

Kapikog Lake Newsletter



Kapikog Lake Cottagers Association Box 167, MacTier, Ontario PoC 1H0

Spring 2018 !

Welcome to spring everyone in name at least ...I hope you and your loved ones had a fun and safe fall and winter season .

Current snow and ice levels point to a late ice out on Kapikog . I am sure many of you are anxious to return to the Lake ..as I am ..but it may be a few weeks yet given the current weather conditions .

This year we plan to run a repeat of last years family water front event on the July 1 long weekend

At the event we will have an expanded list of activities for families and kids—with refreshments and prizes

As well as the Get the Lead Out ! lure exchange we talked about in last falls newsletter

Promotional Kapikog lake hats and t shirts will be available for purchase once again .

We welcome all volunteers who can help with set up and to run events on that day . Please contact me at sinclairmktg@aol.com or Cheryl Randall at cherylrandall@aol.com if you would like to get involved

Thanks ! See you on the lake ... Laura



Remember these dates!

Saturday August 18th 2018 AGM

Put it on your calendar!

***Waterfront family games Day June 30 from
1 30pm to 4pm***

Rain date July 1 same times

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Kids in the Biosphere Activity Kits Available for Families

Do you spend most of your time outside in the summer?

Do you often find mud on your knees and sticks in your hair?

Do you want to know more about the nature around us?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the *Kids in the Biosphere* program is right for you!

To celebrate six years of outdoor adventure in the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, *the Kids in the Biosphere* program is EXPANDING! This summer it will be available to across the entire Township of the Archipelago.

How does the Kids in the Biosphere program work?

Simply register online at <https://bit.ly/2GuTSKa> to receive a free Activity Kit, a reusable bag containing outdoor games, crafts, materials, a nature notebook and a Kids in the Biosphere Activity Booklet. After you register, GBBR will be in touch by email with details on where to pick up your Activity Kit.

If you wish to track your progress, you can use the Summer Scorecard included in the Activity Kit. At the end of the summer, or your stay in the Biosphere, bring your Scorecard to the Biosphere office (11 James Street, Parry Sound) or to one of the program volunteers near you to receive a prize and be entered to win one of three grand prizes!

We also offer a *Kids in the Biosphere* blog where you'll find weekly information on nature's happenings, fascinating facts, and answers to your questions by our local nature nuts. Plus, Biosphere staff will be on location at events throughout The Archipelago with crafts, games, and even our species at risk friends!

For more information or to volunteer with the program contact Delaina at kids@gbbr.ca. Visit www.gbbr.ca to find information about other programs, subscribe to *Biosphere News*, or to become a *Biosphere Member*. Thank you for your support – see you outdoors!

Georgian Bay Biosphere & the Township of the Archipelago present...

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Musings on the winter of 2017/18

Later today March 21st spring arrives, the sun is just touching the tops of the trees as it peeks above a clear horizon with the promise of another gorgeous day, the temperature is -12 degrees celsius. Excellent sun tanning weather, and those of us that reside around the lake are sporting tanned faces as we have had a few incredible clear but cool days. You could walk anywhere in the bush without sinking in up to your knees until about noon each day when the sun's rays softened the snow so that it couldn't support a body's weight. A great time to explore the environs of the lake. Night time temperatures have been down to -15 degrees, with spectacular star filled nights. The ice has been moaning and groaning both day and night. It is tight to shore end expanding each day, pushing rocks and docks that are anchored to shore and probably causing damage to those structures. Roads around the lake are still ice and snow covered and not fit for automobile traffic.

The winter started early, we have been utilizing snowmobiles since Dec 8 2017 to access our place as have the other permanent residents around the lake. Snow kept building up and it looked like a promising year for the snowmobiling fraternity. At the start of 2018 we saw a few days of cold temperatures -20 degrees night time with balmy --15 degree daytime highs. This cold snap was interrupted by a couple of days of rain and temperatures well above freezing during the second week of January, we lost most of our snow and the lake appeared to be navigable for boat traffic with all the water on the ice. Then the mercury dropped again and tightened everything up. The lake was one huge skating rink. This cold snap was followed by more snow and then temperatures well above freezing with heavy rainfalls which once again played havoc with the snow and snowmobile trails in the area. The lake once again became a huge skating rink.

