



2020 KLCOA SPRING MEETING REPORT

This report is has been prepared in place of the face to face 2020 KLCOA Spring General Meeting and due to the unprecedented influence of COVID-19

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Message from the President



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2019/2021 KLCOA Board of Directors



Gino Ariano – Marker Buoy Program, Traditional Rights of Way

Arlene Burch – Swimming, Connectivity

***Grant DeMarsh** – Treasurer, Abandoned Docks

Scott Durie – Public Land Use, NIMC, Abandoned Docks

Frances Duiker – E-blasts

Brian Evans – Fish Stocks, Invasive Species

Tina Fagg – Kennis Breeze Newsletter, Advertising and Fundraising

Jacquie Geall – Fireworks, Insurance

***Sheelagh Lawrance** - Secretary, Ladies of the Lake Luncheon

Joan Middleton – Membership, Regatta, Website

John Middleton – Roads, Safety and Security, Dysart Council Monitor

Terry O'Connor - Lands and Properties (Soap Pond), Marker Buoy Program, Legal Affairs, Septic Improvement Project

***Janis Parker** - Vice President, Art on the Dock, Coalition for Equitable Waterflow, NIMC

***Jim Prince** - Vice President, Stewardship Director, Sailing Regatta

Natalie Wood – Roadside cleanup

***Deb Wratschko** - President

*** Executive**



2020 Updated Calendar

2020 Spring Meeting

The KLCOA board has completed a risk assessment on all of our summer programs based on the current COVID-19 pandemic safety concerns. Looking at timelines for registration, event organization, as well as federal, provincial and local guidelines we have made some tough decisions on the first events of the season. We will continue to **monitor** and make changes as we move forward in time and new information becomes available. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

- 2020 Tree Planting Program – **CANCELLED**
- 2020 Spring Road Cleanup (May 2) – **CANCELLED**
- 2020 Spring General Meeting (May 16) – **FORMAT CHANGED**
- 2020 Ladies of the Lake Luncheon (July 4) – **CANCELLED**
- 2020 Canada Day Fireworks (July 4) – **POSTPONED** to August 1 (**Monitor**)
- 2020 Swimming Lessons (July 13 to August 21) – **CANCELLED**
- 2020 Rock Bass Fishing Derby (July 11) – **Monitor**
- 2020 Art on the Dock (July 11 & 12) – **POSTPONED** to August 8 and 9 (**Monitor**)
- 2020 Regatta (August 1) – **Monitor**
- 2020 Sailing Regatta (August 2) – **Monitor**
- 2020 Sailing Series – **Monitor**
- 2020 Fall AGM (Sept 5) - **Monitor**

Treasurer's Report



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- Our 2020 budget was put together early in the year based upon “normal operations”
- At this point we realize that not all revenue will come in and not all events and programs are feasible. We are in a fluid environment.
- We will continue to monitor program costs in light of revenue. Certain programs may be cancelled or deferred to 2021.
- We continue to be in a healthy financial position.



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Budget Summary

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2020	2019	2018	2017
REVENUE				
Memberships	23,040	23,210	21,845	21,030
Advertising Revenue	6,500	7,000	8,500	7550
Interest	200	208	166	75
Total Revenue	29,740	30,418	30,511	28,655
USE OF FUNDS				
Programs and Events	17,040	9,519	11,806	7,215
Membership	16,775	17,279	18,861	12,984
Transfer to Reserve	-	-	-	8,000
Total	33,815	26,797	30,667	28,199
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,075)	3,620	(156)	456
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS and OUTFLOWS				
AOTD Contributions	5000	4805	5000	5693
AOTD Donations and costs	-5000	-7373	-5000	-5803
Total	-	(2,568)	-	(110)
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,075)	1,052	(156)	346

Program and Events Detail



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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fireworks	4100	2438	2,355	2434
Regatta	1500	1342	1,469	1272
Marker Program - Mtce.	740	636	2,358	238
Swimming Program	0	-636	-379	402
Sailing Regatta	400	19	0	267
Rock Bass tournament	200	203	183	176
Shoreline Restoration	1100	710	3,383	0
Family Networks	0	0	0	136
BOOM Program	0	0	0	1109
Scavenger Hunt - Kids	0	0	0	170
Horseshoe Tournament	100	0	0	0
Water Testing program	1500	1502	1,243	813
History Book	1300	0	0	198
Traditional Rights of Way	3000	3305	726	0
Roadside Clean-up	100	0	0	0
Lake Map Initiative	1000	0	0	0
Abandoned Docks	2000	0	0	0
Septic Improvement	0	0	467	0
Total Program and Events	17,040	9,519	11,806	7,215



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Membership Expense Detail

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2020	2019	2018	2017
General Membership	5000	5086	4,297	5,344
Technology	2000	1636	6,158	
Memberships FOCA	2225	2225	2,225	1,900
Memberships CEWF	200	200	200	200
Memberships CHA	50	50	350	50
Insurance	3500	3348	2,413	2,413
General Expenses	500	492	0	130
Porta Potty fees	800	750	1,102	980
PayPal fees	850	828	717	703
Property Taxes	500	482	451	435
Community Support	1000	2050	850	750
Other	0	0	0	-
Bank Fees	150	132	99	79
Total Membership	16,775	17,279	18,861	12,984



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Membership Report

Thanks to everyone for their renewal or new signup!

As of May 1 we have 517 members signed up. Last year at this time we had approximately 450 and at the end of the 2019 season we had 625 memberships.

If you have new neighbors or ones that are not members, encourage them to join!

Why should I become a KLCOA member?

The Kennis Lakes community has approximately 950 properties. Membership is strictly voluntary, but the continued annual support of members allows the association to expand its involvements, activities, and endeavours in the interest of all property owners and for the preservation of our lakes.

Members receive a KLCOA sign for their property as well as annual date stickers upon renewal.

You may continue to [renew](#) online for 2020 or sign up [as a new member](#) if you do not have an existing membership.

As we are a volunteer organization, it would be helpful if you pay online, but if you prefer to pay by cheque or e-transfer, instructions are provided when you sign up using the above link.

Membership Report (con't)

Sticker/Sign Pickup

You may pick up your sticker at the following locations – modified due to the impact of Covid-19

*Note: It will take approx. one week from sign-up until your sticker is available for pickup. If you mail your cheque it will be a minimum of 2 weeks.

When	Where
In person	Can be picked up via membership Director if required by contacting Joan Middleton 705 754-2243 at 2301 Watts Road
Weekends May long weekend – July 1	Pick up in Person at Kennisis Marina Store once reopened per Covid-19 guidelines
Anytime July 1 – Sept 30	Pick up in Person at Kennisis Marina Store once reopened per Covid-19 guidelines

After Sept 30, stickers will no longer be available for pickup but they will be kept on file and will again be available when you sign up the following year.



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Communications

Currently, the KLCOA communicates with members in the following way:

- 2 Face-to-face meetings per year
- Website (www.klcoa.org)
- Regular e-blasts
- 3 newsletters per year (Kennisis Breeze)

There are a number of Facebook pages associated with the Lake Community. These facebook pages **do not belong to the KLCOA** and the KLCOA does not use these sites to communicate with members.

The KLCOA is endeavoring this year to figure out the best way to use social media communications. As much as it seems like a simple undertaking there are many complications to being a volunteer organization and managing social media platforms. We will keep you informed as we work this out.

Art On The Dock



2020 Spring Meeting

Everyone is hopeful that we will be able to run our 6th Annual Art on the new dates of August 8th and 9th, 2020.





