

BALSAM LAKE ASSOCIATION

CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES, 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2018

By: Bob Nixon

This past year your Board has undertaken some significant changes in representation. We have added 9 new members – some have replaced existing members while others bring representation from areas around the lake that were not represented in the past. At present we have 14 Board members and for the first time in our history, we now have a representative from Grand Island. I would urge you to introduce yourself to your local representative at the earliest opportunity. You can find their names on the back page of this newsletter and they can be reached through our email address : balsamlakeassociation@gmail.com

Almost a year ago the Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) approached our board regarding a potential gift of property from a private donor to the KLT. The KLT was looking for our support with this endeavour because there are financial obligations associated with assuming this property. The Board has agreed to support this project and to assist in raising the funds. You can find more details of this exciting proposal in this newsletter and we will be looking to our entire Lake community to help us meet these obligations. We'll have further details available at our booth during the annual Fresh Water Summit in Coboconk in the middle of June. Come say hello and we'll introduce you to this most exciting project.

Our Association is preparing a fact sheet on aquatic plants in concert with Kawartha Conservation and others. We hope you will find the information helpful along with how all of us can contribute to maintaining a healthy lake. We have all noticed a significant increase in aquatic plants over the past few years. We hope this fact sheet will provide some background on the issue along with some of the 'do's and don'ts' on managing it.

I do hope you enjoy reading our annual newsletter and we would welcome your feedback at any time. In the meantime, welcome back to the Lake for another safe and fun-filled summer.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

By: Dean Michel

Monday October 22 - Enter it into your calendar.

"But I only come to the cottage get away from it all, I don't need to get involved in politics."

Really? But you do get a tax bill.

And if you do, you can and should vote.

The size of the City of Kawartha Lakes Municipal Council has been reduced from 16 Councillors and a Mayor to 8 Councillors and a Mayor.

To find your ward, consult the map on this link

<http://kawartha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=fa1a2e402ce9481dbfd185c1ff891ba6>

All Kawartha Lakes electors will be mailed a voting package prior to election day. Unlike past mail-in ballots where electors completed a paper ballot and returned it in the mail, this year's voting package will contain a PIN# to permit an elector to either vote online, or via telephone during a specified (TBD) voting period.

There will be no traditional voting stations and no paper ballots.

All results will be electronically compiled and stored securely.

To qualify as an elector for the Municipal Election one must be:

- At least 18 years of age • A Canadian Citizen
- A Resident of Kawartha Lakes, or an owner or tenant of land in Kawartha Lakes, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant
- Not prohibited from voting by law

Residents and Electors can follow updates on the City's website www.kawarthalakes.ca/election and subscribe to election news at www.kawarthalakes.ca/subscribe for updates and information on how to check if they are on the Voters' List.



Boys of Summer--by C. Waite

HELP CREATE A NEW NATURE RESERVE IN OUR BACKYARD!

By: Tara King

We have a time sensitive opportunity to permanently protect an environmentally significant 660 acre property close to our beloved Balsam Lake.

The property is located between Balsam Lake and Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park in a significant conservation corridor. It includes outstanding geological features: limestone escarpment, forested areas, provincially significant wetland and open grasslands that are habitat for rare and endangered species.

It is reported that logging occurred on this land in the 1800s. Following, the property was used as a farm and subsequently an outfitter purchased and used the land training dogs for hunting.

By protecting this property we will be able to help enhance the forest, conserve the wetlands that flow directly into Balsam Lake, and ensure the species that live here will have a secure habitat for years to come.

Land owners David and Sharon Cation want to donate this property to Kawartha Land Trust.

When David Cation's mother died in 1998, he and his brother didn't know exactly what to do with her small estate. What they eventually decided to do was to purchase a property and protect it.

"We decided to buy land for future generations which is what our parents had done all their lives. Buying the French Settlement Road property to give to future generations is merely keeping her legacy alive. We wish she could be here to participate." David & Sharon Cation

As with all properties, before KLT can accept the gift, we need to raise a stewardship endowment fund to ensure the property can be cared for in perpetuity, as well as the required securement related expenses. Total funds to be raised approximately \$200,000. Volunteers will also be needed to help make this project possible.

The Balsam Lake Association Board voted to support this project and we would like to invite you DAY TIME PLACE, to learn more about the importance of protecting this land and how you can help by becoming a volunteer and/or donor.