Early February saw some light snow falls and seasonable temperatures with a reasonable Family Day Weekend weather wise but not many families at the lake to enjoy it. The last week of February again saw above normal temperatures and a lot of snow was lost and for the third time this winter we had a huge skating rink at our doorstep. Early March saw a bit of snow before the March break. Only a few families that were here for the March break took full advantage of the easy travel conditions on the lake, skated all over and shovelled off individual skating rinks in front of their places. It is too bad that not more people take advantage of this wonderful winter opportunity to enjoy their place on the lake.

We have had very little snow this past month and the snowmobilers have had a shortened season due to the thaws and rains that we have had this winter and as a result it has been one of quietest winters on the lake.

From a wildlife perspective this has been a good winter, evidence of moose was plentiful. We saw fox, fisher, weasel and mink this winter and were frequented by the usual red squirrels, grey squirrels, chipmunks and the occasional racoon. Our bird feeders saw lots of blue jays and goldfinches this year but limited chickadees and nuthatches. Wild turkeys were here for only a short period and I believe that the wet weather conditions this past winter did them in.

Now we look forward to the spring when we can put away our winter transportation modes and drive our vehicles in to the door. Enjoy the return of many bird species and see the forest green up again. The sun is higher in the sky now, time to put on the boots and jacket and head out the door. Hope you had a good winter.

Gerry Haarmeyer

SPRING REPORT MARCH 21, 2018

COUNCILLOR Grant Walker

Here's to a great 2018,

It was a cold and blustery winter, rather unpredictable compared to past years. A lot of people enjoyed a pretty good spring break and I hope you were as fortunate as us and found no unpleasant surprises. As I write this it will not be long before the ice is out and another season begins.

I have been told our public works people did a great job with the roads this winter as usual. A lot of people do not venture north in the winter and don't think about our lonely roads in the dead of night being kept clear in whiteout and freezing conditions. I once said to a staffer we could get together after hours and have a beer while we discussed a problem, he said yes but the beer would have to wait till spring as he is on call 24/7 till there is no chance of snow.

Our COA Stephen Kaegi left us last fall after many years service and for a number of months we were guided by an executive committee made up of Maryann Weaver: Clerk, Joe Villeneuve: Manager Corporate Services, and Cale Henderson: Manager Development and Environmental Services.

They did an excellent job in addition to their regular duties along with the support of our whole TEAM. We welcomed John Fior our new CAO the 20th of February and wish him well.

The roads, at the moment have a lot of frost heaves but most should disappear as it warms up. The last few years it was planned to resurface the Kapikog Lake Road which also serves areas of Healey Lake. Each year it was felt we could get a little more service from the surface and it was deferred. This year it is scheduled to be done and after checking it a week ago it is time.

Hours and services at the transfer station will be the same as last year. I have asked staff to include a card with services, dates and times in the township spring mailing for you to put on your fridge.

A full program on water and forest monitoring is available again this year with education and fun programs on our environment also being organized. If you have an interest in the environment and would like to volunteer please contact me grant@olresources.ca, the township or your association. More information will follow from the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR) in your newsletters on available programs.

Last year things at Pine Bay Landing had improved from the year before and I hope everyone continues to respect others. The landings on both Kapikog and Healey are rather unique to our township and many other areas and I would not want to endanger them because of problems. Good news is the park has started construction on a larger parking area which might help overcrowding.

Last year we got rid of unwanted construction barges on both lakes. The large white trailer is gone from the trailer parking area and this spring after a year of warnings all the junk will also be removed. If

you have something there that is of value to you please tag it with contact information. This year I will try and introduce a system to manage this area so it does not become an eyesore again.

In May I and staff will be meeting with those people with docks on township property who asked to have a chance to discuss the situation.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me at grant@olresources.ca or 705 720 2244 days or 705 739 3675 nights or weekends.

November Apparition

With the fall stretching into November last year my husband Gordon and I took advantage of the blissful quiet time on the nearly deserted lake and were just getting organised one morning when I squinted out at the lake at what appeared to be a large number of white snow/ ice chunks floating down to the end of the bay . With some adjustment of my Mrs Magoo glasses I realised it was a flock of white ducks with black heads gliding silently down our way ..

Sadly, I took a step that was audible and startled the flock and watched them turn back up the lake and take flight.

What a glorious experience ... googling “white ducks with black heads” I pulled up some information on what I think is the right migratory bird .. Its called a Buffle Head duck that frequents deserted lakes... Our lake was definitely deserted at that time ..so that seems about right .

It sure make s you wonder what other magnificent events of nature we are missing the rest of the year...

See you on the lake !

Laura



Notes From Sandra Jones re the Kapikog Lake Roster !

