



KLCOA

Spring Special Meeting of Members

May 16, 2026

KLCOA Land Acknowledgement



2026 Spring Meeting

The KLCOA respectfully acknowledges that the Kennisis Lakes are located on the ancestral lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe and the Wendat and on the traditional lands of the Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

The KLCOA specifically pays tribute to our Lake's namesake, Joseph Kenice and his ancestors of Rama Nation, who have had a long connection to this land.

The KLCOA recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples are the original stewards and caretakers of the land and water since time immemorial. The KLCOA will continue to educate and advocate for the ongoing stewardship of this land that we all cherish.

Agenda – May 16th, 2026



2026 Spring Meeting

- 8:30 am Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 am Welcome
- Administration
- Introduction of Board Members
- Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie and Councillor Carm Sawyer
- KLCOA 2026 Events Highlights
- Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve
- Stewardship Updates; Shoreline Health, Water Quality Monitoring, Invasive Species, Septic Health
- Kennisis Lake Marina Update
- KLCOA Financials
- Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT)
- KLCOA 2026 Programs and Initiative Highlights
- What's On Our Radar
- Questions from the Floor
- 11:30 am Adjourn



2026/2027 KLCOA Board of Directors

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RECORD START TO THE YEAR!

2026 Paid Members To Date¹ = 501

Approximately 60% of Property Owners on the Kennisis Lakes are typically KLCOA Members



Annual Stickers

Available at the marina store from the May long weekend until the Labor Day long weekend

Thank you to
Membership Director:
Joan Middleton

1. As of noon, May 15th, 2026



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Dysart et al

Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie

and

Councillor Carm Sawyer



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Events for 2026

2026 Roadside Cleanup – we need your help



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THE GOAL:

- 100% of cottage roads covered
- Entire portion of the KLCOA “Adopt a Road” County Road 7 covered

REMINDERS

- Secure garbage if transporting in an open vehicle
- Make sure renters know where and when to take garbage

Volunteers Needed

EVENT #1

WHEN: Friday June 12th – 1pm

ROAD: KLCOA Adopt-a-Road (KLR)

MEET: Hydro sub-station a Westshore/KLR

EVENT #2

WHEN: Saturday June 13th – 10:00am

ROAD: all cottage roads

MEET: Little Kennisis Bridge

KLCOA ROADSIDE CLEAN UP



**Friday June 12 &
Saturday June 13**



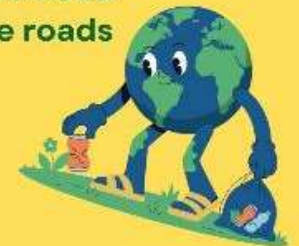
CALL for VOLUNTEERS

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

- Friday June 12th, 1pm- Kennisis Lake Road
- Saturday June 13th, 10am -All Lake roads



Contact Larry Harris
lharris56@icloud.com



KLCOA Webinar Series Kennisis Lakes - Aquatic Plant Inventory



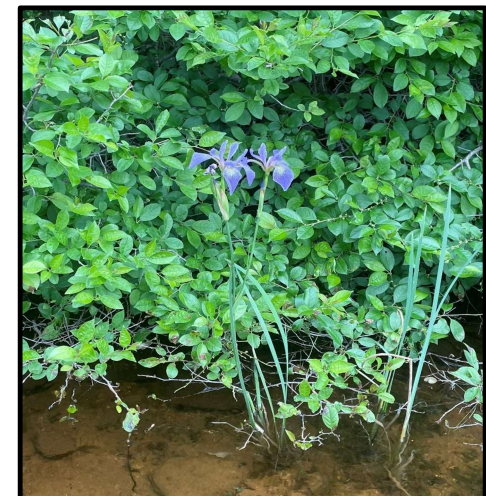
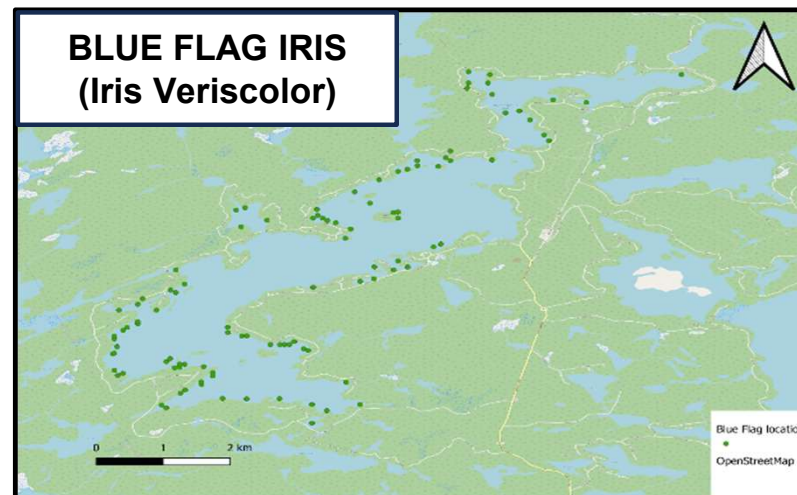
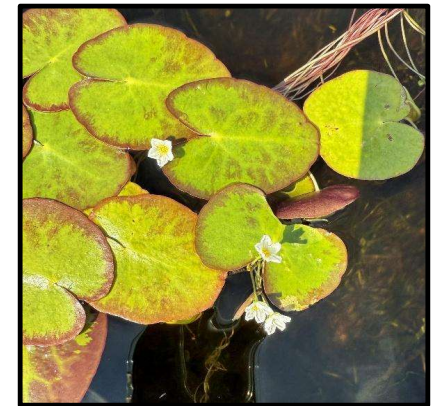
Aquatic Plants in Our Lakes! The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful!

Wednesday June 10, 2026 - 7:00-8:00pm

Learn about the native and invasive plants in the Haliburton Lakes and the results of our 2025 Kennisis Lakes Aquatic Plant Inventory Project.

Frank Figuli, U-Links Environmental Program Manager

Nick Weissflog, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust



**Check the KLCOA E-Blast and Website for registration
and future updates**

Ladies of the Lake



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KLCOA LADIES OF THE LAKE
PRESENTS

The Cottage Social

*An Afternoon of Wine, Cheese and Fresh Cottage
Entertaining Ideas With Nik Monojlovich*

Tickets on Sale Now!
KLCOA Members: \$25
Non-Members: \$30

*This event is in support of Haliburton's
Point in Time*

Gather your gal pals, catch up with your lake friends and join TV personality, food and lifestyle expert Nik Monojlovich of "Weekend at the Cottage" for a fresh take on cottage entertaining. Nik will demonstrate some easy breezy summer recipes and dish on great entertaining tips.

Sunday, June 28,
3 pm- 5:30 pm
Kennisis Event Tent
@ The Kennisis Lake
Marina

For more information go to [KLCOA.org/events](https://www.klcoa.org/events)

**Sunday June 28th -
3:00-5:30pm at the
Kennisis Event Tent**

Tickets are selling quickly!
We encourage anyone
wishing to attend to
register this weekend.

Anyone with questions,
please see Jacquie or
Sheelagh after the meeting.

Fireworks (weather and fire ban dependant)



2026 Spring Meeting

Saturday June 27, 2026 – approx. 9:45pm

Rain Date: June 28th

Once again for 2026, our fireworks display is being produced by Supernova Fireworks.



Thank you to:

- Scott Gray and Shannon Cloer: for the continued use of their property for the launch site
- **Your KLCOA Fireworks Committee:** Jacquie Geall, Grant DeMarsh, Larry Harris, Jim Prince, Joan Middleton, Scott Durie, Deb Wratschko



KLCOA Rock Bass Fishing Derby



2026 Spring Meeting

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Help decrease the invasive rock bass population in our Lakes and ***Let's Get the Lead Out!!***



The 2026 KLCOA Rock Bass Derby will be held on July 4, 2026, the weekend when no fishing licences are required in Ontario!

“Family Fishing Week Ontario”

The KLCOA encourages the use of **Lead-Free Fishing Tackle.**

Lead fishing tackle is a major contributor to Loon Mortality.

Lead fishing tackle drop off and **“Get the Lead Out”** information will be available at the Derby.

Thank you to Coordinators - Mike and Kelly Neely



KLCOA Event – Art on the Dock



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ART ON THE DOCK 2026

Over the past 11 years **over \$40,000** has been donated by AOTD to the Art Council's Artists in the Schools & Community Program!

