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Mark Your Calendar for 2014—2015 Events:

- **Municipal Election** - Vote on-line or by phone October 20—27
- **KLA 2015 Membership Fees**
Due January 1st - Not paid up yet? Pay now by **cheque** or **Interac**
- **Canada Day Boat Parade**
July 1st, 1:00 pm
Starts in Whitefish Bay
- **KLA AGM**
July 11th, 9:30-11:30 am
Northbrook Lions Hall
- **Annual BBQ**
August 15th, 11:00 am -3:00 pm
Fernleigh Lodge
- **Fall Dinner**
September 12th, 6:00 pm
Fernleigh Lodge

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100+ KLA Hazard Marker Buoys Installed

A Huge Volunteer Effort!

If you were on the lake in late August then you probably saw the new yellow hazard marker buoys throughout the lake marking the shoals and dangerous areas. Thanks to your KLA, we recently purchased and installed over 100 markers. These Federation of Ontario Cottage Association (FOCA), sanctioned hazard warning marker buoys will ensure safe boating for us all.

Installing them was no small feat and we would like to thank the team who made this possible, led by KLA Director Andrew Blake and President Gord Hunter. Here is Gord's description of the process...



"After the KLA meeting Saturday in August, a group of us assembled at my cottage for a little concrete mixing and anchor making. In the trailer were two large wooden bins with the marker buoys, a pallet of 3/8" galvanized chain in pails and some hardware. The chain was pulled out of steel barrels and cut into 7 ft. lengths using huge bolt cutters. Machine bolts were placed through the bottom link to form a "T". These were then placed into the bottom of the buckets and concrete stone mix poured over the top. The markers were then attached to the other end by looping the chain through the markers' shackle and bolted

(Cont'd P. 9—Buoys) ➡

The KLA website will be changing over the winter months— **member login** coming soon!

www.kashwakamak.ca

Join the conversation with our **610+** [Kashwakamak Lake](#) group on Facebook!

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President's Corner - Gordon Hunter

Welcome and hello to the changing season. What a ride this spring and summer was in the weather department! Just off the heels of an old fashioned winter with its abundance of snow and cold and into a sluggish warm up. The weather gods allegedly are bringing us some warm stuff for fall but an equal return to the winters of past. Heck we are Canadian and will face it head on as always.

"The KLA installed over 100 hazard warning markers buoys throughout the lake."

We have so many things to be thankful of as we approach our Thanksgiving weekend and for many, the end of the cottage season. The board of your association is extremely proud of the accomplishments we have made with the help of our membership. The KLA set goals and has worked tirelessly to obtain them. We took bold steps and made big efforts in fund raising.

We successfully purchased and installed over 100 Federation of Ontario Cottage Association (FOCA), sanctioned hazard warning marker buoys throughout the lake. These highly visible markers cost approximately \$75 each. This initiative has been a success and will provide years of safe boating for our members, their guests and visitors.

Kashwakamak Lake is in a transition. Many of the cottage founders are passing the baton onto new owners or younger family members. It follows that the importance

of the KLA be maintained and we continue to instill to our members the importance of lake stewardship and lake community. There are so many resources available to us to help in doing so. As members of the KLA you are also members of FOCA. This important add-in to your KLA dues costs only \$2.50 per membership. FOCA is an important link to other cottagers and their associations both in ideas and strength with actions and government. The FOCA website provides a plethora of information on a wide variety of topics. I encourage you to visit their website foca.on.ca and read the emails that we pass on. The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) has all kinds of programs available to us all, check their website mvc.on.ca. The North Frontenac township website northfrontenac.com gives you dates and information on **what's happening**. Many links to local industry that supports **the KLA's efforts are also posted** on our own website at kashwakamak.ca.

Okay now the fun stuff. We have about 500 cottages on Kashwakamak and sport 386 members. Our goal is to close the gap by finding the rest and get them to become members of the lake association. The board regularly brainstorms ideas to bring the KLA social component together. The AGM gets about a 60-person turn out and when you factor in many come as couples that means a very small fraction of our membership votes. I am **pretty sure that's how I got voted in!** It would be really great to see more of the new owners and

upcoming owners show up and have their ideas be heard.

The BBQ at Fernleigh had close to 150 people attending and it was a very fun day. There is something for everyone and it provides a good opportunity to socialize with your diverse cottage community. This coming year we want to bring more awareness and drive the attendance. Membership ideas and comments are of course welcomed. Who wants to organize a regatta? Corn roast?? Bring your ideas and volunteer spirit forward.

I would be totally remiss to not talk about the KLA silent auction/

"It would be great to see new cottage owners show up at the AGM and have their ideas heard..."

dinner night at Fernleigh Lodge, which sells out every year and all of the proceeds from the zany evening go to local charity. Tickets go on sale at the AGM so if you want in, put your money down early.

Good luck with the close up to all of our seasonal cottagers. The almanacs are saying it will be another cold and snowy winter so all you winter enthusiasts be ready.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Gord Hunter

After many years of volunteer service we have two board members who are passing on their roles within the board. **Milton Houle** has been our **Lake Steward** taking water samples, testing the temperature, taking Secchi readings at various locations around the lake and then reporting to the MVCA and the Ministry. We all are indebted to him for his dedication to monitoring our lake

so closely. Our new volunteer Lake Steward is **Peter Johnson of Levi's Bay on the south shore.** Milt has agreed to show Pete the ropes to get him started off. Thanks Milt for your years of service and Pete thanks for stepping forward. We look forward to working with you.

