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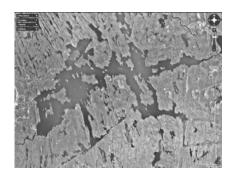
Lake Steward's Report

This report summarizes

- **A.** the findings from a limited program of water quality, water clarity and benthic invertebrate sampling in 2014, and
- **B.** the potential vulnerability of fish habitats in Kahshe and surrounding lakes
- **A.** What do the sampling and analysis results tell us?
 - 1. water from Kahshe Lake in mid-May showed below threshold level of total phosphorus at all four monitoring locations, including a new site in the more shallow, southwestern part of the lake.
 - 2. Similarly, water clarity was essentially unchanged from previous years and at a reasonable level considering the tea-coloured waters of Kahshe Lake.
 - 3. The benthic sampling in 2014 confirmed that the aquatic invertebrates of Kahshe Lake are well within the normal range for species richness and all other indicators of potential water impairment.







B. The **Muskoka Watershed Council**'s 2014 Watershed Report Card based on air photo observations showed a decline in the percent of the shoreline and shallow water zones in lakes in the Kahshe River Sub-Watershed and, for the first time, identified a potential vulnerability for fish habitat in lakes located within this watershed area.

What can <u>we</u> do to delay the onset of nutrient enrichment and its impact on lake health to prevent deterioration of the lake, and to maintain and improve the present relatively healthy condition of Kahshe?

The KLRA needs to continue with its sampling efforts and lake stewardship, and each cottager needs to do his/her part by:

- 1. managing septic systems properly and having tanks pumped out regularly;
- avoiding the use of products containing phosphorus (detergents & cleaners);
- 3. disposing of toxic wastes (batteries, paint, oil, old gas, pressure-treated lumber and other construction waste) at approved land fill sites;
- 4. minimizing near-shore removal or management of vegetation and ensuring that any shoreline disturbance is conducted in strict compliance with permitted uses;
- 5. avoiding the use of any chemical fertilizers and pesticides in areas close to the shore; and,
- 6. taking precautions to minimize the potential for introducing both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.



Kahshe Lake Steward

Septic System Concerns

In November 2014, the KLRA Conservation Committee was informed that a Preliminary Hearing by the Ontario Government's Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) was to be held for an appeal of an Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) order under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* R.S.O. 1990, concerning the condition of the septic system at a property on Kahshe Lake. Following some research and discussion by the KLRA Conservation Committee, it was decided that KLRA would request 'Presenter' status at the Preliminary Hearing. Ron Pearson, the Kahshe Lake Steward, contacted the ERT to better understand the situation and to determine the KLRA's options for participation. The decision was made to participate and that our position was to underscore the importance we place on water quality and on having all property owners comply with the relevant rules and by-laws governing their septic systems, without exception.

At the Preliminary Hearing in November we were granted 'Presenter' status, which allowed KLRA, represented by Ron Pearson, George Lindsey and myself, to submit and present our point of view. The material used to request Status at the Preliminary Hearing expanded on our position regarding the importance of water quality and that the rules governing septic system design and maintenance should apply to **all** property owners **without exception**. As part of the ERT hearing process, the MOECC and the people appealing the MOECC Director's Order shared detailed witness statements prior to the Hearing which had been scheduled for April, 2015. Our reading of the material led us to believe that the situation had been ongoing for many years with what appeared to be several indicators that the septic system was failing and could have a negative impact on the lake water quality.

At the April ERT Appeal Hearing, the lawyer for the Appellant asked for a Stay of the Order, pending completion of a number of actions identified in an agreement between the Appellant and the MOECC, to rectify the situation. There are several interim dates for items to be completed and a September 30th final completion date. A conference call, to which KLRA will be a party, is scheduled for October 1st to review and determine the status of completion for all agreed to actions. The KLRA will keep the membership informed of further developments as the summer progresses, at the AGM, through the newsletter and on the website.

Bob Reyburn, Chair, Conservation Committee

Rock Markers



The flashing towers were installed on all the main routes in time for the long weekend (May 15-18). The concrete anchors for the remaining 6 towers had to be ordered and were not received until Tuesday May 19. These towers mark the additional route from Denne's region to Grant's Bay and a few other not so critical areas on the lake.

My team and I will install the remaining 6 flashing towers as soon as possible.

Barry Elder



The Kahshe Boutique is coming soon to an event near you.

