



**Kashwakamak Lake Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 12, 2025
9:30 – 11:30
Northbrook Lions Hall**

Present:

There were more than 75 members present.

1. Welcome and Call to Order – President

The annual general meeting of the Kashwakamak Lake Association (KLA), held at the Northbrook Lions Hall on July 12, 2025, was called to order by President Sue MacGregor at 9:31 am.

President Sue began with an acknowledgement that the land upon which the meeting is held:

“The Kashwakamak Lake Association respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We recognize the Algonquins as the customary keepers and defenders of the Ottawa River Watershed and its tributaries, including the lands and waters surrounding Kashwakamak Lake. We honour their long history of welcoming many nations to this beautiful territory and we strive to uphold and uplift the voice and values of our host nation.”

Sue extended a welcome to those attending including Red Emond from Land O’Lakes Lions Club; North Frontenac Mayor Gerry Lichty; Councillors Stephanie Regent, Wayne Good and Roy Heutl; and Fire Chief Cuddy.

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

It was moved by Sandy Allin and seconded by Julie McShane that the minutes of the 2024 AGM are approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Judy McIntyre had prepared financial statements which had been made available to all members in advance of the meeting.

It was moved by Kate Eadie and seconded by Sandi Allin that the 2024 financial statements are accepted as presented. Motion carried.

4. Election of Board Members

Sue expressed her appreciation to outgoing Board member Heather Nowlan; and to longstanding member Judy McIntyre who was stepping down after having served sixteen years.

The following current Board members were re-elected by acclamation: Sue MacGregor, Marilyn Boston, Mary Larson, Pete Johnson, Alan Dean, Don Cory, Kim Howson and Andrew Johnston.

It was noted, with thanks, that the following had submitted their nominations for Board vacancies: Kristen Sako and Bill Zerter.

There being no further nominations, both were elected by acclamation. Moved by Doug Galt, seconded by Julie McShane. Carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

President Sue expressed thanks to her board member colleagues. She noted a busy year for the Lake Sustainability Committee, chaired by Marilyn Boston, that is actively looking at important environmental issues including lake quality, consistency and recreational capacity. Anyone interested in this work was invited to speak to Marilyn.

She also noted continuing advocacy for the funding of FOCA's lake program which has now been approved by the Ontario Government. It was also noted that data is collected every year from sampling taken by Lake Steward Pete Johnson.

It was also reported that the Lake Steward, along with volunteers, continues to attend to hazard marker and low wake markers on the lake. It was noted that these markers are KLA property and not to be moved. The marker locations will be mapped and posted on the website; and laminated copies are expected to be available in 2026. It was highlighted that not all lake shoals and other hazards can be marked and that individuals are responsible for safe boating including avoiding surveillance for hazards and not passing too close to the shores or points.

Finally, it was noted that two special events are being planned: a wine tasting with Potters Winery, with proceeds going to the foodbank; and the annual fall dinner with proceeds also going to charity.

6. Membership Report

Membership director Don Cory noted that there are currently 345 members out of an estimated 600 properties; some individuals own more than one property. There are approximately 20 associate non-voting members. KLA members support in outreach to increase this level of representation would be appreciated.

7. North Frontenac Environmental Task Force

North Frontenac Environmental Task Force Chair Roy Heutl presented on their work since being created by Council, flowing from its strategic plan. Meetings with stakeholders found that the number one concern was the environment concern (i.e., lakes and forests). The Task Force also maintains a social media presence on relevant issues.

The Task Force comprises three councillors including himself, Fred Fowler and John Inglis, and are supported by community volunteers and staff members. He highlighted areas of focus:

- BESS (battery energy storage system): A company (Electra) that seeks spaces near hydro corridors to buy electricity at night (i.e., when rates are low) and sell back at market value during the day (i.e., when rates are higher). It was noted that the public consultation is expected to conclude in July. The information and data gathered to be presented to North Frontenac Council.
- Net metering: Solar panels on town offices will cost recover in 8-10 years
- Invasive species: This includes Eurasian Milfoil, wild parsnip and many others.
- Septic inspections: Council has approved that septic inspections be mandatory upon property sale. A sub-committee is also examining the possibility of septic inspections of AirBnBs.

Following the presentation, questions were invited and included: the battery storage facility size, site locations, safety concerns (i.e., fire), environmental concerns, and noise level. It was noted that the community is consulted but cannot vote on the matter.

Questions were also entertained on issues relating to short term rental (STR) properties including the need to ensure renters are provided with important information on fire safety, boat safety, boat washing, the proper use of septic systems, and local garbage/recycling requirements. It was noted that STRs do not require licenses at this time.

Fire Prevention

Sonya Robinson, Public Information Officer, North Frontenac Fire Department, presented on Fire Smart, a national program aimed at reducing risk, and provided advice on how to reduce the risk of wildfire on properties.

It was highlighted that properties encompass 'ignition zones' around the home: extended 10-30 m), intermediate (1.5-10 m) and immediate 0-1.5 m). Many areas of risk mitigation were noted including removal of dead trees and debris (e.g., pine needles in eaves) to reduce vulnerability to ignition from sparks, direct flame, and extreme heat.

The following advice was provided in relation to making emergency calls:

- The importance of advising 911 if you are calling with respect to a water access property to ensure dispatchers are aware that a boat will be needed.
- What3words is useful, free app that provides unique three words for every metre in the world. It works without cell service and may be provided when making a 911 call.

Q&A With Presenters and Councillors

A question-and-answer session was held with presenters and councillors. Questions were entertained on a range of matters including: issues with Hydro not maintaining lines; fire ban regulations based on time of day; township road maintenance (e.g., removal of debris); owners' disposal of property debris; the possibility of having a separate disposal site for yard waste; speeding issues on township roads; and the 'strong mayors' powers enacted in municipalities including North Frontenac.

Lake Sustainability -Shoreline Planting Winners

The KLA continues to invest in supporting healthy shorelines and water quality by giving three lucky KLA members a [Watershed Canada's Natural Edge shoreline assessment and planting kit](#) valued at \$395. This year's winners are Chris Freel - Don Anna Rd, Janice Way, Kashwakamak Lake Rd. and Stephanie Wills, Reichart Ln. We look forward to seeing their shoreline improvements!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 on motion from Kim Howsen, seconded by Judith Evanson. Carried.