



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

POEMS OF EMILY BRONTË XXXVIII

FALL, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day;
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.
 I shall smile when wreaths of snow
 Blossom where the rose should grow;
 I shall sing when night's decay.



Photo by Lisa Boat

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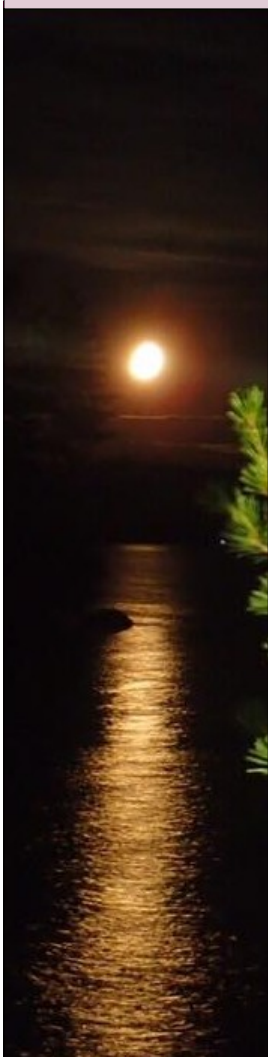


Photo by Karen Holmes MacDonald



Message from your President, Deb Wratschko:

Weather patterns are certainly interesting. I think we saw them all this year. Despite the varied weather we managed to hold a few of our events. Art on the Dock was a resounding success raising approximately \$8,000 for the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands Artists in the Schools and Communities program. Regatta was re-invented for the year with a full-on Summer Online Challenge. The 2021 Fireworks show shone in a two hour window with no rain. All of these events and more can be found in the slides of our full [AGM presentation](#).

The Kennisis **All of Us** survey took place between May 26 and July 31 of this year. Thank you to all who participated. The high completion rate show just how much we all care about our community. The survey was designed to give everyone in our community a voice and genuine opportunity to be heard, help give all of us a better understanding of what we are loving and what we're not so keen on and to ensure the KLCOA is accurately representing and investing in our community's issues, interests and values. The [Preliminary Results Report](#) was presented at the AGM and the Full Report was published on October 31. Please take some time to preview the interesting results at www.klcoa.org The KLCOA board will be using the survey results over the winter to review, discuss and plan. Stay tuned!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who help make our programs and events a success every year.

Have a safe winter everyone!

Deb Wratschko
KLCOA President

Many thanks to Sheelagh Lawrence, John Middleton, Janis Parker and Terry O'Connor who have served as KLCOA Directors for many years. The Lake community has benefitted greatly because of your service to its members. We appreciate all of your hard work. All the best to all of you!

I look forward to working with the new KLCOA Board of Directors for the 2021 - 2023 term.

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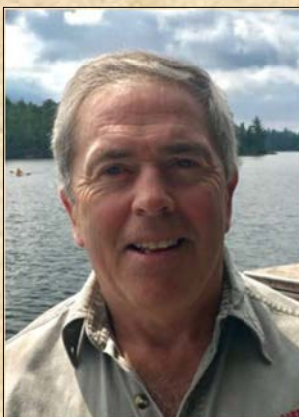
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Oct 1 & 2nd Kennisis Lake Roadside Clean-Up (Natalie Wood)

Another successful two days of roadside clean happened on Oct 1 & 2. A large number of our Lake community came out to help. Friday October 1, was a beautiful sunny day for the County Rd clean up. The KLCOA has adopted a portion of County Road 7 from the landfill site to Rough Stone Trail, which means we have an obligation to clean it up at least once a year. Over 12 bags of refuse were filled up and sadly over 80% was empty cans.



A huge thank you to John Smith, Beverly Vanstone, Margaret Cox, Tiina MacKey Thorna & Denis Lawrence and Merle and Jan Brown... year. It took almost 3 hours for the group to clean up the roadside, thankfully the sun was out in full force.



Some of our volunteers on Oct. 1st..Thank you!

On Saturday, October 2, a huge group of volunteers tackled the municipal roads around the lake. A massive thank you to Sandi & Paul English, Colleen & Grant Warner, Dawn Duckworth, Karen & Andy Macdonald w/ Olivia & Lindsay, Kathy & Sean Harrison, Sharon Crawford Mountford, Julie Bramm & Doug Nicol, Arlene Burch, The Townleys, Marion Johnson, The Morrell's, Marilyn Hewitt, The Bowie's, Chris Gilmour & Georgeen St Armand, Jeannette Kling, Nicole Kirouac, Wendy Murray, Wendy Tomiczek, Nella DiNunzio and Dave Lawrence.



Some of our volunteers on Oct. 2nd..Thank you!

Sadly, we picked up way too much garbage and a tremendous amount of empty beer cans. Also found on Westshore, was a full 18 litre container of hazardous waste. Please try to make sure your garbage is secure when you transport it to the landfill site. Please make sure when you have contractors at your home that you provide a garbage can for them. Remember, if you carried it in, you can carry it out.



Two things that really stick out every year and that is the large amount of empty cans and cigarette butts found along our roadsides. It is extremely disheartening to see so much garbage in our beautiful countryside environment. Another disappointing realization is that one day after a complete cleanup, more cans can had been tossed into the roadside ditches. We all need to be more vigilant when transporting our trash to the landfill sites. If you decide to walk or ride with refreshment then please take it back home with you instead of throwing it into the woods.



Thank you to our many volunteers who were part of the collective responsibility!!

Kennisis Lake History Book Project

Lakeside Memories *(Natalie Wood)*

The stories keep coming! Every time I open my email and see a History Book Project email in my inbox, I cannot wait to open it. Every story is unique, some make me laugh out loud, some are so touching it makes me weepy and some just make a new cottager like me jealous that I did not get to spend my childhood here! To everyone who has contributed to our project, I thank you. The following is a tiny preview of some of the memories we have received. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. If you would like to send in an old photo or a story – there is still time!

Natalie Wood woodmcf@rogers.com

I hope you enjoy the following tidbits of lake history.

From Greg McMaster: *South Shore Early Days*

The McMaster family bought a lot and cottage on the South Shore, in the first development in 1956. Logging was still underway at the west end of the lake, but the local entrepreneurs knew it was coming to an end, and arrangements were made with Hay & Company, with rights to all the land around the lake, to develop cottage lots on the South Shore. Bill Curry was central to this, along with Haliburton realtors Hayward & Jones.

My dad bought our lot, Plan 3 Lot 8, for less than \$2,000. On the South Shore, *plan 1* went along the shore from the "Marina" to the beaver dam; *plan 2* was the first point road; *plan 3* was the next point; *plan 4* was the next point road. Our neighbours, Carson and Gloria, remarked that the island in our bay (helping to shelter Bullfrog Bay), was "a nice island" and the real estate guy said "you can have it for fifteen dollars"!

