



## Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

## Kennisis Breeze

## Letter from the President

**"Tentative" Dates to Remember****Ladies Of The Lake Lunch****Cancelled****KLCOA Fireworks/CANADA DAY**

Postponed to Sept. Labour Day weekend depending on the response from our members in our eblast

**Rock Bass Fishing Derby**

Sat. July 11th (but will be following COVID-19 provincial guidelines)

Come out and join us for a fun day of fishing while helping to reduce the number of Rock Bass in our lakes. Anyone interested in taking part can register by email at [neelys@sympatico.ca](mailto:neelys@sympatico.ca) or by texting Mike at 905-626-2463.

**Art on the Dock**

Aug. 8th & 9th  
(but will be following strict COVID 19 Guidelines)

**Summer Swimming Lessons****Cancelled****Regatta****Cancelled****Sailing Regatta**

Sun. Aug. 2nd (but will follow strict COVID 19 Guidelines)

**Sailing Series**

(will follow strict COVID 19 Guidelines)

**KLCOA General Meeting****Virtual**

Wed. Sept. 16th 7:30pm

Details to follow

I want to start by thanking our members for their patience and understanding as we navigate through what appears to be the 'new normal' for awhile. We have unfortunately had to cancel most of our 2020 programs due to COVID-19 restrictions but we do still have a few events that we have been able to modify to meet regulations.

Art on the Dock has been approved to go ahead on August 8th and 9th. We are excited to present 28 artists at 15 locations. This year will look a bit different in that we have to limit group size at any location to current regulation size and require that people sanitize their hands before entering a location (hand sanitizer will be available). The KLCOA and artists also respectfully ask that guests wear masks. We will provide masks for those who do not have their own. We ask that everyone attending the event respect these rules and requests for the safety of themselves, other guests and the artists.

The Annual Rock Bass fishing derby is also going ahead on July 11. [For details please see our website.](#)

Fireworks have been cancelled for both Canada Day and the August long weekend but if we can meet all of the restrictions, regulations, timelines and obtain permits we will consider having them on the Labor Day weekend (Sept 5). The latest eblasts have put the question to members to see what they think and who might attend. So far we have had about 190 responses but we would like to hear from more of the membership. Please remember that you can only submit one response per cottage membership. [The link to the questions is here.](#)

Spring heading into summer at the Lakes has been much busier than usual this year. There are more people up earlier and as a result we are finding ourselves sharing the space with more bears, deer, raccoon and porcupines. The KLCOA has had discussions with the MNR on the increased bear sightings and has posted guidance on dealing with bears many times on our [website](#) and in eblasts. Please read the recommendations in this edition of the Breeze to familiarize yourself with what is needed to encourage the bears to move on and how to protect yourself if you have a close encounter.

We have also been receiving a lot of complaints and concerns about traffic on the water. As you enjoy boating on our Lakes please be respectful of others and be aware of your surroundings and how you are affecting them. Obey the rules of the water but also be aware of how your individual watercraft affects the area around you including shorelines and docks. It may be that you need to slow down or stay further way from shore and other boats to minimize your impact. [Check our website for more details on boating safety and etiquette.](#)

Please remember to read your eblasts and check our [website](#) regularly for updates and current, **factual** information on ongoing topics. The KLCOA does not participate on any social media platforms at this time.

Have a great summer!

Deb Wratschko, KLCOA President

## Bear Update!



Photo  
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someone  
on  
Kennisis!

### Numerous Bear Sightings Have Been reported on Little Kennisis and Kennisis Lake Road.

Remember they are not pets even though many films have often humanized them.

Please be cautious and review the safety guidelines from MNRF.

#### Bear fact:

Bears have a very keen sense of smell. They can travel over 100 kilometres outside their natural home range to known areas of high food production, such as a great blueberry field or a stand of oak or beech trees. They log the location into their brain and will return year after year.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise>

Two of our board members recently had a conference call with the MNR at their request to have discussions around what we need to do. The following points were discussed:

### POSSIBLE REASONS THAT WE ARE SEEING MORE BEARS THIS YEAR

1. The last two years have been stellar natural food years for the bears and have resulted in more bears surviving hibernation in good shape and more cubs being born.
2. There are more people at their cottages at this time of year due to COVID-19 and therefore there are more non-natural food attractions for the bears (see below)

### 3. The landfill has been changed to a total transfer station this year so.... **WHAT DO WE DO?**

Be diligent about removing food sources.

- don't store garbage or recycle for long period of times and keep it in an air tight lockable container or locked in your garage or shed. Go to the dump often (when it is open- don't leave at gate).
- remove bird feeders of all kinds (suet, seeds and liquid)
- keep your barbecue clean
- remove ripe fruit from trees and especially from ground
- don't leave car windows open with food of any kind inside
- don't compost this time of year
- keep all pet food inside the cottage

If you have a bear that is hanging around, scare it by using one of the following:

- banging pots
- blaring car horn or air horn
- blow a whistle
- purchase bear bangers (produce a loud noise that bears do not like)
- pass the information on to any neighbours that may not have got the message.

The MNR will not remove the bears unless they become aggressive and are breaking into cottages because that does not solve the source of the problem and the bears will return to where they get rewarded.

Here are more details on [guidelines](#) to help keep your cottage safe from bears.

[If you encounter a bear here are some very important guidelines to follow for your safety.](#)



## **COVID-19 and YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM**

**Septic owners should be mindful that every septic system has a finite capacity.**

**If your system is stressed or overloaded beyond its capacity, you could end up with a messy, costly failure.**

**Self-isolation & shelter-in-place policies can stress septic systems** – Are you spending more time at home and trying to keep the Coronavirus at bay? This can increase the load on your septic system. More food is being prepared at home. Many people are washing more dishes.

**More laundry** than usual - Many families are washing clothes, linens, towels, etc. more often, especially if someone in the home is self-isolating or quarantined. Some people are stripping down and washing their clothes after having been outside.

**All this extra water usage and food waste going down drains increases the stress on septic systems.**

**Disinfecting wipes & other toxins** - In an effort to prevent the virus from spreading, many families are using higher than normal amounts of wipes and cleaning products

**We all have enough to worry about with the health and economic impacts of the Coronavirus. A septic system backup or leach field failure right now on top of everything else would be disastrous.**

### **Septic Care Checklist**

So what can you do to reduce the stress on your septic system and prevent overloading it?

- ☐ **Never use bleach & minimize antibacterial products** in a home with a septic system
- ☐ **Never flush wipes** of any kind – there is no such thing as a flushable wipe in a septic system.
- ☐ **Use regular, good old fashioned soap for hand washing.** There is no need to use soap containing harsh anti-bacterial agents which are toxic to the microbes in your septic system.
- ☐ **Never do more than one water consuming activity** at a time – e.g. do not do dishes and laundry at the same time as this can overload your system.
- ☐ Only do Laundry when you have a **full load** and only do **one load per day**
- ☐ **Take showers of 5 minutes or less** instead of having a bath, which uses more water.
- ☐ **Never use chemical products** in your toilet tank, like cleaning pucks that turn the water blue. Stop using them.
- ☐ **Add more needed bacteria and enzymes to your system** by adding 7 scoops of **Ecoethic Septic Treatment** once a month ( *available at Organic Times in Minden* <http://www.organictimesminden.com/> )
- ☐ **Fix leaky plumbing fixtures** especially **toilet flappers** that can allow hundreds of gallons of extra water to leak into your septic system.
- ☐ If you have not had your **septic tank pumped** in 5 years, contact a septic service company (they are considered an essential service) and arrange to get it done as soon as possible.

