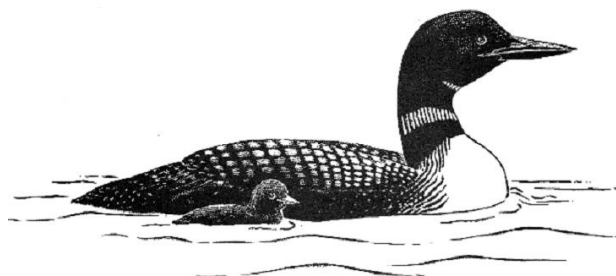
*Guy Nason  
Kashwakamak Lake Steward*

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

On Thanksgiving weekend we discovered a watercraft had floated up to our dock, covered for the winter, and line in the water. If you are missing a watercraft, please contact us at 613-336-8636(cottage) or 613-962-8935.

## LOON WORKSHOP

Presented by: Frontenac Stewardship Council



**OSO HALL**

**SHARBOT LAKE**

**27 JUNE 2009**

**8:30 am to 4 pm**

**Free of charge, no pre-registration required**

### **LOON BEHAVIOUR – NATURAL HISTORY – CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT**

*Research videos and information from loon experts, including:*

*Past Director, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology*

*Director, Canadian Lakes Loon Survey*

*Experienced local loon observers*

*Enjoy loon photographs and calls. Buy loon books and materials.*

*Lake Associations – win a loon nesting platform for your lake – ready to float*

*Door prizes: loon books, framed loon photograph*

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### **LAND O LAKES GARDEN TOUR AND TEA**

#### **On The Rocks**

#### **Gardens of the Canadian Shield**

The Land O Lakes Garden Club of Cloyne and district is hosting a Garden Tour and Tea on Saturday, July 18, 10am – 4pm. The tour will highlight seven gardens and your ticket price will include tea, lemonade and scones with devon cream and jam served to you at the Barrie Township Hall in Cloyne.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling 613-336-0771 or can be purchased at the Hall on the day of the tour. A Marketplace of garden related items and a booth of nursery plants will add to your enjoyment.

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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](mailto:KashKourier@sympatico.ca).

Carol Shepherdson

**START YOUR SEASON WITH KASH KLOTHING!**

An arrangement with Elizabeth Brownlee of Multideas Promotions has been made to provide outdoor clothing, embroidered with "Lake Kashwakamak" on the left chest. Order forms are enclosed below and also will be available at the AGM in July. For further info and/or to order contact Shelley - [sharttbond@hotmail.com](mailto:sharttbond@hotmail.com)

<b>WOMEN'S SLEEVELESS GOLF SHIRT</b>	-adult sizes s - m - l - xl	(black, sand, navy) (This is a clearance special price.)	\$15.00
<b>MEN'S GOLF SHIRT</b>	-adult sizes s - m - l - xl	(a variety of colours*)	\$28.00
<b>BALL CAP AND T SHIRT COMBO</b>	-youth and adult sizes	(a variety of colours*) (We must have a minimum of 24 orders to get this price.)	\$15.00/set
<b>HOODED SWEAT SHIRT</b>	-youth and adult sizes	(a variety of colours*)	\$36.00
<b>1/4 ZIP SWEAT SHIRT</b>	-adult sizes s- m- l- xl	(a variety of colours*)	\$42.00
<b>CREW NECK SWEAT SHIRT</b>	-youth and adult sizes	(a variety of colours*)	\$27.00

\*Most items come in black, forest green, red, navy, sport grey and white.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** e.g. cottage phone; home phone; email

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**First item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Second item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Third item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Price:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TOWNSHIP RECYCLING AND WASTE INFORMATION

### *New For All Waste Sites*

(from Township of North Frontenac website June 2, 2009)

Beginning May 15, 2009 the use of clear bags will come into effect. All waste must be put in **clear bags**. If the Attendant notices any recyclable products in the clear bags you will be asked to remove it or take the bag home to separate the waste from the recycling. There will be a “**grace period**” until August 15, 2009, during which your existing supply of black or coloured garbage bags can be used up. We would encourage you to begin using clear bags as soon as possible. The purpose of using the clear bags is to increase the recycling diversion rate to protect our Waste Sites from early closure due to reaching their capacity limits and to increase our diversion rate, which is still low (13%) compared to where it should be. This is an indication that **not everyone is recycling** as they should. Many communities have attained the Provincial diversion rate of 65%.