Remember that KLRA Events are not just Fun Days, but are also opportunities for you to grab some great KLRA merchandise. Watch for the new expanded product line at:

The **AGM** (Sunday July 5)

The Housey's Rapids Picnic (Saturday July 18)

The **Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby** (Saturday July 25)

The Kahshe Regatta (Saturday August 8).

Items will also be available at The Kahshe Craft Show (Sunday August 3).



Kahshe **Calendars** featuring winning pictures from the 2014

Kahshe Photo Contest

\$15 Members \$12





new colour

Ladies' V-neck t-shirts \$20 Members \$18 Also in black* & green*



Boat Pennants a great cottage wall decoration \$20 Members \$15



Men's t-shirts

Black, Forest Green, Navy, Maroon*

\$18 Members \$16



Kahshe Koffee Mugs

Blue and Green* \$12 each. 4 for \$45 **Members** \$11 each, 4 for \$40





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Child t-shirts(XS) **Youth t-shirts** Modified Chipmunk

No picture I'm a Kahshe Kid KAHSHE LAKE Three new colours!

\$15 Members \$13



Black, Navy, Red and *new* Forest Green

\$28 Members \$25

Adult Hoodies Black and Royal Blue

Members \$35

Youth Hoodies

\$35 Members \$30



Baseball Caps

Black, Khaki, Navy, Red, White, Hunter

Green *, Maroon * \$18 Members \$15

All t-shirts and crew necks will have a Kahshe design and the KLRA logo.

* = new colour



The Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby

Saturday July 25th from 9 - 3. Trophies will be presented at 3:30 on Denne's Dock. Kahshe Boutique from 1:00 - 4:00



Editorial

The KLRA Board is a group of 12-15 volunteers from all areas of the lake who meet several times a year, to plan KLRA Events, to discuss initiatives for maintaining or improving the Kahshe environment (see page 2), and to monitor potential adverse situations on the lake and take action when necessary (see page 3). The current board will be losing 3 crucial members this year: President John Mertl, Secretary Ron Pearson and Beach Committee Chairman Gary Baskerville. On behalf of the rest of the board and of all KLRA members, I would like to thank them for the outstanding job they have all done over the past few years.

Without the vision and drive of John Mertl, we would still be crashing into hidden rocks that are now identified by the new rock markers, and it was his desire to raise the KLRA profile that led to the establishment of the Communications, Outreach and Membership Committee (COMCom) and, eventually, The Kahshe

Boutique.

Ron Pearson will be stepping down as Secretary, a position to which he brought the same thoroughness and attention to detail that he brings to the Lake Stewardship position.

Gary Baskerville's work at the beach has led to great improvements that are appreciated by all the kids on the

This leaves the board with some large holes to fill. If you are interested in joining the board, or know someone else who is, please do 2 things: let me know (<u>keithonkahshe@bell.net</u>), and attend the AGM at the Muskoka Bay Club on July 5th. Have a great summer,

Keith Price, Editor

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Dates to remember

KLRA Events

Date
Sunday July 5thEvent
AGMLocation
Muskoka Bay Club 10 amSaturday July 18th
Saturday July 25thHousey's Rapids Picnic
Kids' Fishing DerbyBass Lake 1 - 5 pm
Denne's Dock (see p4)Saturday August 8th
Saturday August 8thKLRA RegattaNagaya Beach 10 am - 2 pm

Other Kahshe Events

Sunday August 3rd Kahshe Craft Show Rockhaven

Several local events take place around the lake, such as the **Deep Bay Corn Roast** and the **Oak Road Barbecue**.

If you would like **your** event mentioned in the **Krier**, let me know who was invited, where and when!

Better yet, write a report and send me a picture or two. keithonkahshe@bell.net

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Saturdays:

July 25, August 8 and August 22

11am to 12:30pm

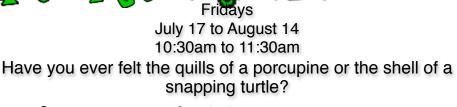
CRUISES 2015 PIRATE VOYAGES

Arrghh Maties!!! Rumour has it that the infamous Captain Corbin will be "taking" Wenonah II and her crew every Sunday morning this summer! Beware of canon fire as our new pirate recruits take the vow to lead a life of piracy! Sundays: July 19 to August 16

9:30am to 11:30am

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Join Speaking of Wildlife on board as they present furry friends and slithery reptiles.

What's on in Gravenhurst?

Music on the Barge

Shows begin at 7:30 pm unless stated otherwise.