### **The Basics – reduce water use and spread it out over the day and week**

- **Do not let any antibacterial product down your drains &**
  - **Supplement the good bacteria and enzymes once a month**

### A Question from our Spring General Meeting

*We could certainly use more of the No Wake Markers in Little Kennisis just past the first bridge. Boats entering from the big lake get too close to the west shore and either pick up speed too soon or stand in their boats and plough through the water. This causes not only waves on the dock but more importantly damage to the natural shoreline.*

Answer: The KLCOA did deploy No Wake Makers (NWM) for the first time in 2019 in the BB Islands and Cabin Island channels and reports from the shoreline residents and others have been positive regarding slowing boat traffic. Recognizing that the KLCOA uses volunteers to manage NWMs, we decided that the markers could not be deployed in deep water (greater than ~25ft) due to the weight of the anchors and chain being too hard to manage. The other criterion for NWM deployment is that they cannot interfere with navigation. The areas on both side of the first bridge would be pushing the limits for both of these requirements. The channel is already narrow on both sides of the bridge. We considered this location for NWM but abandoned the idea for these reasons.

We believe that the best approach is to educate boaters on our lakes to follow safe boating practices and exhibit good boating etiquette when operating their craft close to shorelines. The KLCOA has been active in this area but there clearly more to be done. The KLCOA has information on our website including a Boaters Code of Conduct. We are also actively pursuing safe boating programs that are being implemented in other jurisdictions such as those from Safe Quiet Lakes (<https://safequiet.ca>).

Perhaps updated signage on the first bridge indicating a No Wake Zone would work. We would be happy to pursue this or other options.

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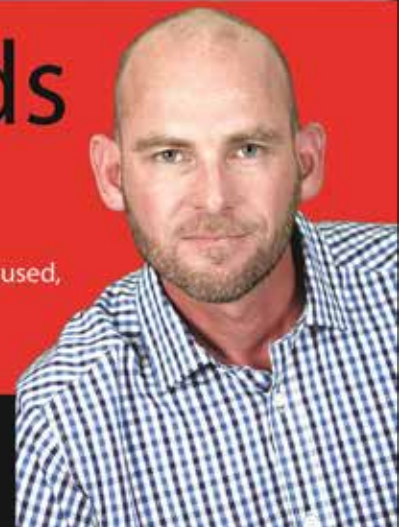
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## Summer Art Program Update

It is with deep regret that we announce that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Haliburton School of Art + Design summer program is cancelled.

This cancellation includes the weeklong courses and Saturday workshops, from May to November, listed in the summer calendar.

Visit [HSAD.ca](http://HSAD.ca) for information on alternative options and opportunities offered online this summer.



Art: *Down the Lake*, by Luke Despatie, HSAD faculty member



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## Shoreline Restoration 2020

Unfortunately, the KLCOA has had to cancel Shoreline Restoration activities and demonstrations for 2020 during the pandemic. Two shoreline restoration workshops were sponsored by the KLCOA in 2019 and, participants were instructed on the best ways to locate and plant native species to naturalize, absorb nutrients from septic systems, and reduce erosion and support pollinators and other fauna.

Native species planted included:

Sweet Oxeye, Blue Flag Iris, Zigzag Goldenrod,  
Alternate Leaf Dogwood, Nannyberry, Common  
Elderberry, Ninebark, Yarrow, Red Maple,  
Canada Anemone, New England Aster



The KLCOA was delighted to have the workshops supported by Grow Wild Native Plant Nursery in Omeme Ontario. You can still obtain these plants from Grow Wild!

Grow Wild can be contacted at <http://nativeplantnursery.ca/>



Abbey Gardens has partnered with the KLCOA over the past few years to provide native plants and a pick-up location for the KLCOA tree and native plant program. Abbey Gardens also has a selection of native plants for sale on an ongoing basis.

Please contact Abbey Gardens to check for plant availability. <http://abbeygardens.ca/>



## Benthic Monitoring on the Kennisis Lakes

### What is Benthic Monitoring?

Benthic Monitoring is the study of the bugs that naturally live in all lakes and streams and that form the base of the aquatic food chain.

Benthic macroinvertebrates, or benthos, are primarily aquatic insect larvae such as midges, black-flies, mosquitoes, beetles and dragonflies. Other benthos species include leeches, crayfish, snails and freshwater clams.

These organisms are often used to monitor water quality in Lakes, rivers, creeks, and streams as they are good health indicators of aquatic ecosystems and water quality.

The KLCOA has partnered with U-Links and Fleming College to perform Benthic monitoring in the Kennisis Lakes watershed. The pilot work was performed in 2019 and will continue for several years.

The results of the pilot are detailed in the project poster shown here. The full report is available on the KLCOA website under the Stewardship link.

## Kennisis Lake Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study

### Background

- This project is part of a benthic macroinvertebrate biomonitoring pilot program in Haliburton County
- Current goal of the program that Kennisis Lake is apart of is to establish a baseline of benthic data in several lakes in Haliburton County
- Future goal is to continue monitoring and compare results with the baseline to determine and possibly address changes to the health of each lake

### Benthic Macro-invertebrates

- Benthic:** organisms that live on or near the bottom of bodies of water
- Macro-:** large enough to be visible to the naked eye (>0.5mm length)
- Invertebrate:** an organism which does not have a spine
- Looking at the presence, absence, and changes in overall population of each broad grouping of benthics allows us to determine what the current state of the lake is and how it is changing

### Sampling Methods

- Used slightly modified Ontario Benthos Bio-monitoring Network (OBBN) protocol
- Collected benthics by kicking up sediment while sweeping a mesh net through the suspended sediment
- Samples were analyzed under a microscope to count and determine the grouping of each organism present with a minimum of 100 organisms needed for each replicate

### Site Selection

- Two sites were selected (Figure 1):
  - o KENN-01 is a potentially disturbed site on Kennisis Lake
  - o Johnson Lake is a nearly undeveloped lake with few potential impacts
- Multiple habitat types were sampled in Johnson Lake
- Each site had multiple replicates collected and analyzed in order to account for natural variability within each site

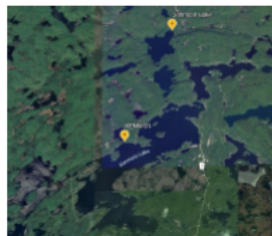


Figure 1: Map of Sites Selected in Kennisis Lake and Johnson Lake

Figure 2: Modified Hilsenhoff Biotic Index Values of Kennisis Lake Compared to Provincial Guidelines and the Haliburton County Average in 2019

