

Kapikog Lake Newsletter

**Kapikog Lake Cottagers Association Box 167, MacTier, Ontario P0C 1H0 Spring
Newsletter 2023 June 5, 2023**

Welcome back summer Kapikogers;

The lake is a bit high this year and the annual dock migration is upon us. See a dock, report a dock, lose a dock, let us know and we will try to help it find its way home. If you see yours in the pictures below we will do our best to direct you to where it was last spotted. Unfortunately with the high water several escaped before boats were in the water to give chase.

On the May 24 weekend Jay hosted a new form of spring gathering at Healey Lake Lodge, since we no longer have access to an enclosed venue on our lake. There were 13 family groups in attendance. We hope to see this event grow as the years go by.

The sub committee is moving forward with updating our constitution to current standards. They have completed their draft and sent it to review for compliance. It will then get passed by the board of directors and brought to a vote by the association; hopefully in time for the annual meeting. We will ensure access to the document ahead of the meeting assuming it is completed on schedule.

A reminder that dues were due in January and are payable to Cheryl as per the invoices she sent out last month. These funds pay the association insurance and provide us a basis for any events or maintenance necessary for association property. This includes the fire pumps we all rely on. The fire pumps have been inspected for the fall with some maintenance being required. There is a map on the website showing the locations of the associations' pumps. Many private parties have pumps on the lake as well. Laminated instructions will be placed with each pump. If there is sufficient interest we can arrange for a spring demonstration on how to operate the pumps.

The local insect population has requested that I remind everyone of their annual blood drive. They will be running it continuously. No need to come in, they will come to you. If you don't want to contribute you have several options including bug suits, repellants, and if you believe the research frequency emitters. If you have allergies please be careful and keep an epipen handy. They have a short shelf life so swap them out every season.

There was a lightning strike on the weekend in the bush on the South shore. MNR was notified. Please ensure that when lightning strikes you are not out on the water. You are the highest point and therefore a target when you are out there.

Best of Luck to you in all your summer endeavors,

Mark Harsant

Important Notes

The Healey Lake Transfer station will begin requiring your transfer cards in order to use the facilities. A copy of the card presented on your phone is also sufficient, so that you can ensure each member of your household has access. If you no longer have your card, you can access a new one through the municipality website.



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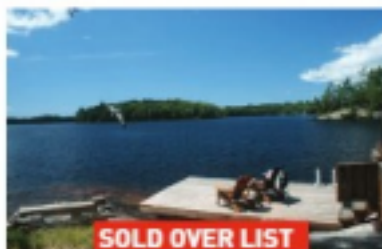
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Councillor's Corner April 2023

Well we made it through another one, not that the weather or the ice were that great.

Foodcycler

The response to the Foodcycler was incredible. Thanks to all who contacted me. As of March 7, 100 units were delivered to the Township office. To claim one, you can go to the office during business hours, ask for the model of your choosing, show your ID, pay by cash, debit or cheque and take it home. The Township will be stocking the Foodcycler for several months. I have been using mine every night and have noticed a marked reduction in wet garbage.

The Foodcycler will reduce wet garbage for being carried from your residence, to the transfer station and to the landfill.

Connectivity

Bell had told everyone the construction for the new tower was scheduled for last fall, as of now no ground has been broken. I am hoping some news will be forthcoming in the next month.

Dam

Adam Wakefield has informed me the Healey Lake Dam was inspected this fall, as promised and a report will be issued this spring. As per the Muskoka Watershed Council, because of the snowfall this winter water levels are not expected to be high this spring.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns with the above subject matter or any Township issues, please contact me.

Regards, Dan MacLeod (p) 647-549-5474 (e) dmacleod@threarchipelago.ca



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Lightning Safety - Pulled from Cottage Life Magazine



Summer is the prime season for lightning strikes in Canada. According to Environment Canada, the most lightning flashes are likely to occur in July followed by August and June, and each year, lightning kills approximately 10 Canadians and injures about 100 to 150 others. While nothing is fail-proof (and you should never underestimate how dangerous it can be), keeping these safety tips in mind should help minimize your risk of getting struck.

1. Check the weather: Before venturing far from safe shelter (like the cottage), take a look at the weather forecast first. Postpone your trip or activity if there are predictions for thunderstorms, and don't go outside if one hits.

2. Get indoors: The worst place to be during a lightning storm is outdoors, so if you find yourself outside when you hear thunder, follow the 30-30 rule: when you see lightning and then hear thunder less than 30 seconds afterwards, head indoors as soon as possible and be wary of resuming any outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

3. Unplug your electronics: If you're inside before a storm hits, disconnect electrical appliances like radios and television sets and avoid touching or using electronic equipment, as lightning can travel through them (except battery-operated appliances—those are okay). Although they're less common nowadays, make sure you don't use corded landline phones (wireless ones are fine). Try to avoid concrete structures because lightning can travel through metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring, and if you're outside, keep away from lawnmowers, golf carts and clubs, metal fences, motorcycles, and bicycles—they're all excellent conductors of electricity.

4. Avoid water: Whether you're indoors or outdoors, touching water is dangerous during a lightning storm, so refrain from doing anything that involves coming into contact with it. Lightning can travel through plumbing, so don't do anything that involves water taps like washing the dishes or taking baths or showers during a storm. If you're outside, don't go boating or swimming, and if you're already in the water, get to land as quickly as possible.

