

# The Kahshe Krier



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## Winter 2016

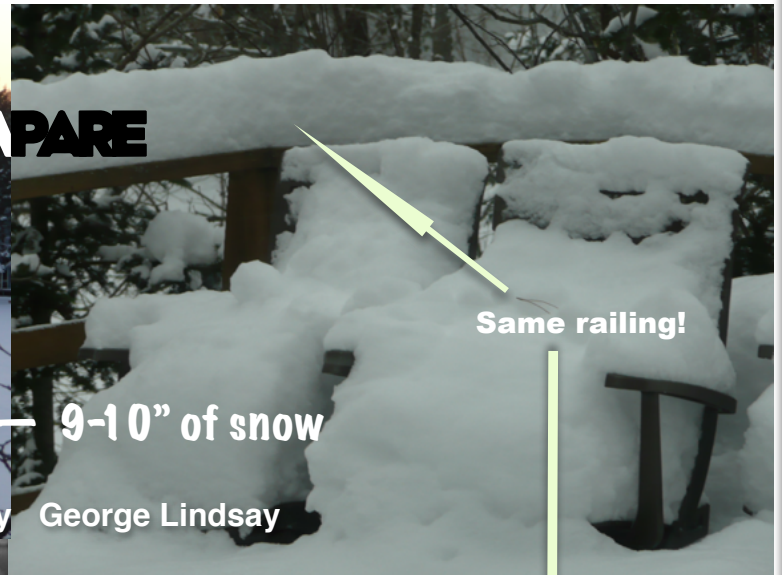
### Winter comes to Kahshe again — sort of!



**COMPARE**

January 2015 — 9-10" of snow

Photos by George Lindsay



Same railing!



January 2016 — 4" of ice and 1" of water!

Photos by Joan Bennett



What a difference a year makes! I drove right to my cottage on December 22nd this winter(?), 5 weeks later than ever before, the Boston Pizza Pond Hockey Tournament organizers are worried they may have to postpone, snowmobile trails are severely limited, and I am worried that my annual 1 week ski trip will be a bust!  
Hopefully winter will have arrived PROPERLY by the time you read this.

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## President's Message, Winter 2016

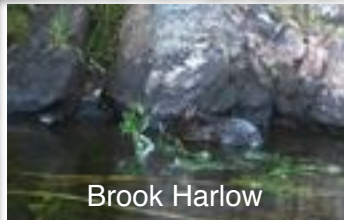
Happy New Year to everyone, and all the best in 2016.

This has been a strange winter to date. The lake froze over in front of our home on Sunday, January 3. As I write this, the lake, while frozen, is covered in a layer of water. Please take precautions if going out on the lake, and check ice depth to be sure it's adequate to support you.

There are a couple of articles within this issue that may be of special interest. One is an update (page 4) on the remedial action taken by the owners of the old Wigwam lodge to address septic issues. This issue was discussed at the 2015 AGM.

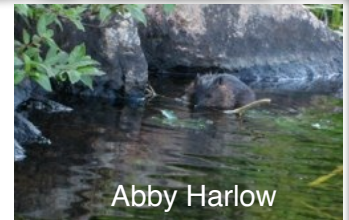
The other article is a report written by George Lindsay on the Town's activity in updating their Official Plan - see page 3.

I wish you all a prosperous and healthy 2016. *Bob Reyburn*, co-President



Brook Harlow

## The Kahshe Photo Contest Needs You!



Abby Harlow

Any time is a good time to start taking pictures at Kahshe. Send us your three best, and we will have a panel of professional photographers study them closely for their originality of content and photographic characteristics. Get the kids taking pictures for Kids Eye View.

We display all the photos on the web site and as prints on the day we announce the winners, so everyone gets to make their own comments.

### Some Guidelines

The contest period runs from the end of the last contest, until 4:00 pm on the last day of July. We need fall and winter photos for the calendar.

Each entrant can submit up to 3 photos - one in each category, all in one category or any combination. Visit the website [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) for contest rules and for the list of categories, as well as to check previous photos and winners for ideas.