Saturday, July 18th • 10am – 5pm
Sunday, July 19th • 10am – 3pm

For more information please check out: KLCOA.org

Saturday July 18th - 10am to 5pm
Sunday July 19th - 10am to 3pm

Thank you to Coordinator:
Janis Parker

Thank you to sponsors:
Parker Pad & Printing
Viper Marketing

Regatta – August 1, 2026



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KLCOA 66th ANNUAL REGATTA

Saturday August 1st, 2026

(Rain Date Aug 2nd)

Kennisis Lake Marina



Marathon Swim (all ages)

Swimming Races (Ages 3 thru 99)

Canoe, Kayak, Paddleboard Races

Log Rolling, Egg Toss, Horseshoe Tournament

Children's activities with face painting and games



Smoke on the Water BBQ & Refreshments with Live Music

TROPHIES, MEDALS, FAMILY FUN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; please contact

Kerin Harding: kerin.harding@gmail.com



Details in upcoming eblasts and on our website

KLCOA.org

KLCOA Sailing Regatta & Summer Sailing Series 2026



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KLCOA SAILING REGATTA SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 2, 2026

1:00PM Start – Course TBD

KLCOA Sunday Sailing Series

Sundays through July and August 2026

**Looking for a Sunday Sailing Series
Co-Ordinator for the 2026 Season**

To register for e-mail updates:
Contact Jim at
jimprince@sympatico.ca

4th Annual Dark Sky Event



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Saturday August 15, 2026 - LIGHTS OUT AT 9:00PM



Experience the thrill of seeing the magnificent night sky!

Did You Know?

Night light affects many plants, animals and insects by disrupting their nocturnal behaviours.

Check it Out!

The light outside your cottage and at or near your shoreline is reflected across water and impacts you neighbours.

Watch for more interesting facts and details via klcoa.org and eblasts.

Family Year End Wrap Up Event



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August 29, 2026 – Late morning at the Marina Tent

**Wrap Up Summer with your
KLCOA Board of Directors**

Fun for All!

Treats

Face Painting

Photo Booth

More to come!



Thank you to Jacquie Geall for
organizing.

Watch for more details!



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Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve



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Stewardship

Vice President and Stewardship Director
Jim Prince

KLCOA Stewardship – Four Focus Areas



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**Natural
Shorelines**

**Septic
Systems**



**Invasive
Species**

**Water
Quality
Monitoring**



Lake Health

It's All About the Water

Lake Health – Let's All do Our Part



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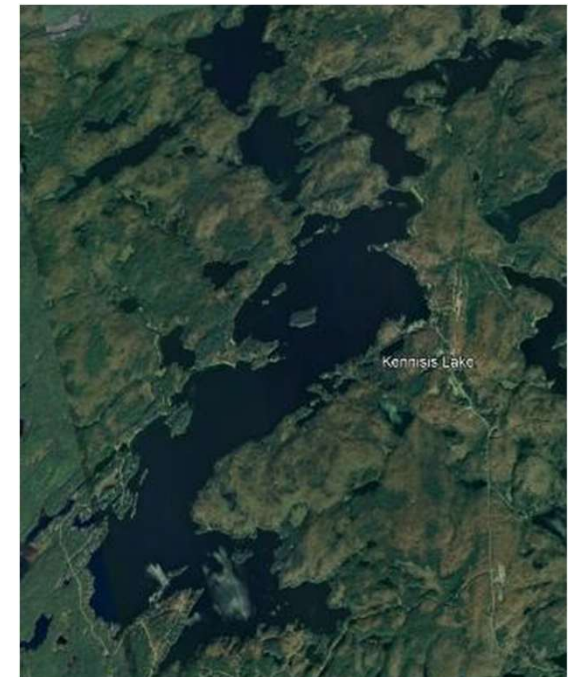
Survey results show:

99% of respondents said that "Maintaining Our Excellent Water Quality" is Very Important or Important.

Our Water Quality is one of the primary contributors to our enjoyment on the lakes and our property values.

Sustaining our good Water Quality means:

- Keeping our shorelines natural
- Managing our septic systems properly
- Eliminating the use of fertilizers and pesticides



Shoreline Health on Kennisis Lakes



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Healthy Shorelines = Healthy Lakes!

KLCOA Shoreline Restoration - 2026

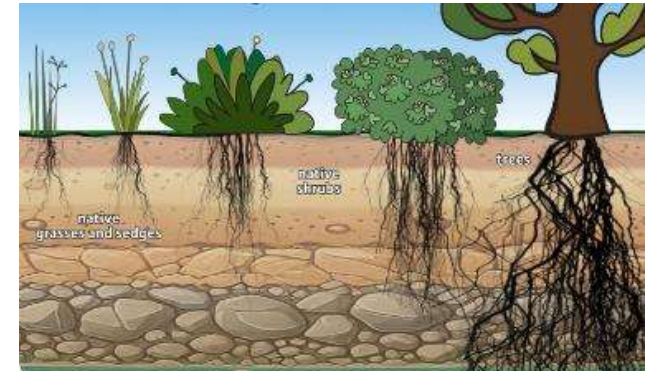
The KLCOA is promoting
Partners for Shoreline Restorations



Healthy
Shoreline Design
and Restoration



Native Plant
Suppliers



Shoreline Health on Kennisis Lakes



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Healthy Shoreline Design and Restoration

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| Grounded – Simon Payn https://groundedgardens.ca/ |
| Haliburton County Master Gardeners https://www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/ |
| Meadowsweet Naturescapes – Cara Steele https://www.meadowsweetdesign.com/ |

Native Plant Suppliers

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| Haliburton Micromeadows https://haliburtonmicromeadows.ca/ |
| Pine Needle Farms https://www.pineneedleplants.ca/ |
| Grow Wild Native Plant Nursery https://www.nativeplantnursery.ca/ |
| Abbey Gardens https://abbeygardens.ca/ |
| Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) https://ecoenvirolearn.org/ |
| Botanigals https://www.botanigals.ca/ |



Shoreline Health on Kennisis Lakes



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F.E.E.L - Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning



Saturday June 27th at Abbey Gardens!

The background of the event poster features stylized silhouettes of various plants and trees in shades of blue and green against a yellow background. The silhouettes include a large tree on the left, a bushy shrub, a tall grass-like plant, and several smaller plants with different leaf shapes and flower clusters.

**SUSTAINABLE
SHORES &
GARDEN**

EVENT

Native Plant Sale
Ecology & Gardening Workshops
Environmental Initiative Displays
Family-friendly fun and more!

Saturday June 27
10AM to 4PM at Abbey Gardens
1012 Garden Gate Drive

Shoreline Bylaws - Update



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Survey results show:
91% of respondents feel that **Encouraging Natural Shorelines** is Very Important or Important.

Dysart Passed Site Alteration Bylaw in August 2023

If you are planning to alter your shoreline vegetation or modify any existing structures in the shoreline setback the KLCOA strongly advises property owners to obtain and read a copy of the new Site Alteration Bylaw (By-Law 2023-75) and the Dysart Zoning By-law (By-law 2005-120, Amended April 4, 2024) before you start.

Dysart Planning Staff are very helpful for planning and consultation support.

Shoreline Structure Bylaw & OP - Update



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Survey results show:

91% of respondents feel that **Encouraging Natural Shorelines** is Very Important or Important.

Dysart et al amended the Zoning Bylaw and the Official Plan to permit some structures in the shoreline setback (February 2026 By-Law No. 2026-09 & 2026-10)

Permits a **Gazebo** in the shoreline setback:

- 10m² maximum area, 5m setback (HWM), 3.5m max height

Permits a **Storage Shed** in the shoreline setback:

- 10m² maximum area, 5m setback (HWM), 15% property grade (4.5m/30m or ~15 feet)

ALSO REQUIRED

- Owner must purchase shoreline road allowance
- Owner must repair the shoreline vegetation buffer to a natural state (except 1 metre buffer)
- Owner must enter into a site plan agreement with the Municipality

Consult Dysart Planning Staff before considering placing any structures in the shoreline setback!

