

Lake Kashwakamak

Animal Show:
Includes parrots,
iguanas, etc!

Door Prizes!

Art and Crafts All
Day!

Face Painting All Day!

Get to know your
neighbours!

Don't Miss
Our...

**2nd Annual Lake
Kashwakamak
Family Day &
BBQ!**

**11 am-4 pm
Saturday
August 13th 2011
Fernleigh Lodge**

**Open to all mem-
bers of the Lake
Association and
their families.**

**Lemonade, Iced Tea
and Ice cream cones
are
complimentary!**

**BBQ Tickets(on arrival):
Hotdog/Sausage + potato
chips: \$2.50
Hamburger + potato chips:
\$3.50**

**Register now-Pay later!
Payment for Family Day
tickets is 'at the door'**

Pre-register be emailing: President@kashwakamak.ca

**Please indicate: Family name, No. of adults, (18+), No. of youth (6-17), No. of
Children (5 & Under)**

Swimming and Water
Trampoline!

Treasure Hunt!

Tug of War: Juniors
+ Seniors!

Door Prizes!

Old Fashioned Picnic
Games!



June 2011

Volume 3

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Cottage Succession Workshop**
Saturday June 25, 10 am—noon
Barrie Hall, Cloyne -PRE-REGISTER
- **Zoning By-Law Open House**
Saturday June 25, 9 am— 4:00 pm
Clar-Mill Community Hall
- **Canada Day Boat Parade**
Thursday July 1 @ 1 pm
Meet at Whitefish Bay Deadheads
- **Annual General Meeting**
Saturday July 9 @ 9:30 am
Lions Community Hall, Northbrook
- **Family Fun Day**
Saturday August 13 ,
11:00 am - 4:00
Fernleigh Lodge
- **Dinner & Silent Auction**
Saturday September 10
Fernleigh Lodge

Northbrook's Lions Community Hall to host KLA's 20th AGM

Please note that this year the KLA Annual General Meeting will be held at the **Lions Community Hall** on Highway 41 in Northbrook on **Saturday, July 9th** starting at **9:30 am**.

The highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by the Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Planning Committee. This will be followed by a vote to give approval to proceed with the development of a Lake Plan.

We will also be presenting an updated Constitution for discussion and a vote. Finally, this year is another election year so we will also be electing new directors to the board to fill the new vacancies. Please plan to join us.

Mary Larson

Keep in touch!

Check out our website
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webeditor@kashwakamak.ca
Send us your pictures!
photos@kashwakamak.ca

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**Kashwaka-
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group on
Facebook!

Family Fun Day Saturday August 13th, 2011

Save the date!



Back by popular demand, your Kashwakamak Lake Association is planning the second annual Family Fun Day.

We hope all of you and your families will join us on **Saturday August 13th** from **11:00 am—4:00 pm** at Fernleigh Lodge for a day of fun, games, good food and great memories.

Check the enclosed flyer for details and how to register and get your tickets or send an email to, president@kashwakamak.ca

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President's Corner - Mary Larson

As it happens every two years, we are again looking forward to the election of new directors to serve on the KLA Board. Over the past years, the board has grown from an original group of 5 or 6 directors to our current board which numbers 12 directors representing the various regions of Kashwakamak Lake. Your board comprises a group of talented volunteers who are interested in the well being of our lake and believe in the purpose and mission of our Association. We would ask you to consider standing for election if you feel you would like to participate as a director on the KLA Board.

"The KLA is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its founding ..."

Retiring from the board this year are Peggie Pelosi, Bob Osborne, Earl Bond, Lynn McEvoy and our longest serving director, Elma MacLachlan who has served as President, Past-President, Lake Steward and North Frontenac Liaison for a total of 16 years. During her tenure, Elma has served diligently and as we all know was the person behind our current successful Septic System Re-Inspection program. We thank all the retiring directors for their service to the Association and especially wish to express to Elma our sincere appreciation for her many years of dedication to the KLA. The archives have correspondence from Elma as Lake Steward dating back to 1995. She has indeed done her share!

As you will see through-

out this newsletter, the KLA Board has been "on the go" throughout the winter. Judy McIntyre, Chair of the Lake Sustainability Planning Committee and Gord Hunter, representing KLA on the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance have attended numerous meetings during this period. Both these board members have demanding careers but still feel the call to serve the community of Lake Kashwakamak. Those members who are on the email register know that throughout the whole year, Allen Archibald keeps you informed of alerts and news affecting our lake. The entire board is in communication throughout the year as issues affecting our lake community arise. As well as the board of directors, we are blessed with a number of dedicated Loon Watchers with Verna Hutchison, who as their coordinator, submits the KLA loon information to the Birds Canada organization.

The 20th AGM will be held at the Northbrook Lions Hall on July 9th. We will vote on an Amendment to the KLA Constitution, the first since July 15, 2000 when The Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) was formed. The KLA replaced the former Lake Kashwakamak West Property Owners' Association which was originally named The Tower Road and Area Property Owners' Association who held its inaugural meeting on August 10, 1991, (see insert p. 3).

