



# Fall 2005 Newsletter

## President's Message

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Dear Member:

Well it's the end of another year, a year that's been extraordinarily warm and enjoyable.

I'm not sure what the winter will be like, but I hope it stays dry before the freeze so the frost doesn't go as deep as last year which caused sceptic problems for so many cottagers.

As many of you have noticed, the warm weather has increased the draw-down on all waterway supply lakes and increased demand for recreational spots around the lake. As you'll see in the AGM minutes, all supply lakes in Haliburton were drawn down at the same time and in the same proportion.

A couple of other issues have come up this summer, namely the situation at the dump, the public boat launch and property evaluations. A lot of you feel that we pay a lot in taxes for the services we receive and so I am talking with Council about what can be done about these concerns.

With regard to the last point I will be attending the FOCA/WRAFT AGM in Toronto this Fall where I will be meeting with the WRAFT representatives so I can bring more information back to our membership at our Spring 2006 meeting.

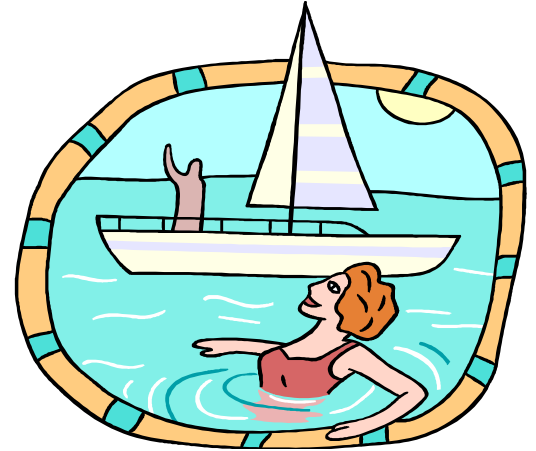
Wishing you the best and a good winter,

Duncan McCallum  
President, KLCOA

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# 2006 Calendar of KLCOA Events

The Fireworks	Saturday July 1st, (rain date: Sunday July 2nd) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
Swimming	TBA
Rock Bass Tournament	Saturday July 8th
Regatta	Saturday July 30th (rain date is Sun. July 31st)
Island Clean-up	Saturday July 29th
KLCOA Annual General Meeting	Saturday September 2nd @ 9:30am



## Kennisis Lake Landfill Site Winter Hours

\*\*\* In effect October 1st to April 30th \*\*\*

Monday and Wednesday  
Tues/Thurs/Fri/Saturday  
Sunday and Holiday Mondays

Closed  
8am—5pm  
10am—6pm

Don't forget to separate your garbage—our landfill site is set to assist you in your recycling efforts: separate bins are available for cardboard, glass and plastic. Your concern for the environment is appreciated. Please recycle!

**PLEASE OBSERVE THESE TIMES AND DO NOT DUMP GARBAGE AT THE GATE OR YOU RISK LOSING YOUR DUMPING RIGHTS. IF YOU ARE RENTING OR LENDING YOUR COTTAGE THIS WINTER, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TENANTS KNOW THE RULES!!!**

## The Kritter Korner

How much wild life did you spot at your cottage this year? Kim Birch has had visits from the rare and beautiful PILEATED WOODPECKER. She says it is the most exquisite thing she has ever seen close up! This bird is rare because it lives over 40 acres of land so to see one is rare....Kim says she and her family have seen it many times on their property and that they can attest to this by the damage it has done to their wooden structures! It is approximately 15" (30 cm) from head to underbelly and it looks like a chicken hopping from tree to tree with its brilliant red crown!

As mentioned however, its huge beak likes to take chunks of wood off the side of their cottage and shed and has pecked holes 3" in diameter and equally as deep in a few trees.

The Birch family also has a family of groundhogs living under their cottage and had a visit from a family of 6 racoons INSIDE the cottage this summer. The moral of that story is, never leave your patio glass door opened during the night! (by accident of course.....).

If you've seen rare or wonderful animals, insects or creatures of any kind, we'd like to hear from you! Write the Kritter Korner with your wildlife report at [newsletter@klcoa.org](mailto:newsletter@klcoa.org)

However, if you want to report a nuisance bear, please call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-866-514-BEAR (2327).

## Influence the Quality of Life on Your Lake!!!

The Kennisis Lake Plan Steering Committee has been meeting over the last year, working on the initial stages of developing a comprehensive and enduring Plan for our lake area. This included a survey to all property owners around the lake, a workshop for commercial operators on the lake and in the immediate vicinity, and a workshop for the residents (full & part time). All of these initiatives were undertaken in order to gather pertinent information which will assist in directing the committee's future actions. In addition, the Steering Committee has been developing relationships with the Municipality of Dysart, Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association and various Provincial and Federal agencies and ministries.