New TENTATIVE DATES:
 Saturday, August 8th · 10am – 4pm | Sunday, August 9th · 10am – 3pm





RETURNING ARTIST: Ian Ball



NEW 2020: Daryl Ball & Colin MacKenzie



RETURNING ARTIST: Lea Bordlett



RETURNING ARTIST: Linda Harris



RETURNING ARTIST: Jeanette Kling



RETURNING ARTIST: Shirley Turchet



NEW 2020: Brian Kalanda



RETURNING ARTIST: Savannah Tomey



RETURNING ARTIST: Megan Melaka



RETURNING ARTIST: Rachel Charyk



RETURNING ARTIST: Audrey Phillips



RETURNING ARTIST: Marg Pereira



RETURNING ARTIST: John Middleton



NEW 2020: Joyce Samaras



RETURNING ARTIST: Anna Luckai



NEW 2020: Kristen Darvey



RETURNING ARTIST: Caleb Chadwick



RETURNING ARTIST: Peggy Beattie



RETURNING ARTIST: Carolyn Jones



RETURNING ARTIST: Darren Poncelet



NEW 2020: Colleen Trapp-Warner



NEW 2020: Zachary Tripp



NEW 2020: Lynda Henry



NEW 2020: Jeanne Withers



RETURNING ARTIST: George Hammond



RETURNING ARTIST: Marleen Campbell



NEW 2020: Phyllis Walton



NEW 2020: Rick Vanderstels with Brenda Labron



NEW 2020: Greg Gillespie

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Art On The Dock



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New
**TENTATIVE
DATES:**

Saturday, August 8th · 10am – 4pm

Sunday, August 9th · 10am – 3pm

Calling all KLCOA Artists, family members and their guests to participate in our 2020 event.

ArtOnTheDock is an annual event where KLCOA members, their immediate families and guests exhibit and sell their fine arts and crafts from their docks, decks, outdoor spaces, cottages, lofts and garages with our beautiful Kennisis Lake as the backdrop.

Visitors tour these pop-up studios by boat or car. Previous exhibitors have experienced tremendous sales as well as an opportunity to give back to our local Artist in the Schools program. Let the ambience of Kennisis and our fabulous lake community entice you to share your talent.

Painters, Photographers, Quilters, Jewellery Crafters, Food Artists, Potters and Wood Workers are just some of the past artists that exhibit at **AOTD**.

Registration Deadline: February 29th

Registration Form is available on the KLCOA website:
www.klcoa.org/art-on-the-dock-2020

Registration Form can be filled out electronically, or can be printed, filled out, scanned and emailed to: janis@parkerpad.com

Any questions please email
janis@parkerpad.com or call 416-720-6415

Join Us Today!

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Art On The Dock



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Thank you once again to Wilf McOstrich for an new piece in the Moose series. This year we have “Skating Moose”.





Kennis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennis Breeze

- Each year, the KLCOA advertising campaign begins in February and we invite local businesses to advertise in our newsletter or on our website. Despite the fact that many businesses were challenged to stay “open for business”, a number did choose to purchase advertising space. Thank you to the many businesses who support our lake community and provide the additional dollars which help us to pay for the numerous KLCOA initiatives. This is very much appreciated by KLCOA.
- After the KLCOA Board meeting to determine 2020’s seasonal events, it became clear that many of our summer activities would be cancelled, monitored or rescheduled. Instead of filling our newsletter with plans for our social events, we are taking this time to review, refresh, remind, re-educate and “reshare” some of the important components to our lake community.
- We will continue to publish a summer and fall issue.
- As always, we welcome pictures, stories and special 50th anniversary celebrations. If you wish to contribute to your newsletter, please contact valentinafagg@gmail.com



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Roadside Cleanup

Due to **COVID-19**, the May 2 planned roadside clean-up was cancelled. Unfortunately, that means our lake roadsides may not be as litter free as hoped heading into summer. Many individuals have been picking up roadside litter as they walk and the **KLCOA** is very grateful.

We all have a role in keeping our lake roads litter free. The main litter found in the roadside ditches are beer cans and plastic soda bottles. This is distressing because it isn't one or two, it is a can or bottle every few feet. The other main source of garbage found along the roadside is cigarette butts. A tossed cigarette butt is a fire hazard and a typical filter can take 18 months to 10 years to decompose. Various items from old tires, to ceramic coffee cups, Styrofoam, plastic planter pots, dry wall and tin foil have been picked up around the lake roads this spring already.

We hope that we can run a group roadside clean up in the fall, in the meantime we ask that every cottager do their part in keeping our beautiful countryside clean.

- Make sure garbage is secure when in storage at the cottage and on transport to the landfill.
- Do not throw any garbage out of the car window or while walking.
- Dispose of household items appropriately either by donating to a thrift shop, finding a new home for them or bringing them to the landfill.
- Carry a plastic bag with you on your walk and pick up any litter if it is safe to do so.
- Currently, the **Kennisis Lake** landfill is closed but the West Guilford and Haliburton landfills remain open. Please take your trash there.



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Roads Report

The KLCOA continues to provide suggestions and recommendations to Dysart et al for improvements on our roads. Thank you to the Roads Committee – John Middleton, George Thiessen, Edwin Kling, and Peter Hewitt who collectively assess what our recommendations should be for the next year planning cycle.

Maintenance is a regular activity for the Roads Department. With COVID 19 restrictions and social distancing it is taking longer to work their way around the 300+ kilometers of the road network. For those that are full time residents, winter maintenance has continued, and roads generally are plowed early AM.

With regards to project work, Dysart has invested in software to better evaluate and prioritize capital road work on an ongoing basis. We continue to work with Dysart to see what additional work is possible and so that we continue to get attention around the lakes.

We now understand that Dysart anticipates doing the next phase of roadwork (culverts and ditching) on Kennisis Lake Road past Paddy's Bay in 2020.

As always, if you see roads issues requiring attention please call Dysart Roads at (705) 457-1830.

Abandoned Dock Initiative



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Over the last few years, it seems that there are more and more abandoned docks pulled up on the shorelines of Big and Little Kennesis. After 60 plus years of property ownership and enjoyment of our lakes, it makes sense that owners have had to replace docks; things just deteriorate. Having said that, most of us have broken down our old docks and re-purposed what we could, removing and disposing of the remaining bits from the shoreline.



Unfortunately, some property owners have just pulled their old docks into bays and resting place and have abandoned them; not sure what they thought would happen to them. Over the last couple years, some of these docks have created potential navigational issues during our high water season. Not the least, they are truly unsightly in our otherwise beautiful environment.

We understand that many of us move our docks into sheltered bays for the winter and return them to our properties the following season. These are not the docks that are at issue, nor are docks that are used for swim platforms, etc. One simple suggestion is to add your contact information to the dock so that it is clear that there is a dock owner.

Abandoned Dock Initiative (con't)

The KLCOA is initiating a special program in 2020/2021 to identify docks that are unclaimed. The goal is to identify, dismantle and dispose of abandoned docks.

It's disappointing that we have this problem, but we hope through education and this one-time clean-up, that we will not have to address this concern again moving forward. In 2020, the program will start with communication and education.



Throughout the summer of 2020, we will begin identifying docks that appear to be abandoned. We will tag each dock, create a pictorial inventory and reach out broadly to clarify the status of the docks. We will leverage our website, e-blasts, newsletters and social media to share information and communicate.

Then, in 2021, when it is clear that a dock is truly abandoned, volunteers will dismantle and dispose of it from our lakes – it is expected that this will happen in mid-July, 2021.

Note: the goal is to tackle abandoned docks from “resting places” on Big/Little Kennisis – **not** docks from personal property. We each have a responsibility to dispose of personal property in a safe and appropriate manner.

Kennisis Lakes Safe Boating – Hazzard and Navigation Markers

- The KLCOA Hazard and Navigation Marker Program will continue in 2020. - Pat O'Keefe (Co-Ordinator)
- 24 Hazard Markers will be deployed on the most dangerous hazards identified by members and the KLCOA Hazard Marker committee.
- All markers are tended by KLCOA Volunteers - Largest Cottage Association Program in Ontario.
- The Hazard Marker Liability Information has been distributed via Posters, E-Blasts, Newsletters, and the KLCOA Website.
- Additional locations for markers are identified by community members on an ongoing basis.
- **NOTE - Hazard markers may be deployed later this year due to COVID-19 related issues. Please be aware of this.**
- **And Please Remember, NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!**
- **2020 – No Wake Marker Buoys**
- The KLCOA will again deploy “NO WAKE” markers in the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations. These were reported to be successful in keeping boat traffic to lower speeds during the 2019 deployment.



**NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!
INDIVIDUAL BOATER RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID
NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**



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Boating Safety

We are a Lake community and so as we near summer and get out on our boats to enjoy the water it is important to remember our boating responsibilities and etiquette.

Follow the [Safe Boating Guide](#) and obtain your Pleasure Craft Operator's Card

Minimize your wake especially in narrow channels and near shore so that natural shorelines are not eroded, loon and duck nesting sites are not disturbed and your neighbours' floating docks and parked boats are not bounced around and damaged. An excellent report on the dynamics of boat wakes can be [found here](#).

Reduce your speed especially in narrow channels and near shore where other boats and swimmers could be in danger and remember that within 30 metres of the shore your speed should be less than 10 km/hr (it's the law).

Head for the centre of the lake when travelling at speed or when water skiing, wake boarding, or tubing, etc - don't ride parallel to the shoreline. Give everyone a wide berth and travel slowly when pulling away from docks, launching ramps or swimming areas.

Respect your neighbours' TRANQUILITY by moving around the lake rather than operating on one small area.

Protect the environment by treating bays as no wake zones, operating in water over 1.2 metres (4 feet) deep to avoid disturbing the lake bottom, stowing garbage until you return to shore, and avoiding spillage of gas and oil into the water during refuelling.

When anchored take care not to obstruct navigation for other boats. Clean your boat and trailer when transporting them to other lakes and when bringing them into the Kennisis lakes to avoid transporting invasive species.

Alcohol and drugs in combination with boating are dangerous and illegal.



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Norah's Island Update

Norah's Island Management Committee

Jeff Pinkney – co-Chair
Scott Durie – co-Chair
Janis Parker
Paula Kleinschmidt Lepsky
Greg Wickware
Sheila Ziman

Norah's Island Endowment Fund Financial Report

Investment Income from Norah's Island Endowment Fund for 2019 = \$1,552.00

Total Expenses for 2019 = \$2,401.01 made up of:

- Property Tax = \$78.64
- Insurance = \$216.00
- Other (Maintenance) = \$40.00
- Transfer to Stewardship Fund = \$2,066.37

Norah's Island Endowment Fund:

- Dec 31st 2018 = \$60,849.59
- Dec 31st 2019 = \$60,000.58*

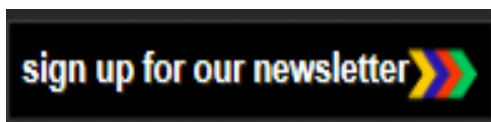
*Per latest HHLT/KLCOA Management Agreement – NIEF is now maintained annually at \$60,000.00 – all surplus transferred to HHLT Stewardship Fund



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Click [here](https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/get-involved/become-a-member/) for more information about becoming a member of HHLT or go to <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/get-involved/become-a-member/>



Click [here](https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/newsletter-sign-up/) to sign up for the HHLT newsletter or go to <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/newsletter-sign-up/>

KLCOA – Stewardship

Protecting our Lakes

It's all about the Water!

Septic Health



Shoreline Health



Water Quality Monitoring

Shoreline Restoration Workshops – Jim Prince

Water Quality Testing – Sarah Ariano

Traditional Rights of Way – Gino Ariano



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KLCOA –Stewardship Protecting our Lakes

Three Important Numbers

Septic Health

852
964

**Kennisis Lakes Septic
Inspection Progress**
(88% Compliance, 112
Properties Non-Compliant)

Water Quality Monitoring

<10 ug/L

**Total Phosphorus
Concentration for
Our Lakes =
Healthy**

Shoreline Health

75%

**Natural Shoreline 30m
back from the lake to
maintain healthy
water quality**



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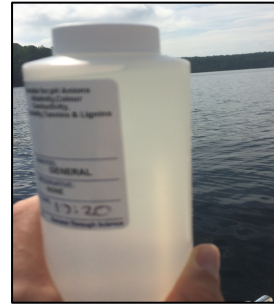
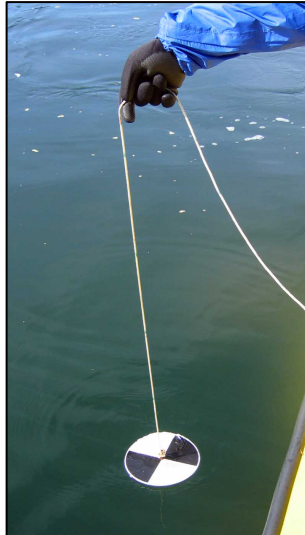
2020 Water Quality Monitoring:

"Lake Partner Program"

- May and June
 1. Water Clarity
 2. Total Phosphorus
 3. Calcium

KLCOA Water Quality Testing

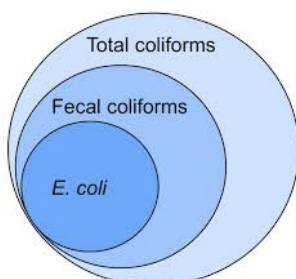
- July and September
 1. Total Phosphorus
 2. Nitrate and Nitrite
 3. Ammonia
 4. Dissolved Oxygen (July and September)



"Under Review – Pandemic Dependent"

Future Monitoring Objectives: Fecal Coliform

- A one-year pilot of Fecal Coliform Counts could provide insight on the current lake baseline conditions prior to the completion of the Septic Inspection Program.
- **Significance:** Fecal Coliform bacteria indicate the presence of contamination and the presence of other pathogenic organisms.
- **Sampling plan:** sample after a large rainfall event in July or August.





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What can I do to keep my Lake Happy?

1. Get your septic inspected.
2. Follow proper septic maintenance practices.
3. Keep a naturalized shoreline (30m vegetative buffer zone).
4. Plant native plants to protect your shoreline from erosion and storm water runoff.
5. Use erosion and sediment controls during construction.
6. **Properly dispose of pet waste.**



Thank you to our Water Quality testing team!

Water Quality Sampling Team:

Julie Bamm (Test Coordinator)
Cathie and Brent Heppell
Margaret Cox
Natalie Wood
Randy and Arlene Burch
Rob Allan and Tracy Stewart
Tim Tibbs

WQ Data Team:

Cam Douglas, Sarah Ariano, Jim Prince



Natural Shoreline Project Goals

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1. Improve awareness about **Natural Shorelines**
2. Make the Connection
 - **Water Quality, Natural Shorelines & Septic Health**
3. KLCOA – Leading the way

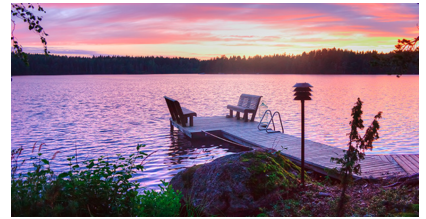


- Love Your Lake Assessments
- Native Plant Purchase Program
- Natural Shoreline Education
- Shoreline Restoration Pilot Projects & Workshops

Less of this



More of this



Shoreline Health

75% of our shoreline should be in a natural state for a minimum of 30 m (100 feet) back from high water, otherwise water quality will degrade over time.

Water quality is what determines our property values and our enjoyment on the lake.





