



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

November 11th



"There can be no dedication to Canada's future without a knowledge of its past"

John
Diefenbaker,
13th Prime
Minister of
Canada



David Kerr : A Local Artist on Kennisis Lake

David Kerr is a local artist who has painted and sketched the surrounding area for over **50 years**. An artist who is mostly self taught, David uses an impressionistic technique with oil and palette knives to create the thick texture and colorful scenes.

David has displayed his work in the local Facebook page and has been present at many of our Art on the Dock events. He was very enjoyable to speak to, ask questions and was very willing to share his experiences in Haliburton about his life as a painter. "The Radiance of Summer" is a newly completed painting.

Thank you David, for being part of our Art on The Dock events.

See more on his
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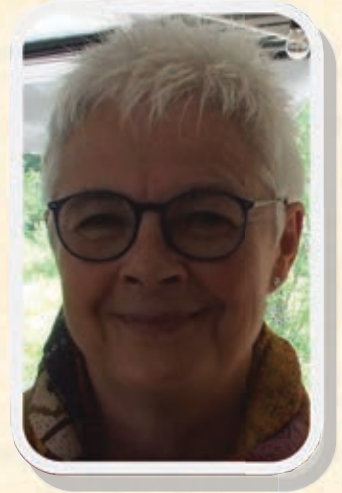
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Fall 2023 Message from Our Co- Presidents



2023 was an election year for the KLCOA. We thank Arlene Burch, Patrick Wenger and Natalie Wood for their time and dedication to the board and welcome Dean Anton, David Barrett, Larry Harris, Brenda Lobraico and Susan Marlow to the team. The Board has approved a co-chair role for president, shared by Scott Durie and Deb Wratschko.



The Ladies of the Lake Luncheon was another resounding success with a move to the marina tent. Art on the Dock brought some new artists to our shores and contributed almost \$7,000 to the Haliburton Highlands 'Artists in the Schools' program. The Rock Bass Fishing Derby removed 124 pounds of invasive rock bass from our depths and the 63rd annual Regatta was a highlight of the summer.

We added two new events this summer. Our Dark Sky Event where we asked everyone to turn out all unnecessary lights for the evening so we could get a better view of the night sky and our End of Summer Wrap Up Event - over 140 people attended with everyone enjoying scones and muffins from the Sirch bakery, having their family picture taken at the photo booth and putting their name in for a patio heater door prize donated by Superior Propane.

Several Stewardship programs took place this year. We held a septic system workshop, a webinar on Benthic Monitoring called 'Bugs in Our Muck', and a shoreline restoration workshop.

Our AED group buy program added 18 AEDs to the Lake. Based on previous group buy numbers we should now be at around 40 AEDs on the Lake. We hope to continue with this initiative next year.

We encourage you to find more details on all of our events, programs and initiatives by viewing the [Annual Meeting Slide Deck](#) or watching the full meeting on our [YouTube Channel](#).

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who help make our programs and events a success every year. As you can see from above, the KLCOA operates many programs and events throughout the year. These are all coordinated by the KLCOA Board of Directors and volunteers and funded by membership fees, advertising, program fees and donations. We are interested in any support or skills you may have to offer our Kennisis Lakes community, whether it is to help out at an event, join a committee or offer specialized skills or resources when we need them.

Have a great winter everyone!

Scott Durie

Deb Wratschko

KLCOA Co-Presidents



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Naomi Smith, HSAD faculty member
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ANNOUNCING.....Your KLCOA Board of Directors for the 2023 to 2024 term**Dean Anton**

My name is Dean Anton. Janet and I have been on Little Kennisis Lake for 25 years. I am retired after having a successful career as a senior executive in a technology company.

We love spending time at the lake enjoying the peace and quiet with friends and family. I look forward to serving the Kennisis Lake community as a member of the board.

Gino Ariano

I have been leading the TROW (traditional rights of way project) for the past six years. The goal of this initiative is to preserve and protect Portage routes that link Kennisis Lake to other lakes and rivers in the area. This is important because it allows travel from Kennisis to The Frost Area (Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Network) which is an extensive network of backcountry lakes and rivers as well as beautiful back country campsites. It's an amazing thing to be able to canoe, kayak or even paddleboard from your dock to some of these beautiful areas. We need to keep these routes open and there are more we need to protect. Over the past two years we

have clarified the legal status of both the Cat Lake Portage (Cat Bay on Kennisis to Cat Lake in the Frost Area) as well as the legal status of the Lipsy Lake Portage that links Soap Pond on Kennisis Lake to Lipsy Lake. Both of these routes are subject to the right of portage under the Public Lands Act of Ontario. I am also a member of the buoy team and manage one of the markers at the south end of the lake. My kids have grown up at the lake and my daughter Sarah who is a PhD Candidate in Hydrology is a volunteer on the water quality team. I love the lake and am committed to helping preserve water quality and the overall quality of the lake experience for everyone.

David Barrett

We are 'newbies', happily entering our eighth season on Big K. We actually joined the KLCOA prior to closing on the property and remain steadfast members. With the experience supporting the annual road clean-ups and attending other KLCOA events, I would like the opportunity to contribute, in some capacity, to this dedicated group and our lake community.

I have enough grey hair to have established and continue a Consulting practice in two very different industries. One of the industries provides a lot of experience working with Boards of Directors. As well, I sit on two committees with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Simcoe County.

Every cottager has a 'pet project' that may or may not ever be started or completed! I remember having lots of them at the cottage I grew up with on Lake Kashwakamak. Now, here, it's compiling our cottaging 'experiences' and will be titled "Who Puts Beige Carpet in a Cottage?"

Grant DeMarsh

My family and I have been active cottagers on Little Kennisis Lake for over 30 years. I have just completed my third term as a member of the Board and Executive Committee. I also sit on the Land Use Committee.

I am an Accountant by training (CPA) and have used these skills in the role of Treasurer of the KLCOA.