North Frontenac will be initiating the use of Waste Site Cards again, to be presented to the Attendant upon entering the Waste Site.

Watch for upcoming Notices for the following diversion initiatives:

**New!! Household Hazardous Waste Depots** to be located at the 506 Waste Site; Plevna Waste Site and Mississippi Waste Site.

**New!! Electronic Waste Collection Event** to be held in August or September.

A Waste Management Pamphlet will be prepared explaining the what's and how to's of recycling, new products being accepted for recycling, household hazardous waste and electrical waste.

Due to necessary changes to the layout of the Ardoch Waste Site, **construction waste** will **TEMPORARILY** not be accepted.

The Cloyne Transfer Station open hours on Sundays in the summer have been changed - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

These initiatives are good for the environment and good for us!

Brenda Defosse, Clerk

### *Recycling Information For Residents*

We would first like to thank you for an excellent effort in recycling waste and helping to make our Township “green”. Through your efforts we have reduced our waste phenomenally! Keep up the Recycling and our disposal sites will reward you, your children and grandchildren.

**In an effort to maximize our recycling efforts, we request that you help us by following these few simple rules, as requested by our Recycling Pick Up Company:**

- No Strapping unless it is plastic strapping on plastic or metal strapping around metal recyclables.
- **CLEAR bags** only (light blue ones OK) Please do **NOT** use green bags for recyclables. These bags are **NOT** to be put in the can or plastic bin, but given to the Attendant once emptied into a specific bin.
- **Styrofoam** should be kept separate from all other material and put into clear bags (examples: packaging, meat trays if not bloody). Do **NOT** put Styrofoam in the plastic bin. Ask the Attendant in which bin to put it.
- **Cans** – all **clean** food and beverage cans and **clean** tin foil or foil pie plates. Do **not** include aerosol, paint, oil or gas cans.
- **Paper**, newspapers, magazines, fliers, old telephone books and catalogues can all be mixed together – **but no plastic bags**
- **Film plastic** (such as grocery bags) should be kept separate in one clear bag and given to the Attendant. Do **not** put in **any** recycle bin – even the plastic.
- **Cardboard and boxboard** - cereal boxes, pizza boxes, egg cartons, cigarette packs can be mixed together. All cardboard **must** have top and bottom flaps pulled out and laid flat and be piled in the cardboard bin. Do **NOT** include waxed cardboard or boxboard (juice/milk cartons, etc. These should go in with your garbage.)
- **Glass** – check with the Attendant where to put the glass. This should be rinsed if dirty. **Remember** – you can now recycle liquor, wine, and beer bottles at your local Beer Store or depot for a monetary return.
- **Coded plastic** – Any plastic container with a triangle and a number from 1 to 7 on it can be put in the plastic bin. If there is no number, then it is not recyclable.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Any containers for recycling that are not rinsed out and contain remains of food will SPOIL the entire bin of recycled material and make it unacceptable to be picked up by our Recycling Pick Up Company. Please be sure to rinse your containers.\*\*\***

**Recyclables Chart** (from Township of North Frontenac website June 2, 2009)

Plastics & Cans can go together. Be certain all recyclables are empty and clean or they will contaminate the load and it then becomes waste for the landfill and not recyclable. Papers and cardboard are to be tied in bundles.