Septic System Health - KLCOA Stewardship Focus

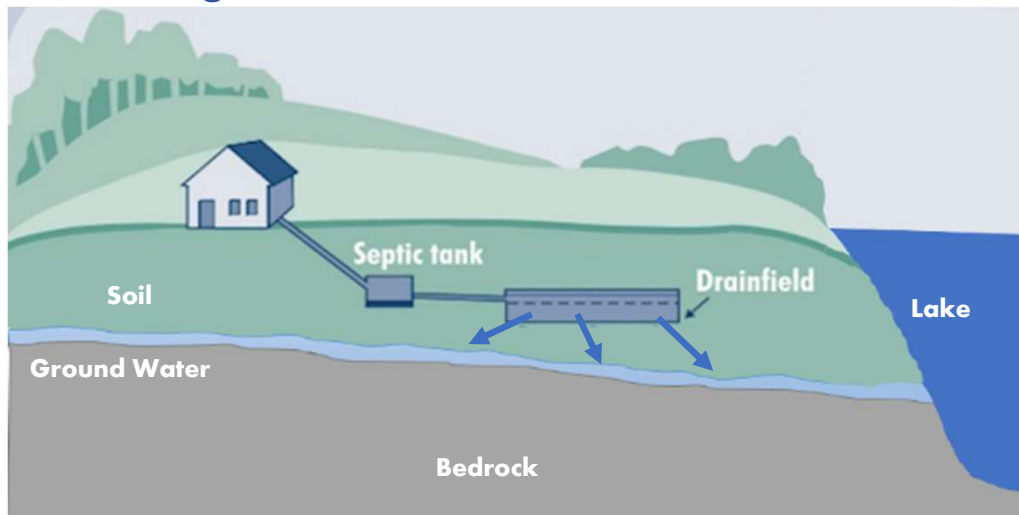


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Keeping Your Septic System Performing Well and Our Lakes Healthy

KLCOA Website Update:

- Septic System Tip Sheets – **NEW 2025!**
 - ❖ Updated CHA Tip Sheets
- Septic System Health – **Updates 2025!**
- Septic System Education – **Videos Added!**
- Septic System Inspections
 - ❖ Updates on the Dysart Septic System Inspection Program



SEPTIC TIPS

Healthy Septic=Happy Lake



“Did you know you can prolong the life and efficiency of your Septic System if you follow some of these Septic Tips?”

- 1. Are you using Septic friendly cleaning products!**
 - Look for products that are chlorine and phosphate free.
 - Choose products that are biodegradable and fragrance free.
- 2. Skip the Fabric Softener!**
 - Adds unfriendly chemicals.
- 3. Use Liquid Detergent rather than powder for dishwashers!**
- 4. Don't use detergent pods!**
 - Microplastics don't completely breakdown.
- 5. Avoid Antibacterial products!**
 - Kills microbial function in your septic system.
- 6. Spread out use of water over time!**
 - Give your system time to digest the waste.
 - Limit laundry to one load per day.
 - Keep showers short and use low flow shower heads.
- 7. Avoid using your drain as a garburator!**
 - Don't put food particles or FOG (fat, oil and grease) down your drain.
- 8. Does your toilet paper breakdown easily?**
 - A simple test is to put a few sheets into a 1 litre jar of water and wait 20 minutes and shake well and see if it dissolves.
 - Suggested products Royale Original or Cascades Enviro.
- 9. Does your water softener drain into your septic?**
 - Ontario's building code recommends that water softener backwash should be discharged into a grey waterbed.

April 2024

Septic System Health - KLCOA Stewardship Focus



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Dysart Septic System Inspection Program - Update

Dysart Implemented a Mandatory Septic System Inspection Program in 2018:

The Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) were the first inspections in Dysart:

- Completed in 2018 and 2019
- “Order to Comply” inspections completed in 2020



Dysart will be focusing on **Short Term Rental** compliance inspections in **2026**.

The **Dysart Septic System Inspection Program** will resume in 2027 and the Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) will likely be the first area to be scheduled.

Source – **Dysart Septic Inspection Program Administrator May 2026**



Haliburton Wide Water Quality Monitoring

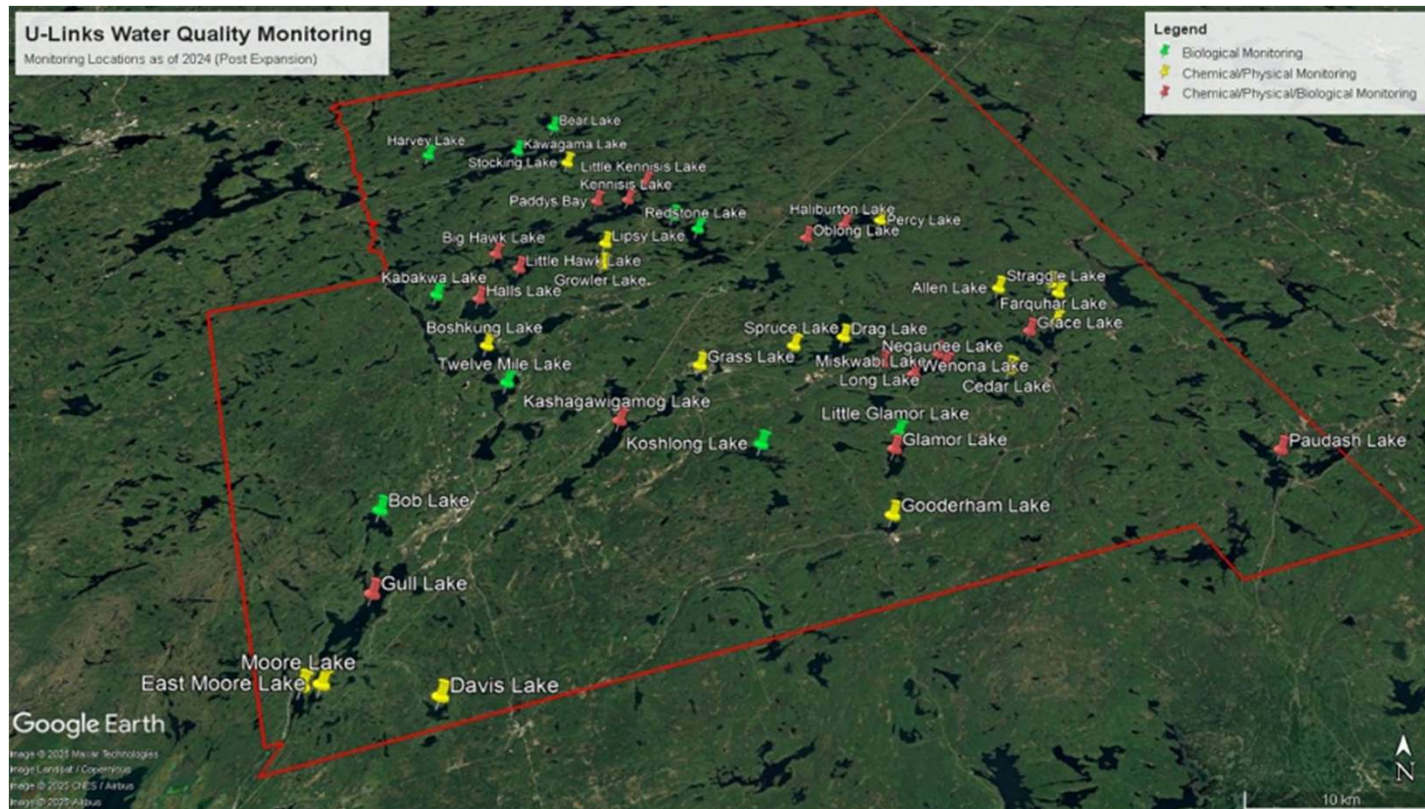


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KLCOA participating in “TESTING THE WATERS” Program

U-Links & Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch (WWEW)

- **61 Sites** across **41 Lakes** in Partnership with **27 Lake Associations**
- Supported by Haliburton County and Lake Associations



