



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - AUTUMN 2010

Wow, what a gorgeous Thanksgiving weekend, clear blue sunny skies, mild daytime temperatures and a forest coloured by a painter's palette! You couldn't ask for any better. Lots of folks were at the lake to close up and celebrate Thanksgiving. They truly had a memorable weekend.

What a great summer, wonderful long warm days, not too humid, an occasional downpour to keep the water level up and the bush watered and lots of cottagers enjoying the lake and surrounding area. Watercraft of almost every type plied the waters of Kapikog this summer kayaks, canoes, sail boards, sail boats and power boats of all descriptions were evident on many occasions and to our knowledge all were operated safely. There were some incidents of propellers striking rocks just below the surface but overall it was a safe and satisfying boating season. Occasional floating hazards (logs, beams, plastic drums and a floating bog mat) did appear on the water and had to be removed or secured to prevent unwanted incidents.

Weather-wise, September was a bust with lots of rain and thunderstorms. One severe thunderstorm in mid-September had lightning strike Richardson's cottage on the south side of the lake and it was totally consumed by fire, a real tragedy and our hearts go out to

the family. Once again nature showed us how vulnerable we are to the elements.

The Bob Bell Fishing Derby hosted by Holly and Rob Christie went off as scheduled. The children that participated enjoyed themselves tremendously; unfortunately, not many people took advantage of this event. We thank all of those that did and especially the Christies as the hosts and Donna Bell as the sponsor.

August 21<sup>st</sup> saw our annual meeting at H&H resort disrupted by a heavy downpour. The rain on the roof drowned out our speakers and we had to wait out the storm. The meeting was fairly well attended; annual reports were given and we had a guest speaker on invasive species from The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. A Ministry of Natural resources fire crew demonstrated fire pump set up and various nozzle techniques that could be used effectively as well as stressing preparedness for fire. Pertinent pamphlets were distributed to those in attendance.

We are now in mid-autumn; days are getting shorter; we have had our first frosts. Water temperatures are falling quickly. If you go on the water now, make sure to wear your personal floatation device. It may save your life in case of an accident on the water. There are not many

people about now to assist someone in distress on or in the water and you have to take all precautions possible. Wearing a personal floatation device is a must at this time of year as well as early spring.

The snowmobiling season is not far away and sleds are being tuned up for the upcoming season as boats are being stored for the winter. We wonder what this winter will bring in the way of snowfall and temperatures? We do know that it will come and that it will bring challenges for those that choose to participate in winter activities around the lake. Whatever your activity may be, think safety always and operate within your physical limits and within the law. That way we will avoid tragedies and enjoy the winter.

In closing, your executive would like to wish you the best for the next cottage season. May your fall and winter be filled with plans and ideas for it. See you at the lake next year!

*Gerry Haarmeyer*

Association President

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### Remember these dates!

Wine and Cheese Party...Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011...2:00pm

Bob Bell Fishing Derby...Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

Annual General Meeting...Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2011...10:00am

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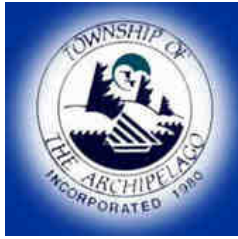
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## Councillor's Report

As no one ran for Ward 6 council position, I have been acclaimed. I hope it's because you are happy with my representation on your behalf and I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving. I enjoy the input from your association and appreciate all individual ideas, comments suggestions etc. The more dialogue we have the better I can represent you at council.



the data collected to ensure that next year the sites will be open and manned when people have shown need but not when traffic is very low to non existent.

I'm continuing to work with staff to get an additional broad band tower to provide as good reception on the north shores of our lakes as we are getting on the south shores.

On the evening of Tuesday September 21 my life long friends' and neighbors' nearby cottage was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. We went up Wednesday morning and were really shaken by the total destruction. At night at that time of year the heavy rains were all that kept it from being an even bigger disaster.

Make sure you have insurance and please have an exit plan that all family and friends understand. As is often stressed, you have just a few minutes to get out.

By the time you get this, the Healey Lake Road paving should be finished.

As I reported in the last newsletter operations at the transfer sites went well with very little abuse. Thanks to just about everyone doing their best to make the system work. Over the winter we will be analyzing all

Once the paving is finished, beware of radar. The OPP want you to appreciate the good quality new road but will make sure it does not become a speed-way.

May everyone remain safe and healthy till next season.

**Grant Walker Councillor Ward 6**

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**Editor's Comment:** For those of you who may not have visited it yet, The Archipelago's newly-designed website is a vast improvement, easy to browse with excellent menus leading to plentiful and useful information...do have a look.

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## Bob Bell Fishing Derby 2010

The 2010 Bob Bell Fishing Derby sponsored by Donna Bell took place on Kapikog Lake on August 7th hosted by Holly and Rob Christie. The event was enjoyed by the children that participated but overall was very poorly attended with only six eager young anglers.