<b>ITEMS ACCEPTED</b>	<b>EXAMPLES</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<b>Plastic tubs &amp; lids#2, #4 or #5</b>	Margarine, yogurt, sour cream, ice cream containers	Clean, lids removed and place with plastics and cans.
<b>Plastic Bottles &amp; Jugs #1 to #7</b>	Beverage containers (pop, water, etc.), cleaner bottles (Windex, Mr. Clean, dish soap, etc.)	Drain, rinse and discard caps and place with plastics and cans. NO MOTOR OIL, PESTICIDE OR HERBICIDE CONTAINERS (These are Hazardous Waste)
<b>Plastic Film #4</b>	Grocery and bread bags	Clean, no labels, cash receipt out of bag. Put together in a clear plastic bag –do not place with plastics and cans
<b>Polystyrene &amp; Styrofoam **ONLY TAKEN AT 506, PLEVNA AND MISSISSIPPI WASTE SITES**</b>	Packaging from TV's, etc., packaging pellets, cups, plastic knives, forks, spoons, meat trays, bakery trays (clam shells), bubble wrap, flower pots	NO PINK OR BLUE (SM type) CONSTRUCTION STYROFOAM Place all types in a clear plastic bag. Do not place with plastics and cans
<b>Empty Paint Cans</b>	Up to 4 litre or 1 gallon size	Make sure the can is empty. It should have no liquid paint in it and no more than ¼ inch of dried paint on the bottom. Remove the lid and place with plastics and cans. Leave the label on the can. (If paint remaining in can it is Hazardous Waste)
<b>Aerosol Cans</b>	Paint, hairspray, room fresheners, etc.	Make sure the entire product is used up and the can is empty. You can leave spray nozzles and paper labels on them. Place with plastics and cans. NO PESTICIDES OR HERBICIDES. These are Hazardous Waste
<b>Corrugated Cardboard &amp; Brown Paper Bags</b>	Heavy cardboard boxes, empty bags from dog/cat food, farm products, etc.	Empty and flatten the boxes and bags and tie in bundles of 24" x 24" x 8" or smaller
<b>Boxboard</b>	Boxes from cereal, cookies, tissue, detergent, shoes, paper egg cartons, empty paper towel, toilet paper rolls	Empty and flatten the boxes and rolls, etc. and tie in bundles of 24" x 24" x 8" or smaller
<b>Newspapers, Magazines &amp; Junk Mail</b>	Newspapers, flyers, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, computer/printer paper, paper cups & plates, tissue paper, greeting cards	Place together in a brown paper bag or tie all together. No hard-covered books. NOTE: Only shredded paper can be put in a clear plastic bag.
<b>Aluminum Foil &amp; Foil Containers</b>	Rigid foil containers (i.e. pie plates), fast food trays, aluminum foil wrap.	Make sure all materials are clean and placed with plastics and cans. No foil with paper or plastic lamination, no cardboard lids, no butter, candy or cigarette wrap, no peel off lids, no metalized chip bags.
<b>Food &amp; Drink Cans</b>	Pop, soup, vegetable cans, etc.	Rinse cans. You don't have to remove labels or flatten cans. Place metal lids from cans in the bottom of a can and pinch the top of the can to trap the lid inside (safety measure) and place with plastics and cans.
<b>Milk &amp; Juice Cartons &amp; Tetra Boxes</b>		Rinse and place with plastics and cans
<b>Composting</b>		Backyard composters are available to ratepayers at the Municipal Office for \$20.00 and under the sink collection pails are free to ratepayers. Ask for a brochure on composting

### ***Waste Electrical Facts***

(from Township of North Frontenac website June 2, 2009)

<b>Item Accepted</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Not Included</b>
Desktop Computers	Personal Computers, Microcomputers, Mini Computers, Computer Terminals	
Portable Computers	Laptops, Notebooks, Notepads, Tablet PC	PDA's , Handheld Computers (e.g. Blackberry)
Computer Peripherals	Disk Drives, Optical Drives, Mouse, Keyboard	Speakers, Cameras, Microphones
Monitors	Computer Monitors, Closed Circuit Monitors, Professional Display Monitors ( <b>Physically Damaged /Cracked Monitors are not Accepted</b> )	
Televisions	All Televisions (CRT, Plasma, LCD, Rear Projection), Dual Monitor /Televisions	
Printing Devices	Desktop Printers, Portable Photo Printers, Camera Dock Printers, Desktop Fax Machines	Point of Sale Receipt Printer, Handheld Printers

WEEE Collection is a One Day Event (To be announced.)