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Shoreline Health at Kennisis

Shoreline Restoration Projects

KLCOA Sponsored:

- 1 Shoreline Restoration pilot 2016
- 2 Shoreline Restoration projects in 2018
- 2 Shoreline Consultations in 2018
- 2 Shoreline Naturalization Workshops in 2019

KLCOA plus Watersheds Canada financial support for:

- Shoreline renaturalization projects
- Damaged shoreline restoration
- Goose reduction and renaturalization

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT – Shoreline Restoration Reports at www.klcoa.org

U-Links/Trent Benthic Testing on Kennisis

- **BENTHIC TESTING** - Shoreline substrate (“muck”) assessment as an indicator of lake health
- U-Links and Trent university performed Benthos sampling around the lake to establish benthic health trending (September 2019)
- Program will continue in 2020



**Benthos
Macroinvertebrates**



KLCOA Lands and Traditional Rights of Way

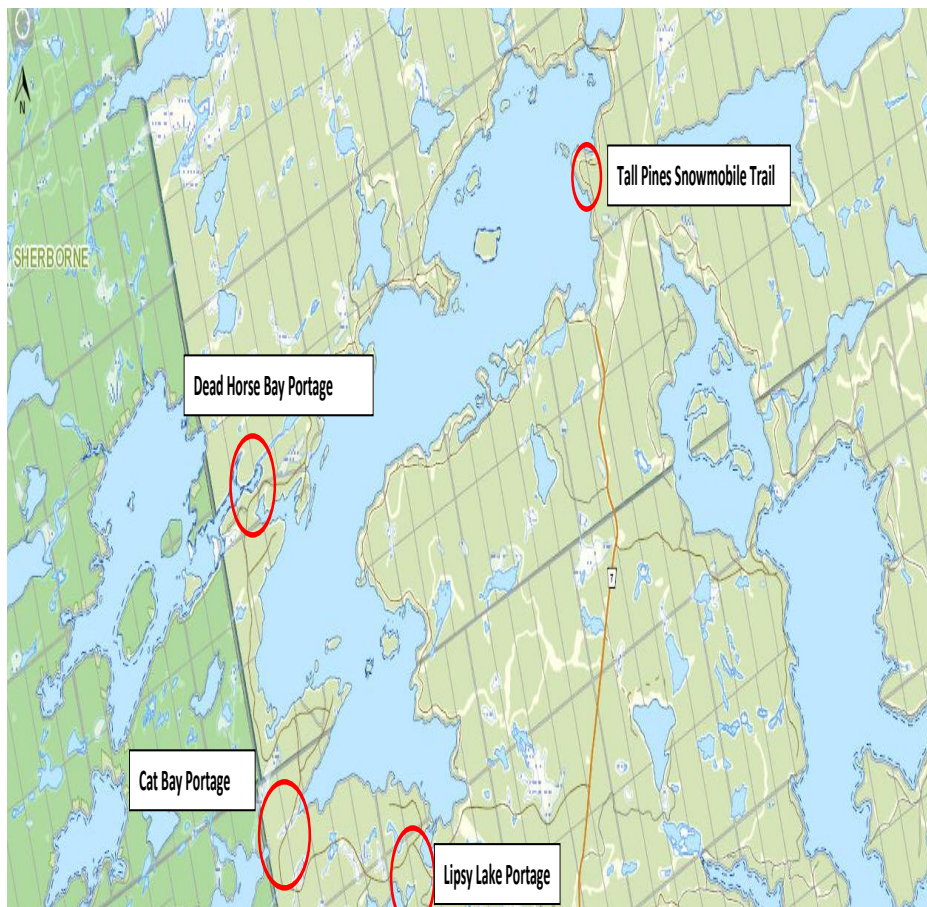


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Background

A number of portage routes connect Kennisis to other lakes or rivers in the area

- Lipsy Lake portage linking Lipsy Lake to Soap Pond on Kennisis
- Cat Bay portage connecting Cat Lake with Cat Bay on Kennisis
- Klaxton Lake to Lipsy Lake
- Dead Horse Bay portage linking Red Pine Lake to Dead Horse Bay on Kennisis (the Cat and Dead horse portages connect Kennisis with the Leslie Frost Recreation and HHWT)
- Tall Pines snowmobile trail

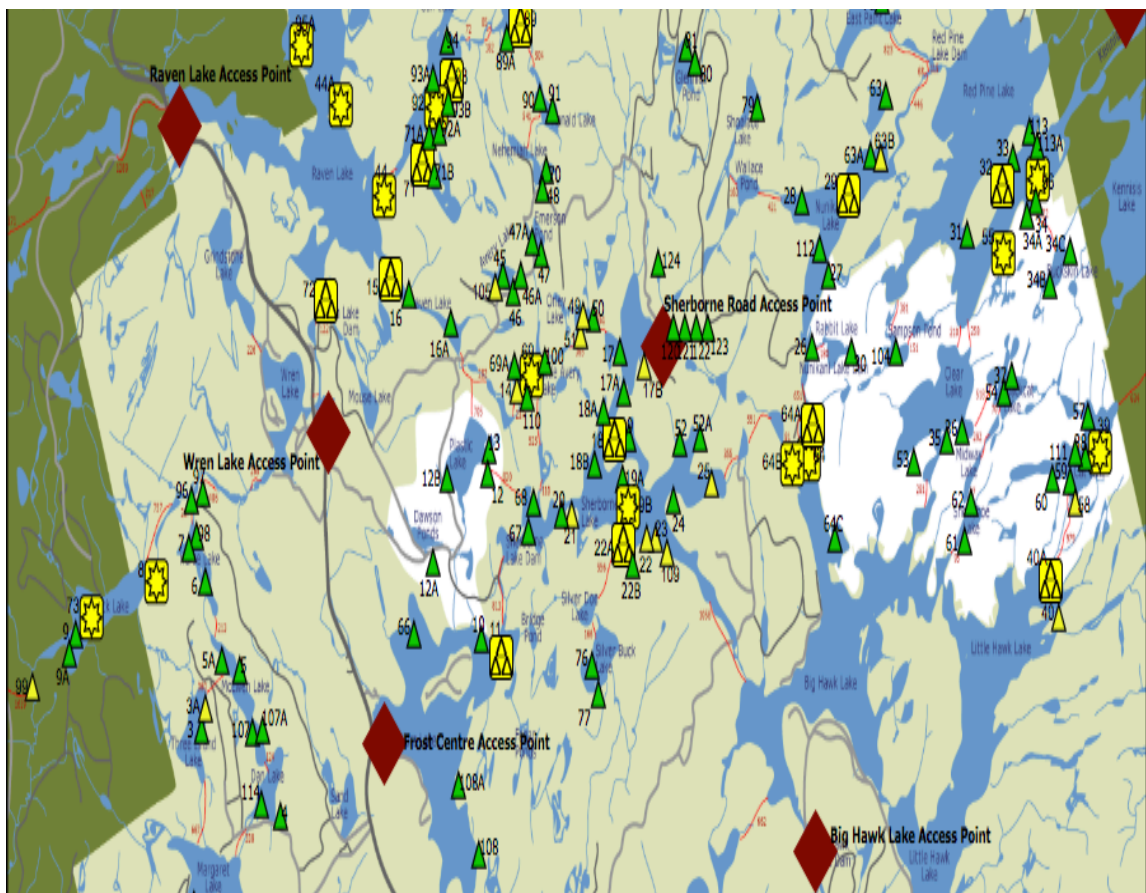


KLCOA Lands and Traditional Rights of Way (con't)



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Kennisis Lake borders the beautiful Leslie Frost Area



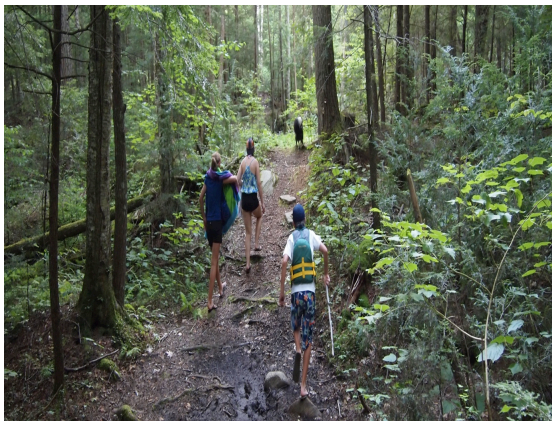
KLCOA Lands and Traditional Rights of Way (con't)



Old Portage Sign



New Portage Sign



Trail from Cat Bay, Kennis to Cat Lake



Cat Lake from Portage to Kennis

Next Steps:

- Develop advocacy/educational outreach program to ensure all interested parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities related to use of portage routes including portage signage
- Research indigenous use of portages routes from original crown survey notes and indigenous treaty documents
- Consider advocating for new municipal bylaws to keep ensure authorization to use the portage routes on public municipal lands, and include processes for public consultation should these routes be proposed to be changed or closed
- Explore the development of protocols with the municipality and MNR to retain access and monitor portage route use
- Understand enforcement of rights to portage – liaise with office of Attorney General to obtain more clarity on dispute resolution process