From Jeff Pinkney: *Memories of our Neighbour & Friend, Jim Wilkinson*

Early in our childhood life Jim learned that my brother and I played musical instruments (me on violin and brother on guitar). Jim organized us, along with the girl next door who played piano, into a band of sorts. He would drive us to senior's residences in Minden and Haliburton to entertain. Looking back, it's funny to think of a bunch of little kids with a repertoire that included, *The House of the Rising Sun*, among other favourites. Jim never censored, just appreciated, and kept us busy volunteering. I can remember walking from cottage to cottage with a box of KLCOA membership signs, selling memberships at Jim's behest. Another day he had us working under the Little Kennisis bridge picking out the rocks (many of which we had thrown in) from the shallow water.

From David Ball “AGHH DAGNABIT”

Our family's first experience of Kennisis Lake was when we rented a cottage on Little Kennisis in 1965 owned by the Kenny family. We loved it, and a couple of years later my parents took the plunge and purchased a lot off of Pine Point Road at the western end of the point, which we dubbed "Ball Point". In order to have a base of operations from which we could start working on the lot, it was decided to rent the Kenny cottage again that summer. Usually, the whole family would pile into our 1964 Rambler with a trunk full of tools, and spend the day cutting trees, trimming branches, rolling rocks and rotten logs out of the way, and generally trying to establish some walkable pathways around the lot. A couple of times though it was just Dad and I who went up for a work day while the ladies stayed back at Little Kennisis.

On one of these occasions, we spent the day trying to clear and level an area next to the road at the top of the hill so that we could get our car completely off the road, and not interfere with access to our neighbour's lot. After a long day, we were ready to return for a swim and supper and started loading all of our tools back in the trunk. As Dad closed the lid of the trunk, he clamped his hands to his ears and let out one of his classic curses. Something like, “AGHH DAGNABIT”. That was about as graphic as his language ever got. I had no idea what was wrong, but then he explained that he had locked the keys in the trunk. STAY TUNED FOR THE REST OF THE STORY!!!.....

From Colleen Trapp Warner “How we came to own a cottage on Little K”

Our friends on Big K put me in their boat, where I could see the lot from the water. As we idled in front of the property, I knew I was a goner. And that was without even seeing the cottage!

From Linda Lewis Ash “How her family found their Little K Treasure”

Why would a Dairy farmer buy a Cottage lot? We could buy two more cows with that money. One reason was Harry loved the North, the bush and the Lake. So, we ventured to West Guilford and found our way in on very narrow, hilly, gravel road and met Lou (Watts). He had a lot picked out for us, showed us where the lane could go and a good spot for the cottage. I'll never forget standing in the middle of the bush, my husband asking “Is this what you want”?.....

From Peter Barnes *“THE MARINA IN EARLY TIMES”*

When we were young kids in the late 50's and early 60's, we used to love going to the marina. You could visit the dump (which was located directly across the road from the marina for a short while) and maybe see some bears. You could pick up a block of ice from the ice hut. You could visit the store for a small bag of penny candy (five cents would go a long way!). Or you could step into the restaurant for a pop or an ice cream cone.

The early store and restaurant were located just about where the current repair shop sits. From the front, it looked like one big building finished in a brownish simulated-log shiplapped wood. Actually, they were two separate buildings joined by a front wall but separated behind this wall by an outside storage area. As you approached, you would drive into a smallish roundabout surfaced in small white stones. Birch trees were planted in the middle surrounded by quartz stonework. Neither building was huge, but they were nicely appointed. A small bell would jingle when you entered either door.

From Tammy Everitt *“The Early Days”*

Marg and Wilf Everitt first fell in love with Kennisis Lake when they stayed at Windermere Cottages back in the summer of 1960. Their adventure was just beginning when they sold their home in Toronto and moved north. Kennisis was a very different place back in August 1966 when the Everitt's first took possession of the Marina. There were only one or two other permanent residents on the lake. Without running water, that first winter, they cut holes in the ice and drew from the lake. Every night, their son Larry would have this chore and then an early morning trek to the old mill where the bus would drop off the mill workers and take him and his sister to school. Several times a day the mill whistle would blow and that marked the time for the cottagers who had happily left their watches in the city.



Kennisis Lake Benthic Monitoring - Bugs in our Shoreline Muck Equals a Healthy Lake Fall 2021 (J. Prince)

The KLCOA continues to participate in a project that is part of a benthic macroinvertebrate biomonitoring program in Haliburton County. Testing was conducted the week of September 13-19, 2021 at various sites around our lakes.

The program is being coordinated by Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch (<https://wwew.ca/>) which is part of U-Links Community Based Research (<https://www.ulinks.ca/>) and supported by Trent University.

Benthic Testing is an assessment of shoreline substrate or “muck” to look for the presence of benthic macroinvertebrates or “bugs” which is an additional indicator of lake health. A healthy Benthic Community in our lakes is an indicator of a healthy lake.



The goal of the program on Kennisis, is to establish a baseline for benthic data at several locations on our lakes and then monitor the benthic community over a number of years.

The larger program across Haliburton County is intended to monitor and compare results across lakes and to assess and possibly address changes to the health of each lake.



U-Links staff and Trent University Students performed Benthos sampling around Kennisis in September 2019 and September 2020. The results will be available later in the year and will be posted on our website klcoa.org.

Let's all do our part and in order to prevent unnecessary accidents on our windy, slippery roads this winter! Drive cautiously!

What is Distracted Driving?....<https://tc.canada.ca/>

Distracted driving happens when a driver's attention is taken away from the driving task because they are focused on something else. This could be, for example:

- texting
- talking on the phone or to passengers
- eating or drinking
- using the entertainment or navigation system

The risk of a collision goes up when a driver's eyes and attention are taken off the road. This is because distraction impairs performance and reduces a driver's awareness. It makes drivers slower to notice and less able to safely respond to critical events on the road. Or they may miss them entirely.

According to data from Transport Canada's National Collision Database, distracted driving contributed to an estimated 21% of fatal collisions and 27% of serious injury collisions in 2016. These statistics are part of an upward trend of distracted driving-related collisions, up from 16% of fatal collisions and 22% of serious injury collisions a decade earlier.

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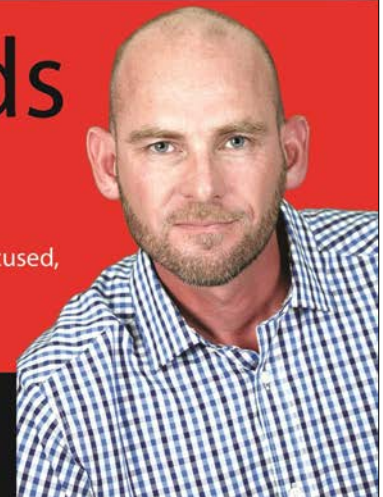
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The Kennisis Lakes community has approximately 950 properties. Membership is strictly voluntary, but the continued annual support of members allows the association to expand its involvements, activities, and endeavours in the interest of all property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

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

You may sign up as a new member if you do not have an existing membership. Renewals for 2022 will come out in mid December of 2021.

