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## KLA 2020 Events Cancelled:

- **KLA 2020 Membership Fees** due January 15th  
Pay by **cheque** or **Interac**
- **KLA AGM 2021**  
Saturday July 10th  
**Doors Open at 9:00 am**  
Program - 9:30-11:30 am  
Northbrook Lions Hall  
**Free Barbecue** to follow!
- **2021 Annual Fall Dinner & Charity Auction**  
September 18th, 6:00 pm  
Fernleigh Lodge  
Tickets on sale at the AGM!

## KLA Events Cancelled for 2020

It probably comes as no surprise to learn that the KLA Board voted to cancel both the 2020 July Annual General Meeting and the Annual September Fall Dinner and Charity Auction due to COVID-19. These are difficult times for us all as we try to navigate the best practices, laws and regulations that seem to be changing on an almost daily basis. Concern about keeping people safe and flattening the transmission of the virus remain paramount for us all as we get used to “physical distancing” practices of being in groups of no more than 5 people and staying 2 metres or 6 feet apart. As of May 19<sup>th</sup> the Federal Government announced that the Canada-US border will remain closed for



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## President's Corner - Gordon Hunter

It's May. The buds are opening, flowers are poking up, it snowed and now the blackflies have arrived ... Welcome back and happy spring! I hope everyone is safe and healthy and ready to tackle another season. By now everyone has heard or read the warnings to help curtail the spread of the Coronavirus. Most places that have remained open have adopted safe practices in how to deal with social distancing and limiting the risk of spreading COVID-19. One local restaurant owner I spoke to said it's been a tough winter with revenues as little as twenty dollars for the day.

### Supporting our local businesses

The KLA Board met the first weekend in May virtually using the Zoom app. We voted to cancel the solicitation of advertising revenue from the newsletter this year. Given the COVID-19 implications to local businesses the board decided to "roll" over the ads from 2019 at no charge. This gesture received

many "thankyous" from our advertising friends.

### 2020 events cancelled

We also decided to cancel the AGM as well as the Fall Dinner to comply with Health Canada's current guidelines. I invite you to stay informed by visiting our website [www.kashwakamak.ca](http://www.kashwakamak.ca), our Lake Kashwakamak Facebook Group and through Instagram and Twitter. You can also reach out to any Board member with questions, comments or concerns.

### Supporting the Foodbank

As you know, the Fall Dinner and Charity Auction is a casual fundraiser that allows the KLA to give back to selected charities in the area. Since there will be no dinner this year the Board decided that the KLA would donate to the local Food Bank now versus later. The needs of the Food Bank during this Pandemic have increased significantly and I urge you to consider making your own private donation, (tax

receipts are available.)

### Fire ban lifted

The good news is the Fire Ban has been lifted, but please make sure to check the Township website for the latest information. Some things are beginning to open so hopefully the impacts to all are overcome as quickly as possible. Please consider the well-being of the local businesses and services and support them as much as possible.

I want to thank the KLA Board members and our volunteers. I am very fortunate to work with a group of very dedicated and talented people who give freely of their time to maintain and protect what is important to us all.

COVID-19 has changed a lot of things but alas there is still work to be done and a lake to enjoy. Have a fantastic cottage season, stay healthy and be happy!

Gordon Hunter

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Spring of 2020 is upon us and our usual time to open the cottage and enjoy time at the lake is being dramatically changed by the COVID-19 virus. This will not be a normal season at the lake. As I write this the Ontario Government is just starting to begin the process of opening up the economy and getting slowly back to work. Like all our members, I too am unsure of how long this process will take and when we will be able to fully enjoy our favorite place, Kashwakamak Lake.

Currently we stand at **352** members. I hope you find our member emails useful, especially during this time that feels like a constant news cycle. A few members who had fallen behind in their dues noticed that they were not getting regular updates from the Association got in touch with the KLA,

paid up and are fully back with us. It's always great to have them back. Once again, if you meet someone new on the lake please have them get in touch with me, [membership@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:membership@kashwakamak.ca) and I will get them signed up as a member.

