



Spring 2006 Newsletter

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Well, as they say, it looks like the start of another great year that should be enjoyable by all. While I took advantage of the warm weather, these exceedingly warm temperatures pose risk to the environment as described in the latest Cottage Life Magazine. The lake, surrounding townships and environment have changed so much over the years. There are now more residents, cottagers, visitors, renters, day-trippers and businesses than ever before. Lipsy is being developed for private lots. At each members' meeting I hear your concerns about safety, noise, pollution, vehicle operation, trespassing, etc, and I mean to continue to work on these areas on your behalf.

The Lake Plan Committee continues to do so for an inclusive plan for the whole lake. As they complete their second year, they're beginning to produce some interesting results. Please see their report on page 5 and get involved in this process.

The Lands Committee is charged with the immediate management of the KLCOA Lands; as the lake becomes further developed, these lands are of increasing value for recreational use and will probably see more use.

Lastly, there is a new set-up at the dump for recycling so take a moment to learn the new system and the dump's hours (page 2). We will have municipal pamphlets and other information at the Spring Meeting, so please come! Bring your copy of the AGM minutes so we can save trees and not print a ton of copies again. We start promptly at 9:30am and we have a full agenda, so please join us for coffee at 9am. See you then!

Duncan McCallum
President, KLCOA

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2006 Calendar of KLCOA Events

General Members' Mtg	Saturday May 20th, 9:30am
The Fireworks	Saturday July 1st, (rain date: Sunday July 2nd) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
Swimming	July 10-21, July 24-Aug 4 and Aug 7-18
Rock Bass Tournament	Saturday July 8th
Regatta	Saturday August 5th (rain date is Sunday August 6th)
Island Clean-up	Saturday July 29th
KLCOA Annual General Meeting	Saturday September 2nd @ 9:30am (coffee at 9am)



Kennisis Lake Landfill Site Summer Hours

(per Dysart et al website)

*** In effect May 1st to September 30th ***

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
Sunday and Holiday Mondays
Wednesday/Friday

10am—5pm
12nn—8pm
Closed

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. The following materials are accepted for recycling in the Municipality of Dysart et al:

Containers

- This includes plastic containers, plastic bottles, styrofoam containers, clear glass bottles (rinsed), coloured glass bottles (rinsed), plastic bags, and metals (pop cans, aluminium foil, tin cans).
- DO NOT include aerosol cans, butter or candy wrap, "take out" lids, metallic potato chip and snack food bags, blister foil for tablets/pills, paint cans, metal pots & pans, sheet metal, vinyl siding, ceramics, dishes, window glass, pyrex, or drinking glasses.

Fibres

- This includes brown paper bags, waxed cartons, household paper, magazines, newspapers, boxboard (i.e. cereal boxes), fibre egg cartons, and cardboard.
- DO NOT include hard cover books or waxed boxes.

Construction Waste

Demolition/Building Material & Brush is accepted only at Haliburton Landfill and a tipping fee per cubic yard will be charged for demolition/building material and brush and must be sorted into chippable and non-chippable. Check with attendant if more information is required.

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

Hazardous Waste Day

Usually held on the 1st Saturday in August. See the local newspaper for details. Hazardous Waste Day is held at the Haliburton Landfill Site from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Acceptable household hazardous waste materials consists of: Latex and Oil Paints, Finishing Products (varnish, glue etc.); Used Motor Oil; Auto and Household Batteries; Propane Tanks & Cylinders; Cleaners (bleach, oven etc); Aerosol Cans; Solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.); Pesticides and Herbicides; Pool and Photographic Chemicals.

Unacceptable materials include: Commercial and Industrial Waste, Needles/Sharps; PCB's; Radioactives; Pathological.

KENNISIS SUMMER CHURCH

Sundays - 10:00 AM

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife—Seminar Hall
Services Weekly July 2nd - August 27th, 2006

Calling all cottagers!

Come and join us this summer. Enjoy a time of worship, praise and Christian fellowship. We'll be providing 9 services during July and August. Bring the whole family. Bring your guests. Enjoy a time of singing hymns and choruses. A different lay preacher will bring an inspiring message each week. Come for optional coffee or lunch at the Cookhouse after the service. This will be our 49th summer providing a blend of contemporary/traditional non-denominational worship services to vacationers in the Haliburton area.

