

Kapikog Lake Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SUMMER 2011

Well, our summer has finally arrived (we hope). Welcome back to this magnificent area known as Kapikog Lake, an area that we all hold in high regard and wish to protect for future generations. We should become familiar with the creatures that make this area their year-round home: The amphibians, birds, mammals, fish and reptiles that reside here need us to respect them and their spaces. As custodians of the area we owe it to the future generations to tread lightly when we encounter these creatures, marvel at them and respect their right to their space on the landscape.

A wet, cooler than normal spring is behind us and that has created some issues on the lake. High water has resulted in a fair number of logs and timbers floating freely about the lake, creating navigation hazards. Night-time is especially dangerous when these objects are nearly invisible and extreme caution should be exercised when navigating at night. We should operate our vessels safely at all times and have respect for others. Wakes created by the passage of boats can destroy shoreline and make conditions at dockside uncomfortable for

people enjoying their property. Therefore boaters should pay particular attention to wake when near the shore. Remember, there is a 30 meter 10km/hr (100ft - 6mph) speed limit along all waterway shorelines in Ontario when navigating parallel to the shore. It is in place to protect infrastructure and people using this ribbon of water for swimming, please act accordingly.

The season kicked off with a well attended wine and cheese get together at H&H Restaurant and Resort. Acquaintances were renewed and new ones created. From all accounts it was well received. A thank-you to those individuals and organizations that supplied the food is in order: Rainer Cuma, Carol Dickie, Anke Haarmeyer, Mactier Foodland. Thank you for your donations and time in the preparation of the wonderful food trays for the occasion. A special thank-you to Mary and Les Heyes for providing a lovely cake and allowing us to be part of their 60th wedding anniversary celebration. A big thanks also to Dianne, Andy and Leo of H&H Restaurant and Resort for the use of their facility. It was much appreciated. At

this function association dues were also collected for this year. For those of you that have not paid their dues yet its not too late. They can be paid directly to Carol Dickie or myself or a cheque for \$40.00 can be mailed to The Kapikog Lake Cottage Association at PO Box 167 Mactier, Ontario PoC 1H0.

Your association is run by volunteers. Cottage watch, water quality sampling, the annual wine and cheese party, Bob Bell Fishing Derby, support for the Harsants' Kids Day, maintenance of the dock and lights at the landing, representation at various government levels, fire pump maintenance, news letter and website are all programs run by your association. These cost money and time. Your support is vital for continuation of these services. Please ensure that you submit your dues. We have not had any major issue to deal with over the past few years but when that happens (and it will) we need to be positioned to address the issue of the day and the way to ensure that we can, is to have a strong active association.

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Remember these dates!

Bob Bell Fishing Derby...Saturday August 6th 2011

Annual General Meeting...Saturday August 20th 2011...10:00am

Wine and Cheese Party...Sunday May 20th 2012...2:00pm

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President's Message (Continued from page 1)

We have purchased a dozen updated new maps of the lake area and are offering them for sale at their cost of \$50.00 each. They make an excellent wall mount and show the updated fire pump locations. For those that have the older maps the fire pump locations are as follows; H&H Restaurant and Resort, Moxey's at 160 Grant's Trail and Armstrong's at 50 Munro Drive (An updated image can be printed from our website Community Functions - Fire Protection page and pasted on your map). Please note these locations for all that use your cottage. Going to an outdated site to get a pump in time of need can be catastrophic.

Also check your smoke detectors and fire alarms; replace the batteries and if need be the whole unit. These are your first line of defense against fire. Remember the Archipelago does not have a fire department and we have to rely on each other if faced with a fire.

We will be attending a water quality monitoring workshop on July 4th at the Archipelago office. Last year's results are posted elsewhere in this news letter. The municipality is supplying the monitors with shirts this year so that they can be easily identified when working on the lake on your behalf. The data they collect is forwarded to the municipality for compilation and the trend through time data is important in monitoring the quality of the water in the lake. Thus if you see them, say hello. They are out there working on your behalf.

In this news letter is a submission by cottager David Underhill about a canoe trip he undertook in the immediate area. It is an interesting article in that it highlights the fact that there are recreational opportunities available in this immediate area right from your dock. So get out there and enjoy! It is also an article written by one of us on the lake. Feel free to submit your article and share your experiences and memories. We welcome them.

As this newsletter is being distributed, the Harsants' Kids Day is in full swing. I am sure that all youngsters and parents participating in the event will have an excellent day. What a wonderful way to create memories and bonds that may continue for a life time. Thank you to the Harsant family for hosting this wonderful event!