**To submit photos**, attach them to an e-mail in **jpeg** format and send them to:

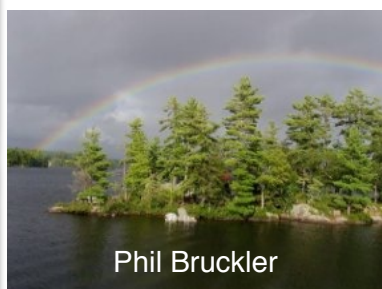
[photocontest@kahshelake.ca](mailto:photocontest@kahshelake.ca)

In the e-mail give the **full name** of the photographer, his or her age, **if 12 or under**, the **category** of each photo, and a **telephone number** for notification of special prizes.

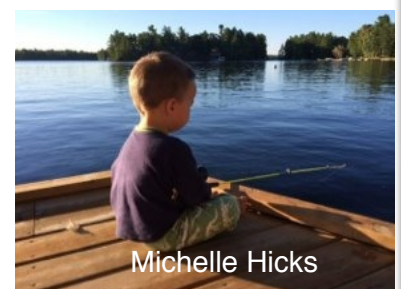
Receipt of the photos will be confirmed.

Prizes and certificates of participation will be awarded.

**Please note:** Your entry into this contest indicates your willingness to allow the web site to display your photos and the KLRA to include them as illustrations on a calendar.



Phil Bruckler



Michelle Hicks

## The Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan Review, by George Lindsay

### Why is the Town of Gravenhurst reviewing its Official Plan?

The Province of Ontario requires Municipalities to review their Official Plans every 5 years. The current Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan, prepared in 2006 and approved with amendments in 2008, sets out the principles for land use and development, must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, issued in 2014, and must conform to the District of Muskoka Official Plan. Since 2008, both levels of government have made changes which need to be incorporated into the Town's Official Plan, and the Town recently completed a Strategic Plan, which has a 20 year horizon, is intended to help guide Council's priorities for this term of this and future Councils, and will be incorporated into the Official Plan and help guide land use policies. Following adoption of the Official Plan, By-Laws may need to be modified to implement the strategies contained in the Official Plan.

The net is that it is a Provincial requirement to regularly do a review. It will incorporate changes that have been included in senior levels of government, take direction from the Town's Strategic Plan and attempt to address issues that have become apparent with the existing Official Plan. It is important to ensure the Official Plan meets KLRA needs, since subsequent By-Laws and Development Agreements will be based on this document.

Two Public Open Houses and Workshops were held in September, where Planscape, the consultant on behalf of the Town of Gravenhurst presented a review of the issues identified with the existing Official Plan and solicited input. At the end of October, KLRA Executive submitted a position paper to the Town and their consultants on the issues identified. The primary focus of the submission was on the specific section of the Official Plan unique to Kahshe and Bass Lakes (Section D4.1). Below is the summary of that submission.

#### **"Summary**

*In summary, the current Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan and its enabling By-Laws appear to be working well for Kahshe and Bass lakes. As such, we see no need to make modifications.*

*We are interested in:*

- *Strengthening policies which support guaranteed long term access for water access properties.*
- *Engaging our membership in the review exercise.*
- *Your thoughts on a communication plan which includes seasonal residents.*
- *Participating in the review if you think our association can help"*

In late December, the Town posted Discussion Papers on several areas of the Official Plan on their Website.

*The following Draft Policy Discussion Papers have been drafted by Planscape. Those in **bold** are already available on the town website.*

- i. **Strategic Planning and Economic Development**
- ii. **Sustainability and Energy Conservation**
- iii. **Growth Analysis**
- iv. **Section C – Urban Centre and Section F- Community**
- v. **Section D – Waterfront**
- vi. **Section E – Rural**
- vii. **Natural Heritage and Natural Resources**
- viii. *Transportation, Services and Utilities (available in early January)*
- ix. *Implementation Mechanisms (available in early January)*
- x. *Public Consultation (available in early January)*

KLRA will provide feedback, but we encourage **everyone** to review these documents and provide feedback to both the KLRA Executive and The Town of Gravenhurst.