The KLCOA was responsible for starting the church services 49 years ago and when my wife and I first came to the Lake in 1978 the services were held in a boat house at the Marina. The building was lop-sided, windows were broken and we shared space with Larry Everett's speed boat. The swallows used to fly in and out during the service. Then we moved to the Boiler Room and when I took over 15 years ago we decided to call ourselves the Boiler Room Church. However, Peter asked us to move to the Seminar Building a few years later when there was a demand to rent the Boiler Room for a whole weekend, not just for a couple of hours on Sundays. As a matter of interest, the chairs that are in the Seminar Building were purchased 50/50 by the KLCOA and the Kennisis Summer Church.

We pay \$25 rent weekly and the surplus donations at the end of the summer usually get donated to the local hospital. Everyone is welcome.

Jim McIntosh - Coordinator

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Job Opportunity at the Cottage!!!

Are you a qualified Red Cross Instructor? Would you like to work at the cottage this summer? KLCOA Swim is looking for a second instructor to teach classes from Aqua Tots to Aqua Quest between July 10th and August 18th. Please contact Stephanie Clark by email at sekclark@gmail.com if you are interested.

This years swimming program has the possibility of including classes in Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, and Bronze Cross - but only if there is enough interest! Please contact Stephanie Clark by email at sekclark@gmail.com before June 30th so we can determine whether there is sufficient participation to expand the programme and include these advanced levels!

Kennisis Lake Elderberries

This is the first year of The Kennisis Lake Elderberries, and we have only begun to discover the diverse talents and interests of the group.

There are approximately 20 members, although the group is quite fluid as people come and go over the summer and bring along their cottage guests at times. We get together every 2 weeks and have enjoyed many delicious pot luck suppers and great conversations. We have participated in events such as water-colour painting, Scottish Dancing, a theatre evening and a Pampered Chef Demonstration.

So far, suggestions have been made to have a Treasure hunt and a Thai Chi evening this year. Why not come and join us and bring your wealth of knowledge and interests to share with us? An announcement will be made in the spring as to the when and where of the first meeting of the group.

Meanwhile if you wish, you can contact Brenda Watson at 754-3475 or brendawatson@sympatico.ca to add your name to our membership list.

Island Clean-up

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Island Clean-up, scheduled for Saturday July 29th.

The Fiorini/Morrison family has now taken the coordination of this task. Watch the Marina for signage confirming times and task assignments.

The Kritter Korner

To report a nuisance bear on your property or in your cottage "neighbourhood", please call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-866-514-BEAR (2327).

If you see animals and bugs of a less disturbing kind, please email us at secretary@klco.org—digital pictures welcome if you can catch the Kritters in action!

KLCOA Lands Update

The KLCOA Lands Committee's on-going mandate is:

- To hold annual KLCOA Clean-Up event;
- To implement KLCOA's plans for Bullfrog Bay, Blueberry Islands and Lipsy Bay
- To act as custodians to the properties under the ownership or stewardship of the KLCOA (currently KLCOA owns lands at Bullfrog Bay along the South Shore)
- To be open to adding additional lands to the "KLCOA Wilderness Area" portfolio

Although KLCOA is taking on this work – our efforts are meant to benefit all residents, cottagers, visitors and responsible users of Kennis Lake.

Because of the excellent progress of our Lake Plan Steering Committee (LPSC) there is no longer a need to be a planning and policy setting committee. KLCOA Lands Committee's planning work for the three specific shoreline areas will now be merged in with the overall efforts for the Kennis Lake Watershed. This summer the LPSC will be taking the KLCOA Lands Committee plan for wider public consultation as part of their overall efforts. We ask all to roll up their sleeves to help the LPSC to take on the all important planning, policy development and municipal liaison components of this effort.

Your KLCOA Lands Committee was struck by the KLCOA Executive in the spring of 2004 and we are very proud of our many accomplishments, which include:

- Completed consultations and research for KLCOA held with: The Municipality of Dysart, KLCOA's Legal Counsel, FOCA, North Shore Stoney Lake Land Group, LMS ProLink Insurance, MNR, Transport Canada, Kennis Community Policing, OPP.

- A list of 18 KLCOA membership approved recommendations made by a diverse group of KLCOA Members representing three generations of Kennis Lakers from all shores and an island. So far many have been implemented or are in process (there is still work to do).

- Distribution of a poster and leaflet promoting safety and asking for everyone's respect at the Blueberry Islands area Rolling up our sleeves with KLCOA Members and cleaning up many open space islands and shorelines yearly - our efforts are working – with wilderness areas and shorelines generally clean and well respected.