Frances Duiker



I am a third generation Kennisis cottager, looking to continue my role on the board. My goal is to contribute in sustaining our beautiful lake for my children as well as many generations to come. As a human resources professional, my experiences, leadership and communication skills, in addition to my passion and commitment to building relationships, will continue to be a significant asset to the committee. I am excited to continue with the survey committee and be part of the vision of 'Kennisis is All of Us' as well as my supporting role with communications.

Scott Durie



My family have been Kennisis Lake cottage owners for more than 65 years and my wife Mary Jane and I have been owners for 25 years. I am passionate about protecting and maintaining the beauty and quality of the natural environment – lands, water and wildlife – for future generations.

I am presently a member of the Lands Committee, co-Chair of the Norah's Island Management Committee and I deploy 4 of our Kennisis Lake marker buoys around Cabin Island. I'm asking for your support to continue in this important role as a Director of the KLCOA.

Brian Evans



I have been a Kennisis cottager for almost 20 years and have been a member of the KLCOA board for the last six. As an avid fisherman I am interested in protecting and enhancing fishing opportunities on Kennisis lake particularly with respect to our Lake Trout population. I have been a member of the CHA Fishery Committee providing Halibuton specific input to proposed amendments to the Zone 15 Fishing Regulations now scheduled for release in 2022/23. I am also focusing on the growing number of threats to our lake and surrounding area from invasive species. I look forward to continuing to serve the Kennisis Lake community.

Valentina Fagg



I have been a seasonal cottager on Kennisis Lake since 1981. During that time, my family and I have enjoyed the relaxing aspect of cottage life in order to rejuvenate from the hectic world of work. I was aware of the KLCOA and their efforts to make our community a better place, but when I retired as a school principal in York Region in 2007, I wanted to learn more about this organization. Having learned about the numerous KLCOA initiatives, I offered to join KLCOA in 2010 and volunteered to publish 3 newsletters each year, which was named Kennisis Breeze. During this time, I implemented the opportunity for our local businesses to advertise in our newsletters. This component has resulted in a major fundraising aspect for KLCOA each year, averaging about \$8000 /year. Since 2012, advertising has generated \$69,869.00 and a potential new advertiser this year will take us over the \$70,000.00 mark.

I have enjoyed publishing Kennisis Breeze in terms of communicating, sharing information, educating, celebrating our successes and promoting our local businesses. In addition, as costs to operate the association have greatly increased, there is a need to continue this revenue generating initiative. I am happy to continue the initiatives to publish Kennisis Breeze and raise funds for KLCOA.

Jacquie Geall Seabrook

Hello everyone! I have served on the KLCOA board for the past 4 years and it has been a true pleasure. The lake community is vibrant and connected even during this whole COVID ride. I have been involved with the Fireworks and hope to continue to work on making that bigger and better. I also was part of the Survey committee and that was a really interesting project for me. The KLCOA is committed to making sure that the lake families have a say in what happens in and around the lakes, as well as keeping folks apprised of what is in the news and what is impacting our properties and our water. I look forward to serving this great community and to continue to make these lakes the best place to be.

Larry Harris

Hi, my name is Larry Harris. I have been on Kennisis Lake with my wife Carol for 20 years. We have been full time residents for the better part of 10 years. I have an interest in our Lake Community and look forward to contribute my time as a Board Director on the Kennisis Lake Cottage Association responsible for the Roads Committee. As a younger man I was employed by Durham Region as a Design Draftsman responsible for designing the re-construction of Urban and Rural roads as well as attending Ontario Provincial courses on Highway Design, so I do have a fairly substantial knowledge in this area. I am hopeful that my knowledge will be adequate to fulfill this position to the best of my abilities and contribute to our Lake Community. For the remainder of my working career I was self-employed as a business owner in Whitby owning a company as a distributor of Automotive and Industrial Lubricants. I have

spoken with John Middleton and requested to spend time with him in the interim to gain some of his knowledge in this area. I also have a very good working relationship with our Ward 4 Councillor, Carm Sawyer.

Lynn Larson

Hello fellow KLCOA Members and Neighbours – I have been a KLCOA Board member for two years now. My family and I have been cottaging on Kennisis Lake for close to 20 years, with my parents ultimately making Kennisis Lake their year-round home. I would love to do my part to give back to this wonderful community and stay engaged in keeping the community and waterways healthy, accessible and safe for all for generations to come. In my professional life, I am a lawyer practicing primarily in the areas of consumer protection, commercial

agreements, data governance and privacy, most recently as in-house counsel at one of Canada's largest telecommunications companies. I would be happy to lend some of what I have learned in my career over the years to the KLCOA Board, including government relations, contractual negotiations and privacy considerations. I look forward to helping serve the community in any way I can.

Brenda Lobraico

I am a retired Physiotherapist and live fulltime on Little Kennisis Lake. My husband and I have been members of the KLCOA since 2015, when we purchased the property on Little Kennisis Lake. I bring to the table years of chairing committees and have very strong organizational skills.

I have experience in chairing town committees for the Town of Stouffville including the Accessibility committee, the Environmental Committee on Pesticide Issues and fundraising for an indoor pool facility. I have also chaired various fundraising initiatives for Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion, Eastridge Evangelical Church, Terry Fox and Big Brothers of York. As well, I have some political experience on the municipal level. I ran for councillor in Stouffville in 2003 and placed 2nd against an incumbent.

I have several interests that I would like to assist with including sponsorship, water safety, road safety, environmental issues and resource directories.

Susan Marlow

I have been coming to Kennisis Lake for over 50 years, so like many of you this is my "happy place". Some of you may know me from the "early days" on the lake or through Pickleball which I started teaching over 4 years ago at the Forest. If you know me then you know I am passionate about anything I volunteer for and you can count on that with the KLCOA as well. I had an amazing career with over 20 years at the vice president level but am now happily retired and spending more time at the cottage. I have served on a number of volunteer boards and committees over the years but now I focus on the ones that matter to me the most. KLCOA matters to me, this beautiful lake matters to me and our treasured cottage life matters to me. I look forward to contributing to the current KLCOA Board and continuing to make a difference and protect what we all love.