The main event of the AGM will be the presentation by the Lake Sustainability Planning committee on the ins and outs of Lake Planning as we move to ensure and protect our lake and environment for future generations. The Lake Sustainability Planning committee has worked throughout the fall and winter

and we are grateful to them for their efforts to date. This is the most challenging project that KLA has worked on and as we move forward, the committee will require volunteers at various stages and in various capacities to ensure a successful outcome.

Our second annual Family Fun Day will be held on August 13th at Fernleigh Lodge. The success of last year's event was a positive indicator that the residents of the lake are enthusiastic about participating in this fun filled day. Please see the enclosed poster and register by emailing president@kashwakamak.ca in advance so we can track the number. Last year we registered parents and children totaling 170 in all. The feedback was beyond our expectations and we hope that this year will be bigger and better (if that is possible). I look forward to seeing you at Fernleigh.

Finally, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the KLA, I would like to recognize the people who served as President and Past President of the association. They, along with their directors, were dedicated to the growth and purpose of the association and from the original 50 cottage owners, we now number approximately 390. I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and wish you a safe and sun filled summer. *Mary Larson*

KLA's Presidents

1991 - 1993 Tom Beckett
1993 - 1995 Dimi Petrescu
1995 - 1999 Al MacGregor
1999 - 2003 Reg Locke
2003 - 2007 Elma MacLachlan
2007 - 2011 Mary Larson

Dinner/Silent Auction

Our annual fall dinner and silent auction will be held on September 10th at the Fernleigh Lodge. We will start the evening at 6pm with an hour to drop off your treasures for the auction and to chat with friends and neighbours before sitting down at 7pm to enjoy dinner, followed by the auction. *As our silent auction is a fund raiser for a local charity, please save your "best" junk to donate to the cause.* We will also be gathering food donations for the local food bank, so bag or box your items and drop them off at the Lodge that night.

The dinner, which will be prepared by Melissa and her staff, will be delightful as usual. *Don't forget to bring your beverage of choice for the evening.* Glasses and ice will be available as well as water and lemonade or ice tea. The cost for the dinner is \$23 per person, payable upon ticket purchase. Tickets will be available at the Annual General Meeting on July 9th.

For tickets after the AGM, please contact Kevin at Fernleigh Lodge 613 479-5566, or Heather Penney - 613 336-0072.

Heather Penney

Kashwakamak Lake Association

Note from the Editor: This newsletter is published twice a year—in the spring and the fall. If there is anything you would like to see in here, please send me your ideas. *Sue MacGregor*

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www.kashwakamak.ca

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Can you help us to reach our goal?

Every one of your association members is entitled to receive 3 free copies of Boats & Places Magazine this year; if they would like to take advantage of this offer, please complete and return the attached Excel file to provide their contact addresses and emails. *(KLA will not be submitting names and e-mail addresses to FOCA; rather each KLA member is free to contact FOCA directly).*

Please contact us if we can answer additional questions.

We appreciate your ongoing support.
 Sincerely,
 Michelle Lewin
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NEW DIRECTORS NEEDED FOR KLA BOARD

Are you interested in putting your name forward to be a director on the Board? Please contact Mary Larson by calling 613-336-8832 or email her at president@kashwakamak.ca. We have 5 spots open in total (three people have come forward), due to retirements and are still looking for representation in the following areas of the lake:

- North Shore
- South Shore

Note: In an election year the directors vote for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary at their first board meeting following the AGM. Mary Larson has completed her 4 years as President (2—2 year terms), and will sit as Past President in support of the new President. Nominations are made at the AGM and voted on by the membership present at the meeting.

Board of Directors 2010-2011

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|-----------------|---|--------------|--|
| Allen Archibald | Treasurer / Membership | 613-336-0072 | membership@kashwakamak.ca |
| Ruth Blamire | Director | 613-479-2582 | mblamire@cogeco.ca |
| Earl Bond | Director | 613-336-8636 | ebond88@cogeco.ca |
| Milt Houle | Lake Steward | 613-336-0886 | LakeSteward@kashwakamak.ca |
| Gord Hunter | Director | 613-336-7345 | frontier@eagle.ca |
| Mary Larson | President | 613-336-8832 | president@kashwakamak.ca |
| Elma MacLachlan | Past President/ North Frontenac Liaison | 613-336-8875 | elma.maclachlan@sympatico.ca |

Membership Report - Allen Archibald

Membership increased slightly over the past year, and is now just shy of 400 members (391 to be exact). 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.

Once again, I would like to extend a very special thanks to John Hart, Bill Roffey, and

Miriam McKeown for bringing 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.

E-mail Communication

Our efforts to expand our e-mail communication with the members continue, with a total of 23 messages sent out in 2010 and a further 14 messages so far this year. These messages have included monthly Alerts from FOCA; Watershed Bulletins from Mississippi Valley Authority; reminders of scheduled KLA events; notices of community presentations and talks provided by local authorities; and information to keep you informed as to municipal elections, the slow evolution of high speed internet, the status of water levels in spring and fall, and the availability of electronic maps of the lake.