The KLA has two types of memberships available:

**Regular Membership** – Every 911 address is entitled to one membership with voting privileges.

**Associate Memberships** – Associate members have all the benefits of a regular membership but do not get voting privileges. This type of membership is great for properties where several families and/or generations use the same property. Also, this type of membership is good for people who stay at one of the trailer parks or who return to one of the lodges every year.



**Let us know if you changed your email or mailing address!**

It's a great way to support the KLA and Kashwakamak Lake for only \$15/year.

I usually end my report with a request that if you see me out on one of my daily cruises down the lake to call me in, as I always enjoy meeting the people I get to share this amazing place with. However,

*"If you meet someone new on the lake please have them get in touch with me..."*

this year I am not sure how often, or when people will be there. Should we cross paths, we can still have a chat if we maintain the correct physical distance. Stay safe, stay healthy and hopefully we can get back to cottage life soon.

Cheers, Don Cory

[membership@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:membership@kashwakamak.ca)

## How to pay your KLA Membership Fees

There are 2 ways to pay your **\$15** annual KLA membership fee due **January 15th**:

1. Pay by **Interac**



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

Payee email address [treasurer@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:treasurer@kashwakamak.ca)

2. Pay by **cheque**

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**1715c Kashwakamak Lake Road**  
**Arden ON K0H 1B0**



## US Members



For our US members please send your membership dues in Canadian dollars as our bank fees are tremendously high, (\$10) when we deposit US dollars into our account.

Thank you in advance!

## Treasurer's Report - Judy McIntyre

To say these are uncertain times is an understatement. I hope this finds you and yours healthy and safe. I look forward to the time when we see more boats in the water and people out and about. It's been a surreal spring on the lake!

### Membership Dues

As your Treasurer, emailing invoices and receiving prompt payments is a major highlight of the year for me! The 2020 invoices went out in January and payments have been flowing in. The e-transfers are a huge timesaver, so special thanks to those that send their membership dues that way. There are still some unpaid 2019 membership dues, so if you are unsure of your account status please contact me at [treasurer@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:treasurer@kashwakamak.ca) and I will be happy to let you know your current status.

### Road Associations

Just a reminder that cottagers who are members of the South Shore Road Association, Silver Mine Road Association and the Kashwakamak Cottage Association pay their KLA dues through their road associations.

### Financial Statements

At May 7, 2020 we have roughly \$7,800 in the bank which is a comparable amount to this time last year.

Copies of the unaudited December 31, 2019 financial statements are available online in the Members' portal of our website. In normal times these would be approved at our AGM in July. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter a summary of the KLA's response to COVID-19 and KLA events. With the AGM being cancelled this year, the statements will not get formally approved until the 2021 AGM. In the meantime, please review the financial statements and let me know if you have any questions about them. We are in the process of coordinating two volunteer auditors for the 2020 financial statements.

### Advertisers

The 2019 financial statement includes newsletter advertising revenue of \$3,220. Please be sure to note the various advertisers in our newsletter or on our website, <https://kashwakamak.ca/advertisers2/> and remember to support our local businesses whenever you can, especially in

these very uncertain times.

In past years, this advertising revenue has been a large reason why we are able to keep the KLA dues at a nominal \$15 per year. The Board decided not to solicit advertising revenue in 2020 due to COVID-19 circumstances. Instead, we unanimously agreed to provide FREE advertising to all local businesses who have supported the KLA in the past. If they advertised with us in 2019, you will find the same ad in this newsletters and on our website in 2020!

This is just one of the many reasons I am proud to work with this board. In times like these we are here to give back to the community, and we are doing just that. In addition to supporting the local businesses who have supported the KLA in the past, we sent a \$1,000 donation to the Land o' Lakes Food Bank in Cloyne. Please remember that they accept personal donations too, and will issue charitable receipts!

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve on the KLA board. Stay well, stay safe and we will see you at the lake soon I hope!

Judy McIntyre  
[treasurer@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:treasurer@kashwakamak.ca)





### **KLA ADDRESS**

*All correspondence relating to the Treasurer or KLA should be addressed to:*

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### **KLA Constitution**

During the past year the Board has been working on updating the KLA constitution to better reflect the needs of our members and to clarify our role, obligations, and limitations. The following process has been established to involve the members and bring this update to fruition.

