

# The Kahshe Krier



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## Election Issue

The 2018 Municipal Elections are fast approaching and Kahshe residents have the opportunity to vote for a Ward 4 Councillor and for 3 District of Muskoka Councillors.

Pages 5-9 of this issue contain submissions from all 6 of the candidates for these positions, putting forward their reasons for deserving our vote. Acclaimed Mayor, Paul Kelly, and acclaimed Ward 3 Councillor, Steven Klinck, have also submitted summaries of positions.

In addition, several members of the KLRA Board along with board members from other lake associations attended a two-hour All-Candidates meeting, and all candidates were interviewed by a committee consisting of Presidents or Directors of five different associations including the KLRA. A joint communique will be sent out later this month.

**VOTE and VOTE WISELY**



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## Kahshe Lake Cottage Architecture - Part Two

by Rob Abbott

### Between the Wars

Although cottaging was in full swing on Simcoe, Couchiching and Sparrow Lakes, and on the three big Muskoka Lakes where trains and steamers made it possible, it had just been too difficult to get to and from Kahshe Lake on a regular basis. However, as cars became more affordable, owning a cottage on Kahshe Lake became possible. And with a privately owned cottage, mothers and children could spend the entire summer "at the cottage" and away from the city where fathers would return each week (with the car). Services were a real issue, since there was no electricity, no running water, and no grocery store. Communities of small, not necessarily waterfront, 50 or 60 ft lots, began to appear: Nagaya Beach for example. Services such as groceries, stove oil, ice, mail (remember no phones or internet) and the all important Honey Man (more on that later), became available without the need for a car or boat as your entire summer supply of dry goods, including canned evaporated milk, could be ordered from Eaton's and delivered to your door or landing.

These early cottages tended to be small, square-ish, simple structures with tented or gable steeply pitched roofs. Low initial cost (there was little operating cost) was a principle consideration. Since they were designed for summer use exclusively; there was no insulation, no basement, no eaves-troughs and rafter tails were exposed. They were almost exclusively single storey as nobody wanted to sleep where all the heat in the building collects.



Windows tended to be small and multi-paned, most were double hung, and many were salvaged storm windows hinged on the inside. If not included in the original construction, one of the first additions would be a covered porch or veranda which usually started out as a place to sit out of the sun and rain, but very quickly got screened in, providing a cooler place to sleep on hot summer nights. As finances afforded, these got glassed in and became sun rooms which, when outfitted with a musty old studio couch, provided extra lounging space. Shutters were made, either permanently hinged or removable to protect these windows.



Wherever possible, building materials were sourced locally. Structural lumber was rough-sawn, full dimensional (i.e. a 2x4 measured 2" by 4") except for the main beams and perhaps the roof rafters which might be logs or timbers flat on one or 2 sides. The many local sawmills made milled pine siding and panelling, the popular and economical choice for the interior and exterior. Even hardware may have come from a nearby foundry or have been salvaged from an old building. Mortared rocks formed the foundations and the fireplace, if there was one. If not, a simple stove oil heater or wood stove provided the heating. Construction materials often arrived by horse and sleigh in winter as this was the easiest way to move large heavy loads given the conditions of the roads, or if you weren't on the road.

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### President's Report

This summer showed us what a great community we have here at Kahshe, and how lucky we are. We had some great events and wonderful weather. Soon it will be time to winterize many of our cottages and close down until next year.



This is a significant election year for Gravenhurst, with a new incoming Mayor and a major turnover of our Councillors. The KLRA has worked closely with a consortium of other lake associations, including the MLA to review and identify the candidates that we feel collectively will best represent a team that will:

- 1- work and support (all lake associations) more closely
- 2- support an agenda that will put the environment before large waterfront high density development
- 3- be more fiscally transparent and responsible

A joint communiqué will be issued in September outlining the lake association's analysis and opinion.

We encourage all vote-eligible members to vote this year and ensure your voice is heard.

Have a great fall and winter,

*Steve Wild* President, KLRA

## IN MEMORIAM

### John Kehl, 1951 - 2018

On Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> over 400 people celebrated the amazing life of John Kehl. Born in 1951, John packed much into his short life, which ended tragically on August 11 at Kahshe Lake. He was the son of the late Jack and Dorothy Kehl; the brother of Judy Giles and Kathy Kehl; the devoted husband of Bonnie, and loving father of Lauren and Adam. Having grown up near Nagaya Beach, it was important to John that he and Bonnie should have their own piece of paradise on Kahshe. So one of their first endeavours was to build their cottage in Grant's Bay. John took great pride in everything he did.



