



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

2025 Summer Activities

Explore Our Lakes Webinar

June 11th,

7:00 to 8:00pm

Roadside Clean Up

June 20th, June 21st

Ladies Of The Lake Lunch

June 28th. 11:30am to 1:30pm

Kennisis Lake Marina Tent

KLCOA Fireworks/

CANADA DAY

Saturday June 28th

Rain date: June 29th

Rock Bass Fishing Derby

July 5th

Come Paddle With Us

July 16th, 5:00pm

Aug. 16th, 9:00 am
(meet at the dam)

Art on the Dock

July 19th & 20th

(at cottage locations)

65th Annual Regatta

Aug. 2rd

Sailing Regatta

Aug. 3rd

Dark Sky Event

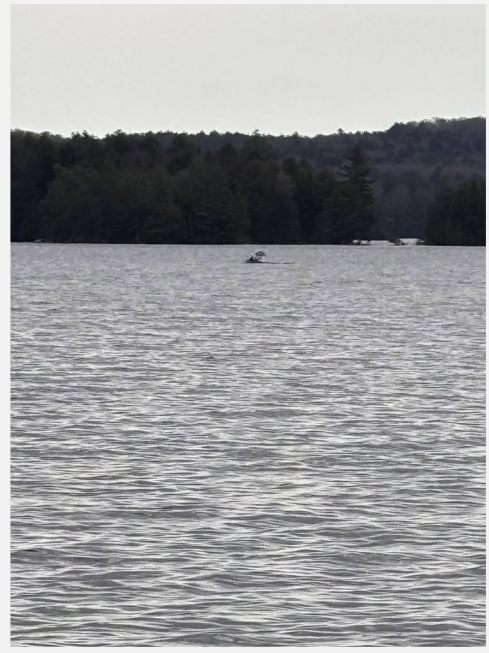
Aug. 16th

Family Fun Day

Aug. 30th

Kennisis Lake Marina

**"If there is magic on this planet,
it is contained in water" (Loren Eiseley)**



April 23rd (photo by Keith Rodd)

April 24th (photo by Dean Robinson)

As we watch our lakes transform to welcome spring and summer, we also know that the water will offer us many memorable and special moments. Swimming, boating, fishing, water sports, photography of that beautiful loon, duck, crane, beaver or turtle, relaxing and listening to the waves lap on the shore or just admiring the scenery.

Our water quality testing indicates that our water meets or is below the acceptable standards. (*That's good news!*) Lets keep the magic in the water and remember that it is our social responsibility to act as a steward of our lakes in order to maintain a healthy lake.

FOCA has produced a booklet entitled "*A Shoreline Owners Guide to Healthy Waterfronts*" to offer suggestions to help us maintain a healthy lake while "living in balance with our lakes' fragile ecosystem."

Snippets of this resource can be found sprinkled throughout this newsletter or visit <https://foca.on.ca/shorelines-stewardship/>



Message From Our Co-Presidents, Deb Wratschko and Scott Durie



Spring is here and we're definitely excited for another summer of fun at the lake.

As usual, your KLCOA Board along with a number of dedicated volunteers have been hard at work over the winter preparing for a busy summer filled with programs and initiatives.

Be sure to save the dates as there is already a lot on the calendar for summer 2025: Ladies of the Lake Lunch, Fireworks, Rock Bass Fishing Derby, Art on the Dock, Regatta, Sailing Regatta, Norah's Island Picnic, Dark Sky Event and Family End of Year Wrap Up Event are all things to take part in.

Make sure you're signed up to receive our e-Blasts and follow www.klcoa.org for updates and information. We're just about finished with our website refresh and we continue to invest significant energy in updating and organizing the website content so things are more current and it's easier to find the information you need. We'll also be using the awesome bulletin board at the Marina to help with communicating, so make sure you're watching these sources for information

2025 Save the Date – Events Calendar



- Spring Special Meeting – hybrid (in person and online if possible) – May 17, 2025
- Spring Roadside Cleanup – 2025 date to be determined
- Ladies of the Lake Lunch – June 28, 2025
- KLCOA Fireworks – June 28, 2025 (Assuming no weather or fire ban restrictions)
- Rock Bass Fishing Derby – July 5, 2025
- Art on the Dock – July 19-20, 2025
- Annual Regatta – August 2, 2025
- Annual Sailing Regatta – August 3, 2025
- Norah's Island Picnic – August 4, 2025
- Dark Sky Event – August 16, 2025
- Family Year End Wrap up Event – August 30, 2025



Watch for eblasts and check klcoa.org for more details.

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In case you missed it, we held the KLCOA Annual Meeting virtually this year on March 17th. The focus was 2024 financials and our 2025 budget as well as the election of our 2025/2027 Board of Directors. As well, on May 18th we held our Spring Special Meeting with an emphasis on programs, initiatives and education. Please refer to recent e-blasts or www.KLCOA.org for details.

You've heard us say it before - KLCOA programs, events and initiatives require many volunteers beyond the Board of Directors. Whether you can volunteer to help with a specific event, join a committee or offer your professional expertise we appreciate our volunteers. If you can't volunteer your time, watch for more about our Sponsorship Program and specifically the Community Builder Recognition Program for additional ways to contribute to our community.

We're always open to feedback. If you have comments, concerns or anything else to share, we can be reached at: Deb - klcoa.president.2017@gmail.com and Scott – scott.durie@pinepoint.ca

We look forward to seeing everyone on the lake enjoying a fantastic summer!

Thank you to all of the many folks who take the time to help us make our Kennisis Lake Community a special place for all!

Sincerely,

Deb Wratschko and Scott Durie



(Quote: Fancy)

Shorelines

Shorelines

The shoreline of your waterfront property is called a 'ribbon of life' because it is where 90 percent of all lake and river life is born, raised and fed. Natural shorelines support cattail, pickerelweed and reeds that provide habitat for fish, nesting birds, mammals and insects. Plants at the water's edge help filter nutrients and prevent erosion. Underwater logs and rock piles allow fish to rest, feed and spawn while providing protection from predators. In these ways, healthy shorelines help to protect valuable recreational resources and are part of a healthy lake ecosystem. Unfortunately, not every shoreline demonstrates these features.

Erosion

Shorelines erode due to various forces: natural wave and wind action, ice movement from freezing and thawing, and human activities such as altering the waterfront with lawns, docks and breakwalls. When soil is exposed and vegetation is mowed to the water's edge, the stabilizing effect of root systems is lost, exposing the soil to the power of waves, ice and surface runoff. Sediment carried away by wind or waves reduces the size of waterfront properties and damages shoreline habitat by burying spawning beds and reducing water clarity.



Loose Rock Buffer Zone

In some instances, loose rocks can be placed on a gradual slope and used to stabilize an eroding shoreline. Native shrubs and vines should be planted among rocks and will provide natural protection to absorb and dissipate wave action.

Snippet #1 from "A Shoreline Owners Guide to Healthy Waterfronts" pages 6 and 7

Hardened Shorelines

Despite their popularity in some areas, natural erosion can't be prevented by concrete shore walls or sloped rock. Both of these measures are expensive and temporary fixes. Major storms, ice damage and the effects of time eventually cause them to fail. Hardened shores in one place may also deflect wave and wind energy and cause more erosion problems at neighbouring shorelines.