Fisheries Update



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- Almost three years ago the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources established a Fisheries Management Zone Advisory Council made up of representatives from across the Zone 15 to assist with a review of fishery regulations in the Zone 15. The Coalition of Haliburton property owners Associations (CHA) <https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/fish-and-fishing/> (lots of great info on this website) established a subcommittee to provide input to the Haliburton region representative on the MNR Council. I was the KLCOA representative on the CHA subcommittee.
- It had been anticipated that a draft of the proposed regulation changes would have been ready for public review by this spring. The Covid19 situation has delayed this process and it is likely that it will be later this or early next year before we get a look at any proposed changes.
- Historically the principal game fish in Kennisis has been the Lake Trout. The introduction of Rock Bass into the lake resulted in the elimination of the various species of minnows that supported the Lake Trout's diet leaving them to survive largely on aquatic insects. The result is the small bodied Lake Trout we see today.
- Generally, the health of the Lake Trout population throughout Zone 15 is under stress with heavy fishing pressure and expanded ice fishing opportunities.
- The Zone 15 regulation review process was conducted on a species by species basis and any regulatory changes that will be proposed are intended to provide self sustaining enhanced fishing opportunities for anglers.
- **Background info on Lake Trout in Zone 15**
- As a species Lake Trout are characterized as either small bodied (ex. Kennisis Lake, Redstone) or large bodied (ex. Boshkong chain of lakes).
- Small bodied Lake Trout feed largely on zooplankton, insects and small fish while Large bodied trout have access to smelt, herring or whitefish.
- Lake Trout grow slowly, mature at a late age, have low reproductive potential and have low replacement and have a short life span.
- Hooking mortality is between 30-60% in summer (water temperature issues) and 20% in winter.
- MNR modelling has determined that harvest rates in Zone 15 exceed the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and a recovery plan is necessary.

Fisheries Update (con't)



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- MNR has modelled various alternative approaches for a recovery plan including a reduction in the daily catch (currently 2 with a full licence), a shorter summer or winter season and various combinations of these strategies.
- A reduction in the daily catch will slow the exploitation process but since Lake Trout are being caught beyond the MSY it will have little effect in population recovery.
- A shorter summer season would not recover the population.
- A full winter closure would be necessary to reduce angling hours.
- **Anticipated Regulatory Response for Lake Trout**
- Expectations are that changes in the keeper sizes based on the type of Lake Trout population in any given lake (small or Large bodied) will be introduced along with potential changes to the length of the summer and winter season. Additional regulations and educational initiatives may also be applied. These changes will be subject to a public consultation process.
- **Brook Trout**
- Some good news is that MNR continued stocking Brook Trout into Kennisis Lake with some 3000 Dickson strain Brook Trout released in late April.
- **Angler Diary Program**
- To assist the MNR with ongoing information on the health of the trout populations in Kennisis Lake, I would encourage frequent anglers to participate in the [MNR's Angler Diary Program](#).
- I would like to hear any questions or comments on the fishing in Kennisis and whether you are participating in the Angler Diary Program. You can contact me at brianevans416@rogers.com

Invasive Species - Waterways



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- When invasive species enter our waters, they can eat native species, out-compete them for food and habitat and introduce and spread disease.
- Some aquatic invasive species can survive up to 2 weeks out of water and not every invader attached to your boat can be seen with the naked eye.
- Letting invasive species aboard your boat helps them spread in our lakes, rivers and streams and costs us millions to repair their damage.
- Kennisis Lake is not exempt from this risk. We are already dealing with the negative impact to our fishery as a result of the introduction of Rock Bass and the Spiny Water Flea to our Lake. **We must be vigilant** to preserve our environment.
- As we enter a new cottage season where boats are moving in and out of our lakes and waterways please **review the [Ontario's Angler Action Plan](#) and the [Boater Action Plan](#)** to reduce the risk of importing invasive species and spreading them to other lakes.
- Some of the Key points of the **Ontario Angler and Boater Action Plans** are:
- **It is illegal to release/transport prohibited invasive species.** If you catch one, you must destroy it right away so it cannot reproduce or spread. Do not return it to the water.
- **Do not transport live fish over land.** Fish must be dead and should not be in a livewell filled with water.
- **Use local bait.** Collect or purchase your bait as close as possible to where you plan to fish. This reduces the risk of introducing species or diseases.
- **Never dump your bait into the water or on the ice.** It is illegal to release your bait or dump the contents of your bait bucket into any body of water, including onto the ice. You must dispose of your bait at least 30 metres from any body of water.
- **Clean your boat and gear BEFORE leaving the water** of any mud, vegetation, mussels or anything suspicious from your boat, motor, trailer or fishing equipment.

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- **Drain all standing water** by pulling the plug on your transom and live well at the boat launch. Never take an aquatic invasive species from one body of water to another.
- **Rinse out your livewell before travelling to a new body of water.** Prevent the spread of fish-harming pathogens like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) by cleaning your livewell with a 1:10 solution of bleach and water.
- **Dry your boat for at least 5 days in sunlight or disinfect your boat** with hot water over 50°C or pressurized water over 250 PSI before travelling to a new body of water.
- **Avoid driving your boat through aquatic plants.** Remove and dispose of plants from your boat, motor and trailer before travelling over land.
- Invasive species are a significant concern in Ontario. Earlier this year the Ontario government outlined a plan to add an additional 13 fish, plants and other species to the growing list of invasive species threatening our environment. They sought public input on the plan which included consideration of additional regulatory measures on the movement of watercraft between bodies of water. We will update you when the regulations are released.
- We encourage you to review the following Ontario guidelines before starting your boating and angling season this year. There are also guidelines for cottagers, gardeners and hikers.
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/invasive-species-action-plans>
- The CHA website is a great source of in-depth information on the subject of Invasive species in Haliburton -
<https://www.cohpoa.org/?s=invasive++species>

Septic Re-inspection Update



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In 2017 Dysart et al Council passed a bylaw requiring a level 4 septic inspection which included a pump-out to be done on every property in Dysart starting with the Kennisis Lakes. This program was deemed to be the most robust program capable of catching the most flaws and therefore doing the best job at protecting water quality. Over the two year program (2018/2019) almost 800 properties completed their inspections with a number of failures and remediations being reported and corrected. The KLCOA is confident that many serious concerns would not have been caught without this level 4 pump out. In fact two board members can verify that with personal cases. 112 Properties were not inspected.

The KLCOA is concerned that Dysart Council is now proposing to change the bylaw **without appropriate consultation with experts and stakeholders and without detailed review of the process and results**. The KLCOA has written a number of letters to Dysart over the past few months that can be [viewed on our website](#).

At the virtual Council Meeting on May 5, Dysart et al passed a resolution to move the continuation of the Septic Re-Inspection program to 2021.

This is great news in order to allow further discussion of the proposed bylaw changes starting in the Fall. The KLCOA recognizes that the Kennisis Lakes area was a test area and as a result it would only be prudent to assess and make adjustments to improve the program before moving forward with the next area and before changing the bylaw.

The resolution also committed to completing the remaining 112 properties in the Kennisis Lakes area in 2020 with fees assessed for non-compliance. A pump out by a septage hauler and a report on the condition of the tank will be required within 30 days following the inspection. Septage haulers are not required to be certified as inspectors. This is NOT a Type 4 inspection that requires a concurrent inspection and pump-out with the certified inspector looking at the empty tank. It does however give some comfort to know that the remainder of our Lake is being covered in the interest of protecting our water quality.

The KLCOA will be discussing what our next steps are for moving forward with discussions in the Fall.



Haliburton Country Draft Proposed Shoreline Preservation Bylaw

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Due to COVID-19, the County of Haliburton review of the shoreline preservation by-law will be postponed indefinitely.

There is significant interest in the community about the draft by-law and the County has provided assurances that there will be extensive notice provided when they are once again able to conduct business as usual.