### ***Hazardous Waste Facts***

(from Township of North Frontenac website June 2, 2009)

<b>Item Accepted</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Not Included</b>
Single Use Dry Cell Batteries	Alkaline Batteries, Button Cell Batteries, Lithium Batteries	Car Batteries, Rechargeables
Paints	Latex Based, Oil Based and Spray Paints	Driveway Sealers and Roof Sealers
Fertilizers	N-P-K Fertilizers registered under the Fertilizer Act	
Automobile Engine Coolant (Antifreeze)	Car Engine Antifreeze	Plumbing/RV Antifreeze, Windshield Washer Fluid
Petroleum Distillates	Varsol, Paint Thinner, Turpentine, Paint Stripper, Degreaser	
Oil, Oil Containers and Oil Filters	Crankcase Oil, Engine Oil, Oil Filters, Diesel Fuel Filters	Grease, Cooking Oil, Gasoline Fuel Filter, Air Filters
Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Insecticides		Insect Repellent (personal use), Pet Products, Pool Chemicals, Ant Traps

**\*\*\* Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Hours Effective June 30, 2009 \*\*\***

## WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

(from North Frontenac website on June 2, 2009)

Summer Hours commencing May 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year	Winter Hours commencing October 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year (PLEASE NOTE: Dumps are closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day)
<b>WARD ONE</b>	<b>WARD ONE</b>
<p><b>Cloyne Site</b></p> <p>Sunday            10 am — 6 pm  Monday            10 am — 5 pm  Holiday Monday   10 am — 6 pm  Wed &amp; Fri            9 am — 1 pm  Saturday           12 Noon — 5 pm</p>	<p><b>Cloyne Site</b></p> <p>Sunday            9 am — 4 pm  Wednesday        1 pm — 4 pm  Friday              9 am — 12 Noon</p>
<p><b>506 Site</b></p> <p>Sunday            2 pm — 7 pm  Mon., Tues., Wed  &amp; Sat.              1 pm — 6 pm  Thurs &amp; Fri        2 pm — 6 pm  <b>**HHW Mon,Tues,Wed 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>506 Site</b></p> <p>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</p>
<p><b>Kashwakamak Site</b></p> <p>Holiday Monday   2 pm — 7 pm  Sunday            2 pm — 7 pm  Thursday          1 pm — 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Kashwakamak Site</b></p> <p>Holiday Monday   12 Noon — 4 pm  Sunday            12 Noon — 4 pm</p>
<b>WARD TWO</b>	<b>WARD TWO</b>
<p><b>Plevna Site</b></p> <p>Sunday &amp; Friday   10 am — 6 pm  Wednesday        8:30 am — 4:30 pm  <b>**HHW Wed. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Plevna Site</b></p> <p>Sunday, Wednesday &amp; Friday   10 am — 4 pm</p>
<p><b>Ardoch Site</b></p> <p>Thursday          1 pm — 6 pm  Saturday          10 am — 6 pm  Monday            1 pm — 6 pm  Holiday Monday   10 am — 3 pm</p>	<p><b>Ardoch Site</b></p> <p>Thursday &amp; Saturday        10 am — 3 pm</p>
<b>WARD THREE</b>	<b>WARD THREE</b>
Please note that during holiday weekends, the Ward 3 sites are closed on Sundays and open on Monday	
<p><b>Mississippi Site</b></p> <p>Tuesday &amp; Saturday   10 am — 2 pm  Thursday &amp; Sunday    4 pm — 8 pm  <b>**HHW Tues. 10 am – 2 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Mississippi Site</b></p> <p>Tuesday &amp; Saturday   10 am — 2 pm</p>
<p><b>Ompah Site</b></p> <p>Tuesday            10 am – 2 pm  Saturdays          12 pm – 4 pm  Sundays            4 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Ompah Site</b></p> <p>Tuesday            10 am – 2 pm  Saturdays          12 pm – 4 pm</p>

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