



June 2012

Volume 5

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Meet & Greet Brunch**

- June 17th, 10 am -12:30 pm  
Fernleigh Lodge

**Canada Day Boat Parade**

- July 1st, 1 pm  
Whitefish Bay Deadhead

**Annual General Meeting**

- July 14th, 9:30-11:30 am  
Harlowe Hall

**3rd Annual Family Day**

- August 11th, 12:00—5:00 pm  
Fernleigh Lodge

**Silent Auction/Dinner**

- September 29th  
Fernleigh Lodge—**Note:**Tickets go on sale at the AGM!

**July 14th AGM to highlight Lake Planning Survey Results**

**Lake Kashwakamak Surveys Completed**

As you may recall from our last report, the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) approved the initial phase of a Lake Sustainability Planning process in July 2011. The Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Planning committee moved ahead to the next step in the process and sought feedback from the community through a survey. The key purpose of the survey was to find out what people value about the lake community and what their issues are.

The survey ran from late summer to the end of 2011 and we received 170 responses. The committee was very happy with the number of responses, but found that there were only 2 businesses that responded to the survey.

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**What is Sustainability?**

Sustainability means that **future generations** have access to the same **opportunities** and **quality of life** that we do. It's a balancing act between the economy, community, and nature.



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Check out our updated [KLA Website](http://www.kashwakamak.ca) for the latest newsletter, important information and links.

**Go to:** [www.kashwakamak.ca](http://www.kashwakamak.ca)

Join our [Kashwakamak Lake](#) group on Facebook!



## President's Corner - Gord Hunter

Well, it is back to the lake and on with the warm weather. Once again we had an easy winter with milder temperatures and low snowfall. I can't remember ever hearing of a fire ban in the spring. The Victoria Day weekend was a wonderful start to the cottage season with few bugs - music to cottagers' ears!

As I am writing this, my friend from Timmins is on the verge of losing his cottage to the out-of-

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control forest fires burning in that area. Just like us he has a special attachment to his cottage and I hope he is spared. We all need to be aware of the fire risks particularly with the changes we are seeing with our weather. Please be extra careful with any open burning, cigarette butts etc. There are lots of resources available to remind and prompt us all about measures to take with protecting rural properties. A simple Google search will provide lots of reading.

Your board held the first meeting of the summer season and wel-

comed Andrew Blake to the KLA board. Andrew is a full time resident on the lake and will be a great asset with local knowledge. He has already begun helping us on our projects planned for this year. Welcome and thanks Andrew!

The KLA volunteer board has quite a line up of activities planned for 2012. I encourage you to visit our website at [www.kashwakamak.ca](http://www.kashwakamak.ca). There you will find the activities planned, dates and other information. We intend to make the website the "go to" place where everyone can see what is happening and when.

### Information Boards Coming

This year we sought approval from the Township to erect message boards in various locations around the lake. We want to keep cottagers aware of important items and coming events. Keep an eye out for these boards being created by donated wood provided by Fred Perry and Fernleigh Lodge and volunteer labour headed by our own Milt Houle.

### AGM – Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Our Annual General Meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Harlowe Town Hall. This facility is located off of Hwy #41 (just north of Northbrook) on the Harlowe Rd. Go straight through the stop sign in Harlowe and the hall is on the left. It would be really great to see all of you there and get to meet you and all of the KLA in person. As your board having your input is a vital part to ad-

ressing your thoughts and needs.

### Family Day – Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00–5:00 pm

The other big date is our 3rd Annual Family Day on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>. The past two years have seen this day grow in attendance as we broadened our scope. It's a day for families of any kind and we are making sure we meet the requirements of all age groups. From face painting to three legged racing and special guest presenters and our straw market vendor area, Family Day is a great way to socialize with your cottage neighbours. Along with our BBQ and music - Family Day is sure to please.

