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Mark Your Calendar for 2013 Coming Events:

- **KLA Membership Fees**
Now due January 1st
NEW - Pay by Interac or by cheque
- **Canada Day Boat Parade**
July 1st, 1 pm
Starts in Whitefish Bay
- **KLA AGM**
July 13th, 9:30-11:30 am
Northbrook Lions Hall
- **Family Day**
August 10th, 11:00-4:00
Fernleigh Lodge
- **Fall Dinner**
September 14th, 6pm
Fernleigh Lodge

Lake Sustainability Planning - Survey Results Highlighted at 2012 AGM

There was lots of positive feedback and interaction from the KLA members and guests in attendance at the July 14th Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) Annual General Meeting held in Harlowe. One long time lake resident and KLA member commented, *"It was the best AGM I've been too. The information that Scott Bennett shared was very interesting and helped me understand the lake sustainability process better,"* she explained.

Two or three people also stood up to thank the Lake Sustainability Planning Committee, a group of KLA volunteers, for their hard work and for pulling together the community and getting the feedback. *"You're on the right track,"* one member said.

In the Q & A session most of the questions focussed on how to interpret the survey results. Several people also shared challenges with finding a local business for their

needs, and there was a discussion around the best ways to help connect residents and cottagers with businesses in the community. Scott also reminded people of the importance of community engagement in a Lake Sustainability Plan so it reflects the interests and concerns of the broad community and not special interests.

Purpose of a lake planning process

- Promote discussion and action with all community members
- Identify and protect specific lake values
- Identify issues and impacts
- Set a future vision for the lake

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www.kashwakamak.ca

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President's Corner - Gordon Hunter

Well we sure cannot complain about the weather this summer. The heat and sunshine made for a cottager's dream weather forecast! The flip side is the water levels are down about a foot as a result of low rainfall. This I am sure has varying impacts to our membership. It also exposed new water hazards to boaters.

On Kashwakamak we are lucky enough to have most water hazards marked. I did hear of an incident this year where at the west

*"We need
young people
... to join our
board."*

end, shoal markers using propane tanks as markers were removed. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) website has information and links to advise what markers are acceptable and explains liabilities to persons marking hazards. <http://www.foca.on.ca/ontario-boating-regulations> . My hopes are common sense and Good Samaritan's prevail.

Remember, as members of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) you are also a member of FOCA. The FOCA website contains other important information and links to relevant websites that cottagers should find helpful and informative.

Your KLA board has been busy this cottage season and I am happy to say has received some new volunteers to help us accomplish the goals of our association. Joining the board are Andrew Blake of the South Shore and Don Cory of Whitefish Bay. We are still

looking for representation from the Weiss Point area and encourage interested parties to contact any board member listed in this publication and on our website www.kashwakamak.ca. We are a diverse bunch of goal oriented, fun loving cottagers who are making a difference for generations to come. We need young people. Look around the cottage and get your next generation Kash lovers and future stakeholders to put their hand up and make a difference!

Some members vocalized concerns to board members about the OPP and specifically its policing of the lake and surrounding areas. I mentioned at the AGM that the board was having a meeting with them to gain a better understanding of what their take on policing was. The meeting was very informative and gave the board better insight while establishing communication lines.

We have asked for statistics and policies on enforcement and expressed concerns over boat washing by the OPP when transferring from lake to lake. Most of the questions posed were answered then or in a follow up email. Statistics we are still waiting for. As it was explained, the OPP are obligated to respond to complaints or concerns of residents, boaters etc. There are three different possible responders within the OPP: the regular patrol officers, the marine unit or the S.A.V.E. unit. (S.A.V.E acronym for Snowmobile, ATV, Vessel Enforcement). It was explained that the SAVE unit is enforcing the laws without much leniency and with the OPP or regular patrol officers, it was at the officer's discretion. Space in this newsletter does not allow me to expand on all conversations. I encourage

you to become aware of all of the obligations, requirements and regulations for operating vessels, snowmobiles and ATV's. Be sure to explain them to other users at your cottage to avoid unhappy outcomes.

One important item brought forward by the OPP was having cottager contact information. The example brought forward was break-ins that occurred on another lake which resulted in the perpetrator using one cottage they entered as the storage place for items obtained from various other cottages. When the culprit was arrested the OPP had no way to contact the cottage owners (some out of country owners) as the 911 numbers do not provide this information. The OPP has requested, for our membership's benefit, that KLA provide them with a list of the 911 numbers and the name, permanent address and phone number of the property owner. Having this information will allow them to reach you if situations like this arise. Please let us know if you **do not want** your information shared with the OPP for some reason by sending an email to that effect.