A draft of the revised constitution will be approved by the Board at our regular meeting in June or July and posted on the association website by August 1st. Please give this some attention and send your thoughts and concerns to Bert Martin at [directorBert@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:directorBert@kashwakamak.ca). Your input will be considered in preparing a final draft for approval by the Board and presented to the Members in time for voting on adoption at the Annual General Meeting in 2021.

## **We appreciate your Donations to the KLA!**

Did you know that every year the KLA receives unsolicited donations? Some are even anonymous. Thank you to everyone who loves the lake and is helping the KLA.

### **Interested in donating?**

There are 4 easy ways you can donate:

- \* Fernleigh Lodge has a **KLA donation box in their office**
- \* Send an **Interac** payment to **treasurer@kashwakamak.ca**
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## Lake Steward's Report - Peter Johnson

Holy polar vortex! I can't remember a spring like this. I'm writing this entry on May 9th and its snowing and blowing outside and we're in Whitby! Silver lining is no bugs (yet).

### Gypsy Moths

Speaking of bugs, our poor trees have just gone through three or four years of forest tent caterpillar infestation and now we have gypsy moths. There's lots of discussion about how best to treat them, including spraying and the KLA recently heard from the Township that cottagers should contact the MNRF directly as it is their jurisdiction and they have the expertise and resources to provide information.

There are also other methods where you can wrap the trunks using various techniques to trap the caterpillars as they move down the tree in the morning and up at night. There's lots of information on the internet. It might

pay-off to do some research to determine your preferred course of action.

### Hazard Markers

As usual due to ice and water level fluctuations some of the hazard markers have been dragged out of position and others are submerged due to their chains being hung up. We will be later than normal at repositioning the markers with COVID-19 so I ask boaters to take extra care when first getting out on the water, and like every spring please keep an extra eye open for floating debris.

### Water Quality

Good news! Last year's total phosphorus levels were the lowest since 2006. Sources of phosphorus are primarily from cropland and pasture run off, as well as effluent from septic systems. The lower lev-

el could be a result of cottagers not using fertilizers and other chemicals near shorelines and maintaining their septic systems. Let's hope this is the case and the trend continues. Unfortunately we've been asked not to submit samples for this year by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as the program has been indefinitely shutdown due to the pandemic.

### Damn Update

Our damn was inspected this spring. I know the spillway to the right of the damn has water undercutting it and I'm pretty sure that's not good. I will try to get information on the findings and let you know in the fall newsletter.

Have the best summer you can.

Stay well. Pete

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### Gypsy Moth questions?

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## KLA Fundraiser!

### Kashwakamak Lake Maps for Sale

What started out as just an interest of mine, turned into a fundraiser for the KLA. I worked with the County of Frontenac mapping department to create a map of Kashwakamak featuring just the properties that are close to the lake. We printed some copies and sold them at the AGM in July. They were a big hit and we sold out of the laminated copies. I had more printed and have some in stock. We were going to sell more at this year's AGM ... but plans have changed.

#### Interested in getting a map?

- ⇒ The map is **12 inches by 36 inches**.
- ⇒ Plain paper printed maps for **\$15**
- ⇒ Laminated map copy is **\$20**
- ⇒ **Framed maps** will be available for **\$50** at next year's 2021 AGM.
- ⇒ The map can be printed **at different sizes**, please contact me, Don Cory for more information on pricing at [membership@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:membership@kashwakamak.ca).



#### KLA – Supporting our Community – Free advertising for our newsletter and on KLA website

The KLA Board also decided to support our local business community during these difficult times by extending free advertising to all the businesses who have supported the KLA. The ads you see in this newsletter as well as on our [website](#), were all supporters of our lake last year. Please support them whenever you can. It's in all our interests to have a viable local business community.

*"Thank you so much. I know that I really appreciate what you are doing for the community."* Rodger Holden, Holden's  
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## Light Pollution

If you...

... wish those noisy loons would go away and leave you alone

... believe there are too many fish in Kashwakamak Lake

... don't care about the health and well-being of birds and animals

... don't care if you, your loved-ones or neighbours have compromised immune systems

... want to make it easy for intruders to access your property undetected

... don't care about wasting electricity or about the size of your hydro bill

... are not interested in enjoying the beauty of the night sky and,

... wish to deny that pleasure to your family, friends and neighbours, then...

buy, install and use bright white-light emitting, poorly directed, dusk-to-dawn lighting fixtures on your property, especially dockside - if you haven't done so already.