Allen Archibald has served the board not only as the **Member-**

ship co-ordinator but as our **Treasurer** for many years. Going forward the work load has been split between two people which speaks to the work that Allen has provided on our behalf. Thank you Allen for all of your contributions to the board. Membership is now being looked after by **Don Cory** and our past President, **Mary Larson** has stepped in as our Treasurer.

KLA Committee Update

On the Volunteer front we also say thank you and good bye to **Heather Penney** who has graciously organized our **Annual Dinner and Silent Auction** for many years. Her enthusiasm is contagious and the event has always sold out and brought lots of

laughter to us all. Thank you Heather for making this annual event so memorable for the KLA and for putting it in the good hands of **Sudesh Kent** and **Caroline Elson** moving forward.

The KLA has an amazing group of members who volunteer their

time, effort and expertise. We appreciate you all and welcome anyone else who would like to join in the fun! Thank you all for your efforts for the KLA and our lake experience.

Gord Hunter



In Memorial

It is with sadness we report on September 1, 2014, the sudden death of Bud Clayton, the Mayor of North Frontenac and County Warden of Frontenac County North. In his 76th year, Bud devoted countless hours and energy to our area and we thank him for his service. Our thoughts go out to his wife Jacqueline, their children, grandchildren and the extended Russell Family.

Thank you to all the businesses that supported the KLA Annual BBQ this year!

Sponsors

Spud Box— meat

Parky's— game prizes

Silent Auction Items

Timothy Christ – Massage Therapist

Addison's Restaurant

Township of North Frontenac

Hearth at Home

Nowell Motors

Smitty's Appliances

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Tweed Home Hardware

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Treasurer's Report - Mary Larson

The payment of annual dues is proceeding on schedule with 67% of our members 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 sent recently.

Please remember that there are two options to pay your fees – the cheque route and via Interac. Fees for 2015 are due **January 1st, 2015**, so if you are paying for 2014, why not add the extra \$15 for 2015 at the same time?

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

planned as a net zero cost function. The Annual Dinner & Silent Auction achieved this goal on Saturday September 13th with

the Auction money to be given to charity.

The 5th Annual KLA BBQ held in August proved to be a wonderful success. Again this year, it was a breakeven event so there was no cost to KLA membership and it was a fun day for everyone.

The costs associated with the new Buoys have now been covered and they were installed by a great group of KLA volunteers.

Mary Larson

Please note the KLA's new mailing address:

Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA)
1110 Foster's Lane,
RR #2
Cloyne, ON K0H 1K0

Paying your Membership Fees

There are 2 ways to pay your membership fee:

1. Pay by **cheque** made out to: Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA)
Mail to:

Kashwakamak Lake Association
1110 Foster's Lane,
RR #2
Cloyne ON K0H 1K0



2. Pay by **Interac**
How to pay your Association Dues through Interac:

- You are a member of our email 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
 - ⇒ specific question to be: **Short name for lake**
 - ⇒ specific answer to be: **Kash** (KLA criteria)
- Payee email address (KLA criteria) treasurer@kashwakamak.ca

Note: If you bank with **CIBC** you will have to provide a longer answer than "Kash", so make the answer "**Kashlake**" and let Mary know you are with CIBC within the comments field.

Did you know?

KLA Membership Fees are Due January 1st each year!

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2014

Did you know? Seasonal Residents can now Vote in North Frontenac for the upcoming Municipal Election between October 20 – 27th!

Electronic Voting

Each person listed on the Voters' List will be sent a Voter Notification Letter which includes Instructions on Voting using the Internet or Phone, (toll free phone number and a web address). It will also provide an **eight digit PIN** number to access the system. You will receive this letter about three to five days before the first voting day.

The letter will have Candidate Information which will identify the positions you are permitted to vote for (Mayor; Councillors – Applicable Ward and School Board Trustee – Applicable Board) and the number of Candidates you are permitted to choose for each position.

CAST YOUR VOTES: Between October 20, 2014 at 9:00 am and October 27, 2014 at 8:00 pm you will need to cast your vote(s) either using the internet or phone.

Voter's List

Are you on the list? Contact the Township Office to verify if you are on the Voters List at **613-479-2231** or by email to the Clerk at clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca or Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@northfrontenac.ca.

Membership Report – Allen Archibald

Our membership remains a healthy 378 property owners (down by 3 from last year). The number of changes in cottage ownership continues to influence our membership totals as new owners are often not aware of the Lake Association and the benefits of being a member. The Board is addressing this issue but as always we appreciate our members talking to new owners about the Lake Association, or by letting one of our Board Members know of the existence of a new cottage owner so we can reach out directly.

Our e-mail group has grown to 323, an increase of 16 over last year (85% 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 Mis-

- ◇ sissippi Valley Conservation pending meetings related to such items as logging
- ◇ reminders of various KLA social functions
- ◇ monthly newsletters from FOCA
- ◇ KLA bi-annual Newsletters

If you haven't give us your e-

"Please let us know of any changes to your address or email..."

mail address yet, please 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. If you believe you are on our e-mail list but have

not heard from us for some time, it is probably that we no longer have your valid e-mail address. Please let us know.

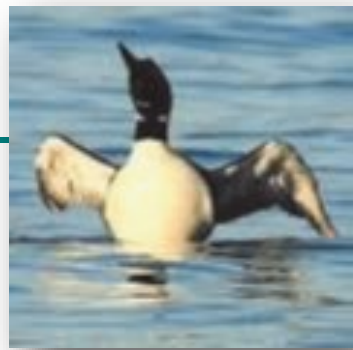
As most of you know, Don Cory is our new Membership Chairman. You have already been receiving KLA related e-mails from him over the summer. His communication with you will increase as mine decreases.

As I leave this position on the Board I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed all the interaction I have had with the membership over the past 7 years, and have been encouraged along the way with your strong support.