Naturalized Shorelines

A naturalized shoreline is generally considered the best multi-purpose approach to protecting the lake's edge. Maintaining or planting a buffer zone of native vegetation along your shoreline will slow erosion, provide food and shelter for fish and wildlife species and protect your property and investment. Best of all, naturalized shorelines mean less work and more time to enjoy the lake!

- Roots from shrubs and trees absorb wave and ice energy, stabilize soils and prevent erosion
- Plants along the shoreline slow surface runoff and filter contaminants before they reach the lake
- Shrubs and trees discourage Canada Geese, preventing goose poop and nuisance interactions with these birds
- Naturalized shorelines provide food and shelter for fish and wildlife species.



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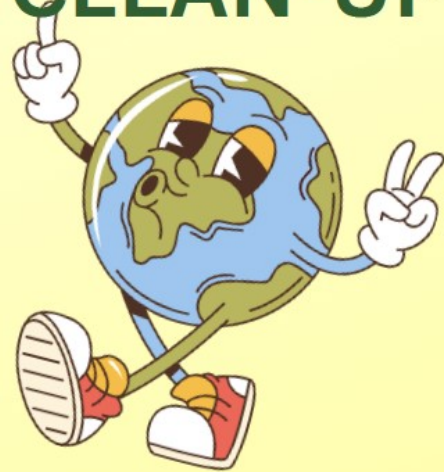


Craig Sisson

KLCOA ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

2025

FRIDAY JUNE 20 & SATURDAY JUNE 21



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year the Kennisis community  puts on their rubber boots & work gloves and comes together to keep our lake roadsides litter free.

- Friday, June 20, 1 pm -2:30 Kennisis Lake Road
- Saturday June 21, 10am -12 pm ALL LAKE ROADS

This initiative only works if our community joins in to help

Please contact Natalie @ woodmcf@rogers.com or the KLCOA to volunteer



**Do you want to help us but have little
time to spare?**

Read about our new program!

Exciting New Program

Community Builder Recognition Program Announcement

The KLCOA Board of Directors consists of 16 dedicated volunteers working for YOU. Our vision is to maintain a healthy and sustainable lake environment for generations of enjoyment.

We hold many well attended community events such as our Annual Regatta, Fireworks, Art on the Dock, Rock Bass Fishing Derby, Ladies of the Lake Luncheon and the Family Fun Day event at the end of summer to name a few.

In addition to social activities we are also involved or planning to become involved in many Stewardship initiatives that support our vision. Some examples of these are water quality testing, traditional rights of way, fire smart plan & education, invasive species education, the abandoned dock program, Get the Lead Out - Eliminating lead fishing tackle to protect loons and the community road clean up to name a few of the approximately 20 projects.

We can't do this important work without your financial support!

Please consider becoming part of our

Community Builder Recognition Program by contacting:

Susan Marlow

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If a company slaps a maple leaf or Canadian flag on a product without further explanation, that product will be held to "Made in Canada" standards.

For more info visit:

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/made-in-canada-product-of-canada



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Membership

As of May 18th, we have **514** paid members in our Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association! Thank you to the members who have already registered for the 2025 season.

Reminders:

- You can pay your dues online at www.klcoa.org
- 2025 stickers are available for pick up at Kennisis Lake Marina

On average, 65% of Property Owners on Kennisis Lakes are KLCOA members. Encourage your neighbours to join the KLCOA!

2025

FOCA Offers a 60 Minute CPR Training Course

KLCOA will not be offering First Aid or CPR training this year, but interested folks should check the following link to learn what FOCA is offering regarding CPR training.

<https://onlinetraining.actionfirstaid.ca/products/8849-cpr-in-60-learn-how-to-save-a-life-in-just-1-hour>

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WHAT'S UP KENNISIS?

Join us for another informative webinar entitled;

"Explore Our Lakes",
June 11th from 7pm to 8pm

Learn about portages, water trails and traditional rights of way around our Kennisis Lakes. The webinar is lead by our director, Gino Ariano.

Check the eblasts and website for registration.

For additional info, contact jimprince@sympatico.ca

Your KLCOA stewardship committee reminds members that our YouTube channel offers 4 KLCOA webinars for your viewing based on your feedback from the 2021 survey **"KENNISIS ALL OF US"**.

Bugs in the Muck:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsc4AsgWzfE&t=141s>

Our Water Quality and Blue Green Algae - What You Need to Know

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIAf5TTGo7Q&t=329s>

Healthy Septic Systems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdIGjLuY74o&t=15s>

Water Quality Monitoring on Kennisis Lake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpoQZTE7E6c>



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Snippet #2 from “A Shoreline Owners Guide to Healthy Waterfronts” page 3

Excessive nutrients in our lake can lead to Algae blooms



BAG OF FERTILIZER

Reduce or Eliminate Fertilizer Use

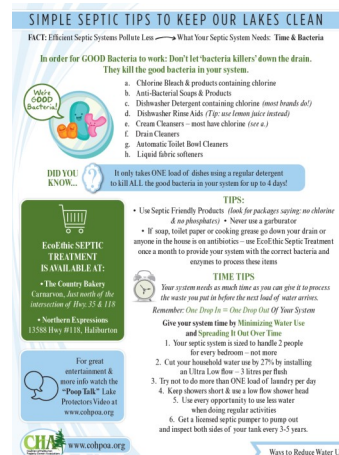
Remember that what goes on your property goes into the lake! That includes fertilizers applied near the water. Rain and irrigation carry these fertilizers into the water and encourage the rapid growth of aquatic plants and algae. For every pound of phosphorus in the water, 500 pounds of aquatic vegetation are produced!

Maintain Your Septic System

Pumping out your septic tank on a regular basis is critical to reducing nutrient flows into lakes. The frequency of your pump-outs will vary based on the size of your tank, your family size, and the number of appliances you use. As a general rule, pumping your septic tank every 2 to 3 years is a good practice.

Download this poster at

klcoa.org



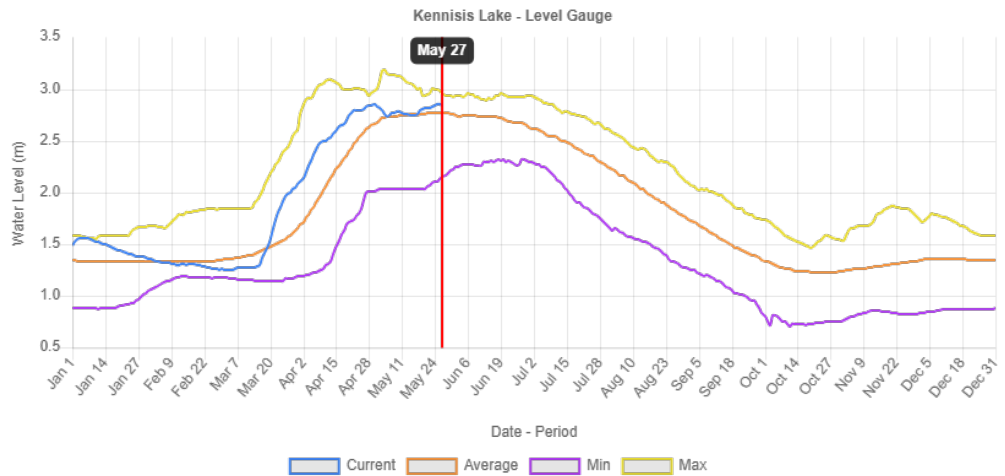
SEPTIC TIPS

Ways to Reduce Water Use - Over

Kennisis Lake Water Levels

Because the Trent Severn Waterway reports very high water levels, the reservoir lakes will remain full until TSW can normalize the water flow downstream. For more info see:

<https://www.cewf.ca/2025/05/trent-severn-waterway-high-water-levels-and-flows-close-part-of-the-system.html>



Septic Inspections Review and Update

2018 - Dysart et al Implemented a Mandatory Septic System Inspection Program

2018, 2019 - The Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) were the first inspections in Dysart:

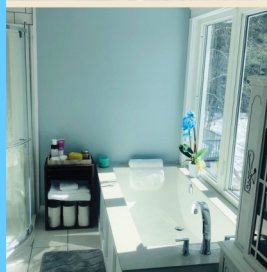
2020 - "Order to Comply" inspections completed in 2020

2025 = Dysart will be completing Area 5 inspections (Harcourt Park) which will complete one full cycle

2028, 2027 = The Dysart Septic System Inspection Program will be on hold to focus on Short Term Rental Compliance and inspections. Septic inspection is expected to resume in 2028 for the Kennisis Lakes.

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Native Plant Gardening. Snippet #3 from FOCA's A Shoreline Owners Guide to Healthy Waterfronts, page 12

When gardening, think about enhancing the habitat value of your property by planting native vegetation. Native plants thrive with minimal care and maintenance: they are a natural choice for cottage properties since they don't require the watering or chemical support that many of their exotic counterparts depend on.

By providing shelter to local wildlife species native plants contribute to biodiversity and the preservation of local gene pools. Native plants also give your property a sense of place. Indigenous wildlife species such as birds, bees and butterflies will help to bring a native plant garden to life. With a variety of beautiful native plants such as the black-eyed susan and butterfly milkweed (left), your landscape can be a splendor of colours through the seasons. Ask for native plants at your local garden centre and make sure the plants are native to the immediate area. Never dig plants from the wild.

Bird Feeding

Nannyberry, serviceberry, pin cherry and birch are all native shrubs and trees that are excellent choices for feeding birds throughout the fall and winter.

Finches and other seed-eating birds feast on the seed heads of thistle and goldenrod in the fall and winter.



Report Forest Fires

You can help protect Ontario's forests

What to report:

- Location
- Flame height
- What burns
- Fire size

If you see smoke or flames, or would like to report an unattended fire, call:

- 310-FIRE (3473) north of the French and Mattawa rivers
- 911 south of the rivers

French and Mattawa Rivers

911

@ONForestFires | ontario.ca/forestfire

Dysart et al Fire Burning Regulations

April 1 to October 31: No daytime burning between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

All burning in Dysart (any time of the year) must be:

- Limited to one fire, smaller than two (2) metres in diameter and must be attended at all times by a competent person with adequate equipment to extinguish the fire (this person responsible for any damages)
- Away from combustible material, buildings, property lines and roadways by at least three (3) meters.
- No noxious materials shall be burned.

To report a complaint about daytime burning contact the Dysart Fire Department at 705-457-1740 x 647. If it is an emergency call 911.

For full details of Dysart's open air burning regulation, read [By-Law 2024-26](#).

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A collage of various items including a teal mug with red polka dots, a rack of colorful clothing, a piece of wood with a carving, a painting of autumn trees, a painting of a lake with rocks, a painting of a sunset over a lake, a painting of a bear, a painting of a snowy landscape, a painting of a flower, a wooden spoon with "BE OUR guest" text, a wooden spoon with a chevron pattern, a piece of wood with a carving, and a ceramic pitcher with colorful stripes.

For more information please check out: KLCOA.org

Water Quality Testing Results for Our Kennisis Lakes

(3 important points)

1. Water quality testing data was compiled for the years from 2002 to 2016 and shared in 2018. We noticed an increase in total phosphorus from 2015 to 2016.

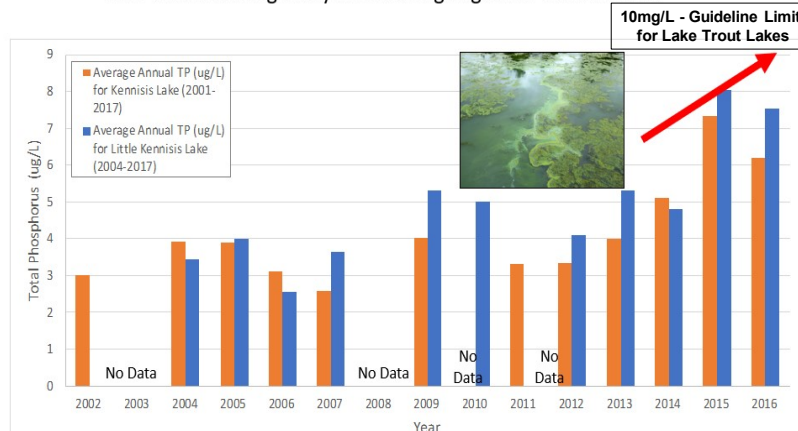
2. Dysart septic inspection began in 2017 to 2019.

3. A drop in total phosphorus was reported from 2018 to 2021 in both Little Kennisis and Big Kennisis.

Results are below the limit for Lake trout lakes.



TOTAL PHOSPHORUS RESULTS This could be a potential concern in the future. In addition, warmer summer temperatures associated with climate change may increase algae growth in both lakes.



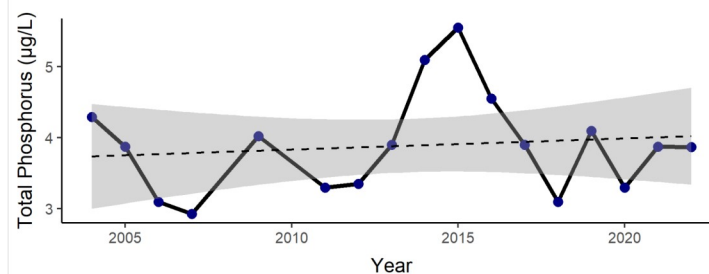
2018 Spring Meeting

- Observed increase in Total Phosphorus concentrations for 2015 and 2016 compared to baseline data.
- We will need more data to verify if an increasing TP trend is present.

Lake Partner Data – Published in 2023 (Data to 2021)

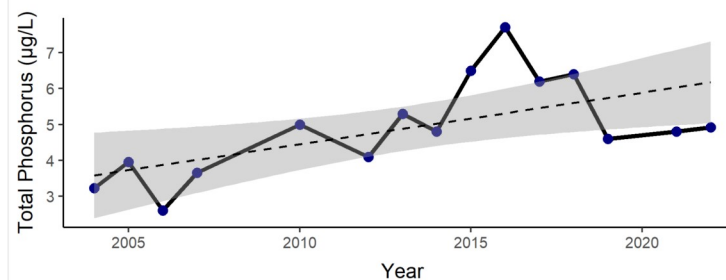
Kennisis Lake Report Report Overview Total Phosphorus Calcium Chloride Water Clarity Background Info

What does Kennisis Lake's annual total phosphorus concentration look like over time?