Our e-mail capable members now number 272 or 70% of the total membership. In addition, we provide for the opportunity to send e-mails to family members, which today has added another 58 folk who receive KLA related news. We respect the fact that some mem-

bers are still using dial-up, and if we are aware of their transmission speed, we do not send them large files. We leave it to you to make sure we know that you use dial-up.

Unfortunately, there are some e-mail addresses that are no longer valid, either temporally or permanently. Time does not permit us to phone the member to check his/her e-mail address, so we ask you to let us know of any changes. If you haven't received any e-mail from the KLA for a period of time, chances are we no longer have a valid address for you.

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Please be reminded that we treat your information with respect and confidentiality. We do not release e-mail addresses to anyone, but do share e-mail addresses with your road association to try to keep our mutual lists up-to-date. We use your e-mail address to only send out information relevant to our cottages and life on the lake. If you would like to receive our notices, please let me know by e-mail allencarchibald@gmail.com so I can add your name to our list. Include if you wish, additional family members along with their e-mail addresses.

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KLA's History

TOWER ROAD ASSOCIATION FORMED

About fifty residents of the Tower Road area (Lake Kashwakamak) gathered on August 10th at the Lion's Community Centre Hall in Northbrook for the inaugural meeting of a new Property Owners' Association. The official name is the Tower Road and Area Property Owners' Association and the membership to date is almost one hundred.

The main business of the meeting was to elect a Board of Directors. Following nominations from the floor, the election

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was held by secret ballot on the basis of one vote per property. Scrutineers were Jean Beckett, Frank Cannings, and Betty Cannings. Five directors were elected.

The following day the directors met at Tom Beckett's to elect executive positions. Tom Beckett is the President, David Hynes is Vice President, Dorothy Jellicoe is Secretary, Reg Locke is Treasurer and Dimi Petreanu is a director.

Treasurer's Report - Allen Archibald

Included in this Newsletter mailing is the audited Financial Statement of the Association for 2010, together with notes explaining some of the details.

You will note that the cash balance decreased by \$3,762.42. This occurred as a result of a number of factors, the first being that the revenues were understated by \$1,080 because of two payments due in 2010 but received in early 2011. The second factor is the upgrade in the quality of the Spring and Fall Newsletter packages. We

now print the Newsletter in colour, and when appropriate, include new material for the benefit of the KLA Members. Unfortunately postal rates have increased and with the weightier packages, total postage costs have increased significantly. A third factor is the addition of Family Day, where the KLA (as well as others) accepted the financial risk to put on the extremely well received event, although in respect to the format that was used, was not a financial success. We will be changing the cost format this year.

The policy of your Board is that all monies received from Silent Auctions (held at the annual KLA dinner) are given to a Charity. Over the past couple of years the collection and then payment of these monies has not occurred in the same calendar year. We will attempt to resolve this situation in 2011.

All other costs and revenues are in line with the normal functioning of the Association.

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Membership Fees Increased to \$15

Last fall your Board, after much debate, decided that in order to continue to improve the functioning of the Association and expand the benefits offered to its members, a fee increase was necessary. It was further decided not to wait until the AGM (June 2011) to present this request for a vote; rather it was decided to use a mail/e-mail vote request sent to all members. Of the membership who cast a vote, 88% voted in favour of a fee increase from \$10 to \$15 annually.

"The membership fee increase is necessary in order to allow the Board to expand the benefits to members."

For those members who have pre-paid future years, we thank you. We will NOT require that you make up the difference. For those very few members who are in arrears, please note that prior years should be paid at \$10, and payments for 2011 and beyond will be at \$15.

For those members who are a member of the Kashwakamak Cottage Association, the Silver Mine Road Association, or the South Shore Road Association and who pay their KLA fees through these road associations, they will be directed by their road association. For the rest of you, we look forward to

receiving your KLA Fees for 2011 for \$15.

Please note that cheques are made out to: **Kashwakamak Lake Association** and mailed to: Kashwakamak Lake Association, RR #1, Arden, Ontario; K0H 1B0.

The decision for a fee increase is supported by several factors: the Board's desire to expand the Association's delivery of benefits to the membership, together with a need to recognize that costs have been escalating over the years while the membership fees have remained static for at least 10 years. The use of willing volunteers coupled with some costs borne by others have helped keep the costs over the years as low as they have been but this could not be sustained any longer.

Membership Renewal Form (cont'd from p. 3)

Included in this Newsletter package is a Membership Renewal Form. Regardless of whether you will be using this form to make your membership payment, **PLEASE** review your information on the form and let me know of any changes, and of course complete any blanks. You can e-mail me at allencarchibald@gmail.com or mail the form to the Kashwakamak Lake Association. One of the most difficult tasks of the Membership Chairman is to maintain an accurate list of the members and their pertinent information. 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. **Allen Archibald, Membership**

KLA Constitution to be Amended - Vote at AGM

At the Annual General Meeting on July 9th, 2011 we will be voting on the amended constitution. Members have been provided a copy of the draft constitution with their spring mailing from the KLA. We ask that members review the constitution as we will be voting on it at the AGM.