As KLA members, I'm sure none of us wants any of these things to happen, but too many of us are either unaware of the dangers of light pollution or think that more light at night is actually a good thing. To be sure, we need some well-placed, well-timed and well-directed outdoor night time lighting for our own safety. But to keep ourselves and our ecosystem healthy, it's important to know a few things about the adverse effects of bad lighting.

### The benefits of darkness

We and all the creatures on Earth need darkness. Our circadian (day/night) rhythm depends on it. It is only during darkness that pineal glands in our brains secrete the hormone melatonin, which is important in keeping our immune systems healthy, among other things. Many studies have shown that artificial light at night can increase risk of diseases including depression, diabetes, breast cancer and cardiovascular and other issues. So turn off all your lights before going to bed is a good idea. Okay, a dim yellowish night light in the bathroom is also a good idea for when you need to go to the washroom in the middle of the night, but that's all.

*"...it's important to know a few things about the adverse effects of bad lighting."*

### Outdoor lighting

Outdoor fixtures should be dim, downward directed and yellowish in colour. The colour of emitted light is measured in degrees Kelvin (K). The higher the number, the bluer the light. Blue light is fine during daytime, but bad at night. Direct sunlight has a colour temperature, or index, of approximately 5400 K. Nighttime outdoor lighting should have a colour index of 2700 K or lower.

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### Dock and waterfront lighting

If you have lights on your dock or waterfront, they should most definitely be **dim and red**. Red light penetrates into water poorly and does not interfere with the nightly rhythm of microorganisms. Conversely, white light, with its blue component, penetrates deeply into the lake and disrupts their movements. Those that abhor light will move deeper, away from their predators that swim at shallow depths. Those that are attracted to light will stay near the surface 24/7 away from bottom feeders. In both scenarios, natural food chains are disrupted and that can lead to fewer fish, clams and crawfish and “higher” lifeforms that depend on them for survival - such as loons, ospreys, minks, muskrats and others.

Even if you use dim red waterfront lights, turn them off when you're not there. If you need anti-collision lighting on your docks consider red reflectors instead. They won't bother the food chain or interfere with your stargazing on the dock, nor will they annoy your neighbours who just want to relax with the natural night.

### LED lighting – the good and the bad

The advent of LED's (Light Emitting Diodes) is both good and bad. First the good. LED's are far and away more efficient illuminators than the old incandescent bulbs or even compact florescent bulbs. Almost all of their power consumption goes toward generating light and less to heat than tungsten-type bulbs, so they draw much less electricity for any given brightness. (Remember that wattage is a measure of power consumption, not light output. So a nine watt LED will do the same job as a 60 watt tungsten bulb.) Resist the urge to increase brightness just because it costs little to do so. Your hydro bill will thank you. Also, they last much, much longer which means that, although they cost more to purchase, their long-term economy can't be beat.

Now the bad news about LED's. They usually are serious blue light emitters, but not all are. When shopping, checking the packaging to see if they emit less than 2700 K light. If so, great. If not, put them back on the shelf and keep looking. They are out there, but are sometimes a bit difficult to find.

### Security lights

If you are worried about night-time intruders – and we all are – resist the urge to put up dusk-to-dawn yard lights or so-called “security lights”. I call them “Insecurity lights”. They may make you *feel* safer, but actually do not *make* you safer. They do little to discourage trespassers and may actually make it easier for them to get around on your property without tripping over things. Moreover, bright lights create dark shadows, making it easier to hide while awaiting their chance to do evil deeds. Studies in places like Chicago, which has one of the highest crime rates in North America, showed that more crime, especially violent crime, occurred in “well-lit” alleys than in dark ones. The bad guys have to see what they're doing, after all. But of course we all need to see our way around our own property at night. To do that safely, effectively and responsibly, install good lighting and use it only when you need it.