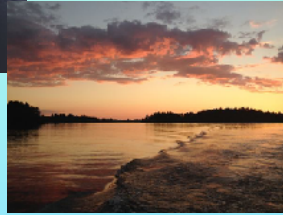
In business, John was an accomplished chartered accountant. In his personal life, he was an unequalled host, an avid competitor, an amazing cook, a knowledgeable wine connoisseur and an unwavering advocate for Kahshe Lake. He was generous, kind, hospitable, charitable, always with a smile on his face. He will be missed by many on Kahshe Lake, as well as many around the world.

## 2018 Photo Contest Winners

Michael Crosby  
First Place  
Wildlife



Lori Beesley  
First Place  
Landscape



Carole Annan  
First Place  
Life on Kahshe



Erik Vurma  
First Place  
Kids Eye View

Stephen Houlden  
First Place  
Kids on Kahshe

To see all the entries, go to [kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca), click on Events/Photo Contest/2018

## Once again the **Kahshe Country Crafts Show** is "Giving Back to the Community".

In 1983, Lois Ogle, the show's founder, started the show as a way to showcase the talent of her daughter, Nancy Gray

Ogle. Add in some more local talent and an annual show was born. Lois always wanted this show to be a non-profit event and to give to different organizations that needed a boost with their fundraising.

Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> was a gorgeous, hot day for this outdoor event. The vendors were at their best and visitors started early and were steady throughout the 5 hour show. We were very lucky to have some of Gravenhurst's finest firefighters manning the food booth for us.

**The Gravenhurst Fire Fighters Association (GFFA)** was pleased to assist with the Kahshe Country Crafts Show this year.

*"Association members consist of current and retired volunteers who provide fire fighting services within the Town. Our goal is to be active and present within the community. We also strive to provide opportunities for our members and their families to get together for special events such as pancake breakfasts and barbecues to promote camaraderie and enhance our sense of family. Thanks to the very generous support that the membership is receiving from the Craft Show we will be able to donate a portion of the proceeds locally."*

This year the Kahshe Country Crafts Show raised \$4000.00 to give to the **Gravenhurst Firefighter Association**.

To date the Kahshe Country Crafts Show has raised and donated over \$100,000.00 throughout the Muskoka community. We cannot thank our many repeat donors enough, Kahshe Barge Services, Gravenhurst Canadian Tire, Gravenhurst Tim Hortons, and Gadsby of Gravenhurst. Their donations, of money or of items for the silent auction and prizes, have helped raise our total donations throughout the years. There are many more occasional donors to whom we're also grateful for their

donations.

Thanks again to Judy Henderson for organizing an outstanding book sale and bake sale. Judy's contribution is invaluable year after year.

We would very much like to recruit some more volunteers for as many or few hours or for whatever job(s) that they can see to contribute. The show is a good opportunity for students to work some of their volunteer hours.



# VOTE WISELY

by phone on October 22  
online from October 12 to October 22

## The Candidates have their say

Both candidates for Ward 4 Councillor (1 position) and each of the four candidates for District Council (3 positions) were asked to respond to **one or more** of the following questions in 500 words or less:

*What do you see as key areas for development in the future? What kind of industry or retail would be acceptable?*

*What is your view of the large lakeside development projects being proposed in the area?*

*What are the three major threats to Muskoka that you see and how are you going to address them in your role?*

*Please describe your position when development impacts negatively on the environment, for example, high density residences, clear cutting, shoreline disruption, etc... How will you address this conflict if elected?*

Here are their responses.

### Ward 4 Councillor — Marc Mantha

How did Bracebridge's core business area evolved differently from our own? Some of it has to do with passive versus active commercial property owners and opportunities we passed up. I took the time to meet with all the region's mayors of Muskoka to learn more about these kinds of issues.

We still have lots of folks who trek to other towns for things you can't get here. We're getting better on the small business side, but still need to evolve to compete and keep more dollars in Gravenhurst. I have some thoughts on what kinds of retailers that might be, but I need to hear more from the community to paint a picture of what that "should" be. I'm here to help.

I was at Wallace Bay (Lake Rosseau) in Minette on the day of the big Save Muskoka Rally. Why go outside my municipality? I wanted to witness and hear first hand from those citizens what matters most to them.

