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## Critical element removed from Zoning By-Law

*By George Lindsay, on behalf of KLPIC*

Last fall, the Town of Gravenhurst initiated a process to update their Comprehensive Zoning By-Law to reflect the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan, which was passed in 2008. We, representatives of KLRA and KLPIC (Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee), met with Town planners and their consultants (Planscape) several times during the process, including attending all of the Town's Open Houses. They have been very helpful and incorporated many of our requests. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council passed the By-Law. There is one issue that is of concern.

Wording designed to limit expansion of existing dwellings within the newly established 30 meter setback for new buildings by using a sliding scale was prepared by Town Staff and their Consultants and was included in the Drafts. This provision meant that the closer a dwelling was to the water the less it could be expanded. At an April 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting the sliding scale was removed from the By-Law. Greig Holder, on behalf of KLRA, wrote to the Mayor and Council asking that it be included in the Kahshe and Bass Lake unique section. It was put back in by Town staff, but removed by Council prior to passing the By-Law on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Allowing for the unrestricted expansion of existing dwellings that are within the 30 meter buffer zone, subject only to some maximum overall size restrictions, is not consistent with the Kahshe & Bass Lake Plan which is part of the Town's Official Plan. Our property owner survey in 2000 and again in 2009 reinforced the position that limiting visual and environmental impacts of development and re-development is important to the character of Kahshe and Bass Lakes and is part of the Town Plan, in the Kahshe and Bass Lake specific section (D.4).

We met with the Mayor and our Council representatives on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to express our concern and ask for assistance to initiate work to establish some limits on expansion of dwellings within the 30 meter zone. While their tone was sympathetic, it is action not sympathy that is required.

Other Gravenhurst Lake Associations are also concerned and are considering launching an OMB Appeal.

Your Board is actively involved on this issue and of course, your feedback is always appreciated. The more feedback we get the better we can look after your interests. For more information go to

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## President's Report



by Greig Holder

How about that early start to the season! Randy Craig reports that the last time the ice went out in March was 1906. We opened our place three weeks earlier than ever before and enjoyed a glorious Easter weekend. Yet I can't help wondering if we are going to pay for this somehow. How will it affect the critters around us? How will plants deal with it? Will there be more bugs or fewer? More risk of lake algae?

These questions tie in with my theme for this column. You will recall that I see the KLRA playing a role in Representation, Communication, Conservation, Recreation and Celebration. In this issue, I'd like to talk about **Conservation**. Consider that the KLRA's motto says we are "**dedicated to the preservation of the environment for our grandchildren and theirs!**" How do we do that? Before I address that question directly, let me tell you about an interesting book I have just read. "*Take the Plunge*" is an updated version of a book first published in 1998 by FOCA (of which the KLRA is a member organization). The book is in five parts, the contents of which are easily understood from their titles, with each part containing several interesting articles:

(see **President's Report** on page 2)

## President's Report

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### "Take the Plunge" topics

- The Lake Environment
- Biodiversity and the Waterfront
- Sustainability At the Lake
- Planning and Protecting for the Future
- Waterfront Groups in Action (This part contains an article written by our own Eleanor Maclean on the genesis of the Kahshe Lake Plan.)

One article that caught my attention was one on Watershed Planning which defines a watershed "an area of land that intercepts and drains precipitation [rain, snow] through a particular river system or group of river systems". Kahshe and Bass Lakes are part of the Severn River Watershed (go to [www.muskokawaterweb.ca](http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca) for more) and our properties are *areas of land that intercept and drain precipitation*. Since we humans depend on water for life, it makes sense for us to be very careful custodians of the water we have. The KLRA spends considerable effort on land-use planning – the Kahshe Lake Plan has a lot of content on it. Watershed Planning extends land-use planning beyond municipal boundaries, recognizing that our existence is dependent on things that happen in our neighbourhood and upstream from it. Others

downstream depend on our actions. Our activities affect our neighbours on Sparrow Lake and beyond.