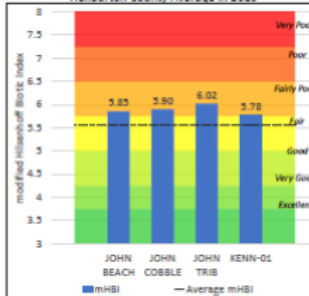
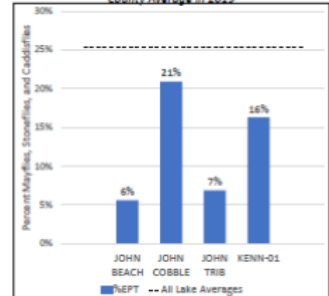


Figure 3: Mayfly, Stonefly, and Caddisfly Percentage Values of Kennisis Lake Compared to the Haliburton County Average in 2019



### Data Analysis Methods

- Modified Hilsenhoff Biotic Index (mHBI) and Percent Ephemeroptera (mayflies), Plecoptera (stoneflies), and Trichoptera (caddisflies) known as %EPT were used as main indicators
- mHBI assigns an organic pollution tolerance value to each grouping which are then amalgamated into a weighted average which will fall within a ranking system ranging from "Excellent" to "Very Poor" (Figure 2)
- %EPT indicates the relative proportion of the sample that is made up of these three, sensitive groups (Figure 3)

### Results

- There may be some form of organic pollution in Kennisis Lake as mHBI values were within the "Fairly Poor" category and above the average of all sites sampled in 2019
- The %EPT value at KENN-01 was moderate and below the average of all 2019 sites
- The %EPT values in Johnson Lake show habitat type can impact benthic composition
- Future data will provide a clearer picture of the health of and trends of Kennisis Lake
- Moving forward it is suggested that additional sites around Kennisis Lake be sampled in order to attain a broader view of the overall health of the lake

### Acknowledgements

Host Supervisor: Jim Prince  
 Faculty Supervisor: Eric Sager  
 Project Coordinator: Brendan Martin  
 Students: Ecological Restoration Class, 2019



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Midge larvae



Caddisfly larvae

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Crayfish larvae



Mosquito larvae



Dragonfly larvae



Black fly larvae



**Benthos  
Macroinvertebrates**





## Shoreline Protection Bylaw Update

The County of Haliburton continues to seek public input on the creation of a Shoreline Protection By-law.

As we are aware, our Kennisis Lakes, rivers and associated natural environmental features support Haliburton's way of life and our stewardship of the shorelines on these waterways is central to the creation of a Shoreline Protection By-law. Building on the current Haliburton County policies and by-laws, the County is considering strengthening shoreline protection.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.klcoa.org/https-www-klcoa-org-wp-content-uploads-2020-03-county-shoreline-bylaw-update-final-pdf/>

This may include new protection for natural shoreline vegetation, specifically native species, located within 30 m of the high water mark, creating a permit process for site alteration within 30 m of the high water mark or other shoreline protection protocols.

Healthy, natural shorelines on lakes and rivers protect aquatic communities, fish habitat, source water and mitigates flooding.

Healthy shorelines are one of the primary contributors to healthy lakes and watersheds.

## Healthy Shorelines = Healthy Lakes = Healthy Economy in our Haliburton Community

Haliburton County continues to solicit input for the development of a new Shoreline Protection By-law. Please note that phase 1 commenting is closed but the Haliburton Director of Planning is still taking comments and waiting for things to open up before Phase 2 consultations.

You can participate at Wade In, Haliburton County:

<https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/shoreline-preservation-by-law?fbclid=IwAR1IQerTxceFzc8jILKdqHGOV4FfrsAZghGznNPakR7x8-XiBy5yQoEayyw>

### Mayor Andrea Roberts's Message for Summer 2020

The summer of 2020 is officially here and we have been enjoying some lovely weather. We have been living with the Covid-19 pandemic for over 3 months. Everyone has had to make changes to the way we live and work.

I want to thank all our health care workers as well as those who support the vulnerable people in our community. You have risen to the challenge and we are truly grateful.

As we head into this summer, we know many will be enjoying their cottage properties more than ever. We will also see many renters coming here as the short-term rentals were permitted by the Province. The message I sent out early May asked that people bring the supplies that they needed. Now that we are in phase 2, that message has changed. Our local businesses are ready for the summer season and we want people to come to Haliburton, West Guilford, Eagle Lake, Fort Irwin, and Harcourt for food, clothing, gifts, hardware and other items. Order take out from a restaurant, or better yet, make a reservation to sit on their patio.

Our Recovery task force will be kicking off a campaign called "Welcome to My Ward", which will feature each of the five wards in Dysart. Each Councillor will introduce things to do and places to visit in their area, such as beaches, boat launches, some businesses and places of interest. This summer, why not explore all the wonderful things we have to offer right here in Dysart!

The most important thing to remember is that we are not out of the woods. Covid-19 is still a very dangerous virus. I ask that you wear a mask when shopping or in an area where you can't be 6' apart. Be sure to wash your hands before and after you enter a store. Make an appointment to get tested if you feel you have any symptoms.

We are blessed to live and cottage in such a beautiful, safe place. Enjoy your summer, visit with your friends, family and neighbours, and support the local businesses and community organizations. I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer of 2020!! *Andrea Roberts, Mayor, Municipality of Dysart et al*



Sometimes, renters or family members do not understand that life is different in cottage country. Let's help them by educating them on how our world is different than city life. A lot of visitors really do want to know but are afraid to ask!

These posters are available for your use and the entire set can be found at

[www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org)

# Garbage Disposal



## ❌ DON'T

- ❌ Burn garbage.
- ❌ Feed wildlife.
- ❌ Leave garbage outside, unless in an animal-proof container.
- ❌ Leave any scented products outdoors.
- ❌ Leave pet food outside.

## ✓ DO

- ✓ Reduce, reuse, recycle!
- ✓ Rinse out bottles, jars and containers before putting them in the recycling box.
- ✓ Check local dump hours to dispose of waste.
- ✓ Pick up pet waste using a biodegradable bag.

\*Wild animals cannot depend on you for their food source. Please do not feed the animals or leave your garbage outside.

\*Recycling is mandatory in Haliburton County.

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# Kitchen



## ❌ DON'T

- ❌ Use anti-bacterial products as the septic system needs bacteria.
- ❌ Pour fats, oils and grease down the drain.
- ❌ Use chlorine bleach.

All of these are harmful to the septic system.

## ✅ DO

- ✅ Use phosphate free cleaning products.
- ✅ Wash dishes with phosphate free detergents.
- ✅ Run the dishwasher only when completely full.

\*Use 1 cup baking soda followed by 3 cups boiling water (plus 1 cup vinegar if needed) for unclogging drains, instead of commercial products.



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# Bathroom



## ❌ DON'T

- X** Use automatic toilet bowl cleaners.
- X** Use anti-bacterial hand soap.
- X** Put paper towel, tissue, hair, baby wipes (even ones marked 'flushable'), or feminine products (no tampons) down the toilet.
- X** Put anything down the toilet other than natural waste and toilet paper.