Holly and Rob Christie of 24 Munro Drive have once again graciously offered to host the Bob Bell Fishing Derby on Saturday August 6th. The event sponsored by Donna Bell has a long history on the lake but attendance has been spotty over the past few years and if we do not see a vast improvement Donna has suggested to me that it may be time to retire the event. Hopefully it doesn't come to this! Pre-registration is required and can be done by contacting the Christie's or myself by Derby day.

Our annual meeting is slated for Saturday August 20th. The day will commence with a flea market on the parking lot at 8:30am till 10:00 when the annual meeting will start. We will report to you on our activities and have Glenda Clayton of the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve to speak to us on species at risk and endangered species. Glenda is also a member of The Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council and has agreed to field questions at the end of her presentation. The meeting will end with a shore lunch fish fry in the parking lot. We hope to have either walleye or perch available for lunch along with cole-slaw, a fresh bun and fresh corn from Arnold Nussy's lake-famous cooking pot. Cold soft drinks will also be available. There will be a nominal cost for the luncheon to allow us to recover the cost of the fish. We hope to have a good turn out and of course good weather which over the past few years seems to have been missing.

Have a great, memorable and safe summer

Geovy Haarmeyer
Association President

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Wine & Cheese 2011



Councillor's Report



I hope the rest of the year brings us some nice weather.

In the past we have had one- and two-day meetings once and sometimes twice a year for associations and individuals to get together with council and discuss things of mutual concern. Lately the participation has been sparse and less than enthusiastic.

Council will be discussing this in September and I would like to hear from people about what they think. Is the format wrong? Have all the troublesome issues been resolved? Or? Or?

I have had a report that due to increased costs at the local sewage lagoon septic pump outs may be going up. I have also been advised that a pump out is better early in the year because it is not good to start the winter with a low/clean tank (i.e. The active liquid sludge will remain warm and prevent freezing or heaving).

On the same subject, the township is in discussions to restart the septic inspection program with more areas to check.

The Township has again entered into an agreement with BioForest to monitor our forest and provide information.

To reach them call 1-888-236-7378 or contact www.bioforest.ca

Ted Thompson who has been one of our building inspectors, looked after forest health, water testing, septic inspections and authored the Ribbon of Life series has left this month for a well deserved retirement. His replacement for some of those duties will be Donald Mark Macfie.

The Township will again partner with Associations to do water quality testing.

After hours road emergency service can be contacted at 1-800-460-5736.

The road system seems to be in good shape and the waste transfer sites are working well. Thanks for all your cooperation.

Anyone wanting to take sailing lessons or sail in competition can contact sailparrysound.on.ca. See the notice on another page of this issue.

All waste transfer station information/large item pick up days/etc can be found on the Archipelago Web Site.

May you all have a safe, happy, healthy summer!

Grant Walker Councillor Ward 6

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Editor's Viewpoint

A chapter of our lake's history, **Kapikog Lake - The Cottagers' Tales 1902 - 2007**, describes the formation of the Township of the Archipelago and the historic chartered train trip from Toronto to Parry Sound so that the summer residents could vote. The train became known as "The Archipelago Express", memorialized by a plaque at the Parry Sound Railway Station and adoption as the name of the Township's periodic report to residents.

Our picturesque part of Ontario is uniquely Canadian and home to both permanent and seasonal residents, a situation which inevitably results in differing views about the use of our lakes and forests as well as our social infrastructure such as schools and hospitals. We have been fortunate, over the years, to have had a series of Township

Councils who have dealt fairly with these issues, displaying keen interest, wisdom and balanced judgement. If you haven't read the latest issue of The Archipelago Express, you should! Reeve Peter Ketchum's report describes very commendable attention to an important health care matter. Accompanying reports by Councillors Ted Christie and Rick Zanussi earn additional plaudits.

Over the past three years or so, our Transfer Stations have been transformed from smelly, messy bear diners to tidy, apparently efficient disposal facilities with pleasant, helpful attendants providing a real incentive for us all to observe waste separation and recycling rules..

Still remembered is the only time I ever smiled while signing a cheque for property taxes...after reading Ted Christie's "Lewis Carrol" treatment of our tax story in the January 2009 Express issue.

Well done, Council!



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- 1. a completed application form;
- 2. proof of vessel ownership; and
- 3. a signed copy of a valid piece of government-issued identification. (Further information is available on the form.)

Application forms are available online at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca, or for pickup in person through your local Service Canada Centre. For **Service Canada** locations, visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca.

