



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

**2020**

**Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners'  
Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday, Sept 16, 2020  
(Virtual Meeting)**

# AGENDA



- 7:30 pm     Call to Order, Determination of Quorum  
                 Introduction of Board of Directors  
                 Motion to Approve the Agenda
- 7:40 pm     Review & Acceptance of [Spring Report](#)  
                 Motion to Approve [Minutes from 2019 Fall AGM](#)
- 7:50 pm     Treasurer's Report
- 7:55 pm     President's Remarks: Review of Key Activities for the  
                 Year & Planned Initiatives for the upcoming year
- 8:05 pm     Q & A from the Floor and as submitted
- 8:30 pm     Adjourn

# KLCOA Board of Directors



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

**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

**Jacque 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**

# Spring Meeting Report

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Spring Meeting was done in report format with an opportunity for members to submit questions
- Motion for acceptance of this report and subsequent questions/answers in lieu of minutes for Spring 2020 at the 2020 AGM



# Treasurer's Report



- The 2020/21 budget was presented in the Spring Meeting Report and approved by the Board.

[2020/21 budget available on our website](#)

- **REVENUE**

- Membership revenue is currently \$1,400 behind budget
  - Advertising revenue came in \$775 ahead of budget

- **EXPENSES**

- In addition to the approved budget the following expenses were approved by the board:
  - Community support - \$2,000 over budget due to one-off donations to SIRCH and the Haliburton food bank

- **OVERALL OPERATIONS**

- Due to various events not occurring in 2020, we expect to finish the year with a significant surplus. The Board will review this at year-end.
- Treasurer: Grant DeMarsh



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# **Review of KLCOA Initiatives**

## **Deb Wratschko**

### **President**

# 2020 RESULTS

 *6<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**ART ON THE DOCK**

*2020* Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> • 10am – 4pm  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> • 10am – 3pm

We are so proud to announce that due to our sponsors, visitors and especially our artists, whose voluntary donations of a portion of their sales, we are able to donate **\$5,275.55** to the Haliburton Arts Council, for their Artists in the Schools & Community program.

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Huw Morgan

 PHOTO CREDIT: Janis Parker



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

Thank you to all of the artists, volunteers and visitors who made the 2020 AOTD event a success.

Thank you to the sponsors:  
Viper Marketing and Parker Pad Printing.

# Membership



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

- Thank you to all KLCOA members for their support during the unprecedented 2020 year.
- We have 600 paid members (down only 20 from 2019).
- A reminder that stickers can be picked up at the marina store on weekends for the next few weeks.
- If you do not pick up your stickers this year they will be held until next year.



# Sunday Sailing Series

- A strange sailing season, like all of 2020!
- There were many good windy days, just not Sunday afternoons.
- We'll be back at it again next year!



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020



# Abandoned Dock Program



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



Due to COVID-19 in 2020....

- We started with some general communications in e-Blasts
- There were several inquiries on social media about abandoned docks
- Thru Facebook several owners of missing docks were reunited

In 2021...

- We will tag docks that appear abandoned, create a pictorial inventory and reach out broadly to clarify status
- We will leverage our website, e-blasts, newsletters and social media to share more information
- When it is clear that a dock is truly abandoned, volunteers will dismantle and dispose of it from our lakes

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

# Roads Report



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

- The condition of roads is an important ongoing focus for KLCOA
- KLCOA does an autumn review of all municipal roads around the 2 lakes to provide prioritized recommendations for Dysart to consider for following year planning.
- Committee Westshore (Peter Hewitt), Wilkinson (Edwin Kling), Kennisis Lake Rd (Doug Atkinson), Watts (John Middleton)
- Dysart focused broadly on entire 300+ km of roads (30 km around our 2 lakes). Regular reviews of what has been/needs to be done. Weather a constant challenge. Our project needs are prioritized with projects across all of Dysart and approved annually by Council
- Covid-19 played a major delay in Spring projects
- 2019/2020 Dysart Work:
  - Kennisis Lake Rd – past Paddy's Bay to the dam ditching & culverts replacement – potential Fall project
  - Ongoing maintenance & repairs - weather cause – e.g. ice/rain/pot holes
  - Watts Road – brush clearance side of road – improved visibility
  - 2020 Traffic study conducted this summer will be used by Dysart as an input to quantify and prioritizes future road projects
- 2019/2020 Winter Maintenance - all by Dysart - improved consistent performance
- Updates to members via Eblast and on KLCOA website . Roads committee to submit to Dysart recommendations/requests for 2021 in November

For immediate problems or repairs, contact Dysart Roads Dept 705-457-1830 After Hours/weekends 1-855-574-5264