We had another successful **Family Day** thanks to the many board members, volunteers, Fernleigh Lodge and the many local businesses and individuals who donated generously to our success. It was a fun day attended by Mayor Bud Clayton and deputy mayor Fred Perry. The Township of North Frontenac also brought in the fire department with three members and two response vehicles to educate and thrill the crowd. MVC had three of their staff come and offer pamphlets and hands on education including an information booth and hands on water sam-

Treasurer's Report - Allen Archibald

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pling and species interpretation. We were also fortunate to have FOCA's president and Gull Lake Cottager visit with his wife to explain to interested attendees their role.

I hope you can see that the KLA is active and working hard to make cottaging on Kashwakamak a continuing, sustainable form of family recreation and enjoyment for generations to come. As your board we need to hear from you, good bad or indifferent! How can we say we represent our membership without your input? Please take the time to tell us what you like, don't like and suggest changes.

I am so proud to work alongside a dedicated KLA board comprised of varying talents who also share a compassion for our lake. This is a group of fellow cottagers, family minded people who are keen on preserving the integrity of Kashwakamak cottaging that perhaps your grandparents, parents, or you know to be so vitally important and is the foundation of our association. Help make a difference. Our website is accessible 365/24/7.

Happy fall season and Thanksgiving to all of you and your families. Hard to believe the sweet smell of BBQ ribs and open windows will soon take the place of heated rooms and the smell of turkey.

Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the KLA family to you and yours!

Hope to see you soon!

Gordon B. Hunter

The payment of annual dues is proceeding on schedule with 65% paid up to date. For those who have not yet paid, there is a reminder notice included in the mailed out package and an electronic notice in the e-mailed package.

"Membership fees are now due January 1st"

Please remember that there are two options to pay your fees – the cheque route and the new **Interac** route – see explanation below in the Newsletter.

Also, the fees for 2013 are now due January 1st, 2013, so if you are paying for 2012, please add the extra \$15 for 2013.

As in the past, all KLA sponsored social functions have been planned

as a net zero cost function. The Annual Dinner & Silent Auction is expecting to achieve this goal on Saturday September 29th with the Auction money to be given to charity. The 3rd Annual Family Fun Day event held in August, while not as well attended due to dire weather predictions which were replaced with good weather, did generate a profit, although the final tally is not yet complete.

It will remain a policy of the KLA Board to initiate and fund additional events until they can become self-financing.

Allen Archibald

How do I pay my membership fees?

We offer two choices for payment:

Make out a cheque to: Kash Lake Association

And mail to:

Kash Lake Association

RR #1

Arden, ON K0H 1B0

OR

Pay by Interac

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 (KLA criteria)

** Please note that if you bank with CIBC you will have to provide a longer answer than "Kash", so make the answer "Kashlake" and let me know you are with CIBC within the comments field.

Allen Archibald

Lake Steward's Report - October 2012 - Milt Houle

As most of you know, the ice was gone in mid March this spring. This is about one month earlier than usual and it had an affect on my water tests that are always started the first week of May.

The first two Secchi readings for clarity were 4 meters and 6.2 meters. But as the season progressed, the readings became more normal, averaging 5.1 meters as of September 1st. This is fairly consistent with the last few years.

As lake steward, my role is to test and report. As the home and cottage owners on the lakes and rivers in the Mississippi Valley watershed you are the real lake stewards. Only you can keep our lake healthy and our property values high. We are

"The readings this year ranged from 4 to 6.2 meters"

getting some badly needed rain recently which should help top-up the lake level and refresh the ponds and bogs in the forest as they had all but dried up and they are an important part of our eco system.

Keep active and healthy over the winter and we'll meet again next spring.

Your lake steward,

Milt Houle

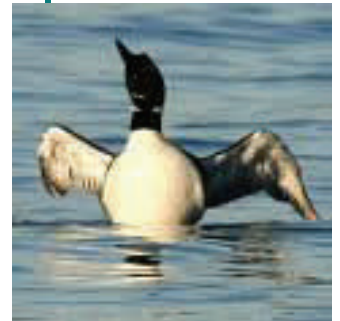
Loon Watch - Please Report Loon Sightings!