Joan Middleton

Currently a full-time resident on Watts Road for 12+ years, 49 years on the Lake and have been on the KLCOA board for 4 terms. Presently the Director responsible for membership (800+ renewals yearly), Website Management and the Regatta. Employed by a large worldwide Consulting company I bring both a strong technology background along with a strong Senior Management business and organization skill set. I am seeking re-election to the Board as I have a strong compassion for our Lake Community. I will continue to dedicate my time to growing the membership base (as I have done over the years) with an additional focus on the social programs (growing our community 'spirit').

Jim Prince

KLCOA Members and Neighbours – Our family has been loving the Kennisis Lakes for over 20 years. I am honoured to serve another term on the KLCOA Board. We have a special place here on the Kennisis Lakes and I have been dedicated to keeping them special, by focusing on both stewardship and social programs for our community. I have been a Board member since 2007 and the KLCOA Stewardship Coordinator since 2011. Supported by countless Kennisis volunteers, we have been implementing programs for the lake community focusing on Water Quality, Shoreline Health, and Septic Health. In addition, I have been continuing the tradition of maintaining a sailing program as the KLCOA Sailing coordinator.

Deb Wratschko

My family and I have been cottagers on Kennisis Lake for 28 years. I have served as a volunteer on the board of the KLCOA since 2008 as membership director and the last three terms as president. I believe that good stewardship is critical to ensure the long term health of our Lake. I also believe that there needs to be a variety of social activities to build and maintain community. I look forward to an opportunity to continue serving on the KLCOA board and supporting the great community that we have.

Congratulations to everyone!
WOW! What a great team!!!!

Water Quality Testing in September !!! Brrr...

Even though temperatures reached 26 degrees Celsius in September, the water quality team did not have the pleasure of a warm calm day!

Jim Prince, Margaret Cox, Julie Bramm, Jim Gay and Wendy Murray set out on September 13th to test the waters in 13 degrees Celsius! (the wind factor made it feel much colder), Thank you to the team who recognizes the importance of ongoing water quality testing on our Kennisis Lakes.



What Are We Testing For?

Pilot Water Quality Testing and Monitoring Program

PARAMETER MEASURED	Lake Partner Program	MECP - Trout Lake Monitoring	MNDMNR Broad Scale Monitoring	KLCOA (LPP + KLCOA WQ)	Haliburton WQ Pilot
FREQUENCY →	Once per Year	Every 5-8 years Twice Per Year	4-6 Year Cycles for selected Lakes	Once or Twice/Year	3 Times/year ←
Secchi Depth (m) (Clarity)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Total Phosphorus	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ammonia- Nitrogen	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nitrite-Nitrogen	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nitrate+Nitrite - Nitrogen	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Sulphate	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Dissolved Organic Carbon	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Dissolved Inorganic Carbon	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
pH	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Total Alkalinity	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Conductivity (uS/cm)	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Calcium	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Magnesium	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Hardness	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Total Suspended Solids	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Dissolved Oxygen	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Temperature	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chloride	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Bacterial Contamination					
E Coli	NO	NO		NO	NO
Total Coliforms	NO	NO		NO	NO

3 Samples/Year July/Sept/Winter – Ice On

Unique Feature: Below-ice winter sampling directed to lakes with water drawdowns, known to be detrimental to certain ecological processes in lakes.

What are we testing for and are we on the right track?

WQ Summit Panelists advice:

- Refine Pilot Parameter List
- Include Meteorological Information
- Archive Samples
- Include a Reference Lake



Some Definitions For You: (as explained in the final report for CHA by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences LTD, April 2023)

Water Clarity (Secchi Depth)

Water clarity (transparency) is a fundamental aspect of water quality. From a human perspective, high clarity is generally associated with high aesthetic appeal. From a limnological perspective, clarity reflects biological and chemical properties of lakes (phytoplankton biomass, dissolved organic carbon concentration) and controls light availability for photosynthesis (primary production) among other photochemical processes (e.g., DNA damage from UV radiation).

Water clarity is most often quantified as the Secchi Depth (ZSD). ZSD is determined by lowering a 20-cm black-and-white, weighted disc (Secchi disc) through the water column (on the shaded side of the boat) until it disappears, noting the depth, then raising the disc until it reappears – the ZSD is the average of the two depths. The measurements are most accurate when made around midday, by an observer who is not wearing sunglasses. ZSD ranges from only centimeters in highly turbid lakes to up to 40 m in a few very clear lakes; most Ontario lakes have a ZSD in the 2-10 m range (LPP, unpublished data). Reasons for the common use of ZSD as a measure of water clarity include its affordability and simplicity; more precise determinations of light transmission through the water column can be obtained by making direct measurements of the amount of light at multiple depths in the water column using a photometer/radiometer (e.g., LI-192 underwater quantum sensor by LI-COR, Inc.)

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is a natural element entering our lakes from precipitation, storm run off, erosion, fertilizers, manicured lawns and faulty septic systems. High levels can lead to phytoplankton blooms and/or affect fish habits such as lake trout through a decrease in deep-water oxygen concentrations.

Microplastics Analysis

The jugs contain samples for microplastics analysis, “extremely small pieces of plastics debris, resulting from disposal and breakdown of consumer products and industrial waste”.

Analysis will be done over the fall/winter and spring with 25 lakes within Haliburton County and partnering with the U-Links, Community Based Research Project from Trent University.



Shed Building 101



KLCOA Has A New Storage Shed!

In order to offer the many events for the lake community, we need a place to store materials for the events. Many thanks to the Kennisis Lake Marina for providing us with the space and a location for a new shed.

Many thanks to Jim Prince, Scott Durie, Grant DeMarsh, Deb Wratschko, Sam Winter and Jim Gay for all of their hard work!



Do We Need Sunscreen in the Winter Months?