For more information on the PROPOSED DRAFT of the Shoreline Preservation By-law please [check our website.](#)



RESPONSIBLE COTTAGE RENTING IN OUR COMMUNITY –Update and Survey Results

2020 Spring Meeting

Over the past few years, many of our KLCOA members have raised concerns about the increase in short term rentals (STR) on the Kennisis Lakes and the potential impact of STRs on our community. STR concerns have also recently been raised in many urban and rural municipalities across Ontario and reported frequently in the media. The recent popularity of online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO and other rental accommodation websites has led to an evolution in the way in which many properties are being used within our Haliburton community, including within the Kennisis Lakes waterfront areas.

Highlands East and Minden Hills two of our neighbouring Haliburton County municipalities, have made significant progress on the issue of responsible cottage renting and STRs. We are monitoring these developments to help to shape our KLCOA position on STRs. Additional information regarding Highlands East and Minden Hills STR initiatives, including the results of very thorough community surveys can be found here:

- [Highland East](#) - [Minden Hills](#)

For our discussions, the term “Short Term Rental” has been described as residential dwellings which are rented over a short period of time. In cottage country, that generally means renting out 1-2 weeks per renter for some or all of the summer, and on weekends during the spring and fall. Cottage rentals may take many forms on our lakes. There are those that rent to family and friends, while the owners are on vacation elsewhere, those that use local cottage rental agencies to rent out the cottage when the owners are not using their property during prime season, and those who continually rent the property to generate income or rent their property on a commercial basis.

Responsible Renting (Con't)

It is recognized that rental accommodation is an important component of the economic well being of the Haliburton community, however some consideration needs to be made to address potential issues including but not limited to zoning infractions, noise, parking, building deficiencies, health and safety and environmental impacts. Further, recognizing the focus on maintaining our excellent water quality, many in the community would want to ensure that septic systems are being used in accordance with their designed capacity.

In an effort to minimize land use conflicts and ensure responsible environmental stewardship, while recognizing the rights of private land owners, and acknowledging the valuable contribution of rental accommodation to the local economy and property values, the KLCOA is considering developing a position on Short Term Rentals in order to initiate a conversation on the need for both a public education program and possibly some form of STR regulation.

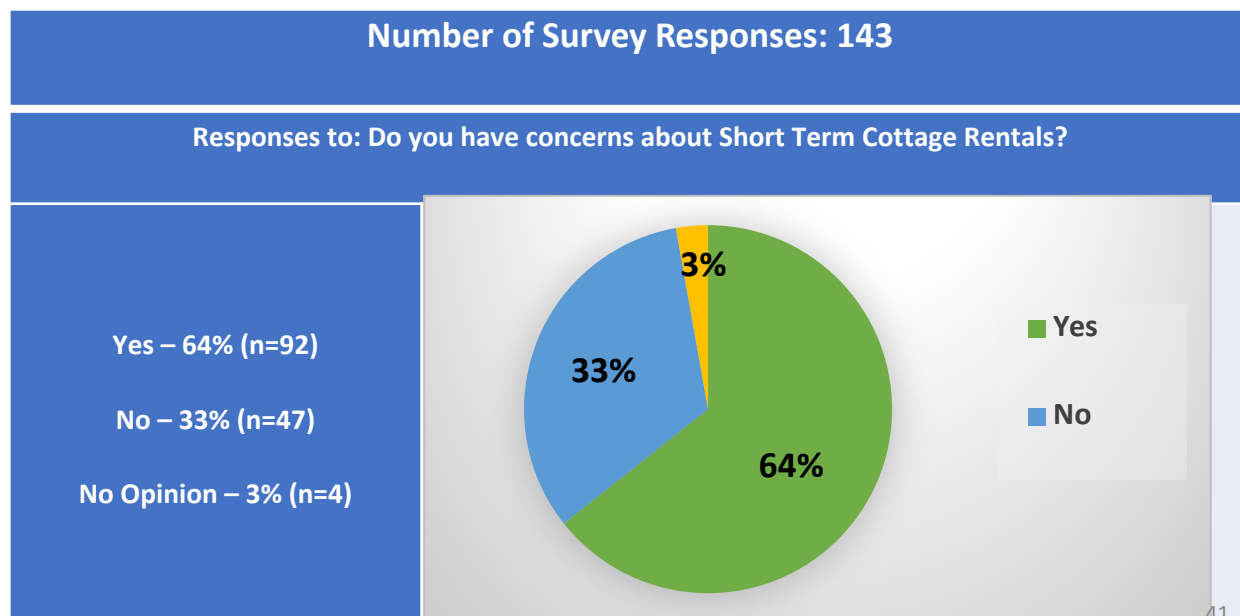
As a first step in the process, the KLCOA conducted an online survey in August 2019 in order to solicit input from the community.

The survey asked the following question and solicited comments to support the responses:

Question: Do you have concerns regarding Short Term Cottage Rentals?

Response Options: Yes, No or No Opinion

Survey Response by the Numbers:



Responsible Renting (Con't)

Comments were received from all “Yes” respondents and from 53% of “No” respondents. The largest number of concerns (160 comments) about STRs were related to:

- Noise
- Septic System Overuse
- Boating Safety
- Property Overloading
- Lake Health
- There were also a small number of comments (10 comments) related to the KLCOA’s role in the STR issue
- Not a KLCOA Mandate
- Already Too Much regulation

It should be noted that the majority of comments in this group were provided by respondents that also indicated that they do (“Yes”) have concerns with STRs. Details of the Survey results can be [found here](#)

Next Steps

The results of the STR survey have been reviewed by a KLCOA Board sub-committee on STRs and discussed at KLCOA Board meetings. As a result of these discussions the KLCOA Board has passed a motion recommending the following:

- Monitor the positions on STRs that the multi-stakeholder organizations are developing (FOCA, CHA etc.) and further develop the KLCOA position on STRs based on their work.
- Monitor the STR discussions and bylaw proposals for Highlands East and Minden Hills and communicate the progress to the KLCOA members.
- The KLCOA continue to develop a position on STRs and communicate the details to the membership.
- Continue to provide the KLCOA membership and the community with resources promoting **responsible cottage rental**.

Responsible Renting (Con't)

- The KLCOA Board recognizes that the discussion on Short Term Rentals has just begun in the Kennisis community and that further work is needed to understand the potential impacts on our lakes. Please continue to have conversations with your friends and neighbours about responsible cottage rentals.

Current information as of May 14th:

Under Ontario's current COVID-19 emergency orders, short-term rentals are considered a non-essential service for bookings after April 4th (except only to individuals who are in need of housing during the emergency period.) If you rent out your cottage personally, through local rental agencies, or through on-line platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO etc, please check [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) for the latest updates.

Report from Mayor Andrea Roberts



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I would have rather seen you all in person at your annual spring meeting, but we are adapting to this new and distant way of living. Covid-19 has affected us all in one way or another. It looks like 2020 will be a very different year and there are still so many unknowns. There has been confusion over whether you were allowed to come to the cottage or not and I encourage you to read a message I wrote and was posted on the lake association website May 7th. Certainly, this summer will be much quieter as every event in the County seems to have cancelled. There will be no festivals in the park, no theatre at the Northern Lights Pavilion, no summer courses at the Haliburton School of Art and design, and these will affect our economy deeply. This reminds me of the Grinch Who Stole Christmas. Even though the Grinch took every bobble and trinket, package and ribbon, Christmas still came. Summer in Dysart will still arrive, albeit quite differently.

Dysart did declare a state of emergency on March 20th. Our control Group now meets twice weekly to deal with all operations and issues that are affected by Provincial and other regulations. While we have a control group to sort through all of this, we still have a fully functioning Council and it deals with all regular operations. We held our first live streamed meeting via Zoom on May 5th. We had one or two minor technical glitches, but other than that the meeting went very well. We have decided to archive the video on our website and will continue to do so as long as we are meeting virtually. We will also investigate options to continue this even after we are able to meet in person again.

One decision we made on May 5th was to follow up with septic inspections in Area 1, as Covid-19 restrictions allow. For instance, we still need to enter a property to inspect bedrooms. The remaining 112 properties will receive an order from Dysart. They will still be required to have a pump out but it can be done up to one month after the inspection. The revised by-law will come back to council in the fall for Area 2 and beyond. If you require further information on this please check the May 5th agenda on the Dysart website.