## ✓ DO

- ✓ Use non- antibacterial soap.
- ✓ Use biodegradable cleaners (phosphate and chlorine free).
- ✓ Use peroxide cleaners.
- ✓ Limit the amount of toilet paper used.
- ✓ Conserve water to avoid overload to septic system.

\*Septic systems need bacteria for it to properly function, thus anti-bacterial products are not good for the system.

\*The toilet, sink and shower are connected to the septic tank, a system of tanks that allows waste to filter 'slowly' into the ground.

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### EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

Septic inspections are a necessary part of the operation and maintenance of a septic tank. An optimal running septic system is undoubtedly the objective of every rural property owner. However given the fact that the system is completely subsurface, the ability to adequately access a septic system is virtually impossible for the home and cottage owner. Latent defects often can go unnoticed for months or even years, slowly contaminating the earth and water bodies' alike.

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**Have a safe and a great summer!**

### A Question from the Spring General Meeting

*Q: We appreciate the work of the volunteer team to test our lake water regularly to provide early warning if issues are emerging. Can the KLCOA please provide the complete results of water quality testing in 2019? (The 2019 Fall AGM results do not include the September sampling and there are no results in this chart deck. The material on water quality on the website dates from 2018. Unfortunately, the link to the Ontario Lake Partners Program does not easily yield up the data on calcium & phosphorus for Kennisis.)*

**Answer:** The WQ testing team is still assessing the results from September 2019 and we will be posting the full 2019 test results in the near future. We are re-evaluating our testing plans for 2020 due to the pandemic, but also assessing whether we should move to a different test frequency, perhaps every second year.

**The 2019 WQ testing update has been published and is now available on the KLCOA website.**

The Lake Partner Program website is indeed difficult to navigate. FOCA reposts the provincial LPP data here: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>. Often neither are accurate or up to date as there is sometimes a lag for the LPP/DESC data to be updated to the FOCA site.

### KLCOA Membership Stickers

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed or started a new membership with KLCOA. Normally, we provide the



annual sticker for your KLCOA sign at our Spring meeting. Due to COVID restrictions, our Spring meeting was virtual. Your sticker can now be picked up at Kennisis Lake Marina, per COVID guidelines. Thank you, Chad Burden for allowing your store to be the pick up point. The store is now open and is very happy to meet and greet KLCOA members. (Plan on getting an ice cream while you are there!)



The 2019 WQ testing update has been published and is now available on the KLCOA website.



### SEPTIC SYSTEM ANSWER MAN: SHOULD A TANK BE PUMPED FOR AN INSPECTION? YOU BETCHA.

While some good observations can be made in a full tank, every nook and cranny will be exposed if you pump it out first. **Read on...**

## Should a Tank Be Pumped for an Inspection? You Betcha!

Jim Anderson, Ph.D., is an emeritus professor at the University of Minnesota Department of Soil, Water and Climate and recipient of the pumping industry's Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement

While some good observations can be made in a full tank, every nook and cranny will be exposed if you pump it out first. Frequently I am asked whether pumping is required during a septic tank inspection to determine if it is watertight, structurally sound and operating properly. My answer to that question is always an emphatic YES!

Many state and local governments struggle with this question for inspections conducted to determine system compliance or at the time of real estate transfer. The bottom-line discussion usually starts with a mention of the additional pumping cost to the homeowner and the insistence by some professionals that the water tightness and soundness of a tank can be determined by simply observing the contents and its operating level.

While these are two important conditions that should be evaluated during tank inspection, they do not tell the inspector or permitting authority everything they need to know to be assured the tank is watertight and operating the way it should.

### EXAMINE THE LAYERS

The contents of the tank should be separated into three distinct layers: a sludge layer at the bottom of the tank, a clear liquid zone and a floating scum layer. If these do not exist, the inspector must determine if there is a problem with the tank itself or with the homeowner's usage of the system. The operating level of the tank should be at the invert of the outlet. If the water level is above the invert, there is likely a problem downstream; if it is below this level, the tank is probably leaking.

Water tightness is the key to whether the tank is acceptable or not. If a tank is not watertight, there can be at least two types of problems. First, excess water can enter the tank and move to the drainfield, causing premature hydraulic failure. And untreated wastewater from a leaky tank presents a health risk to humans and can contribute to environmental problems such as phosphorus contributions to surface waters, causing algal blooms.

While operating at the proper level is an indicator that the tank is in good condition, pumping the tank will allow the inspector to visually evaluate tank walls, corners where walls and the lid meet, tank seams, openings and the tank bottoms for signs of cracks and leakage.

An argument against pumping tanks during inspections in my part of the world deserves some discussion. Here's how it goes:

"It is common knowledge that a septic tank should not be pumped during the winter or just before winter because doing so removes the biological activity that generates heat, which keeps a tank from freezing." Or, "Conversely, an empty tank is susceptible to cracking as the surrounding soil freezes and expands. ... Thousands of seasonal lakeshore properties that are not occupied during the winter will be at risk." And, "In areas with high water tables, an empty tank could pop out of the ground due to frost heaving."



## ANAEROBIC DIGESTION

Septic tanks are actually mini-anaerobic digesters, and pretreatment of the wastewater is through the processes of anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion is a complex set of processes through which bacteria break down organic matter without oxygen. As the bacteria “work,” they generate biogas. They do not generate heat in the process; in fact, for the process to be most efficient at breaking down the organic material, the temperature should be about 95 degrees F. As an aside, the most common biogases produced are methane and carbon dioxide. This is why proper tank venting is so important; without venting, the gases can accumulate to toxic and explosive levels.

At temperatures less than 95 degrees F, the process is less efficient and there will be additional solids accumulation. This is probably the reason we need to pump our tanks in colder northern climates more often as part of regular maintenance than in the South or West. We see less breakdown and more solids accumulation in Wisconsin and Minnesota, for example. The temperature of the tank in the winter is dependent on all use factors, including the temperature of the water put in, whether the tank is insulated and the extremes of our climate.

If the tank is not going to be used, there would be some concern about soil pressures due to freezing and thawing, as well as potential tank buoyancy problems. But these inspections are to be conducted on operating systems, so sewage will quickly be returned to the tank from the house and the risk would be no higher for these problems than pumping the tank in the middle of the summer.

This is an example where the lack of knowledge about the processes involved in wastewater treatment can result in bad regulatory decisions, such as deciding not to have tanks pumped during inspections.

By **Jim Anderson** Pumper Magazine -May 2020

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## Fisheries Update

*By Brian Evans*

Almost three years ago the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources established a Fisheries Management Zone Advisory Council made up of representatives from across the Zone 15 to assist with a review of fishery regulations in the Zone 15. The Coalition of Haliburton property owners Associations (CHA) <https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/fish-and-fishing/> (lots of great info on this website) established a subcommittee to provide input to the Haliburton region representative on the MNR Council. I was the KLCOA representative on the CHA subcommittee.

Generally, the health of the Lake Trout population throughout Zone 15 is under stress with heavy fishing pressure and expanded ice fishing opportunities.

