

KLA 2024 Events

- Membership Renewal January 2024
- KLA AGM
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 Lions Hall, Northbrook
 Doors open at 9:00 am
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- Annual Fall Dinner & Charity Auction
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July's AGM a huge success!

We were delighted at the turnout for our July Annual General Meeting. A total of 73 people checked in at the desk, far exceeding our expectations after the online AGM Covid years. We were pleased that both Mayor Litchy and Councillor Wayne Good from Ward 1 attended, spoke a few words, answered questions during our open Q & A session, and stayed to meet many of you during the BBQ. Mary Larson put together a lovely gift basket that included local wine and products as a door prize.

Our key note speaker was **Melissa Dakers**, Habitat and Stewardship Program Manager at Watersheds Canada. She gave an informative and interesting presentation on the 2020 results of Kashwakamak Lake's shoreline assessment as part of the **Love Your Lake** initiative. You can see her presentation by going online to our website, https://kashwakamak.ca/love-your-lake-natural-is-beautiful/.

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President's Corner - Sue MacGregor

I'm sitting in our cottage on a blustery October day, with a nice fire and the last of the beautiful fall leaves showing off around the bay. 2023 has been a great cottage season for my family, and hopefully for you and yours too. Many have made tremendous progress in recovering from last year's derecho and 2023 saw a return to more play time and enjoyment on the lake. We also saw a good number of properties sell and new families joining our community. To all of you, welcome! Personally, we appreciated family time, bon fires after the fire ban was lifted later in the season, singing around our restored fire pit, kayaking and boating on the lake, golfing, and of course, lots of swimming!

AGM



We had a very successful AGM this July with much higher attendance than anticipated (73 in total). Please see page 1 and 7 for more information on the AGM.

Supporting our local Foodbank and the Lions Club of Land O' Lakes

An important part of the KLA is

supporting our local community. This year's charity focus was the Foodbank in Cloyne. We chose to use the Lion's Hall as it is a great way to support them with the cost of up keeping the building. It's an important community hub that we all use.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and these great community groups. If you'd like to make a direct food bank donation, please go to page 9.

Board Election

Working with volunteers makes all the difference. They bring renewed energy, great ideas and we have fun. We know we can make a difference and give back to our wonderful lake community. I thoroughly enjoyed working with our

past board over the last two years and want to thank Martin Reid who represented the south end of the lake. Martin stepped in during Covid putting up his hand to help out in many

instances.

For this term's election most of the board opted to return, with Mary Larson being our longest serving board member and Gord Hunter continuing to serve as Past President. I welcome their sage advice, corporate memory and support. In addition, three people put up their hands to join the board and all were unanimously voted in at the AGM. The board had



it's first meeting the week following the AGM to vote on positions. Here's your new board, their areas of interest, as well as where they are located.

2023 - 2025 KLA Board

Sue MacGregor, President / Communications / Mitchell Bay

Marilyn Boston, VP / North Frontenac Liaison / NFLAA / Whitefish Bay

Judy McIntyre, Treasurer / Mitchell Bay

Heather Nowlan, Secretary / Whitefish Bay

Don Cory, Membership / Whitefish Bay

Pete Johnson, Lake Steward / South Kash Lake Lane

Gord Hunter, Past President / South Kash Lake Lane

Alan Dean, Director / Dam / East end

Ted Ashberry, Director / Special Events / Brown's Bay

Kim Howson, Director / Special Events & Advertising / Whitefish Channel

Andrew Johnston, Director / Dam / Weiss Point

Mary Larson, Director/ Special Events / Tower Lane

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Lake Steward's Report - Pete Johnson

everyone enjoyed their summer on our beautiful lake this season. Our late summer and early fall weather has been spectacular. Hopefully you were able to get up here to experience it.

Eurasian Milfoil

I indicated in the spring newsletter that my son and I were going to take aerial photos of the Eurasian milfoil at different locations on the lake to determine if the situation is worsening. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we weren't able to do so. We plan on doing it next summer.

Hazard Markers

By far the majority of the marker upgrades are now complete. I would like to thank Brian Howson and Bill MacGregor for giving me a hand with the cable reinforcements. As always, I will check

Greetings fellow members. I hope them in the spring, so please let me know if you see any missing or moved by emailing me at lakesteward@kashwakamak.ca.