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Speaking of websites, the one we use now was done many years ago by our own staff and it has served us well but it is time to refresh. A staff report will be coming to Council on the May 26th meeting. One feature we are wanting to include is an e-commerce function. An example of how this could make things more efficient is a building permit could be completely submitted and paid for on-line without ever entering the office. In times like these this makes more and more sense. There are several other things we are looking to do with the site. Hopefully if we move forward with this, we would have something in place by the end of the year.

I know the roads in your area are always a priority and they are to Council as well. Our roads crew work hard, especially during the snowy, icy, winter months to keep the roads safe for all. We had been following a previous roads study and this year we have implemented a software system that will help determine the condition of the road and determine when construction should take place. To use the system to its fullest we had hired a traffic count and speed study for all roads in Dysart. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 this has been postponed and will likely not occur until this fall. That said we did put a sufficient amount of money in the 2020 budget, equal to the year before. The full amount will not be spent this year so that will sit in a reserve for 2021. My priority in all services and departments of Dysart was to establish a level of funding that maintains all our assets. Having an asset management plan is now mandated by the Province. One year the capital costs of road construction may be \$1.2million and the next year \$800K so looking 5 years out you need to set aside \$1.M each year to maintain that. That is something we had not been doing.

The next few years will be a challenge for businesses, individuals, and the Municipality. The economic fallout of Covid-19 could be bigger and worse than we can imagine. We will be doing a budget review in the next couple of months to project revenue and expense impact and see if we can defer some projects. We have a very competent Treasurer and I'm sure she will give us a realistic report. Council will likely have to make some tough choices. We are in the

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process of establishing a Recovery Committee and plan to work with businesses and organizations in our community to get people back on their feet.

So, come and enjoy your beautiful lake this summer, there couldn't be a more peaceful place to be. Stay informed and stay in touch. I encourage you to watch our Council meetings, the link is on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Sincerely,

Andrea Roberts

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Report from Councillor John Smith



2020 Spring Meeting

Although I will miss the opportunity to speak with everyone at the Spring Meeting, I do appreciate the opportunity the KLCOA is providing to share some updates through a written report. Clearly, we are experiencing an unprecedented time with so many of the traditional Highlands spring and summer events having to be cancelled. Hopefully each of you remain healthy and safe.

Roads

- I believe Dysart must allocate a larger portion of its spending to roads. The portion allocated to roads in the 2020 budget actually declined compared to 2019. We need to do better.
- Staff have told me that during the summer of 2020 they do expect to complete the ditching along both sides of Kennisis Lake Road from Paddy's Bay down to the dam. This work is a prerequisite to putting a very much overdue new hardtop surface in place for this stretch of road. Hopefully Council will allocate funding to that new hardtop in 2021.

Dysart's Landfills

- In mid March the Emergency Control Group, which is managing the COVID emergency for Dysart made the decision to temporarily close two local landfills including the one at Kennisis in order to minimize and control public contact points and to deal with potential staff shortages. The decision was also based on proximity to another landfill site. I have asked that this decision be revisited and have been told the matter will be re-evaluated in the next couple of weeks.
- The net operating costs for Dysart's five landfill sites is about \$3 million per year. Hauling away garbage and recycling containers is a huge portion of this cost. Private contractors now haul our garbage to locations in southwestern Ontario – a round trip of over 1,000 kilometers. Recycling materials get

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- trucked to a processing centre near Bracebridge. Each of us can contribute to lowering these costs by minimizing the amount of material we drop off at the landfill site. Think about that when you buy something. Also flatten your metal cans and squish your plastic containers before placing them in the recycling container. Today we pay a lot to truck the air inside empty containers.

Composting

- Composting can help reduce your volume of waste and at the same time produce content that can naturally improve the health of vegetation on your property
- Dysart is making both composters and digesters available at cost. All of the details are available at <http://www.dysart.ca/portfolio-view/landfill-recycling-diversion/#organics>
- I have personally composted waste for years here at Kennisis and had no issues with bears or other wildlife

Water Refill Stations

- In 2019 Dysart installed a water refill station in Head Lake park with an objective of providing a source of safe drinking water and thereby hopefully reduce the need for single use plastic water bottles.
- Later in 2019 we received a grant from the federal government to install more such stations. Within weeks there will be a refill station at the West Guilford Recreation Centre along with multiple locations in Haliburton village including the arena and library. At some locations you can easily fill your own large containers if you need safe drinking water. You may find that a better choice than buying cases of plastic bottled drinking water.

Internet Coverage

- EORN has issued an RFP (Request for Proposals) seeking competitive bids to expand high speed internet coverage and cell service. In the coming months we expect bids from various telecommunications companies that will leverage grants received from the federal, provincial, and local governments combined with business investment to improve service throughout eastern Ontario, including all of Haliburton County. Service improvements are expected to begin in 2021.

Report from Councillor John Smith (con't)

Septic Inspection Status

- Dysart Council will be evaluating possible changes to the Septic Re-inspection Bylaw in the Fall of 2020 to take effect beginning in 2021. I personally oppose the proposed downgrading of the inspection process. It sends the wrong message regarding the importance of acting to protect the quality of water in our lakes.
- In the mean time the existing bylaw remains in place and the delinquent property owners on the Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) will soon receive orders to comply. Septic pump outs have been deemed an essential service by the provincial government and certified inspectors are available to safely complete this work.
- If you are one of the delinquent property owners please get the required inspection completed as soon as possible. Your costs will only rise as further enforcement is required.

Service Delivery Review (effectively an efficiency study)

- both Haliburton County and our own Municipality of Dysart recently engaged a consulting firm to complete a "service delivery review". The Government of Ontario offered grants to communities interested in securing professional help to identify opportunities for cost savings or service level improvements. The grants we received will cover the full cost of these reviews. Personally, I think this is a terrific opportunity to identify approaches that could help improve our efficiency.
- I have already submitted a number of suggestions and this third-party review should ensure every idea gets consideration. At a minimum this work will give us a comparison of how we compare to other similar municipalities. This report will come back to Council later in 2020 and I will share all recommendations and plans at that time.

The Impact of Covid-19

- Beyond the personal health challenges the pandemic will create huge economic challenges for our community
- At our May 5th meeting, Council supported my request to have staff bring forward a report in June on possible cuts to discretionary spending beginning in the second half of 2020. It seems clear we need to find ways to cut back because tax increases exceeding the rate of inflation are simply not affordable to many residents and local businesses.

Thank you!!!

Not only did the KLOCA step up with donations to local charities in the early days of the COVID crisis but many members also made personal contributions to our local food banks, SIRCH and others. Your thoughtfulness in response to the needs of others was overwhelming. On behalf of everyone in our community, warmest thanks for your generosity.

Please feel free to reach out to me at 705-754-9844 or 647-393-5528 or by email at jsmith@dysartetal.ca should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Be well and safe whatever your plans for the summer of 2020 may be.

Kennisis Marina Update



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Kennisis Lake Marina is OPEN starting this weekend!

They will only be offering the basic essentials plus gas and ice cream probably only allowing 5 or 6 people in at a time.

The launch will be open and while people are waiting to use it they will have to wait in their cars if the launch is occupied.

The objective is to minimize the number of individuals into the building.

Membership Stickers will **NOT be available at the Marina yet.**

Long Weekend Hours:

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-5

Monday 9-5

Chad Burden – Marina Phone – 705-754-2352 or email kennisismarinaltd@gmail.com

Haliburton Forest Update

Malcolm Cockwell & Tegan Legge



2020 Spring Meeting

- **Introduction**

- On behalf of Haliburton Forest, we hope that all of you are keeping healthy and well during these challenging times! We appreciate this opportunity to provide an update about our operations to you, our friends and neighbours on Kennisis Lake.