Have a talent or a suggestion? Let us know. Bring your neighbours, the grand kids, the in-laws, your guests and stay as long as you can. Guaranteed you will leave with a smile. Arrive by car, air or boat; See you Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at Fernleigh Lodge. Check out our [website](#) for past activities.

### Two Board Positions Open

In closing, the KLA Board and our volunteers are cottagers just like you. We welcome your input, criticism and ideas. We also welcome your help. We still have two board positions to fill and have lots of ideas of how we can continue to make the Kashwakamak Lake community stronger for all members. If you are ready to help, please contact me or any board member.

See you at the lake ... Gord

**Do you have pictures you want to share—either on our website or in the newsletter?** Please contact:

Sue MacGregor, [suemacgregor@comcast.net](mailto:suemacgregor@comcast.net)  
Scott Benett, [webeditor@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:webeditor@kashwakamak.ca)

Membership decreased slightly over the past year, and is now at 385 members (loss of 6 members overall). This includes 93 members from the South Shore Road Association; 20 members from the Silver Mine Road Association and 21 members from the Kashwakamak Cottage Association, who pay their membership dues through their association.

*'If you haven't received any e-mails from the KLA for a period of time, chances are we no longer have a valid address for you.'*

The decrease in membership has more to do with members who have moved or sold their cottage to a non-family member. As it is difficult for the Board to keep up with these events, we ask the membership to speak with the new cottage owner on our behalf and ask them to contact the KLA regarding membership.

## E-mail Communication

Our efforts to expand our e-mail communication with the members

continue, with a total of 35 messages sent out in 2011 and a further 10 messages so far this year.

These messages have included:

- monthly Elerts from FOCA;
- Watershed Bulletins from Mississippi Valley Authority;
- reminders of scheduled KLA events;
- notices of community presentations, talks and workshops provided by local authorities;
- DND training exercises in the local area;
- information to keep you informed about the provincial election;
- the slow evolution of high speed internet;
- the status of water levels in spring and fall; and,
- lost & found swimming docks and rafts.

Our e-mail capable members now number 286 (increase of 14 over 2011) or 74% of the total membership. In addition, we can also send e-mails to family members, which added another 66 people (versus 58 in 2011) who receive KLA related news. We respect the fact that some members 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.

## Keep your email up to date!

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

Please remember 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 send out information that is relevant to our cottages and life on the lake.

If you would like to receive our notices, please let me know by e-mail [member-ship@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:member-ship@kashwakamak.ca) so I can add your name to our list. Include if you wish, additional family members along with their e-mail addresses.

## Membership Renewals— Now Due

### Membership Renewal Form

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. Of

particular interest this year is in capturing your cottage 911 address. If this piece of information is missing, please ensure you complete it and send it back to me – by mail or e-mail.

You can e-mail me at [member-ship@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:member-ship@kashwakamak.ca) or mail the form to the Kashwakamak Lake Association (RR #1, Arden, Ont.; K0H 1B0).

One of the most difficult tasks of the Membership Chairman is to maintain an accurate list of the members and their pertinent information, so any additional information or corrections would be greatly appreciated.

Allen Archibald

# Lake Steward's Report - Spring 2012 - Milt Houle

We all know it was an unusually warm winter and early spring. Ice was gone from Kashwakamak Lake by mid March while normal ice-out takes place in mid April. As a result, the dam was closed early to catch the spring run-off and our lake was almost at full level by Easter weekend, April 7 - 8.

## Testing Water Depth

Water samples were taken and the first Secchi disc test was done on April 30th. The depth was poor at only about 4.27 m (14 feet) and the water temperature was 10 C (50 F). The second Secchi disc was taken on May 19 and the depth was 6.2 meters (about 20 feet) and the temperature was 18 C (64 F).

## Testing Water Clarity

The Secchi disc is lowered into the lake at areas specified by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority where the water is about 15 meters (50 feet) deep. When the Secchi disc can no longer be seen by eye the depth is documented on a chart. This measures the clarity of the water at that particular point. The average reading taken over time is in the 5.5 meter range (18 feet) and our lake continues to be very consistent year to year. These tests determine the phosphorus, algae content and natural elements in the lake.