5. Position yourself properly: If you do find yourself outside and don't have any safe shelter to get to nearby, don't stand near tall objects or anything made of metal. Avoid being the highest point in an open area (i.e., holding an umbrella or a fishing rod) and crouch low with your feet together, keeping as little of your body touching the ground as possible.

An advertisement for Mariner's Cove Marina. The top half features a photograph of three children (two boys and one girl) sitting in a blue and orange inflatable raft on a body of water. They are all wearing life jackets and smiling. The background is a blurred shoreline with trees. Overlaid on the left side of the photo is the Mariner's Cove Marina logo, which includes a stylized anchor and the text "MARINER'S COVE MARINA Est. 1968". Below the logo, contact information is listed: "www.marinerscove.ca", "317 Healey Lake Road", "(705) 375-2097", and "info@marinerscove.ca". In the bottom right corner of the photo, there are icons for Facebook and Instagram. Below the photo, on a solid blue background, is the text "SOUND SYSTEMS WAKE BOARD TOWERS RENTALS" and "CUSTOM CANVAS TOPS ALL YOUR BOATING ACCESSORIES". At the bottom, in a white script font, is the text "Shop our website catalogues and we'll have your new accessories installed in time for summer cottage fun!".

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Gerry's Corner—Winter throwback to keep you cool

During the week prior to Christmas Environment Canada advised of potentially heavy snow squall activity to the lee of Georgian Bay. That forecast became a huge reality starting on Dec 17 2022. For those of us who reside permanently on Kapikog Lake the forecast also led us to take our vehicles out from our properties or risk the chance of being stranded till spring.

The snow squall machine ramped up during the night of December 17 and continued off and on right through till Christmas and Boxing Day. Electricity was lost, highway 400 was closed to traffic on occasion and snow fall exceeded a metre on the ground. Off and on rainfall during this time added to the weight of the snow, the heavy moisture laden snow clung to trees. Truly a picturesque winter wonderland. However, that beauty also created problems!

Some trees bent or broke under the snow load causing electrical outages and blockages of roadways. A chainsaw was a must to carry and use in order to get out to our vehicles. Trees had to be cut from the road system in order to allow passage. Getting around was difficult. Trails were

blocked by fallen or bent snow loaded trees. Municipal road crews kept our main road system open and accessible, kudos to them.

Hydro One had 5 two person crews working in the Kapikog area to restore electricity to those that had lost it. Some were without power for a number of days. Hydro helicopters were seen flying the lines for downed trees on the wires. Many of you will find storm damage on your properties when you return, it may be downed trees, broken branches or physical property damage. In any event you will have more of a spring clean up than normal.

This natural winter storm event however has not just caused issues for us as humans. The forest took a real beating; many trees broke under the weight of the snow or toppled over completely due to the strong winds associated with the snowy winter storm. Balsam, white pine and hemlock from saplings to majestic mature trees incurred lots of damage. Wildlife in the area also felt the wrath of this storm. Some turkeys perished due to poor access to food and their roosts being snow laden. Deer movement was heavily curtailed due to the snow depth.

Winter is always a difficult time for wildlife but this storm created hazardous life threatening conditions for them. Luckily a major melt occurred starting on December 28 and lasted till year's end, limiting the loss. For humans living in the area this thaw cycle made movement somewhat more challenging, the snowpack on the seasonal roads became dicey and lake ice conditions were unsafe.

Travel must always be taken with caution! Be aware of the weather, and know what the snow and ice conditions are in the area you intend to travel. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Always carry a fully charged cell phone, be aware of your surroundings and be prepared for unexpected hazards.





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	Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Lids & Containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food & beverage bottles/tubs/containers • Laundry detergent jugs and bottles • Household cleaner and shampoo bottles • Foam plastics - meat trays and foam cups • Empty and rinse material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No styrofoam blocks/peanuts • No toys or durable plastics • No plastic lawn furniture 	
	Plastic Film & Outer Wrap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic grocery bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, candy wrappers, etc. • Secure all plastic film inside one film bag to ensure material does not blow away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No food soiled material • No elastic bands 	
	Aluminum & Tin Cans, Paint Cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please don't squish or flatten cans • Keep lids on and press lids inside cans • Clean foil (pie plates, tinfoil, etc.) • Empty, dry paint cans with lid off • Empty and rinse material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cooking pots or pans • No metal clothes hangers 	
	Empty Aerosol Cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty aerosol cans with lids removed • Cans must be empty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerosol cans with remaining contents are considered household hazardous waste 	

Update of Association By-laws:

At the last AGM (August 2022), the executive struck a sub-committee to undertake a review and update of the by-laws governing the workings of the association. The current set of by-laws was put into effect in August of 1992, when considerations such as personal information and data privacy were not part of the best practices for cottage associations. We can report now, that the review has been completed and the update is underway. It is expected that the new by-laws will be ready for presentation and ratification at this year's AGM, August 2023.

Continuation of the Water Quality Testing Program:

As part of the association's mandate to ensure and support overall lake health, we will continue our testing program. This year, different from the previous two, the program will not include E.coli testing. In consultation with the Township of the Archipelago and our water testing analyst, the E.coli testing has been determined to be subject to various naturally occurring phenomena (dead and decomposing animal carcasses in or around the water) for which there is little or no mitigation that we can apply. We will focus on clarity, oxygenation levels and low phosphorous as keys to water faulty and lake health. As usual, the test results will be collected and analyzed, and the report published to the membership. We are looking for volunteers to support the water sampling, a boat

and a couple of hours are all that is required, contact Mark Harsant or Jay Parker for more informatio

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