Even though much of our skin is covered as temperatures drop, we often like to feel the warmth of the sun on our faces. According to the Mayo Clinic:

“The key to getting the full amount of SPF protection from sunscreen is applying it generously and frequently. Most people simply do not apply enough. For example, about two tablespoons of sunscreen is only enough for your face, your neck and the back of your hands. Apply sunscreen generously to the rest of your exposed skin as well. Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, or more often if you’ve been sweating or swimming. A sunscreen may be water-resistant, but no sunscreen is water-proof.”

Keep in mind, too, that you need sunscreen anytime you’re outside, even if the sun isn’t shining. UV light penetrates through the clouds, and it reflects off water, snow and other surfaces. When reflected, the rays become stronger, making sunscreen important year-round. — **Dr. Dawn Davis, Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota**



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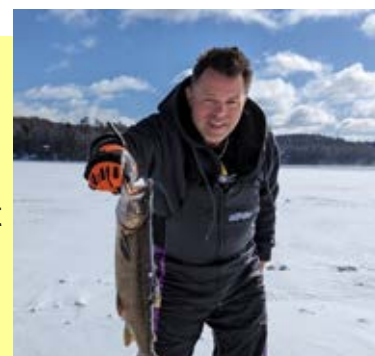
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November is Fall Prevention Month

Did you know that exercise is key to maintaining foot and leg strength to prevent falls but you can also diversify your routine through dance based activities.

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Have fun and stay safe!



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Blue Green Algae

As reported to you in an eblast of September 5th

A blue-green algae bloom was reported on the north shore of Kennisis Lake near the second bridge at Kelly Lake. The algal bloom was first noticed midday on September 4. The visible bloom dispersed later in the day when the wind and lake wave action increased and then returned the next day (Sept 5) when the lake was calm. The visible bloom had dispersed by September 6 and has not returned.

A report was made to the MECP (Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) and MECP staff were able to visit the site on September 5, assess the algal bloom and take samples for laboratory analysis.

The results of the lab analysis were provided to the KLCOA on September 11. The results of the testing show that the bloom was indeed blue-green algae, but fortunately toxin levels were well below the *Ontario Drinking Water Standard for Microcystin-LR of 1.5 ug/L and Health Canada's recreational limit of 10 ug/L.*



Continued.....

As shared by Dr. Norman Yan, Hazardous Algal Blooms, Oct. 24th

(Thanks to Environment Haliburton and Friends of Muskoka Watershed)

We need algae to survive as algae make oxygen,

BUT we have learned that:

- **Too much phosphorous** in the water caused by poor septic systems, dying trees or clearing the land and ongoing logging has increased phosphorous levels in the water causing algal blooms

We have also learned that levels of zooplankton in the water is decreasing due to :

- **Less windy days** causing calmer lakes.
- **Climate change** is causing water temperatures to rise above 28 degrees Celsius and zooplankton cannot survive.
- **The spiny water flea**, an invasive organism, outcompetes the zooplankton for food.
- **Road salt** which enters the lakes creates high levels of chloride which is toxic to zooplankton.
- **Calcium levels in the water** declined as a result of acid rain and poorly managed logging forests.

As reported by www.ontario.ca/ministry-environment

HOW CAN BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOMS BE REDUCED OR PREVENTED?

Human activities can promote the growth of blue-green algae. For instance, agricultural, urban and stormwater runoff, effluent from sewage treatment plants and industry, and leaching from septic systems can elevate the levels of nutrients in water bodies, which can promote algae growth. Reducing or eliminating nutrient inputs from these sources is a proactive way to reduce the occurrence of blue-green algal blooms.



Colonies of microscopic blue-green algae appear on a lake during a bloom. Blooms occur mostly during late summer and early fall.

Take these simple steps to prevent the growth of blue-green algae:

- use phosphate-free detergents, personal care and household cleaning products
- avoid using fertilizers on lawns, especially fertilizers that contain phosphorus

- maintain a natural shoreline on lake and riverfront properties
- reduce agricultural runoff by planting or maintaining vegetation along waterways and minimize fertilizer use, and
- check septic systems to ensure they do not leak into the water source.

Ontario is taking action to reduce blue-green algal blooms. The Clean Water Act, Great Lakes Strategy, Lake Simcoe Protection Act, and other programs promote actions that will reduce the amount of nutrients entering Ontario water bodies. Ontario will continue to work to better understand and reduce harmful and nuisance algal blooms. Find more information on source and lake protection programs in Ontario at Ontario.ca.

DO BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOMS OCCUR IN ONTARIO?

Blooms of blue-green algae have been reported in various locations throughout Ontario typically during the warmer weather of late summer and fall. Blooms can occur repeatedly in the same water bodies.

Information About Blue-Green Algae

What Can We Do?

- Continue with a focus on healthy septic systems.
- Continue to a focus on healthy shorelines.
- Maintain tree preservation programs.
- Restore our tree health by sprinkling 750ml of clean, cold wood ash over a square meter of ground to restore the health of the trees (do this process just once) (see pages 42, 43 of this newsletter for the entire article)

Be Cautious

If you suspect a blue-green algal bloom, assume toxins are present and call the Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060.

Avoid activities that increase exposure to toxins during algal blooms: call the local Health Unit for information and follow their advice.

If you have your own surface water supply and are unsure about the safety of your drinking water during an algal bloom, use alternative water sources such as bottled, carted or tanked water. You can also call a water treatment service provider for help.

Let's Be Responsible and Properly Dispose of Our Waste

Every spring, Natalie Wood and volunteers walk our community roads, picking up garbage that was left on our roadside ditches! With a conscious effort by all, we could reduce this amount in the Spring 2024 clean up. A small change in behavior can make a BIG difference in preventing soil and water pollution as well as preventing animals from ingesting harmful materials that can cause fatal results!

Remember:

- * Take food wrappings, drink containers home and dispose in your garbage containers.
- * Keep a litter bin/container in your car.
- * Keep your property free of items that blow in the wind and end up in the ditches.
- * Make use of waste/recycle landfills to get rid of your garbage and recycling material.