Some of the KLRA activities that are concerned with conservation of our watershed are:

- **Lake Stewardship** – Collecting water health data for aggregation with that of other lakes to understand lake health trends. Helping to educate us all on lake conservation and improvement.
- **Kahshe Heritage Lands** – Encouraging us all to preserve our shorelines in a natural state. Conduit for new information on watershed conservation.
- **Land Use Planning** – Working with the Town on the Official Plan, Zoning By-Law, and reviewing development proposals (including minor variance applications). Particular attention is given to septic system improvement that protects our watershed.
- **KLRA Website** – Our new website offers information on the above topics, as well as discussion forums to share the thoughts and observations of our members.

Are we doing enough? Well, when it comes to our natural environment we can always do more. For instance, most of our focus is on the water; perhaps we should put as much thought into the land. In line with that, Rob Abbott wondered last year whether we should appoint a Land Steward, whose role would

complement that of our Lake Steward. What do you think? Does anyone want to take that on? As we enjoy our lake this summer, let's each pause every day to reflect on how our actions are affecting our watershed. Are we really preserving the environment for our grandchildren and theirs? If you need more information, let us know. If you have ideas, let us know them, too. Here are some interesting conservation-related education opportunities this season (see the KLRA website for more information - we can make information available quicker that way): Master Stewardship Training (News); 2010 Freshwater Summit (Events), and the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-a-Pond information gathering initiative about frogs and turtles (Wildlife discussion forum).

You can order your own copy of "Take the Plunge" from FOCA for \$20. See [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca). I am happy to lend mine through the summer, too.

On another topic, your Association has been working very hard with the Town on the new Comprehensive Zoning By-Law, which was passed on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It hasn't been easy going. Please see George Lindsay's item on page 1.

**Best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and safe season.**

*Greig Holder*

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## Rock Marker Report Spring 2010

Wow, would you believe it, spring is here again, the ice is out, and yes, because of less snow and not much rain the lake is not up as high as usual. This means our rocks are closer to the surface, so do be careful. Your Rock Marker volunteers will have all the markers out by the May 24 holiday weekend, and many out before that. Again we want to remind you that KLRA places markers in the main channel areas only. KLRA accepts no liability for this service and places these markers near rocks as a means of safety and to prevent boating accidents. We hope everyone will have a safe, accident-free boating year.

*Clint Rohr*, Rock Marker Coordinator



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# The Not So "Long Weekend"

by Doug Paul

When discussing how many extra minutes we spend on a Friday journey to Kahshe because of heavy traffic or when we hear rumours of an extra lane being added to highway 400, I often think of those early weekend trips to "The Lake" with my parents to stay at ChaMar, the cottage belonging to my aunt and uncle. The journey started Saturday afternoon, since Saturday was a half-day for many workers. The drive from Toronto along Highway #11 passed through the main streets of every town en route and lasted about four hours, provided that the Durant did not get a flat tire. On one occasion when we entered Orillia my mother left the car, walked the dog through the town and waited for father to catch up with the car at the north end. I eagerly anticipated finally passing by the cut through the PreCambrian shield at Washago. After a short row, or later, a motor-boat ride, we arrived at the cottage in time for



a swim, dinner and maybe an hour or two of construction. Following Sunday lunch and a bit more time on the building site, we reversed the northern journey. It was with great expectation that I waited for an invitation to spend a whole week with my cousin and aunt, who summered at the cottage, and for my dad's two week vacation at the end of August. Durant Motors was founded in 1921 and included a factory in Leaside for Canadian production. The company failed in 1933 as a result of the depression. The photo is of a 1929 Model 60 sedan which looks like the car that I remember ever so slightly. [Doug spent part of every summer from 1940 on at ChaMar, the cottage of his Uncle Charlie and Aunt Margaret McCaw, on the north shore of Kahshe Lake. He and his wife, Karen, now own a cottage on South Kahshe Road across from Sopher's Landing.]

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## Computer crash fallout!

Following the disastrous crash of my computer just as I was putting the final touches to this newsletter, I regret that the photos submitted by **Missy** (I don't even have your last name), have all gone AWOL. Please re-submit for the Summer Edition. My sincere apologies, **Ed**.