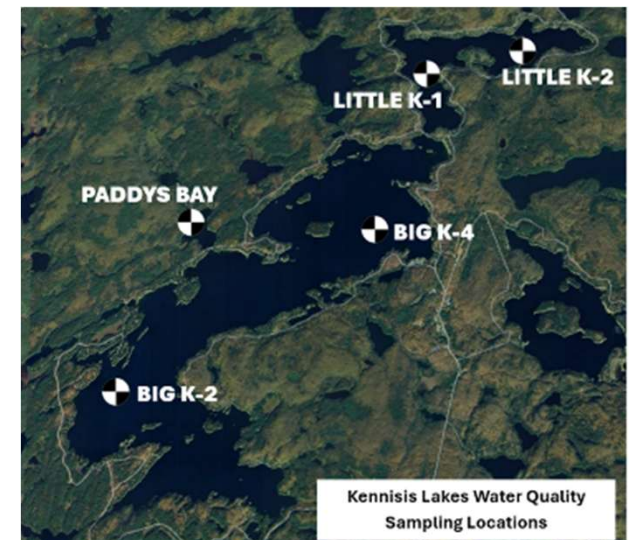
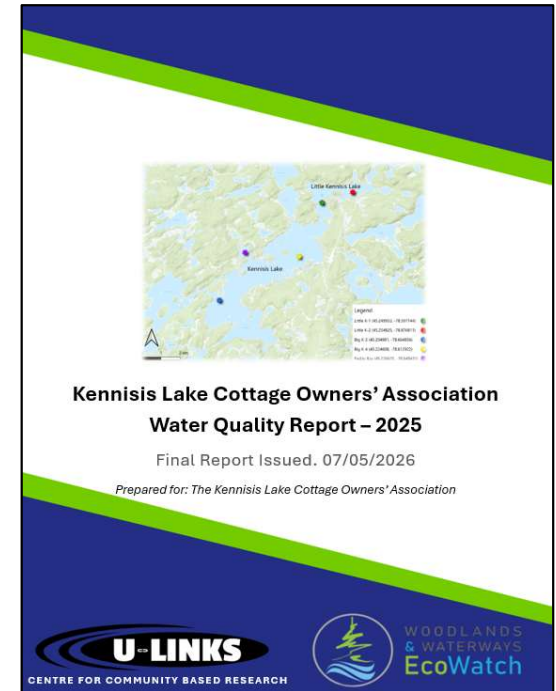
KLCOA Water Quality Monitoring



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2025 Water Quality Results – Kennisis Lakes

- May and September testing + under ice sampling in March.
- 5 Basins Tested - 2 Big K, 2 Little K, Paddy's Bay.
- WWEW WQ Report issued in May 2026 (www.klcoa.org).
- Most WQ results show excellent to good results when compared to Stocking Lake in HF - the TTW Reference Lake.
- Total Phosphorus at Little Kennisis - 2 locations trending lower! 👍
- Water Clarity in our lakes is declining over time. 👎



THANKS TO OUR WQ TESTING TEAM!!

Julie Bramm Margaret Cox
Wendy Murray Tracy Stewart Randy Burch
Debi Musselman Jim Prince

Invasive Species Alert – Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)



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Drag and Spruce Lakes have had an invasive aquatic plant proliferate in their lake - Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Mitigation techniques for EWM have included laying weighted burlap mats on the lake bottom, harvesting EWM and removal using divers – each of these methods is very costly.

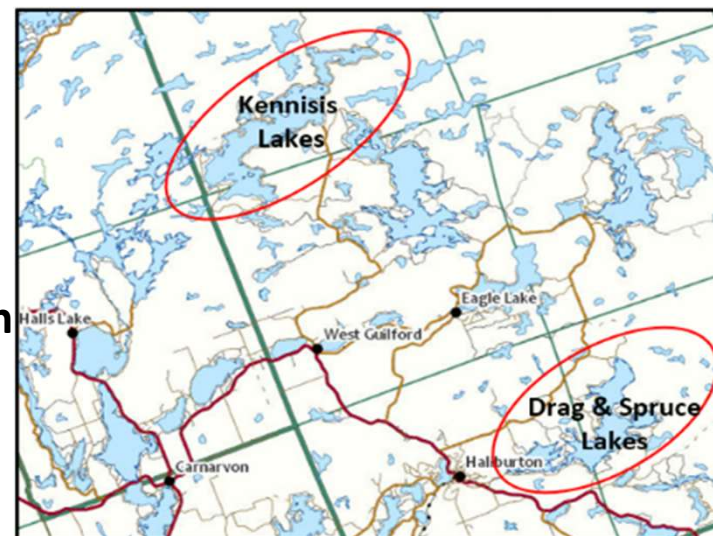
Living with the Eurasian Watermilfoil may be the only option.

We have many locations on the Kennisis Lakes that would sustain EWM. We have not yet done identification sampling.

Our best defense is “CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY” for all watercraft including canoes and kayaks.

2024/2025 KLCOA Program for Aquatic Plant Inventory (U-Links)

DSLPOA Video Link <https://vimeo.com/810673970>



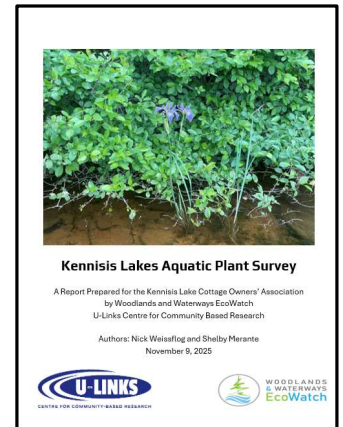
KLCOA - U-Links/WWEW Projects



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Six KLCOA Projects with U-Links/WWEW in 2025/2026

- 1. Kennisis Lakes Aquatic Plant Survey (Phase 2) – Field Survey: Aquatic Plant Identification - Field Sampling (2025)**
 - Identified Native and Invasive Plant Species
- 2. Invasive Phragmites Removal – Kennisis & Lipsy (2025)**
 - Most Kennisis Lakes and Lipsy Lakes Sites removed
- 3. Vacant Public Land Inventory – Kennisis Lakes**
 - Identify and classify vacant public land for future protection
- 4. KLCOA Lands – Ownership Model Options**
 - Model for KLCOA Lands that could reduce taxes and enhance protections for the lands
- 5. Clean, Drain, Dry – Optimized Boat Washing Station Options**
 - KLCOA And Redstone (RLCA) project – Invasive aquatic species control
- 6. Norah’s Island “Seed Bank Project” – With Norah’s Island Management Committee and HHLT (2026)**
 - Identification of native plants and collection of native seeds for distribution and storage.



Invasive Phragmites
“Once you have seen it, you can’t un-see it”
Haliburton Phrag Fighter Volunteers



KLCOA Lands – Website Update



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Did you know that the KLCOA owns and protects land on the Kennisis Lakes for our community?

- The Blueberry Islands
- Bullfrog Bay Lands (3 Parcels)
- Two Loon Island (Island C)
- Soap Pond Lands

Norah's Island:

Owned by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. KLCOA supports the management and protection of the island through the Norah's Island Management Committee.



The KLCOA Lands Committee continues to work on protecting lands for public use around our lakes.

If you are interested in participating in land protection for our lakes, please contact our KLCOA President at klcoainfo@gmail.com

CHA FireSmart Tip Sheets – Protect Your Property



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The CHA has produced FireSmart Tip Sheets to provide advice about protecting your property in the event of a wildfire.

- 200 sheets available for the KLCOA. Handed out at the sign in desk.
- Information to be posted on the KLCOA website when the e-version of the poster becomes available.
- There is a balance between “hard” FireSmart guidelines and recognizing the ecological benefit of native plants on our shorelines.

WILDFIRES IN COTTAGE COUNTRY

A REAL AND PRESENT THREAT

Each year, Canada sees more properties destroyed by wildfires. The smell of smoke, a 1-day red and orange skies and the hazy sunshine of recent summers are tell-tale signs of change.

In 2025, wildfires in Haliburton County burnt an area the equivalent of about 150 hockey rinks. That's 2.5 million square feet burned. **Prevention is your best protection.**

THE PROPERTY PROTECTION RINGS OF FIRE

10 METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

- Remove needles, leaves and other burnable debris: don't forget to clear your eavestroughs
- Remove all combustible ground cover, including mulches
- Remove combustible plants/trees (eg pines and spruces) or prune them regularly
- Keep trailers, RVs, sheds and firewood out of this zone
- Add a non-combustible screen to all vents, except dryer vents

30+ METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

Try to space trees at least 5 metres (9 ft) apart and clean up fallen branches, dried grass and needles regularly

FIRESMART HOME IGNITION ZONE

The diagram shows a central house with two concentric circles around it. The inner circle is labeled "10 METRES" and the outer circle is labeled "30 METRES". Various trees and structures are shown within and around these zones. A signpost indicates "Zone 10" and "Zone 30".