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

Sticker/Sign Pickup

From July 1st to Oct. 10th you may pick up your sticker at the Marina following Covid-19 guidelines

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

After Oct 10th, stickers will no longer be available for pickup but they will be kept on file and will again be available when you sign up the following year.

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Preparing for the Snowmobile Season

Snowmobiling is a popular winter activity in Ontario. Just remember that operating a snowmobile in the wilderness is very different from driving a car on a paved road. There are different rules and risks. Follow these tips for preparing and operating your vehicle to help keep you and others safe.

What You'll Need

To operate a snowmobile in Ontario, you must:

- Have and carry a valid driver's licence or motorized snow vehicle operator's licence (MSVOL)
- Carry proof of snowmobile ownership and proof of insurance
- Have a valid Snowmobile Trail Permit affixed to your sled when on trails
- Wear an approved snowmobile helmet for the operator and passengers

Age Requirements

Where you can ride depends on your age and the type of driver's licence you have.

Age	Licence	Where you can ride
Under 12	N/A	Private property only
12 - 15	None	Private property only
	MSVOL or snowmobile licence from outside Ontario	Private property Snowmobile trails
16+	None	Private property only
	G1 Driver's licence or higher, MSVOL, or equivalent licence from outside Ontario.	Private property Snowmobile trails
		Across roads (where permitted) Roadways (where permitted)

Refer to Ontario's Motorized Snow Vehicle's Act, for more detail on all of Ontario's legal requirements for snowmobiling.

On Roads

You can ride alongside public roads, between the shoulder and fence line (unless prohibited by the municipality)

You can't ride:

- on certain restricted high-speed roads such as 400-series highways
- on the pavement or plowed shoulders of roads and highways where vehicles drive

Be sure to check your municipality's snowmobile by-laws before riding.

- Always check trail availability before entering any trail
- Ride on the right-hand side of the trail
- Come to a complete stop before entering any roadway
- Obey signs and signals
- Slow down when in unfamiliar terrain
- Be extra cautious when crossing roads and railway tracks
- Never ride on private property without permission from the land owner

Visit ofsc.on.ca to learn more about safe snowmobiling on Ontario's trails and access their Interactive Trail Guide.



Obey speed limits!

Always adjust your speed to the weather, roadway and trail conditions. On roadways, maximum speed limits for snowmobiles are lower than speed limits for cars.

- On roadways where the speed limit for cars is 50 km/h or lower, the maximum speed limit for snowmobiles is 20 km/h.
- On roadways where the speed limit for cars is above 50 km/h, the maximum speed limit for snowmobiles is 50 km/h.

On trails, adjust your speed to the weather and trail conditions. The maximum speed limit on snowmobile trails is 50 km/h, but conditions often require a slower speed.

Impaired Snowmobiling

Just like driving or boating, it is dangerous and illegal to drive a snowmobile when impaired by alcohol, drugs or medication and you'll face the same tough penalties. Always ride sober.

Help keep Ontario's roads and trails safe. Call 9-1-1 to report impaired snowmobiling.

On Lakes and Rivers

Remember that travelling on ice is always risky and should be avoided. Conditions can change quickly so if you do plan to travel on ice, always check with your local snowmobiling club before leaving and wear a personal flotation device or floater snowmobile suit and carry ice-picks that are easily accessible.

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Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) Offers driver training online or face to face post COVID. Check out their website for more details at:

<http://hcsa.ca/driver-training/>

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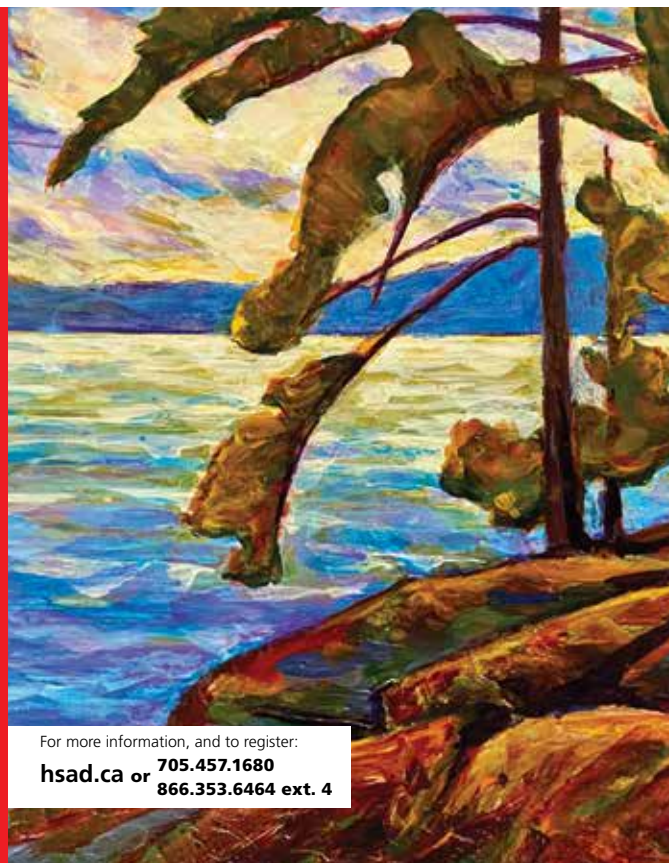
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Art: *Haliburton Heaven* by Mary Intven Wallace
Acrylic on cradled wood panel



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Snowmobiling at Night

At night, your headlight reduces your peripheral field of vision. Slow down to avoid overrunning your headlights and don't ride alongside roads as lights from other vehicles can impair your vision.

Safety Tips

Follow these tips to stay safe on roadways and trails.

Do:

- Get proper training. Take a snowmobile safety course
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to arrive
- Keep your gas tank filled
- Check the weather, trail and ice conditions before you leave
- Wear appropriate clothing to prevent hypothermia
- Regularly inspect your snowmobile to make sure it is in good mechanical condition
- Bring a first-aid kit and a survival kit
- Stay on trails and use proper care and control
- Ride sober

Do Not:

- Ride on railway tracks
- Ride alone
- Leave children unsupervised with youth snowmobiles
- Leave young children unattended in snowmobile sleds
- Go snowmobiling with an infant (infants cannot endure the cold)

Did you know?

The top three causes of fatal snowmobile collisions are speeding, impaired driving and carelessness.