Many of the suggested changes are required to comply with the Provincial Policy Statement. KLRA is currently preparing comments on the following areas: 2-Storey Boathouses; Building Height; Lot Creation for Water Access properties; and, Recreational Carrying Capacity.

Since the Official Plan sets out strategies for development, it is important we have input on how Kahshe and Bass Lakes will be developed and re-developed. **Please** take some time to provide feedback on the development topics on which the Town is focused.



## Wigwam Septic System – Final Decision, summary prepared by Ron Pearson

The KLRA has recently been informed by the Government of Ontario's Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) that a 2014 Director's Order issued by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) against the owners of the former Wigwam Lodge property and the Town of Gravenhurst has now been revoked and the appeal dismissed.

The Director's Order, which was issued under the Ontario Water Resources Act R.S.O. 1990, required remedial measures to deal with sewage management issues on the Wigwam property and on adjacent road allowances. As part of the ERT appeal process, the KLRA attended a preliminary hearing in November 2014 and was granted 'Presenter' status. This allowed the KLRA to participate in the actual hearing, which was held on April 7, 2015 in Gravenhurst. As a participant in the ERT hearing process, the KLRA received all supporting evidence prepared by both parties and underscored our desire to see this issue resolved. The KLRA's review of MOECC's evidence clearly demonstrated a history of non-compliance reports and Orders dating back to the 1980s and confirmed that the sewage system at the Wigwam property did not comply with current regulatory requirements. At the April 2015 hearing, the MOECC agreed to a 'Stay' of their Director's order pending the satisfactory completion by the Wigwam property owner of a number of remedial measures which were to be completed by October 1, 2015 and verified by the MOECC. At a teleconference held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the MOECC confirmed that remedial measures and permit applications undertaken by the owners over the course of the summer addressed all of the action items required in the Stay agreement. Briefly summarized, these included:

- Replacement of the original sewage works with a properly permitted and Town of Gravenhurst inspected and approved new system with a design capacity of less than 10,000 L/day under the Ontario Building Code;
- The installation of new components, the cleaning of the existing leaching bed and removal of all sewage works components, pipes, plumbing and wiring from the Shore Road Allowance immediately adjacent to Kahshe Lake; and,
- The application for and revocation by the MOECC of the existing Certificate of Approval for sewage works issued in 1974.

Based on the foregoing actions and acceptance by the MOECC, the ERT issued its final decision to revoke the Order and dismiss the appeal on December 2, 2015. The KLRA is satisfied that this is consistent with our organization's mission to preserve the Kahshe environment and to ensure equitable treatment of all property owners by regulating authorities.

Bob Reyburn, George Lindsay, Greig Holder and Ron Pearson - KLRA Conservation Committee

## The 2016 Kahshe Country Crafts Show, Sunday July 31st, 10 am – 3 pm at Rockhaven Inn.

The primary beneficiary will be **Muskoka Victim Services** which will be manning the food booth again this year. Last year the Show raised and donated \$3000 to MVS. We're hoping that the Gravenhurst Fire Department will have the man power to be able to join us this year. **Sawdust City Brewery** has also expressed an interest in returning. There is interest in expanding into other areas of entertainment and extending the hours to accommodate this. An interested party has expressed interest in setting up a "KIDS ZONE".



**This year** we want to start a **volunteer group** interested in helping the Show to maintain the integrity set out by its original founder, Lois Ogle. We are proposing that volunteers start by sharing emails and then meet together once spring is here. If you have any interest or knowledge that can help the Show, please share it with us by volunteering for this group. Volunteers are needed: to deliver flyers on the lake or in the local area, to bake, to collect baked goods or other donations, to man the book, bake, raffle and silent auction tables, to direct parking and to recruit new craft vendors. Volunteering does not have to mean long hours for you. Any and all time and knowledge will be appreciated. The Show recognizes and honours student volunteer hours.

Please email me at [judyring@bellnet.ca](mailto:judyring@bellnet.ca) and lets get the show started.