Lake Monitoring

Every 5 years the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) monitors our lake for

> " please let me know if you see any missing or moved, (hazard or low wake markers) ... "

clarity, total phosphorus dissolved oxygen, temperature and any invasive flora and fauna. This was completed last week. The results and their implications will be available in the spring newsletter.

Water Levels

There were a lot of posts in our Facebook Group about water levels and when they go down. You can

go to MVCA's website to check on the level of our lake here: https:// mvc.on.ca/water-levels/

There is also interesting information on how the MVCA is looking at the impact of climate change on our lake and its watershed:

https://mvc.on.ca/climate-change/ https://mvc.on.ca/mississippi-riverwatershed/

Water Questions?

Contact: Jennifer North

Water Resources Technologist

613-253-0006 ext. 243

inorth@mvc.on.ca

If you haven't done so already, try to get up and enjoy winter on the lake. It can be breathtak-

Pete Johnson, lakesteward@kashwakamak.ca

Notice re: KLA Low Wake and Hazard Markers



Each spring, and throughout the season, on behalf of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA), Low Wake and Hazard Markers are placed, and/or checked around the lake in an effort to mark some of the lake's shoals, rocks, boulders, narrow passages etc. While best efforts are made to mark the most hazardous areas, it is not realistic to be able to mark everything, especially in areas that are close to shore or have little boat traffic.

- It is critical that boaters realize that these MARKERS are NOT navigational buoys. Instead, the markers are intended to call attention to SOME of the lake's hazards.
- **EVERY** individual operator of a watercraft is solely responsible for safe boating, including the avoidance of any marked or unmarked water hazards.
- While we try to identify and mark hazards, the KLA is not responsible for ensuring all hazards are marked, or continue to be marked.

Please report any missing or damaged markers to LakeSteward@kashwakakamak.ca



North Frontenac Liaison Report - Marilyn Boston

North Frontenac Strategic Plan

Thank you to all who completed the online survey or attended an in-person session to provide input to the Township of North Frontenac Strategic Plan. For your awareness, the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA), in their meeting with the consultant supporting the council in developing the updated Strategic Plan, stressed the importance of maintaining our pristine waterways and natural landscape. Further, NFLAA also pointed out to the consultant the *absence of any mention of lakes or waterways in the public survey* (which I am sure many of you noted as well)! We will provide further information on the Strategic Plan update as it becomes available.

Learn more here: https://engagefrontenac.ca/hub-page/township-of-north-frontenac

A Reminder and a Request - Help Us Preserve our Dark Sky Status

As many of you are aware, North Frontenac was the first community in Ontario to receive a Dark Sky designation. Light pollution negatively impacts wildlife and ecosystems, energy and climate, human health and Night Sky Heritage. https://darksky.org/resources/what-is-light-pollution/

How you can help

- ⇒ For many of you as you close up your cottage for the season, please remember to douse all lights inside and outside including all solar lights.
- ⇒ For those who are remaining "North of 7", please respect our lake wildlife and ecosystems, your neighbours and the North Frontenac Light Bylaws. *Outdoor lighting should be fully shielded and light down where it is needed, not into the sky*. Fully shielded fixtures can provide the same level of illumination on the ground as unshielded ones with less negative impact on the environment.
- ⇒ When not required for safety, please turn off your outdoor lights so that all wild and non-wildlife can enjoy our beautiful dark skies!

Positive Changes to Recycling Protocols at North Frontenac Waste Sites

Effective October 10th, North Frontenac has adopted a **Two Stream Recycling System**. This means less sorting of recyclables:

- Glass can now be placed in the bin with plastic containers and cans. There is no longer a need to separate these items.
- Corrugated cardboard can now be placed in the paper and box board bin.

For further details please refer to: https://www.northfrontenac.com/Modules/News/index.aspx? newsId=f584549f-ecc7-4751-a38c-5152cc1eea3d

Marilyn Boston, nfliaison@kashwakamak.ca

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Please contact us with questions, concerns or offers to volunteer. Contact information is on page 20 and on the KLA Board page.

Board Focus

At our first board meeting we discussed three areas that we're focussing on this fall: special events planning, the Kashwakamak Lake Dam Environmental Assessment, and North Frontenac's strategic planning efforts.

Quick 2-minute Special Events Survey - We need your feedback!