Useful Links

Snowmobile Safety

ontario.ca/snowmobilesafety

Ice Safety

www.ontario.ca/page/ice-fishing

Impaired Driving

Ontario.ca/drivesober

Ontario Driver's Handbook – Snowmobiles

ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/off-road-vehicles-snowmobiles

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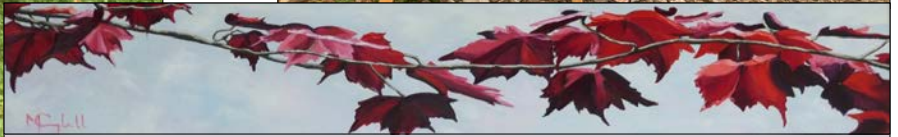


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Art On The Dock was a huge success this year!

Here are some sample pictures of the artists' work!





Art on the Dock set a new Record!

Thanks to the artists, visitors, organizers and sponsors, the donation to the Haliburton Arts Council for their Artists in the Schools program will be over \$8,000 this year! Thank you to Janis Parker for organizing and sponsoring this event along with Bev Pike and Viper Marketing for their sponsorship of Art on the Dock. The entire brochure can be found at www.klcoa.org



FOCA has produced a Lake Stewards Newsletter for 2021 and has encouraged lake associations to share the information with its members. Listed on this page are the topics included in the 2021 newsletter issue, followed by 3 articles from the Lake Stewards newsletter. If you are interested in reading other articles, click on the link that will take you directly to the entire newsletter.

<https://foca.on.ca/2021-lake-stewards-newsletter/>

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Seasonal Electricity Pricing

Waterfront property owners represent a large group of electricity customers, served in Ontario predominantly by Hydro One. For more than twenty years, on behalf of our members in various rate classes, FOCA has participated as intervenors at Ontario Energy Board (OEB) electricity rate hearings.

Over the past half-decade, FOCA has repeatedly warned members and the broader rural community that the OEB's 2015 decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class of Hydro One customers would have a drastic impact on tens of thousands of households. FOCA could not support any decision that would see negative bill impacts to 78,000 families being moved from Seasonal to the R2 (low density) class and facing increases of over \$50 per month on their electricity bills.

In September 2019, the OEB asked Hydro One to submit a Motion of Change outlining an alternate to the elimination of the Seasonal Class. Hydro One proposed that the existing and ongoing phase-in of fixed delivery costs for low density customers already deals with the "paying what it costs to serve you" concerns of the OEB. FOCA submitted an Interrogatory Motion supporting this approach. However, in September 2020 the OEB ordered that the 2015 Decision would stand, meaning the Seasonal Class will go.

In February 2021 all affected Hydro One customers were officially notified and told what their bill impacts would be, and public concern flamed to life. FOCA launched the *Fair Electricity Campaign* to harness this 'energy', directing everyone to email and/or call their Ontario MPPs, explaining how the doubling of electricity rates would affect their families and – by extension – the province's rural communities.

Nearly 2,000 emails and calls were made to MPPs throughout 2021!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Fair Electricity Campaign. We know that the OEB commented on the volume of correspondence received, yet they still stated, "[the] fact that there are impacts associated with the elimination of the seasonal class does not render the decision to eliminate the class incorrect."

Hydro One has proposed a phase-in period for customers expected to experience a total bill impact of greater than 10% as a result of migrating to another rate class.



Thank you to the 2,000 of you who participated in the Fair Electricity Campaign in 2021!

As of late July 2021 the implementation process is still under discussion, with Hydro One expected to respond to the OEB by late September with additional requested information such as the change implementation date, details about how different proposed dates affect rates for each customer class, and how the proposed 10% bill increase cap will be funded during the years it would need to be in effect.

Importantly, the OEB has confirmed that seasonal customers will still NOT be eligible for the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) or Distribution Rate Protection (DRP) subsidies. The RRRP program "is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible customers located in rural or remote areas where the costs of providing electricity service to these customers greatly exceeds the costs of providing electricity to customers located elsewhere in the province" and is part of the Province's Ontario Energy Board Act, under O.Reg. 442/01.

Thus, it would need to be a decision of the Province to change the wording in the RRRP that currently defines "residential premises" as a "dwelling occupied as a residence continuously for at least eight months of the year" – effectively excluding most seasonal properties.

With this in mind, FOCA will continue to lobby the Ministry of Energy, and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all rural residents. Otherwise, a seasonal property next to a permanent waterfront property will be paying completely different electricity prices for the same level of service delivery.

FOCA continues to post updates (and background) on this significant file, here: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>.

Landscape Limnology

The Spatial Science of Water Quality

by Dr. Paul Frost

I think most people would agree that they prefer clean lakes that are relatively free of algae and weeds.

Excessive growth of algae is a symptom of a deeper disease, that of excessive nutrient inputs mostly due to human activities such as over-fertilization or adding untreated sewage to our lakes. As the amounts of these external nutrient inputs vary among different lakes, there can be some pretty dramatic differences in water quality between lakes located even a short distance apart. These differences in water quality can be eye-opening, especially if lakes are in the same region, are surrounded by the same landscape, and otherwise look more or less the same.

It is these types of differences between lakes that excite lake scientists (a.k.a., limnologists) who study and try to understand water quality in our freshwater ecosystems.

Examining water quality differences between lakes and trying to understand their causes is part of a rapidly developing field of water science, landscape limnology. Landscape limnology considers spatial differences among lakes, within and between regions, and relates them to information on the lakes and landscape.

In other words, we are looking at how much lakes differ across space.

We then use various types of information about the vegetation, topography, geology, hydrological flows (rivers and streams), and on the lakes themselves to explain differences in water quality.

For example, you may have noticed some lakes have a dark, rich brown colour, whereas other lakes are clearer and more transparent. Such differences in lake colour have been linked to the amount of wetland cover in the upstream landscape and to the volume of water in the lake. We can predict, to a reasonable extent, what colour a lake's water will be using knowledge of the lake's volume and the type of vegetation in its upstream catchment.

Water samples collected from streams within a few kilometers of each other can vary considerably in colour due to differences in landscape inputs of humic materials.



Trent students collecting water samples for analysis of algae and various chemical parameters. The student in the foreground is opening a Van Dorn sampler that allows for water to be collected from different depths through the water column.

This type of lake science is being completed with increasingly sophisticated technological and numerical approaches on different components of water quality on sets of lakes in different parts of the world. In Ontario, there are teams of lake scientists currently sampling lakes across the province and who will be using these approaches to understand larger scale patterns between lakes that emerge within and between regions.

You might be wondering why lake scientists go to such lengths to understand spatial differences among lakes. What is the value of this scientific work that aims to discover and understand connections between lakes and the landscape?

