



News and Information from Kashwakamak Lake Association

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WWW.KASHWAKAMAK.CA

The KLA has a website! It was launched over a year ago now. 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

SAVE THE DATE Check out Page 7 for more details

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This was election year for your lake association and as mentioned in the Spring Newsletter we bade farewell to our long time secretary and director Karen McCall as well as directors Al Twombly and Bill Roffey all of whom served your association for many years.

Your new directors, Judy Ritchie, Peggie Pelosi, Kevin Phillips and Earl Bond bring a wealth of expertise and energy to the board which will serve us well as we face new challenges and further develop efficient lines of communication with our membership. The KLA website provides us with the venue to keep our members up to date on matters affecting our lake environment at www.kashwakamak.ca. For those of you who have computer access, we urge you to keep informed by visiting the site as often as possible. For faster internet service, if you are on dial-up, the Library in Cloyne has computers which you can use for this purpose.

Our guest speaker at the AGM, Gordon Mountenay, is Water Management Supervisor for the Mississippi Valley Conservation and has been in charge of the Kashwakamak Dam since 1981. He provided us with insight into the many situations which affect the operating of the dam and answered questions following his presentation. Information is available at the MVC website www.mvc.on.ca.

Elma MacLachlan conducted the election and with six directors standing for a second term, she opened the nominations. As mentioned above, four new directors have been appointed to the board with one seat held open to ensure representation from the South Shore group.

We feel it is time the KLA Association had a logo which would represent our beautiful lake and the KLA Association. You will find further information on our contest to choose a logo elsewhere in the newsletter as well as exciting news on our new Family Day event which will be held next year. Participation is your contribution.

Enjoy the colour and beauty of this lovely season on Kashwakamak and wherever the winter finds you, your board of directors wishes you a safe and healthy winter.

~

Mary Larson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM minutes are enclosed with this newsletter mailing, and available on the website for those who are receiving the newsletter via email. ~

DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

Our annual fall dinner and silent auction was held on September 12th at the Fernleigh Lodge and attended by 79 members of the association. We started the evening at 6pm with an hour to drop off our treasures for the auction and to chat with our friends and neighbours before sitting down at 7pm to enjoy a terrific dinner. Kevin outdid himself again this year. We were served stuffed pork tenderloin with all the trimmings and 2 choices of pie for dessert. We gave everyone plenty of time to bid on the items to be auctioned and closed the bids at 8pm and by 9pm we had raised \$388 as a donation to the local Community Services. We will be holding the auction again next year, so please remember to tuck your "good junk" away until we meet again next September.

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Heather Penney

BOAT PARADE

After many, many years of leading Kash's Canada Day Boat Parade, "Admiral" Reg Locke stepped down this past summer. Reg's departure, compounded with the July 1st holiday landing midweek and the 'fabulous' July weather, had more than a few thinking we had seen the end of this celebration. However, in typical Kash fashion, some 17 'floats' answered the call and the tradition of the boat parade continues (including a singing of the national anthem to start the parade and a salute to the Admiral as the flotilla cruised by Reg's dock!).

Next year, we hope that more will join us at the Whitefish Bay 'deadhead' on Thursday, July 1st @ 1pm. Come experience the site of the shore audiences smiles and enjoyment on this 1 hour tour. The more the merrier!!

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Kim Gerrie

LAKE KASHWAKAMAK INFORMATION CARD

We are designing a double sided laminated card for you to have in your boats that will provide you with both a map of Lake Kashwakamak as well as helpful information for navigating around the lake. The lodges on our lake will also receive copies to provide to their guests as they head out to fish or play.

Watch for your Lake Kashwakamak Information Card in the spring newsletter!

Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone.

~

Peggie Pelosi

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership in the Kashwakamak Lake Association now stands at 385 families, a slight increase over last year at this time.

