



# FALL 2008

Lake Kashagawigamog  
Organization

November 13 2008

## President's Message

**Graham Parkinson**

First let me say how pleased I am to take on the leadership of the LKO with its dedicated board, its effective lake stewards and its supportive area representatives. I have been a cottager on the lake since 1958 and on the LKO board since 2006. During the past two years. I have discovered the depth of its activities along with the efforts of other complementary organizations with whom we are involved.

Until 2006 I viewed the lake as a private retreat and made little effort to extend my involvement beyond my own interests. As the LKO web master, my perception of Haliburton expanded when I began to post Alerts regarding important issues to our members and to update the Community Links web pages. To this point I have reached three conclusions. First, there is the need to extend our thanks to Stan Peck for his leadership over the past four years. His time, efforts and direction have had a significant impact on our organization. As a result it remains on top of important issues and is respected within the community. Second, with the active participation of our members, the LKO has been able to take action on the interests and concerns brought to our attention. Some examples include the initiation of the annual regatta led by John Puffer and his committee, representation at the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow by Bill Switzer and Steve & Susan Rivette and Rob Davis who have monitored and explained the potential actions to be taken concerning the water quality of our lake. Third, there are many organizations within the region which contribute to the Haliburton way of life which we all enjoy. Take a look at the variety of active organizations in our area by clicking on the website community links. Many of these organizations could use our support. (cont'd pg 2)

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### POINTS of INTEREST

- 2009 AGM  
Sat. June 20, 2009  
Northern Lights
- CHECK WEBSITE!  
**[www.lko.on.ca](http://www.lko.on.ca)**  
For updates on  
Water Testing  
C.E.W.F.  
C.A.P.T.R./W.R.A.F.T.  
Community events

## President's Message continued

Graham Parkinson

Thank you to those members who sent letters or emails to their government representatives regarding the recommendation of the panel on the Trent Severn Waterway to form an Independent Water Management Agency. We believe that this agency would be the foundation upon which a modern day water management model can be built. If you were unable to write but would like to do so, go to the LKO website for additional information.

Also, if you are concerned about the negative impacts resulting from Ontario's approach to the determination of municipal taxes, go to the Coalition After Property Tax Reform web site (<http://www.captr.org/>), review their concerns and strategy, and then consider signing their petition.

The 2008 membership drive allowed members to make additional payments to help fund specific LKO activities. Your response was overwhelming and has resulted in certain unspent funds as of October 31. These funds are quantified in the Treasurer's Report. The contributions towards "Water Quality Testing" exceeded our planned spending. We are currently looking at additional activities related to this issue which will be discussed at our next General Meeting.

The report by Anne Nickson on the Lakeland Conference covers a number of interesting topics with appropriate links to permit additional analysis.

On behalf of the board I wish you all a happy and healthy winter and we look forward to your support in the coming year.

## 2008 Regatta Photo Collage

Rob Davis





## 2008 Regatta Highlights

Michelle Bailey

The third annual LKO regatta on July 24th was another great success!

The regatta committee was challenged with finding a new venue this year and was delighted to be welcomed by **Rick Ruttig**, local business owner of Haliburton Artesian Wells on Lake Kashagawigamog Road. The committee worked very hard to ensure we had a fun-filled family event for all who participated, watched and/or volunteered.

While the weather continued to threaten our fun, the storms held off and even helped us have the fastest post-event cleanup in history. The fast clean up allowed for lots of relaxation time at the deck of the Bonnieview for cocktail hour.

As detailed in the photo collage on page 2 (opposite), the regatta was officially opened by bag piper, **Rodney Hull**. Events included the famous tug of war, remarkable volleyball games, a nature hunt, a face painting tent and challenging swim races. The long distance canoe race was a hit, even though not all the canoes stayed afloat. It was amazing to see all of the competitors working very hard to paddle through the great waters of Kashagawigamog! Many hot dogs were eaten for only 50¢ each and fresh drinking water was served from Rick's own well.

The **Red team**, with seasoned captains **Laurie** and **Adam McFarland**, worked hard and pulled together to secure first place. The **Orange team**, captained by **Sarah Fallis** and **Kenzie Hull** put in a valiant attempt and landed second place. **Tim** and **Doug Higgins** led the **Yellow team** to a third place position. Rounding out the event was the **Pink team** with captains **Elle Lytle** and **Stephanie Grant**. Thank you to those volunteer captains for making it all happen!! Thank you also to the many other volunteers who, by sharing the load, made it easier for everyone including Peter and Eileen Overington, John Childs, Mary Peck, Ken and Taya Rosenberg, Monica Horning.