Now it is time to examine the data we have, set objectives, expand on our information, and put together recommendations for action that can be included in the plan. This is a very important phase for the Lake Plan and we want as much participation as possible from the Kennisis Lakes community. We are forming Working Groups, each with the responsibility of creating Objectives and Action Plans for one or two areas of the Lake Plan. The areas are:

- Land Use eg. Crown lands, County Official Plan, sewage and garbage disposal
- Physical Elements eg. natural resources, watershed, water levels
- Natural Elements eg. water quality, fish and wild life
- Social Elements eg. boating use, historical sights, night lighting
- Education eg. youth, new cottager orientation, renters, Lake Plan implementation

Please call if you would like to be a member of a Group. Membership of each group will be limited to 12 people to make the groups manageable and their process as efficient as possible. The timeline for these workgroups are to begin as soon as possible, with most tasks to be completed over the winter months for reporting at the May General Meeting of the KLCOA.!

The Steering Committee looks forward to working with you and having your input in a Plan that will determine the nature of our lakes for many years to come.

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## In Memoriam...

### **Robert (Bob) H. Armstrong**

Died July 15, 2005

A cottager for over 20 years, Mr. Armstrong was involved with helping Peter Sulman in the sailing program for many years.

Submitted by Betty & Bob Davidson

### **Dick Fincham**

Dick purchased his cabin in 1976 with his wife Carole and their 2 children, Glen and Alana. They expanded into a new larger cottage in the late '80's. He was a member of the KLCOA and active in the Kennisis Lake Snowmobile Association. He loved the lake and all of its' activities summer and winter.

His son, Glen, injured in an accident at the lake last fall, is making an amazing recovery. Dick's devotion played a large part in this recovery. Dick spent his last weekend at the lake surrounded by his family and friends. He passed away July 28<sup>th</sup> after a 6 year battle with cancer.

Submitted by Barry Willhelm

# KLCOA Lands Update

The KLCOA Lands Committee is a group of volunteers dedicated to the care of special wilderness areas which are under the ownership and/or stewardship of the KLCOA.

At the KLCOA Spring Meeting in May 2005, an action plan was approved by the KLCOA Membership. (see KLCOA web-site). After our first summer we are pleased to report that these efforts are making a very positive difference. Many thanks to all Kennisis Lakers who have provided support and encouragement. Your Lands Committee continues with its mandate:

1. On behalf of KLCOA, to work with the municipality, the Lake Plan Steering Committee and other key stakeholders to implement the KLCOA approved action plan - so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place with respect to land title, management, maintenance and stewardship.
2. To oversee general/simple KLCOA land use policy for these areas for the benefit of all visitors, cottagers and residents of Lake Kennisis.
3. To create, install and maintain appropriate signage.
4. To educate/inform lake residents and users regarding these special lands and the Land Use Policy.

5. To work with community policing regarding enforcement issues

Our work continues. We are currently back-and-forthing with the Municipality and with Transport Canada with respect to our action plan. Please watch this space for a full report in the Spring Newsletter (and at the Spring Meeting).

A strong volunteer team is in place representing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Kennisis Lakers from all shorelines and viewpoints. New members are welcome as are all comments and suggestions. The committee is specifically seeking a person or team of persons who are skilled at building signs and installing sign frames. Please call if you can help.

Special thanks for the continued efforts of your KLCOA Lands Committee Members and Advisors: Gord Burley, Carrie Denton, Jeff Gardner, Marion Jones, James McCallum, Kerstin McCutcheon, Chris Riddle, Jason Wigmore, Committee Chair Jeff Pinkney, KLCOA Executive members Lake Steward Cam Douglas and President Duncan McCallum. Also, special thanks to Karen Fiorini and family for taking on the KLCOA Clean-Up Day Event.

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## The Editor's note

Garbage.

Now there's a topic. Nobody wants it, yet average Canadians generate more than their fair share of it. Cottagers on Lake Kennisis are certainly no exception, as evidenced by the appalling state of our landfill site all summer long.

Last Fall in my Editor's Note I asked each of you to consider what the cottage means to you and to help support KLCOA by joining a committee. For me, the cottage is an escape from the city, a place to breathe fresher air, drink cleaner water, enjoy some peace and quiet and get away from the city rat race. It is absolutely not the place to dump tons of garbage without rhyme or reason. It's not the place to bring the garbage that the city trucks won't pick up, and it's not the place to dump hazardous materials. I find it hard to believe that any of you think of the Lake Kennisis area as a giant garbage pail!

Next Spring, when you open up the cottage, remember your three Rs—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle—and maybe you will find that you have a lot less refuse to drop off at the landfill site. That would certainly help keep cottage country smelling fresher!

See you in May,

Marie Bordeleau  
Newsletter Editor