The thrust this summer and fall is to move substantially into the electronic age, with our first real attempt at sending out the Fall Newsletter by e-mail to all those members willing to give this approach a trial run. During the summer we have been canvassing members to obtain their agreement to participate. Recently I have used e-mail addresses on my file to contact as many members as possible. I am pleased to report that as I write this article, of the 234 members with an e-mail address, 73% have agreed to an e-mail delivered Newsletter; 13% declined the offer for a variety of reasons, and 14% have yet to reply. As a member of the group that buys materials, stamps, makes photocopies, prints out address labels, stuffs envelopes and delivers the packages to the post office, I deeply thank those who have agreed to participate in the e-mail approach.

I have received some feedback regarding the security and use of the e-mail addresses we now have on file. Let me emphasize that it is the policy of the KLA to limit the use of these addresses to KLA business only. We use the addresses to inform our members of issues and items of interest regarding our Lake (a mailing of such information would be too time consuming and expensive), and now to send out Newsletters (although the Spring Newsletter may still be mailed out to all members). It is hoped that of the 151 members without an e-mail address on our file, some may now choose to supply their address given their restricted use.

In closing, I would like to mention a very recent situation where the e-mail addresses were very useful. I received an e-mail message while travelling in the Maritimes concerning a break-in at one of the cottages on the lake. I was able to look up the 911 addresses on my membership file, and send out e-mails to all owners with cottages in close proximity to the break-in within an hour after I read the e-mail. The importance of ensuring that all your information (home & cottage addresses and phone numbers, and e-mail addresses) is up-to-date cannot be over-emphasized. Unfortunately, 7% of the e-mail requests (in respect to the Fall Newsletter) that I sent out recently came back with invalid e-mail addresses. ❧

*Allen Archibald
Membership Chairman*

WOODCREST TRAILER PARK UPDATE

The Ministry of the Environment have signed off (with some conditions) that the Sewage System and Water Supply at Woodcrest is adequate for a 200 site expansion.

The Township Planner has now asked Woodcrest to provide a more detailed site plan, drawn up by a professional. This is still pending.

When the Planner is satisfied that all conditions provided for in the Official Plan have been met, a "Site Plan Agreement" will be written including these conditions. Woodcrest has to "agree" to this.

The matter will then go to the Committee of Adjustment (which is made up of non-Council members and is chaired by Brenda Defosse, Clerk and Planning Coordinator), who will study all the related documents and make their recommendations to Council.

The Site Plan Agreement is not subject to any public input, but, at this point, the Executive Board of KLA has officially requested that Council ask for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on the Woodcrest Expansion Application.

This was brought to the September 24th, 2009 Meeting of Council. After some discussion, our request was deferred until after a satisfactory site plan would be received from Woodcrest.

It is not KLA's desire to stop Woodcrest from expanding their trailer park, but, in the interests of all, we would like to ensure that the expansion would not jeopardize the lake environment, either now or in the future.

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Elma MacLachlan

ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE ASSOCIATIONS

The KLA Cottage Association has initiated contact with all of the other cottage associations in North Frontenac Township in order to investigate the possibility of forming an "association of cottage associations". This group would meet to discuss matters of common interest and concern in order to formulate appropriate actions and responses. We hope to set up an initial meeting of the group early in the spring of 2010.

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Earl Bond

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FOCA's new website features include information and resources on the environment, insurance, boating, property tax, FireSmart and many more.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Garbage and Recycling

Our initial reports are that the Clear Bag Policy for Garbage implemented this summer by the municipality is increasing the percentage of recycled material and reducing the amount of garbage. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

The Township has recently purchased a 'compactor', which will be moved from site to site to further compress the garbage.

Septic Re-inspections

Inspections have been carried out over the summer. Unfortunately, our enthusiastic inspector, Jamie Saunders, has resigned to return to his home town of Thunder Bay and a new position there. We wish him well! Eric Kohlsmith, his replacement, will complete the inspections and write the reports.

Our Health Inspector, Brian Black, has retired. His replacement is Andrew Girrouard, who will also be working out of the KFL&A Health Office in Cloyne.

Official Plan

The latest proposed changes to the Draft Official Plan will be presented at a Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 22nd, 2009, at 7:00 pm upstairs in the Clar-Millar Fire Hall (behind the Township Office on #506).