Allen Archibald
Outgoing Membership Chairman



Kashwakamak Lake Loon Study — 2014



A very wet spring and summer affected our loons as normal nesting areas were flooded and caused fewer and later successful loon chicks being hatched. Unofficially it seems that we have a loon population of about 15 adults with 5 nesting pairs. Confirmed reports show a total of only two baby loons this season.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to report on our loons. This information has led to a better understanding of this population, and ways in which we as a group can better help these beautiful birds.

Keep on reporting, Thanks!

Darryl Simpson

loonwatch@kashwakamak.ca

613-336-2374



Photo by: Liz Hall, 2014

Loon Study Volunteers

1. Weiss Point - Al West
2. **Brown's Bay** - Shannon Gagnon
3. **Brown's Bay** to Windgap Island - Russell Gray
4. Windgap Island to the Narrows of Mitchell Bay - Dave Winney, Darryl Simpson
5. Narrows to Whitefish Rapids - Daleigh Douglas

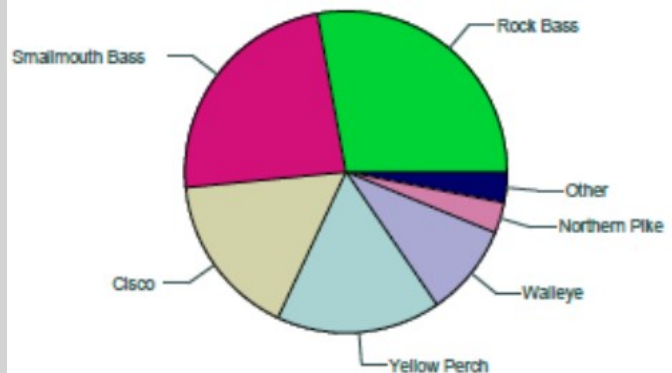
Broad-scale Monitoring Bulletin - Kashwakamak Lake

Proportion of Fish Caught in Large Mesh Nets

About the Program

The Broad-scale Monitoring Program provides information for managing our fisheries effectively. This bulletin provides a snapshot of the recent monitoring activities and netting results. Netting is conducted using large and small mesh nets to understand the characteristics of fish communities in a lake. Large mesh nets contribute information about fish species and small mesh nets describe the fish community. To learn more about the sampling program visit

[Fish Ontario: Monitoring and State of the Resource Reporting.](#)



ontario.ca/fishing

Lake Steward's Report - Milt Houle

After a very long, cold and snowy winter (the ice went out on April 26), the lake clarity was lower all summer. Add to this a cool and rain filled summer, the average secchi disc reading was 4.3 metres. In the first 7 years of 2000, the average reading was 5.46 metres with the highest being 6.3 metres and the lowest 4.2.

"Lake clarity was lower all summer ... the average secchi dish reading was 4.3 metres..."

As I write this on September 18th, the weather is quite cool and the first flock of geese flew past heading south.

A special presentation was held this month in Plevna for property owners who may have concerns about their cottage shorelines. The Centre for Sustainable Watersheds and

the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority both have programs to advise landowners on how to create and maintain a healthy natural shoreline. Refer to the article on page 13 in this newsletter or go to the **Frontenac News**, September 18th.

This is probably my last Lake Steward's Report. It's been a pleasure doing the testing for the past five years but it's time to pass it on.

Milt Houle

Created: Aug 29, 2014

Broad-scale Monitoring Bulletin

KASHWAKAMAK LAKE - FMZ 18 - 2013-2017

Kashwakamak Lake Facts

Geographic Location: Clarendon and Barrie

Surface Area: 1151 ha

Maximum Depth: 24.0 m

Average Depth: 5.2 m

Water Clarity: 3.1 m



Monitoring Activities

- Fish netting
- Fish contaminants
- Zooplankton
- Water chemistry
- Bathymetry
- Water temperature/dissolved oxygen
- Aquatic invasive species



Netting Summary

Netting period: Jul 23 2013 to Aug 1 2013

Number of net sets: 30

Number of fish species caught: 18

Fish Netting Results

Fish populations were surveyed using large and small mesh nets to provide information on fish species present and their characteristics, such as growth, age and abundance. The catch data below show that 14 species were surveyed in large mesh nets. Additional fish species observed in small mesh nets were Bluntnose Minnow, Logperch, Slimy Sculpin and Spoonhead Sculpin.

Fish species	Total Catch %	Maximum Length cm	Minimum Length cm	Average Length cm
Rock Bass	27	21.2	8.3	15.5
Smallmouth Bass	23	43.6	14.6	27.6
Cisco	16	44.8	17.7	36.5
Yellow Perch	16	29.9	13.8	18.1
Walleye	9	58.5	19.3	36.8
Northern Pike	3	88.2	40.5	63.8
Pumpkinseed	2	25.7	11.7	19.1
Brown Bullhead	1	38.1	22.2	32.7
Largemouth Bass	< 1	17.4	13.9	15.7
Fallfish	< 1	41.2	40.5	40.9
White Sucker	< 1	26.2	26.2	26.2
Lake Whitefish	< 1	54.4	54.4	54.4
Golden Shiner	< 1	14.9	14.9	14.9
Burbot	< 1	45.7	45.7	45.7

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KLA Annual BBQ - August 16th - Fun was had by all!



What a fabulous BBQ this year! **You couldn't miss us this year** – almost 150 people attended! The KLA BBQ took place on the shores of Fernleigh Lodge on August 16th where you could literally see the boatloads of people arriving for the fun. Three legged races, hula hoop contests and the final tug-o-war competition were favourites and a special magic show was enjoyed by all!