Because we just had our own similar lakeside development issue with Moody Bay on Gull Lake here in Gravenhurst at our recent Planning Council Meeting. The application for the Moody Bay Development was defeated. A rare move. The public turn out was exceptional. That is democracy in action.

There needs to be a shift in defining our official plan. The message was clear.

1. "The environment is our economy". The "only" words I wrote in my notebook at the recent All Candidates Meeting sponsored by the Muskoka Lakes Association, Friends of Muskoka. I wrote those words down long before the question came up later in the evening.

My responses to the YES or NO speed round at that meeting have much more behind them. If that was a way of determining candidates that are aligned with the MLA, that doesn't work for me. I may be much more aligned with the MLA than they believe.

2. Growth and Change and how we manage it...now more than ever.

3. Attainable Housing. We need a whole new way of looking at how "Attainable Housing" is defined and planned. After the fact is too late. Be PROACTIVE, not REACTIVE.

A program on the "front end". It can take on many forms, in many ways. We'll need to figure out how that works. The recent clear cutting on a property at Kakshe Lake was very disturbing.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your compelling questions.

Have a great summer everyone! There's still some left.

*Marc Mantha*

### Ward 4 Councillor — Terry Pilger

*Clean light industry* is always preferred for this type of economic growth. Gravenhurst would do well to attract businesses that would be situated in and around the Muskoka airport such as aerospace or logistics companies and others related to the aviation industries. I would like to see us build on and expand the current regional (continued overleaf)

airline services between Muskoka and Toronto to places beyond. This would be a great enhancement to commerce and tourism. I believe there could also be an appetite for small specialized organic farms to further augment Savour Muskoka.

As far as retail goes, the Town of Gravenhurst has produced a recent Retail Mix & Gap Analysis It's my opinion that the new council needs to utilize this important document to encourage infilling current retail space. Such work should utilize resources such as the chamber of commerce and B IA that will encourage the supporting of our local stores by permanent and seasonal residents as well as the traveling public.

*Proposed Large lakeside projects* must be approached with a lot of caution, complicated by various ownership models the impact would be long lasting (i.e. condos, timeshares, resorts or freehold homes etc.) I believe the key is to stick close to the policies approved in the official plan to reduce negative effects on our lakes. Each application needs to be vigilantly reviewed to ensure its suitability to the area and its potential impact on services as well as the character and quality of our lakes. We need to ensure that nothing slips through the cracks. There continues to be economic pressure to further develop vacant environmentally sensitive lands and heritage properties. Reasonable, knowledgeable decisions need to be made to keep balance.

*Other emerging threats* include the effects of road salt on our watershed and invasive species. Both will require experience and understanding of these issues. The town needs to work with the District and province in implementing comprehensive strategies to deal with the same. The District is already closely monitoring invasive species moving into Muskoka and a road salt management plan is presently under review.

We are being impacted by climate change, more intense storm systems winter and summer. The likelihood is that we will have periods of drought and potential for major forest fires. We need to enhance our emergency preparedness plan. We have witnessed areas around the world devastated by fire, a major incident would make our other problems pale by comparison.

*Protecting our lakes and rivers* and respecting that property owners have development rights is always a delicate balance. I think that Gravenhurst needs to make it a priority to improve regulation when it comes to site alteration near waterways. I would see doing this by insisting on a working session and/ or round table discussion ASAP that would include our stakeholders. Subject matter would include reporting systems, consequences for violation as well as education. Two-way communication is essential.

*Jerry Pilger*

**District Council — Sandy Cairns**

I was born in London Ontario and began my life here in

Gravenhurst on the shores of Lake Muskoka. My late father, Les Barnes, was a Gravenhurst native and actually met my mom on Kahshe Lake.

I spent most of my summers on Lake Muskoka at our family cottage, moved south for 20 years and returned to my heritage here in Gravenhurst in 1987 with my 3 sons and became a sports mom. I am now married to Marty and have a blended family of 5 amazing children, all adults now, and 10 grandchildren (yes, I did say 10) — 9 amazing girls and one boy, my perfect 10!

I started my career back in Gravenhurst as the Recreation Program Coordinator for almost 9 years, ran for Ward 1 Councillor in 2000, continued as Ward 1 Councillor and served the last two terms as District Councillor. As you can see I am passionate about Gravenhurst and the District of Muskoka and have been working diligently on your behalf, serving on many committees including but not limited to: Environment, Heritage, Winter Carnival, Communities in Bloom, Accessibility , Trails, Community Services, Board of Health an the Ontario Board of Director for Communities in Bloom.