Sunday June 21st	The Muskoka Concert Band & The Bifocals Concert Band	Conductor: Neil Barlow	
Sunday June 28th	The Orillia Silver Band	Conductor: Neil Barlow	
Sunday July 5th	Green River Revival Revisited	Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute	
Sunday July 12th	Eddie and The Stingrays	50's Rock 'n' Roll	
Sunday July 19th	The King of Pop	Michael Jackson Tribute	
Sunday July 26th	Freddy Vette and The Flames	50's and 60's Rock 'n' Roll	
Sunday August 2nd	Johnny Cash & The Queens of Country	A Tribute to Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Patsy Kline	
Sunday August 9th	The Liverpool 4	Beatles Tribute	
Sunday August 16th	The Good Brothers	Canada's Multi-Award Winning Country Vocal Group	

Admission is voluntary donation. In the event of inclement weather such as rain or lightning, concerts will be CANCELLED for the safety of the audience and the performers.

35th Antique and Classic Boat Show July 11 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUN 10 - 5

Muskoka In Water Boat & Cottage Show July 24-26 FRI noon - 6 SAT 10 - 6 SUN 10 - 5

8th annual Muskoka Ribfest July 24-25 FRI noon - 11 SAT 10 - 11 SUN 10 - 6

<u>Gravenhurst Recreation Programmes</u>

The Town of Gravenhurst offers a wide range of recreational programs for kids and adults. From swimming lessons at Gull Lake, to Minor Baseball and Tee ball, or Yoga, Ballroom Dancing, or Drum Fit, there are lots of activities to choose from that will keep your heart pumping and introduce you to a new sport or new people. Come on out and try something new. We think you'll like it!

Be sure to pick up your copy of the latest **Recreation and Leisure Guide** at the:

• Gravenhurst Centennial Centre, Town Office, or Chamber of Commerce.

This guide - Spring/Summer 2015 Activity Guide - has a wealth of information about Town programs, services and municipal information, and is also available as a PDF file at www.gravenhurst.ca.

Gravenhurst Opera House

May 27-30, June 4

8pm

\$36reg/\$31grp/\$28student

May 26-28, June 3-4

2:30pm

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For anyone who has ever felt in a rut, and decided to break out, this is the ultimate battle cry. A tour de force for any actress, this one woman show is mesmerizing in its simplicity and common sense.

June 11-13, 16-20



Dinner 6 pm Dinner & Show \$60 Show 8 pm Show only \$31

Oscar Wilde's farcical comedy for serious people in which the protagonists maintain fictitious personæ to escape burdensome social obligations.



 June 24-26,
 8 pm
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 July 1-4, 8-11, 14-16
 8 pm
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 June 23-25,
 2:30 pm
 " " "

 June 30-July2, 7-9,14-16
 2:30 pm
 " " "

Meet two cash strapped Belfast home care workers who are confronted with a moral dilemma that anyone would struggle with. Downton Abbey meets Frasier.

July 22-25, 29-31 Aug5-8, 12-14, 19-22 July 21,23,28,30

Aug 4,6,11,13,18,20

I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change. 8 pm \$36reg/\$31grp/\$28student 8 pm " " " 2:30 pm " " " 2:30 pm " "

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Sept 9-11, 16-19

Sept 8-10, 15-17



8 pm \$36reg/\$31grp/\$28student

2:30 pm " "

It takes two to tango...or does it? Perhaps it takes four. And what do you do with the balloon? Walter has a prescription, Vicky has a recipe and Jasmine an invitation to the dance. Dante plays Devil's advocate. Find out what really happens after hours in suburbia.

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INMEMORIAM



Wilfred A. CURTIS II, August 30, 1928 - January 19, 2015

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILFRED A. CURTIS II, CD was the son of Air Marshall Wilfred Austin Curtis and Pearl Burford, concert pianist, and the brother of Glenn H. Curtis and the late Rhonna Curtis. He was married to the late Manon Fauteux, mother of their six children - Wilfred III, Gerald, Michelle, Charles, Danielle and Patrick, the grandfather of nine and the great-grandfather of five. He enjoyed 10 wonderful years with Manon prior to the marriage ending in divorce, after which he raised the family as a single

parent. Educated at Trinity College School and Royal Roads Military College, he was an airman from 1947-1957 flying Vampire and F-86 Sabre Jet fighter planes and commanding 400 Squadron, and was named Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the squadron from 1977-1979. For 10 years he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Corps of Commissionaires, helping ex-service people find employment post-military life. He operated a successful family insurance brokerage for 40 years. Retiring at age 60, he moved permanently to his cottage on Kahshe, where he took great pleasure from his flower gardens. From early childhood, the cottage was a place of solace and peace for him. In his early 60s, he remarried to Gwen Vernon, widow of his best friend Dr. Peter Vernon, who had died many years before. Although the marriage did not work out, they remained friends. In 1995 he joined the Board of Directors at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge, became Chairman of the Board in 2000 and led the team that realized the construction of a \$24 million expansion project. He also was a life member of the Badminton and Racquet Club of Toronto, where he enjoyed playing bridge regularly in later years. Wilf was larger than life. He was a wonderful father, brother and friend, with a great sense of humour and he will be greatly missed.