Little Kennisis Lake Report Report Overview Total Phosphorus Calcium Chloride Water Clarity Background Info

What does Little Kennisis Lake's annual total phosphorus concentration look like over time?



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Thank you to Jim Prince and the water quality testing team for the years of ongoing collection of water samples and data recording!

The Kennisis Lake History Project

Natalie Wood, 2025

THE BEAR NECESSITIES



Saturday Nights at The Landfill & other Beary Tales



Photo Credit: Debi Wilts Spears, 2012 Kennisis Landfill

“Saturday nights at the dump! Sometimes it was hard to find a parking spot it was like a drive-in movie, I begged to go every night!” Joanne George

Bears have been roaming the Kennisis Lake area for a very long time, in fact bears have been present in Ontario for more than 1.8 million years. Bears are so engrained in our everyday culture that references such as **Mama and Papa Bear**, **I’m hungry as a bear and bear hug** are known to all. Bedtimes stories of Winnie, Smokey, Boo-boo, Paddington, and Yogi are common reads and bear themed cottage décor is almost mandatory. Social media has enabled Kennisis Lakers to *real-time* track the movements of a visiting bear. Many cottagers have stories of bear visits or of heading out to watch the bears.

Michael Comito, a bear researcher, states that “The image of Ontario’s black bears has been continuously negotiated as human values, attitudes, and policies have changed over time. We choose to coexist with them because they feed our mind, body, and soul. We name our airlines and our sports teams after them; they drive our imagination.” Yet the beautiful black bear has a complicated history with humans, both feared and revered the bear is often misjudged as ferocious because of its size and appetite.

THE BEAR SONG

THE OTHER DAY
I MET A BEAR
OUT IN THE WOODS
OH WAY OUT THERE

HE LOOKED AT ME
I LOOKED AT HIM
HE SIZED UP ME
I SIZED UP HIM

HE SAID TO ME
WHY DON'T YOU RUN
I SEE YOU AIN'T
GOT ANY GUN

AND SO I RAN
AWAY FROM THERE
BUT RIGHT BEHIND
ME WAS THAT BEAR

AHEAD OF ME
THERE WAS A TREE
A GREAT BIG TREE
OH LUCKY ME!

THE LOWEST BRANCH
WAS TEN FEET UP
I'D HAVE TO JUMP
AND TRUST MY LUCK!

AND SO I JUMPED
INTO THE AIR
BUT I MISSED THAT
BRANCH
A WAY UP THERE

NOW DON'T YOU FRET
NOW DON'T YOU FROWN
'CAUSE I CAUGHT THAT
BRANCH
ON THE WAY BACK DOWN

THIS IS THE END
THERE AIN'T NO MORE
UNTIL I MEET
THAT BEAR ONCE MORE
AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Cottager Peter Smith remembers "One hot, late, moonlit summer Saturday night, top down on our convertible packed with a bunch of youth friends (no seat belts back then of course) we were on our way back to the cottage from Medly's dance hall and swung into the dump for a bear sighting.

I shut off the car lights to let our eyes get adjusted to the moonlit night. I had my elbow out of the open window drivers' side—remember the top was down. My elbow all of a sudden felt warm and wet. I asked friends in the back seat to stop fooling around and they said, *we didn't do anything*. I turned my neck slowly around looking back and was staring eye to eye inches away from a huge bear who was walking beside the car. He/she decided to give my elbow a friendly lick. I thought holy sh—t, am I going to lose my arm!"



Rick Good "Once a bear broke in through the screen window of the kitchen and my mother scared him away. The bear paw scratches are still on the window frame."

Sharon Mountford Crawford "I baked my father-in-law a loaf of banana bread & a bear stole it before he had a bite"



Cottagers remember the weekly fun of going to the dump to see the bears and bears are still seen at the landfill, despite efforts by the municipality to curb bear visits. Unfortunately, the open garbage dumping led to a vicious circle of easy food access for the bear and thus severely limiting their foraging skills. A bear learns from its mother, the easier sourced food becomes the norm. It takes generations to re-learn that the spring rivers are full of easily caught spawning fish and that a tent caterpillar infestation is a great source of calories for a bear. Bears and cottagers have always had an awkward two- faced relationship as a bear sighting, although rare, can be both thrilling and intimidating. Observing a bear in nature from a safe distance is a much different experience than when bear casually rips open a screen door and takes a freshly baked banana bread. The sense of smell of a bear is immense and when bears are seen roaming the cottage grounds in search of food, it's their noses that lead them to close to the cottage and landfill. The barbeque smells, stored garbage, bird seed, breakfast bacon and eggs will draw the bear close to homes.

Debbie Morrel remembers "A favourite pastime was to go to the dump at dusk to do what my Aunt Marion called BEAR GAZING. Vickie and I would get into our jammies, and we would all cram into the car and wait for the bears to come. We had to be very quiet; hard for us kids! The dump in those days was a horseshoe shaped road with the trash on both sides. We were often not the only ones parked there, and we nearly always saw bears, sometimes very close but always from inside the car!"



photo:Joanne George



Timeline

- **1895** George Thompson writes "*I heard an old trapper say the land was only fit for damned fools and bears.*"
- **Pre 1960** Bears were considered "varmints" and bounties were placed on their heads, \$5 for a cub and \$10 for an adult bear, and no hunting licence was required to kill them.
- **1946** The **Lindsay Post** reports a huge black bear was successfully hunted @Kennisis.
- **1960** A seasonal bear hunt was implemented but no license was required.
- **1961** The bounty on bears withdrawn and the bear was designated as a game animal.
- **1980** A spring and fall hunt season regulation was implemented.
- **1999** The Ontario Conservative Government cancelled the spring bear hunt, much to the devastation of local hunt camps and trappers, guides and local businesses that relied on this hunt season
- **2004** A bear story makes the Toronto Star news, cottage Mic Chonko's truck gets a visit.
- **2020** The Spring hunt was back on with regulations that female bears with cubs, were not to be killed, a hunter cannot interfere with a bear den and bears found near landfill sites were off limits.
- **2022** Lady K, found in the Kennisis landfill injured is rescued & treated & subsequently released.
- **2024** The OPP & MNR warned the Ontario communities that the bears were coming out of hibernation early due to a mild winter.
- **2024 Dyart:** "*We're happy to report the habituated bear, "Fred," at Kennisis Lake Landfill, was captured & relocated.*"

Marlene Roberts, long time North Shore cottager, made a can & string "alarm". She tied cans to a rope & wrapped it around their sleeping tent before their had their cabin built. If a bear walked into the rope, she would hear the cans clang together.

***IN ANISHINAABE CULTURE, THE BLACK BEAR IS SEEN AS A PROTECTOR AND HEALER.**



Bears !

