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QUESTIONS:

Please provide a brief bio telling us about your connection to Kahshe Lake and any experiences you have had that will help you be an effective director.

My family has been cottaging on Kahshe Lake since 1970 (over 50 years). We're at the east end of the lake off Sam Cook Road. It's my favourite place in the world to be! As someone said, "This place is where I feel most like myself." I enjoy canoeing and kayaking, fishing, waterskiing, and hiking in the woods, among many other things (including hanging out with grandkids).

I am a member of the Conservation Committee chaired by Bob Reyburn, former president of the KLRA. I worked with Ron Pearce (our lake steward) and other members of the Conservation Committee in the water sampling project led by Ron and undertaken by our committee (two intense mornings of sampling numerous sites, one of those mornings in the pouring rain). I was also part of one of the counting of benthic organisms (little critters that live in the bottom mud of the lake) events held on Ron's deck. As a member of the committee I was an active participant in putting together the fridge magnet that outlined strategies on how to mitigate the growing concern over algae blooms in both Kahshe and Bass Lakes. I helped distribute those magnets in our cottaging area.

Are you a voting member or a non-voting Friends of Kahshe Lake member in good standing of the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers Association?

I am voting member of the KLRA and in good standing with the KLRA. I am also a volunteer participant in the "Friends of Three Mile Lake," and for a number of years now have taken a pickup truck load of litter and garbage to the dump from the beach and road area of Three Mile Lake (including Sam Cook Road).

Please tell us why you want to be elected as a director of the KLRA.

I have become more and more interested in the work of the KLRA, and my first step was to join the Conservation Committee, a committee on which I would like to continue to serve. At the encouragement of Bob and Donna Reyburn (Bob nominated me) I am letting my name stand as a potential board member. I have an ongoing interest in the well-being of our lake. I have seen many changes over the last 50 years, and I want to be part of ensuring that such changes and development will enhance the lake, its surroundings, and the general lake and cottage experience for everyone.

I believe it is also important to speak to Municipal and Government bodies, and have a strong voice in those contexts. I believe that I can be a contributing part of that voice since my vocation tended to involve speaking and teaching in public contexts.

On a side note: I'd like to join the rock-marker committee. I know where most of the rocks are at the east of the lake, one of which cost me a lot of money!

Please share with us your skills or areas of expertise that you feel will benefit the KLRA.

- *A long-time cottager on the lake.* Hence, I sense that I have a good “feel” for the lake and some of the wonders, joys, issues, and concerns that all of us have for a positive lake experience.
- *Public speaking and teaching.* As teacher in a small religious college for over 45 years I have solid experience in public speaking and addressing public matters. I was invited by our local councillor in my home city of Kitchener to speak to the Kitchener city council over an issue that concerned our street and community.
- *An undergrad degree in earth science.* I am a grad of the University of Guelph with a BSc in Earth Science with emphasis on soft-rock geology and environmental issues. I come to the task of soil, water, and air care out of both education in this field and long-standing interest in such matters.
- *Leadership.* I have served in senior leadership in my educational institution, and have chaired both committees and boards in that and related contexts.
- *Board experience.* I have served on several boards over the years, and am presently a board member of Ray of Hope, a service organization in Kitchener, part of whose mandate is to serve those who are experiencing poverty and homelessness in our city.

We encourage all nominees to attend the AGM. If you are not able to attend please advise us via the nomination email and address so that we can provide you with proxy instructions.