Les HEMS, April 14, 1928 - February 18, 2015

Les and his wife, Gwen, drove to Parry Sound in 1956 to purchase 100 feet of shoreline on Kahshe Lake from the "Crown". By the summer of 1959 they moved into a small cottage with their two little children. Every summer since then, until 2013, Les and his family lived at Kahshe Lake. Les commuted between the cottage and his job with Air Canada, until his retirement. After retirement he spent most of the summer at the Lake, going to the city for a game of tennis during the week.

He had a little red CJ7 Jeep, in which he enjoyed exploring the back roads around the cottage with his various golden retrievers. Les's contribution to the Housey's Rapids Cottagers Assn., picnic was to pick up the food supplies from Ledbetters Meats on the Rama Road and deliver them to the Bass Lake picnic site.

Unlike most of the cottagers he was not a fisherman, although he did take the grandchildren to Kermit's to submit their catch for weighing and measuring in the annual fishing derby. That was the extent of his involvement in this popular pastime. His interests lay with aviation and light plane flying. His passion was to take his PA11 float plane and fly over the lakes and tundra of Muskoka.



Iva WHITE, February 7, 1923 - February 22, 2015

After Iva and her husband Bill, built their cottage in Hunters Bay in 1961, Iva spent all her summers there, first with her sons, Steve and Gord, then with Bill after his retirement, and after Bill's death, with her Golden Retriever, Chelsea, until failing health prevented her from travelling in 2011. Her family would join her on weekends and vacations and they would always play card games and do jigsaw puzzles.

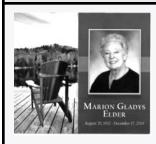
She loved everything about Kahshe: the water, the trees, the birds, the animals and her neighbours, who also summered there, and with whom she shared many happy times.

She helped organize the Housey's Rapids Picnic for years and took many photos for the picnic's photo album. She loved talking to everyone who attended.

Sons Steve and Gord, daughters-in-law Brooke and Tien, and grandchildren Evan and Julie (and Chelsea) continue to use and enjoy the cottage.

Editor's note: Iva and Les were among the first people that we met on Kahshe when my wife and I bought the land and began building the cottage in 1981. Their cottages were next door-but-one to each other just around the corner from us on Hunter's Bay, and the 2 couples were great friends. Both Iva and Les were keen supporters of the Housey's Rapids Association and then the KLRA, and contributed much to the success of the HR Picnic. I will miss them both.

INMEMORIAM



Marion Gladys ELDER, August 20, 1932 - December 17, 2014

Passed away peacefully at Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga in the presence of John, her loving husband of 59 years, and members of her immediate family. Cherished mother to Stacey and grandma to Mason, Braedon and Dayton, who all had a special place in her heart. Loving daughter of the late Cecil and Minnie Woolfrey. Dear sister of Jane Woolfrey-Black (Don). Loving sister-in-law to Carole Elder (late Bruce) and aunt to David (Jennifer), Rob (Joanne) and Laura (Brendon) and

their families. Marion led a full and active life, with a keen interest in a variety of social activities, including golf, various MNAC activities: supper club, movies, ladies' luncheon club, mixed socials events and acted as convenor of an evening book club. She also enjoyed her mixed bridge group and spending time at the cottage on Kahshe Lake in Muskoka. Marion loved animals, especially cats. She will be greatly missed.



The Way It Was A new series of Kahshe memories

#2: 90+ years on Kahshe by Bill Edwards

Now in my 90's, it seems like a great time to re-visit old memories of Kahshe Lake. My parents and sisters and I spent some wonderful times at "the Lake" in the 1920s, 30s,40s and 1950s. In 1958, now with a family of my own, we purchased our cottage on the North

Road, not far from Rockhaven Inn. Until that time, we either rented or stayed at what was then Mrs. Kluey's Bayview Hotel, or later Rockhaven after Les Ring purchased it in or around 1951.