Please note the following highlighted changes to the constitution:

Membership – There would now be 3 levels of membership (active, associate and honorary). Active membership is limited to one person per registered property on the lake. Each active member will have one vote on each motion put forth. Voting will be done by voting cards, which will be distributed at meetings where voting will take place.

Directors - We have added a section on proportional representation which highlights our objective to have Directors on the board from all areas of the lake.

We have also added a paragraph about directors not receiving any remuneration as well as a paragraph stating that the association will follow Robert's Rules of Order. Both of these are very standard paragraphs for a constitution.

Judy McIntyre, KLA Director

Cottage Succession Workshop: Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage

The North Frontenac Lake Associations Alliance (NFLAA) is hosting a Cottage Succession workshop on **Saturday June 25th** from 10 am to noon at the Barrie Hall in Cloyne. Refreshments will be provided and the workshop is free to all lake associations and its members within the Alliance. The workshop is hosted by NFLAA and is a program being run by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations <http://www.foca.on.ca>.

Registration is required and please contact Ron Higgins at ron.higgins@xplornet.com or 613-479-5509 to register and provide

Cottage Succession Registration

First name

Last name

Phone number

Cottage Association Name

If not a cottage association member provide name of lake.

About the Feature Speaker:

Peter Lillico, Estate Planning Lawyer: "My goal is to provide you with a professionally prepared Cottage Succession Plan, driven by your family's unique needs and dynamics, developed with meaningful input from family members,

and guided by legal, tax and financial expertise to safeguard a successful succession, to ensure the unique benefits of cottage life which we all cherish are available for your children and grandchildren, and to provide you with confidence and peace of mind."

*Has practised law in Peterborough for over 30 years, with a special interest in estate and cottage planning.

*Has written cottage-related articles for Cottage Life, Good Times magazine and Peterborough This Week newspaper.

*Is a quoted resource on cottage issues in the Globe & Mail, National Post, Financial Post, and Readers' Digest.

About the Sponsor:

Tranter & Associates: We are certified financial planners that help cottagers "navigate the financial rocks & shoals" of cottage succession planning. We help our clients, by developing a plan of action around the most pressing financial issues that arise when dealing with the change of ownership change of this often very emotionally-charged asset.

Our team has developed The

Cottage Plan™ to help families effectively transfer the ownership of the cottage from one generation to the next, whether it happens today or at some time in the future. After going through The Cottage Plan™ process you will have all the information required to start your cottage succession planning.

The Cottage Plan™ contains the following:

*Options to protect the future enjoyment of your family cottage.

*Calculations and strategies to help minimize the eventual tax bill.

*How best to fund the future capital gains liability.

*Ways to potentially use the principle residence exemption. Help you determine what children are best suited to own the cottage.

*Help you determine the optimal time to transfer the ownership of your cottage.

Discussions around ownership structures that may work best for your family's situation.

Loon Watch - Verna Hutchinson

Loon Watch Surveys

Our loon watch surveys contribute to a nation-wide bird research program, which also helps lake associations in their future planning to ensure lake quality and environmental health, etc. Participants in Canadian Loon Surveys have collected information on nesting loons since 1981, with KLA having some on our lake since 1990.

Reproductive success is consistently higher in western regions of Canada than in Ontario and the eastern provinces. In the past acid rain is believed to have played a part in this. Loons are considered to be helpful in showing the health of lake environments like the canary in the coal mine. Diagnosing the causes of loon mortality can often help us to detect pollutants and track the spread of diseases such as Avian Flu and West Nile Virus.

In past research on loons found dead, but in good body condition, causes of death include trauma, which could be from impact with motorboats, drowning in gill nets, and tangling in cast-off fishing line. Birds in poor body condition had a variety of disease problems – often 2 or 3 in the same bird. The leading problems included botulism, chronic lead poisoning from ingesting lead sinkers, respiratory infection in lungs, oil contamination on plumage, intestinal parasites and high level of mercury in tissues.

Should you come across an injured or dead loon, please contact Canadian Cooperative for Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC), Guelph, Ontario at 866-673-4781.

We now have the results of our data sent in to Bird Studies Canada since 2004 when our Association joined Bird Studies Canada. The collected data from the 5-year information and even looking back 10 years doesn't tell us a lot. However the trend does appear to be a concern as Kathy Jones, the Bird Studies volunteer co-ordinator for the Loon Watch program explained. There is a fairly low reproductive rate. Loons do not mate until 4 years of age, and then only produce 1 or 2 eggs.

Human activity directly affects the loon survival rate by disrupting natural shore lines, leading to fewer foraging areas, nesting sites and protective cover. Wakes from watercraft may flood nests, and this along with noise levels may even cause parents to abandon their nest. Even camping on islands can disturb loons. We need to preserve wild parts of our lake as much as possible.