Expenses to date - including the 2005 Island Clean-Up: \$675.61

Visitors to the Blueberry Island Area are reporting that our efforts are starting to work as well. We have a lot of ears yet to reach in our request for safety and respect for the area. We however, thank the majority of boaters for observing the no wake zone request for the area between the islands and the shore. We thank most of the lake's wake boarders and water-skiers for avoiding the area. The spawning fish thank those of you who make no wake and don't use anchors in the area. And we thank most visitors and cottagers for respecting the islands and the adjacent cottage owners.

KLCOA Lands Committee Members:

Gord Burley, Carrie Denton, Jeff Gardner, Marion Jones, Kerstin McCutcheon, Jeff Pinkney (Chair), Chris Riddle, KLCOA VP Jason Wigmore, KLCOA President Duncan McCallum, and KLCOA Lake Steward Cam Douglass, also Karen Fiorini and family who are coordinating the KLCOA Clean-Up Day and James McCallum for marine engineering expertise. Note: Volunteers are welcome! Contact Jeff at 754-9879 or ppinkney1@cogeco.ca

The Editor's note

Calling all volunteers!

As you will undoubtedly notice in this issue of the KLCOA newsletter, your volunteer Board and Committees are hard at work on your behalf and on behalf of future generations of cottagers on Lake Kennis.

That's a lot of work done by a small group of highly dedicated people who just don't have enough hours in the day to get everything done on their own—we all have real jobs, family obligations and numerous other things to juggle, and yet all of us believe in the future of Lake Kennis and want to help move the Lake Plan, the KLCOA Lands and other projects forward for the benefit of all cottagers.

As the 2006 cottaging season begins in a few weeks, please consider investing your time in this wonderful heritage of ours. I look forward to seeing you at the May 20th General members' meeting, to be held at the Seminar Room of the Haliburton Forest at 9:30am.

Anyone interested in taking the newsletter over?????????

Marie Bordeleau
Newsletter Editor

KLCOA Lake Plan Status

At the KLCOA AGM in September 2004, the membership approved the creation of a lake plan. A survey was then widely distributed in the Spring and Summer of 2005 with 334 completed surveys returned – over 1/3 of our community. Our thanks for the wonderful response! Clearly a significant number of people want to influence the quality of life on the lake and many expressed their concerns for the future along with potential remedies.

Commercial and Residential workshops were also conducted in the Fall of 2005. From the workshops, survey and ongoing consultation within our community, many issues were identified. The lake planning process will now deal with determining acceptable solutions to these issues.

Survey Results

The following is a brief overview of the key findings from the Residential Survey. For more detailed results of all questions, see www.klcoa.org/LakePlan/ResSurveyAnalysis.pdf.

QUESTION 1 - LAKE QUALITY VALUES

This question asked you to rate how the elements in figure 1 add to your personal enjoyment of Kennisis Lake. Figure 1 indicates that **Water Quality** is ranked highest of all the Lake Quality Values, with over 98% of responses saying this is *very important* and with over 90% of responses say the **Water Quality** is *good* or *excellent*, while only 11% identify Water Pollution as a *significant* negative issue.

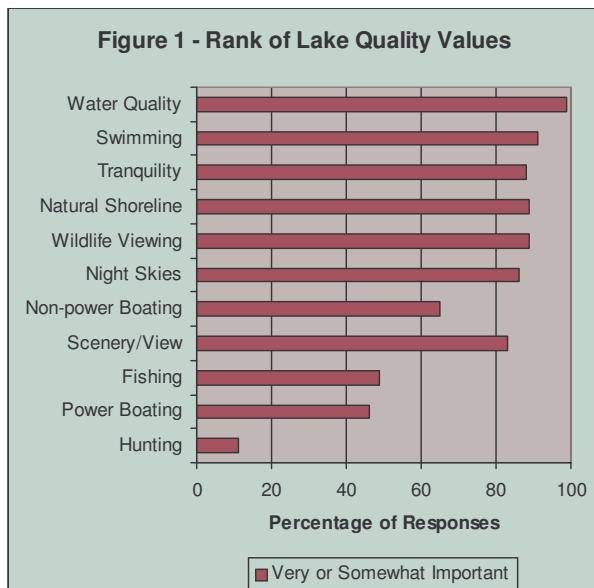
Other positive lake quality values that typically over 80% of respondents consider *somewhat* or *very important* are:

Swimming
Tranquility
Natural Shoreline
Wildlife Viewing
Night Skies (no light pollution)

65% valued non-power boating (e.g. canoeing and kayaking). Each Cottage has an average of 3 non-motorized boats. **Fishing and Power Boating** were valued by a significant minority, while **Hunting** was valued by the by only a small number of respondents.