To learn more about pleasure craft licensing, visit Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca, or call the Boating Safety InfoLine at 1-800-267-6687.



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A Kapikog Canoe Trip

David Underhill Ematee Island Kapikog Lake

Every year the first week of May I go with a friend to Algonquin Park for a season's opening canoe trip. No bugs, very few canoeists and spring breaking out all around. Wonderful! OK it can be cool at night and your damp socks can freeze if left outside of the tent to dry but the simple joy of being out to welcome the beginning of new life and a new season is enriching. So this year my friend The Cadet and I were packing the food and gear at my cottage on Kapikog, when my sensible and wise friend Gerry called to ask me if I had bothered to call the Park... of course not! I do this every year and never call. He had and knew that the Algonquin interior was still completely ice bound. Within minutes the plan was changed too... lets paddle from the dock and head north-west into Massasauga Park.



Portage from Healey

Within two hours and two easy portages after leaving my dock on Ematee Island the following morning we were in Massasauga Park. This canoe trip from Kapikog to the northern end of Massasauga is very easily managed in five days and contains some of the most beautiful scenery and campsites. Of course if you go the first week in May you have the whole park to yourself. We saw no one! To get there you go to the end of Kapikog Dam Bay and portage down the road into Healey Lake then it's out into Healey Lake and either go around or along the main island to the end and then head north into the Bay right opposite the end of the island where there is a parking lot. We portaged straight through the car park, over the road following the portage 200 meters to Conger Lake. You are now in the Park, no motorized transport allowed! From here it is a short paddle to the west down the southern arm of Conger Lake looking out for the 500m portage into Blackstone Harbour. You can get your park permits there at Pete's Place or do like we did and drive down and do it the night before you set off.

From Blackstone Harbour it's a straightforward paddle west through a gap into Woods Bay were you turn north and start heading up into the Park Interior. We comfortably paddled and portaged from the cottage to Miron Island the first day. This area of the park has a lot of private land and cottages but eventually you get to Sucker Creek and portage into Clear Lake and from that point it is a non-motorised series of lakes accessible only by canoe. From Clear Lake two further portages took us into Spider Lake. The second day was a longer paddle and we camped at site 21 near the top of Spider Lake. All portages are well sign posted and are fairly short with little elevation changes. The campsites are all very downtown, raised sand pads for the tents and a picnic table at every campsite we saw.

If you head into the western arm of Spider Lake you can then carry over a short 130m portage into Spider Bay. By heading further west into Goose Neck Bay and then portaging through the bog into Three Finger Bay you have a completely different route home. We camped on Vanderdassen Island on the way south, another beautiful view and camp site. From Vanderdassen, by heading south through Gilman Bay, you can easily return to Woods Bay and meet the outbound route.



Downtown Camping

We found ourselves near Pete's Place mid-afternoon and rather than pushing on back to Kapikog, portaged into Conger Lake and paddled past the portage into Healey lake into the North East arm of Conger. This is a very big Lake and is an incredibly beautiful peaceful place with plenty of hardwoods along the north shore. We had the whole lake to ourselves, an absolutely marvelous place to canoe to and camp and only two hours from my dock on Kapikog.



Heaven - Conger Lake

As Kapikog residents we have marvelous canoeing options right on our doorstep. Massasauga Park offers a little of everything. The topography changes and keeps you interested as you head north, especially in Clear and Spider Lakes, the campsites are clean and of the highest standard with plenty of windfall trees for firewood. We did the whole route in five days but it could easily take longer as there are some lovely sites that would have been great if the water

was warmer. Site 17 on Spider Lake was amazing and you could stay there for a few days swimming in midsummer no problem. But if you want a short weekend canoe trip than nothing could really be better than Conger Lake, two hours from your dock!

For further information: <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/mass.html>
Kevin Callan, Cottage Country Canoe Routes; Boston Mills Press, 1993



Sail Parry Sound

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The Sail Parry Sound sailing centre is located in Parry Sound, at the west end of Waubuno Road and operates throughout July and August. Anyone can take part in safe, enjoyable sailing activities! Sailing School for youth and adults, race training with a competitive team, Able Sail for people with disabilities, and Race Management Training are available. A fleet of more than 30 boats--from prams to race boats and motorized coach boats are in use. The Sail Parry Sound Sailing School is a not-for-profit, volunteer community organization dedicated to bringing sailing instruction to Parry Sound and to building a sailing culture, as part of Sail Parry Sound. Youth and adults are welcome.