For one, it allows aquatic scientists to generate baseline expectations for what a lake in a given region should probably look like. These expectations allow us to judge whether a particular lake has normal or abnormal water quality. For example, if a lake is experiencing severe algal blooms and similar lakes in the region have good water quality, it could be that there are local shoreline or catchment conditions that are contributing to the lake's poor water quality.

These types of conclusions become stronger when we have more data, which means we should be sampling as many lakes as we can and as often as possible. Ultimately, this allows us to know what is a typical for lakes in a particular region.

In addition, landscape limnology allows scientists to predict how changes to the landscape, such as urban development or forest harvesting, could alter water quality in adjacent or downstream lakes. These predictions are more robust when we know the relative influence of local factors (such as shoreline vegetation) and regional forces (such as landscape vegetation or prevailing weather patterns) on water quality in downstream lakes.

Landscape limnology helps us understand lake water quality, and improves our ability to diagnose and manage emerging water quality issues.

Trent University is currently conducting research landscape limnology in the Kawartha-Haliburton region. We are sampling 30-40 lakes in the region each year and have started to collect data on the lake and catchment properties.

As our program develops, we will be comparing results from our study with other lake regions in Canada, studying connections between lake water quality and upstream landscape characteristics and how they change through time, and completing scientific studies that look at the processes connecting landscape and lake.

Learn more about our lake science and research program at <https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/tarp> or by contacting me at paulfrost@trentu.ca.

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About the author: Dr. Paul Frost is the David Schindler Professor of Aquatic Science in the Department of Biology at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

Healthy Shorelines – the ‘How’ and ‘Why’ by Terry Rees

Waterfront property owners are fortunate to be able to enjoy such a legacy of healthy freshwater resources across this great province of ours. We also share responsibility as people who steward the land, and that need to look out for the long-term sustainability and health of our lakes and our shorelands.

A healthy shoreline is a natural shoreline; leaving the existing native trees and shrubs intact supports healthy fish and wildlife populations and better water quality.

Augment Mother Nature's existing work with some native plants, and allow it to fill in over time. A variety of native plants allows for so many important life processes to take place along your shoreline: the spawning of fish and aquatic insects that feed them, habitat and cover for frogs and turtles and so many of the critters that are signs of a thriving and healthy lake or river.

A sustainable property will have a good buffer of natural plants right along the shore's edge, but can still enjoy some clear areas well back from the water, where kids can run and play. But right at the water's edge, aim for a selection of shrubbery, rocks, fallen logs, grasses, small trees, and natural debris. In addition to being great habitat, this protects the water quality and prevents shoreline erosion due to deep and varying root depths. If much of your property is lawn leading straight to the water, you may have problems with geese which invade manicured area and leave behind a mess everywhere. A barrier of natural habitat right at the shore's edge discourages geese from landing here or moving up further onto the property.

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Find more resources on FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/shoreline-owners-guide-to-healthy-waterfronts/> and share Terry's video about Natural Shorelines, posted here: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage/>.



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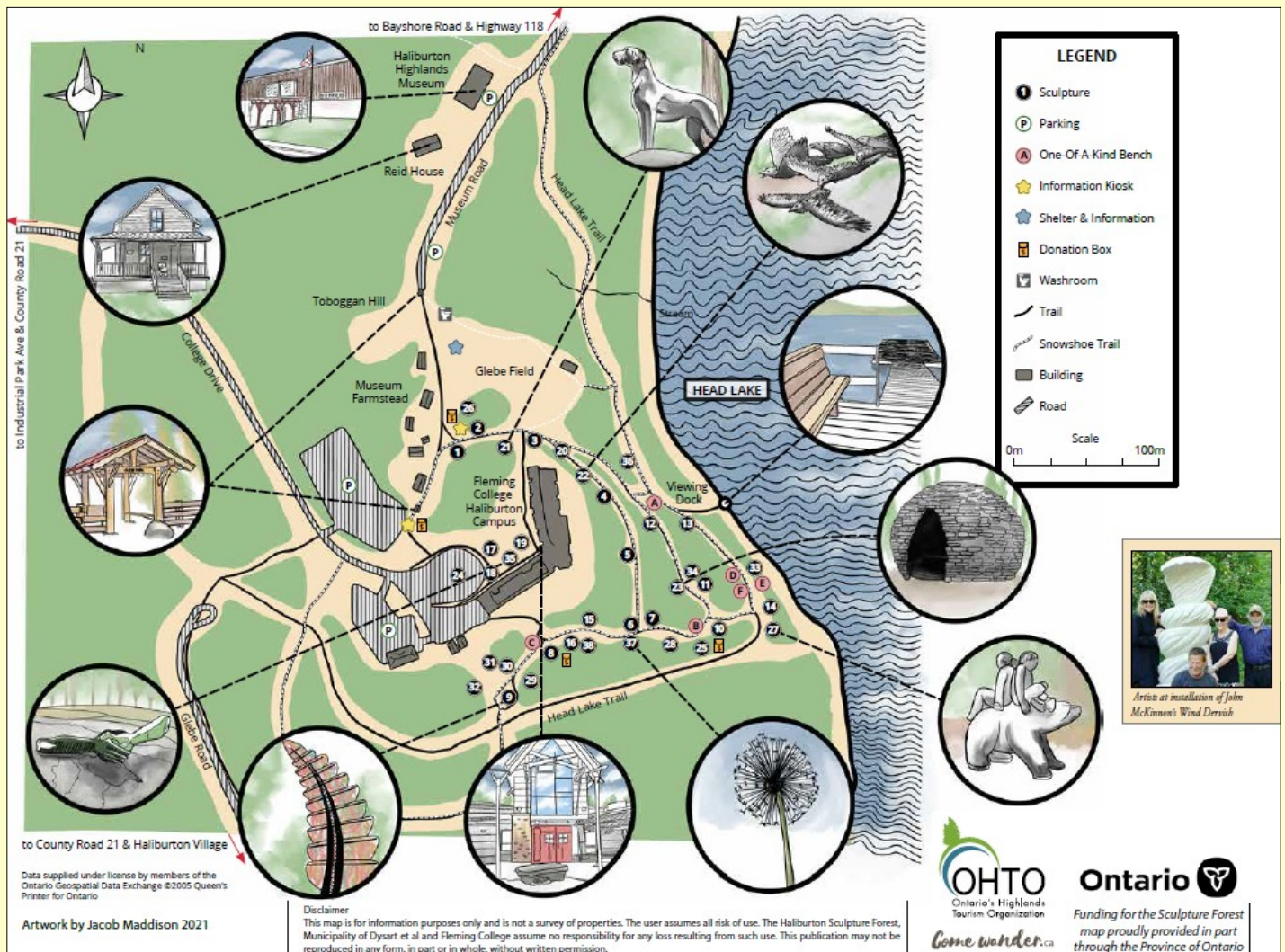
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Wait! Those “weeds” are improving the health of our lake

Thinking of removing aquatic vegetation from your shoreline or around your dock and swimming area? STOP! It is illegal to remove vegetation from the water without a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. What’s more, these so-called “weeds” are actually helping to keep our lake healthy.