The Spud Box generously donated the delicious burgers (handmade by the Buck family), fresh corn on the cob, and popcorn kept everyone going throughout the day. Thanks to our very generous donors, our silent auction was a big success with some pretty stiff bidding going on for some of the items. Meaghan Flaherty and Kristen Ritchie delighted the young ones with their inspiring face painting designs, **'kids' of all ages painted rocks while others simply enjoyed watching the festivities and the boats going by on the lake.**

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers, sponsors and donors for **making this year's BBQ the best yet** – we couldn't have done it without them. **Weren't able to make it this year? That's ok, be sure to join us next year when the KLA BBQ is at Fernleigh Lodge, August 15th 2015** – mark your calendars and see you there!

Kelly Hagerman
KLA Director, Annual BBQ
Organizer
events@kashwakamak.ca



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(Buoys cont'd from P. 1.)

together using a galvanized bolt and nut **with locking material applied so they won't** loosen. Through experience we learned that the bolt and nut will loosen off from wave action as we lost one marker near Fernleigh Lodge. Thankfully a cottager turned the marker into Kevin Phillips and I got it back. We need to duck dive for the anchor now but I have a pretty good idea where it is. I just need to convince some unsuspecting neighbour to do it for me.

So we have three markers deployed in the **water near Fernleigh Lodge. Saturday's efforts** yielded about 65 more. Andrew Blake picked up and deployed the markers needed from the West end inlet from Georgia Lake to my cottage at Echo Bay. I am responsible **for essentially Brown's Bay to the dam. Once** we get these placed and replenish our bucket supply we will see how many more we **require."**

The KLA would like to acknowledge volunteer contributors who have helped us. These folks all worked very hard slugging. I should **mention that Kelly Hagerman's husband** John is a stone mason and the two of them took the effort to load his mixer into his boat and bring it to my cottage. Thankfully as my old mixer was not up to the task and the motor died after about 20 buckets.

Having a proper boat was definitely an asset as these weigh about 70 lbs. + each and it is limiting as to how many can fit into a boat and then you have to lift it over the gunnel and put into place. Thanks to all for a **job well done!"** Gord Hunter

Buoy Volunteers

Andrew Blake
Kelly Hagerman
John Hagerman
Steve Prendergast
Pete Johnson
Scott Hunter
Pam Harnden
Jim Bathe
Gord Hunter

KLA Volunteers place the first buoys



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KLA Annual Dinner & Silent Auction - Helping the Community



Our annual Fall Dinner and Silent Auction was held on Saturday, September 13th at Fernleigh Lodge and was attended by 56 members of the association. Happy Hour started at 6:00 pm which gave us an hour to organize the donations for the auction and to chat with our friends and neighbours before sitting down at 7:00 pm to enjoy dinner. Kevin and Melissa and their staff prepared a terrific menu including Prime Rib with Yorkshire pudding, seasonal salad, fresh sautéed veggies, red and white mashed potatoes, all topped off with Lodge apple or cherry pie, tea and coffee.

The auction was lively and very successful as we raised **\$535** which will be donated to a local charity.



Caroline have bravely agreed to take on the task of Dinner Coordinators next year, while I step down after 6 fun filled years of working with the Association Board and Melissa at Fernleigh to host the Annual Dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Heather Penney, Annual Dinner Coordinator



A big thank you to the cottagers who brought donations for the auction and food for the Food Bank. We were able to drop off 10 bags of food at the **Northbrook Community Centre**. Mary Larson donated two of the door prizes - bottles of wine in interesting containers, and Linda McDonnell donated a terrific wine and cheese basket - many thanks ladies.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in the planning and execution of the evening, especially **Sudesh Kent** and **Caroline Elson**. Sudesh and



Photos by Mary Larson

KLA AGM: Getting your Questions Answered by the Experts

Did you attend this year's AGM?

This year's AGM was held at the Harlowe Community Hall on Saturday July 12th. The KLA invited 3 presenters based on our members concerns who provided useful and interesting information for the attendees.

Kelly Skaug, from the **Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)** presented the sample results from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters recent study on invasive species. There is evidence of both Spiny Water Fleas and Zebra Mussels in Kashwakamak Lake. However, *it was noted that there has never been any evidence of the zebra mussels gaining a foothold in the lake.* Kelly recommended that the KLA consider signs at boat launches encouraging visitors to wash boats before entering the lake. The signs cost roughly \$300. Testing on Kashwakamak was done in 2013 and will be done again in 2014.

It was also suggested that our Lake Steward request an invasive sampling kit for testing further on our own. You can check out **Kelly's presentation on our website, Invasive Species.**

Kelsey Jensen, a representative from the **Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW)** discussed the **EcoAction Grant Project** and what it means for our lake. (See the article on Page 13 for more information).

Gord Mountenay, along with his colleague, **Jennifer North**, both from the **MVCA**, presented on **watershed water levels** and how they are monitored. They are responsible for our watershed. Gord has been working on our watershed system and damn since 1987 and he asked two questions to the members present in the audience:

#1 *Who is concerned about water levels this year?*

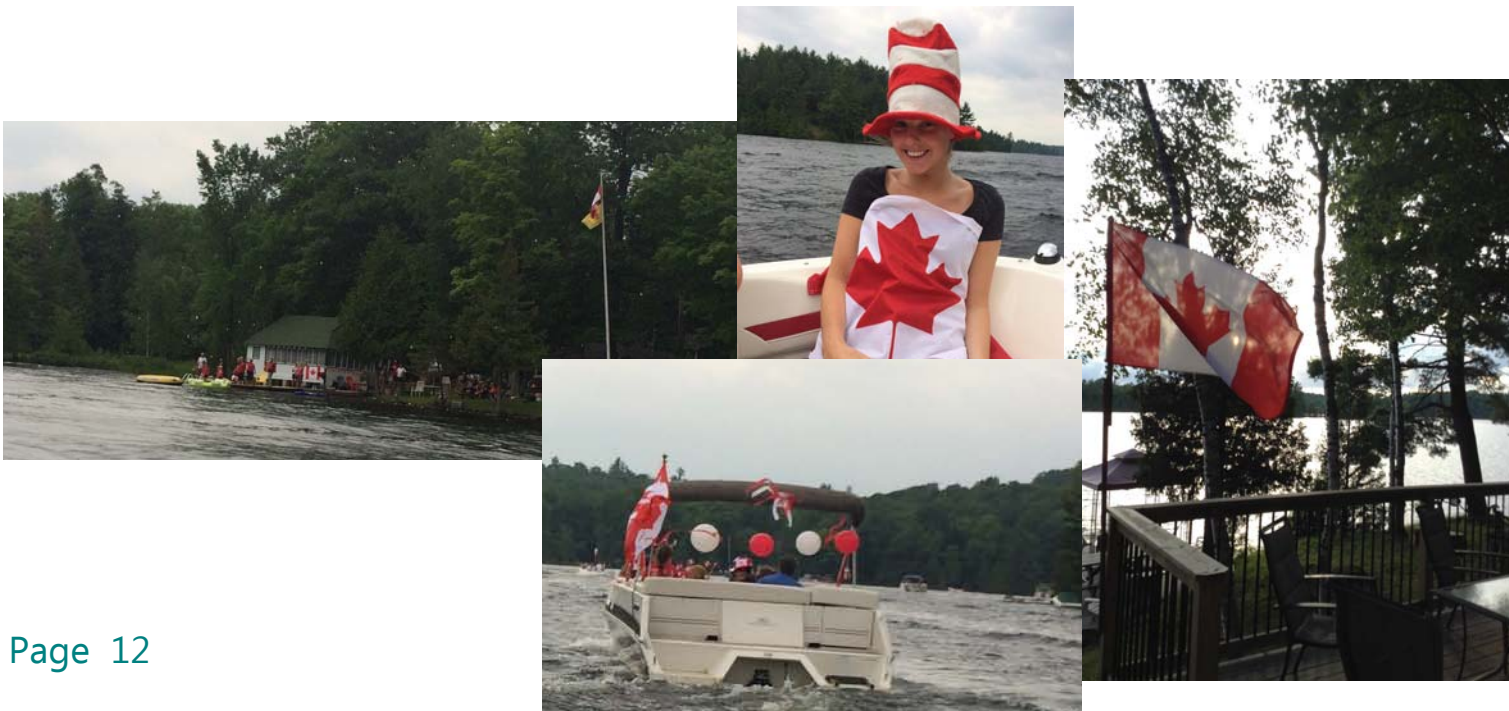
#2 *Who is concerned about water levels over the past 5 years?*

Our membership response showed that the majority are concerned about water levels. Gord then led us through his detailed presentation on the operations of the damns and MVCA's goals and targets for water levels. It was interesting to note that the goals and targets remain unchanged since the 1950s. But he noted that the damns have less seepage now than they did in the past, which Gord indicated may have a slight impact on water levels. The information is, and always has been, available to the public and is on the MVCA website. KLA members are advised to contact him and Jennifer directly if we have any questions or concerns.

Contact: Gord Mountenay, C.E.T.
Water Management Supervisor
613-253-0006 ext. 233
info@mvc.on.ca
www.mvc.on.ca

CANADA DAY BOAT PARADE

Whitefish Bay cottagers have been organizing this patriotic event for many, many years. Despite the weather this year, an impressive group of cottagers both on land and in boats, took part in the festivities. Canadian pride at its best!



UPDATE: Natural Edge Program Available for Kash Lake!

In our last newsletter we reported about the **Natural Edge Shoreline Naturalization program**. Many of you had questions about how it worked so we confirmed the process with Courtney Allison, the Shoreline Stewardship Technician with the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW).

CSW is offering free site visits to Kashwakamak waterfront owners, giving landowners the opportunity to show CSW staff their waterfronts and discuss any concerns. CSW staff will then provide recommendations, and if the landowner is interested in creating or expanding their shoreline buffers, their staff will assess the soil and light conditions as well as take photos and measurements of suitable planting areas. Landowners will then receive a customized planting plan including the photos from the site visit day, with a de-

scriptive list of native shrubs and trees suitable for the soil and light conditions on their property. Upon landowner approval of the plan, a signed stewardship agreement, and a small financial contribution, planting will be scheduled for spring 2015.

"During the site visits, we will discuss any potential concerns landowners may have, including pathway access to the waterfront, and maintaining sight lines," commented Courtney Allison. "We also have a variety of shrubs, groundcovers, ferns, and vines that are low growing, so they won't block the beautiful view!"

CSW staff take care of the planting plan design, ordering the plants, delivering the plants, and planting the plants. They are subsidizing the project costs by 75%, and ask landowners to contribute the remaining 25% of the total

costs. (Depending on the size of the planting area, landowner contributions can be as little as \$100. They also work with landowners to create projects that fit within their budgets.) Included in the total project costs are: plants, soil, mulch, tree guards, planting labour, project management and delivery, shipping and handling of plant stock, and the planting plan.

INTERESTED? Get in touch with their Shoreline Stewardship Technician, Courtney Allison, at allison@watersheds.ca or call the CSW office at 613-264-1244 for more information or to book your site visit!