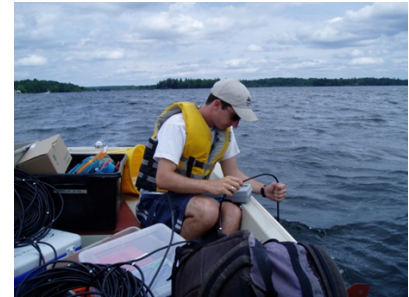
# Kennisis Lakes Water Quality Update



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

The KLCOA has three Water Quality testing programs:

1. Ontario MOECP – every 5-8 years, a comprehensive series of lake water quality testing – Because we are a Lake Trout lake!
2. Lake Partners Program (FOCA, Ontario Gov't funding) – Kennisis Volunteers – Test for Total Phosphorus, Calcium and Water Clarity (cancelled in 2020 due to COVID 19)
3. KLCOA WQ Testing – mirrors the Ontario MOECP program, two tests per year in 5 location on our lakes (cancelled in 2020 due to COVID 19)



The Kennisis 2019 WQ test results are published on the [KLCOA website](#).



# Kennisis Lakes Water Quality Update (cont.)



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

During the summer of 2020 there were community reports of possible septage spills into our lakes. The KLCOA ensured that the spills were reported to the Ontario Spills Hotline and the Dysart et al By-law enforcement officials.

The KLCOA also collected water quality samples in a number of areas of the lake to determine if there is evidence of septage spill or leakage. These results are currently being analyzed and the results will be included in a future e-blast and published on the website.

There have been several concerns reported to us this summer around water quality. We recommend the following:

- If you drink well water or filter drinking water from the lake you should be having your drinking water tested regularly through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Test kits can be picked up and dropped off free of charge in Haliburton. You should also make sure that you understand how your filtration system works and maintain it accordingly, with filter changes, UV light refreshes and any other maintenance it may require.
- If you believe you have spotted a spill on the Lake, please report it to the Ontario Spills Hotline:

PUBLIC POLLUTION REPORTING HOTLINE

Toll-free: 1-866-MOETIPS (6638477) – Available 24/7



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# KLOCA Septic Inspection Update

- In 2017, Dysart et al Council passed a bylaw requiring mandatory septic system inspections in our municipality – 5 year program.
- Pilot program for Area 2, included the Kennisis Lakes
- This is the first time septic systems have been formally inspected on our lakes.
- a Level 4 septic inspection was implemented, which included a pump-out plus septic system inspection conducted by a certified inspector
- This program was deemed to be the most robust approach, capable of catching the majority of damaged or malfunctioning septic systems and therefore doing the best job at protecting our water quality.
- Pilot- Two year program (2018/2019) ~ 800 properties completed inspections with a significant number of failures and remediations being reported and corrected. Many of these systems were potentially polluting our lakes.
- In the spring of 2020, Dysart reported that 112 properties did not complete their mandatory inspection.



# KLOCA Septic Inspection Update (cont.)



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

The KLCOA is concerned that Dysart Council is now proposing to change the bylaw to reduce the effectiveness of the inspection without appropriate consultation with experts and stakeholders and without detailed review of the process and results.

The KLCOA has written several letters to Dysart over the past year that can be viewed on our website.

The Kennis Lakes (Area 2) inspection program has recently been restarted. Although this is good news, the mandatory pump-out is not required during the inspection. We have clear evidence that this approach will result in the passing of septic systems that could be damaged or malfunctioning.

**If you still need to complete your septic inspection, for the sake of our lakes, PLEASE arrange to have your system pumped-out when the inspection is performed.**

**More information can be found on the KLCOA and Dysart websites.**

# Shoreline Preservation Draft Bylaw Update



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

**Haliburton County** has prepared a draft Shoreline Preservation Draft Bylaw, building on the current Shoreline Tree Preservation By-Law (By-Law 3505)

The draft by-law includes:

- additional protections for shoreline vegetation
- A permitting approach for significant shoreline modifications and construction

The objective is to protect the water quality in our lakes and watersheds.

The KLCOA has been supportive of the Haliburton County approach in terms of strengthening the By-Law to protect our lakes and for the robust consultation that the County has and continues to conduct as the By-Law is developed.

For more information on the PROPOSED DRAFT of the Shoreline Preservation By-Law please check the KLCOA and Haliburton County websites.

## **BREAKING NEWS**

On Wednesday September 9, 2020 the County of Haliburton Committee of the Whole will receive, review and provide direction to staff regarding the proposed Shoreline Preservation By-law, Public Consultation and Communication.