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**Meet your neighbours**

# 100 Years on Kahshe-she-bog-a-mog

edited by **Cathy Dunphy**

from the memories of **Jean LeDrew Davis, Geri Crocker** and **Bob Crocker**

“It’s just like home,” Newfoundlanders Mark Crocker and Ned LeDrew said to one another as they stood on the shores of Kahshe Lake in 1910 -- the same barren rocky coastlines and islands surrounded by dancing waves in sunlight.

The story of their coming to Kahshe began at a Methodist Church picnic in Toronto where a man was selling lakefront lots. Mark and Ned each bought one, sight unseen. Even though the sites turned out to be swampland just west of Nagaya Beach, they weren’t discouraged because they’d spotted the land they really wanted. It was the point and peninsula just east of Gray Owl in front of Rockhaven Inn.

They built Twin Cottages, a duplex cottage, in the summer of 1910. Their wives, Sarah and Bertha, were fearful of being in the wilderness all alone and insisted on the duplex with a common porch. Mark and Ned were partners in a Toronto carpentry construction firm and used their skills to build their cottage as well as a pair of punts. The families explored every island and bay in them.

At that time, Kahshe Lake was used as a channel for moving timber downstream to the saw mills. Jean LeDrew Davis’s father told her the lake was so filled with log booms one year he was able to walk across them all the way from the Twin Cottages to the Kahshe River at Sopher’s Landing. Years later, Ned still scouted shallow waters for sunken logs. He’d hook them with a long spear, rope them behind his punt and row ’em home for firewood. But instead of facing the back of the boat and rowing, Ned faced forward, reaching forward with the oars and pushing backwards. “Only a crazy fool rows in a way he can’t see where he is going,” he always said.

The Crockers sold their half of the Twin Cottages and built Bona Vista on the point on the west side of the cove. The LeDrews built on the north side of the peninsula facing the hotel. All the Crocker grandchildren remember swimming from the beach in the cove between Twin Cottages and Bona Vista after Ned and Mark drove huge spikes through log after log and dragged them away to create a fine swimming area with a beautiful sand beach. They also built The Lookout on one of the highest points of the lake.

In 1948, the Crockers embarked on what they call their "great dispersion". Don Crocker, Bob Crocker, Margaret Good Johnson and Bob Good all bought property east of Bona Vista.

The Crockers still come home to the lake each year. Don Crocker’s sons and their families spend much of the summer at Pine Point; Bob Crocker and his extended family continue at Petite Point; and Margaret Good Johnson’s son comes to Wolf Island each summer. Five generations of the



LeDrew **Sharon Selva & Bob Crocker** family have lived on the peninsula in front of Rockhaven Inn. Now it’s the grandchildren and children of Jean LeDrew Davis’ daughter, Sharon Selva, who spend much of their summers there.

*Here’s to the next 100 years!*

[The full story of the first 94 years of the Crocker/LeDrew presence on Kahshe can be found in “**The Healing Waters of Kahshe: Volume 1, Page184**]

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Meet the “Third Man Standing”!

*There really must be something in the healing waters of Kahshe— at least when it comes to health and longevity. After reading the **Last Men Standing** article in the fall edition about the last of the brave boys from Kahshe who went to war, Gigi Robinson pointed out that we had missed out her father, **George Kehl**, who at 90 is still very much alive and well and still coming to Kahshe Lake. She writes:*

George Kehl lives in Florida but Kahshe will always hold a special place in his heart and he visits as often as he can. There was no place he wanted to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday other than Kahshe, where more than



Wally Moore, George, Henry Tuero

100 family members and friends gathered last August to salute him.

George started coming to Kahshe in the late 1920s when his family rented a cottage at this special place a work colleague of his father had told them about. Not long after, the Kehl family purchased a cottage on North Kahshe Lake Road near Denne’s Store.

George signed up in 1943, and was sent to Halifax and assigned to the Canadian Army where he was involved with ocean surveillance gathering information for both the army and air force. After he returned to Toronto, he married Pat Curtis in 1947, a girl he had met at a dance at Sopher’s the year before. They left Canada for Florida in 1953 but George has never given up his Canadian citizenship, and will always be a Canadian and a Kahshe Laker.