Your KLA board recently set up a new "events/activities/social" committee and we are now reaching out to all KLA members, and other cottagers on the lake to determine your level of interest in participating in any of these types of events or activities. We hope to appeal to different age groups and offer venues where there will be something for everyone. Please respond to the questions, offer suggestions and let us know if you are interested in

helping out.

It's a quick survey!

Please click on this link or type this address into your web browser https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ NV725GL and take our 2-minute survey. There are only 5 questions. You can also print a PDF of the questions to share with others who can't access the online link. Thank you to the 96 people who have already responded! We appreciate it!

Kashwakamak Lake Dam Assessment

Your KLA Board is closely monitoring and participating in the Kashwakamak Lake Dam assessment. Board members Alan Dean and Andrew Johnston put up their hands to be our contacts. Please see Alan's update on page 11.

North Frontenac Strategic Plan

We are also closely watching North Frontenac's Strategic Planning efforts, which has a very ambitious timeline. Please see Marilyn Boston's update on page 4.

Our commitment is to keep you, our members plugged in on these, and other important issues to our Kashwakamak Lake community. I know many of you enjoy the lake year-round (I might be a wee bit envious), so please share your pictures with us on our Lake Kashwakmak Facebook Group, https://www.facebook.com/ groups/5180147717 or email them to webeditor@kashwakamak.ca. We'd love to add your photos to our website and include them in our newsletters too!

This year we also focussed on increasing our membership. We sent a mail out to all non-KLA members with lake front property in August informing them of the dam and NF strategic plan initiative, and invited them to join the KLA.

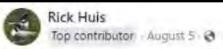
Have a safe and wonderful fall and winter season. I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you in 2024!

Sue MacGregor president@kashwakamak.ca









Joe Plazek September 3 18

Had the great opportunity to capture these pics of a fascinating bird.

Last night over Michell Bay,.... Priceless.

FOCA – Membership has its benefits!

Did you know?



Over 30% of your \$15 KLA membership fee goes to your membership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associa-

tion (FOCA). As such, KLA members get access to excellent member-only resources. We recently emailed our members with the steps to take to create your own FOCA log-in so you can access this information, as well as a Member Benefit PDF with savings codes. We encourage you to take advantage of this. Please make sure you opt in to get their email updates and let us know if you didn't receive this email by contacting Don Cory, membership@kashwakamak.ca

Here are some useful FOCA links:

https://foca.on.ca/

https://foca.on.ca/issues-programs/

https://foca.on.ca/shorelines-stewardship/

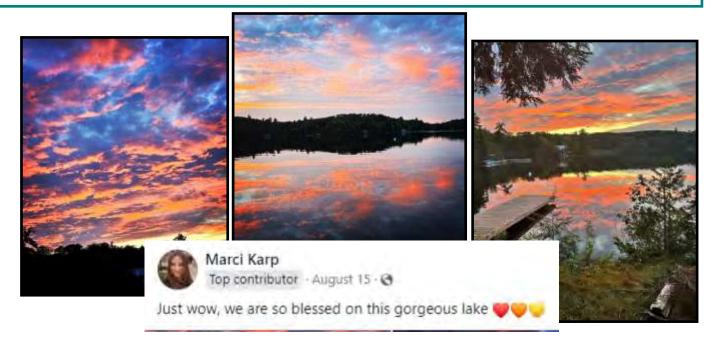


Help protect our lakes! New sign at the Boat Launches

It's the law!

Did you see the new signs that the KLA posted at the boat launches on the lake? Washing your boat before you launch it is an excellent way to ensure that you aren't bringing any invasive species into the lake. It's also the law now.

These signs were compliments of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association.



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We also picked the names of the three lucky KLA members who were the winners of our "Natural Edge" shoreline package (valued at \$395 each). It included a site visit from Watershed Canada to discuss their shoreline, a detailed personalized planting plan to help them improve their shoreline and a selection of plants to get them started! Please see the Lake Sustainability Update on page 8 for more details.



Woodcrest owner Kyle Jenkin also presented. He shared his family's history as lake property owners, their belief in lake stewardship and working with local councils. He provided an overview on where they are with their property, and outlined the steps they've already taken to remediate their shoreline using the information they had from their property's **Love Your Lake 2020 Shoreline Assessment**. He and his brother Morgan worked with the Mis-

sissippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Township of North Frontenac (including the Fire Department), to attain all necessary permits, and make adjustments to roads and drainage in order to do their rip rap shoreline upgrade. He reported that it was a smooth process all in all.