At the best of times, loons will always be under environmental attack, from water level fluctuations, natural predators and excessive human activity. Predators such as raccoons, skunks, and bears affect the survival of loons. Even a gull can snatch a baby chick from between its parents on the water.



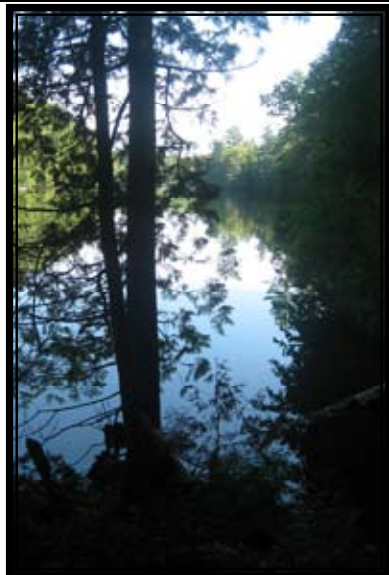
OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW ZONING BY-LAWS

Draft Zoning By-Laws Now Available!

Draft Zoning By-laws are now available to the public. There will also be an **Open House** for discussion of the Zoning By-Laws which is taking place on **Saturday June 25th, 2011**, at the **Clar-Mill Community Hall** from **9 am to 4 pm**.

An agenda will be available on the Township website (www.northfrontenac.ca) several days before the meeting takes place.

Questions? Contact, Evan Sepa, IT Technician/ Mapping Coordinator, Township of North Frontenac 613 479-2231, email 911@northfrontenac.ca



Treasurer's Report cont'd - Allen Archibald

Ignoring the Annual Dinner, the major expenditures of the KLA include FOCA and the Spring & Fall Newsletters. The Annual Dinner held in September is ignored because it is a "flow-through" item, meaning all costs are borne by the attendees.

Membership in FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) costs the KLA approximately \$3.11 per member. It is an association

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that supports all cottagers in Ontario. Please see the article on FOCA on page 7 of this Newsletter. The main communication instruments from the KLA to its members are the Spring and Fall Newsletter packages. In previous years these packages cost approximately \$4.50 per KLA member. In 2010 the two packages cost \$10.50 per KLA member. A change from black & white to colour together with addi-

tional inserts such as the Boating Card and a Family Day poster advertisement, plus additional postage made up the difference. Although there will be fewer inserts this year, the Board has decided not to return to the black & white format. Rather it is intended to make greater use of our e-mail members who have the capacity to receive the Spring Newsletter package by e-mail. Their willingness will have a major impact on future costs.

The Family Day event is not a function that we intend to support annually; rather the cost structure will be changed so that it should from now on be close to a "flow-through" item. However, Family Day does provide an example of the Board taking on a financial risk to provide additional benefits to the members. Lessons learned are applied in subsequent years.

Finally there is the issue of "cash-flow". Typically KLA fee revenue crests in July, primarily in response to the fees reminder sent out in the Spring

Newsletter issued in June. Unfortunately, the biggest annual expense is the Spring Newsletter package itself. Hence, the problem is with the expense being incurred before the supporting revenues are received. Over the years, with the strength of the bank balance, this has not been a problem. However, last years' expenses reduced the cash balance significantly, and now must be re-built.

Before I leave the subject of the fee increase, I would like to offer a big thank-you to those volunteers who provide invaluable service to the Association, and by extension to each Member, so that we do not need to hire outside services and incur additional expenses.

If there are any questions regarding this and other financial matters I will be pleased to try to answer them. I can be reached at allencarchibald@gmail.com or by mail sent to KLA.

Allen Archibald, Treasurer

Septic Re-inspection Program

In 2010, 102 septic re-inspections were done in N. Frontenac Township by Eric Kohlsmith, the Septic Inspector for the Mississippi Rideau Re-inspection Program. This was the 6th year of the voluntary program and although it has changed over the years, the focus on older systems and waterfront properties has remained constant.

It was found beneficial to schedule appointments so that property owners could be present during the inspection.

About half the inspections in 2010 were done on Brule Lake, 15 on Buckshot, 12 on Little Marble and the rest on a number of other lakes such as Kashwakamak.

Out of the systems inspected, 31 required some remedial work and 6 were handed over to the Health Unit as needing replacement. It was found that the age of the system was not as important to its well-being as proper maintenance.

Elma MacLachlan

Obituary

We are sad to report the death on January 13, 2011 of Brian W. Black of Cloyne. Brian had retired after being with the KFL&A Public Health for 38 years. He was well known as the Septic Inspector for this area.

AGM to Highlight a Proposal for a "Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Plan"

Last year, the Kashwakamak Lake Association members heard a presentation from Alyson Symon from the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and Peigi Wilson, a local environmental specialist from Crow Lake about lake planning.