Written by: **Gigi (Kehl) Robinson** (George’s daughter)

**Land Stewardship Program**

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**Native Plant Sale**

**Muskoka Heritage Foundation** is holding their annual native plant sale. They have trees, shrubs, flowering plants and groundcover available. The **deadline** for ordering the plants is **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. The date for **pick-up** of the plants is Saturday **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The closest pick-up location is in Bracebridge, at the MNR Parking Lot, 1350 High Falls Road. You can get the details and order your plants on-line at [www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/nativetree.asp](http://www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/nativetree.asp)

**The Carden Nature Festival** is just around the corner - June 4,5, 6 - Pass it on! Don't forget to look at the list of activities in the attached document. Visit [www.cardenguide.com/festival](http://www.cardenguide.com/festival) to register.

*Kristen Field* (The Couchiching Conservancy)

**KLRA Annual General Meeting**

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***The Kahshe Krier***

***In Memoriam***

**Kermit Long. 1915-2009**

Kermit Long, a cottager on Kahshe Lake for 70 years, passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on October 28, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona where he lived with his wife, Helen. Kermit built 2 cottages on the lake: the first a log cottage on the point where Rockhaven and Denne's channels meet; the second on the east end of Cherokee Island. Their son Ken and daughter-in-law Karen also have a cottage, on the west end of the island, and their daughter, Peggy, shared a bunky near her folks' cottage.

Kermit, being a minister for 73 years, was a vital force in ecumenical religious services on the lake at Rockhaven. He was also supportive of churches in Gravenhurst and Sparrow Lake.

Kermit and Helen were avid fisher folks which led Kermit into organizing an annual fishing derby for kids for over 50 years. So many kids who are now



adults still called him *Uncle Kermit*. The fishing derby, still a favorite of young Kahshe anglers, is

around today because of others who stepped forward to continue his legacy, notably Nick Swirla, Mike Crosby, Peter Dykstra, Don Knight and Johnette Ollman.

A swimmer who hit the water most mornings, Kermit truly appreciated the healing waters of Kahshe and enjoyed the wild life and herons. He dearly loved



Kahshe Lake and always travelled from Chicago or Phoenix to enjoy Canadian summers and Canadian Thanksgivings.

**Grandson K.C. Long continues the tradition**

**Ivan Herbert Ashbury, Erin Island**

Ivan H. Ashbury, age 99, passed away peacefully on August 22nd, 2009. Ivan, a chartered accountant at CGE who served in WWII, first arrived at Kahshe Lake 63 years ago shortly after marrying Mary Lindner. They built their family cottage on the north west point of Lindhill Island beginning in 1946. Eventually, he and Mary moved back to Mary's family cottage on Algonac (Erin Island) where they spent their summers. Ivan possessed a wonderful love of nature's beauty and an appreciation of the opportunity to spend time in the outdoors at Kahshe. He loved carpentry and devoted his holidays and much of his retirement building, remodeling, and refurbishing the cottage. He and Mary made many wonderful friends at Kahshe over the years. He is survived by his wife Mary, his daughter Trisha, his son, Ted, Ted's wife, Janet, and their children Andrew, Alie and Jen (5th generation Kahshe-ites).



**Mary, Jen and Ivan – 1998**

**Let us also remember**

*Glen Blinde*

*Dorothy Wild*

## In Memoriam

### **Becky Abitbol, Jan 18, 1950 – Jan 17, 2010**

Rebecca Jane Abitbol, better-known by many on Kahshe as Becky Grindley, passed away from lung cancer in January on the day before her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Becky's family cottage is just to the east of Rockhaven Inn.



I met Becky at a Kahshe Lake Regatta in a swimming contest at the age of 10 and we became lifelong friends. We worked together as chambermaids at Rockhaven Inn, and, boy, did we have some stories to tell! Becky

and I camped at the tender age of 14 just beyond Twin Islands and I can remember her laughing as we tried to light a campfire hoping for a tasty can of beans for dinner, and reassuring me that the raccoon which landed on the top of our tent in the middle of the night would be gone by morning. We skied together and later

Becky taught my son to ski behind the same boat that we had skied behind as kids.

Becky absolutely loved times spent up at the lake and would spend most of her adult life commuting up from Thornhill every chance she got to relive childhood memories as well as make new ones with her own family. Becky loved getting family and friends together. She loved walking and spent a lot of time with her friend, Joyce Frank, and her dogs walking up and around North Kahshe Lake Rd.