*"The Secchi disc measures the water clarity. Over time the average reading is 5.5 meters (18 feet)."*

On another note, the recent logging at the end of Kashwakamak Lake Road, at the south east end of the lake, ended in mid-January and future logging depends on the pulp mill in Trenton, as it has threatened to close down.

Look after our lake, over-use of septic systems should be avoided. Install an outside shower - they're great.

Have a safe and fun summer.

For More Information, check out the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority's website. Go to: [www.mvc.on.ca/water-management](http://www.mvc.on.ca/water-management)

## Loon Watch

Our volunteer Loon Watchers are already hard at work. Watch for a full report in the Kash Kourier's fall issue.

We also ask all lake residents to report on any loon activity in their area and email it to Sandy Allin, [sandyallin@live.ca](mailto:sandyallin@live.ca).



Picture by Susan Robinson

## Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

### Save the Date!

The date for our annual KLA Dinner is **Saturday, September 29** and will be held at Fernleigh Lodge. Tickets will be on sale at the AGM - July 14 and at Family Day - August 11, or you can call Heather Penney at 613 336-0072. Remember, tickets are limited so don't be disappointed and get yours early at the AGM.

### Save your Collectibles!

We will once again collect food for the local Food Bank that evening and we will also hold the annual Silent Auction, with all proceeds going to one of our local charities. So start putting away those wonderful collectibles and treasures to bring to Fernleigh Lodge the night of the dinner. The menu, ticket price and evening details will be advertised via email and at the AGM in July.

Heather Penney

# Treasurer's Report - Allen Archibald

Included in this Newsletter mailing is the audited Financial Statement of the Association for 2011, together with notes providing background to the numbers.

The cash balance decreased by \$536.39. This occurred primarily as a result of one payment due in 2011 for \$1,395, but was not received until early 2012. The expenses associated with the two Newsletters (Spring & Fall) were significantly decreased as the effect of e-mail mailings instead of normal printing and mailing

were realized for the full year. The second annual Family Day still did not break even, losing \$286 for this very popular and successful event. The tinkering in relation to the cost and fee structure continues with the objective still to break even.

The policy of your Board is that all monies received from the Silent Auction (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 again to resolve this

situation fully in 2012.

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

Please remember to pay your annual KLA dues which will be gladly accepted by mail now or in cash or cheque at the AGM which will be in Harlowe on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Allen Archibald

## NEW: Pay your KLA Fees Electronically!

In response to many members' comments, considerable effort has been made to establish a process whereby KLA members paying fees directly to the KLA (and not through a Road Association) can do so electronically.

We would like to announce that such a process is now in place, through the Interac e-mail transfer protocol.

For those who have used Interac before, these instructions will be familiar. For those unfamiliar with Interac, I would suggest that you ask a friend, relative, or your bank for help in setting up this type of payment.

*KLA members can now pay their membership dues through the Interac e-mail transfer protocol."*

Banks will charge a fee for this transaction – typically \$1.00 to \$1.50, although some personal accounts provide a few free transactions a month. Any cost would be offset with savings of stamps, envelopes and time.

Of course, should you wish to continue mailing your cheque, we will be pleased to accept it.

Allen Archibald  
KLA Treasurer

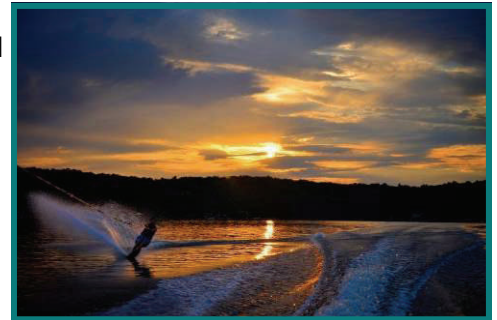


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### QUICK NOTE

#### How to pay your Association Dues through Interac:

- You are a member of our e-mail group (KLA criteria)
- You bank through a Canadian banking institution only (Interac criteria)
- You use personal accounts only (Interac criteria)
- You set up the question and answer (Interac criteria) – specific question to be: **Short name for lake;** specific answer to be: **Kash** (KLA criteria)
- The e-mail address for the payee [treasurer@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:treasurer@kashwakamak.ca) (KLA criteria)