Aquatic vegetation helps remove phosphorus from the water. Phosphorus is considered one of the major stressors contributing to algal blooms. Fortunately, we have not experienced a bloom on Lake of Bays and our water quality is excellent, but one would seriously and negatively affect our enjoyment of the lake and property values.



Blue flag Iris – beneficial shore plant

Aquatic vegetation also provides fish habitat—both feeding grounds and spawning areas.

Some companies recommend agitators to minimize plant growth in the water. While not illegal, these devices disturb silt from the bottom of the lake and greatly increase water turbidity. Disturbed silt can smother fish eggs, cause damage to the sensitive gills of fish and potentially interfere with particulate feeding. Turbidity makes it more difficult to treat water for drinking and reduces light penetration which affects the growth of phytoplankton, negatively impacting the entire aquatic food chain.

Disturbing the bottom of any water body, whether by pulling vegetation or using an agitator could release contaminants, including cadmium, mercury, lead, excess phosphorus, pesticides, PCBs, and others, which had been safely contained in the silty bottom.

So rather than trying to get rid of aquatic vegetation once it’s there, why not address the cause? Aquatic plants often grow where nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium, are plentiful. Efforts to prevent excess nutrients in the soil along the shoreline from reaching the lake are our best line of defense.

This can be done by:

- reducing or eliminating lawn areas that have shallow root systems that do not absorb many nutrients;
- never using fertilizers (which all contain phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium); and
- establishing deeper and wider buffers of indigenous, deep-rooted shrubs or trees along the shoreline that filter out excess nutrients from the soil before they can reach the lake water.

If you are interested in getting help to renaturalize your shoreline, visit naturaledge.watersheds.ca. They offer advice on indigenous plants, planting plans, and subsidized rates for shoreline property owners.

By Caroline Konarzewski
Lake of Bays Association

Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)

Other common Names: American Blue Flag, Dagger Flower, Flag Lily, Larger Blue Flag, Multi-coloured Blue Flag, Northern Blue Flag, Poison Flag, Snake Lily, Water Flag

French names: *Iris versicolore*

Native Ontario Wildflower

Height

- 90-120 cm

Spread

- 60-75 cm

Exposure

- Full sun - part shade

Habitat: marshes, shallow water, preferring sun or partial shade and wet feet. Performs well under average border conditions.

Flowers: Its deep blue flowers appear in July atop stems that reach 60 to 90 cm. It is a perennial that spreads by fleshy rhizomes. Blooms late spring to early summer

Muskrats will not eat the root rhizomes!



The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners or C.H.A offers a multitude of resources for members seeking to naturalize their shorelines. This website offers a self serve drop down menu that will help you choose plants by selecting "soil type", "sunlight", "moisture", "location" and "other features". The search engine will provide you with native plant suggestions based on your input. Spend some time during the winter months thinking about how you want to plant new vegetation on your shoreline in the spring. The following 2 pages are examples of the search results located at

<https://www.cohpoa.org/shoreline-health/shoreline-plant-search/>

Results from CHA shoreline health plant search:

Meadowsweet

Scientific Name: Spiraea alba

Height: 1 to 1.5 m

Bloom Colour: white/cream

Bloom Time: June to Aug

Spread: 90 to 120 cm

Spacing: 1 m

Planting Instructions:

Prepare a hole double the size of the plant's root ball and loosen the soil at the bottom. Add compost and mix with existing soil. You may need to remove some to maintain a large enough hole. Add bonemeal if you wish (aids in root establishment). Place plant into the hole with roots pointing down. Fill in a mix of soil and compost around the plant, pressing down firmly as you go. Fill the hole to the top of the root ball and ensure all roots are buried. Using your foot, carefully and firmly press the soil in around the plant to ensure good root to soil contact. Water. You may want to place a thick layer of leaves, natural wood chips, straw or coir fabric around the base of the plant to help reduce weed pressure while it gets established.

Maintenance Instructions:

Water thoroughly for the first year until the plant is established - at least one to three inches of water every week, from the time of planting until the fall. If it is a dry season, water thoroughly and more frequently. You may wish to water during drought years to help reduce stress.

Notes:

Meadowsweet is an extremely versatile, low maintenance shrub that is commonly seen in riparian areas, but it can also be found in old meadows. Meadowsweet grows fairly quickly and is a shorter shrub, making it perfect for areas where you may want to maintain views. Its bloom time is longer than other shrubs, and it attracts butterflies.



*Image credit:
Evergreen Brick Works*

Red Osier Dogwood

Scientific Name: *Cornus sericea*

Height: 1.5 to 4 m

Bloom Colour: white

Bloom Time: May to June

Spread: 2 to 3.5 m

Spacing: 3 m

Planting Instructions:

Prepare a hole double the size of the plant's root ball and loosen the soil at the bottom. Add compost and mix with existing soil. You may need to remove some to maintain a large enough hole. Add bonemeal if you wish (aids in root establishment). Place plant into the hole with roots pointing down. Fill in a mix of soil and compost around the plant, pressing down firmly as you go. Fill the hole to the top of the root ball and ensure all roots are buried. Using your foot, carefully and firmly press the soil in around the plant to ensure good root to soil contact. Water. You may want to place a thick layer of leaves, natural wood chips, straw or coir fabric around the base of the plant to help reduce weed pressure while it gets established.



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Notes:

Red Osier Dogwood is most known for its attractive red twigs, but it also produces showy flowers, berries and fall colour. Red Osier Dogwood can survive in sun to part shade, and it is commonly used in erosion control, due to its growth habit. It's a great option for naturalizing shoreline areas and protecting slopes. This shrub is used by many species, including ducks and songbirds, butterflies, native bees and insects, small mammals and large mammals, including moose.

Let's All Be FIRE Safe this Winter

The season for fires, heaters, candles and celebrating is just around the corner. Take some time to review fire prevention in your home to avoid any tragedies and keep everyone safe.



Children who have access to lighters and matches risk causing fires that could lead to injuries and death. Keep lighters and matches out of the sight and reach of children at all times. Teach children about the dangers of lighters and matches.



Install smoke alarms outside each bedroom and sleeping area, and on each level of your home, including the basement. Test the alarms each month.



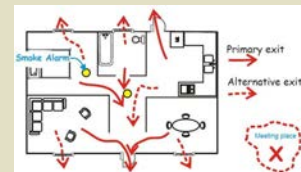
Candles can be a serious fire hazard if not used properly. Extinguish all candles before going to bed or leaving the room. Place burning candles securely so that they cannot be knocked over. Cut candle wicks short to prevent high flames.