Her easy going manner, zest for living life to the fullest, wonderful conversations, love for Kahshe and most of all her friendship will be missed beyond words.

How blessed I am to have had her as a friend for most of my life. Her legacy is her commitment and dedication to family and friends, and to living life as it should be with lots of laughter, fun, travel, adventure, and a special connection with everyone who crossed her path.

*Donna Williamson* (Warner)

You can read about Becky's journey if you google "*Rebecca's Journey*".

See also *Letters to the Editor*, p8

### **Elaine Rea (nee Howchin)1928-2009**

Elaine Rea spent 80 years at Kahshe Lake. Her father, Edward Evander Howchin (Van) built 2 cottages in the late 1920's. These cottages are now #1213 and #1215 N. Kahshe Lake Road. Pop (Van) would bring his wife Betty (Nan) and the kids Ted, Ron and Elaine to the cottage to stay for the summer. Pop worked 5½ days a week and on Saturday afternoon he would pick up the groceries in Scarborough and drive north and return to the city on Sunday evening. Elaine had fond memories of swimming at the beach, jumping off the high diving tower and swimming with a nickel in her bathing suit from Nagaya beach around to Rockhaven to get an ice cream and pick up the mail. Elaine would go to the Saturday night dances at Sophers at South Kahshe with her friends, the Kehls, Heaps, Colemans, Tilley's, etc. and dance the night away. And this is where she met Norm Rea. They were married in 1949 and spent the summers at Nan and Pop's cottage until Pop sold it in the

early 1960's. Elaine and Norm then rented for a couple of years, until they bought the Walton property (adjacent to the Rockhaven Government Dock) on Labour Day weekend of 1964.



***Elaine and Norm 1948*** The day after school ended, Elaine and the kids (Marilyn, Joanne and Michelle) drove to the lake and did not return home until Labour Day Monday. Norm would come up every Friday afternoon for the weekend and also for his 2 week vacation. Norm passed away in October of 1995 and Elaine continued to enjoy the cottage up until last summer. Her children and grandchildren are now enjoying the cottage and Kahshe Lake as much as Elaine ever did.

## Letters to the Editor

### Goodbye from Klara and Stephen Bacsalmasi

To the KLRA,

As it happened, even our closest neighbours were not up at the lake when the long process ended: the cottage was sold and we moved out.

I have to use the kindness of the KLRA to say goodbyes to our good neighbours. They know that our family was a huge one, 34 members including a number of great-grandchildren. Our time was spent mainly with them and socialization was seldom possible. In the past more than forty years, we hope we did not hurt anyone's feelings. We tried to be good neighbours and often received help from many of you. We thank you once again.

Once we hoped that there would be a connecting road and that the cottage would become our year-round home. It did not happen and we have to accept the consequences.

We wish you to continue the beautiful times we spent together with you all.

One more line about Nancy and Eric Sutton Kehl. The personal help we received from them in moving out from our cottage was tremendous. Special thanks to them is in order.

2009 September 30

Sincerely,

*Klara Stephen*

Klara and Stephen Bacsalmasi  
Kahshe Lake 6030

### To my "Cottage Friend"

A personal tribute to Becky Abitbol

Memories:

-Becky walking across the lawn at Rockhaven after a hard day of being a chambermaid, eating a six-flavour chocolate bar.

-Becky trying to fix her septic pipe under the cottage and having it explode in her face.

-Becky gliding across the water in her yellow canoe with her children or grandchildren.

-Becky jumping in the lake for the first time every season and saying "We made it another year". We didn't do that last year.

Rebecca Jane Grindlay Abitbol was the best friend to many on and off Kahshe Lake. Her death has taught me how to live. Don't put off till tomorrow what can be done today. Becky was loyal, compassionate, accepting, non-judgemental and had a great zest for life. Her laugh was contagious

Becky leaves behind the best legacy a person can have: a wonderful family and great friends.

Here's to you, Bec!