## Security Lights—Here's my advice:

- ◆ Shun all fixtures that allow light to escape above an angle within 10° below the horizontal. Choose instead **downward facing** fixtures. Not only do they put light only on the ground where it is needed, but they do not contribute to light trespass – encroaching on neighbouring property. And they have a minimal negative effect on the natural world around us. Install **2700 K or lower index** luminaires no brighter than absolutely necessary. Our eyes are amazingly good at adapting to dim light. Docksider, make sure they are actually **red**.
- ◆ Use **motion sensing outdoor lights**. Late in the evening, turn them off, too, unless you're expecting late-arriving guests.
- ◆ Reduce intensity.



Photo: northfrontenac.com "Dark Sky Preserve"

If we are all mindful of the serious effects bad lighting has on us and our environment, and act to abate light pollution, we'll all be healthier, happier and safer. We'll also have the added bonus of saving and enjoying the wonderfully amazing night sky above North Frontenac Township, which is a designated [Dark Sky Preserve](#) by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

For more about light pollution abatement I encourage everyone to see this wonderful short video made, in part, for the Light Pollution Campaign in Belleville, titled "**Hello Darkness**". Search < YouTube hello darkness 2019 short doc > , or link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5P\\_bzxfM\\_TY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5P_bzxfM_TY). It's in the public domain so view it as much as you like and pass it along to your friends and neighbours. In short, Let there be dark. Stay well. Enjoy life. Guy Nason

### Bio

My wife, Anu, and I bought an undeveloped property on Kashwakamak Lake in the late 1990s and built our cottage in 2002-2003. We made it our principal residence in 2016. I joined the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) 35 years ago and ever since, I have been learning about the night sky and sharing what I've learned with fellow RASC members and the general public. One of the major reasons we chose to build on Kashwakamak Lake is the amazingly dark skies here. It was astronomy that opened my eyes about the light pollution issue, but it soon became apparent to me and all my fellow astronomy enthusiasts, that light pollution has far more serious consequences than just a starlight inhibitor.

I am one of two regular host astronomers at the North Frontenac Township public star parties held at the Dark Sky Preserve observing pad at 5816 Road 506 once a month from May to October (weather permitting) since the facility opened in 2013. (The other regular astronomer is Gary Colwell, who owns a cottage and observatory on Farm Lake.) Both of us, and occasionally others, are on-site with telescopes on the designated dates and love to share our knowledge and experiences under the stars. Please join us once life gets back to normal and the Township re-opens the facility.

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at least another 30 days. It is open only to commercial traffic and essential workers who cross for work. This means that our US friends, visitors and Kashwakamak Lake property owners don't know when they'll be able to get here. We ask that everyone remain supportive of each other during these difficult times. We all love the lake and our community. It's what brings us together.

When asked what we have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic that we can and should use when we're

out the other side, James Snider, Canada's vice-president of Science, Research and Innovation for the [World Wildlife Fund](#) stated, "We have learned how crucially important community is, and how small actions matter to the health and well-being of others. As we look ahead to resuming our personal connections with family, friends and colleagues, let's take this moment to build better, more resilient communities and economies, and recognize that our interconnectedness extends to our relationship with nature."

### KLA Food Bank Donation

The KLA Board voted unanimously to give a \$1,000 donation to our local Food Bank in Cloyne knowing that help is needed right now due to COVID-19.

**Did you know?** You can donate directly to the Food Bank and receive a tax receipt. To contact the North Frontenac Food Bank to donate, call 613-532-8855 and leave a message. The food bank is now accepting donations though e-transfer at [nffbdonations@gmail.com](mailto:nffbdonations@gmail.com) or by cheque to North Frontenac Food Bank 14152 Rd. 38, PO Box 151, Sharbot Lake, K0H 2P0

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## North Frontenac Liaison Report - Marilyn Boston

In my position as North Frontenac Liaison my role is to monitor what is happening in North Frontenac Township and report to the KLA Board any issues or concerns that could have a possible negative impact on our approved [Kashwakamak Lake Sustainability Plan](#).

I can report that 2019 was another busy building year in North Frontenac. The Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee processed multiple variance applications for properties on and around Kashwakamak Lake. Details around the submissions for variance/severance and the Committee's Notice of Decision can be found at <https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/township-services/planning.aspx>.