*Key Areas for Development in the Future:* As Gravenhurst is growing we need to encourage development of mixed use for our seniors and for our younger middle income people. As I said, I have a large family and I too want to see homes, schools and local shopping. Tourism here in Gravenhurst is a large part of our economy and our industry. Good paying jobs are needed and to be encouraged as the Town grows. I believe we have great retail that is really beginning to grow uptown: the south End, the north End and the Muskoka Wharf (ONE TOWN). We need to encourage more businesses to set up shop here, so we can keep our youth and prosper all four seasons.

*Large Lakeside Development projects* are not what we need here in Muskoka. We need to protect our environment; adding more to the lakes is not environmentally responsible. We need to protect as much as we can rather than negatively impact what we have all been trying so hard to protect, preserve and improve.

We have many resorts and hotel accommodations and I believe that working with them and not against them in promoting a year-round vacation destination is what we can do to help. I love tourism and I want to be sure that we do not destroy it with high density developments and improper care and control of the natural resources we call home.

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As development happens, we as Council need to insure the OP is followed, and enforce our by-laws. So, no clear cutting, no development on the shoreline, protect our development with site plans and improvements to the vegetative buffers, so that together we can all enjoy what nature has given us to live, work and play!

Thank you KLRA for being so active and thank you for this opportunity.

*Sandy Cairns*

## **District Council — John Gordon**

The best laws are those that are unwritten.

These are based upon a common understanding of principles, practices and respect for each other.

However, our world is a lot more complicated than that and so we have, in the Municipal world, Bylaws that we are expected to abide by. One of these is the Tree Preservation Bylaw.

I saw a couple of pictures recently of a property that I believe is located on Kahshe Lake. This seems to indicate that the intent of this Bylaw was not followed.

My understanding is that the tree contractor acting for the owner claimed that “all of the trees in the area were dead or dying”. As this is a permissible action under the Bylaw, no further action was taken by the Town in this matter.

To me this does not seem to be a reasonable reaction to a situation that would appear to be outside of the expected norms of behaviour of all residents. This is not the only Bylaw in force in the Town of Gravenhurst.

My recommendations are that

1. A periodic report be provided to both the council and the public that shows meaningful information related to the Bylaw and it's enforcement.
2. That when gaps in expectations happen with any Bylaw that the matter be addressed immediately and changes be discussed and approved so that additional faults are not allowed to continue.
3. That on a regular basic, at least once every four years, that all of the Bylaws of the Town are reviewed for current relevancy, the determination of the form and frequency of reporting to Council and the public of the impacts of this Bylaw in the Town, and recommendations for modifications to the Bylaw and its' enforcement.

Please exercise your right to vote in this election. If you happen to put an **X** beside my name on the ballot, thank you very much for supporting me.

*John Gordon*

## **District Council — Randy Jorgensen**

I've been the Ward 4 Councillor for two 4-year terms,

and I'm now seeking the position of District Councillor so that I may continue to serve on Gravenhurst Town Council as well as on Muskoka District Council. The east side Kahshe Lake and all of Bass Lake are in Ward 4.

I'm always impressed with the professional manner in which the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers' Association operates, and its collaboration with the Town on many of the issues that affect us all. My wife, Sue, and I are waterfront residents ourselves, living on a small lake just north of Bass Lake for about 30 years. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Field Biology and Ecology, so I thoroughly understand of the science that forms the basis of many of our waterfront protection rules.

Along with that, I have a keen interest in the Planning and Development processes. As Chair of the Committee of Adjustment, I oversee meetings to consider Minor Variances and Severances. I'm always a vocal participant in our Planning Council meetings, where Zoning and Official Plan applications are dealt with. My approach: to listen intently, understand the evidence presented and make a decision based on the facts, planning arguments and impacts. As Councillors, it is our obligation to listen to all sides in an application and recognize that those who are both for or against an application have rights that must be upheld, and to act accordingly.

Lately, Lake Associations have focused on proposed higher density waterfront developments. In Gravenhurst, these have been few, and focussed on the urban centre of Town. We're unlikely to see higher density proposals for Kahshe Lake, as none of the waterfront is on municipal services. What we do need to watch for are any development proposals that may change the nature of the commercial sites on Kahshe Lake, as we all know how critical these facilities are to water-access residents.