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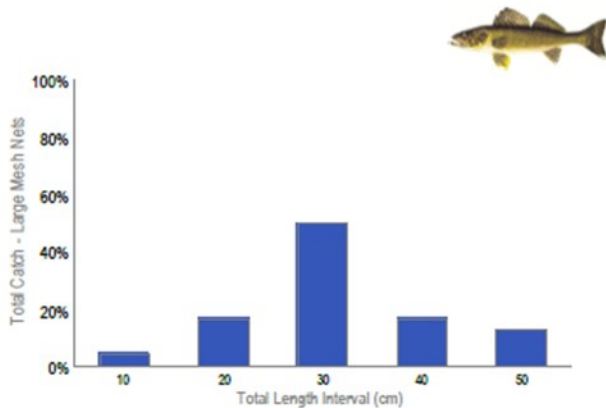
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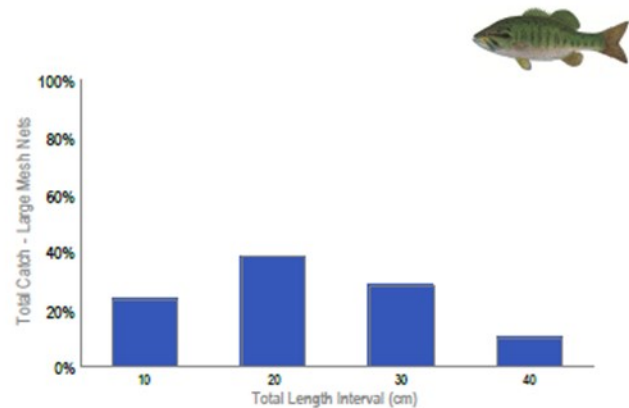
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Length Distribution of Walleye



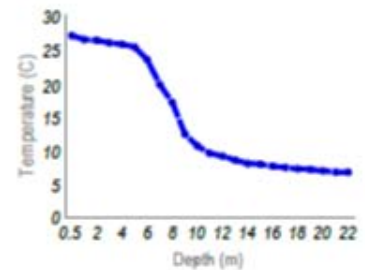
Length Distribution of Smallmouth Bass



Catch results are presented in 10 cm length bins, labelled with the lower limit (i.e., the '20 cm' bin represents fish between 20 cm and 29 cm). The size of Walleye ranged from 19.3 to 58.5 cm and the size of Smallmouth Bass ranged from 14.6 to 43.6 cm in large mesh nets.

Water Chemistry and Temperature

Water temperature, oxygen levels and water transparency were measured in July 2013. The graph shows the temperature of Kashwakamak Lake with increasing depth. The temperature at the surface was 27.1 °C and declined to 6.7 °C at the bottom of the lake.



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Aquatic invasive species were monitored by field crews. Samples are currently being processed to determine if any more new invasive species were detected through this sampling program. Any species new to Ontario or an invasive species that is a new record for a waterbody is reported to the Invading Species Hotline (www.invadingspecies.com).

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North Frontenac Municipal Election 2014

Candidate Questions

The upcoming municipal election is very important for the KLA and all land owners in the area. For the first time **online and telephone voting** will be available for cottagers and others who aren't able to vote in person. To help you assess your options we reached out to all 11 candidates who are vying for the 7 council positions and asked them the following 3 questions:

If elected, what skills and abilities would you bring to council?

How do you see lake associations working with council?

What do you think the Township's priorities should be for the next 4 years?

Here is a summary of their responses. In some cases we did not receive a response and in others, the responses were too detailed to include everything. Please go to www.kashwakamak.ca to read the full, unedited report.

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Besides working in the background in North Frontenac for the last three years, I have 11 years of experience running my own successful consulting company working with CEO's and public sector Directors to improve all aspects of running their operations. My leadership capabilities include; Senior Manager of Quality, Nortel, President and CEO, WREN Group (Management Consulting), Chair, North Frontenac Lake Associations Alliance, Chair, Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation (FCFDC) and Chair, FCFDC Investment Committee. In short I have the capabilities and the expertise to improve decision making and how the Township is run.

I have been both the President and Lake Steward for a lake association in North Frontenac. I am currently the Chair of the North Frontenac Lake Associa-

tions Alliance and the founding member. Lake Associations play a critical role for the Township and have already contributed to the revisions of the draft Official Plan awaiting Ontario approval. I see lake associations working together with the Township and providing great assistance, data and information that will help Council make fact based decisions when considering such things as development, septic inspections, and environmental protection.

I am a firm believer that Lake Associations are critical to ensure we maintain and sustain the land and water quality in this Township. Lake Associations have a vast pool of expertise that can assist Council when making policies or making decisions, especially when it comes to land development in and around our waters.

My specific priorities for the Township for the next four years include:

- ◆ **Economic Development** with increases in: Revenue, tourism, business and the

2014 Candidates

Mayor – 2 candidates – 1 vote

Ron Higgins & Claudio Valentini

Ward 1 – 3 candidates – 2 votes

Wayne Good, Fred Perry & Lonnie Watkins

Ward 2 – 3 candidates – 2 votes

Vernon Hermer, Betty Hunter & Gerry Martin

Ward 3 – 3 candidates – 2 votes

Denis Bedard, Fred Fowler & John Inglis

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tax base

- ◆ **Development (Residential and Business)** - Ensure lake capacity and water quality is a priority, suits our environmental surroundings and increases the tax base
- ◆ **Community Halls** - Ensure community involvement, social gatherings, meeting venues and customers (Rate Payers) want this service
- ◆ **Communication** - Open and transparent, frequent, face to face, (not just website and

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media), conduct Mayor quarterly Town Halls.