Brian Holmes

Some of you may have known Jean Holmes an amazing lady in her later years an artist, with so many talents. In the beginning a camper here at Kennisis, making outdoor kitchens, fire pits, tenting, fishing with the best of them, all while looking after all the kids. Mom had chased many a racoon with the help of neighbour, Russ Johnson. One July 2004 afternoon she was painting in her downstairs studio transfixed with brush in hand, suddenly disrupted by a large thump on the kitchen floor. Worried that someone may have had a sudden fall she ran up the stairs confronted nose to nose with a bear who had just come down off the counter with a bag of nachos. Mom screamed for my dad and brother-in-law, Denis. All hell broke loose with the two of them running into the back door, the bear running out the front screen door and mom fleeing back down the stairs. Chased by dad and Denis who were throwing rocks was enough of a deterrent for the bear to saunter down the front deck happily eating the nacho he nicked.

From the time winter hibernation ends and a good food source becomes available a bear will live off its stored fat. Early greens will provide renewed energy, but it is the berry crops and the later nut crops that feed a bear. (Ontario.ca) As cottage life becomes increasingly a four- season lifestyle, it is possible to forget that nature is directly at the doorstep. A bear needs approximately 20,000 calories a day, and a cottage kitchen can provide that rather quickly verses a paw full after paw full of berries and grubs. If we take Baloo's advice from the Jungle Book movie, the bare/bear necessities will have us forget about our worries and our strife, which is exactly what lake living does.

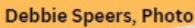


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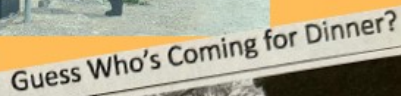
- It is estimated that there are approximately 100,000 black bears in Ontario, an omnivore, most of the diet of a black bear is plant material such as blueberries and raspberries, which in large quantities are a high-energy food source.
- Bear also love insects and can eat up to 25,000 caterpillars a day.
- In the fall, a bear will seek out nuts and acorns. One long time cottager remembers that before the Westshore was developed you could track the bears in early fall in search of the nut bearing trees that were abundant.
- Black bears are born in their dens in January and remain in hibernation with their mother until spring.
- Cubs will quickly put on weight. They can grow up to 60 pounds by the time they go into their first hibernation. A female black bear can weigh up to 300 pounds, a male up to 500.
- Cubs will stay with their mothers until they are around 18 months old. It is often these young bears that cottagers see roaming around the cottage looking for food.
- Black bear attacks are very rare. Fatal attacks on people by bears accessing food near homes and cottages have not occurred. Of the black bear attacks that have occurred, over 50% involved a dog off leash. (Bear with Us Sanctuary)
- People are afraid of bears because of what they believe is true and trust as fact, but it is not fact. (Bear with Us Sanctuary)
- Black bear attacks are very rare. Fatal attacks on people by bears accessing food near homes and cottages have not occurred.
- Bears need 20,000 calories a day to prepare for hibernation— that's 78 pounds of blueberries, 672 acorns, nearly 25,000 tent caterpillars or one seven-pound birdfeeder filled with black oil sunflower seeds. (Masterson)

Sources: Bear with Us Sanctuary, Ontario.ca /Bear Wise, Dave Taylor, Linda Masterson, Mike Commito

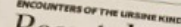




A person in a Smokey Bear costume, wearing a white hat with "SMOKEY" written on it, blue jeans, and a black belt, standing outdoors. The background shows a red and white striped awning and green foliage.



LIVING A bear likes Mic Chonko's truck!



Cottagers Are So Thoughtful: This bear found whole slew of sandwiches while foraging at the dump the last weekend in June.

My family & I went diligently to the dump on Saturday nights and had so much entertainment. My children, now adults, still talk about the excitement of seeing the bears! Tina Fagg

****The KLCOA provides tips for bear safety on their webpage, newsletters & eblasts**.**

The Kennisis Lake History Book Project :



Call for Submissions Kennisis artists and photographers



Art by David Kerr



- The front, back book cover & some chapter headings need artwork.
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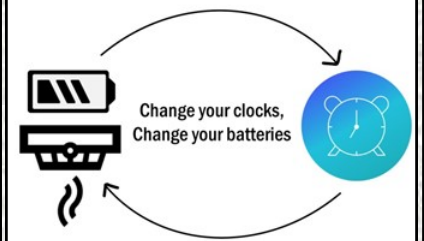
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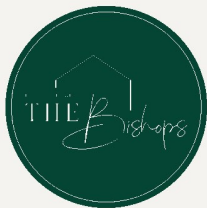
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The Bad News – WE HAVE PHRAG! (from KLCOA.org)

The Good News – It may be early enough to bring this invasive plant species under control around the Kennisis Lakes.

Invasive Phragmites ([pronounced like this](#)) known as Phragmites Australis are a perineal reed that can grow up to 5 metres or more in height if left unattended and can result in complete loss of native vegetation and decreased plant biodiversity. Phragmites provides poor habitat and food supplies for wildlife, including several species at risk including turtles and amphibians.

Managing Invasive Phragmites has been identified as a priority by the Ontario government and the Ontario Phragmites Action (OPA) program is a new effort to enhance a coordinated response to invasive Phragmites across the province. The program is funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and is implemented by the Invasive Species Centre, Nature Conservancy of Canada and a number of other key partners. The KLCOA along with Redstone, Lipsy and Growler Lake Associations have partnered with U-Links Centre for Community Based Research to map these invasive plants in a limited part of the upper watershed in Dysart et al as well as 20 public water access locations across Haliburton County. The objective is to further understand the extent of the problem around our lakes and to develop mitigation strategies for this invasive plant.

At this point most of the roads around the Kennisis Lakes have been mapped. There are very limited or no invasive phragmites on Kennisis Lake Road, Watts Road, Wilkinson and spur roads. Some of these have been removed. Wilkinson has one significant Phrag stand near the marina. Westshore Road has extensive phragmites stands along the length of the road and on some spur roads.

This phase of the project was funded for identification only and not for mitigation or removal of invasive phragmites although a limited removal effort has been undertaken by the volunteers. A second phase of the project is in the planning stage, which will include removal and control for the phragmites.

The KLCOA would like to thank the volunteers for participating in the Phrag identification and removal training and completing the surveys around our lakes.