Other waterfront issues on my radar: new time regulations for the Town docks, waste management issues (particularly the bins for waterfront residents), winter maintenance of roads (including the desire to increase the winter plowing of roads as more residents move full-time to the cottage) and, increasingly, the impacts of short term rentals on the quiet enjoyment of the lake for all.

Foremost is always the protection of lake health, and I strongly feel the most important aspect of this is education.

The KLRA and the Town can collaborate in spreading the news about best practices, the need to keep your shoreline as natural as possible and to have your septic system inspected and maintained on a regular basis. I have always enjoyed coming to speak at the KLRA AGM, as I did this year on Dark Sky protection through proper (continued overleaf)

lighting. By working together, we can accomplish a lot.

I look forward to continuing to work with the KLRA and ask for your support on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please visit my website [randyjorgensen.com](http://randyjorgensen.com) for more information, or email me at [randy@randyjorgensen.com](mailto:randy@randyjorgensen.com) *Randy Jorgensen*

## District Council — Heidi Lorenz

A key area for Development is the Muskoka Airport.

Gravenhurst is fortunate to have such a valuable asset within the municipality. Gravenhurst should embrace all industry and retail opportunities, providing they do not have a negative impact on the environment. We should encourage private investment that offers employment opportunities and work with agencies like Employment North to ensure there are skilled employees ready to work.

*Failing and outdated infrastructure* is a major threat to Muskoka and all municipalities. The taxpayers simply cannot afford to keep up with downloading and new mandates. We must find a solution to provide additional permanent funding through the provincial and federal governments. Crossing our fingers for grants is not an acceptable way to solve funding deficits.

*Protecting our Environment* is more of a challenge than a threat. Water testing, controlling invasive species and finding innovative, safe ways to keep our roads clean are a few examples of important programs we must expand and continue to protect our unique environment.

*Increasing costs*, although amalgamation is not the answer I believe the time has come to take a hard

look at Council Composition and the amount of staff throughout the District. It's time to collaborate with the District and neighbouring municipalities to evaluate services and find efficiencies to reduce costs for all ratepayers.

We must be prudent when it comes to protecting the environment, all waterfront development should be heavily scrutinized and exceptions to the Official Plan should be limited if permitted at all.

Educating people on shoreline disruption and clear cutting is an important step to try and prevent it from happening. There should be hefty fines and remediation at the owners expense. It is difficult to regulate selfishness and peoples disregard for the environment but I certainly would support tough measures to prevent it. *Heidi Loren*

## Acclaimed Mayor — Paul Kelly

It is important for me to recognize that our community is made up of both seasonal and permanent residents. Although the focus of their concerns may be slightly different, we all need to work collaboratively to make Gravenhurst the best it can be.

As articulated on several occasions, I have identified the importance of what I believe in and value through the acronym 'C.R.E.S.T.'

**Communications:** listening, speaking and responding are the most critical elements in proactively moving in a positive direction.

**Relationships:** **everyone** matters, residents come first and we have to build bridges between the numerous stakeholders in our community.

**Environment:** as the key to why we love Muskoka, we need to preserve, enhance and plan responsibly.

**Strategy:** as there are many competing issues facing Gravenhurst, it is important to follow the Strategic Plan developed in 2015.

Although we need to review and assess this plan, we still need to focus our energy and resources and be innovative.

**Transparency:** in order that residents are kept informed, council and staff must be responsible, accountable and available.

In addressing the major concerns identified on Kahshe Lake, I would hope that all involved would work collaboratively to find solutions that provide win-win results whenever possible.

The need to address docking space for water access property owners will require all parties to meet and discuss a variety of options that would help to ensure availability for the long term. I believe that one way to achieve this could include a meetings with representatives of KLRA, Council, Staff and business owners to address the challenge and brainstorm options that should involve seeking sustainable solutions.

In protecting Muskoka, the Environment is not a stand-alone issue, I believe as mentioned through C.R.E.S.T. that it is part of the lens by which we as a community should view all aspects of life in Gravenhurst. Planning related development whether it be housing development, minor variances, zoning amendments, etc. does require staff and council to analyze the impact on environmental sustainability.

The clear cutting of properties across Gravenhurst as I think most would agree, is harmful to both the environment and the economy. I believe all of our residents have chosen Muskoka as their home or seasonal get-away in large part because of our environment. There are at least three suggestions that might assist in the reduction of these situations:

- that the new Council as part of its education, review existing bylaws to better understand the present rules and to suggest possible changes
- that residents should be educated about the Tree Preservation Bylaw
- that, at the early permit request stage, the Planning Department Checklist be reviewed with each applicant who would require tree removal.