These initiatives were identified by going through an extensive investment readiness test. The focus will be to consult with investors to identify their needs and wants before investing in our Township, then improve based on their needs to get investment dollars. Any investments will have to fit into the environment. I will be looking for small scale operations such as hotel conference centre, water slide parks or pellet manufacturing to complement our forestry operations.

Tourism is very important but not the total focus. Tourists need a place to eat, sleep and obtain essentials so we need better restaurants, service centers and most importantly year round accommodations like motels and Bed and Breakfasts to fit with our "four season, more reasons". Current lodges need financial assistance to upgrade their accommodations. There are programs and grants available that we need to help these establishments acquire. We also have a thriving artist population that requires support to make this a destination of choice.

Claudio Valentini

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My life experiences, personality, intelligence, compassion, work ethic, record of accomplishment, proven leadership, and views on the fundamental issues facing our township are well-suited for the office of Mayor. I am a creative problem-solver. I believe in compromise

when necessary for the best interest of those involved and have a history of working well with others, without compromising my core beliefs.

A lake association should advocate for its members. I would like to see an active and ongoing **lake coalition committee** regularly reporting to council. I am proposing new solutions to the ongoing conflict between lake development and lake residents. One of these involves the **lake association 'pre-zoning'** their lake in preparation for future development. They would undertake a **Lakeshore Capacity Model study** which would zone the lake into one of 3 categories:

- ◆ **Development at Capacity** – No further development allowable
- ◆ **Development allowable with special considerations** and,
- ◆ **Development allowable.**

I also propose a new Zoning Category which we could call "**Phased Plan of Subdivision**", (or Condominium). This would deal with three issues concerning the resident/developer conflict:

1. the development density
2. a single developer developing the lake to a point where other existing lake residents are blocked from developing their property, and
3. the difficulty of obtaining an accurate analysis of the future effect of a development on a lake.

What I propose is that the minimum lot size and frontage in a development be increased by a percentage for each lot in the **development. Simply put, 'the more lots you want to put in at one time, the bigger they have to be'.**

Lake associations are the guardians of their lake and have the obligation to protect the residents' peace, quiet enjoyment of and investment in their prop-

erties. Their role should be to work as partners with the Township to achieve this goal.

At the same time the Township advocates for the residents as a whole, and development is an important part of this. Increasing the tax base is good for everyone, including those residents of an individual lake, as their taxes will also decrease.

The current Economic Development Strategic Plan focuses on 'tourism'. **We desperately need** a new direction. Prosperity in our township depends on supporting our current residents, encouraging seasonal residents to become full time ones, and inviting new residents to live and work here. Our township must do more to attract new residents. Right now we are a leisure activity, natural resource and cultural destination.

For our local economy to live up to its potential, the township has to get the basics right: good infrastructure including roads, expanded medical services, true high speed broadband, full coverage cell service, complete postal services, reasonable energy costs, and a larger hydro grid.

**Ward 1: 3 candidates
2 votes**

Wayne Good

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Fred Perry

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I have been a member of council for the past nine years and

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bring management skills gained as a manager with Nortel for 28 years. I was involved with the **development of the township's** new five year strategic plan. I served as the representative for C.O.F.A. for the past 9 years, in an effort to conserve wildlife and increase fish populations for future generations. In Council, as Deputy Mayor my areas of responsibilities include: county business, emergency preparedness, energy and the environment, health and Lake Associations. Specifically I am a member of the Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Committee.

Lake Association members as well as all constituents, must play a major role in how we go forward with economic development as a township. Our lakes are a valuable resource and must be maintained to the quality that we hold now for generations to come. It is imperative that development of our lakes has to be viable to lake capacities and **follow the township's official plan.**

The cost of operating the township should adhere to our five year strategic plan and we need to encourage our constituents to be engaged with the township. We need to maintain our infrastructure at a suitable level, including roads, waste, recycling, fire protection, etc. Economic development is a must if we want to keep our taxes at a manageable level. We need to continue challenging the province in its downloading of services in lower tier townships.

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No response to our request.

**Ward 2: 3 candidates
2 votes**

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Being born and raised here I have a deep desire to retain the serene beauty of the district. I have the skills and abilities to be an asset to the community of North Frontenac. As a foreman for Acrytex, I honed my leadership and instructional abilities. As an ambulance attendant I learned to deal with crisis and people in an efficient and effective manner. My several years working as a survey technician gave me a strong working knowledge of proper road construction. Once I returned to North Frontenac I drove a school bus for many years, which strengthened my people skills and definitely taught me a lot about patience. After several years of driving I ventured out and bought my own bus line which assisted me in gaining small business skills.

I've also worked several seasons at a local lodge and gained knowledge about difficulties in the tourist industry and sometimes dealing with challenging personalities. I served two terms on Clarendon Miller Township Council during the late 1980s and early 1990s just before amalgamation of the various townships into what is now known as North Frontenac Township.

Council needs to take an active interest in lake and shore development in order to maintain a live and productive ecosystem. The bottom line is if our lakes become polluted and die, then we as a community will follow the same fate. I believe it's essential that council and lake as-

sociations take a united approach in respect to the degree of development allowable on each individual lake. I believe in looking at a team approach in getting capacity assessment studies done. I feel that bylaws pertaining to setbacks and septic systems must be enforced.

Council needs to review the current long term plan and make sure that it focuses on the following objectives:

- ◆ What we can do to increase the population and strengthen the tax base to lower the tax burden.
- ◆ Council initiatives to develop small businesses and more employment opportunities for residents as well as encourage the relocation of people to the area.
- ◆ Review municipal capital expenditures and expenditures that are not deemed necessary should be cancelled or postponed until we achieve a supportive and sustainable tax base.
- ◆ Maintain a cooperative working relationship with Lake Associations.