*Joyce Frank*

### Centennial Celebration

Dear Keith,

This summer the Crocker and the LeDrew families will be celebrating 100 years on Kahshe Lake. In the summer of 1910 Mark Crocker, and Ned LeDrew, partner carpenters in Toronto built the "Twin Cottages" on the peninsula just east of Gray Owl. Some years ago Jean LeDrew Davis, the daughter of Ned and Bertha LeDrew, and Bob Crocker, the grandson of Mark and Sara Crocker, got together to write the story of the Crocker and LeDrews beginnings on Kahshe Lake. I am forwarding you a copy of this reminiscence along with a picture of that first cottage, the "Twin Cottages" along with a picture of Sharon Selva, granddaughter of Ned and Bertha LeDrew, and a picture of Bob Crocker, grandson of Mark and Sara Crocker taken last summer. Hopefully the printing of these historic pieces may be of enough interest to be included in the spring issue of the Kahshe Krier/Crier.



Sincerely,

Bob Crocker

[See "**Meet Your Neighbours**", page 4]

Hi Keith,

Thanks for the wonderful newsletter. You did a great job.

I loved Cathy's article on the **Boys of Summer**. Many of these names are well known and I am glad she followed up with Henry Tuero whom she met at the Craft Show. The Sutton mentioned is the uncle of our real estate lady on the north road – Nancy Sutton Kehl who married one of the younger Kehls. Many of these families are still on the lake and have expanded to several locations. There are 6 or 7 Kehls on the lake, for example – some have married and changed names, like Jane Edwards who has the RJ Liquidation Store.

Thank you also for giving me credit for my little map. I was pleased.

Eleanor McLean

**Finally! Letters to publish. Keep them coming.**

**Next deadline:**

**July 20th**

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*To Permit? Or not to permit? That is the question!*

Remember those early days at Kahshe Lake when all that was required to turn that idea of adding an extra bedroom, extending the deck or building a dock into reality was a trip to the lumber yard and the beer store? The “plans” were filed in the mind of the cottager and they were frequently revised instantly as a board was cut too short or a neighbour came by with a suggestion and often stayed to swing a hammer. The construction took a bit longer then because electricity had not yet replaced muscle power and lumber was often rowed to site.

Last summer I re-shingled my roof and, because of the recent publicity concerning building permits, decided to make an enquiry regarding my possible need for a permit. I was told that a permit was not required provided that I was simply replacing existing shingles with new shingles. However a permit would be required if I replaced shingles with steel or if during the process some boards had to be replaced. I had previously thought, incorrectly, that if I was merely replacing a rotten or broken board with an equivalent piece of lumber it could be done “permitless”.

A document, The Homeowner’s Guide to Building Permits, is available from the Town Office. This document will answer many of your permit questions and probably raise others. Some do’s and don’ts re:permits. You can build a structure less than 10m<sup>2</sup> (107ft<sup>2</sup>) without a permit if it has no plumbing, although there are some limitations regarding its location. Without a permit you can replace an existing window, but you cannot make it bigger, as long as it is more than 4’ from the property line. You can paint, add flooring, kitchen cabinets or build an outhouse, referred to as a “Class 1” sewage system, sans permit. You need a permit to rebuild or enlarge existing structures ie: decks, docks, stairs. The cost of a permit is based on a fee schedule set by Town Council.

The minimum fee is \$75. The fee for a deck or dock is \$0.40/sq ft. My hypothetical question to the building department, “If a cottager wishes to replace a deck railing damaged by a falling tree branch, what is required?” resulted in the reply - “a \$75 fee, a complete application, a photo showing the deck’s existence and a detail of how the guards are to be replaced”. Don’t ask a question unless you are prepared to carry out the answer.

I thought that Trudeau said that “whatever happened inside the cottages of the nation was a private matter between consenting adults” - not true. A permit is required for new

fireplaces, new woodstoves, new plumbing or changing a room’s size or “use”.

Now when you get that idea for a building project you probably still require a trip to the lumber yard and the beer store but first go to the Town Office and the bank.