Thanks also goes to our sponsors **Bryson's Marine**, **Marcus Beach**, **the Royal Lepage Trillium Team**. Without them this regatta could not have happened. Thanks also to all of the LKO members who supported the event through their donations via the annual renewal form. Special thanks to our first aid provider, **Lisa Carey**, who was there to make sure we were all safe during the regatta. The regatta committee included chairs: Kirsten Sixt and John Puffer and members: Carolyn and Lynn Childs, Stan Peck, Rob Davis, Catharine Hoare, Michelle Baily, Alex Lytle and Heather Godden.

Stay tuned for details regarding the 2009 regatta – the committee is hard at work securing a location and date. If anyone is interested in helping out with the regatta, please email **Kirsten Sixt** at [ksixt@hullandhull.com](mailto:ksixt@hullandhull.com) or **Michelle Baily** at [mbaily@sympatico.ca](mailto:mbaily@sympatico.ca).

Do you know someone new to Kashagawigamog or not a member of LKO?

Show them this newsletter, tell them about our website and encourage them to join by:

Contacting Lynn Childs at [kidsplay04@hotmail.com](mailto:kidsplay04@hotmail.com)

## Annual General Meeting 2008 – Highlights

**Stan Peck**

LKO's AGM returned to the theatre at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for the third time. Murray Fearray, Reeve of Dysart et al, provided us an update on development activity, waste management, MPAC, and the proposal to host the Summer Games in 2010.

Jim McMahan, Reeve for Minden Hills, similarly talked about likely budget increases, waste management and a couple of initiatives underway. These include the 'Riverwalk', the library expansion and the preparations for Minden's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday plans for 2009.

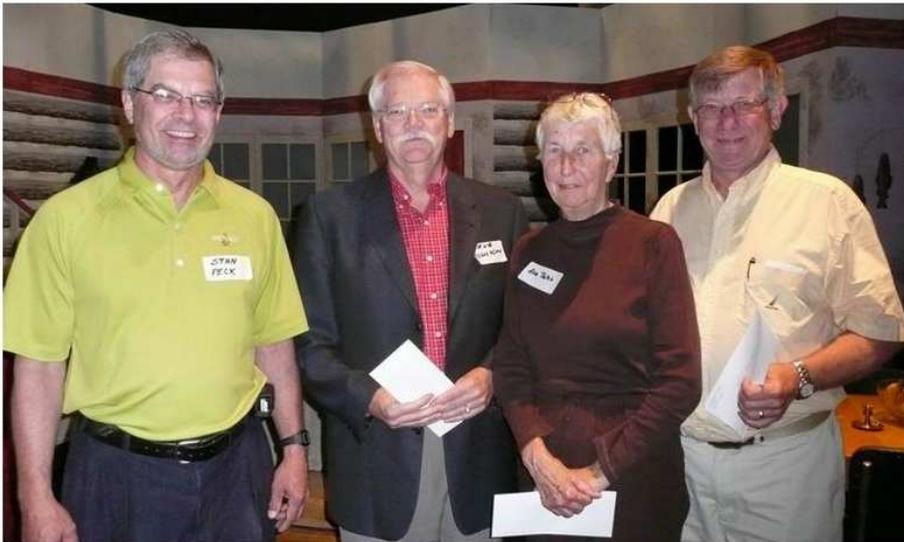
LKO's lake stewards are Steve and Susan Rivett. We took this opportunity to introduce Steve Rivett to the audience and to thank him and Susan for the conscientious and important work that they do all summer testing Lake Kashagawigamog's water.

Our keynote speaker was Greg Bishop, a member of the panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway (or TSW). Bill Switzer, an LKO member, gave us an enjoyable introduction to Greg. Greg delivered a highly informative talk on the future of the TSW management and the need to be aware and informed on this issue.

Thanks to director Ralph Small and the initiative of Jack Brezina, LKO members were again treated to a short vignette from a play in the Highlands Summer Festival series. This year we enjoyed about 5 minutes from the play 'The Foreigner'.

LKO Past President John Hincks again ran our elections. Stan Peck stepped down as president and Len Logozar was elected to the LKO Board. Graham Parkinson was subsequently elected by your board as your new LKO president and Len Logozar was elected to be the new treasurer.