30 METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

- Prune the lower branches of pines and spruces to create 2 metres (6 ft) of clearance from the ground
- Keep grass out below 10 cm (4 in)
- Plant less combustible, deciduous trees: Poplar, Birch, Maple and Aspen

ANOTHER HELPFUL TIP SHEET FROM **CHA**
www.klcoa.org

CHA
The Lake of Killarney Property Owners' Association



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KENNISIS LAKE MARINA

CHAD BURDEN - GARY BOUWMEISTER - JIM DALE



FROM THE LAKE, FOR THE LAKE

KENNISIS LAKE
SUMMER
Events
 JULY 2026

- Sun JUL 5** **TRIVIA NIGHT**
4-6 PM - Smoke on the Water @ KLM - Live Music Before Trivia
- Sat JUL 11** **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN COVER BAND**
4:30 PM - Kennis Lake Marina Event Tent - More Details to Come
- Mon Jul 13** **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**
Kennis Lake Marina Event Tent - More Details to Come
- Sat JUL 18** **DAVE BEACH MEMORIAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**
1 PM - Kennis Lake Marina
- Jul 18-19** **ART ON THE DOCK (AOTD)**
All Day - More Details to Come
- Sat JUL 25** **KENNIS COURTS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**
9 AM - Kennis Lake Marina
- Sat JUL 25** **AC/DC COVER BAND**
4:30 PM - Kennis Lake Marina Event Tent - More Details to Come

WEEKLY EVENTS AT SMOKE ON THE WATER

- Fridays - Movie Night + Community BBQ** • \$10 Burgers & Sausages • Movie on a 16-ft Screen
- Saturdays - Saturday Day Party!** • Live Music • Kids Activities
- Sundays - Caesar Sundays** • 12-3 PM - \$10 Handmade Caesars • Garnish Buffet
- Long Weekend Saturdays - Family Feud** • 5 PM

KENNISIS LAKE
SUMMER
Events
 AUGUST 2026

- Sat Aug 1** **KLCLOA ANNUAL REGATTA**
9 AM - Kennis Lake Marina
- Sun Aug 2** **TRIVIA NIGHT**
4-6 PM - Smoke on the Water @ KLM - Live Music Before Trivia
- Sat Aug 8** **BOUWMEISTERS' ROCK ON THE DOCK**
2-4 PM - Bouwmeisters' Dock (Rain Date: Aug 9)
- Sun Aug 16** **THE JIM CUDDY BAND**
4:30 PM - Kennis Lake Marina Event Tent
- Sat Aug 22** **PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT: KENNIS VS HALIBURTON**
Details to Follow
- Mon Aug 24** **EUCHRE NIGHT**
5:30-8:30 PM - Kennis Lake Marina Tent
- Sun Sep 6** **TRIVIA NIGHT**
4-6 PM - Smoke on the Water @ KLM - Live Music Before Trivia

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

SAT JUL 11

GLORY DAYS
A TRIBUTE TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

SAT JUL 25

21 GUN SALUTE
AC/DC TRIBUTE

SUN AUG 16

THE JIM CUDDY BAND



4:30PM START TIME

We've got a great lineup of music and fun coming your way!
Mark your calendars and don't miss a weekend!



kennisislakemarina.com



KLCOA Financial Update

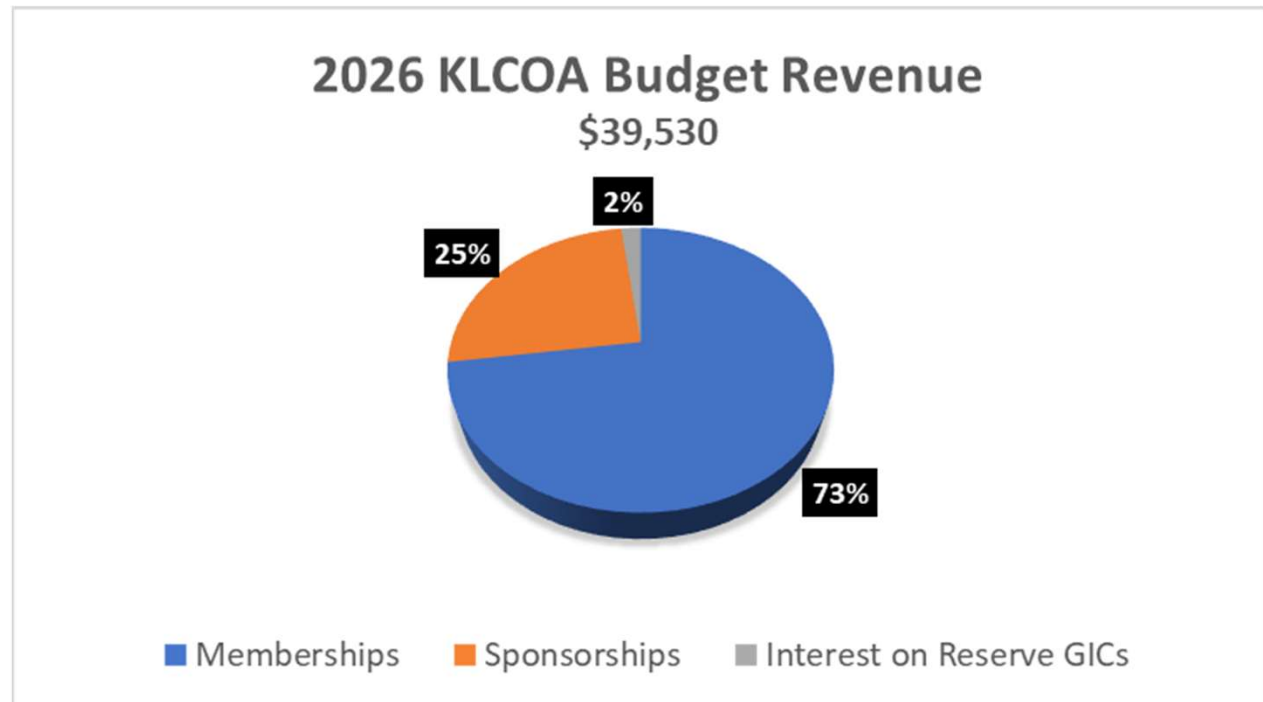


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The 2025 Financials and the 2026 Budget were presented and accepted by the members at the 2026 Annual Meeting in March. Both had previously been approved by the Board.

2026 Budget Summary:

- Revenue estimate of \$39,530
- Program and membership expenses estimated at \$52,945
- Therefore we are budgeting an operating deficit of \$13,415
- Deficit will be covered by previous years' operating surpluses, not reserves



See www.klcoa.org for additional information



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Program Initiatives for 2026

Kennisis Lakes Safe Boating – Hazard and Navigation Markers



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The KLCOA Hazard and Navigation Marker Program will continue in 2026 – Gino Ariano (KLCOA Director) will be coordinating the program.

Yellow Hazard Markers and No Wake Markers will be deployed in the Spring and removed in the Fall.

This year, reflective tape on our 27 Buoys will be replaced as necessary.

2026 – No Wake Marker Buoys

The KLCOA will continue to deploy “NO WAKE” markers in the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels as well as the entrance to the Kennisis Dam to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas.

**NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!
INDIVIDUAL BOATERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO AVOID
NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**

**Thanks to KLCOA Volunteers,
27 Hazard Markers and
10 No Wake Markers are deployed!**



Abandoned Docks

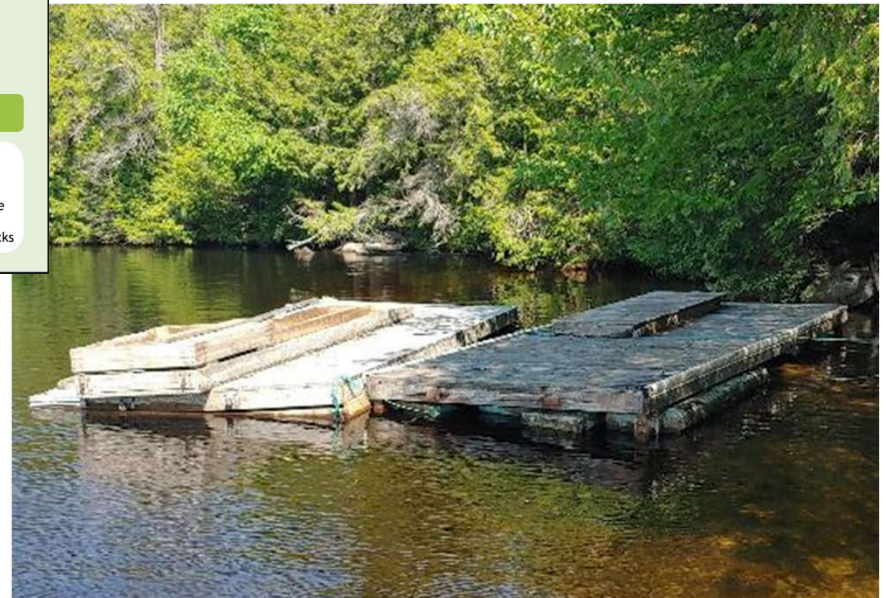
Who Let the Docks Out!