Photo by Susan Robinson

# Federation of Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)

## An Update about Internet service in "Cottage Country"

If you could check email and access the Internet at the cottage, would you be able to extend your stays by a day or two? What if you live permanently in rural Ontario? A lack of Internet service has limited the ability of rural residents to access many important online services, to stay in touch with family and friends, and to establish or operate businesses in cottage country.

**FOCA is very excited to share some good news with you: there have been recent developments that will make it easier for you to have Internet at your rural property.**

Thanks to the growing network of land-based and satellite options, you can now get improved Internet access, higher speeds and greater bandwidth, as well as lower costs for Eastern Ontario thanks to the **Eastern Ontario Regional Network**, or EORN. **Developed by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, the regional broadband project is focused on building a network that will provide high-speed Internet access to 95 per cent of the region by 2014.**

Fixed wireless service is available in some communities, while satellite service can reach more remote regions, provided tall trees or terrain do not interfere with the signal. Satellite is the best fit for the most remote regions.

Take a look, below, at the range of services being offered by our corporate sponsor, **Xplornet**. Aside from satellite service, Xplornet also includes up to 10 Mbps speeds and 100 GB of bandwidth on fixed wireless for very competitive pricing.

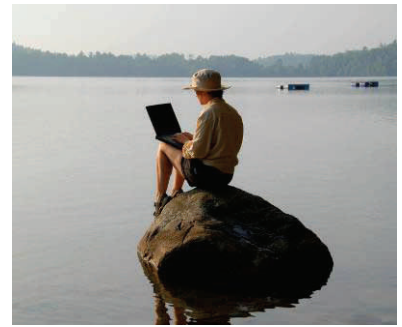
And get ready to surf at the cottage!

*Michelle*

Michelle Lewin, FOCA Communications Coordinator

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## About EORN:

The Eastern Ontario Regional broadband Network (EORN) is a \$170 million project led by the thirteen municipalities that make up the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus representing more than 1 million people across the region, and is funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments and private sector investment.



Work to build a massive, 5,500-km fibre optic network is already underway. EORN is a not-for-profit organization established by the EOWC to manage all contracts awarded as part of the project.

We are making excellent progress in building a new regional network that will allow our residents and businesses to prosper," said Dave Burton, Chair of EORN. "Connecting to the Internet with higher speeds will open new doors for our communities in terms of quality of life and economic growth," added Mel Campbell, Chair of the EOWC.

# Lake Planning Survey Results

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## Local Business An Essential Part

As in other lake sustainability planning processes, the committee sees businesses as an essential part of the community and we wanted to ensure their feedback and views are included. After some discussion with community business leaders, the committee formed a list of businesses to interview.

In total we interviewed over 30 business owners by telephone in order to understand why they value the Kashwakamak lake community and what their concerns are. One message was very clear from talking with so many business owners – the need for permanent residents, cottagers, and visitors to be customers for their business. Several owners cited concerns that people are going to larger centers to shop, which doesn't help the local community. They make a good point.

Several studies have shown that money spent at businesses where the ownership is local has a large impact on the wealth of the community. One study states that money earned by a local business owner is spent within the community two more times.

For example, when a local construction company gets paid for a renovation on a cottage, the business owner typically buys the renovation material from locally owned building supply stores. The money earned by the building supply stores not only pays for employees, but also pays municipal taxes, which helps share the municipal tax load on residents. If the employees of the building supply stores then buy their groceries locally, the grocery store provides jobs, pays taxes and a local service for the community. In short, supporting local business is important for all of us.