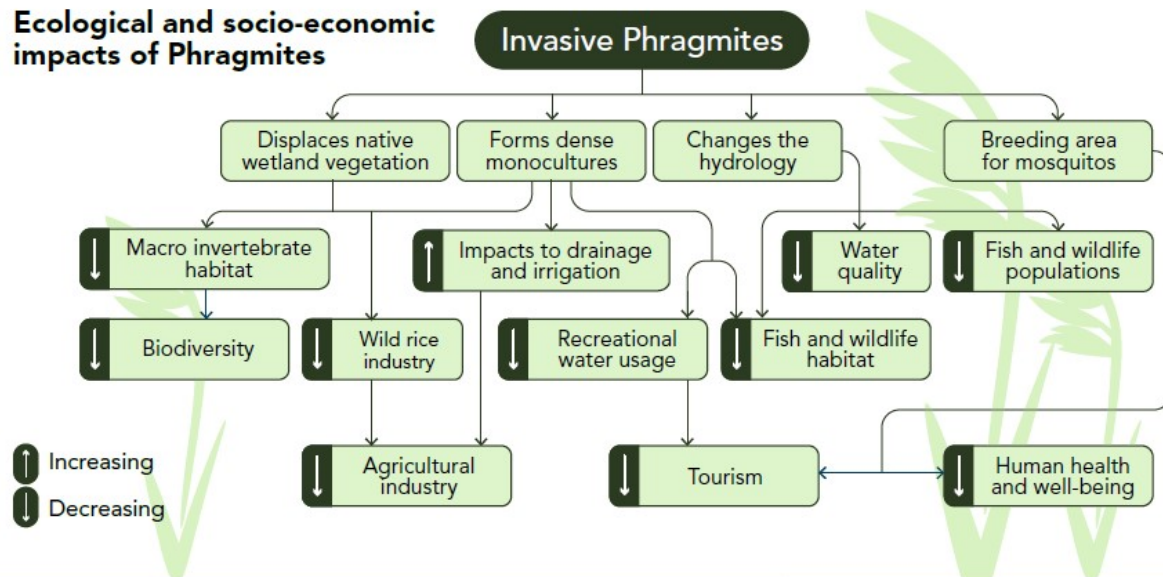


(seedheads)



Socio-Economic Impacts of Phragmites

Ecological and socio-economic impacts of Phragmites



Ecological impacts

Phragmites has serious ecological impacts, and its rapid rate of spread can alter aquatic ecosystems.

- forms dense monocultures outcompeting native wetland vegetation
- disrupts the nutrient cycle
- alters the hydrology of a wetland
- lowers the native diversity of benthic invertebrates
- reduces habitat for native fish and wildlife species
- spreads easily once it has established through an extensive rhizome system

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Prevent further spread of Phragmites:

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Never release aquarium pets, water garden plants, live food, or live bait into any water body or storm sewer



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FOCA News

"University of Toronto researcher, Ian Jones, is part of a team using moths to control phragmites.

Since 2021, the team has released over 21,000 caterpillars and larvae at around 30 locations across Ontario such as this. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency approved two moth species for use as biocontrol in 2019. The caterpillars only eat phragmites, and as they grow, they'll "hopefully" munch through three or four stems and "do a fair amount of damage to the phragmites." They also survive our Canadian climate !!

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Kennisis Lake Snowmobile Club enjoyed a Canadian Winter *by Graham Beach*

The winter of 2025 brought much snow and was one of the better snowmobile seasons in many years. It rekindled much energy in the sport overall in Southern Ontario.

Over the past 14 years since it was resurrected, the Kennisis Snowmobile Club has gathered much interest around the Kennisis Lake area. The purpose of our casual "club" is to support efforts of our 2 local OFSC clubs... i.e.; Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Haliburton County Snowmobile Association/HCSA.



We offer support in measuring ice thickness prior to staking. Once safe, we have dedicated volunteers who install, remove and store the lake marking stakes. We also lend support to improve access and safety on the marked lake trail which helps considerably with safe travel for all snowmobilers locally and those who travel through our area. Snowmobiling is the largest single contributor to winter tourism in Haliburton County.



Another major task which we tackle is the trail maintenance work on Tall Pines Trail 62 which leaves the Kennisis Dam heading north towards Dorset & Kawagama Lake and most of the local portage trails from Kennisis to Big Hawk Lake. We have done much work over the past 14 years to widen, improve sight lines and overgrowth through considerable brushing and trimming. We have also tackled the restructuring of the Buckhorn Creek Shelter. This was done through excellent volunteer help and fantastic fundraising efforts.

To date in 14 years we have raised over \$20,000 to support all our initiatives improve snowmobiling in the Kennisis Lake area. Most recently in 2023 we raised \$4500 for the Tall Pines SC in Dorset for a Mobile Shelter Initiative.

We also just recreated our logo which was used to base our new clothing fundraiser in 2024 from while showing off our Lake. Dozens of orders were placed for hoodies, hats, toques, glasses, decals and patches. Our most recent item for sale in 2025 is our KLSC Shot Glass, raising funds for a new Outhouse for our Buckhorn Creek Shelter Cabin



In 2026, we plan to host a barbeque on the ice in mid-March. Stay tuned!

I encourage all snowmobilers to become involved and to stay informed of all activities. I send out emails keeping everyone informed and current. If you wish to become part of my email list please simply contact me..... Graham Beach: graham_beach@hotmail.com M: 905 806 5591

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Voice Your Opinion and Complete The Survey (from May 15th to June 15th)

The Municipality of Dysart et al is reviewing and proposing updates to the shoreline protection policies of the Municipal Official Plan and Zoning By-law. **The municipality is considering permitting additional structures in the shoreline waterfront setback and is interested in the public's opinion.** As part of this process, Council is conducting an enhanced public consultation process to gather feedback that will inform their decision. This process includes **a survey** and a **public open house**.

Spread the word by sharing the link dysartetal.ca/feedback



Voice Your Opinion and Attend the Open House

The Open House will provide an opportunity for anyone to make comment directly to Council on the proposed changes to policies. Each registered participant will be given five minutes to speak.

Date: Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Dysart et al Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton

Participation Options: Participants can attend in person or via Zoom.

Registration Information: Please contact Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk, to register for the **Open House**. Please indicate in your registration your full name and if you plan to attend in person or by Zoom. Those who register ahead of time will be given the chance to speak first.



The Shape of Water

I

The Lake Closes

The temperature plummets, and she groans—
a deep rumble of resistance
as bones of ice knit together.

When the lake booms, her core shifts
under crushing weight
with the rage of a trapped beast.

Far below, in watery caverns, fish sleep
suspended, eyes open, their fins
the wings of unformed angels.

And above, the drone of angry bees—
motor sleds ride the horizon, their trail of headlights
like low-slung satellites invading the dark.

II

To Walk on Water

You measure, drill down till water gushes
from the lake's frozen surface,
alert to fissures, fault lines advancing,
a thinning under the steady gaze of the sun.

III

The Sky Opens

Torrential rains pound metamorphic cliffs,
flood creek beds.
Glacial grindings of minerals and silt.

The lake returns, a bolt of rippling silk,
pure oxygen released from winter's hold. Winds shuffle
the floating shards with a tinkling of chimes.

You balance on the ribs of your skiff,
surrender to an ancient rhythm, the oar's dip and pull
prow gliding into spring.

Kennisis Lake Community is very fortunate to have talented community members!

Lea Harper is one of them and she has kindly offered her poem to share with us.