We are asking **all members** of Lake Kashwakamak to report any loon sightings on the lake. We would ask that you send the report to:

loonreporting@kashwakamak.ca

Or leave at message at **613-336-8832**

Please include the location, date, approximate time and details, i.e. parent and baby. We have a sense that the loon population is increasing on our lake and this information will help us track this and follow the change from year to year.



LOON Q&A – Did you know ...?

Can the waves in the wake of a speedboat disrupt loon nests?

By Jackie Davis, *Cottage Life Magazine*

The Answer

They sure can (unfortunately). And they can drive loons off your lake permanently: If boat wake is constantly swamping or destroying nests, the loons may abandon the nesting site. That's why it's a good idea to steer clear of known nesting areas, plus boat slowly close to the shoreline—10 km/h or less within 30 metres of shore. This helps preserve other wildlife habitats, prevents erosion, and keeps your lake neighbours from getting irritated with you. (It's also the law on most Ontario lakes.)

But, wait, let's not pick on the powerboats; other watercraft—PWCs, plus canoes or slow-moving small boats that access shallow water—can disturb loons and nests too. It's helpful to know the signs of a stressed-out loon, so you can back off, ASAP: For example, a loon vocalizing at you, or splashing across the water. This means "Get out of my face!"

Membership Report – Allen Archibald

Our membership remains at 389 property owners and 2 Associate Members. This includes a change in members because of cottage sales plus the addition of other members who have chosen to join. Unfortunately there are

"You can include your family and friends on our email lists ... to receive lake related information"

new owners of other cottages who we have not had the opportunity to meet, and hence may not have heard of us. We would ask our members who know of

such new cottage owners to let the Board know, and we will "take it from there".

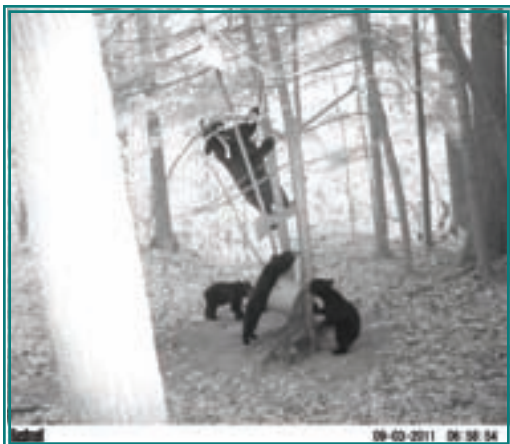
Our e-mail group has grown to 302 (77% of our members). The advantages experienced by our e-mail group include being informed of:

- various lake related issues being addressed at the township level
- lake bulletins issued by Mississippi Valley Conservation
- pending meetings related to such items as logging
- reminders to various KLA social functions
- monthly newsletters from FOCA and of course,
- our KLA Newsletters.

We encourage all those who have not yet supplied their e-mail address to do so. We also recognize that some connections are dial-up, which in turn means that we do not send large files to these e-mail addresses.

We also encourage our e-mail group members to include other family and friend e-mail addresses so that they too can receive lake related information. To-date, we have 69 "Family & Friend" e-mail addresses.

Allen Archibald



Some visitors at Milt Houle's place on the South shore last fall —timed photography captures their adventure as the mother bear climbs the tree to get food for her cubs.



Where Are We??

A recent analysis of the whereabouts on the Lake of our KLA membership produced the following results:

163 Members – Kash Lake Road and Lane including all lanes off this Road/Lane – i.e. the southern shores of the lake together with south eastern shore of Mitchell's Bay.

69 Members – Myers Cave Road including all lanes off this Road – i.e. the western end of Mitchell Bay and the western shore of the channel up to and including the western shore of Whitefish Bay and Whitefish Rapids.

57 Members – Tower Lane and all other lanes off this Lane – i.e. the north western section of the Lake including the north-eastern shores of Mitchell Bay, Whitefish Bay, the channel linking the two (east shore), and the rest of Tower Lane east to the "Cliffs".

35 Members – Flieler Lane, Brown's Bay and South Road areas – i.e. the north shore of the lake.

26 Members – Smith Road including all lanes off this Road – i.e. the Eastern section of the Lake, also referred to as Weiss Point.

13 Members – Two islands of Mitchell's Island and OPP Island.

24 Members – Unknown addresses – probably most are on South Kash Lake Road.

Family Day 2012 - Magical Day for All!