The Lake Sustainability Planning process has several steps to it. The first step is research and surveys. This is an important aspect

of this work as it engages the community in discussing their concerns and what they care about. Without this step, a Lake Sustainability Plan is just a plan made up with a hand full of people in a room.

## Survey Results To Be Shared At AGM

The committee will be sharing the results of the survey in person at several points throughout the summer. The full details of the community and business surveys will be presented first at the KLA Annual General Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Harlowe Town Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Please join us!

For more information about the Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Planning, see the KLA website at [www.kashwakamak.ca](http://www.kashwakamak.ca)

Scott Bennett

## North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance Report

The Kashwakamak Lake Association is a founding member and continues its membership in the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance, (NFLAA). The alliance board takes a reactionary role to address situations where a township wide lake association alliance carries more clout. There have been no issues that the NFLAA has been required to be involved with through the winter months.

Member contact is maintained during the off season through email correspondence. Our first face to face meeting is planned for June 16th. Should situations arise that the membership needs to be apprised of you will see email from Allen. If you have items that you feel should be shared with the lake association alliance please let me know.

Gord Hunter

# North Frontenac Council News

There has been a significant upgrade to the **GIS and Maps section** of the NF Council website, [www.northfrontenac.com](http://www.northfrontenac.com). It not only has information about land parcels, zoning etc. but now has **2011 Census information** including data about population growth in the township.

It also has a section called **North Frontenac Parklands** showing campsites, boat launches etc. There is a section on the **Schooner Trail** which is North Frontenac Parklands first official trail. There are demo videos on both of these sites which might be interesting to some of our readers.

There is also a new brochure available on the website called **Important Info on Private**

**Lanes.** It provides information about residents' responsibilities with regard to private lanes and roadways that are not maintained by the township. It talks about the importance of properly maintaining private roads to provide access for emergency vehicles and outlines recommended minimum standards for road surfaces, overhead clearance and turn around space at the end of the road/lane.

*“Check the NF Council website for up-to-date information. Go to [www.northfrontenac.com](http://www.northfrontenac.com)”*

I know many of our Kash Lake readers will gain access to their cottages/residences by private roads/lanes, so this will be of interest to them.

Ruth Blamire

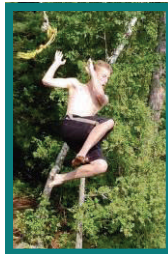


Photo by Jim McDonald



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Join us for our third annual **Family Day at Fernleigh Lodge!**

**Saturday August 11th, 12 - 5 pm**

**Questions?**

Contact Mary Larson,  
613 886-8832 or email:

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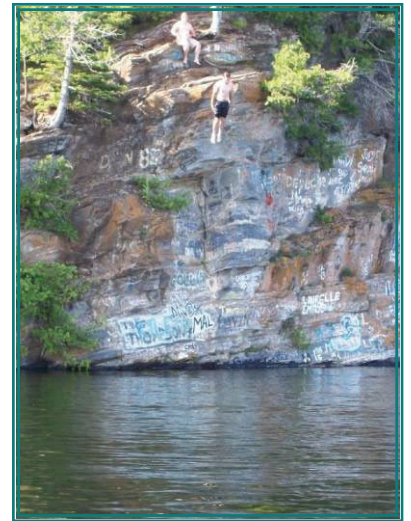


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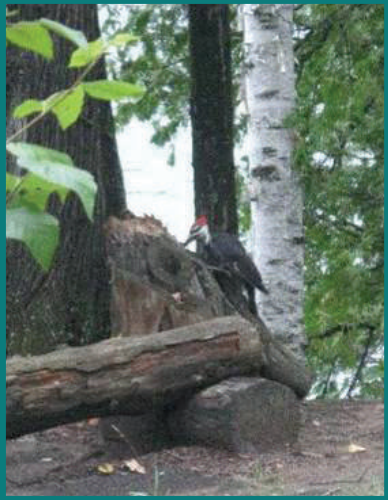
## Waste and Recycling 2012 News and Notices