They explained that this is a process where a lake community comes together to share what they value as well as their concerns. This is done in an effort to develop a plan for the sustainability of the lake. The term "Sustainability" means making sure future generations have access to the same opportunities and quality of life that we currently enjoy.

Based on the feedback and support of the KLA Board, a planning committee was formed last fall.

The committee members are representative of those interested and impacted by the lake. It is made up of people who have or use cottages on the lake, commercial operators, town council and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Members have educated themselves on the lake planning process and will be presenting a proposal at the July 9th Kashwakamak Lake Association Annual General Meeting. The presentation will cover the benefits and details of building a Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability plan with the community.

There will be a vote among those in attendance to get approval to

proceed with the planning process.

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 9th at 9:30 am at the Lions Community Hall, 12328 Hwy #41 in Northbrook Ontario. Plan to attend the AGM and learn more about this important initiative. Lets work together to ensure our future generations can continue to enjoy what we have enjoyed at Kashwakamak Lake.

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**Scott Bennett
Committee Member**

Broadband Update

Omniglobe Networks have provided fixed wireless internet to western parts of the township. Under rural broadband funding programs, they received a grant to install equipment on the TVO Tower north of Cloyne and erected several repeater towers. The service is available to a number of homes in the Ardoch, Cloyne, Myers Cave, Upper Mazinaw, Marble, Kashwakamak and Mississagagon Lakes.

Unfortunately, Omniglobe declared bankruptcy this Spring. However, Barrett Xplore has purchased most of Omniglobe's assets and is working to get the service back up and running. They ask that former Omniglobe customers, who are currently without service, call **1-866-971-5062** to have their service restored. **Elma MacLachlan**

Lake Steward's Report - Milt Houle

On December 23, 2010 the lake was 18" above winter level and frozen several inches thick. This high level was caused by late fall rain. The level slowly receded to normal, leaving a thick layer of ice along the shore and on dock structures.

In early May I took water samples from the east basin and have begun the twice a month secchi disc test.

Again, the usual reminder, using less water means less run off from your septic. Use phosphate free detergents and most importantly DO NOT use fertilizer on your lawn!!

At last report our lake is in good condition so let's not spoil it. The water temperature is going up! So go jump in the lake!

Thanks,
Milt Houle

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Members of the public will be able to meet with the consultant and staff during the day and will have an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed By-law. A PUBLIC MEETING will be held – at a date to be announced – to provide the public with an opportunity to provide input on the proposed changes.

Update on New Fire Hall in Ompah

The County/Township proposal to build an Ambulance Base and Fire Hall in Ompah seemed to generate the most controversy this winter. The two Ward 1 Councillors were reported as making injudicious remarks, which added fuel to the fire.

This project has been ongoing since the last Council and seemed to be stalled over what percentage of the cost the Township and County should pay. The County is now concerned with the ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs whereas the Township just wants to get construction started. There will be no progress before the next County meeting in July.

Construction and Building Permits

In 2010 the dollar value of construction (\$8 million) rebounded from the two previous years. However, the number of permits taken out for major construction on waterfront properties has been on a steady decline for the last five years. This is of concern because this is the key sector in the Township's construction industry.

How to help our Loon population

Responsible boating:

Excessive noise and wakes can disturb the loon nests. Wakes can also cause unnecessary shoreline erosion, destroying natural foraging and refuge areas.

Garbage:

- Carefully dispose of all garbage so as not to attract predators.
- Do not encourage wild animals by feeding them.
- Never discard plastics, fishing line, tackle or any other refuse improperly where wildlife could ingest it, get tangled in it or otherwise hurt by it.

Logo Contest

Attention Kash Cottagers

We want to tap into your creative side and have you contribute suggestions for our official Kashwakamak Lake Association logo. Ask your children, grandchildren, family or friends who share the love of our lake to come up with a unique identity for our Lake Association.

The KLA invites you to submit your proposals by August 12, 2011 to Gordon Hunter at frontier@eagle.ca. Enter as many times as you like. The winning selection will win a complimentary dinner for two at Fernleigh Lodge generously donated by Kevin & Melissa Phillips.

Join Us for the Canada Day Boat Parade!

Please join us for the 2011 edition of the Parade on Friday, July 1st starting at the Whitefish Bay deadhead at 1:00pm.

Rain or Shine!

Kim Gerrie



"Naturally Rich Frontenacs"

This glossy full colour magazine format booklet was developed from a partnership between Frontenac Stewardship Council, (Gray Merriam as Editor), Frontenac County, who provided funding for printing and Frontenac Community Futures Development Corp. who provided funding to hire a photographer/designer.

This beautiful booklet includes articles on stewardship, endangered species, lakes, fishing, hunting, tourism, art etc.. The editor hopes that this booklet will generate increased pride in our "Frontenacs" and provide a starting place for planning effective stewardship of the region.

This FREE booklet is also meant to promote the work and profile of The Frontenac Stewardship Council, which was formed in 1996. It should be available at local stores and restaurants as well as at Township offices.