Note that in 2020 there have been limited application approvals due to COVID-19. At this time public meetings associated with *Planning Act* applications are postponed until further notice. COVID-19 restrictions also means that planning authorities, including the Committee of Adjustment, are unable to issue final decisions on planning applications that were previously submitted and circulated but where no decision was made. Public notifications and required meetings will not resume until provincial restrictions are lifted.

If you notice and/or have any concerns with respect to renovations, a new cottage build, dock modifications, storage buildings or any other changes taking place on our around the Lake, please do take the time to check the North Frontenac Planning section of the website. Many times your questions/concerns will be addressed with the documents provided therein.

### Concerns or building plans? Contact the Township

If you are aware of building taking place where you are uncertain if it has been appropriately reviewed, or if you have specific concerns/issues that have not been addressed in the Planning documents the North Frontenac website, please contact as appropriate: Tara Mieske, Clerk /Planning Manager at [Clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca](mailto:Clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca) and/or the Chief Building Official, Dan Halladay, at [acbo@northfrontenac.ca](mailto:acbo@northfrontenac.ca) for further detailed information.

Before you *build or modify any structure on your property* please remember to consult the Building Bylaws and review as appropriate the Building Permit process. <https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/open-for-business/building-permits.aspx?mid=18862>.

### When to contact the KLA

Finally, where you have an issue about actual or proposed development on the lake that has not been addressed by any of the foregoing that you believe could potentially have a negative environmental impact on our lake and/or is inconsistent with our approved [Lake Sustainability Plan](#), please bring forward your concerns to me, KLA NF Liaison [nfliaison@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:nfliaison@kashwakamak.ca) or any of the KLA Board Members. As the Liaison to the KLA Board I bring these issues to their attention for review, discussion and follow-up as required.

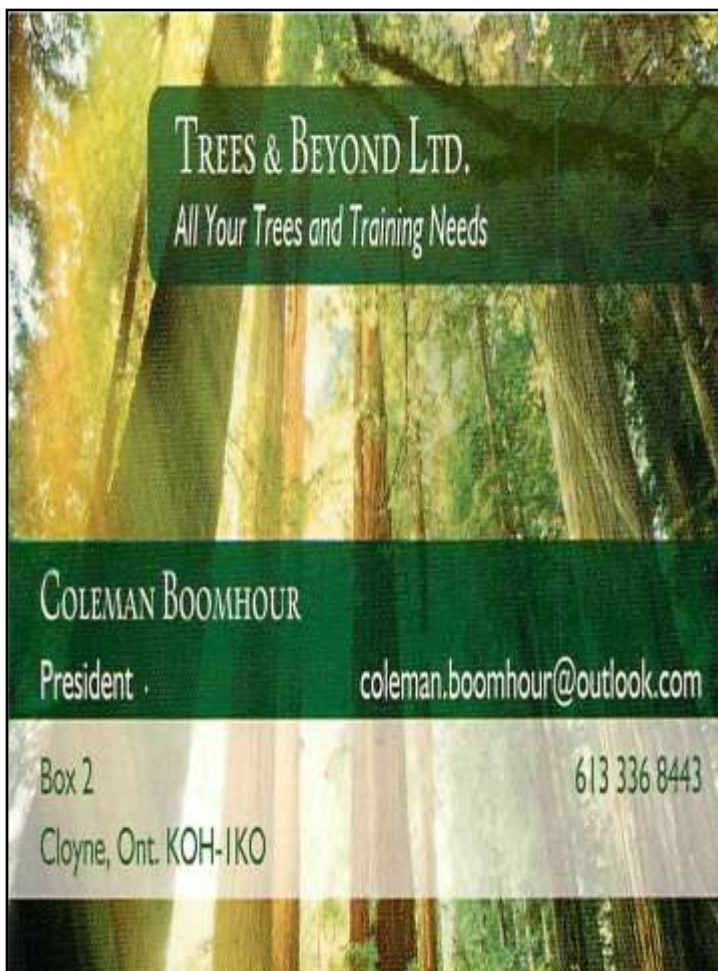
Marilyn Boston, [nfliaison@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:nfliaison@kashwakamak.ca)