## What's on at the Lake and in Gravenhurst in 2016!

**The Gravenhurst Opera House is proud to be presenting its 82nd Season of Summer Theatre in Muskoka!**



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**For further information, contact our Box Office**

### KLRA Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Annual General Meeting	Sunday July 10th	10:00	tbd
Housey's Rapids Picnic	Saturday July 16th	1:00 - 5:00	Bass Lake Park
Paddling Workshop	to be confirmed		Nagaya Beach
Kids' Fishing Derby	Saturday July 23rd	9:00 - 3:00 Trophies 3:30	Denne's Dock
KLRA Regatta	Saturday August 6th	10:00 - 2:00	Nagaya Beach

### Other Kakshe Events

**The Kakshe Craft Show**      Sunday July 31st      10:00 - 3:00      Rockhaven

**Read Judy Ring's appeal for volunteers on page 4.**

Several local events take place on the lake such as the **Deep Bay Corn Roast** and the **Oak Road Barbecue**.

If you would like your event mentioned in the Krier, let me know! And write me a report!

**[keithonkakshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkakshe@bell.net)**

**And for those of you who spend the winter or parts thereof up at the lake, check out the offerings of The Ryde Community Centre**

### **Music Night in Ryde – Ryde's Homemade "Jam (Sessions)"**

Join us **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 to 9 pm for an evening of folk and gospel music. Bring your instrument or just come and enjoy. Admission is for members only but join for \$10 at the door. Light refreshments will be available and donations of refreshments will be greatly appreciated. Jam sessions will be scheduled for the **first Saturday** of every month until April. *For more info, call Brian Gowanlock at 705-329-4010.*

#### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Bid Euchre – Every **Wednesday** at the RCC from 1 pm.
- VON SMART Exercise program – Every **Monday & Wednesday** at 9:30 am.
- Tai Chi and Qigong – **Thursdays** – 10:30 – 11:30 am – \$2
- Music – Ryde's Homemade Jam – **First Saturday** of the month – 7 to 9 pm. Membership required. Family event. Fee: Donation
- Potluck Dinner – Jan. 23rd- everyone brings a dish! \$5/person – members only.



**News Flash!**

**IT'S OURS!!!** At a special meeting on January 11th, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board voted unanimously to accept the offer made by the Ryde Community Co-op for the Ryde Public School.

Check the Ryde website <http://rydecommunityco-op.com> for Celebration Date Announcement!

## IN MEMORIAM

**“Sir” Ross Edward ROADKNIGHT 1940-2015**

Ross went bravely to his eternal rest, December 20 2015.

He is survived by his son, Bradley and his grand-daughter...and many family and friends. At 75 years of age, he still kept himself quite busy.

His cottage was his sanctuary. He had been going up to Kahshe since he was a small child and has shared stories of those early days right here in the Kahshe Krier under the title "The way it was". These are just a few of his favourite things, not necessarily in this order: venison, blueberry pie, pickerel, partridge with gravy. He always loved being up on the rocks, being up deep in the bush in late fall, not just to hunt, but to be one with nature. Dad and I had several run-ins with bears just north of the Sam Cook road. "Way up on the Rocks" he fondly called that area.

Ross spent a lot of time in the old Houseys` Rapids General store, and was a big help to the owner, Sam Coade. The Summerland General store was another favourite hang-out where he also attended Saturday night dances as a young lad. "Archie Fitchett" called the tunes back then and played a mean fiddle.

Suffice to say, Ross will be sorely missed.

*Bradley Roadknight*

**Editor's note 1:** *Ross and his brothers often called each other Sir ..?.. , since they were descended from Roadknights knighted in 1221. "Sir" Bradley Roadknight has agreed to record some of Ross's stories for "The Way It Was" series.*

**Vern Taylor 1931- 2015**

Vern Taylor was a part of Kahshe Lake history. He grew up at the Housey's Rapids General Store and Post Office that his parents ran from 1934 to 1957. As soon as Vern was old enough, he was helping his parents, often driving the delivery boat that serviced the needs of cottagers on Kahshe.

When Hydro arrived in the area in 1949, Vern worked on the crew that put in the main line, and also wired many of the new cottages with the minimum requirement: one light and one outlet!