LKO again donated money to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (or HHHSF), the 4C's in Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank. Dave Coulson, a director of the Hospital Foundation, accepted a cheque for \$500, Ave Petch accepted a cheque for \$250 for the 4C's and Bill Obee accepted a cheque for \$250 for the Minden Food Bank. (see picture below).



Some door prizes were handed out and then everyone adjourned to a lunch of sandwiches by Betty Mark, cookies by Mary Peck, pop and a chance to socialize with other LKO members in the school cafeteria. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this AGM a success.

Stan Peck, on behalf of LKO, has just presented cheques to Dave Coulson, Ave Petch and Bill Obee.  
Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Echo



## Lakeland Conference Highlights

Anne Nickson

On Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Lakeland Conference which was held for the first time in Haliburton, at the Fleming College Campus. It was an excellent, “sold out” event covering a great deal of information to digest. The speakers were very informative on the following topics:

- 1) The opening welcome was given by Eleanor Harrison, Warden, Haliburton County. Her message included the number of lakes developing lake plans and how all are being encouraged to consider thinking about this. Also, septic systems are a priority and are to be brought up to par within a specific period.
- 2) The Trent Severn Waterway Assessment “It’s All About the Water”--- Implications for Regional Feeder Lakes - Greg Bishop who spoke at our AGM was the guest speaker. Greg started with the history of the Trent and then reviewed the recurring themes that the panel is dealing with. The Panel’s Report is available at [www.tswpanel.ca](http://www.tswpanel.ca) . For further information, go to [www.cewf.ca](http://www.cewf.ca) . The Haliburton Sector for CEWF can be contacted at [cewfchair@yahoo.ca](mailto:cewfchair@yahoo.ca)
- 3) Shorelines; Our Ecological Lifelines - Barb Elliot, Professor, School of Environment and Natural Resource Science at Fleming College gave a great talk with her focus being “where the land meets the water”. What are we doing to our shorelines?—be aware, keep learning, stop, look, listen. Think seven generations from now. The hand out book “A Shoreline Owner’s Guide to Lakeland Living” contains excellent material. To obtain this guide, contact [lakelandalliance@cocec.net](mailto:lakelandalliance@cocec.net) or phone (705) 745-3238 ext.207
- 4) Aquatic Plant Research in the Kawartha Lakes – This topic was discussed by Eric Sager, Professor at Fleming College. For information go to [www.lrconline.com](http://www.lrconline.com) .
- 5) Septic Smarts: Being Clean and Green at the Cottage - Rob Davis, Eco Ethic Inc. Rob began by saying “**we are in a sewage crisis**” He reviewed many ways we can protect our septic systems and gave out valuable information. He reviewed many myths about septic systems (never needing to be pumped out, throwing sour milk in lines to increase the bacteria count and also never using an additive.) For information on how to care for your septic contact your local Source Protection Region. [www.conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://www.conservation-ontario.on.ca) or the Ministry of Environment’s website at [www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/cleanwater/sourceprotection.php](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/cleanwater/sourceprotection.php). Conservation Ontario has a good handout called Septic Systems.
- 6) Landscape Based Fisheries Management in Ontario - Bob Burgman, Fisheries Biologist, Ministry of Natural Resource discussed “a new approach management in Ontario”. Interesting programs, tools, information and statistics are available at [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca) .
- 7) Lake Planning in Ontario - Samantha Brown Coordinator of Sustainable Waterfront Communities discussed information about their lake planning tool program, the lakes involved, and examples of the advantages and differences in each of our lakes and their needs. The FOCA web site at [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca) contains loads of interesting information. FOCA’s November seminar will also address this issue; check their web site for details.
- 8) The Closing - Barry Devolin, Member of Parliament for Haliburton- Kawartha Lakes stated that he agrees that the TSW is a complex system and supports the panel’s recommendation for an independent water agency.



## Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) Update

During 2007-2008 the Coalition has been most active in seeking the implementation of an equitable water management policy for the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) that accords equal consideration along with fair and just treatment to everyone in the entire Trent River watershed. Reservoir and flow through (RAFT) lake communities should be considered equally with all other TSW communities where the policy applies to safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of negative environmental and economic impacts.

### **CEWF'S VISION on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway \*\***

The water management policies are legally required to balance the navigation needs in the entire system (including reservoir lakes).

There is a need for a federally/provincially owned and funded integrated water management entity for the entire system operated by a stand-alone governance body. That body would have full authority on all matters relative to the water, lake and river beds which may require the resolution of outstanding uncertainties regarding the jurisdiction and use rights conferred by the 1905 Order in Council.