Elma MacLachlan

North Frontenac Council News - Elma MacLachlan

Council 2010 – 2014

For those who missed the results of the Municipal Election last October, the new Council is as follows:

Mayor: Bud Clayton

Ward 1: Fred Perry (incumbent) – Deputy Mayor, Wayne Good (incumbent)

Ward 2: Lonnie Watkins (incumbent), Gerry Martin

Ward 3: John Inglis – Second representative on County Council, Betty Hunter

Councillor Inglis has set up an internet forum at www.johninglis.net where he posts personal observations and opinions about Township and County issues.

Council Meetings this Summer

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| June 27 | Snow Road Community Hall | 1:00 pm |
| July 18 | Barrie Township Hall | 7:00 pm |
| Aug 15 | Harlowe Community Hall | 7:00 pm |
| Sept 12 | Ompah Community Hall | 1:00 pm |

Official Plan

No More Private Lanes

The draft Official Plan has been returned twice from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs with requests for altered wording. Glenn Tunnock, the Township planner, recently appeared at a Council meeting to highlight the issues. One contentious issue has been a Ministry demand that new building lots are no longer to be permitted on private lanes. The only options for development would be plans of subdivision or plans of condominiums, both of which are costly. Roads would have to be constructed to a Township standard and finally taken over by the Township. The Township has no choice but to accept this.

Budget and Taxes

North Frontenac Township will be spending \$450,000 more this year and education taxes are up by \$50,000. Transfer payments from the Provincial government were cut this year by \$117,000, but the County payment is down by \$70,000.

The total tax to be collected is up by 7.2% in 2011.

The increase is due in large part to putting more money into reserve funds to replace tangible township assets. A new tandem truck will be bought this year and money has been set aside for the new fire hall in Ompah.

The levy increase will hit waterfront ratepayers harder than inland residents, since property assessment increases on waterfront properties continue to

Allowable Lot Sizes

The other issue is lot size, particularly for waterfront properties. The Township minimum is 1 acre, but the Province has set 1 hectare (2.47 acres) as the standard. This is to ensure that there is enough space for septic beds and setbacks on rocky sites. The Planner stated that he thought the Province would accept a compromise of 0.8 hectares (2 acres) lot size with a 30 metre natural buffer from any shoreline.

This is an issue that your KLA Board is following closely. Central Frontenac Township has a minimum lot size of 1 hectare (2.47 acres) on waterfront lots with a minimum frontage of 300 ft. In North Frontenac the minimum frontage is 147ft. If North Frontenac does not increase their waterfront lot size, our lakes will be-

shift the tax burden in that direction.

"The total tax to be collected is up by 7.2% in 2011... due in large part to putting more money into reserve funds to replace tangible township assets."

The total value of property assessment in the township is up by \$56 million this year, the bulk of which comes from waterfront property re-assessment.

come a haven for developers, where they can have more lots on the same amount of property.

KLA supports the Alliance of Lake Associations in its efforts to have North Frontenac increase the lot size.

Zoning By-law

The current By-law needs updating to conform to the new Official Plan.

There will be an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, June 25th, 2011 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Clar-Mill Community Hall in Plevna.

There will be formal presentations of the changes to the By-law at 10.00am and 2.00pm.

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FOCA (Federation of Cottagers' Associations)

NOTE: On April 29, 2011 I received an e-mail from FOCA in answer to a request I made regarding member benefits and membership structure from Michelle Lewin, Communications & Development Coordinator, FOCA. Below is a slightly edited version of this e-mail. (KLA notes are shown in italics).

Allen Archibald KLA Treasurer & Membership

FOCA is the provincial voice for waterfront property owners in Ontario.

"FOCA's goal is to quantify the size of the cottage community by adding more lake-level names to our contact lists."

etc. With this goal in mind, the resources on FOCA's website, www.foca.on.ca, are available to the general public as well as members. There, your members will find information about FOCA [programs](#) (cottage succession planning, safe boating, septic re-inspection developments...) as well as current news and events in [your own region](#).

Printed FOCA Newsletters are mailed to listed association ex-

ecutives three times per year. At the moment, the structure of our membership fees precludes us from sending the printed version of the Newsletters to every one of your association members, but we strongly encourage you to pass along the [digital version](#) of these publications (*KLA has not yet attempted to do this, but we will consider for the future*).

FOCA sends Elerts monthly to advise you about upcoming events and news items that affect waterfront property owners. [FOCA Elerts](#) are available to all members of your Association, at no additional charge. We encourage you to remind your members to sign up to receive Elerts on the [FOCA website](#) (look for the red "sign up" button at the top right). Your FOCA membership supports the delivery of important and topical information, so don't let your members miss out (*KLA issues a copy of these Elerts to all its e-mail membership*).

Additional benefits are available to association members, including:

- Access to survey summaries upon request (such as the recent and very interesting Road Survey, attached for your interest (*Not included in the KLA Newsletter but available electronically upon request to KLA*)).
- Access to our phone/email "help desk" for members' questions – FOCA keeps a resource library with material that is otherwise difficult to access, as well as maintaining contacts at the municipal, regional and provincial levels who can provide additional information when required.
- Permission to reproduce FOCA articles in your local printed or online publications (please acknowledge the source!)