Abandoned Dock Reduction Project on the Kennisis Lakes

| Background & Context | Approach | Key Findings |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Abandoned Docks can become hazards to navigation, create impediments to shoreline access and are unsightly in our lakes. In addition, until 1990, Styrofoam was the primary means to construct dock flotation in Ontario Lakes. Unfortunately, when Styrofoam breaks down, microplastics are formed. Microplastics harm lake water quality by reducing clarity, altering sediments, and releasing toxins. They absorb pollutants, disrupt aquatic food webs, and bioaccumulate in fish.</p> <p>These particles threaten ecosystems, contaminate drinking water and act as a persistent pollutant with long-term environmental and human health risks.</p> | <p>The first step was to apply and receive funding from Trent University's Community Impact Micro-grant program, funded by the federal government. Next, a project team was formed over the summer of 2025, and a plan was developed to survey the lake, communicate findings, create community awareness, and ultimately pilot removal of 3 - 5 select abandoned docks. Over a period of 2 weeks in July, two individuals surveyed the lake, attributed the abandoned docks, and prioritized select docks for removal. The docks were geo-located, archived in GIS software and published out to the community. A contractor was identified to remove select docks and a contract created prior to the actual removal and disposition. A final report is pending.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 abandoned docks were identified • 12 of these docks were concentrated in two hot spots, Bullfrog Bay and Marina • 14 docks were identified as having a Styrofoam flotation device • 15 docks were identified as poor - very poor condition ➢ 7 docks were identified as priority candidates for removal based on accessibility, condition, and flotation type (Styrofoam). The 7 docks are located in Bullfrog Bay, the Marina bay and Little Kennisis |
| Objectives of Project | <p style="font-size: small;">Figure 1. Abandoned docks mapping July 2025. Red circles indicate hot spots</p> | |
| <p>Working with Trent University and U-Links, the objective of the study is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Identify and geo-locate all abandoned docks on Kennisis Lakes and collect data on their attributes ➢ Create community awareness to correlate between Styrofoam decomposition from abandoned docks and potential impact on water quality ➢ Pilot removal of 3 - 5 abandoned docks, and implement broader program to remove all abandoned docks from the Kennisis Lakes ➢ Institutionalize a "Zero Dock Abandonment" initiative within the Kennisis Lakes Community | | |
| | <p>Acknowledgements and Support Henry Daigneault - Project Lead, Scott Daigneault - Project Support Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) Scott Durie, Grant DeMarsh, Jim Prince - KLCOA Liaison U-Links Centre for Community Based Research Trent University, Canada Service Corps</p> | <p style="background-color: #92d050; text-align: center;">Next Steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate findings to Kennisis Lakes Community and encourage cottage owners to remove unwanted docks from the lakes 2. Prepare RFQ to remove 3 - 5 docks based on the candidate list. Contract for dock removal 3. Remove and dispose of selected abandoned docks |

2025 U-Links Project:

- Trent Impact Micro Grant Received (\$5k)
- Henry Daigneault (student on Kennisis Lake) - Project Manager
- Full inventory (pictures and GPS) completed (27 docks identified)
- 3-5 Docks to be removed in 2026 using a commercial vendor



Since 2020, KLCOA has been sharing abandoned dock education and social media communication – it's making a difference!

Kennisis Lakes Safe Boating – Watch your Wake



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We all know it, but let's remember – no matter the size of your boat, be aware of your wake:

- Impact on inexperienced swimmers
- Smaller craft including, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and small boats can be capsized by large wakes
- Damage and erosion to shorelines
- Damage to docks
- Nesting shoreline birds (especially loons) can be swamped by wakes

Boat Safely. Have fun.
Slow down and enjoy the scenery.

The Ontario Provincial Police patrol the lakes. Be sure you have the required safety equipment, obey the speed limits and don't drink and drive. If you see dangerous boating, the OPP wants to hear from you at 1-888-310-1122. For life-threatening emergencies call 911.

Please watch your wake

Even at slow speeds you can create a large, damaging wake if your bow is riding high out of the water. Here's how to eliminate your wake:

- When slowing down for no-wake zones, throttle back to idle for about 10 seconds
- Wait for the bow to drop and your boat to level out before proceeding at the regulated speed
- Keep an eye on your wake until clear of the no-wake zone

10 KM NO WAKE
WITHIN 30 METRES FROM SHORE

The speed limit within 30 metres (33 yards) of any shoreline and docks is 10 km/hr

This protects swimmers and other boaters, and reduces shoreline damage

Find out more about Safe Boating at safequiet.ca

DANGEROUS SHARK FEEDING ZONE

KLCOA Group Buy Programs



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Superior Propane Group Buy

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AED Group Buy

AED's save lives!

Over the last few years the KLCOA
AED group buy program has
brought a number of devices to
the lake.

We need MORE!

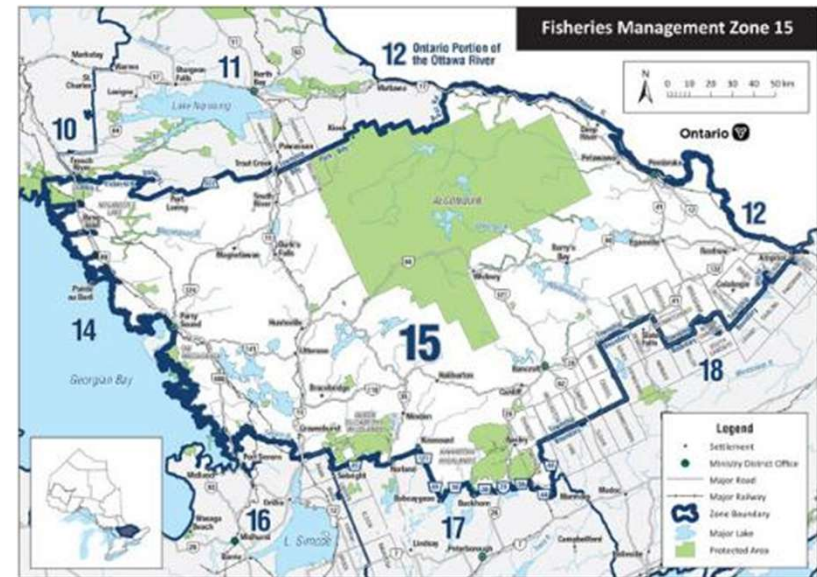
**Watch eblasts, the marina
bulletin board and our website
for details on the 2026 group buy
program.**

Fisheries Update – still no change from 2024 update



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- **The zone 15 regulations unfortunately remain unchanged with both the MNR and Government showing no progress on the issues to date.**
- In 2022, a Fishery Advisory Council was established - participants included the OFAH, MNR, First Nation and local lake associations. A subcommittee was established by the CHA to provide input on Haliburton specific issues
- In 2022, the MNR proposed changes were posted for public consultation. Recommendations included the shortening/closures of Lake Trout/Speckled Trout ice fishing and slot size expansion. A large outcry erupted...
- Although the MNR goal is still to implement changes, at this time, there still is no movement.



Thank you to Brian Evans for staying on top of the regulations.

See KLCOA.org for additional info.

You can help by being part of the Rock Bass Derby on July 4th.

Realization¹: “Fisheries management involves managing social and biological factors. Moving forward with a select few proposals, rather than trying to implement everything at once, could have led to greater progress. We’ll see what 2027 brings”.