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In March of this year Margitta Forth, a Kapikog “pioneer”, passed away unexpectedly following a 13-year trial with multiple myeloma - cancer of the bone marrow.

Born in the former East Germany, she enjoyed a life of privilege until the 2nd World War when her home was commandeered as headquarters by Russian and subsequently US troops. Post war, when all of her family’s properties had been nationalized and life seemed ominous she fled at twenty years of age on a visitors’ pass to England. There she met and married her husband Ron (deceased 1986) in the Annex of Westminster Abbey.

Ron brought Margitta back to Canada in 1959 where they both worked hard to acquire their second home and lake property in the same year. Since then our family spent every weekend of every summer at Kapikog, aside from a few family trips to Germany and cross country ventures through North America.

Even though we moved out of a tent, Mom’s pioneer spirit required a first grandchild before she gave in to a telephone, and a tv never found its way into the cottage. Instead she encouraged creativity, imagination, competition and exploration with her three children and six grandchildren. We learned tie-dyeing, flower arranging,

face painting, baking, or where to search for mushrooms after the rain – with an occasional warning “some mushrooms you only eat once”. She instilled a sense for competition through challenges in swimming, diving, scavenger hunts or board games.

Each day meals were spent out on the front deck whenever possible and where we would reconnect for “cocktails at 5” after a full day. Margitta enjoyed long lasting friendships with many on the lake. She was skilled in the art of conversation and she freely shared her opinions. By that she taught us all to have opinions and the thrill of a healthy debate. Margitta could speak to any topic and had a keen interest in people and their life experiences no matter their age.

Until her illness prevented it, she was an avid tennis player, cross country skier, slalom water skier, windsurfer and dancer. She left her mark at the lake when, some 25 years ago, she built what was likely the first Inukshuk on Kapikog. It has stood the test of time, as her memory will, and can be seen to the left of the cottage now owned by her son Terry and wife Sandra.

A daily dip in Lake Kapikog was her routine regardless of the temperature. Ironically this ritual began at Lot 44 in 1966 and 44 years later she enjoyed her last swim.



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- ATV must be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy.
- Driver and passenger must wear an approved motorcycle helmet that is securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap.
- Driver can directly cross a highway where permitted, provided the driver is at least 16 years of age and holds a valid driver's licence. A list of highways in Ontario where ATVs and Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) are prohibited from crossing can be found in the Off-Road Vehicles Act, Ontario Regulation 863, Schedule 1.

On-Road Use

- An ATV that has four wheels (all of which contact the ground), is equipped with steering handlebars, a seat designed to be straddled by the driver, and is designed for a driver only and no passenger, is permitted to travel along some provincial highways.
- It must weigh 450 kilograms or less and have an overall width not greater than 1.35 m excluding mirrors.
- An ATV is prohibited from traveling on 400 series highways and some sections of the Trans-Canada Highway. Generally, ATVs are allowed to travel on Highways 500 to 899, 7000 series highways and highways with low traffic volumes. Refer to the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 316/03 for a complete list of permitted and prohibited highways.
- An ATV that has the above features is prohibited from operating on a municipal road, unless the municipality has a bylaw permitting the use of ATVs.
- An ATV must be registered and insured as outlined in "Off-Road Use" section.
- Driver must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid G2/ M2 licence or greater.
- Driver must wear an approved motorcycle helmet that is securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap.
- Passengers are prohibited.
- An ATV driver must travel at speeds that are less than the posted speed limit. The maximum speed an ATV can travel on roads with a limit of 50 km/hr or less is 20 km/hr, and the maximum speed on roads with a limit of more than 50 km/hr is 50 km/hr. Municipalities may set lower speed limits or additional rules for ATVs.
- An ATV must be driven in the same direction as traffic and travel on the shoulder of the road. If the shoulder is unsafe or impassable, it can be driven on the travelled portion of the road.
- An ATV travelling along a road must have its headlights and tail lights on.