ABOUT KLT:

Kawartha Land Trust's mission is "Caring for lands entrusted to us and helping others protect the land they love. KLT is a non-government registered charity dedicated to conserving the natural environment and enhancing quality of life in the Kawartha area.

KLT now protects 13 properties comprising 3,217 acres of diverse and significant landscapes with a donated land value of \$6.9 Million, and an amazing team of over 110 volunteers.

For more information or to donate visit the website at kawarthalandtrust.org, email tking@kawarthalandtrust.org or call 705-743-5599

RESIDENTIAL CLEAR BAG, LEAF & YARD WASTE NO-COST DROP OFF

During the weeks of May 14-27 and October 1-14 residents of Kawartha Lakes can drop off residential clear bag waste and leaf and yard waste at all City landfills during regular operating hours. All garbage waste must be in clear garbage bags, and regular clear bag requirements will apply.

During no-cost weeks there will be no charge for:

- Clear garbage bags of residential waste
- Residential leaf and yard waste (in paper bags)

The following items are not included in no-cost weeks.

Regular tipping fees will apply to drop off:

- Large items (including Freon)
- Boats
- Mattresses and box springs
- Boat and bale wrap
- Construction Materials
- RV disposal
- Institutional & Commercial Waste
- Asbestos*
- Waste not contained in clear bags
- Contaminated soil*
- Mixed waste loads
(containing 20% recyclable and black or green bags)

**Pre-approval required before drop-off, call 705-324-9411 extension 1135.*



Balsam Sunrise--by Cathy Irving

DID YOU KNOW? – BALSAM LAKE HISTORY

By: Dean Michel

In the late sixteenth century, people of four different ethnic groups came to inhabit the area of Balsam Lake: two groups of ancestral Huron-Wendat with different geographical origins, some St. Lawrence Iroquoians who had found refuge with them, and ancestral Algonquians with ties to the Canadian Shield to the north and to the Ottawa River valley. These people came to live together in the same communities and households, and in spite of conflicts and tensions, they forged a common identity as a new group of Huron-Wendat.

<http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/resources/Publications/OA96-11%20Ramsden.pdf>

Tragedy struck the lake on July 20, 1926. Fifteen campers attending an Anglican Church leadership camp set out for supplies in Cobocok. Eleven teenagers drowned when their 30-foot war canoe capsized. Four survivors hung on for six hours until the canoe landed ashore at Grand Island about 2am. The coroner's inquest was held on Aug. 3, 1926 in Lindsay with testimony from the four survivors. The jury recommended that war canoes be prohibited at boys and girls camps.

<http://www.birchcliffnews.com/today-history-1926/>

In 1935, John Carnegie, member of Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1894 until April 30, 1909, sold Indian Point to Charlie Shields for about \$25,000, or less than \$10.00 per acre. Charlie didn't want the Point overly developed. When he did begin to sell lots they had to have a minimum 100 feet of water frontage. He would only sell to people he knew and they had to agree in writing to build a building of at least 1,500 square feet within a specified period of time and at a minimum set back from the water. His initial lots sales were at \$10.00 per waterfront foot.

http://indianpointpoa.ca/?page_id=114

Balsam Lake Provincial Park was established in 1968.
Happy 50th Anniversary BLPP!



KEY CONTACT NUMBERS & LINKS

911

(Emergencies - Medical, Fire, Police)

Post your Cottage address in a clear and visible location.
helpful for cottage guests.

City of Kawartha Lakes

1-888-822-2225 kawarthalakes.ca

To submit a non-emergency Municipal issue (i.e.: missed garbage pickup) <https://kawarthalakes.formbuilder.ca/Report-an-Issue>

Waste Collection Calendar

https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/resources/Waste-Management/kawartha-waste-calendar_2018_finalweb.pdf

Trent Severn Waterway (water levels)

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/gestion-eau-water-management/page-niveaux-eau-water-levels>

Environment Canada—weather alerts

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html

Coboconk and Norland Chamber of Commerce

705-454-1110 <http://coboconknorland.ca/>

Ministry of Natural Resources

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/wildlife-and-nature>

OPP - City of Kawartha Lakes Detachment

705-324-6741

Ontario Poison Centre

1-800-268-9017

Ministry of the Environment (chemical spills/concerns)