Communication is critical to a collaborative effort in finding sustainable solutions to many issues.

*Paul Kelly*



## Acclaimed Ward 3 Councillor — Steven Klinck

Like many of you, I've spent all my life as a resident of Kahshe lake, and like all of you I treasure our lake's beauty and, charm. As your representative I will strive to ensure Kahshe lake remains an accessible, clean, and safe community for all its residents.

Since we are now acquainted— I would like to get down to business. The KLRA has extended me to this opportunity to respond to three major concerns facing our lake. First is the issue of sufficient docking for water-access cottages in the event that our marinas (Denne's or Rockhaven) is redeveloped and/or sold. Second is our need to protect the environment, especially from overdevelopment; and thirdly the problem of clear-cutting on shoreline properties. These three issues are a concern for both our seasonal, and year-round residents. Even though some of these issues may not affect you directly, I would like to remind you that we are all stewards of Kahshe lake's beauty, and our properties equity.

In respect to the issue of sufficient docking for water-access cottages, I would first like to say as having an island property in my family I am very aware of the necessity for vehicle, and boat parking availability. That being said, I believe it is the responsibility of municipal council to protect the equity of all its residents. In the event that both the marinas should fail to operate, the town would have to step to ensure the needs of the islanders of Kahshe are met.

The second concern is one facing many lakes throughout Muskoka, that being the protection of our environment, especially in regards to overdevelopment. In short I am firmly against high-density, and excessive waterfront development in its various forms. I personally think it takes away from our community's allure, with the added potential for harming the environment, and the aesthetic charm we all share, and cherish.

The third concern is closely related to the second, but isn't always connected to development. This is the issue of clear-cutting on shoreline properties. This issue affects not only our property value, but directly violates a Town of Gravenhurst bylaw that restricts this type of property alteration. As your representative I will stand out against clear-cutting, and will work to ensure our environment is repaid for its losses— if you remove a tree, you plant a tree. In addition it should be noted that many experts, including the Muskoka Watershed Council consistently advocate for retaining as much of our natural shorelines as possible; This is a principal that I strongly agree with.

Many thanks to the KLRA for providing me this opportunity to address you, as your acclaimed Ward 3 councillor I look forward to meeting, and working with and for you all. See you on the lake,

*Steven Klinck*

## The 14th Annual Kahshe Lake Regatta

**Nagaya Beach – Saturday August 11th, 2018 - 10am-2pm**

Nagaya Beach was rocking back on August 11th as close to 150 Kahshe Lake types enjoyed the annual regatta!

A great time was had by all who took part in a mix of events, including sandcastle building, swimming races and the very popular cardboard boat races and design competition!

A highlight of this years' event was the Floss Dance break, which saw kids and parents giving the current dance craze a try! The much anticipated Tug-Of-War was a true challenge - with the girls taking the win - AGAIN!

Official thanks to all the volunteers for making this such a fun event by manning the prize/awards table, recording names and placings, picking up buns, and water and ice and condiments, for set-up and tear-down, for standing in the water for ALL the swimming and boating events (yay Fred), for raking the beach (yay Ron), for the music AND sound system, BBQing, art tent supervising, pinch hitting where ever needed, picture taking and for...well, volunteering.



Bravo to Alison for being an enthusiastic MC, including juggling events and the schedule, and Flossing, to make sure the day ran smoothly. Thanks to Keith and Gord, who made sure we had the "left overs" from the Housey's Rapids picnic and took the time to answer numerous logistics questions (i.e. Where is the BBQ?) Nice to have had Cassidy and Chelsea as our high school volunteers. And Libby and Ella who couldn't officially earn community hours, as they are not quite in high-school yet. :) Thanks girls.

Shout out to the KLRA Boutique volunteers who spent the day selling swag, making connections with regatta attendees, managing membership and questions of all types. Extra thanks to Dave Purdon from **Muskoka Meats** for once again donating all the hot dogs and sausages!

*Maureen Smithers*

**THE Social Event  
of the summer !!**

## Housey's Rapids 57th Annual Picnic

A perfect day welcomed almost 100 picnickers to the beautiful Bass Lake Park for the 2018 Houseys Rapids Picnic on July 21. The KLRA barbecue was fired up cooking sausages and hot dogs for all. Lots of youngsters enjoyed picnic games like 3-legged races and the classic Bucket Brigade.