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Susan Good, Dave Mann, Lauren Wale and Chris Wale

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Momentum builds for the Highlands Corridor!

Over the past four years the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has been developing the concept of the Highlands Corridor as a nature-based solution to building climate change resilience, protecting lands and waters, and maintaining biodiversity. The Highlands Corridor covers approximately 100,000 hectares and connects three provincial parks in Ontario: Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands, Kawartha Highlands, and Silent Lake.

This swath of land is high in biodiversity including 42 identified Species at Risk, 30 provincially significant species and 48 regionally rare species. The HHLT is seeking protection of the 60,000 hectares of uncaded crown land within the Highlands Corridor as a Conservation Reserve.



Paul Heaven, 2021. Pitcher Plant

In February 2023, the County of Haliburton passed a resolution of support. MPP Laurie Scott hosted a very successful reception at Queen's Park in June and in August the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks consulted with HHLT Project Biologist, Paul Heaven to gather information about the Highlands Corridor, commending the HHLT on the comprehensiveness of their research, and the establishment of local and provincial support.

Private landowners in the Highlands Corridor have also demonstrated support by joining the Partners in Conservation (PIC) program. 15 private landowners have joined PIC by enrolling in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program. This program gives a significant tax break to landowners who provide good stewardship of their forested property. Over 1700 hectares of private land has been added, creating an important connectivity component to the crown land within the corridor.

Perched on the southern edge of the Canadian Shield, the corridor is comprised of a combination of forests, lakes, wetlands, and rocky barrens. Protection and maintenance of healthy habitats in the corridor benefits the whole ecosystem, including the lakes we love. You can help be good land and lake stewards by:

- Naturalizing your shoreline
- Maintaining native plant and tree diversity on your property
- Supporting wetland conservation in your area



Paul Heaven, 2022

Is your property in the Highlands Corridor? Visit the Highlands Corridor website at www.highlandscorridor.ca which includes a map of the corridor and an interesting video outlining the details of the Highlands Corridor project.

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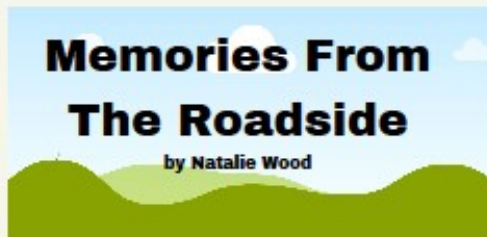
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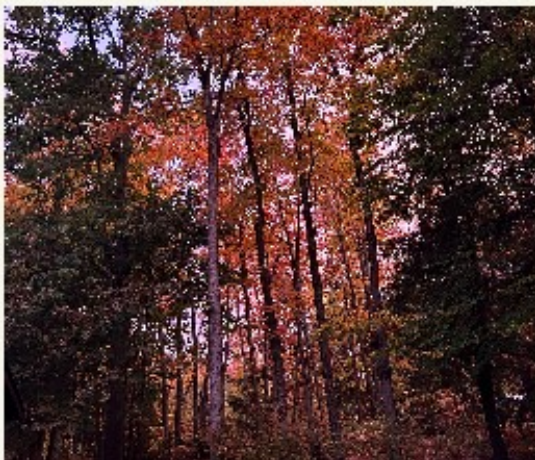
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THE KENNISIS LAKE HISTORY BOOK PROJECT



Harina and Clayton outside their store
(Lynn Family photo)



In April of 1945, Clayton and Harina Lynn bought 100 acres of land for \$3000 on Kennisis Lake Road at Pivot Lake. The property previously had been a lumber camp and mill and had been vacant for 5 years when the Lynns bought. The King Fisher cottage became their home, the wood and stone building is still visible today peeking out between the trees as you drive by. The cottage had no hydro or inside water when the Lynns first moved to Silver Valley as a young couple with a new baby. They had high hopes and worked hard to carve out a life dependent on the summer tourist season. The road stopped at Redstone Lake when they first arrived and Kennisis Lake Road north of Redstone was still to be constructed in 1948.

The Silver Valley store was built where a cookhouse for the working mill had originally been. Clayton and Harina worked long hours and did everything themselves. Silver Valley had 6 summer camping cabins, which were rented out by the week. Many early Kennisis cottagers stayed in these small cabins while they searched for land to buy or while their newly purchased Kennisis Lake dream was under construction. One long time cottager remembers a summer job he had delivering groceries to the Silver Valley store and that is how he ended up with a cottage on the south shore of Kennisis Lake road.

The Store was where you could fill up on gas, buy last minute provisions, ice blocks for your cooler, penny candy for the kids, fishing lures and of course, enjoy a Kawartha Dairy ice cream. Clayton sold a wide collection of minnows, lures, worms and tackle needed for an ideal fishing trip. Arlene Lynn Scheffee, one of Clayton and Harina's daughters, fondly recalls that fish was easily caught and a main staple of their dinner meals.

The Silver Valley store operated for 23 years under the Lynns watchful eyes and in 1970 they sold the store. Sadly, the new owners couldn't keep it afloat, perhaps they did not realize the 100-hour work weeks both Clayton and Harina put into the store that was needed to keep it going.



Harina & the new gas pump



Ice blocks gathered from the lake & stored for summer use



Inside the store

All photos were provided by the Lynn family.
Special thanks to Kerin Harding for editing help.

All questions and input are most welcome for
history book project.
Natalie Wood woodmcf@rogers.com

SIMPLE SEPTIC TIPS TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN

FACT: Efficient Septic Systems Pollute Less → What Your Septic System Needs: Time & Bacteria

In order for GOOD Bacteria to work: Don't let 'bacteria killers' down the drain.

They kill the good bacteria in your system.