The 5-year mandatory Review of the Official Plan will be completed this year. Public input is encouraged, either by presenting a submission at the meeting or by e-mail, Fax, or by written submission to Brenda Defosse, Township Clerk. The August 2009 Draft Official is on the Township Web site: www.northfrontenac.ca

Broadband Update

North Frontenac Township is pushing ahead with the Broadband Program, having received a grant of \$335,000 from the Province, which is approximately one-third of the total cost. Frontenac County and the service contractor (Omniglobe) will provide the remaining two-thirds. Actionable Intelligence (Ottawa) is overseeing the project for the Township.

The main tower, between Big Gull and Kashwakamak, is scheduled to go up this Fall, with repeater towers being erected throughout the region in the Spring.

On a preliminary assessment, the south shore of Kash

should be pretty well covered, but the service on the north shore, especially on the east end, may be more "hit or miss". So much depends on location, terrain and tree cover, that only after the towers are up, will we know for sure who will be able to receive the service.

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Elma MacLachlan

KASHWAKAMAK?

Do you know what the name "Kashwakamak" means?

When a member asked me this question, I realized that I had no idea - I'd always thought it meant "Long Lake", but this was just a familiar name by which the local residents called the lake.

I asked Chief Perry of the Ardoch Algonquins to look up the meaning for me. It comes from three Algonquin words:

"kash" means "jagged"; "awak" means "all around (the bottom)"; "amik"(amak) means "beaver" or "body of water".

So translated loosely, it would mean "the lake with rocky shoals". For the native peoples, this would have been an identifying feature to distinguish it from all the other lakes in the area. In the old days, when the lake was lower than it is today, rocks would have been more of a hazard.

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Elma MacLachlan

CATCH AND RELEASE

Here at Fernleigh Lodge we have strived to push catch and release over the past 9 years. Things are really "catching on" and we are getting compliments all the time about the quality of the fish being caught these past few years. This year in particular we have seen many nice sized fish being brought into camp. I have a sign posted in our cleaning house as well as in our store that says I will give \$100.00 towards a fibreglass mount if our customers will take a picture and then let the fish go. The fish I take with me to the sportsman shows are all fibreglass mounts and I get compliments all the time on how real these fish look. I have put thousands of dollars of my own money into fibreglass mounts for my guests and am proud to say that most of our customers are getting the hint. Keep the small pan-size fish and let the breeders go!!!! Thank You.

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*Kevin and Melissa
Fernleigh Lodge
1-866-459-9099*

LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT

My goodness, where did summertime go? I hope you enjoyed your time on the lake, despite the persistently poor weather. Personally, my lake-time really was short because of an unusual amount of travel outside the province. As a result, my lake sampling routine was curtailed somewhat. Normally, I take the lake's temperature and measure its transparency every two weeks. So far in 2009, I've only managed a rate of about once per month. However, that's enough for an interim report. So far, the lake has been a bit cooler and somewhat less transparent than in the past few years. I shall report the exact figures after the conclusion of the sampling period in October and will publish them in *Kash Kourier* next spring.

Some of you may have noticed new "Stop" signs posted at boat launch sites and resorts on the lake. This is part of our efforts to promote "good boat hygiene". The single most effective thing we can do to prevent the introduction of invasive species is to clean our boats and water toys as soon as we remove them from the lake. The "Stop" signs outline how best to do this, but essentially, it's just a matter of carefully washing down the boat, trailer, downriggers, etc. when removing them from the water. Do this at the point of egress, rather than just before launching the boat, so that any contaminants you may have picked up are returned to the source, not transported to the new location. Another effective strategy is to keep the boat and trailer high and dry (emphasis on "dry") for at least five consecutive days.

Back in 2003 there was some evidence for the presence of zebra mussels and spiny water fleas in our lake, but not since -- until last year (the most recent year that samplings for invasive species were taken). Mississippi Valley Conservation [www.mvc.on.ca] wrote: "Kashwakamak Lake was ... tested for invasive species in 2008, in particular, for zebra mussels and spiny water flea, in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Kashwakamak Lake did *not* have zebra mussel veligers (larvae) present; however, spiny water fleas were detected in the samples collected."