# Dysart - Zoning By-law (2005-120) Review



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

Dysart has published a draft version of the Zoning By-Law (2005-120) for review and public consultation.

Of note for Lake Communities:

- Definition of Sleeping Cabin clarified – A Yurt is a sleeping cabin, a tent is not
- Floating Rafts: A new definition and provisions have been proposed for Rafts to clarify the use and locations of Rafts as a permitted use.
- Non-Complying Structures: an amendment has been added to clarify the existing provisions that restrict the size increase of legal non-complying dwellings located within 10 metres of the high water mark

Schedule of Review:

- Statutory Public Meeting – September 22nd, 2020. (Due to COVID-19 this meeting may be held electronically)
- Council reviews and considers final Zoning By-law amendment – October 27th, 2020.

Additional information and a summary of the changes can be found on the Dysart et al website.

# Safe Boating – Hazard and NO WAKE Markers

KLCOA Hazard Marking Program - Pat O'Keeffe

- 26 Hazard Markers deployed on the most dangerous hazards
- All tended by KLCOA Volunteers - Largest Program in Ontario
- Liability Information Distributed – Posters, E-Blast, Newsletter, Website
- NO WAKE marker program for swimmer safety as well as shoreline and property protection:
- Deployed in two channels:
  - Blueberry Islands
  - Cabin Island



**NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!  
INDIVIDUAL BOATERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO AVOID  
NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**

**PLEASE OBSERVE OUR KLCOA SAFE BOATING GUIDELINES**

# Connectivity Committee



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

- The KLCOA Connectivity Committee has reformed to continue advocacy work for improved wireline & cellular connectivity around the lakes
- Board members Arlene Burch & Joan Middleton and Past Presidents Tony Lepine & Tayce Wakefield have connected with local gov't officials & the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), prepared advocacy materials and updates, and liaised with other Haliburton lake associations to move our interests forward
- The KLCOA has written to federal & provincial Ministers to encourage them to support EORN's GIG project (to provide funding to bring 1 Gig of connectivity to Eastern & encourage members to also do so
- Haliburton County accepted several proposals from Bell, Xplornet and others for Intake 1 of provincial "Improving Connectivity for Ontario" (ICON) funding in late August. While details are confidential, we are optimistic that at least one of these proposals will contain enhancements in connectivity for the Kennisis area. We are writing to provincial Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott to urge her to support any proposals that would help the Kennisis area.
- EORN is in evaluation stage of responses to its RFP to enhance cellular coverage to achieve 99% voice call coverage where people live, work or travel in the region.
- Communicating with Bell to enhance services to Kennisis area

For information/feedback, email to [KennisisConnectivity@yahoo.com](mailto:KennisisConnectivity@yahoo.com)



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# Traditional Rights of Way Project

## Extensive Process of Title Searches – Legal Due Diligence Completed

- Lipsy Lake to Soap Pond on Kennisis Lake – portage crosses 5 parcels of land; 4 parcels that are public (municipal land) and 1 private parcel. The deed to the private parcel includes the express right to portage over this land.
- Cat Lake to Cat Bay on Kennisis Lake portage crosses 7 parcels of land; 5 parcels that are public and 2 private parcels. The deeds to both private properties contain language that provides for the express right to portage over this land.
- Both of these portage routes cross lands expressly subject to the right of portage
- KLCOA Presented TROW Project to Dysart Council October 2019  
<http://www.haliburtonecho.ca/lake-association-working-to-protect-portage-routes>
- Dysart endorsed KLCOA's work on TROW and agreed to Co-Brand Portage signs with KLCOA





Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# Traditional Rights of Way Project

- Portage Signs erected for public land sections of the Kennisis Lake (Soap Pond) to Lipsy Lake portage and Kennisis Lake (Cat Bay) to Cat Lake portage – September 2020.
- KLCOA – TROW advocacy and media coverage has generated positive interest from others in Haliburton County. Growler Lake Property Owners Association has posted portage signs on Bat Lake to Claypack Lake Route helping to complete part of a portage route from Kennisis Lake to Gull River via Lipsy-Klaxton-Bat-Growler Lakes route.
- Next Steps: complete work to fully link Kennisis Lake to Gull River System via Lipsy-Klaxton-Bat-Growler portage route.
- TROW Committee believes KLCOA will add value by working to better understand the legal status of the portages over the Lipsy-Klaxton-Bat-Growler portage route.