Betty Hunter

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I am just completing my second term on council. I have lived in North Frontenac for 27 years and worked for many local businesses. I was first elected in 2003-2006 term and re-elected in 2011. I was very involved in waste management and recycling, economic development, ClarMill Community Archives and many other committees such as fire, roads, and cemeteries. My portfolios for this term have been Economic Development and

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Social Services. I also sit on the Land O Lakes Community Services board and on Pine Meadow Nursing Home management committee.

Our many lake associations have a great deal of knowledge that can add to helping move our municipality forward. The lake development plans are a great asset to assist council in deciding about development on our various lakes. I hope to see many more out to all public meetings so we can get your input on decisions of importance.

The new council will need to deal with other municipalities regarding the provincial downloading including the cost of policing the reduction of funds for parks, dams etc., and working with the county on a Community Improvement Plan when our Official Plan gets approved, and then the review of the Zoning by-laws to ensure we are encouraging sustainable development. Of course there are many other issues such as waste and recycling, the budget, services levels and completing the asset management plan.

Gerry Martin

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I enjoy working on council. My highlight last term was when "Bud" asked me to work at establishing a cell phone system. I am a retired Bell Manager and still had contact with the Company. After 2 1/2 years I was notified the project was funded. I am currently chair of the War Memorial task force; the Personal and Audit committee and the Master

Fire Plan committee, (which will be rearranging the North Frontenac Volunteer Fire Department). I am on the Board of Directors of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority. I also work on the Committee of Adjustment, who take care of land severances and minor variances. I sat on the Police Commission.

I see working on a septic dumping station which should cut the cost of getting your septic tank pumped by about 50%. We have a huge increase in the cost of policing facing us in 2015. The cost will escalate from \$204,000 in 2014 to \$1.2 million by 2019. Every \$50,000 increase means a 1% increase in property taxes. We need to finish our 10 year asset management plan to eliminate tax spikes from sudden expense items. We need to amalgamate the 4 fire departments. The waste management plan looks great on paper, but it is so onerous for commercial establishments. We are considering contracting out some of our expertise.

The lake residents are going to see a change in waterfront lot sizes (larger). MVCA is now part of the Township planning team and have hired an Enforcement Officer. The voluntary septic inspection funding will continue to be implemented to protect our lakes. This year Gull and Malcolm lakes were assessed for fish stocks. Each year our plan is to investigate different lakes. These assessments are a direct result of Lake Association requests.

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Ward 3 – 3 candidates 2 votes

Denis Bedard

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My wife Rose and I are full time residents and have owned Double S Sports and Marina in North Frontenac for 11 years. I'm an active volunteer with the Fire Department and have helped organize the annual Firefighter ATV Rides, the July 1st Fireworks, the Annual Palmerston Lake Bass Derby, and the Annual North Frontenac Christmas Parade. I spent 15 years in the service of Municipalities as an Engineer and many as a Director of Public Works. This has given me the experience to understand municipal budgets and to know what to expect from Council and the Public.

Lake Associations should play a very large role in terms of municipal planning. There is no better place to seek immediate and relevant information than from the residents of a specific area. Lake Associations should be directly represented on a Planning Committee and must be involved in the ongoing review of the Official Plan and the Zoning Bylaws. They can also be an invaluable partner on the Business Development Committee or Task Force.

My priorities are:
1. To continue to produce a **Long-term Business Development** Plan with the input from businesses, community groups, lake associations, Provincial Government agencies, Snowmobile and ATV Associations, Artist groups, etc.

2. **Improve Financial Control.** I would like to see full economic justification for all major proposals from Staff and Council. Do the proposals make good business sense and do we NEED them?

3. **Improved Council and Administrative accountability and ac**

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cessibility. Council answers to the public and the administrative staff answer to Council. We need more convenient meeting times for the public. I would support Council meetings being held during the evening when the public can attend without taking time from their jobs. I also would support holding an annual Town hall meeting in each ward. These meetings would be attended by all of Council and senior staff who would be available to answer questions from the public.

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John Inglis

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I bring 4 years of experience as a Ward 3 Councillor to the position and the experience associated with having lived and operated a small business near Ompah for the last 38 years. I am a very curious person and I tend to mistrust 'accepted wisdom' so I ask a

lot of questions at meetings. I have a Master's degree in electrical engineering. Before leaving Toronto, I worked in the nuclear industry designing training simulators. I also have a couple of **years' experience teaching school** in West Africa.

Lake associations are critical in the process of advising Council on issues of water quality, lakeshore development, zoning policy, and services to the community as a whole. There is a wide range of types of organization around various lakes at present. In general, there are fewer Lake Associations in North Frontenac than in the two townships to the south of us. I would continue to push for Council and township staff to assist property owners in the creation of organized groups and Lake Plans.

A list of priorities in no order includes: complete the asset management plan, change the approach to budget discussion, and start earlier, continue to lobby for a fairer OPP billing formula, start planning for a new municipal office building, make all 3 fire stations equal in importance, rewrite the Procedural Bylaw to allow more open communication between staff, Councillors, continue working on ways to attract small business, introduce occasional 'Committee of the Whole' meetings, complete the 'Master Fire Plan', introduce township-

assisted energy efficiency improvement loans (already started) and assist volunteer groups on hiking trail initiatives.

Time is the limiting factor in actually dealing with issues like the ones listed above. Bud Clayton told me he worked about 60 hours a week. I'm only able to put in 15 to 20 because I'm still working full-time at my business. I think it's important that retirement not be a pre-requisite for running for Council.

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