Purchase a fire extinguisher for your home and keep it handy in the event of a small fire. Make sure you can comfortably hold and operate the fire extinguisher.



Take the time to create an evacuation plan and practice it with your family to avoid panic and confusion in the event of a fire. Each room should have 2 means of escape.



Check, clean or replace screens or filters in electrical appliances such as dryers or furnaces.



Never use aluminum foil to line the bottom of your gas oven and **never** block any openings or vents on your gas oven because that can damage the product and create a gas leak or fire hazard.



Make sure to use the charger that came with your laptop, mobile phone, vaping device, or any other product that has a rechargeable battery. If you need to buy or replace a charger, make sure the voltage and current are compatible with your device. Use a charger that has one of the recognized Canadian certification marks, such as CSA, cUL, or cETL. Chargers that do not meet the Canadian national safety standards may pose an electric shock, burn, or fire hazard to consumers.



Unroll extension cords completely before use to avoid overheating. Use the proper indoor and outdoor cords for electrical products. Pull on the plug, not the cord, when disconnecting an electrical product. **Never** remove the third prong of a plug because this ground prong reduces the risk of electric shock.



More details and tips can be found at

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-safety/fire-safety.html>



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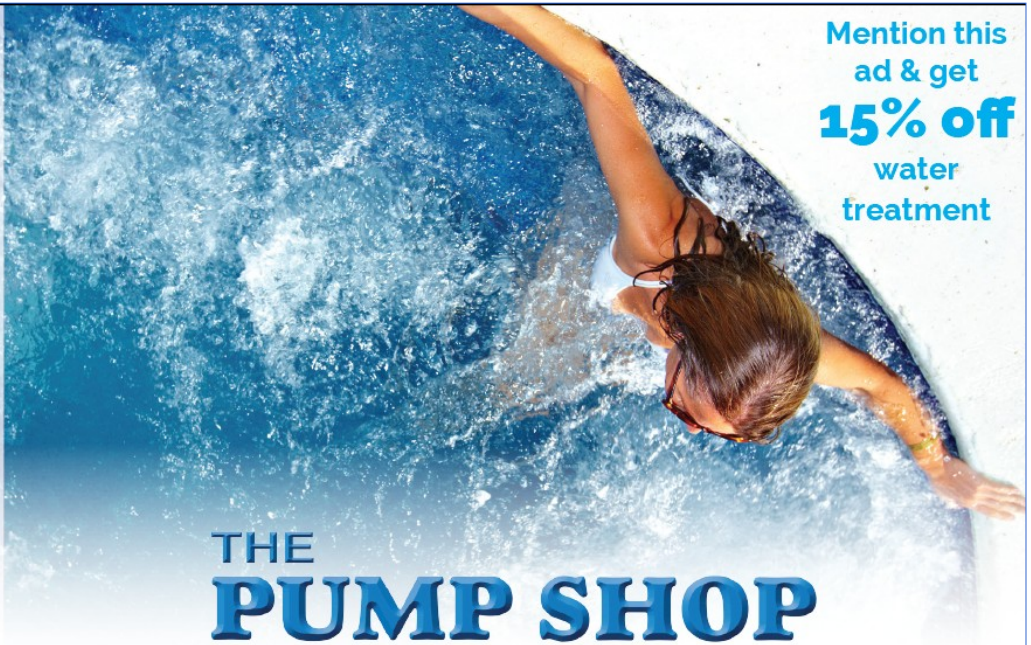
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What Does KLCOA do for me?

Along with the various reports about a number of KLCOA initiatives included in this newsletter and previous newsletters, some cottagers still ask what does Kennisis Lake Cottagers Association do for me? It would be impossible to cover all of the work we do, but maybe we can start with one feature. One of our directors, Jim Prince, who is also a U-Links Management Board Member and KLCOA Vice President and Stewardship Director was asked to write an article for County Life explaining how a Lake Association works with U Links to develop some community based research. The following article was included in the July issue of County Life and is a great example of one initiative that benefits KLCOA members. Kudos to you, Jim, and those who have helped with this initiative!

Need a Helping Hand With Some Research – Reach Out to U-Links

As a cottager or lake association member, have you ever had an idea for a project or had a need to collect some data, but you or the association just didn't have the resources to get the project started? Well, there is help out there, right in our Haliburton community. The U-Links Centre for Community Based Research may just be able to get that project off the ground.

U-Links, located in Minden, works with community partners to deliver community-based research projects in Haliburton County. These Community-Based Research (CBR) projects are conducted with the support of faculty and students from Trent University and Fleming College. Individuals and Lake Associations can take advantage of these CBR or community learning initiatives to explore important research questions or needed data collection.

Many Lake Associations have conducted projects with U-Links, with topics ranging from water quality, shoreline health, the local fishery or the history of the lakes and watersheds. The KLCOA, has completed upwards of twenty projects with U-Links. The KLCOA worked with U-Links, Trent, and Fleming to establish some baseline information for the Kennisis Watershed & Lakes Management Plan and for many other ongoing priorities that required some research or support for the community.

The following list of projects completed by U-Links and the KLCOA are examples of the types of CBR areas that Lake Associations or individuals could get help or support with:

Kennisis Lake Settlement History Essay (2021)
Geological and Environmental History of the Kennisis Lakes (8 Papers for the KLCOA History Book) (2021)
Kennisis Lake Benthic Biomonitoring Project (2020)
Kennisis Lake Community Benthos Biomonitoring Project (2019)
Norah's Island Biodiversity Monitoring Project (2013)
Water Quality in the Kennisis Lakes (2011)
Sticking to Our Roots: A Study of Waterfront Tree Preservation Initiatives (2007)
Protecting the Dark Skies: Night Lighting for Kennisis Lake (2007)
Marketing a Lake Plan to a Cottage Community and Watershed Residents (2007)
Kennisis Lake: Natural Shoreline Inventory Plan – Phase 1 (2007)
Kennisis Lake Shoreline Inventory Project - Phase 2 (2012)
The Kennisis Lakes Fishery: Past, Present and Future (2010)
Kennisis Lake Community Environmental Monitoring Program (2006)
Friendly Boating on Kennisis Lake (2007)
Compilation of Research for the Removal of Existing Boathouses and Shoreline Structures (2007)
Communication and Community Engagement - Developing and Implementing a Lake Plan (2007)
A Septic System Guide for Cottagers - A Kennisis Lake Community Project (2007)

Upon CBR project completion, the final reports are posted in the U-Links Research Database which is accessible to the public. The U-Links CBR projects can be accessed at

<https://www.ulinks.ca/research-database.html>.

There is a trove of information in the U-Links reports covering many aspects of life in Haliburton County including social services, culture and recreation, health, agriculture, and the environment.