On Saturday August 11th, the poor weather reports gave way to a very pleasant day for the 3rd Annual KLA Family Day at Fernleigh Lodge. Many of your directors along with volunteers met early to set up tents for the various activities, the silent auction and vendor displays. The registration opened officially at 12:00 pm with activities well underway as people gathered to enjoy the face painting and stone art for young and old alike. Again a hearty thanks to Lynn McEvoy and her assistants who inspired our "would be" artists throughout the day.

Magician Show A Highlight!

Elliot Smith, a great Magician from Ottawa entertained young and old alike with his "See the Magic" show. The 45 minute show included "assistants" from the audience, again with young and old enjoying this participation.

The live band provided music through the afternoon and the Barbeque was manned by volunteers offering tasty hamburgers, sausages and hot dogs from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Free ice

cream, candy floss and lemonade as well bags of chips were also enjoyed.

Hoola Hoop Contest Longest Ever!

At 3:00 pm the games began with all ages joining in on the 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race, hoola hoop contest, egg toss and the ultimate tug of war. Each year the hoola hoop competition goes longer and longer and the last two participants carried on for several minutes until a winner was finally declared.

Check out all the photos from the Family Day on our website www.kashwakamak.ca.

yellow kayak as well as many other interesting items. We are truly grateful to all our sponsors.

Though the weatherman called for rain many families came and enjoyed the day including 52 children. Mayor Clayton, Councilor Perry and our local Fire Department joined us as well and the children were thrilled by the "big" red fire engine.

Family Day 2013 will have new and exciting changes and if you have any specific suggestions, please send them along to events@kashwakamak.ca

We look forward to seeing you at Family Day 2013.

Mary Larson

"Family Day 2013 will have new and exciting changes ..."

Silent Auction

The silent auction saw some very competitive bidding right up to the time the bid sheets were collected. Two large items included a small refrigerator donated by Smittys and a bright



Great audience participation with the magic show! Photos by Ella Daly and Gena Frew





Annual Dinner/Silent Auction - More than Double Raised over last year

Our annual fall dinner and silent auction was held on Saturday, September 29th at Fernleigh Lodge and attended by 52 members of the association. This year 16 of the members were attending the dinner for the first time. Happy Hour started at 6pm which gave us an hour to organize the donations for the auction and to chat with our friends and neighbours before sitting down at 7pm to enjoy dinner.

Kevin and Melissa Phillips and their staff prepared a terrific menu including fresh baked rolls, field greens salad, roast beef, roasted potatoes and peas and carrots along with turnip puree with sour cream and horseradish. Dessert was the famous Lodge Lemon Meringue Pie and Apple Pie...all topped off with tea and coffee.

The door prizes were donated by community businesses and association members:

- a beautiful handmade quilt by June Barnes on Harlowe Road;
- a lovely split wood bench crafted by Milton Houle;
- a \$65 certificate for a massage donated by Timothy Christ of Cornerstone of Health on Kashwakamak Lake Road;
- \$25 certificate from Nowell Motors of Cloyne;
- 2-\$20 certificates from the Spud Box in Kaladar;
- 2-\$10 certificates from Parky's in Northbrook; and,
- the centre pieces at each table which were created by Lynn McEvoy from her flower garden and the flowers and vases were given to Melissa to use on the dining room tables at the Lodge.

As a surprise treat, Kevin Phillips and Andrew Blake gave everyone a wonderful fireworks display after dinner – a full moon over the lake and great fireworks – it doesn't get better that!

Our auction was lively and very successful as we raised \$803, which will be donated to several local charities. We also dropped off 10 to 12 bags of food for the Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in the planning and execution of the evening, especially Karen McCall, Sandy and Bob Allin and Andrew Blake – I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

*Heather Penney,
Annual Dinner Coordinator*

Township of North Frontenac

WASTE SITE HOURS

"Winter Hours" at all Waste Sites commenced on October 1, 2012

Household Hazardous Waste Depots

closed for the winter on September 29, 2012

Fun shots from the 2012 Canada Day Parade!



Lake Planning Survey Results (Continued from Page 1)

Where we are in the process

It was reported that after a full year of dedicated committee work we're making good progress in the first phase in this multi-year effort.

Key Accomplishments - July 2011 to July 2012

1. Compiled 15 pages of research for the draft State of the Lake report
2. Completed Community Survey (Dec 2011)
3. Completed Business Survey (April 2012)

Note, the committee has only spent \$125 to date, of its \$1,000 budget which covered the cost for the online survey.