Norah's Island Endowment Fund - 2025



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Value of Norah's Island Endowment Fund:

- December 31, 2025 was \$60,000.00

Income generated from interest during 2025 was \$2,089.00

Expenses for 2025:

- Property Taxes: \$93.00
- Insurance: \$200.00
- Maintenance: \$623.00
- Transfer to HHLT Operations: \$1,173.00

Insurance: HHLT maintains \$5M liability coverage on Norah's Island

The Norah's Island Management Committee (NIMC) is a partnership between KLCOA and the island's owner, The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Each organization appoints 3 members to the NIMC. Representing HHLT are HHLT Land Stewardship Manager, Nick Weissflog, and HHLT Board Members, Maggie Neff, and Duncan Farthing-Nicol. Your KLCOA members are: Jeff Pinkney (jeff.pinkney@gmail.com), Janis Parker and Paula Kleinschmidt Lepsky



Kennisis Lake History Book Project



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The Gift of Kennisis

History, memories and tales of life at the Lakes

Phase 1 – Research **COMPLETE**

Phase 2 – Writing **COMPLETE**

Phase 3 - Edit and Review **IN PROGRESS**

Phase 4 – Layout, Design and Marketing
NOT YET STARTED

Phase 5 – Printing and Distribution
NOT YET STARTED



Red Canoe on the Kennisis Shore, by David Moon.

Predicted Timeline based on current progress.

Phase 3 - Fall 2026

Phase 4 - Winter 2026/27

Phase 5 - Spring 2027

Thank you to Natalie Wood for all of the heart and soul she has poured into the book through research and writing.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped Natalie with initial ideas and editing to get to where we are today.

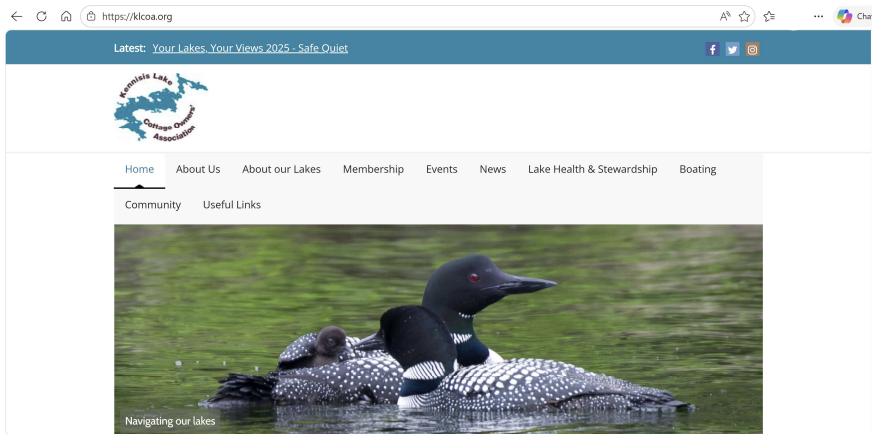
Thank you to all cottagers who shared stories and pictures to help make this book by cottagers and for cottagers.

Communications – Where to get info



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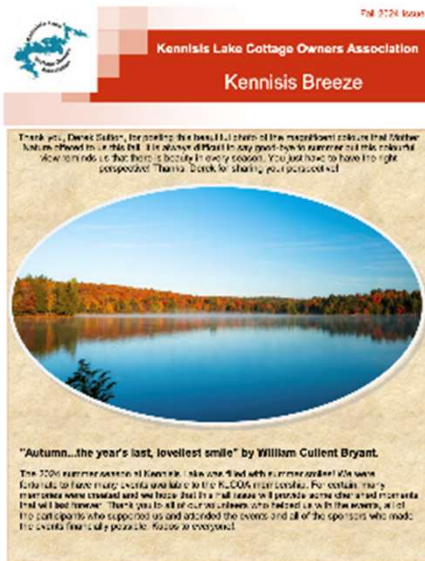
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KENNISIS BREEZE NEWSLETTERS



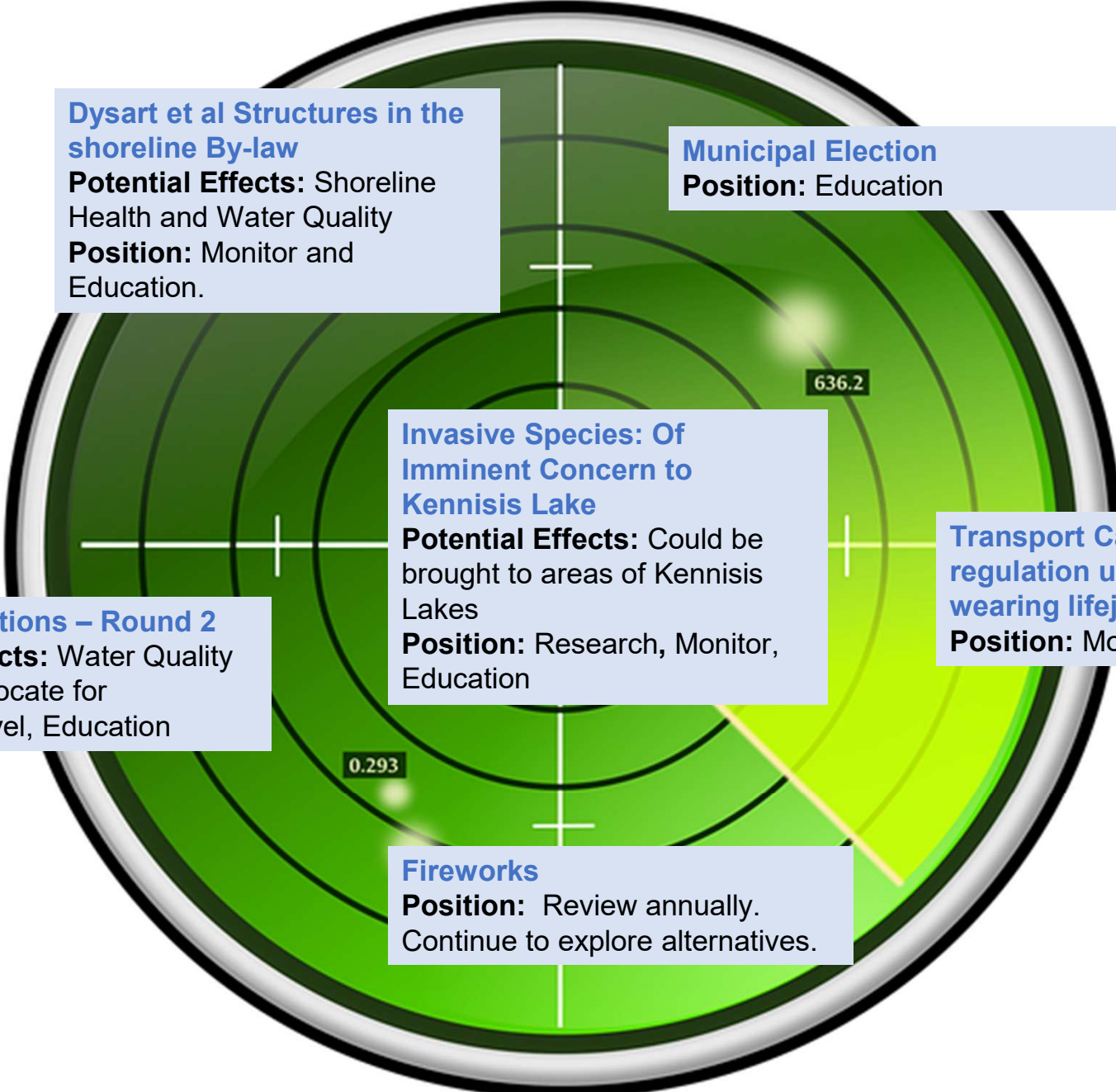
WHAT'S UP KENNISIS? EBLASTS



KLCOA ROAD SIGN



What's on our Radar!



Dysart et al Structures in the shoreline By-law
Potential Effects: Shoreline Health and Water Quality
Position: Monitor and Education.

Municipal Election
Position: Education

Invasive Species: Of Imminent Concern to Kennisis Lake
Potential Effects: Could be brought to areas of Kennisis Lakes
Position: Research, Monitor, Education

Transport Canada Boating regulation update including wearing lifejackets:
Position: Monitor, Education

Septic Inspections – Round 2
Potential Effects: Water Quality
Position: Advocate for appropriate level, Education

Fireworks
Position: Review annually. Continue to explore alternatives.



EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE CELEBRATION ALTERNATIVES FOR LAKE ASSOCIATIONS IN HALIBURTON COUNTY

Project Background

Fireworks have long been a highlight of some Lake Association celebrations, but recent community feedback shows a mix of excitement and concern. Many residents still look forward to traditional fireworks, while others are increasingly aware of their environmental and social impacts, especially on wildlife, pets, and lake health, though cost remains an important factor. In addition future regulations or lack of suitable launch sites may restrict fireworks entirely. These evolving perspectives have encouraged some Haliburton Lake Association to explore alternative celebration approaches that honor traditions while promoting safety, environmental responsibility, and a positive experience for everyone.

Objective

The project aims to explore high-tech and low-tech celebration alternatives for the KLCOA community and compare them.



Comparison Map: Traditional Fireworks and Sustainable Alternatives

| Celebration Method | Environmental Impact | Technology Readiness | Setup & Safety | Cost of the Show | Length of Show | Audience Appeal |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Fireworks | High Release smoke, PM, heavy metals, and chemical residues, Noise pollution, soil and water contamination. | High Pyrotechnic tech and requires licensed professionals | High Safety staff, and permits, fire hazard and clean up needed after the show | \$8,000-\$10,000 Pyrotechnics, safety staff, and permits | 10 - 20 minutes Large-scale city celebrations may stretch to 30 minutes, | Very High Traditional crowd-pleaser. Loud, colorful, and emotionally impactful. |
| Drone Light Shows | Low Minimal emissions and no chemical pollution. | High Flight control systems, GPS synchronization, and scalable fleets. | High Requires flight planning, safety zones, and licensed operators. | \$10,000-\$30,000 Drone count, choreography, and safety | 8 - 12 minutes depending on drone battery life and choreography. | Very High Visually stunning, modern, and customizable |
| Laser Shows | Moderate Minimal emissions and no chemical pollution. However, electricity use and light pollution | Moderate High-powered units & requires skilled operators and precise calibration | Moderate Needs careful alignment and crowd control. Eye safety is a concern with high-powered lasers | \$5,000-\$30,000 Equipment rental and operator fees | 15 - 60 minutes lasers don't have strict time limits | High Dynamic and colorful. Popular for concerts and festivals. |
| Solar-Powered Light Gardens | Low Powered by renewable solar energy, they produce almost no emissions. | High Simple, robust, and scalable | Low Easy to install and safe for all ages. Minimal maintenance and no active supervision needed. | \$10,000-\$50,000 Initial setup is high but long-term operation is low-cost due to solar power. | 6-10 hours depends on solar charging | Very High Peaceful, immersive, and eco-friendly. |
| Holographic and 3D Projection Shows | Moderate Energy use for projectors can be significant depending on duration and scale. No chemical pollution is involved | Moderate Emerging tech with growing adoption | Moderate Requires AV setup, blackout conditions, and technical staff. Safe but setup-intensive. | \$10,000-\$50,000 Equipment and content creation drive costs. | 15- 30 minutes Duration depends on programmed content | High Futuristic and engaging. Great for tech-savvy audiences and brand activations. |
| Bonfire & Community Gathering | Moderate Bonfires release smoke, particulate matter, and CO2, but generally less toxic than fireworks | Low Minimal tech involved. Relies on traditional methods and manual setup. | Moderate Fire safety protocols, crowd management, and permits are essential. | \$300-\$15,000 Costs include permits, firewood, and basic amenities. | 4 - 8 hours depending on community participation | Moderate Warm and nostalgic, but less visually dramatic. Appeals to local and cultural audiences. |
| Art and Craft Installation | Low Minimal energy and no chemical pollution. | Moderate Digital installations may require AV tech & traditional crafts need basic display infrastructure. | Low Simple setup with minimal safety concerns. Indoor venues are especially low-risk. | \$5,000-\$20,000 Costs depend on materials, artists and venue. | Days to months Depends on the audience | Moderate Appeals to creative and reflective audiences. |
| Firefly Sanctuaries and Nature-Based Events | Low Encourages biodiversity and habitat conservation. Energy use is minimal, and there's little to no pollution | Low Low-tech by design and it's mostly natural methods | Low Designed to be low-impact and safe, but requires ecological sensitivity and visitor guidance. | \$5,000-\$15,000 Conservation permits, guided staff, and eco-sensitive planning | 60 minutes peak firefly season, late June-July | Moderate Appeals to eco-conscious |

Research Questions

Q1. What are community attitudes towards traditional fireworks and potential alternative celebrations?

Q2. What regulatory restrictions and compliance requirements apply to traditional fireworks and the proposed alternatives?

Q3. What logistical challenges and costs that exist when organizing traditional fireworks versus alternative celebration options? And how do these impact the feasibility of implementation?



Methods

Primary Data : Collected from vendors and organizations offering fireworks alternatives via email & phone and Interview from lake association members.

Secondary Data: Reviewed reports, academic studies, news, and community survey from KLCOA.

Recommendations

- Host Demo Events
- Transparent cost
- Share Testimonials
- Highlight environmental
- Promote Family-Friendly appeal
- Community Polling

Next Steps

The next phase of the research will focus on understanding community behavior and perceptions regarding fireworks and their alternatives. Additionally, examine the social and cultural contexts of fireworks use, and assess how awareness, education, and past experiences shape community attitudes toward alternative options.

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Faculty Supervisor: Stephen Hill
Host Supervisor: Jim Prince
U-link Supervisor: Frank Figuli
ERSC 4840H



Radar Update - 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

- The next Municipal and School Board Election will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026.
- Dysart electors will be able to vote by **internet** or **telephone** for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. There will be **no paper ballots**.
- Eligible electors can cast their votes between October 16, 2026 and Election Day (October 26, 2026).
- Voter Information Letters will be mailed to every eligible person shown on the Voters' List in the fall of 2026.
- Check out the [Province of Ontario's 2026 Voters' Guide](#) to find out who is eligible to vote, how to vote, and how you can support candidates in Ontario municipal council and school board elections.



Municipal & School Board Elections

KLCOA is planning a virtual townhall – watch for details

More information is and will be available at: [Municipal and School Board Election | Municipality of Dysart ET AL](#)

Radar Updates – Shoreline Structures



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Allows for a maximum of one (1) accessory building as defined and permitted in the implementing zoning by-law - is restricted to either a gazebo or storage shed and shall comply with the following criteria:

- storage sheds shall only be permitted on lots that have a minimum slope of 15% measured over a horizontal distance inland 30m from the high water mark
- gazebos and storage sheds shall be restricted to a maximum ground floor area of 10m² and a maximum height of 3.5m (11.5 ft)
- gazebos and storage sheds shall be located a minimum of 5m (16.4 ft) from the high water mark
- the storage of vehicles and motor vehicles (including boats), as defined by the implementing zoning by-law, is not permitted in storage sheds
- gazebos and storage sheds shall blend with the natural surroundings and be screened from view, from the lake and from neighboring lots

Prior to construction of a gazebo or storage shed, the shoreline vegetation shall be restored to a natural state, to the full depth of the shoreline setback.

The following development approvals shall be required prior to constructing a gazebo or storage shed, in the water setback:

- a site plan agreement
- purchase of the shoreline road allowance, if the gazebo or storage shed will be located on the shore road allowance.

Radar Updates – 2nd Round Septic Inspection – 2026 Program Information



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- The 2026 Program will focus on Short-Term Rental (STR) properties within the Municipality of Dysart et al
- All registered Short-Term Rental properties will be subject to a Septic Maintenance Inspection, a Short-Term Rental Compliance Inspection, and a complimentary Lake Health Assessment
- The program will run from May 11, 2026 until August 28, 2026, on a Monday through Friday schedule
- Property owners in the affected area will be notified of their scheduled inspection date, preparation requirements, and additional details via email. Initial Notice Letters were sent by email to the address on file March 13, 2026
- For information regarding your inspection appointment, results, etc. please contact the Program Supervisor by email at septic@dysartetal.ca

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Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations

<https://foca.on.ca/>

CHA



Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations

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U-Links/WWEW



U-Links Centre for Community Based Research
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Join the KLCOA board – next Board election is March 2027



Questions, suggestions and comments



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Any questions that we do not have time to answer will be answered and published in an upcoming eblast.



Have a great summer –
see you on the water!