"The Shape of Water" was published in December in the Literary Review of Canada and is forthcoming in the anthology,

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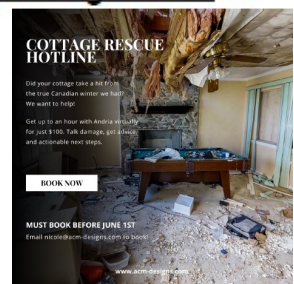
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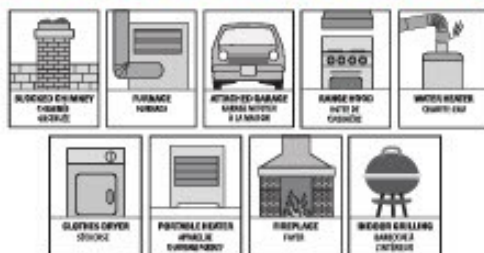
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(Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs)

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Getting Started Each Year

- Propane cylinders must be inspected and re-certified every 10 years. Check your propane cylinder for date of manufacture.
 - Place your BBQ outside, on level ground, at least one metre (three feet) away from the house and away from wind and combustible materials.
 - BBQs should be inspected and cleaned at least once each year, preferably prior to the first use annually.
 - Make sure burners are in good condition. Burners that are rusted or damaged should be replaced.
 - Check the flexible hose. If you find cracks or damage, replace the hose before using the barbeque.
 - Clean the tubes underneath the burner – insects and debris can accumulate inside these tubes.
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Using your BBQ

When using a match, always light it before turning on the gas to prevent excessive gas build-up. If the barbeque is equipped with an electronic igniter, follow the directions on the control panel.

Both propane and natural gas flames should be mostly blue with yellow tips. If the flame is mostly yellow, do not use the BBQ.

Contact a qualified gasfitter.

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A Note From the Dysart et al Recycling Program

Do you have old clothing you don't need anymore or a single shoe you're not sure what to do with? Do you have old bedding or pillows you feel no one else would use again?

Along with donating gently used clothing to the **Haliburton 4Cs Lily Ann Thrift Store** and the **SIRCH Community Services' Thrift Warehouse**, residents of the Municipality of Dysart et al can drop off textiles for recycling at Dysart's five waste disposal sites!

Dysart residents can drop off textiles including:

items you wear "head to foot"

- clothes including undergarments and socks
- hats
- scarves
- ties
- jackets
- coats
- belts
- shoes (including single shoes)
- jewelry
- purses
- backpacks
- bedding
- blankets
- curtains
- fabric
- pillows
- sleeping bags
- towels



While textiles should be clean, Dysart's textile recycling program will also accept torn, worn out, stained or scrap textiles. *Please place textiles in clear bags to help keep materials dry.*

Look for the **purple** textile recycling drop-off bins at Haliburton Landfill, Harcourt Landfill, Kennisis Lake Landfill, West Bay Landfill, and West Guilford Landfills! Only drop off bagged textiles during the landfill's regular operating hours (entering a site when it is closed is trespassing).

Recycling Rewards collects the textile materials dropped off at Dysart's waste disposal sites. Once collected, the textiles are delivered to a warehouse facility. During unloading, textiles are weighed on a certified scale. Textiles are then manually sorted into categories such as "below average," "average," and "above average." Upon completion and periodic inspection of the sorted material, employees proceed to the baling and labeling of the product. Bales are loaded into containers and shipped locally, nationally and internationally, where requested.

While sorting, all unusable material is moved out to a "quarantine" area. The unusable items are shipped to a local grader, where they are shredded to be used as industrial cloth rags and wipes, insulation and stuffing.

Of all the textiles processed by Recycling Rewards, 25% to 30% are reused domestically including being sold in **Talize** stores, 55 to 70% are reused internationally, 5% to 10% are used for other purposes (industrial cloth rags and wipes, insulation and stuffing), and only 1% of materials are disposed.

In January 2022, Dysart conducted a **waste composition study**. The study found textiles accounted for 1.63% of Papers Recycling (incorrect stream), 0.37% of Containers Recycling (incorrect stream), and 2.61% of Garbage.

In Canada, the average person throws out 36.7 kg (81 lbs.) of textiles annually, while North Americans send 10 million tonnes of clothing to landfill every year. With the advent of "fast fashion," in 2014, the average consumer purchased 60% more clothing than in 2000, but only kept each item for half as long. By recycling textiles, you help protect the environment and extend the lifespans of our landfills.

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**In 2024, Dysart collected
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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Thanks KLCOA for Their Generosity

Dear KLCOA Members,

Thank you for supporting rural healthcare. The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association transformational donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation allow investment in crucial resources to support the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors throughout the County.

Because of donors like you, the past 12 months have been truly extraordinary! We successfully completed the Here for You in the Highlands campaign to make diagnostic imaging available locally, including CT, mammography, new ultrasound, Picture Archiving Communications System and an urgently needed X-Ray suite. With CT already operational, the balance of the equipment will be up and running sometime this year – the first mammogram was performed in late February. These important diagnostic tools help recruit health care workers and improve health care outcomes for you, your family, and your community.

Over the past 25 years, the KLCOA has donated **\$8,904** to the HHHS Foundation and we recognize your generosity by including your association on the Donor of Distinction wall located at HHHS Haliburton and the Minden Health Hub at the Builder Level. As well, it is important to note that the Kennisis Lake community was **the most impactful community** to the diagnostic imaging campaign. As we comb through the data, we estimate that over 130 property owners contributed a total of over **\$950,000**. That's astounding!

Your generous investment in rural healthcare showcases your collective commitment to your community and reinforces the important role that champions play in advocating for local resources. Thank you for your sustained support over the past quarter century.