What are spiny water fleas and why are they a problem? According to the Great Lakes Information Network (<http://www.great-lakes.net>), "the spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes cederstroemi*), or "B.C.," is a tiny (less than half an inch

long) crustacean with a long, sharp, barbed tail spine. A native of Great Britain and northern Europe east to the Caspian Sea, the animal was first found in Lake Huron in 1984--probably imported in the ballast water of a trans-oceanic freighter. Since then, populations have exploded and the animal can now be found throughout the Great Lakes and in some inland lakes.

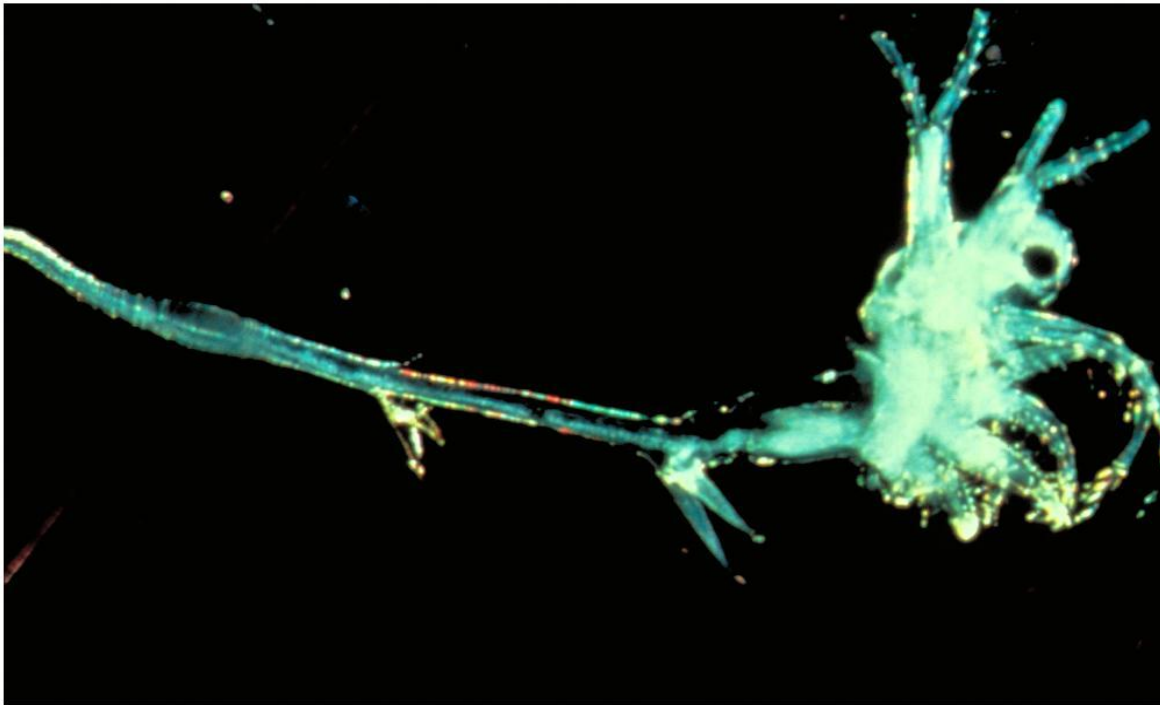


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"No one is really sure what effect spiny water fleas will have on the ecosystems of the Great Lakes region. But resource managers are worried, because the animals may compete directly with young perch and other small fish for food, such as "Daphnia" zooplankton.

"Spiny water fleas also reproduce rapidly. During warm summer conditions each female can produce up to 10 offspring every two weeks. As temperatures drop in the fall, eggs are produced that can lie dormant all winter.

"High numbers would not pose a problem if spiny water fleas were heavily consumed by predators. But its sharp spine makes it extremely hard for small fish to eat, leaving only some large fish to feed on them. As a result, spiny water flea populations remain high while populations of plankton, which they eat, have declined."