#### *Some feedback from our local businesses ...*

*"Thanks. This is very kind, and as a sole operator of a small business that has been mandated to close for the past 7 weeks, much appreciated!"*  
Holly

*"Thank you - Much appreciated!"* Tracy Hook, Hook's Building Centre

*"Many thanks. That's much appreciated."* Chris



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# Lake Sustainability Implementation Update

## Shoreline & Water Quality sub-committee

### *Love Your Lake*

The KLA was recently advised that the [Love Your Lake](#) Project currently scheduled for our lake starting July 6 for two weeks is subject to the COVID-19 Emergency Status. They are still waiting to hear from the Ontario Government as to how their summer programs will be handled. Going forward with the project will be dependent upon any continuing legal COVID-19 requirements, as well as the safety of our volunteers and their students.

If it goes ahead, it is likely that physical distancing and masks may be required. However, given how this study is done, there will not be any groups of over five people at any time so physical distancing is possible, even on some of the volunteer's boats.

It's important to remember that the Love Your Lake program DOES NOT involve property owners in any direct way and observation of shorelines is done only from a boat. If the program proceeds no one will be on anyone's property.

If you have any questions please contact Peter Burbidge at [peterbur@kingston.net](mailto:peterbur@kingston.net)

## Flora & Fauna sub-committee

### *Let's Get Tracking! Survey*

The **Let's Get Tracking!** Survey continues. Please make sure to enter your sightings so we can have some data to compare from year to year. Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KLATracking>

This spring has been busy and we've asked many of our [Lake Kashwakamak Facebook group](#) members to complete the survey after they posted interesting pictures on the page. We'll be sure to give you a survey summary in the fall newsletter.



**COVID-19 North Frontenac Update**—Please take the time to check the [Township website](#) for up-to-date information about COVID-19. As of the time of writing, the Township remains under a State of Emergency and all municipal facilities are closed to the public.

**Waste Facilities – summer hours start June 15<sup>th</sup>**—In addition to the implementation of COVID-19 physical distance measures at our dump sites, please note the summer hours don't start until June 15<sup>th</sup> (in the past it's been May 15<sup>th</sup>). Know that it will take longer to dispose of your waste safely so please allocate an appropriate amount of time. If you are in a hurry and heading back home, consider taking your garbage with you.

**Fire Ban Lifted** - A reminder to check the [Township website](#) BEFORE you consider starting a fire. While the burn ban was recently lifted the Fire Index is currently VERY EXTREME!

The current burn ban status is:



## KLA's Facebook Group - COVID-19 Policy Update!

facebook

We continue to add new members each week, growing from **1595** a year ago May , **1736** as of October 3rd 2019 and now at **1913** as of May 31, 2020. We encourage everyone who uses this page to also consider supporting the lake by joining the association. So if you know someone in the group who is a visitor, a renter or has a trailer on the lake, please reach out and ask them to join as an Associate Member. It's only \$15/year and with the numbers we have it could make a big difference to the lake. Here are few of our favourites posts!

Sue MacGregor, Administrator [webeditor@kashwakamak.ca](mailto:webeditor@kashwakamak.ca)

On March 31, 2020 the KLA posted the following update to the Facebook Group page.

### KLA Announcement: COVID-19 Online Protocols

The Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) understands that we are all living through unprecedented times with COVID-19 and the new restriction to physical distancing and public safety. It seems every day we are being told new things – what we can and cannot do. We want to remind everyone that this group page is designed to share information with the Kashwakamak Lake community and support each other. Therefore, we are asking EVERYONE to consider their posts and comments in this light. We will not tolerate “public shaming” or inappropriate comments. Please contact the admin if you feel that anything should be reviewed.

#### As a reminder: Facebook Group Policy

The Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) Board reserves the right without prejudice, to remove any posts that do not follow a reasonable code of conduct:

- Respectful of others and their opinions
- No swearing
- No bullying
- No intimidating

This group is intend-

ed as a place for people to share the Kashwakamak Lake community. When asked what members would like to see on this Facebook Group you told us your top 5 reasons are:

1. Staying connected
2. Sharing photos
3. KLA Updates
4. Referrals to local businesses
5. Community events/Asking questions

Thank you for your cooperation!