There are other benefits that Lake Associations or individuals can realize by working with U-Links. First, having a formalized project helps participants to zero in on their specific needs, it brings some discipline in terms of a project schedule and it provides some incentive to make progress on the project as the students do need guidance through the project execution. More importantly, participating in any community-based research project with U-Links also means that you are helping undergraduate students with vital experiential learning opportunities that can lead to increased interest in environmental protection and advocacy, or understanding other community or social issues. The CBR experience also provides students with technical skills and experience that employers are looking for. Students who have recently completed CBR projects, often include their CBR experience on their resumes and have landed interviews that were directly related to their experience with U-Links. Some students have gone onto post graduate work in the areas of the CBR projects and others have even been hired by U-Links.

So, next time you or the KLCOA encounters a problem or issue that may be helped by some research or data collection, think about reaching out to U-Links. You'll be glad you did!

Submitted by
Jim Prince

U-Links Management Board Member and KLCOA Vice President and Stewardship Director

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A Connectivity Update

September 16th – EORN Cell Gap Project with Rogers – Rogers has begun upgrading the technology to 5G on existing towers in Eastern Ontario (so Rogers' customers may start to see some improvements in service). Rogers and EORN are now engaged in the "Duty to Consult" with 18 First Nations groups and Rogers has begun the process of looking for locations for new towers (with 20-30 expected to be installed between now and 2025 in Haliburton County.) EORN does not anticipate that information on proposed new site locations will be available before the new year.

Haliburton Chief Administrative Officer Mike Rutter advised that Rogers has said that where connectivity challenges are preventing property owners from working or running businesses from their properties, they might prioritize upgrades for these areas. If lack of or poor cell and/or internet service is making it difficult for you to conduct business from your lake address and you would like us to share this information with Haliburton County and Rogers, please send an email to kennisisconnectivity@yahoo.com with your name, business/employer name, lake address and a brief description of the problem. We will collect this input and pass it on to the CAO.

Improving Connectivity in Ontario Funding – The Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure has a new process for ICON funding with \$4 billion now allocated to get all of Ontario to 50 down/10up mbps by 2025. MOI is dividing up the province into blocks and will be conducting a reverse auction for subsidies to improve (internet) service (using any technology) in those blocks. No further information is available as to where Kennisis fits in this process.

The KLCOA has been coordinating periodic Zoom meetings on connectivity issues with other Haliburton County lake association representatives and government officials to exchange information. Our MPP, Laurie Scott, joined our most recent one on September 15th. We impressed upon her how significant our connectivity challenges are in the Kennisis area, and the other lake area representatives (including from Haliburton Lake, Hall's & Hawks, Canning, Soyer, Koshlong, Kushog) expressed similar concerns.

We have contacted Bell several times and are still waiting for a reply as to:

- updates on when the landlines on Watts Rd which need repair will be addressed;
- when the planned Wireless Home Internet service on the Kennisis Lake Road tower will go live;
- the status of Bell's application for federal Universal Broadband Funding for our area, which we have supported with letters; and
- to understand what the new ICON process means for our area.

July 24th – Bell has advised that they are dealing with some technical issues in installing the Wireless to Home internet service which will reach some properties on Kennisis Lake. They are working on it and are now projecting September for when this service may be available.

Bell expects to commence work to upgrade the copper cables on Watts Rd to improve landline service at the end of August into September.

We have received no further feedback on the application to the federal Universal Broadband Fund to provide fibre to home to all properties on the Kennisis Lake. (We sent letters from the KLCOA and from over 200 property owners earlier this year in support of this application). Bell advises that they expect that it will be into the Fall to year-end before we hear further about the status of this application.

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Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in White-Tailed Deer in the Kingston, Ontario Area

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At the end of September, approximately 30 deer were found dead on Wolfe Island and reported to the CWHC ON/NU region. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mining, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) were contacted, and a biologist was sent out to investigate. The biologist was able to collect an adult buck and female fawn for eventual transport to the CWHC in Guelph. As transport for these deer was arranged, additional reports from the Kingston area (Gananoque Lake, Stirling, Kingston, and Lansdowne) began to come in of other deer being found dead. An additional adult buck was collected from Gananoque Lake, and all three deer were delivered to the CWHC during the first week of October. Samples were collected and these deer were tested for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) (except for the fawn), Bluetongue virus (BTV), and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease virus (EHDV). None of the deer tested positive for CWD or BTV, but all three deer tested positive for EHDV.

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) is transmitted by small biting midges (genus *Culicoides*, also commonly called “no-see-ums”). EHD is common in the southern United States and some deer in those states have developed immunity, but in the northern states, outbreaks occur every few years and can cause die-offs. The outbreaks in these northern areas are becoming more frequent and it is suspected that climate change is playing a role. In the weeks prior to the Wolfe Island outbreak being reported, there were reports of EHDV positive white-tailed deer in Jefferson County, NY, **which** is right across the border from Wolfe Island. It is likely that midges from this county were blown by winds across the border to Wolfe Island and eventually to the surrounding Kingston region (as this is typically how these midges are dispersed). These are not the first cases of EHD in Ontario as EHD was first reported in two white-tailed deer in London in 2017 (<http://blog.healthywildlife.ca/fatal-deer-disease-reaches-ontario-first-time/>). The clinical signs of EHD include fever, depression, and respiratory distress with swelling of the head and neck noted in some cases. Deer can often be found dead near water. Animals that survive this acute phase may eventually develop inappetence, lameness, and lethargy. The lameness is due to damage to the hooves.

EHDV can infect domestic livestock (cattle, sheep), but disease is relatively rare. If there is ever a concern for EHD in a domestic animal, then please contact your veterinarian. There is no evidence that this virus affects humans, but precautions should be taken by anyone approaching or handling sick or dead animals. Appropriate protective clothing, including gloves should be worn and anyone handling these animals should wash their hands thoroughly afterwards and all instruments should be disinfected in a dilute bleach solution. If you see sick or dead deer, then please contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative and the NDMNRF Natural Resources Information and Support Centre.

Contact the NDMNRF Natural Resources Information and Support Centre:

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Contact the CWHC ON/NU regional centre:

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 can biscuits
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp cold butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare a round aluminum baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.
2. Combine sugar and cinnamon before tearing each biscuit into four pieces. Roll each piece of biscuit in cinnamon and sugar mixture and pack in baking dish.
3. Cut butter into small cubes and distribute evenly over biscuits. Sprinkle remaining brown sugar and cover with foil.

Cook on a grate over hot coals for 20-30 minutes or until biscuits are cooked through. Turn frequently to ensure even baking.

This recipe can also be prepared on the grill or in the oven; adjust cooking time accordingly for alternate baking methods.

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