In the 1950's Vern and his wife, Barbara Churchill, whose family were also early cottagers, built their first cottage, where they raised three boys, Kim, Chris and Andrew. Water sports and boats were the centre of their lives, and the "seaflea" addiction was born when Vern built the first boat for the boys in the 60's.

Life was good to the family until the summer 1981, when Barbara was killed in a car accident. Their lives were changed forever. As fate would have it, the lake was to bring another Barbara (Petersen) into Vern's life in 1982, a cottage friendship that joined their two families forever, and added sons Kim and Vagn Petersen to the "crew".

Life at the cottage became almost a year round thing for Vern when he retired in 1986. A new cottage, built on the lake in 1984, grew to become a permanent home for Vern and Barb by 1992, and Vern's dream of returning to the lake was complete. One of the highlights of Vern's life was when Andrew and his wife also bought property on the lake.

Vern spent many hours on the lake, water skiing, windsurfing and helping all the folks around him. Often Vern would be the first out on the open water in the spring. The wonderful friends on the lake continued to make boating trips a treat.

Vern was well known as the John Deere man who wouldn't think of going away in the winter as he felt people relied on him to clear their roads. We all know that Vern was well known for far more than that.

Summers were spent close to the lake which meant that trips were planned for spring and fall. In the later years, Vern found great joy in traveling across Canada by train, many times.

While Vern was battling cancer, life went on in a new normal. Family and friends added spice to our lives. Memories were made to the last moments. Vern passed away at his home on the lake, October 24, 2015. We know well that he will always be here in our hearts.



**Editor's note 2:** *It is sadly ironic that Ross Roadknight and his great friend, Vern Taylor, passed away within a couple of months of each other. Vern, too, had promised to write some of his stories for the Krier, but his illness prevented this. His wife, Barb, has agreed to write them in his memory. Watch for "The Building of Owindia" in the May Krier. I will personally miss both of these fine "old-timers".*

### In Memoriam

## Marian Evans, ? – July 2015

Marian passed away last July after spending 70 summers on Kahshe Lake. Marian's early visits to Kahshe were to the cottage of Roy and Dorothy Evans on North Kahshe Lake Road. She later married their son, Bill, and in 1967 Bill built a cottage on Evans Island. Marian's daughter, Jan, and son, Steve, continue to enjoy Kahshe Lake.



Marian and Bill

Let us also remember **Pauline Martin**, a cottager on North Kahshe Lake Road, who passed away early in November. If any family member or friend would like to submit an **In Memoriam** piece, I would be happy to include it in the May Krier. *Ed.*

## The *Online Boutique* has been a great success.

Many Kahshe Kalendars were sold and you can now purchase **online** your very own copy of

### The Healing Waters of Kahshe,

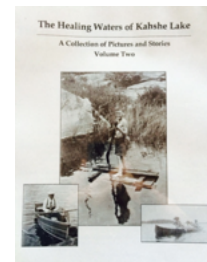
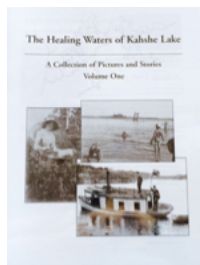
the 2 collections of stories, anecdotes and pictures about the early days of life on Kahshe, gathered, and edited by Clare Henderson. After another successful summer last year, we are pleased to tell you that the

### *Kahshe Boutique*

will again operate at all **KLRA events** and other activities on the lake.

Be sure to visit us and show your support.

*A detailed ad, listing the items for sale and their prices, will appear in the next newsletter in May.*



### Recognition for the KLRA

This paragraph appeared in the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) 2015 Newsletter

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For the past three years, KLRA has rewarded those whose efforts have contributed to the well-being of the community, by awarding an annual Outstanding Volunteer Award! Nominees have invested their time and talent, while contributing to the life of the lake and its surroundings, promoting community goodwill or safe practices on and around the lake, and fostering communication. What a great way to thank great volunteers! No wonder KLRA welcomed more than 30 new volunteers this past year.

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