Research Underway

Volunteers are currently re-searching for the draft *State of the Lake Report* in the following areas:

- Hydrology and Water Levels
- Shoreline, Water Quality, and Aquatic Life
- Septic Systems
- Fishing
- Flora, Fauna, and Wildlife
- Crown Land and Severances
- Commercial Activity
- Development, Logging, and Cottage Growth
- Boating, Buoys, and Safety Issues
- **Social History** is approximately 50% complete but there is much, much more to do. This is a significant investment, and will be ongoing even after the State of the Lake report is completed. Volunteers are always needed to help out in this effort. So far we have three people working in this area and many more are welcome!

Lake Sustainability Planning Phases

1. Research Phase

• Surveys, discussion, research

Current Focus

- Publish a state of the lake report

2. Set a Future Vision

- Obtain feedback on state of the lake report
- Analyze and summarize research information
- Visioning with the community

3. Build a Draft Plan

4. Review Draft Plan for Feedback

- Discussions in community for feedback
- Change draft plan based on feedback

5. Approve Plan

6. Community carrying out activities from the plan

Survey Results

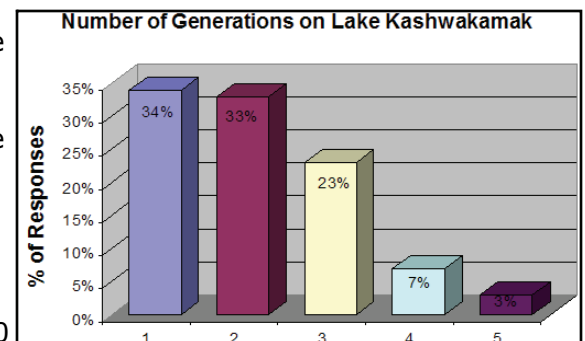
Scott also shared the highlights of the Community and Business surveys. The community survey went out to KLA members and the community at large. 170 responses were received between July and December 2011. In an effort to reach as many people as possible it was distributed in person, through the KLA website and Facebook page, via email with an online link to the survey and promoted through an article which appeared in the North Frontenac News on [Sept 29, 2011](#).

Upon the first review of the data the committee realized that more business participation was needed to ensure we had a good snapshot of the community. This resulted in a specific business survey in April 2012 which was conducted as a telephone interview with over 30 local businesses serving the KLA membership.

Key Findings

About the Community Survey Participants:

It comes as no surprise that the Lake Kashwakamak community is made up of mostly long-term residents and visitors. 88% are owners or family of a place on or near the lake. 80% reported staying at a seasonal cottage, 17% at a permanent home and 3% at a lodge resort. The average number of years respondents have been visiting and/or living at the lake is 29.



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Lake Sustainability Planning Survey Results from page 9...

Use of Lake:

The top 5 activities that respondents indicated they participate in while at the lake:

1. Swimming (95%)
2. Reading (87%)
3. Boating (85%)
4. Nature appreciation (77%)
5. Canoeing (75%)

Values (weighted score):

The top 5 values that respondents identified as adding to their personal enjoyment of the lake:

1. Clean, clear water (503)
2. Peace and Tranquility (460)
3. Recreational Enjoyment (455)
4. Appreciation of Wildlife, Birds, etc. (446)
5. Retention of Crown Land (428)

Issues/Concerns (weighted score):

The top 5 issues/concerns identified as impacting negatively on the enjoyment of their time at the lake:

1. Personal Water Craft (498)
2. Boat Traffic (459)
3. Fish Depletion (383)
4. Weeds/Algae (379)
5. Daytime Noise (372)

Business Survey Results

In April 2012, 38 businesses were selected for the survey based on information provided by North Frontenac Township. We had an excellent 82% response rate with 31 businesses participating. These businesses represented a good cross section and included retail, construction, accommodation, services, and forestry. Of interest is the fact that 74% of the businesses surveyed want to be kept updated on the Lake Sustainability Plan. We want to thank Peter Burbridge, Jim Pedersen and Darryl Simpson for taking the time to call these businesses and get their feedback.