- Changes have been made to some **Waste Site Open Hours** in the Municipality to include one of the Household Hazardous Waste Depots; and to the Tipping Fees for volume waste, furniture pieces and carpet waste, **effective May 15, 2012.**
- Placement of a permanent WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Collection Bin was added at the Plevna Waste Disposal Site in MAY!
- Backyard COMPOSTERS are available to residents of the municipality for a discounted price of \$30.00 at the municipal office.
- Did you know? Single use dry cell batteries (i.e., alkaline, lithium, buttons cells (watches, hearing aids), cell phones and pagers can now be dropped in receptacles provided at the Municipal Office; Community Halls and of course at the HHW Depots.



# Township of North Frontenac

## Waste Disposal Site - Summer Hours as of May 15, 2012

SITE AND LOCATION	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS (HHW) WASTE DEPOTS
<b>Ward 1</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOYNE SITE:</b>  <b>202 Skootamatta Lake Rd</b>                      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 style="text-align: center;"><b>506 SITE:</b>  <b>3444 Road 506</b>                      Sunday 2 pm – 7 pm                      Monday &amp; Tuesday 1 pm – 6 pm                      Wednesday 9 am – 6 pm                      Friday 2 pm – 6 pm                      Saturday 1 pm – 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>506 SITE:</b>                       2nd and 4th Wednesday                      1:30 pm – 6 pm                       1st Saturday of each month                      1 pm – 6 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KASHWAKAMAK SITE:</b>  <b>1749 Kashwakamak Lake Rd</b>                      Holiday Monday 2 pm – 7 pm                      Sunday 1 pm – 7 pm                      Thursday 1 pm – 6 pm</p>	
<b>Ward 2</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEVNA SITE:</b>  <b>6476 Buckshot Lake Rd</b>                      Sunday 10 am – 6 pm                      Wednesday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm                      Thursday 1 pm – 6 pm                      Friday 10 am – 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEVNA SITE:</b>                       Wednesday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARDOCH SITE:</b>  <b>1114 Austris Rd</b>                      Monday 1 pm – 6 pm                      Holiday Monday 10 am – 3 pm                      Thursday 1 pm – 6 pm                      Saturday 10 am – 6 pm</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OMPAH SITE:</b>                      10458 Road 509                      Sunday 3 pm – 7 pm                      Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm                      Friday 12 pm – 4 pm</p>	
<p>**During Holiday Weekends the Ompah Site is CLOSED on Sunday and open on Monday.</p>	

“Pileated Woodpecker”,  
Photo by Millie King

## Kashwakamak Lake Association

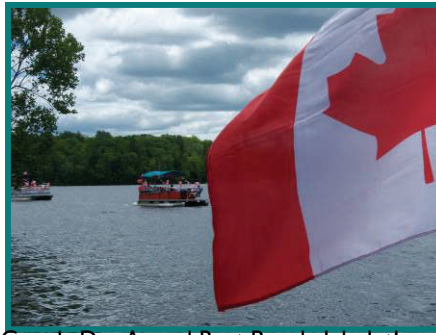
**Note from the Editor:** This newsletter is published twice a year—in the spring and the fall. If there is anything you would like to see in here, please send me your ideas. *Sue MacGregor*

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Canada Day Annual Boat Parade July 1st!



**Canada Day Boat Parade!**  
**Join us!**  
 We look forward to the 2012 edition of the Parade on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> starting at the Whitefish Bay deadhead at 1:00pm.



Photo by Millie King

## KLA Board of Directors 2011-2012

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Allen Archibald	Treasurer	Membership Committee	Mitchell Island	613-336-0072 <a href="mailto:treasurer@kashwakamak.ca">treasurer@kashwakamak.ca</a> -or- <a href="mailto:membership@kashwakamak.ca">membership@kashwakamak.ca</a>
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