Election year!

We had a great election for the KLA Board with three people putting up their hands to join us. Welcome to new board members, Andrew Johnston from Weiss Point/Dam area and Ted Ashberry from Brown's Bay. Heather Nowlan also joined us after a few years hiatus. She's in Whitefish Bay. This makes our Board diverse and representative of all areas of the lake – and we are all very happy about that. (Please see President's Report on page 2 and page 20 for a full list of the KLA Board.)

Supporting our local Foodbank and the Lions Club of Land O' Lakes

An important part of the KLA is supporting our local community. This year's charity focus was the **Land O' Lakes Emergency Food Bank** in Cloyne. Chris Freil was the lucky winner of the raffle for the beautiful wall hanging made by Cathy Galt which was donated by KLA member Peter Burbidge. We also had a 50/50 draw which generated \$180. The \$90 winner donated the winnings to the food bank, for a total donation of \$400. In addition, many bags of non-perishable goods were added to the Lion's Food Bank donation box. There was also a live auction done by Doug Gault to support the Lion's efforts to raise enough money to get a matching grant from Lion's International to make the necessary upgrades for their Hall to get official emergency status in times of need like the recent 2022 derecho. Thank you to everyone who supported these great community groups.

Thanks to our sponsor



Thanks again to <u>Woodcrest Resort</u> and Kyle and Morgan Jenkin, <u>Compass Resorts</u> for sponsoring the AGM BBQ. The Land O'Lakes Lions were wonderful hosts, serving us all coffee and tea during the AGM and cooking up the BBQ afterwards!

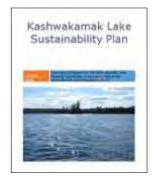
Save the date for next year's AGM

We've already booked the room, so please save **Saturday July 13** and join us at the Lions Hall in Northbrook. Doors open at 9:00 am. BBQ will follow. More details to come in 2024!

Lake Sustainability Implementation Update

Shoreline Health - Creating a Natural Ribbon of Life

The KLA's focus for 2023 is educating our community about steps they can take to help mitigate shoreline erosion. We started with encouraging all property owners to read their 2021 shoreline assessment report from the *Love Your Lake* program and come to the AGM and hear our guest speaker, Melissa Dakers from Watersheds Canada. She presented the highlights of the overall lake report and discussed next steps in-



dividual property owners can take to improve their shoreline health. Here's a link to her presentation, which is on our website: https://kashwakamak.ca/love-your-lake-natural-is-beautiful/

Winners of our shoreline contest

In support of this initiative, the KLA gifted three lucky cottagers (who are KLA members) with a "Natural Edge" package (valued at \$395 each) which included a site visit from Watershed Canada to discuss their shoreline, a detailed personalized planting plan to help them improve their shoreline, and a selection of plants

to get them started! The draw was held at our AGM and the lucky winners are:

Patti & Gord Wight - Maple Lane Cathy Galt - Tower Lane Julie McShane - Shoepack Lane

To date, both Cathy Galt and the Wight's have already had their site visit with Melissa, personalized planting plan done and purchased and planted the plants. We look forward to seeing the pictures in the spring. Julie is waiting until spring for her assessment and plantings.

Sharing information for a healthy shoreline

There is an abundance of information available on how we, as lakeside property owners, can help our shorelines. Every year we see different environmental challenges: high water levels, low water levels, draught and fire bans, heavy wildfire smoke, excess

rain/snow etc. This past year was no exception for challenges.

Our members received emails where we shared a series on healthy shorelines which is available in the **News** section on our website:

 $\underline{https://kashwakamak.ca/tag/healthy\text{-}shorelines/}$

https://kashwakamak.ca/kla-update-part-2-shoreline-health/

https://kashwakamak.ca/kla-update-shoreline-health-part-3-the-ribbon-of-life/

Accessing your property's 2020

Shoreline Assessment

Every property owner on the lake received an email from LYL in April 2021 with an option to download a PDF of their personal Shoreline report or purchase a printed copy.



Can't find your report?