Our Kapikog Lake Roster was last circulated in 2016. As it is updated bi-annually it is time for your input. Please e-mail Sandra Jones - only if there are any changes to your contact information since 2016. sandrajones9708@hotmail.com

A PDF of the new 2018 Kapikog Lake Roster will be e-mailed to you early June. A few printed copies of the roster will be available only for those who are listed in the directory but do not have an e-mail to receive a PDF copy.

Please pass along this information to any new cottagers that you know of so they can be included in the 2018 directory.

Your name - cottage address - phone numbers - e-mails are listed in the roster. Please make it clear in your e-mail to Sandra Jones which is which.

Keeping in mind our government's privacy rulings... this list is for personal use only. Please contact each other for BBQ invitations (fun stuff) or use I.C.E. (which we sure hope is never required).

Please also check the Kapikog Lake Web site for a copy of this information as well .



Murray Kelly

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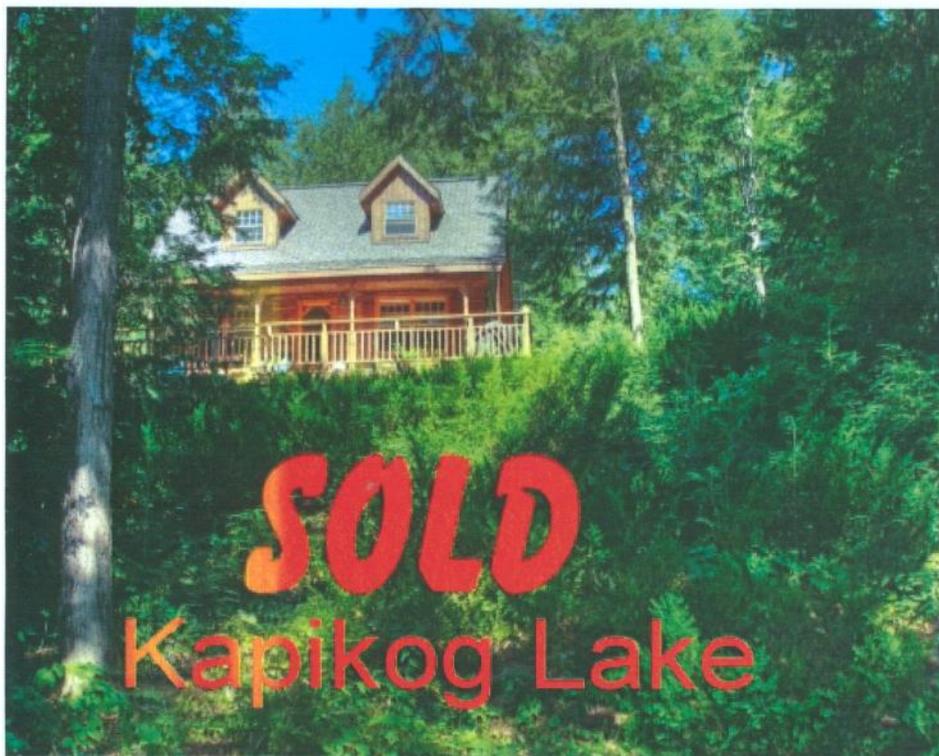
Sadly we have lost a number of Kapikog cottagers this spring .

Ruth Klein—see the note from her family below

Joe Myers and John Capes have all passed away . Please join me in extending condolences to their families.

From Leo, Diane & Family

On a sad note our dear mother Ruth Klein from H&H Resort passed away peacefully on Monday, March 26, 2018 A service in celebration of Ruth's life will be held at Torrance Funeral Home and Chapel in Parry Sound on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 2 pm.



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Please practice your swing on golf on golf courses not our Lake

One of our board members sent me this note below last fall ...

If you know the cottager who is doing this please ask them to stop ...this is our lake that is being deliberately polluted—not cool .

In August I was by Fire Island (where the fire hut used to be) and noticed all sorts of golf balls littering the lake bed. I went snorkelling and over the course of a few days removed 349 golf balls. There were plenty more in deeper water that I didn't have the time or inclination to retrieve.

Not only do golf balls take between a century and millennium to break down, they release toxic zinc in the process. This heavy metal attaches “itself to the ground sediment and poisoned the surrounding flora and fauna” when in water. Other heavy metals used in golf ball production include tungsten, cobalt and lead. To put it simply, it is over 100 years of toxic pollution every time you attempt to improve your swing.

The excerpt above was taken from www.fenlonfalls.info