- a. Chlorine Bleach & products containing chlorine
- b. Anti-Bacterial Soaps & Products
- c. Dishwasher Detergent containing chlorine (*most brands do!*)
- d. Dishwasher Rinse Aids (*Tip: use lemon juice instead*)
- e. Cream Cleansers – most have chlorine (*see a.*)
- f. Drain Cleaners
- g. Automatic Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- h. Liquid fabric softeners

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TIPS:

- Use Septic Friendly Products (*look for packages saying: no chlorine & no phosphates*) • Never use a garburator
- If soap, toilet paper or cooking grease go down your drain or anyone in the house is on antibiotics – use EcoEthic Septic Treatment once a month to provide your system with the correct bacteria and enzymes to process these items



TIME TIPS

Your system needs as much time as you can give it to process the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives.

Remember: One Drop In = One Drop Out Of Your System

Give your system time by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It Out Over Time

1. Your septic system is sized to handle 2 people for every bedroom – not more
2. Cut your household water use by 27% by installing an Ultra Low flow – 3 litres per flush
3. Try not to do more than ONE load of laundry per day
4. Keep showers short & use a low flow shower head
5. Use every opportunity to use less water when doing regular activities
6. Get a licensed septic pumper to pump out and inspect both sides of your tank every 3-5 years.

SEPTIC TIPS

Ways to Reduce Water Use – Over

REDUCE WATER USE = PROTECT YOUR LAKE



WHY – when a drop of water goes into your septic a drop of waste water leaves your system.

Septic systems need time to process each load of water, so minimize and spread water usage out.

Average indoor water use = 329 litres – per person/day. Your tank will be full within a few days of pumpout.

Drop in = Drop out

BATHROOM

- Switch from a 13-litre flush toilet to a 3-litre flush toilet and save 50 litres a day per person (17,500 litres per year).
- Take Septic Showers = Lake Friendly Showers ... the average shower lasts 8 minutes. With a low flow shower head that equals 80 litres of water. Turn off the water while shampooing and soaping and save approximately 40 litres.
- Put a pail under the tap and collect the water while you are waiting for warm water – save another 8 litres. Use the water for gardens, toilet flushing etc.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

KITCHEN

- Use a dishwasher instead of hand washing ... It may feel good to wash by hand, but it's actually more wasteful: You use up to 108 litres of water per load by hand versus as little as 12 litres with an ENERGY STAR-rated dishwasher. If hand washing, capture the water and use for watering flowers etc.

LAUNDRY ROOM

- A standard clothes washer can use 80 litres of water per load whereas the newer energy star front loaders use 39 litres or less.

Remember – if you do more than 1 load of laundry in a day you risk an overload of your septic system which means that untreated waste (toilet etc.) will exit your septic system and be headed for your lake.

Minimize water use and spread it over the week.

SOURCES

www.mcgill.ca/waterislife/waterathome/how-much-are-we-using

www.nrdc.org/stories/9-tricks-save-tons-water#:~:text=If%20you%20have%20a%20dishwasher,an%20ENERGY%20STAR%2Drated%20dishwasher.

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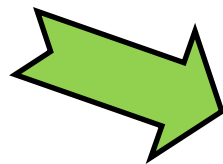

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Backgrounder – Apple Tree Identification Project (ATIP), Haliburton County, 2023

Haliburton County is a rural Ontario County of approximately 4,000 km², situated to the immediate north of Peterborough County on the Canadian Shield. It has a rich and varied history, which includes settlement in the 1800's by early pioneers, many of whom were farmers. Many families moving to the area brought with them varieties of apple trees, which they planted on their lands, using the apples to supplement their diet in many ways.



Historically, about 16,000 apple varieties grew on the North American landscape. (There are currently about 30,000 varieties of apples world-wide and many of these, including varieties that no longer exist, were brought to the continent by immigrants from around the world). There are currently only about 40 commercial apple varieties grown in Canada and about 20 in Ontario. Only 7 or so varieties can be typically found in the local grocery store.

The purpose of this project – the Apple Tree Identification Project – is to evaluate the living apple resource of Haliburton County with an aim to ultimately establishing a permanent small-scale industry based on this resource.

Initially, the project will concentrate on collecting current information on Haliburton County apple orchards old and new, the varieties they contain, their condition and their location. It may also be possible to identify general areas with similar site characteristics that may be suitable for additional apple orchards. Some historical information is locally available, and some documentation of the apple resource currently exists (e.g. Buck, T. and A. Ramelo. 2015. Inventory of Fruit Trees in Haliburton County. Senior Undergraduate Project Summary, Trent University in collaboration with U-Links and Environment Haliburton). The project hopes to marry historical information with up-to-date observations on apple-growing in Haliburton County.

Currently, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, in collaboration with the University of Guelph, have identified almost 20 possible heritage varieties (8 confirmed and/or probable, and 7 possible matches). ATIP hopes to work in sync with the Master Gardeners to bring additional information on the apple resource forward, so that it may be identified and catalogued.

Although the current emphasis of ATIP is on identification (Phase 1: location, etc.), the long-term aim of ATIP is to establish a viable apple industry in the County. It aims to do this by slowly and methodically executing an additional 3 ATIP phases. In the 2nd phase, the catalogued apple resource of the County will be evaluated as to its historical and current significance and decisions made with respect to which varieties might be suitable for propagation. This phase will require additional resources, including land upon which an experimental orchard might be established and the input from individuals and groups with experience in propagation and breeding. Phase 3 will evaluate the results of these common plantings, make recommendations about cultivars suitable to Haliburton County site conditions, and encourage the local population to plant appropriate varieties on their property.



Assuming significant apple production will result from outplantings, phase 4 (the preliminary workings of which can begin in earnest at any time), will embrace working in concert with HCDC, and other relevant County agencies, to lay the foundation (including economic and risk analyses, etc.) for the fledgling industry. This phase would also evaluate the potential for attracting physical resources to the County (e.g. apple press, etc.) and/or working with local breweries if interested to produce cider from locally-grown apples.