Please contact:

Melissa Dakers (she/her) Habitat and Stewardship Program Manager Watersheds Canada

115-40 Sunset Blvd, Perth, ON K7H 2Y4 O: 613-264-1244, dakers@watersheds.ca

Community News

Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum

A new Speakers Forum kicked off in April 2023 at the Northbrook Lions Hall. During Spring/Summer 2023, each month esteemed speakers presented topics of interest to the community. Excellent speakers for the 2024 season (April – September) have already been lined up. Here's a teaser:

Dr. John Cranfield, Acting Dean, University of Guelph Terry Fallis, Bestselling Author Rand Simon, Agent for NHL Hockey Players

For more information on the Speakers' Forum please go to https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/2023/03/10/land-o-lakes-speakers-forum/. They will provide more information on speakers and dates as the 2024 season draws closer.

Food Bank Donations are easy!

Anyone can donate directly to the **Land o' Lakes Emergency Food Bank** in Cloyne and receive a tax receipt.

You can send an e-transfer to <u>lolfoodbank@gmail.com</u>

You can mail a cheque to North Frontenac Food Bank, Box 67, Cloyne ON K0H 1K0

Questions? Call 613-532-8855 and leave a message.



Did you know?

"The Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA) acts to monitor the health of the lake and its ecosystems, monitor lake issues such as taxes, interface with Municipal Council, organize community events and keep all residents (seasonal and year-round) informed of important developments.

Areas of interest include the environment, water safety, public health, lake stewardship and member education. Issues on which we have lobbied include: market value assessment, lakefront purchase, proxy voting and municipal services."

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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 **3** easy ways you can donate:

- * Send an Interac payment to treasurer@kashwakamak.ca (no password required)
- * Mail us a cheque to Treasurer, KLA, 1715c Kashwakamak Lake Road, Arden ON, K0H 1B0
- * Add a donation to your Annual Membership fee payment in January 2024



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"New" Change of Hours Effective May 15, 2021.

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Re-Use Centre Hours - 506 Site

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Open hours are subject to change. Please refer to the North Frontenac Township Website www.northfrontenac.com for current information or contact the Municipal Office at (613) 479-2231 or 1/800/234-3953, 6648 Road 506, Plevna, Ontano K0H 2M0

UPDATE: Kashwakamak Lake Dam Environmental Assessment

The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is conducting an Environmental Assessment study of the future of the Kashwakamak Lake Dam, and requested initial public input by June 23, 2023. In response, the KLA board submitted a letter emphasizing the importance of this dam for the lake community and setting out our three priorities: maintaining the current level of the lake during the recreational period, minimizing disruption during the off-season construction period, and keeping the KLA informed and involved. The study team has acknowledged our priorities and indicated that they will be forming a Citizens Liaison Committee (CLC), which will include representation from the KLA.

Over the summer, the KLA discussed this study and our three priorities with members at the July AGM and members of the Weiss Point Road Association, and also informed the broader lake community through our

Facebook group and the Membership Recruitment letter we sent out August. We also appointed two directors, Alan Dean and Andrew Johnston, to act as our liaisons with the MVCA and its consultants, and put their names forward as members of the CLC.

We understand that fieldwork for the study has been completed and that the composition of the CLC will be announced shortly. The CLC will meet twice, once this fall and again over the winter, to receive an overview of the study and consider proposed solutions and design alternatives. There will also be opportunities for direct public input through Public Information Centres to be set up before the year-end.



Photo: https://mvc.on.ca/

Any questions or concerns about the Dam can be sent to Alan and

Andrew at their KLA email addresses, <u>directoralan@kashwakamak.ca</u> and <u>directorandrew@kashwakamak.ca</u>.

You can read the KLA's letters to the MVCA on our website:

https://kashwakamak.ca/kashwakamak-lake-dam-environmental-assessment-notice-of-intent/

Alan Dean, Director





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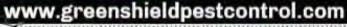
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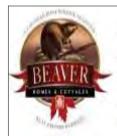
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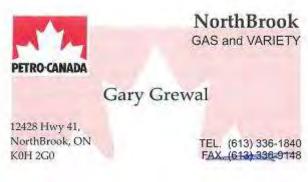


















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Happy thanksgiving Kashwakamakers! Friday was the epitome of a perfect fall day, with an amazing sunset, I captured this perfect shot off the dock.

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