- Administrative resources for Associations, including affordable help with online payment processing via FOCA for your association dues (ask us for more about this).

Please also see the attached document, "**The Benefits of FOCA Membership**", which outlines how each of your members can get discounts on their cottage and boat insurance, and well as magazine subscriptions. We are constantly looking for new ways to add value to the FOCA Membership (*This attachment is available electronically upon request to KLA. Members could contact FOCA directly to get this information.*).

As a non-profit organization, FOCA relies upon membership fees to support educational and advocacy work across the province. WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation), the Taxation Committee of FOCA, has worked hard in recent years to ensure cottagers' concerns are voiced about MPAC assessments and property taxation. In this provincial election year, it is important that waterfront property owners present a united voice to ensure our interests are represented on the issues that affect us all.

For 2011, FOCA's goal is to quantify the size of the cottage community by adding more lake-level names to our contact lists. Building our distribution allows us to spread the word, and to strengthen our voice with our partners, and with government.

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Waste Management Update - Elma MacLachlan

Garbage and Recycling

The good news disclosed in a 2010 Report, is that due to the Township's new waste diversion strategies, the amount of recyclables turned in at all sites exceeded the amount of garbage.

The 506 site was typical with 52% recyclables and 48% garbage. In fact, the

Township took out an ad in the Frontenac News on June 2, 2011 to thank all residents for their efforts.

Mayor Clayton commented that in 2002 there was an estimated 22 years left in all the land fill sites. Now the estimate is 28 years.

Hazardous Waste Depots

will be open:

Plevna - Tuesdays 10:00am - 2:00pm

#506 - Wednesdays 1:30pm - 4:30pm



Electronic Waste Day

Saturday, August 13, 9:00am—3:00pm

Old MNR Building, 6638 Buckshot Lake Road, Plevna

Township of North Frontenac

Waste Disposal Site - Summer Hours as of May 15, 2011

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| <p>WARD 1</p> <p>Cloyne Site</p> <p>Holiday Monday 10 am – 6 pm</p> <p>Monday 10 am – 5 pm</p> <p>Wed. & Fri 9 am – 1 pm</p> <p>Saturday 12 pm – 5 pm</p> <p>Sunday 10 am - 6 pm</p> | <p>Kashwakamak Site</p> <p>Holiday Monday 2 pm – 7 pm</p> <p>Thursday 1 pm – 6 pm</p> <p>Sunday 2 pm – 7 pm</p>  |
| <p>506 Site</p> <p>Mon., Tues., Wed.* & Sat. 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>*HHW on Wed. 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p>Thurs. & Fri 2 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>Sunday 2 pm - 7 pm</p> |  |
| <p>WARD 2</p> <p>Plevna Site</p> <p>Sunday & Friday 10 am - 6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm</p> <p>* HHW on Wed. 8:30 pm - 12:30 pm</p> | <p>Ardoch Site</p> <p>Holiday Monday 10 am - 3 pm</p> <p>Monday 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>Thursday 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>Saturday 10 am - 6 pm</p> |

North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance - Gord Hunter

As we welcome another spring at Kash your Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) board has been busy preparing for the seasons ahead. In November 2010 KLA asked me to attend the first meeting of the proposed Association of Lake Associations. The purpose of this new board is to use the synergies of all of North Frontenac's lake associations to form a meaningful alliance that can address issues affecting us all as a unified front. The alliance would give us a bigger stronger voice dealing at the township and perhaps county even provincial levels.

The KLA www.kashwakamak.ca has long been a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, (FOCA) www.foca.on.ca which represents all member cottage associations at a provincial level. The North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA) www.wrengroup.ca/nflaa nflaa_website.htm will address our concerns at the municipal level. Your KLA will continue to address our needs at the lake level. I encourage you to visit the various websites by clicking the links (or by cutting and pasting them to your browser) to understand what each level does for you.

On Saturday November 13th, 2010 in Plevna the KLA was part of history and proudly became a founding member of the NFLAA. The formation of this alliance was spear headed by Ron Higgins who is President of the Malcolm & Ardoch Land Owners Association who agreed at the onset to chair the alliance. Ron has been very proactive in introducing the NFLAA to the new North Frontenac Council. He has also attended council meetings and kept members apprised of them. To further his commitment Ron has since joined FOCA as the area director giving us a very strong position. Congratulations Ron for your vision and dedication!

I am very pleased to announce as your KLA member on the NFLAA we are part of a newly crafted alliance ready to collectively address issues as they arise and form lasting relationships with the local municipality and area groups that play a role in our lake experience. As a KLA director and representative on the NFLAA I welcome your input and suggestions, I can be reached at frontier@eagle.ca or my family cottage at 613-336-7345. **Gordon Hunter**

Images of Summers gone by ...