ATIP phase 1 is now registered as an official project with U-Links Centre for Community Research and Carmen Galea, a 4th year student at Toronto Metropolitan University (advised by Prof. S. Melles) will complete a senior research project on this topic. We are also fortunate to have Wesley Ford, a senior Trent University business student (advised by Prof. R. Yip Choy) embark upon a U-Links brokered project addressing a cost-benefit analysis of individual apple production in the County. U-Links recognizes that the development of a fledgling apple industry in the County is a long-term effort, possibly in excess of 10-15 years, and that a vast number of additional resources are needed as each phase is rolled out. U-Links also believes that there is no better time to start than now.

Climate change is a reality, and it will come to impact resources in Haliburton County in many ways. Most of these will likely be negative, although warming temperatures may have a positive effect on apple survival and success.

To date, ATIP Haliburton has identified over 170 apple tree locations in Haliburton County, including 10 orchards, of which one has ~ 200 apple trees. ATIP has obtained the support of Haliburton County Council and the lower-tier municipalities of Highlands East, Dysart et al., Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands. The ATIP program has also been well received at local Farmer's Markets by residents and visitors.



The current project can benefit Haliburton County in several ways, by, for example, increasing resident awareness of existing old apple trees and highlighting the need for care and maintenance of existing trees. In addition, it may ultimately renew an existing food resource, increase the availability of locally grown and produced products and hence, food security. Many other spin-off effects will also be realized: e.g. an increased apple supply for the SIRCH Apple Sauce project and additional tourism opportunities within the framework of an Apple Blossom Tour.

ATIP will continue to promote the project and its components through local media and will work with interested County partners and organizations and government agencies as opportunities present themselves. U-Links will work with ATIP to provide student resources in a community-based research setting, as appropriate research topics are identified.

For information on ATIP, please feel free to contact:

Luba Cargill, ATIP Coordinator (www.appletreeshaliburton.ca)

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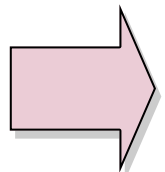
Social/Community Activities

- * Regatta
- * Regatta Horseshoe
- * Sailing Regatta
- * Sunday Sailing Series
- * Ladies of the Lake Luncheon
- * Rock Bass Fishing Derby
- * Art on the Dock
- * Fireworks
- * Younger Generation Engagement
- * Wrap Up Event
- * Charity donation

Stewardship Projects

- * Septic Improvement Education
- * Shoreline Restoration Demonstration Sites
- * Shoreline Restoration Workshops
- * Abandoned Docks
- * Pesticide Use in Kennisis Watershed
- * Short Term Cottage Rentals
- * Community Road Clean Up
- * County Road 7 Clean up
- * Tree Purchase and Distribution
- * Lake Level Advocacy & CEWF Liaison
- * Invasive Species
- * Fish Stocks and MNR Liaison
- * Water Quality Testing
- * Loon Nesting Platforms
- * Night Skies
- * Tranquility
- * Fire Smart Plan

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- * Finance/Budgeting
- * Secretary/Recording Secretary
- * Membership System Management
- * Membership Growth and Retention
- * Volunteer Survey Database and Management
- * Website
- * Website Training and Documentation
- * Kennisis History Book Project
- * Calendar (Website)
- * Bulletin Board at Marina
- * Kennisis Breeze
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- * Board Governance
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- * Haliburton Forest Liaison
- * KLCOA Data Storage g-drive
- * Kennisis Lakes Properties Database Update
- * Volunteer Recognition
- * Dysart and County Bylaw Monitoring
- * Dysart & County Council Meeting Summary and Reviews

Land Use and Development

- * Land Management Committee
- * HHLT and Norah's Island Liaison
- * Kennisis Lands—Management and Taxes
- * Traditional Rights of Way (TROW)

As shared at our fall AGM, the need to increase membership fees to **\$50.00 per year** beginning in 2024 is necessary to maintain the various events or activities.

Along with a very active KLCOA Board of Directors, we are faced with increased costs to address and maintain these initiatives.

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- * Our AGM will now be called the **Annual Meeting**
- * Our Spring meeting will now be called a **Special Meeting**
- * The Annual Meeting must occur within 6 months of year end so our **Annual Meeting** will be in **March 2024** and a **Special Meeting in May or June 2024**

REMINDER:

Dock Etiquette

If you are leaving your dock in a public area for the winter months, please remember to tag you dock with your name and address.

- Use a waterproof bag tag, zip-tied to a dock cleat,
- Write on the dock with permanent magic marker
- Attach a name plate to the dock



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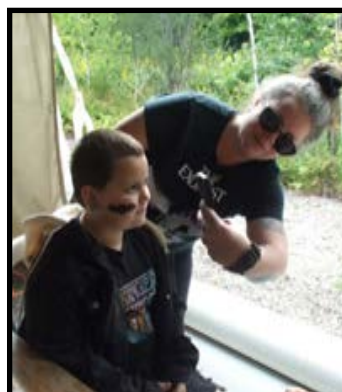


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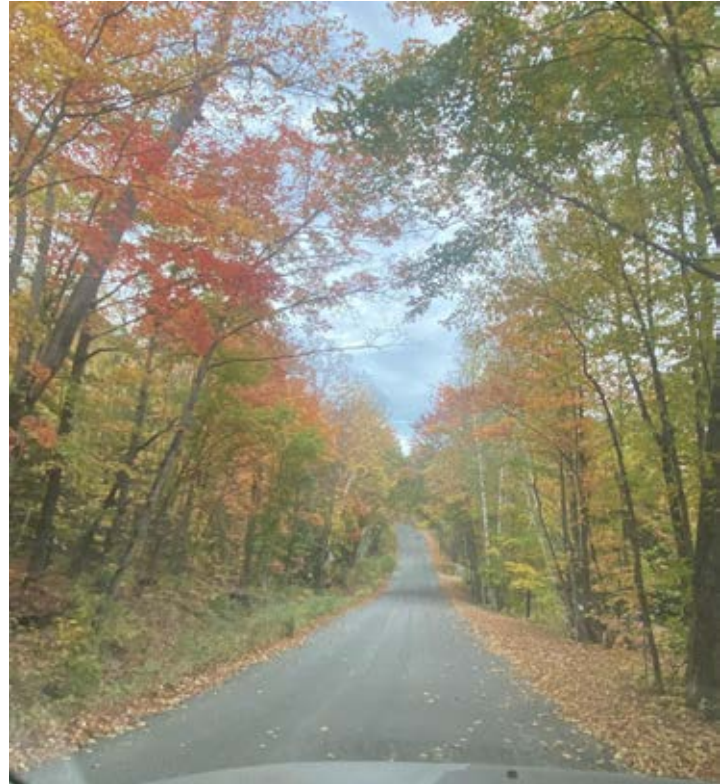
Our Roads October 2023