*Doug Paul*

The Builders of **ChaMar**:  
Charlie McCaw, Jack Duncan, George Paul

***“Now where did we put that level?”***



For more information, go to [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) → Development → Building Permits

**A shocking discovery**

by Alex Milburn

A fellow cottager reports that during the winter he had to replace the heated water pipe from a submersible pump in the lake to his cottage. In the process, his electrician found that the pump was **not properly grounded**, so that it could conceivably short out and possibly **electrocute any nearby wimmers**. The electrician thinks it likely that there are a number of other cottages on the lake with similarly improperly grounded submersible pumping systems.

**We suggest that cottagers with in-water pumping systems should have them checked out.**



Did Laura just dip her toe in an electrified lake?

See **The Picture Gallery** on page 11 to find out.

**Learn to Swim**

Did you know that the **Town of Gravenhurst** offers **Swimming Lessons** at **Gull Lake Park** and **Summer Day Camps** during the months of July and August?



**Call Judy at 687 6774x22 to register or go to**

[www.gravenhurst.ca](http://www.gravenhurst.ca) → Residents → Recreation & Community Services → Recreation & Leisure Guide → Summer Programs @ Gull Lake (pp 18-23)

## **2009 Residents' Survey Results Messing Around in Boats**

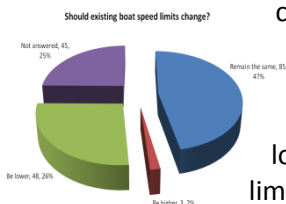
by Rob Abbott

As in the 2001 survey, boats and boating seem to be the most common concern of cottagers, and boat speed the most commonly identified problem, followed by boat noise with the number of boats ranking seventh out of the 15 listed. Also, boating-related complaints were a frequent write-in comment. Of the 181 responses, 149 (82%) were power boaters and 141 of them reported at least one problem with other boaters (speed noise, operation or wake). This is **not non-boaters** griping about boaters! Things don't change. *To the 2001 survey question "Is boating is a problem on the lake?", 73% replied yes, 24% no, and 3% had no opinion.*



### **Boat speed limits**

Since boat speed seemed to be the most common complaint, specific questions were asked to see if the problem was related to the actual speed limits, or disregard for the existing limits.



Only a very slight majority of respondents supported lower speed limits and cited disregard for existing speed limits. Many indicated that the boat speed problem was

limited to just a few boats and operators, or specific areas. Comments were made regarding speedboats, wakeboarding and water tubing, but there were no complaints about Personal Water Craft (*Seadoos*) specifically. Some commented that boats going too slowly and creating a large wake was a problem. It should be noted, however, that many respondents chose not to answer these questions.

### **Boat Wake**

*Has boat wake eroded your shoreline or damaged your dock, boat or other property?* Of those who responded, 57% indicated they had experienced actual damage caused by boat wakes, mainly to docks. Most of the comments on boat wakes were aimed at wakeboarding. However, a large number of respondents chose not to answer this question, probably because they had not experienced wake damage.

The nature of Kahshe Lake (long, narrow arms parallel to vertical rock shorelines, which reflect waves and don't allow them to dissipate; and limited areas for power boating) exacerbates the problem. The only areas of Kahshe Lake not identified as having a wake problem were those where rocks make power boating difficult. One change that seems to have occurred since the 2001 survey is the increased number of complaints about wakeboarding and tubing, and no PWC complaints.

### **Watercraft Survey**

Out of the 181 respondents, 137 reported having both powered and non-powered boats; only 7 reported having no boats. The average number of watercraft per response was 3.7. *In the 2001 survey, the average was 3.6.* As many boats are rarely, if ever, used, the survey asked respondents to indicate which specific watercraft were used on a regular basis. Self Propelled (canoes, paddle boats, kayaks and rowboats) was the most common 62, followed by Powerboats over 25 HP, Pontoon Boats, and Power Boats up to 25 HP, at 46, 36, and 35, respectively. The popularity of self propelled watercraft is interesting to note, given the large number of water access respondents (who presumably

would regularly use a power boat for access), and considering that the 2009 boating season was particularly cool and wet.

*Compared to the 201 survey, there was a slight increase in self-propelled (canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, rowboats) from 1.6 to 1.8 per respondent, and in pontoons from .2 to .3 per respondent; and a slight decrease in large powered boats (more than 25 hp) from .76 to .60 per respondent.*

### **Watercraft Census**

In 2007 and 2008, the Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee conducted watercraft and use surveys around the lakes during a one hour period during a busy long weekend. Uncertain whether collecting this data was worthwhile the survey was not conducted in 2009. The majority of respondents thought the census was worthwhile, though many commented on the futility of it.