The not-so-youngsters competed in the annual tournament for horseshoe heaving supremacy and the coveted Cathy Dunphy Broken Horseshoe Trophy went this year to Mike Pilger and Bob Rayburn. The men broke a losing streak by winning the Tug-O-War and the Lucky Draw produced many smiling winners. Lively conversations and lots of laughs were shared with old and new friends. It was a fantastic day and we look forward to next year when we will do it again with some new twists.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the organization - a fantastic committee. Special thanks to our sponsors including: Muskoka Meats, Muskoka Springs, Muskoka Steamships, Gravenhurst Opera House, Green Line Hose & Fittings, and individuals who contributed to the prize table.

See you next year! Circle **July 20** on your calendar.

*Gord Robinson,* Picnic Convenor

Event	First	Second	Third
Egg & Spoon Race (under 8 Yrs)	Julian DeFrasne	Madeline Illey Olivia Illey	Peighton DeRomana
Egg & Spoon Race (8 - 10 Yrs)	Cloe Caputo	Morgan Bell	Kent Robinson
Egg & Spoon Race (10 Yrs & up)	Sebastian Caputo Seb Schmitt	Noah Illey	Jasmine DeFrasne
Sack Race (under 8 Yrs)	Jasmine DeFrasne	Julian Defrasne	Cloe Caputo
Sack Race (under 8 Yrs)	Madeline Illey Olivia Illey	Noah Illey	Carrson DeRomana
Sack Race (8-10 Yrs)	Seb Schmitt	Sebastian Caputo	Kent Robinson Noah Illey
Water Balloon Toss	Chaos!		
Hula Hoop	Noah Illey	Olivia Illey	Jasmine DeFrasne
Bean Bag Toss	Sebastian Caputo	Mia	Morgan Bell
3 Legged Race	Graydon Robinson	Noah Illey	Morgan Bell



*The 10th Annual Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby*

Wow! Another successful fishing derby for Kakshe kids, despite rain. 54 children entered fish plus several siblings who also fished with no entry. KLRA funded trophies for first place winners, \$7 for 2nd place winners, and \$5 for third place. Every first fish won a loot bag provided by Nick Arnott. For those 13-15, nets, reels, and backpack were donated by Nick Arnott, Blackjack Bucktail, Gagnon Sports, Streamside, Glen Boyd Construction, Bass Magnet Lures (705) 349-8150, Bracebridge Yamaha, and Stephanie Boyd.

BLUEGILL	1st	Colton Cameron	9"
(sunfish)	2nd	Brandon Wayland	8 3/4"
	3rd	Landon Cameron	8 1/4"
PERCH	1st	Erin Kelly	7 7/8"
	2nd	Jax Quist	7 5/8"
	3rd	Erin Kelly	8 1/4"
ROCK BASS	1st	Leo Flatt	9 1/8"
	2nd	Landon Cameron	8 7/8"
	3rd	Mia Caputo	5 3/4"
SMALLMOUTH BASS	1st	Ashley Waylund	16 3/8"
	2nd	Damon Coles	14 7/8"
	3rd	Phillip Pearce	14 3/8"
LARGEMOUTH BASS	1st	Trystin Boyd	16 3/8"
	2nd	Addy Halting	17 1/8"
	3rd	Hilary Irwin	11 5/8"
WALLEYE (pickerel)	1st	Jackson Long	21"
	2nd	Jackson Long	19 1/2"
	3rd	Jackson Long	17 3/4"
PIKE	1st	Hilary Halting	28"
	2nd	Natalie Long	24 3/8"
	3rd	Marcus Selva	21"



SPECIAL AWARD to Mia Caputo who landed a bluegill heavily bitten by a pike!

We (Ken and Karen Long, Sandra Moad and Toivo Madras) wish to thank all donors and teenage volunteers — Megan Davies, Nick Arnott, and Keaton Appleton. Looking forward to bigger and better in 2019!

*Kudos*

to all those amazing volunteers who organize and help out at all the lake events, but especially those whose volunteering is not in public view, especially Dennis Howchin and Carson DeForest who repaired the swimming raft at Nagoya Beach, the members of the Rock Marker Committee who help to keep Kakshe boaters safe, and individuals like Lauren Koenig who fundraise to improve the Kakshe experience.

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