Pot Hole repairs continue on West Shore Road, Kennisis Lake Road and Wilkinson Road. Watts Road pot hole repairs will be done as soon as staffing issues allow the crews to dedicate the time required to complete this (hopefully in the very near future). We will have to be patient as Dysart has a very limited amount of staff to complete these projects.

The resurfacing of the far end of Wilkinson Road and the far end of Kennisis Lake Road are still on the list for approval. To date no 2024 projects have been approved. We are hopeful that Watts Road will be approved in 2024 for a complete reconstruction to include ditching, culvert replacement and road grading and resurfaced, as this road is in very poor condition.

This is my report after speaking with Dave Coulter on Monday October 23, 2023.

Larry Harris
KLCOA Board director



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What else do I need to know to spread my own ash?

- Only use **clean ash**. Do not burn metallic foil, plastic products, pressure-treated wood, construction waste or wood that may contain chemical preservatives, insecticides, glue, nails, staples, other metals or paint.
- Allow your wood ash to cool completely – for several days before using. Hot ash is a real fire risk to homes, property and forests.

- Rake your cold ash to ensure there are no non-ash items.
- Keep your ash dry until you are ready to spread it.
- Wear a mask, gloves and long clothing when spreading ash.
- Spread it in a location that you can keep people and pets away from for a couple of days. Any forested area is good and even property surrounding your trees.
- Only apply ash to each location once. Research suggests that one application, ever, is enough to replace 50 years of calcium depletion caused by acid rain.
- Spring, summer and fall are all good times of year but avoid spreading ash over the snow, on a steep slope, or near surface water.
- No trees on your property? Offer your ash to your neighbours and friends

Fun Fact

If we could spread ash on all the forests in Eastern Canada it would have the same Climate impact as planting 1 billion new trees

Sources – this article is based on years of research by the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (FOTMW) in cooperation with Trent University. For more info and to support FOTMW visit <https://fotmw.org/>

If you are adding ash and restoring your forest, please let FOTMW know emailing spencer@fotmw.org and let him know!



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Trent University students work with Friends of the Muskoka Watershed to study the impact of adding home fireplace wood ash to a Bracebridge area forest (Photo credit: Friends of the Muskoka Watershed)

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We have raised an incredible \$4450.00 from our Fall 2023 Kennisis Lake fundraiser, supporting work initiatives for the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

I would like to thank everyone who donated. We exceeded our goal by a massive amount, every donation no matter the value was truly important.

I would like to thank the following key donation contributors:

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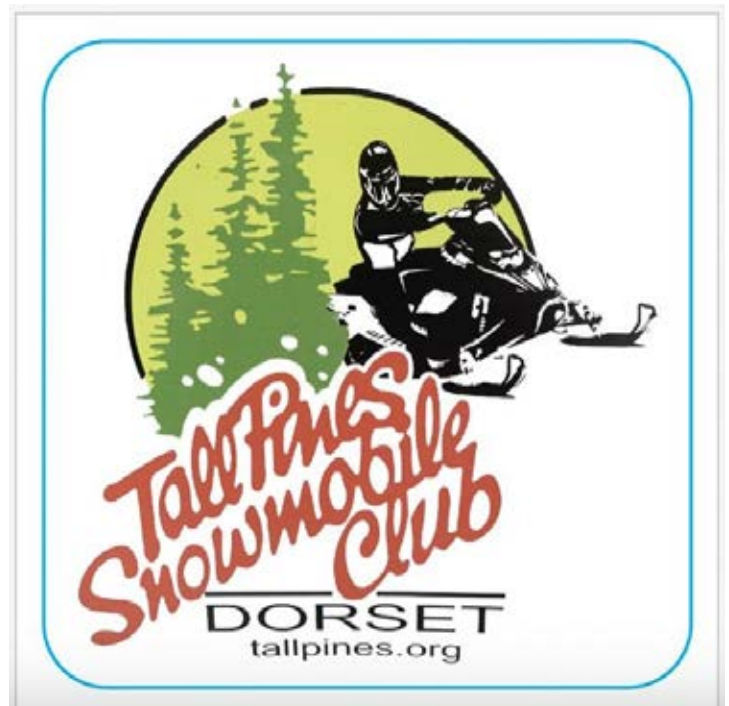
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Buy your 2024 OFSC Pass before Nov 1st to save \$80.... our trail permits are the least expensive part of our sport. For those who wish to become a part of our Kennisis Snowmobile Club Team and receive updates, please PM or email: graham_beach@hotmail.com



Your donations are key to making the trails passible and enjoyable!

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Kennisis Lake Road Washout

This road washout which occurred Aug 7 2023 at the Bone Lake stream due to an extreme weather event was repaired quickly by Dysart et al crews.

A letter was sent from KLCOA President to Rob Camelon at Dysart et al thanking the crews for their quick response. It stated:

"Your folks and the contractors providing materials did an extraordinary job responding to the immediate road safety issue and completing the repairs. They were well organized and provided great communication to the affected residents. The crew was always courteous and helpful. Congrats on a job well done."



Emergencies and disasters are occurring on a more regular basis across the country and all over the world.

Kennisis Lake Community is not immune to floods, forest fires or as shown above, road washouts!

In order to be prepared for emergency events, Ontario has prepared a guide for all residents.

Kennisis Breeze will provide snippets of the content of the Emergency Guide in each newsletter.

Know What's Happening:

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