How did they get into Kashwakamak Lake? MVC also tested Mazinaw and Marble Lakes last year and found no evidence for the presence of either zebra mussels or spiny water fleas there. So they didn't simply wash downstream to us, but were probably introduced directly into our lake by human activity. To minimize further contamination by this and other species, please remember to clean your boat, trailer, bait buckets, bilge tanks and live-wells carefully.

Enjoy Life!

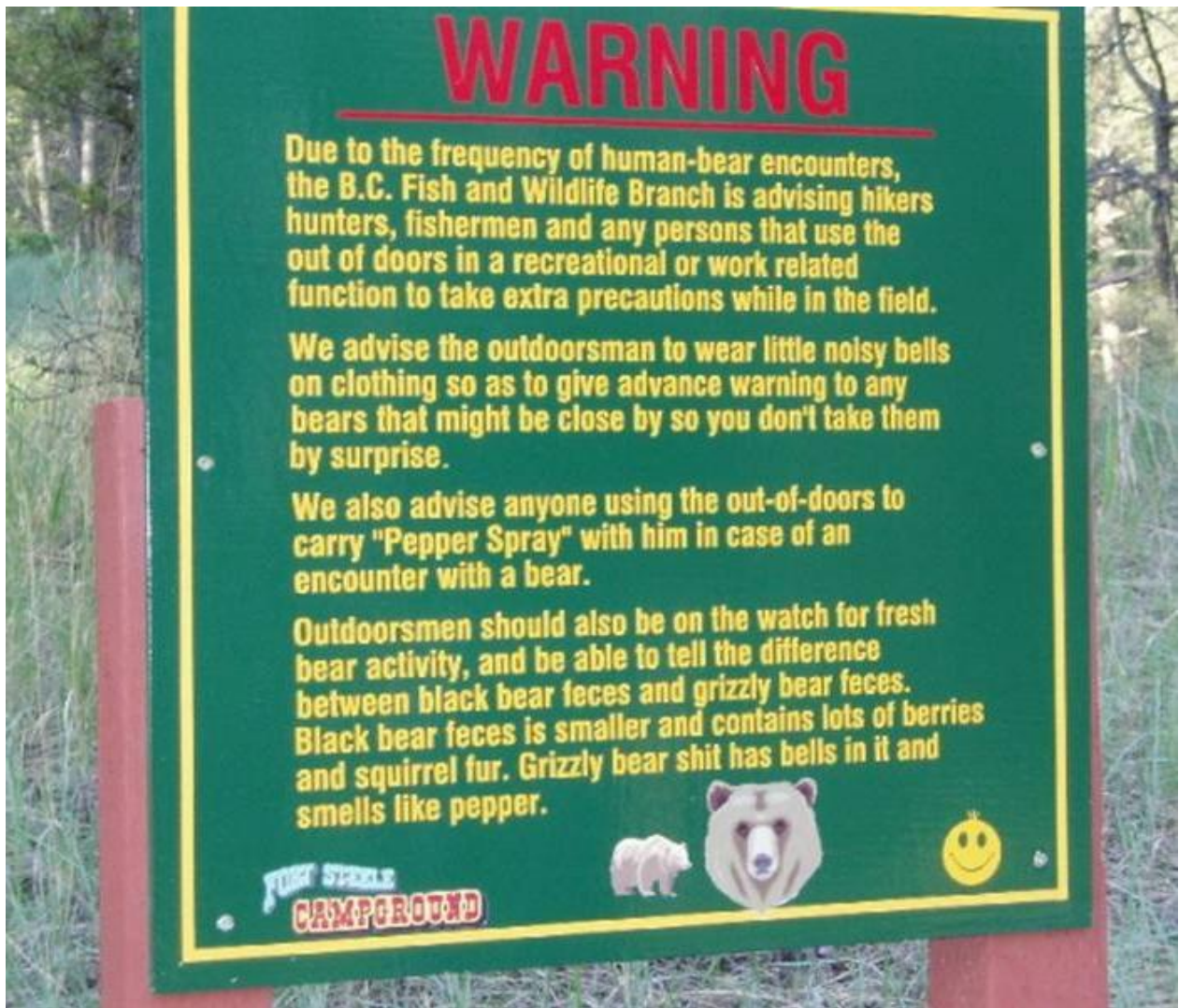
Guy Nason

Kashwakamak Lake Steward

References: [A Field Guide to Aquatic Exotic Plants and Animals](#), University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program



Our bears are a problem but not as bad as BC bears!