- **Tourism & Recreation**

- Most of the operations within our Tourism & Recreation division have been shut down since late-March, but we remain hopeful that we will be able to re-open soon.
- Here are a few updates on where things will stand starting Friday 15 May 2020 for each of our operations:
- Gas and Propane Services – Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Wolf Centre – Closed until further notice.
- Accommodations – Open for essential travellers: contractors, front line workers, etc. Please remember we offer a 10% contractor discount. If you have any work being done at your house or cottage, please consider putting your contractors up at Haliburton Forest. For more information about accommodations and to make a booking please visit <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/book-online/book-accommodation/>
- Transient Camping – Closed until further notice, however we anticipate being able to open very soon.
- Trails – Open for hiking, biking, and running. Day passes and season's passes can be purchased online at <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/book-online/book-property-day-pass/>. No need to come in the office, as long as you have proof via receipt on your phone or a printed copy on hand. You must also fill out the appropriate waivers online before accessing the trail network.
- Road Access – Not open to the public until further notice.
- Wolf Howls and Other Events – Right now we anticipate having to cancel all programs such as Wolf Howls, Natural History Presentations, youth camps, and so on, but with each we are diligently thinking of ways to re-format them to make them safer.
 - For example, if gatherings of fifty or less are allowed than the Wolf Howls may become a registered event and the first fifty people who register may attend. The presentation would most likely happen outdoors instead of in the Seminar Building to allow for the appropriate 6' social distancing guidelines.

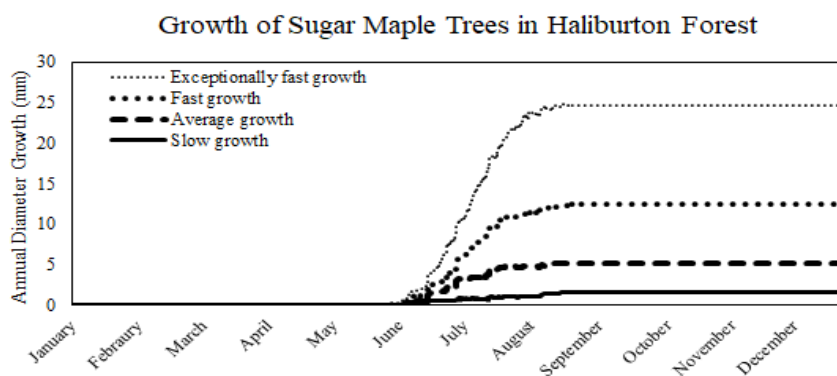
Haliburton Forest Update – (con't)

- We hope that you understand the situation continues to evolve rapidly, and our plans are changing on a regular basis. We will post updates to our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as on the doors of the Main Office if or when these plans change.
- **The Cookhouse Restaurant**
- Gillian and Chef Stefan have been working hard on revamping the Cookhouse to offer an incredible curbside take-out service. They have remained open since March when this all started and continue to provide the incredible food you have all grown to love, while completing renovations and giving the Cookhouse an overall facelift.
- They are serving their regular take out menu, as well as daily specials at \$12.00 per person, plus HST along with incredible deserts! They offer take away beer, wine and build your own cocktail kits! They also offer some groceries and our very own, made onsite, Maple Syrup.
- Hours of Operation
- Monday and Tuesday closed
- Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sundays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- The take away menu can be found at <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/amenities/the-cookhouse-restaurant/>
- For Daily Specials be sure to follow The Cookhouse on Instagram @haliburton_cookhouse or the Kennisis Lake is Better Than Your Lake Facebook Group.
- To order call 705-754-1729 or email gtaylor@haliburtonforest.com.
- **Forest Products**
- The operations of the Forest Products division have been declared an “essential service” by the provincial government for several reasons. Some of our lumber products are used for critical infrastructure such as maintaining railways or manufacturing supply chain items like shipping pallets, while co-products like chips are used to produce surgical masks as well as food products.
- For this reason, the Sawmill as well as our Forest Management operations have continued working throughout the lockdown. We plan to continue operating but we are keeping our plans very flexible as the situation (and the markets for our products) continue to change. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our Forest Products division and its operations.

Haliburton Forest Update – (con't)

• Forest Health

- Even though all of us have been (appropriately) focused on the health of our people and each other, we do want to share a few comments on the health and well-being of our trees.
- In terms of good news, we have re-installed the dendrometers within Haliburton Forest, which allows us to measure the growth of trees in 15-minute intervals during the spring/summer/fall. The results showed that last summer was a good growing season, with the average Sugar maple tree growing approximately 5 mm in diameter between early-June and mid-August.
- Even though the health of humanity may be challenged this summer, we're hoping for another good summer of growth for our trees! The figure below is a "teaser" of some the analysis that we have done with the data from our dendrometers:



In terms of bad news, invasive species continue to be of great concern. We are now well into the “Killing Front” of Beech Bark Disease and there are dead or dying trees of this species in most areas. In many areas, we are past the point of salvage and are simply bypassing the dead trees out of concern for the safety of our contractors and employees. However, initial results from some of our Beech Bark Disease mitigation trials have been favourable and we are becoming more aggressive in our fight against this invasive pest and the negative forest conditions it creates.

We are increasingly concerned about other tree diseases like Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, as well as plants like Giant Hogweed. Please do your best to educate yourself about various invasive pests that may afflict our natural environment, so that you can identify (and report) any occurrences on our property or in our community.

Haliburton Forest Update – (con't)

- As always, we have a request and an offer for each of you. The request is that you do your part to protect the health of forest by **never moving firewood from outside of Haliburton County!** The offer is that we are happy to provide our advice on tree or forest related issues on your property – just send us an email to info@haliburtonforest.com with your question (and some photos) of the issue that you have encountered, and we'll do our best to provide some advice.
- **Conclusion**
- We look forward to welcoming all of you back to Haliburton Forest in the near future and until then, we wish you all the best in terms of health and wellness during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email if we can be of assistance in any way.

Liasions and Affiliations



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The KLCOA has a number of Liasions and Affiliations with organizations that support our Lake Community. All of these organizations have great websites filled with a wealth of information. Links included below.

FOCA – Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Association. www.foca.on.ca

As the pre-eminent Ontario organization, FOCA serves and represents lake associations, waterfront property owners (WPO) and waterfront communities through education, communication and government advocacy.

CHA – Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations www.cohpoa.org

A member-driven group of approximately 50 property owners’ associations, representing more than 120 waterbodies and 15,000 shoreline properties from across the geographical limits of Haliburton County, I in Ontario Canada.

CEWF – Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. www.cewf.typepad.com

A volunteer organization that represents the interests of the more than 30,000 Ontario taxpayers who own residential shoreline property on the 35 reservoir and 20 flow-through lakes within the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed.

Government Connections

The Kennisis Lakes fall under the municipal authority of Dysart et Al.

www.dysartetat.ca

Dysart et Al is part of the County of Haliburton

www.haliburtoncounty.ca

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry>

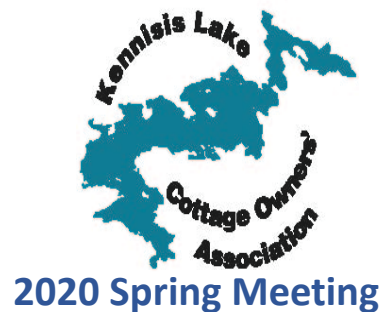
Volunteering



2020 Spring Meeting

- Thank you to all of the volunteers that have given their time and energy to the KLCOA.
- Everyone from the Board of Directors to committee members to activity and event volunteers have helped to make our Lake Community the special place that it is.
- We are always looking more volunteers.
- If you have a few hours or more to give then there is something for you to do.
- Volunteer for an event or a committee
 - Ladies of the Lake, EyesOnTheIsland, NIMC, Regatta and more
- Talk to any Board member to express your interest. Our contact information is on the contact page of the website klcoa.org

Questions, suggestions and comments



Due to the unusual circumstances that we find ourselves in, unable to have our usual face-to-face meeting with a question period at the end, we have decided to offer the membership a different opportunity.

For the next week paid members may submit their questions, suggestions and comments to the board via email. The board will take up to one week to prepare responses and publish them as a set back to the membership. We respectfully ask that all submissions include a name and cottage address so that we can verify membership. All submissions and corresponding replies will be published with the persons name only.

Email: klcoa.president.2017@gmail.com

Dates for submission of questions, suggestions and comments:

Saturday May 16 to Friday May 22, 2020 at 12:00 noon

Latest date to expect published response from board:
Friday May 29, 2020

Have a great summer!