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# Traditional Rights of Way Project

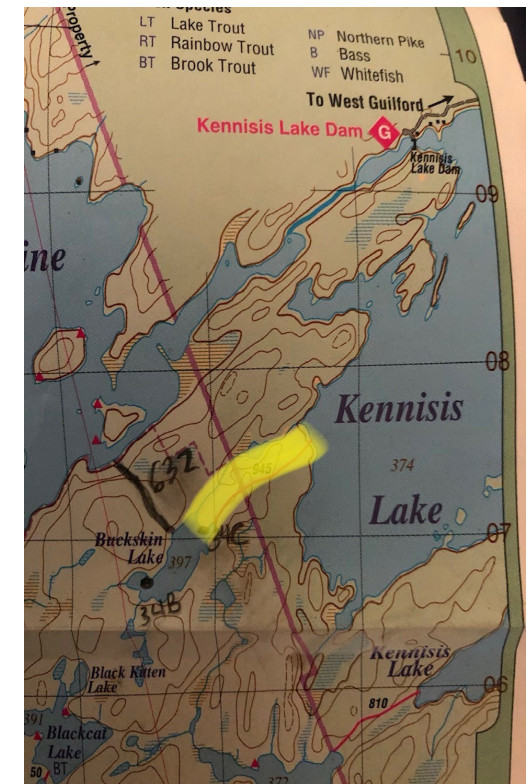
## Next Steps;

- Buckskin Lake is a beautiful small lake in Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Area (Frost Centre). Buckskin Lake to Kennisis Lake portage route provides direct access to the broader HHWT area (Frost Centre). Currently there is a property for sale in this area - The Buckskin Lake to Kennisis Lake portage route may traverse the property in question - Commence Legal Discovery
- Existing sled trail/portage in the NW corner of Kennisis Lake (North tip of Dead Horse Bay) provides access to Red Pine Lake via Kennisis River – Commence Legal Discovery
- Other Items: Minden Land Registry Office closing in October 2020. TROW Committee has communicated with Jeffrey Lim, Director of Titles on this as the closing of this office and subsequent migration to digital sourcing of legal documentation may slow down TROW Committee work.



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

Multiple portage routes allow access to  
Frost Centre., Haliburton Forest +  
Algonquin and more



Buckskin Lake Portage Route



# Traditional Rights of Way Project



These Portage Signs were installed September 2020

Newly Installed Cat Lake Portage Sign

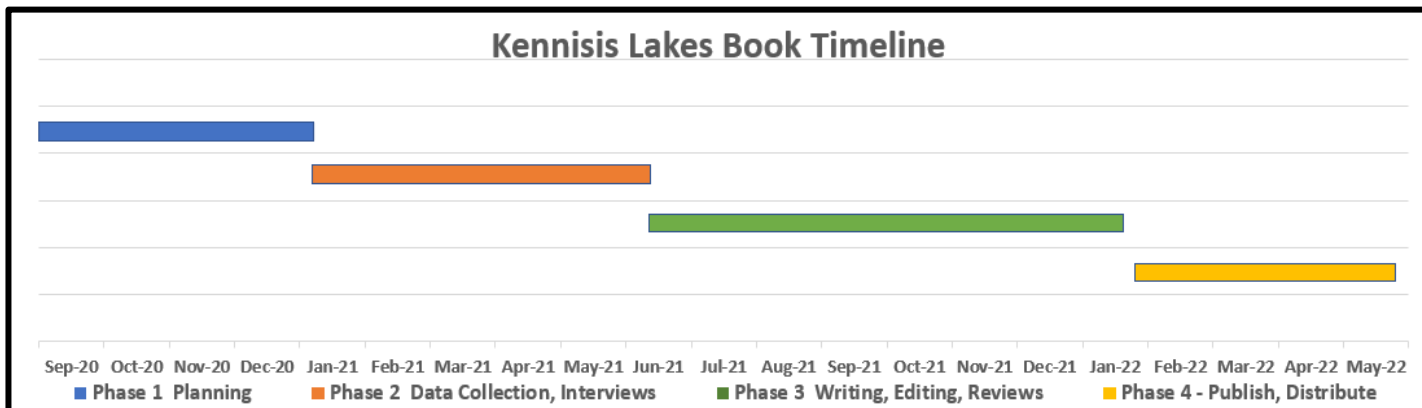
# Kennisis History Book – New Project



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

The KLCOA has initiated a project to develop a “Kennisis History Book”.

- Design and publish a “Coffee Table” book covering the development history, physical characteristics and community stories about our lakes.
- Partnering with U-LINKS Community Based Research Program and Trent University for the book project.
- We Need: Photos, Maps, Documents and Your Stories
- Project Lead- Natalie Wood





Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

**Q & A submitted in advance**



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# Q & A from the Floor



Annual General Meeting  
Fall 2020

# Adjourn KLCOA 2020 AGM