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Kapikog Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program

Water Clarity Results for 2010

Note: Higher numbers = Better quality

Date	Station								Average for All Stations
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
7-Jul	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6
14-Jul	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.1
12-Aug	4.3	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.9
Average	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.9
Std. Dev.	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Average Water Clarity Results for Previous Years

Year	Station								Average for All Stations
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
2009	4.3	4.3	4.2	NA	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3
2008	4.0	4.1	4.0	NA	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1
2007	3.7	3.8	3.9	NA	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
2006	4.0	4.0	3.9	NA	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
2005	4.3	4.5	4.3	NA	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4
2004	3.8	3.7	4.2	NA	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1
2003	3.1	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.2

Depths in metres (m), NA = Not Available, Std. Dev. = Standard Deviation, l, b. = visible to bottom

Bacterial Monitoring Results for 2010

Note: Lower numbers = Better quality

Date	Station																Average All Stations	
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		TC	EC
7-Jul	11	11	5	5	3	0	19	16	11	5	8	5	59	22	8	3	15.5	8.4
14-Jul	83	0	938	0	654	8	740	3	2424	0	858	16	1696	5	938	3	1041.4	4.4
12-Aug	59	5	33	3	52	0	43	5	19	3	76	0	16	8	16	3	39.3	3.4
Average	51.0	5.3	325.3	2.7	236.3	2.7	267.3	8.0	818.0	2.7	314.0	7.0	590.3	11.7	320.7	3.0	365.4	5.4
Std. Dev.	36.7	5.5	530.8	2.5	362.5	4.6	409.5	7.0	1390.8	2.5	472.3	8.2	957.8	9.1	534.6	0.0	585.6	2.6

Average Bacterial Monitoring Results for Previous Years

Year	Station																Average All Stations	
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		TC	EC
2009 Avg	65.0	25.8	42.3	5.3	57.7	11.7	95.8	8.5	242.0	41.0	105.5	23.5	44.0	27.0	95.0	30.7	88.1	21.0
2009 SD	40.2	45.5	35.5	5.5	29.7	9.1	94.2	13.1	257.8	30.6	59.5	25.3	34.8	33.0	57.2	15.0	48.8	11.9
2008 Avg	1825.5	2.8	991.4	11.4	790.6	2.8	59.8	2.2	623.8	1.3	1520.3	6.3	1234.0	9.5	1015.0	1.6	879.2	5.4
2008 SD	1197.0	2.1	1308.2	19.4	1077.0	1.8	68.5	2.2	1200.3	2.5	1138.5	5.6	1047.6	5.4	1289.0	2.3	790.3	4.4
2007 Avg	214.2	19.0	69.8	9.5	597.6	11.6	167.0	1.0	548.4	3.2	93.8	3.8	708.5	8.8	506.0	13.8	345.2	10.2
2007 SD	335.5	29.7	47.6	10.0	1025.6	10.5	350.6	2.2	1051.0	3.4	66.7	2.9	1152.6	6.7	1072.5	14.8	438.0	5.0
2006 Avg	39.6	5.8	31.4	9.2	76.0	6.2	38.8	0.0	44.8	1.2	98.4	8.2	66.2	9.0	69.0	2.2	58.0	5.2
2006 SD	36.4	2.2	30.6	6.8	54.9	4.8	32.2	0.0	37.6	1.6	89.1	7.4	65.3	5.8	83.4	2.2	44.4	0.4
2005 Avg	354.3	8.5	53.3	4.5	629.0	2.0	56.3	7.5	58.5	4.0	32.0	3.5	20.5	2.0	55.8	6.0	157.4	4.8
2005 SD	320.7	11.0	48.4	3.3	1196.9	2.4	36.0	5.2	47.3	3.4	22.2	5.2	21.0	2.4	73.5	7.7	209.6	4.4
2004 Avg	67.5	1.5	38.0	4.0	60.5	1.5	37.0	4.8	20.0	0.8	44.0	6.3	96.3	2.0	297.8	1.5	82.6	2.8
2004 SD	29.0	1.7	41.6	3.4	54.1	1.7	28.9	7.6	26.4	1.5	50.8	3.9	83.6	2.4	382.0	1.7	36.5	1.6
2003 Avg	38.5	3.2	59.7	4.5	12.8	1.3	43.3	4.0	23.5	1.5	15.8	1.3	55.7	1.5	16.7	2.3	35.6	2.5
2003 SD	29.1	1.8	44.8	5.1	13.2	2.2	32.4	6.2	32.7	1.6	6.6	2.2	29.8	1.6	19.0	2.0	9.1	1.6
2002 Avg	449	737	764	7	55	3	471	13	410	5	616	9	727	2	446	4	492	6
2002 SD	878.0	5.5	1136.0	7.0	54.0	3.6	865.0	16.3	892.0	6.0	1008.0	9.7	1160.0	3.3	878.0	4.4	883.0	8.2

* Recent light rain event, ** Recent heavy rain event, Std. Dev. or SC = Standard Deviation, Avg = Average, TC = Total Coliforms, EC = E. coli



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