Sincerely,

Melanie

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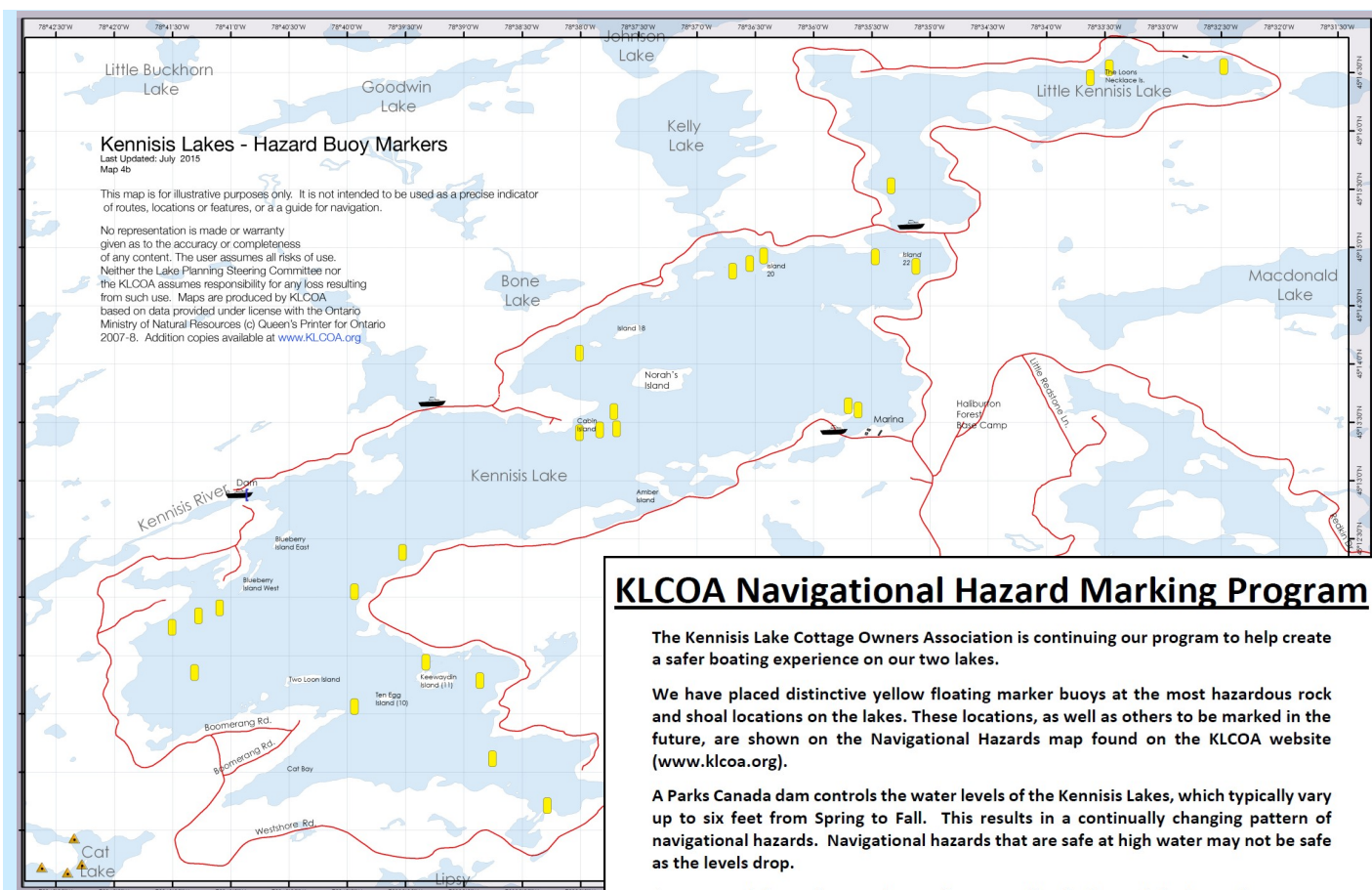
Visit <https://klcoa.org/boating/becoming-a-better-boater/> for more information and the option to download the boater's code.

BOATER'S CODE

RESPECTFUL BOATING GUIDELINES FOR THE KENNISIS LAKES

1. Follow Transport Canada's **Safe Boating Guide** and obtain your **Pleasure Craft Operator's Card** if you intend to operate a motorized watercraft.
[Safe Boating Guide](#)
[Get Your Pleasure Craft Operators Card](#)
2. Do not operate a boat if you are under the influence of **Drugs or Alcohol**.
3. Minimize your Wake especially in narrow channels, bays and near shore. Reduce your Speed to 10 km within 30 meters (100 feet) of shore.
[Obey Boating Speed Limits](#)
4. Provide **Life Jackets** or **PFDs** to everyone who travels on your boat.
5. Head to the **Centre** of the lake when **Towing – Boarding, Skiing or Tubing**. Avoid boating parallel to the shore.
6. **Respect** your neighbours by moving around the lake rather than boating in a small area. Avoid making excessive **Noise** that will disturb the enjoyment of others.
7. **Protect** the environment by treating bays and narrows as **No Wake Zones** and avoid operating in water that is less than 1.2 metres (4 feet) deep.
8. **Clean** your **Boat** and **Trailer** when bringing them in/out of the Kennisis Lakes and drain the bilge on shore far away from the lakes.





KLCOA Navigational Hazard Marking Program

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association is continuing our program to help create a safer boating experience on our two lakes.

We have placed distinctive yellow floating marker buoys at the most hazardous rock and shoal locations on the lakes. These locations, as well as others to be marked in the future, are shown on the Navigational Hazards map found on the KLCOA website (www.klcoa.org).

A Parks Canada dam controls the water levels of the Kennisis Lakes, which typically vary up to six feet from Spring to Fall. This results in a continually changing pattern of navigational hazards. Navigational hazards that are safe at high water may not be safe as the levels drop.

As some rock formations are large, often extending far beyond the buoys, boaters are advised to give the buoys a wide berth.

The buoys are placed in the lake annually in the spring and removed for the winter in the fall.

We would welcome suggestions from the Kennisis Community about additional locations you deem hazardous to boating.

NOT ALL HAZARDS ON THE KENNISIS LAKES ARE MARKED!

IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL BOAT OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID NAVIGATION HAZARDS!

The program does not guarantee or even suggest that unmarked hazard locations can be safely navigated. The primary responsibility for a safe boating experience rests with the individual operator of a watercraft. Boat operators should follow the instructions on safe boating learned when preparing for and obtaining their Pleasure Craft Operators Card. All boaters should use common sense when travelling near shorelines, islands and areas displaying tell-tale signs of possible shallow water and/or underwater hazards, which may not be marked with buoys.



The KLCOA and its directors and officers take no responsibility for injury to boaters or damage to boats as a result of contact with navigational hazards.

We are indebted to the Federation Ontario of Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) which has shared with us their considerable research of the regulatory and liability issues associated with this program.

Additional Marker Buoys

Additional locations for markers are identified by community members on an ongoing basis. The KLCOA Hazard Marker committee determines whether to deploy new markers based on the KLCOA Navigational Marker Guidelines.

No Wake Marker Buoys

The KLCOA also coordinates the deployment of "NO WAKE" markers in some of the narrow channels such as the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels and the entrance to Kennisis Dam to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations.

This year, reflective tape will be replaced and identification tags added to all buoys.

For more info: contact

Gino Ariano at gino.ariano@hotmail.com

Please stay safe and enjoy your boating experience on our beautiful Kennisis Lakes.

The 2025 Rock Bass Fishing Derby

This year, the rock bass fishing derby is organized again by Mike and Kelly Neely on July 5th. They will reinforce the need to use **Lead-Free Fishing Tackle** as lead fishing tackle is a major contributor to loon mortality.

A lead tackle drop off location will be shared at the derby. Help decrease the invasive rock bass population in our Lakes and

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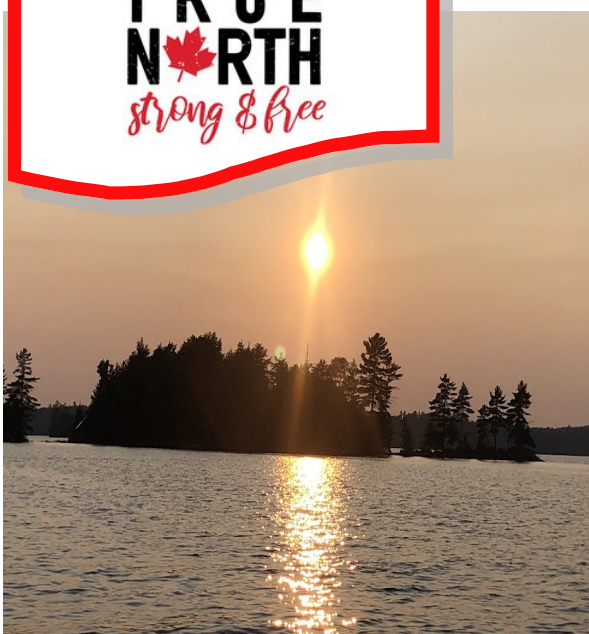
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