Question 2 NEGATIVE IMPACTS

This question asked ‘During the past five years, how much of a negative impact has each of the following had on the enjoyment of your property?’. The results are in figure 2.



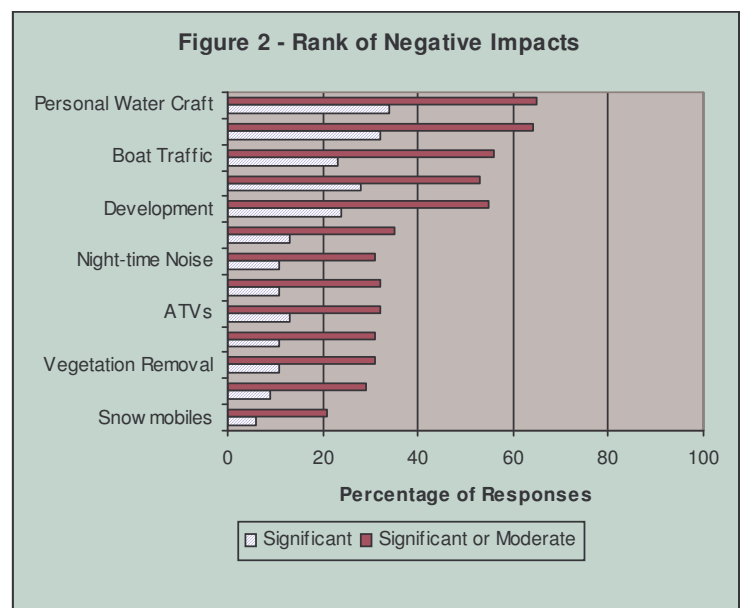
Whereas over 80% of respondents were inclined to be positive about many of the values at Kennisis Lake, **only two** issues generated a response above 60% for having a moderate or significant **negative** impact.

- **Personal Water Craft, and Fluctuating Water Levels.**

Three additional issues resonated with over 50% of respondents, these were:

- **Boat Traffic**
- **Boat Wakes, and**
- **Development**

All the remaining issues were deemed moderate or sig-



Lake Plan Steering Committee Members:

Ron Butcher – Chair
Ann Vanstone
Cameron Douglas
Cathie Heppell
Chris Riddle
Grif Speers
Jan Townley
Jeff Gardner
Jim Prince
John Cooke
Nancy Anderson
Paul Potter
Peter Schleifenbaum

Issue	Date	Time	Resource Person	<p>nificant by less than 35% of respondents. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise (day-time and night-time) Auto-mobile Traffic ATVs Water Pollution Vegetation Removal Outdoor Lighting, and Snow-mobiles.
Water Quality	July 8	9:00 am	Grif Speers 905-477-1410 Speers3@sprint.ca	
“other” natural issues	July 8	10:00 am		
Management Plan for Blueberry Islands	July 15	9:00 am	Ron Butcher 416-699-1075 ronbutcher@rogers.com	
Management Plan for Lipsy & Bullfrog Bays	July 15	10:30 AM		
the Dump	July 22	9:00 AM	Cam Douglas 705-745-3711 Cameron@wuomi.ca	
septic/sewage disposal	July 22	10:00 AM		
municipal planning (rezoning, variances, by-laws)	July 22	11:00 AM		
Youth training	July 30	1:00 PM	Jeff Gardner 905-372-0883 JeffGardner@sympatico.ca	
personal watercraft education	July 30	2:00 PM		
dark skies (reduce lake lighting)	August 12	9:00	Paul Potter 905-472-1303 flajeune@ca.ibm.com	
boating – speed, safety, wakes	August 12	10:00		
public picnicking spaces	August 12	11:00		

Some Interesting Survey Trivia

- In late June and July / August we estimated our population rises to 2500 people at the lake.
- We estimate there are 1422 motorized boats on the lake – about 65% have highly polluting 2 stroke engines.
- One third of all septic tanks are 6 to 15 years old, an additional third are older than 16 years and 11% of owners have no idea of the age of their septic.

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- 64% of respondents would like better Stewardship controls on Septic Inspections.
- 72% of people are concerned about the smell of the water and almost half the cottagers use bottled water for drinking.

Next Steps

- The Steering Committee is a group of committed volunteers, but we also have full time jobs. To best move the process forward in a timely fashion, we need more help with specific tasks. Please consider giving a bit of your time for this