The Zone 15 regulation review process was conducted on a species by species basis and any regulatory changes that will be proposed are intended to provide self sustaining enhanced fishing opportunities for anglers.

### **Anticipated Regulatory Response for Lake Trout**

Expectations are that changes in the keeper sizes based on the type of Lake Trout population in any given lake (small or Large bodied) will be introduced along with potential changes to the length of the summer and winter season. Additional regulations and educational initiatives may also be applied. These changes will be subject to a public consultation process.

### **Brook Trout**

Some good news is that MNR continued stocking Brook Trout into Kennisis Lake with some 3000 Dickson strain Brook Trout released in late April.

### **Angler Diary Program**

To assist the MNR with ongoing information on the health of the trout populations in Kennisis Lake, I would encourage frequent anglers to participate in the [MNR's Angler Diary Program](#).

I would like to hear any questions or comments on the fishing in Kennisis and whether you are participating in the Angler Diary Program. You can contact me at [brianevans416@rogers.com](mailto:brianevans416@rogers.com)

## Invasive Species - Some Important Points

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





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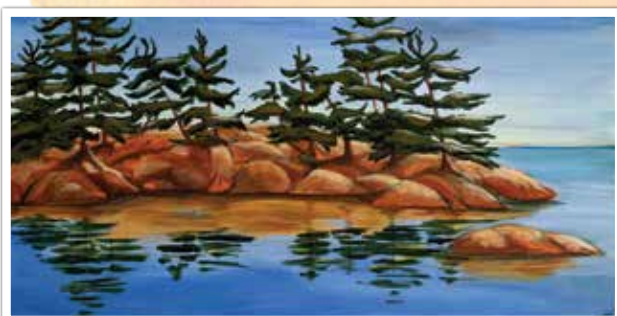
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## A Question from the Spring General Meeting

Q: We hope that you will continue to approach the short term rental matter with a view only to education of the community at large and potential and present renters, but not to develop a position or to advocate for regulation at the municipal level. As you have noted, many of us rent to a few others for a few weeks a year to assist with expenses and to permit families who have fond memories of cottaging here to return for a week or two, always bearing in mind their responsibilities to the lake and its close proximity, as well as to neighbors in terms of behavior and respect. We have people who have rented here in the past who are now owners on the lake and members of the KLCOA; we have had excellent experience with our renters who have been returning for years now, and our experience is, no doubt, a result of vigilant screening and then a discussion as well as written acknowledgement of the terms of their brief occupancy, and the reasons for the rules established. There are already noise by-laws and "load" provisions in place by way of the septic approvals for the number of bedrooms in a cottage, and concerns about this can be reported to the municipality for further action. Many of the factors enumerated by those who expressed concern in your survey could as easily arise from owners of cottage properties and their families, friends and non-paying guests as it could from renters. It would be ill-advised for a municipality already short-staffed to take on some responsibility for invigilating renter situations, and to add staff to do so would add to the tax burden and/or require an extremely prohibitive fee payable by renters that would encourage an "underground" rental market that is likely to involve the least responsible renters.



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As you have noted, many on our lakes rent their cottage out for a few weeks a year to assist with expenses. This can permit families who have fond memories of cottaging here to return for a week or two, or new families to experience the lake for the first time. As you say, there are returning renters that eventually become owners and an integral part of our community.

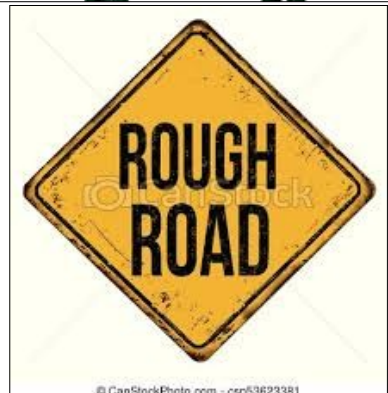
Part of the KLCOA's responsibility is to listen to our members. Over the past few years, we've heard concerns about the increase in short term rentals (STR) on the Kennisis Lakes and the potential impact on our community. Our 2019 survey did provide additional insights and pointed to consideration for addressing potential issues including but not limited to zoning infractions, noise, parking, building deficiencies, health and safety and environmental impacts.

The KLCOA Board recognizes that the discussion on Short Term Rentals has just begun in the Kennisis community and that further work is needed to understand the direction we should take. We're hopeful that the discussion itself will be the first part of the education process.

So far, the KLCOA Board has committed to the following:

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

Which road sign belongs on any of our Kennisis Lake roads? If you said, “all of them” you are right. We just can’t address all of our road safety concerns except we all need to drive cautiously and slowly. Let’s take care of our community members!



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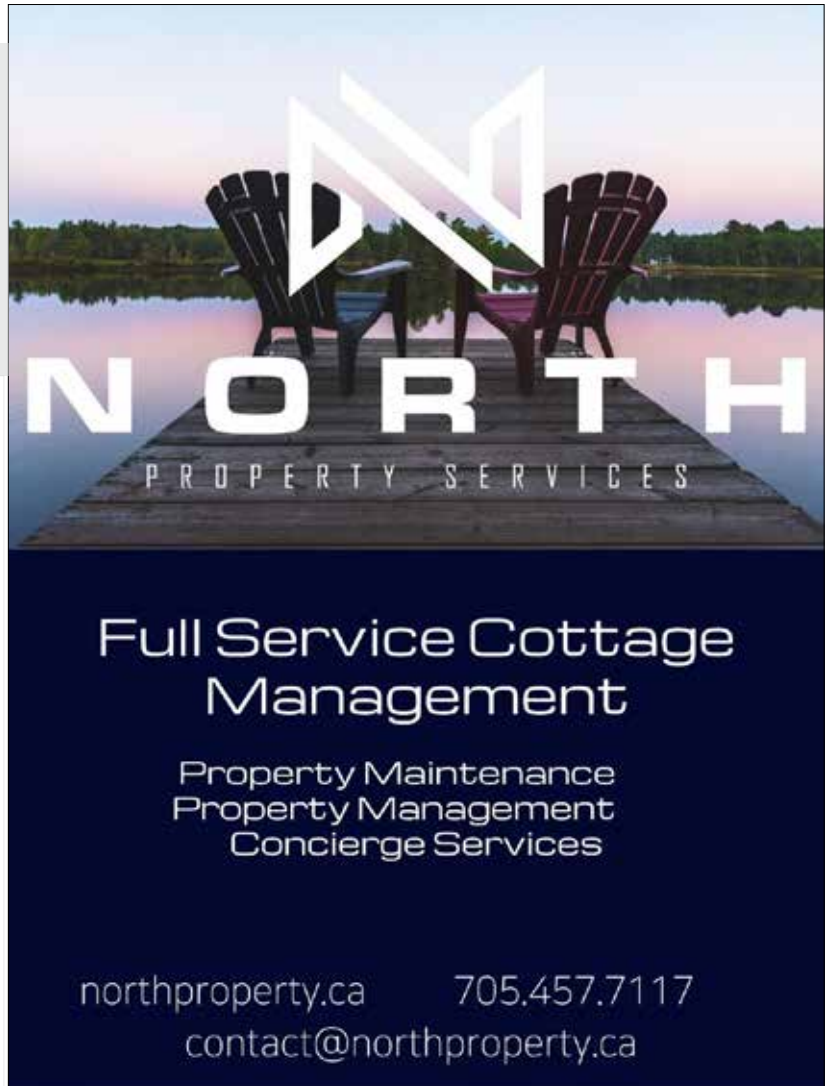
## General Meeting Q &A