1-800-268-6060

Ross Memorial Hospital (Lindsay)

www.rmh.org 705-324-6111

COMING EVENTS

Fresh Water Summit - Coby, June 15,16

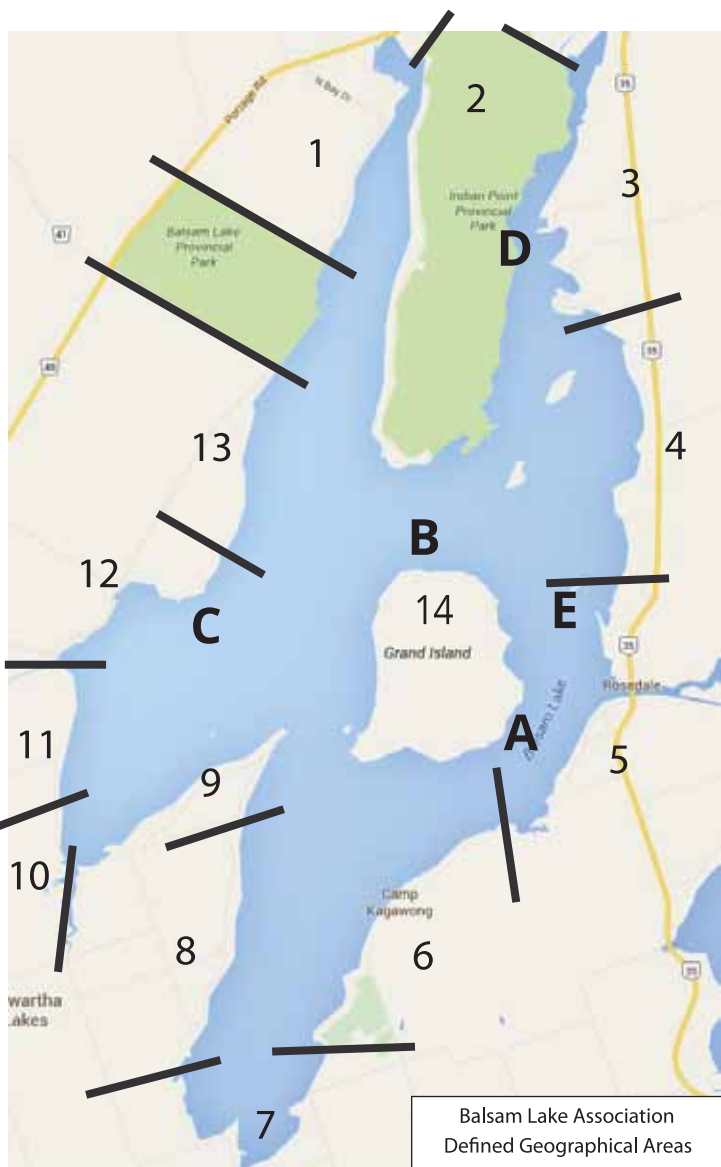
Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club Yard Sale - Coby, June 16

Round Up Events - Coby, June 9; Fenelon, June 23

Canada Day Events - Fenelon, July 1

Evening of Local History - Coby, Aug 25

Santa Day - Fenelon - Nov. 24



BLA – DEFINED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AND DIRECTORS

1	Dean Michel	North Bay
2	Jane Andrew	Indian Point
3	Barb Peel	Coboconk – Northeast Shore
4	Steve Hajdu	East Shore
5	Doug Cowan	Rosedale and Area
6	C. Lee	Southeast Shore
7	Rob Sproat	Killarney Bay – Birch Point
8	Tom Savage	South Bay
9	Grant Fraser	Long Point
10	Mike Lange	Homewood Park – Staples River
11	Doug Erlandson	West Bay
12	Dave Donais	Southern Balsam Lake Drive
13	Bob Nixon	Northern Balsam Lake Drive
14	Graham Clark	Islands of Balsam Lake

BLA – MARINE HAZARD MARKINGS

A Togo Rock	D North Lightning Point
B Grand Rock	E Delamere Island
C Mackenzie Point	

Did you enjoy this year's newsletter? We welcome your feedback.
Drop us a line at balsamlakeassociation@gmail.com

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