As a young boy, I'd play shuffleboard with my sisters on the grounds at the Inn, or swim at the beautiful beach in front of the Hotel. There were no boats docked there in those days. In fact there were very few boats at all on the lake. Each summer, Mrs. Kluey would ask Howard Hemming (whose parents owned the Ross and Jane Edwards' property, and who would eventually marry my sister Phyllis) and myself (then a young teenager), to mark out the tennis court on the lawn and set up the nets for play. We had great fun playing during the summer at the Inn. In later years, Civic Holiday weekend was always the time for the Regatta in front of the Inn. Swimming and canoe races were popular and later, the greasy pole was an attraction for the brave, as it projected out over the lake off the Government Dock. In the 1930s and 1940s, one of my fondest memories is paddling down to Three Mile Lake with my Dad and "old" Mr. Moad. We'd portage through and go bass fishing. Lunch was fresh fish fried over an open fire on the rocks. Idyllic. Summer weekends and evenings often meant paddling down to Sopher's (at the South End) to attend dances with live bands and later at Wigwam Lodge where my sister would have a great time dancing with visiting Airmen during the War.

Many will remember our main store and meeting place on the North Road, re-built in 1953 by Albert Denne. This became a drop-in spot for many generations and a source of groceries for the wives who spent the summers at the lake. Albert built a meeting room where the Association would convene in later years and dances and parties were enjoyed as well. Unfortunately, Dennes burned to the ground in 1981 and took a lot of history and memories with it. Of course, those of us lucky enough to have a car, or who could hitch a ride into Gravenhurst, would never think summer was complete without a visit to Sloan's for blueberry pie. However, most of us would just visit our favourite blueberry patch on the lake and pick baskets full of blueberries. I don't think many do that any more – but the blueberries are still there. Cranberries were also acquired for Thanksgiving dinner by picking in the swampy areas in the kettles – again not something many do anymore.

Our times at Kahshe were special times for our family. Our stomping grounds were mostly at the North and South ends of the lake, but often we'd make the long trip to Housey's by canoe, only to be challenged by the prevailing west wind on the way home again. No part of the lake was unexplored in those days and we spent hours hiking, picnicking, berry picking and canoeing. You'll still find me enjoying the view from Hilda Island each summer or visiting one of my children who now own properties on the lake. It is gratifying to see my grandchildren and great grandchildren growing up on the lake as well, making their own memories. My father would have been amazed to

know that his great grandchilden are still making the trip North to Kahshe. However, their drive certainly doesn't take as long as ours did back in the 1920s and 1930s!

Submitted by Bill Edwards, Hilda Island (main channel- one of the Twin Islands)

Editor's note: The Air Marshal's Fly-Past by Ross Roadknight will appear in the September issue.

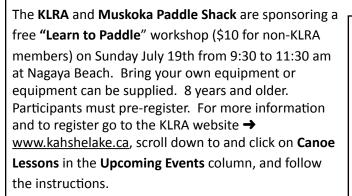


The new **Kahshe Calendar** is here. This 2016 12 month calendar features winning pictures from the the 2014 KLRA Photo Contest, and lots of interesting Kahshe information.

Priced at only \$15 each, \$12 for KLRA members, these calendars will look great on your kitchen wall at home or at the cottage, will make great gifts for friends and relatives in far away places and will showplace the talents of our many avid photographers. They will be on sale at the AGM (July 5th), at the Housey's Rapids Picnic (July 18th), at the Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby (July 15th), at the Kahshe Lake Craft Show and Sale (August 3rd) and at the Kahshe Regatta (August 8th). Get them early — they won't last long.

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Commercial Ads

Ads must be no larger than 2"H x 3½"W (approximately business card size) and will cost \$25 per issue. No ads will be accepted unless the advertiser is a current member of KLRA. The editor will check the status of advertisers via the KLRA website, and will contact those who are not current so that they can rectify the situation before an ad is accepted. (Note that online membership payment shows up immediately on the website. Other forms of payment take up to 2 - 3 weeks to process.) Invoices for advertising will be sent out after the Spring issue and will assume ads in all 3 issues (i.e in the amount of \$75 [3 x \$25]), unless otherwise noted at the time of submitting the ad. Ads submitted for one issue only will be billed individually.

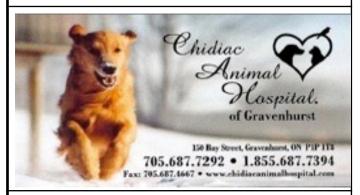
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