Photo: Gary Zehr, May 26th “Luna Moth”



Brock Parker • Lake Kashwakamak  
Visual Storyteller - May 20

Summer weather coming this weekend.

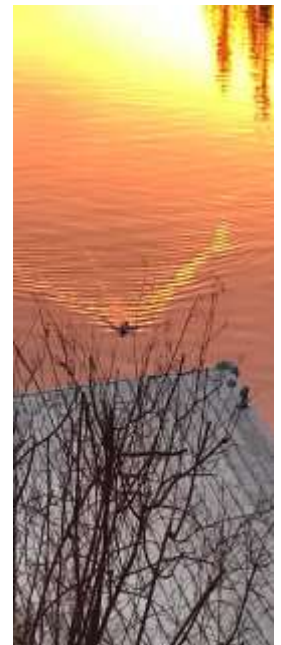


Photo: Judy McIntyre, April 24th  
“Otter swimming”





Photo: Ted Larson, February 23rd



Photo: Susan Barchard, February 24th  
"Swans"



Photo: Gary Frank, March 29th  
"Ice break"



Photo: Susan RN, March 26th "Early spring"

Check out these and other photos on our [Lake Kashwakamak Facebook page](#). We've grown to **1913**! Join the conversation. Share your photos! Stay connected! Here's to summer 2020!

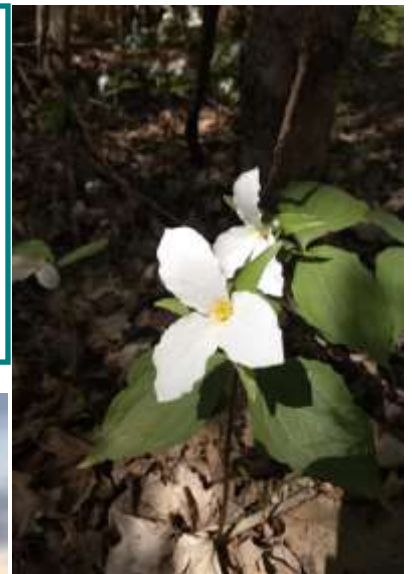


Photo: Morgan Cobaconk, May 23rd



This turtle comes back every year to lay her eggs on our shore. Unfortunately, they have never survived the predators.



♥ KASH



Judy McIntyre is at Kashwakamak Lake May 18 at 1:02 PM - Opejak  
Late morning fun with this beauty! So photogenic!



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## **Tribute – Jean Beckett, by Mary Larson**

Jean Beckett, one of the original members of the KLA passed away on April 14th after reaching the grand age of 95 on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Jean's husband Tom was the first president of the original Kashwakamak West Lake Association which evolved from a group of concerned cottagers whose desire was to protect and preserve this beautiful piece of paradise we all call "home". Jean was at his side as they worked on the organization of the association, its' purpose and constitution. They had been married 59 years when Tom passed away in October of 2006, but always said their golden years were on Kashwakamak Lake where they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and renewed their wedding vows in front of many friends and family.

Jean was a constant supporter of our Annual Fall Dinner & Charity Auction where she started the official events with a prayer before dinner. Jean was a huge KLA supporter and was generous in her annual financial donations. In fact, when I last spoke with her a few days before her passing she mentioned the lake and apologized for not sending her membership renewal fee in yet. Jean took a sincere interest in everyone she would meet, and I heard that over and again when I told people of her passing. She made people feel special in her own quiet way. Her legacy at Kashwakamak Lake and the memories many of us have of both her and Tom will live on.





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Photo: Skylar Angus, The Forest Photography, May 27th



Photo: Jade Hodgson, May 25th

"I believe it is ... between the jumping rock with the graffiti and going towards the narrows."



Lisa Mancuso

May 24 at 12:56 PM

Thank you to whoever refurbished the Snake Island schoolhouse. Looks FANTASTIC!!! This is our 25 year old son appreciating it today as he paddled by. It was a father & son building project back in 2003 when he was 9.



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15 May 2020

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*Lois Emond*

Land O' Lakes Foodbank



A KLA first—our virtual May board meeting was successfully conducted over ZOOM!

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