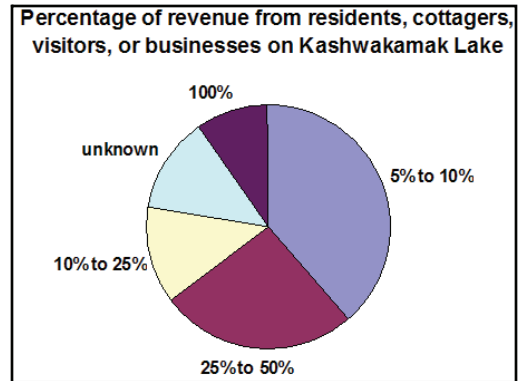
About the Business Survey Participants:

It's interesting to note that 73% of businesses have operated more than 20 years and the 31 businesses employ 130 people full time. 50% of business owners use our lake for recreation and report that their business is very seasonal, with a peak in summer.

Values:

The top values that businesses identified:

1. Customers (75%)
2. Good roads to customer's property (7%)



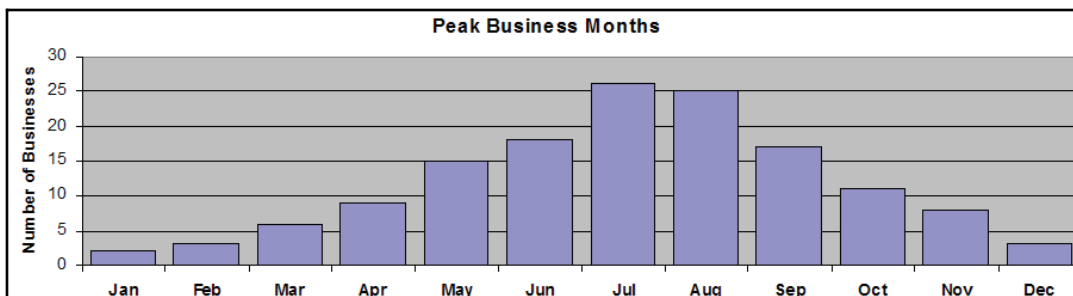
Summary Comments:

It was noted during the conversations that several businesses may close this year. They also brought up the point that local business is competitive and encourage cottagers to ask if they're seeing a better deal in the city because they can probably match it. Of interest as well is the fact that local businesses offer delivery of products as well as on-site service.

Community Engagement

To date, we have engaged many parts of the community, but there are some community groups we still need to reach.

	Community Survey	Business Survey	N. Frontenac Newspaper	KLA Newsletter	KLA Website	Facebook	Committee Membership
Permanent Residents	X		X		X	X	X
Cottagers	X			X	X	X	X
Visitors	X				X	X	
Business		X	X		X	X	
General Public	X		X		X	X	
Community Groups							
Local Government			X				X
Conservation Authority							X



Committee Plans for Next 12 Months

The focus for this winter is to continue the research phase and complete the draft State of the Lake report in time for next years AGM.

We need your help!

There are many key areas where you can get involved and help the KLA in this process:

- Social History
- Recreational History
- Environmental Research

You can be engaged in this process through Facebook, email or arrange to have a committee member call you to discuss the issue.

Visit <http://www.kashwakamak.ca> for contact information.

For those who weren't able to attend the AGM or would like to review the presentation again, this link will take you to the presentation on the KLA website - <http://www.kashwakamak.ca/index.php/sustainability/sustainability-plan>. You can also review the survey results on the [Survey Results](#) page.

Please note, if you don't have access to a computer you can also request written copies of the presentation or survey results by calling Judy McIntyre at (613) 233-3564.

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Peter Burbidge - Cottager

Canada Day 2012 Largest Flotilla Ever - Over 50 boats participated!!



Join us for next year's boat parade!!!

MVC Provides Student to Help the Lake Sustainability Plan

In late spring the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVC), applied for a grant from Valley Heartland to assist in the cost of hiring a Lake Planning Research Intern for a 6 month placement. Valley Heartland covers 75% of the wages and MVC makes up the rest, including incidentals. Alyson Simon with MVC, received approval in June and in mid-July they hired Natasha Wright, a graduate from University of Windsor in their Environmental Sciences Program. Natasha will be working with the MVC until the end of the year on both the Mississippi Lake Plan and the Kashwakamak Plan.

Natasha will be helping with the first phase which includes preliminary background data collection and research and assisting the committee in producing the background "State of the Lake" Report. This report will present all the available background information and data about the environmental condition of the lake and surrounding area.

Welcome Natasha!!

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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Cottagers participating in the Canada Day Boat Parade - in the boats and on the shoreline!

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