Prize for the largest bass went to **Sienna Landry** and the most coarse fish prize went to **Aylan Sawyer**.

The largest pike category remained unclaimed.

Other prizes for their catch went to Kyle Copland, Ethan Ashton and Autumn Landry. Thanks on behalf of the association to Rob and Holly for hosting the event and handling the official weigh-in of the catches. Prizes were awarded the following day.

### A Floating Bog

Imagine going down to your lakefront and observing that your shoreline has moved out further into the lake and that part of its shore is now an array of dead stumps, small willows, grasses, pitcher plants and cranberries.

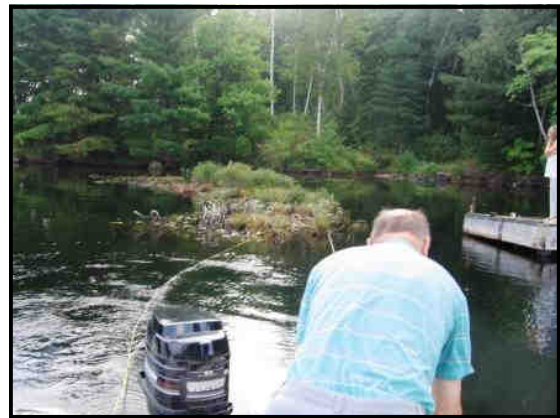


What a discovery! Carol Dickie and Rainer Cuma were the inheritors of this land expansion late in August this summer. Which part of the lake did this mass come from? It would have had to have been from somewhere at the west end of the lake, but was certainly not wanted in this new location because the floating mass, some 5 metres wide, 20 metres long and 2 metres deep, also threatened their water line. Therefore, it was secured to their dock to prevent any damage and perhaps this also prevented the mass from moving out onto the lake and creating a boating hazard. Then the question became...now what to do?

The following day a small flotilla of boats converged on the scene to observe the situation. The floating mass was dubbed "Gilligan's Island" and the people around were quickly given the character names of that once popular TV show as the attempt to deal with Carol's traveling cranberry bog commenced.

Boat anchors were placed on the mass in an attempt to tow it to a safer location. Easy, you might think, but no, it was no salvage towing operation as you might expect on the high seas. This mass had a mind of its own. It pulled boats sideways, split in two and part of it turned over just to make things difficult.

What was thought to be a easy small job turned into a three hour ordeal getting the mass secured in one of the swampy bays on the lake to avoid any navigation hazard. If the wind had picked up, who knows how long it would have taken us. As it was, captains Fred, David and Gerry had their hands full towing, pushing and securing the land mass.



Photos of the operation were taken by Anke and helpful advice was given by the crew of captain Marg's vessel. Captain Fred even donned his diving gear to remove an anchor that had broken through the mass and was now stuck under it. At the end of the day, all returned to normal. The navigation hazard was removed and secured, Carol and Rainer had their original frontage back ( so no property reassessment!); their water line was secure and all the characters went home to relax and discuss the day's events.

*Gerry Haarmeyer*

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Cottage Watch

It is that time of year again – a great summer has ended and the unknown of winter will soon be upon us. As you close up I just thought I would highlight a few points as they relate to safety and security.

Put all valuables out of sight.

If you leave your window coverings open, make sure items like T.V. and stereo equipment are not visible.

Outdoor items like trailers should be locked to a tree, and stored away from the road and the lake.

Expensive lawn furniture and BBQ's should be stored in a shed or inside your cottage.

Snow Load: If you have concerns, Andy, at H & H provides a service at a reasonable cost. He will check your cottage roof and let you know if snow removal is required.

Cottage Watch Patroller: The patroller for your area will check your cottage several times during the winter and let you know if there are any visible signs for concern.

Our last Point - Winter is beautiful at the Lake , why not drive up for a day or spend the weekend. If you do not want to heat the cottage, you can rent a room in the motel at H.& H.

Have a great winter.