*Q: Given the current situation at Kennisis where Bell is maxed out, would it make sense for the KLCOA to explore alternatives to incentivize other service providers? Or alternatively, get some fibre around the lake. Could this be done as a shared initiative with Redstone?*

The need for better access to high speed Internet in our area is well recognized. Right now, we know that all of the service providers are evaluating and preparing responses to a large Request for Proposals (RFP) issued just last month by EORN (Eastern Ontario Regional Network). EORN is managing a pool of funding (literally tens of millions of dollars) contributed by the federal, provincial and local governments to expand service throughout all of eastern Ontario. Each telecommunications provider will have their own approach and the EORN evaluation criteria is largely based on the degree to which coverage can be improved.

We understand fibre runs along Hwy 118, including into West Guilford. Running it north from there to reach our lakes will be a very expensive proposition. It seems that today the providers are less focused on installing that kind of infrastructure and looking to better leverage wireless services to reach more remote areas.

We know that the Kennisis/Redstone area has a significant population, especially during the summer, and expect the carriers will look at that as both a substantial business opportunity and a chance to score well on the EORN evaluation criteria. We imagine their engineering teams will be devoted to developing proposal response content that will increase their chances of accessing the tens of millions EORN has available.



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Later this fall we will learn the results of the RFP process. Until then, we believe the best approach is to wait and see the result. Should that not work out as we hope, then the pursuit of alternatives will be timely and appropriate.

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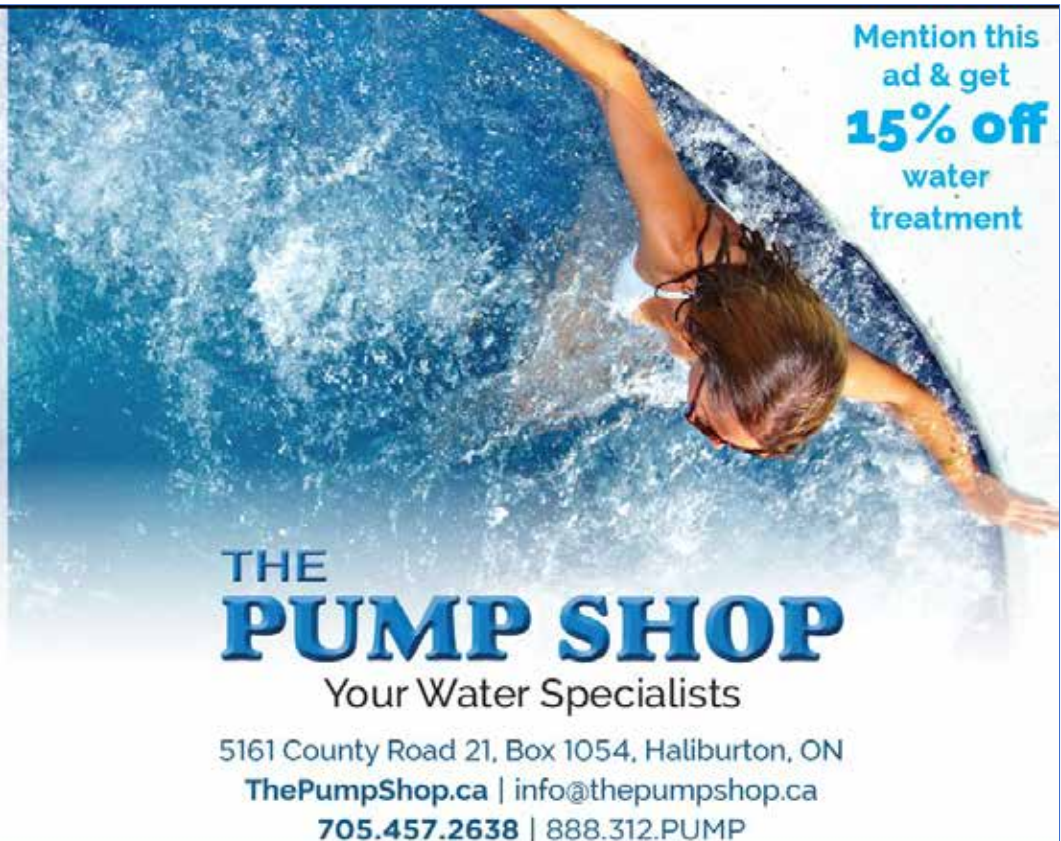
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In addition to completing the Internet speed test, we welcome your feedback [via email](#) about Internet service availability in your area.

Do you want to know what Internet speeds are available in your area, who the service providers are and where we are already investing in projects to improve Internet speeds? Check out the [National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map](#).

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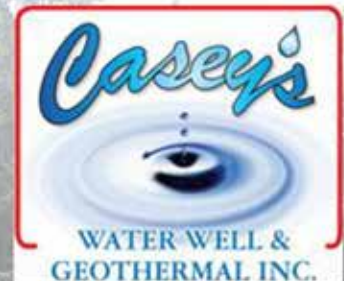
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## FIREWORKS UPDATE FROM KLCOA

As this is considered a public event with spectators watching from both boat and land, we cannot get a license from the municipality until the COVID-19 group size restrictions loosen substantially. We cannot order our fireworks without this license and there is no expectation that group size will increase substantially in the lead time we have.

2. Setting off the fireworks display is a professionally orchestrated process handled by our pyrotechnic supervisor and two additional assistants who have to work side-by-side in close proximity to set off the display. This cannot be done following COVID-19 protocols

The board is discussing the possibility of a Labor Day display if we can meet all of the requirements. Again there are a number of things to consider:

- Will all of the restrictions be lifted as mentioned above
- Will we still have sufficient lead time to get everything in place
- Will we have our pyrotechnic expert available for deployment
- Will there be enough people in September to warrant the expense of the display

We have decided to ask the membership for input:

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## A Question from the Spring General Meeting

**Q: Natural Shoreline 30m back from the lake to maintain healthy water quality/ Keep a naturalized shoreline (30m vegetative buffer zone). Shoreline Health 75% of our shoreline should be in a natural state for a minimum of 30 m (100 feet) back from high water, otherwise water quality will degrade over time. Water quality is what determines our property values and our enjoyment on the lake.**

*I have seen this statement several places in this report. Is this the KLCOA position on this? I believe 66 feet back is a number most people would be more comfortable with and you would get more support from both members and non members in supporting this. In following up with politicians and others, about this arbitrary number of 100 feet/ 30 metres, no one could provide evidence that this had to be the number to protect the shoreline. It seemed to just be adapted as the right number without any evidenced based information. I believe in shoreline protection but I also wonder if we are ready to look at excessive wake in Little K and close to shorelines elsewhere which are a lot more damaging?*


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**A: Great question!**

The recommendation for 75% of our shoreline to be in a natural state for a minimum of 30 m (100 feet) back from high water is indeed to promote lake health and maintain our excellent water quality. This is not a KLCOA position but rather the recommendation from upper tier organizations such as FOCA<sup>1</sup> and the CHA<sup>2</sup> that use evidenced based science to educate shoreline property owners and local governments. The specific recommendation is from the report "How Much Habitat is Enough? A Framework for Guiding Habitat Rehabilitation in Great Lakes Areas of Concern" (Environment Canada, 2004). *See 3rd link below* These recommendations are only guidelines and are often specific to a particular terrain.