A series of questions were asked to try and determine opinions regarding the number of boats on the water. The majority indicated that there were times when there was too much boat traffic and a limit to the number of boats the lakes can support. However, it is important to note that many respondents left these questions blank. In answer to the question "Where do you think we are in relation to that limit?" 61 felt we were under the limit, and 29 felt we were over the limit.

Qualitative statements like "near the limit", "well over", etc. were subjectively assigned a numerical percent value to give an average response of 82% of the maximum limit. While the survey responses clearly identified boating issues as the number one problem on Kahshe, the survey results were often conflicting and reasons weren't always clear. Perhaps the problem is not so much with boats and boating, but with a limited number of irresponsible boaters.

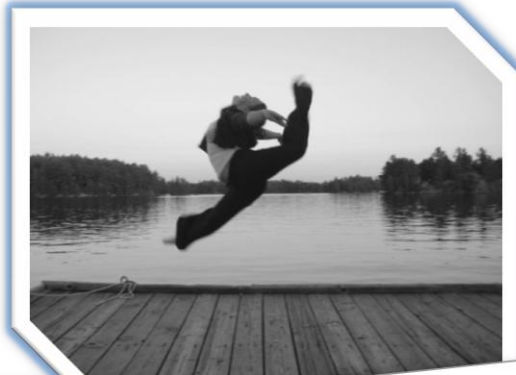
Enjoy your boats responsibly this season –all 3.7 of them!

[To see the full version of this report go to [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) log on, go to **Member Zone** → **Surveys** → [2009 LLRA Survey Summary](#)]

**The Picture Gallery**

Send **your** favourite cottaging picture(s) with a small caption (5-10 words) to [keithprice1@rogers.com](mailto:keithprice1@rogers.com) under the heading "Picture Gallery", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter. **Deadline for submissions: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

***Laura Holden is celebrating the first weekend back on Boyd Island. → Submitted by Gerry Holden***




***The L-O-O-O-n-g version of kids having fun on Kahshe. K.C. Long and his sister, Katie, letting it all hang out!***

**Submitted by Peggy Long**



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**Errata**  
 My e-address is [keithonkahshe@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkahshe@rogers.com)  
 My helper at last year's picnic was Belinda's daughter, Jenelle, NOT Donna's daughter!  
 I omitted Karen Paul's name from the Board of Directors

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*We are currently without a **Town Liaison Member** since the resignation of Sandi Follis in the fall. The Board truly appreciated the countless hours Sandi spent at Council meetings on your behalf. She will be sorely missed.*

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# SUNDAY AUGUST 1st

**Mark this date on your cottage calendar -- NOW!**

This is the date of the 28th edition of the

## **Kahshe Country Craft Show & Sale** **Rockhaven Inn**

We've already lined up some exciting new vendors for you as well as new family-friendly activities:

- \*A make-it and take-it craft table for the kids.
- \*A special Kahshe Lake reading series by local authors.
- \*A bigger and better bake table.

There will be lots more: that's a promise. Especially if I can gather more cottagers willing to work with their neighbours to celebrate the great lakeside life we have on Kahshe.

**Your Craft Show needs YOU!**

**Yes,**



If you care about our summer community and want the Craft Show to thrive and prosper, PLEASE contact me.

Cathy Dunphy

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705.687.5305

416.699.0461

## **Housey' Rapids Picnic -- Bass Lake Park**

**Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00 – 5.00 p.m.**

Games, Food, Great Raffle Prizes

Free admission with *smile*



### **Other dates to remember:**

Sunday July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KLRA Annual General Meeting</b>	10.00 a.m.	Venue (tba)
Saturday July 24 <sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed)	<b>Fishing Derby</b>	Details to be announced	
Saturday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Regatta</b>	10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Nagaya Beach

**Barn Dances and Interdenominational Services** are not yet confirmed.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Last day to submit items for the Summer Issue of the Kahshe Krier