**Save
the
Date**

You Won't Want to Miss Your

**1st Annual Kashwakamak Lake
Family Fun Day and Barbecue
Saturday August 14th 2010**

@ Fernleigh Lodge

Family games ☺ Prizes ☺ BBQ ☺ Music ☺ Marketplace

Watch our website this winter for more details about this event!

<http://www.kashwakamak.ca>

RAINFALL

And we thought last summer was bad!!!!

Fortunately, this year we have been blessed with a spectacular spell of late August and September weather. I'm not sure if it totally compensated for the "summer that never was", but it certainly has been glorious.

Unfortunately, my rain gauge was "out of action" during some of the heaviest rain (24th July – 6th August), but I have used the automatic readings at the Myers Cave Bridge for these days, so the totals should be reasonably accurate.

Rainfall in Millimetres

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
May	75.5	75.5	74.5	30.0	103.5	50.5	100.5	81.5
June	198.0	66.5	81.5	121.5	128.5	62.0	149.0	44.0
July	42.0	57.5	66.0	16.0	61.0	98.0	55.5	145.2
August	35.5	95.5	105.5	90.0	19.0	47.0	109.0	155.2
September	53.0	108.0	103.0	87.5	167.5	5.5	69.0	40.0(25 th)



Elma MacLachlan

PUT YOUR CHRISTMAS ORDER OF KASH KLOTHING IN NOW

An arrangement with Elizabeth Brownlee of Multideas Promotions has been made to provide outdoor clothing, embroidered with "Lake Kashwakamak" on the left chest. For further information and/or to order, email Shelley at sharttbond@hotmail.com . All orders put in by October 20/09 will be received in time for Christmas!

WOMEN'S SLEEVELESS GOLF SHIRT - adult sizes s - m - l- xl in black, butter, navy \$15.00

(This is a clearance special price. Limited availability at this price.)

MEN'S GOLF SHIRT - adult sizes s - m - l - xl in a variety of colours \$28.00

BALL CAP AND T-SHIRT COMBO - youth and adult sizes; in a variety of colours \$20.00/set

stitching on cap will match the colour of shirt you order

HOODED SWEATSHIRT - youth and **adult** sizes; a variety of colours available \$36.00

1/4 ZIP SWEAT SHIRT -adult sizes s- m- l- xl; a variety of colours available \$41.50

CREW NECK SWEAT SHIRT - youth and adult sizes available; a variety of colours available \$27.00

FULL ZIPPER SWEAT SHIRT - youth and adult sizes, various colours \$40.00

BALL CAPS - beige - state what colour thread you want the stitching of words "Lake Kashwakamak" \$10.00



WOMEN'S SLEEVED GOLF SHIRT – ladies' Johnny collar jersey w/ pencil stripe various colours \$28.00

RECYCLED POLYESTER FLEECE TOQUE Dutch blue, black, alpine green, molten red, - \$20.00

RECYCLED POLYESTER FLEECE FULL ZIP VESTS – \$45.00

Men's S – 5X - blue peak, black, alpine green, molten red, concrete (grey)

Ladies XS – 3X – Aquarius (similar to turquoise), pearl frost, black, alpine green, molten red

FULL ZIP VEST & TOQUE SET - \$60.00

60"x50" POLYESTER FLEECE BLANKET - \$28.00

black, navy, royal cobalt (blue), alpine green, charcoal, molten red, maroon

*** PLUS SIZES ADD \$3.00 EXTRA.**

Please include in your email your:

Name, Home Phone, Cottage Phone

Item(s) Ordered: _____

Sizes: _____