The "75% for 30m back" does reflect the general notion that leaving native plants intact or rehabilitating shorelines on this area will benefit our lakes by providing adequate uptake of nutrients from our septic systems, reduce erosion and provide natural habitat for all the critters that inhabit our shorelines.

- 1) Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations
- 2) Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations
- 3) <https://books.google.ca/books?q=editions:ISBN0662757068&id=s2YsyQEACAAJ>

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**Drain all standing water** by pulling the plug on your transom and live well at the boat launch. Never take an aquatic invasive species from one body of water to another.

**Rinse out your livewell before travelling to a new body of water.** Prevent the spread of fish-harming pathogens like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) by cleaning your livewell with a 1:10 solution of bleach and water.

**Dry your boat for at least 5 days in sunlight or disinfect your boat** with hot water over 50°C or pressurized water over 250 PSI before travelling to a new body of water.

**Avoid driving your boat through aquatic plants.** Remove and dispose of plants from your boat, motor and trailer before travelling over land.

The CHA website is a great source of in-depth information on the subject of Invasive species in Haliburton -

<https://www.cohpoa.org/?s=invasive++species>

For Brian's entire report, visit [www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org)

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**Summer Camps, Natural History Presentations and Astronomy** – Cancelled

**Wolf Howls** – Cancelled until further notice.

**Guided Fishing Excursions** – Available contact Jamie Sala for more details [jsala@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:jsala@haliburtonforest.com)

**Canopy Tour** – Anticipated start date August 1, 2020

**Kennel Tours** - <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/book-online/book-kennel-tours/>

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### Wolf Centre

The Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre re-opened June 27th, 2020! Perfect timing since this year's four pups have just started making appearances.

For a full update visit <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/things-to-do/wolf-centre/>. We have made numerous changes to our regular operations, such as, all guests are required to bring and wear their own mask, to make reopening a safe and fun experience for guests and staff alike.

The Wolf Centre is open Wednesday to Sunday. Entry to the Centre will be by advanced reservation only. No walk-ins will be permitted. A limited number of guests will be allowed in 1.5 hour time slots, beginning at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Between each timeslot, a 30 minute closure will occur to allow for sanitization of common surfaces.

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## **The Cookhouse Restaurant**

The Cookhouse continues to offer an incredible curbside take-out service and now **a new patio seating area outside in the pine trees**. They continue to provide the incredible food you have all grown to love while giving the Cookhouse and General Store a facelift. They are now offering **Espresso and specialty coffees** as well as delicious Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream creations such as **milk shakes and sundaes!**

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## **Security**

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This spring Paul Brown, a familiar face at the Wolf Centre, moved from Wolf Centre Coordinator to Haliburton Forest Warden. Paul has been actively out checking for passes as well as our other staff. Please always be prepared to show proof of purchase.

We thank you all very much for your continued support of Haliburton Forest. Stay in touch by following us on social media via Facebook @HaliburtonForest as well as Instagram @haliburton\_forest. Watch for our weekly update videos posted every Thursday.

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### 4 RIDE WITH THE FLOW

Never ride in the opposite direction of the traffic.



### 5 AVOID ZIGZAG RIDING

Don't weave on road, to avoid accidents.



### 6 FOLLOW TRAFFIC RULES AND LAWS

Traffic rules are for protection, so always follow them.



### 7 EXAMINE BICYCLE BEFORE RIDE

Always check your bicycle's readiness.



### 8 QUICK TEST

Quick test tells you whether your breaks are in working condition or not.



### 9 RIDE EASILY IN OFF WEATHER

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### A Question from our Spring General Meeting

*Q: We would like to propose a change to the 10km per hour boat speed limit 100 feet from shoreline. Boats at 10kph or slightly less speed cause great damage with their wake to the shoreline, especially wake boards that plow through the water at or just below 10kph.*

*10 kph. is at a speed where a boat is in gear with throttle engaged and moving and as a result very hard to approximate speed as many boat gauges or dials won't or don't give a reading or give an inaccurate kph reading at that level of speed and so the level of speed is open to interpretation of the individual.*

*We would like to propose a change to: **idle speed 100 feet from the shore line***

*A: You are correct, in Ontario we have speed limits of 10 km/h within 30 m (98'5") of shore on all waters<sup>1</sup>. This limit is in effect whether it is posted or not. There are a few exceptions including:*

- recreational towing while traveling perpendicular from the shore;
- rivers less than 100 m (328') wide, as well as canals and buoyed channels; and
- waters where another speed limit is set in a schedule to the regulations.

Unfortunately, neither the KLCOA nor our local community can impose a more restrictive speed limit. This is regulated by the federal government under the Canada Shipping Act and details are in the Local Authorities Guide- Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations<sup>2</sup>. In order to impose a more restrictive speed limit, this must be done by a government or a municipality, township, parish, county or regional district. In our case, it is very unlikely that Dysart et al or Haliburton County would pursue this option.

We believe that the best approach is to educate boaters on our lakes to follow safe boating practices and exhibit good boating etiquette when operating their craft. This is easier said than done. The KLCOA has been active in this area but there clearly needs more to be done. The KLCOA has information on our website including a Boaters Code of Conduct. We are also actively pursuing safe boating programs that are being implemented in other jurisdictions such as those from Safe Quiet Lakes (<https://safequiet.ca>). Your idea to change the message about low speeds close to shore is a good one. We can include the concept of "idle speed 100 feet from the shoreline" in our ongoing boating education initiatives.

1) Safe Boating Guide - Safety Tips and Requirements for Pleasure Craft -TP-511e

2) [https://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/LOCAL\\_AUTHORITIES\\_GUIDE\\_-\\_ENGLISH\\_-\\_ACCESSIBLE\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/LOCAL_AUTHORITIES_GUIDE_-_ENGLISH_-_ACCESSIBLE_PDF.pdf)

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## Hey Kids...Do you know that July is Lake Appreciation Month?

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**How can you do this?** Well, make a poster for us! Anyone from grade JK to grade 12 as of Sept. 2020 can participate. Use crayons, or paints or markers or pencil crayons, whatever suits you and draw your ideas in a poster. You can also use words in your poster to help explain your ideas. Take your time and think about what message will be in your poster. This project could take a bit of time if you work on it a bit every day.