...Ed Hansant



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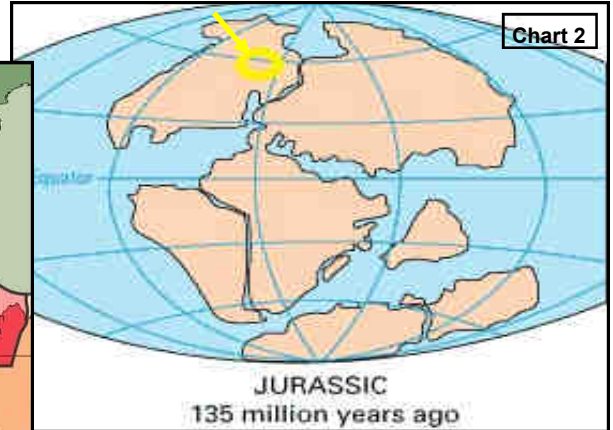
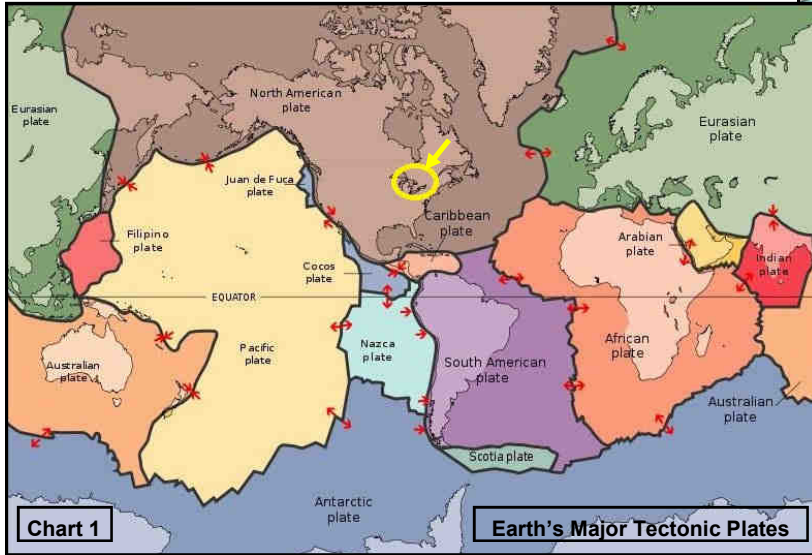
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**The Geological History of Kapikog Lake**

On the drive along Hwy 400 between the Moon River and Parry Sound one cannot help but notice the colorful rock structures at the many rock cuts...brightly banded and folded layers of white quartz, pink feldspar and sheets of dark mica. Such formations resulted from the intense heat and pressure some 30 kilometers beneath a mountain range, the Grenville Mountains, about one billion years ago! Obviously much has happened over the last billion years to now expose those colourful rock formations at the surface.

ered much of North America resulting in long periods accumulating an ice cover several kilometers thick. In time the land mass moved toward its present location and the combined consequence of accumulating the huge ice cover and the thousands of years of melting and discharging dramatically changed the face of the continent, sweeping and scouring the Canadian Shield and depositing the debris held within

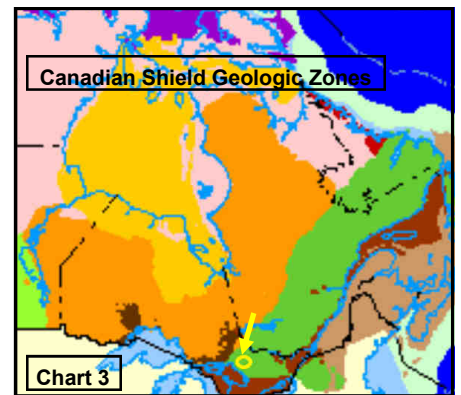


Well, how did we get from then to now? The earth's outer shell comprises about a dozen rigid plates (Chart 1) composed of the upper mantle or lithosphere and the overlying surface crust. These plates ride on the semi-molten rock of the Earth's mantle. The land-based plates may be 50 kilometers thick but those underlying the oceans are perhaps 7 to 10 kilometers thick. Over the billions of years the individual plates have moved about freely sometimes colliding and joining other plates to produce larger land masses. And at times separating to form new continents. North America was created by the joining of smaller plates and in the collision, the Grenville mountain range (east of present day Georgian Bay) was created (Chart 3, green area).

the ice mass over much of the rest of North America. This scouring and sweeping included the Grenville mountains and the surrounding land mass. The immense powers of the ice age to dramatically alter our geography is best demonstrated by our existing Great lakes whose basins were scoured out of the earth's crust by the advance and retreat of the ice ages, not by river streams' actions. This is clear when it is pointed out that the bottoms of the lakes other than Erie are below sea level.

Later, for a period of time North and South America were part of a yet larger land mass that included Africa and Europe (Chart 2). When the Americas separated from Europe and Africa the plates moved west colliding with the Pacific plate and this collision created the Rockies and a long chain of mountain ridges along the west coast on the Americas.

The actions of the ice age did not just sweep things clean it swept things flat! Ontario has been left one of the flattest provinces in Canada with its highest point, only 640 meters above sea level ( just west of Lake Temiskaming), only discovered recently. We should stop making jokes about Saskatchewan.



Of more immediate interest to our local geology, the movements of these large plates included visits to the two poles. 670 million years ago thick ice sheets cov-

The next time the reader stands on the rocky shores of our lake, think of the geological history that created this little bit of heaven. We are standing on the basement of the world.

*Charlie Ferguson*

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