Watershed management should sustain and enhance a healthy ecology and environment.

Water level management for power generation would be secondary to flood control, safe navigation and environmental issues throughout the system including on RAFT lakes. We support expansion of micro-hydro generation using untapped water energy to provide new sources of electrical power and revenue, however new power generation projects must not alter existing water regimes, cause on site or off site environmental issues or affect navigation.

Prioritize needs and produce a comprehensive "water budget" accordingly.

The arbitrary 'equal percentage' drawdown of reservoir lakes should be abandoned in favour of a management plan based on individual lake ecology and corresponding drawdown regimes.

The issuance of water taking permits would immediately cease until such time as, in accordance with the Precautionary Principle, it can be proven that sufficient water is available in excess of that required to supply the demands noted in Item (4) above.

An immediate infusion of major funding is needed to bring infrastructure up to safe, modern, efficient standards and provide adequate staff for operation and maintenance.

Open, timely and proactive communication, including education with stakeholders and the general public is a must. Partnerships with private sector organizations such as FOCA, angler and hunter publications, lake associations, The Haliburton Trails and Tours Network, and the Frost Institute etc. could be significant public awareness channels.

\*\* Submission to The Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway

## Development Update

**John Matthews**

Silver Beach: the only development currently active

Site grading is underway on site with underground services (water and sewer) to follow.



**Treasurers Report**

**Len Logozar**

Balances for the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization as of October 31, 2008 are as follows:

Current Account:	\$ 2,399.35
Money Market account:	<u>27,463.84</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$29,863.19</u>

Outstanding Funding Commitments (note 1):

Regatta (specifically designated for 2009 & 2010)	\$ 500
Coalition for Equitable Water Flow	750 (note 2)
Water Quality Testing	<u>872</u>
Total Commitments	<u>\$2,122</u>

1. These funds represent donations made by LKO members during the 2008 membership drive to specific activities that have not been spent to-date.
2. The LKO was notified by the CEWF that they currently do not have a need for additional funds. The LKO will continue to participate in the regular CEWF meetings and provide the funds when appropriate.

**Lake Kashagawigamog  
Biological Water Testing Report 2008**

Test Site	Coliform Reading (TC)						E-Coli Reading (EC)						
	Jun 29 '08	Jul 12 '08	Jul 26 '08	Aug 9 '08	Aug 23 '08	Sep 6 '08	Sept 2 '07	Jun 29 '08	Jul 12 '08	Jul 26 '08	Aug 9 '08	Aug 23 '08	Sep 6 '08
Drag River at Grass Lake	114	55	106	146	119	188	8	16	22	65	43	3	25
Bonnieview, Birch Pt. Halimar Shores	106	13	28	25	76	33	5	11	<3	3	5	>3	11
Wigamog / Silver Beach Shores	36	16	5	87	87	13	>3	11	13	3	>3	5	3
Marcus Beach / Williams Landing Bay	28	3	3	98	25	59	8	5	<3	3	3	<3	3
Soyers Lake Entry @ Cty Rd. 21 Bridge	43	11	25	33	30	72	5	5	<3	30	22	<3	16
Control site at 130 ft depth zone	11	5	28	69	36	76	<3	3	<3	<3	<3	3	<3
Ingoldsby 200 ft from Bridge	19	13	16	65	36	55	<3	3	<3	8	11	3	<3
Water Temp (degrees F)	72	72	72	72	74	70							
Water Clarity (meters)	4.00	3.50	3.50	4.25	5.50	5.00							

TC = Total Coliform Bacteria (parts per million)

EC = Escherichia Coli (E-Coli) (parts per million)

**Note:** The provincial standard for safe drinking is zero for E Coli and 10 for Coliform Bacteria and for swimming it is 100 for E-coli and 1000 for Coliform Bacteria.

**Source:** LKO Water Stewards Susan and Steve Rivette

## LKO Membership Report

Lynn Childs

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Membership in LKO has risen slowly throughout the year. We currently have 239 members. During the summer we 'hand delivered' about 60 renewal notices hoping to encourage our 07 members to rejoin our organization. Unfortunately only a few of those forms were returned. We continue to rely on ALL of our members to recruit neighbours and new property owners. Your directors would be happy to consider any suggestions/ideas about how we might increase membership in LKO. I can be reached by email at: [kidsplay04@hotmail.com](mailto:kidsplay04@hotmail.com)

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