When you think it is all done, **have your parent(s)/guardian(s)** take a picture of it and send it to [valentinafagg@gmail.com](mailto:valentinafagg@gmail.com) by **September 11th 2020**.

stating your name and grade and giving permission to publish your poster in our fall newsletter. Yes! You can have your poster in our next newsletter as long as you tell us what you love about Little and Big Kennisis Lake and what we need to do to keep our lakes healthy and beautiful.

We know you have plenty of good ideas! Good luck!



Make a poster with your family or social bubble.



Find a quiet spot outside and draw your ideas.



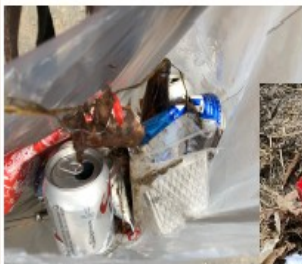
Set up a drawing area to work a bit everyday.



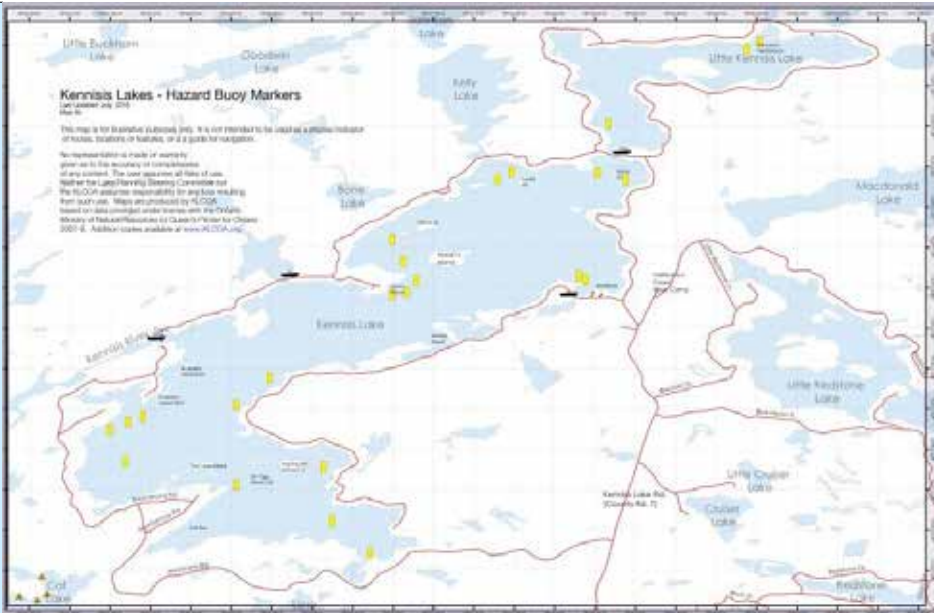
## Taking Care of Our Community

Due to COVID-19, the May 2 planned roadside clean-up was cancelled. Unfortunately, that means our lake roadsides may not be as litter free as hoped heading into summer. Many individuals have been picking up roadside litter as they walk and the KLCOA is very grateful. We all have a role in keeping our lake roads litter free. The main litter found in the roadside ditches are beer cans and plastic soda bottles. This is distressing because it isn't one or two, it is a can or bottle every few feet. The other main source of garbage found along the roadside is cigarette butts. A tossed cigarette butt is a fire hazard and a typical filter can take 18 months to 10 years to decompose. Various items from old tires, to ceramic coffee cups, styrofoam, plastic planter pots, dry wall and tin foil have been picked up around the lake roads this spring already. We hope that we can run a group roadside clean up in the fall, in the meantime we ask that every cottager do their part in keeping our beautiful countryside clean.

- Make sure garbage is secure when in storage at the cottage and on transport to the landfill.
- Do not throw any garbage out of the car window or while walking.
- Dispose of household items appropriately either by donating to a thrift shop, finding a new home for them or bringing them to the landfill.
- Carry a plastic bag with you on your walk and pick up any litter if it is safe to do so.
- The Kennisis Lake landfill is now open along with the West Guilford and Haliburton landfills. Please take your trash there during operating hours. If the gate is closed, please do not trespass and leave your garbage for the bears to ravage and scatter your garbage to be cleaned up by someone else.



# REMEMBER THE BUOYS



## 2020 – No Wake Marker Buoys

The KLCOA will again deploy “NO WAKE” markers in the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations. These were reported to be successful in keeping boat traffic to lower speeds during the 2019 deployment.



Thank you to Pat O’Keefe who will now be the Coordinator for the Hazard and Navigation Marker Program.

**NOTE - Hazard markers may be deployed later this year due to COVID-19 related issues. Please be aware of this.**

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

## Kennisis Boaters Code of Conduct ‘Friendly Boating Practices on the Kennis Lakes

**Follow the Safe Boating Guide** and obtain your Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card – learn how to safely operate your boat.

**Minimize your wake** especially in narrow channels and near shore so that natural shorelines are not eroded, loon and duck nesting sites are not disturbed and your neighbours’ floating docks and parked boats are not bounced around and damaged.

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

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

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

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

**When anchored** take care not to obstruct navigation for other boats.

**Clean your boat and trailer** when transporting them to other lakes and when bringing them into the Kennis lakes to avoid transporting invasive species. Remember to drain your bilge on shore away from the lake and empty holding tanks for onboard toilets in a proper facility.

Remember that any consumption of alcohol and boating is dangerous and illegal.



Helpful  
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## for Boaters

In **Ontario**, there isn't a difference between drunk **boating** and drunk driving. In fact, if a boater is convicted for operating a **boat** while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in Ontario, their driver's license for their car may be suspended for a minimum of 1 year as well.

It is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada to operate a boat if you're impaired by alcohol or drugs.

You are 'under the influence' if you have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in excess of 80mg or 0.08%. Your BAC level is determined with a breathalyzer or blood test.

80mg = drunk boating

The OPP want to remind boaters to:

- That the driver of the boat must have their Pleasure Craft Operator Card on board with them (12 years and older)
- All passengers wear a lifejacket or PFD
- Never go boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Check the weather before you head out
- Tell someone at home where you're going

Ensure you have the required safety equipment on board (see below)

- 15m floating heavy line
- Watertight flashlight
- Whistle or some type of sound signaling device
- Bailing bucket
- A paddle or an oar



**All pleasure craft powered by 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) or more engine, must to have a pleasure craft licence.**

- A pleasure craft licence is a document containing a unique identification number that must be displayed above the waterline on both sides of the bow, in block letters at least 7.5 centimeters and, in contrast with the colour of the bow.
  - Licensing of a pleasure craft powered by an engine of 10 horsepower (7.5 kilowatts (kW)) or more is a requirement under the **Small Vessel Regulations** pursuant to the **Canada Shipping Act, 2001**.
  - Pleasure craft licence transactions are processed at Transport Canada's licensing centre.
- Information contained in the Pleasure Craft Licensing Database allows enforcement and search and rescue agencies to access important information in an emergency.

## Walking or Hiking in Haliburton

<https://www.dysartetal.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Sculpture-Forest-Map.pdf>



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