



**November 21, 2024**  
KOSH LAKE NEWS



*This photo, taken by Donna Sally from Puffer's Bay on Nov 8th at 7:30 pm., caps off the summer of magnificent light shows we all enjoyed.*

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### **LKRA 2025 Initiatives Survey Results**

In October, the LKRA conducted an online survey for Kasshabog residents. The link to the survey was shared on Facebook and via e-News. There were only 48 responses, so the results can only be considered directional. Many creative suggestions were received on how to encourage membership or make the renewal process easier. Membership is a critical issue so these ideas will be carefully reviewed.

Other highlights included: the importance of the E-News, Yearbook, and FB

group The Kasshabog'er in keeping residents informed, the preference for continuing with enhanced online AGMs, the importance of events such as the Regatta, Photo Contest, and Year-end party. Many suggestions were received about possible 2025 initiatives. For more information and a detailed summary of the survey visit <https://www.kasshabog.ca/post/lkra-2025-initiatives-survey-results>

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### **Covia Mine Advisory Committee Update**



Residents and Covia members of the Covia Mine Advisory Committee (CMAC), formerly known as Public Liaison Committee (PLC), met on October 22. There were no operational changes to report at the mine sites. No environmental complaints were received by Covia over the spring to fall period. The required testing for dust, noise and vibration under their Environment Certificate of Approval continues to be scheduled for 2025. The CMAC is working on filling one vacancy on the Committee by the end of the year, and taking this opportunity to update their existing Terms of Reference to clarify on how this process will work going forward.

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### **This is Our Last Ask**

Safe, healthy lakes just don't happen. It takes education and action by each cottager. The LKRA needs your help and at minimum, we need your membership commitment to keep moving forward. Just \$25. The best insurance premium you'll ever pay. If you haven't already done so this year, we ask you to [Join Today!](#)

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### **Love Communicating? We Need You!**

We are looking for cottagers to help us with social media posts, E-News content, and website copy. There is a great editorial team in place to support your work. If you'd like to learn more about what's needed, please reach out to [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca)

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### **FOCA Member-Only Benefits**

LKRA is a member of FOCA, and as such, our members can access FOCA's [member-only benefits](#),

such as discounts at Park'n'Fly and Cade Insurance. If you are a LKRA member and would like access to these pages contact [treasurer@kasshabog.ca](mailto:treasurer@kasshabog.ca) Hazel will send you a link. You can then create a login to access the discount codes and member-only resources.

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## Has Your Family Been Connected with Kosh for 50 years?

This month, Jeanette Will Lukow posed the above question to subscribers on The Kasshabog'er FB group. Over 100 residents enthusiastically responded!

Building on Jeanette's idea, let's dedicate a page in our upcoming Yearbook to celebrate these 50-year-plus families. One such family was the Moore, Parker, Carter family pictured above. If you didn't get to add your family name to the FB post, please send your family name and cottage location to [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca) and we'll be sure to include it in the Yearbook.



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## Kosh Lake Founder's Certificates

In 2023, as part of our [LKRA 75 Anniversary celebrations](#), we offered 75th Anniversary Founder's certificates to cottagers on the lake close to 75 years. These certificates were promoted throughout the year via the E-News and Yearbook and distributed at the Founder's Reception and Year-end Party. It would seem that some families missed hearing about these certificates and would dearly like one. So, if you're a member of LKRA, your family has been on the lake since 1958, and you have not already received a certificate, please contact [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca) before December 31, 2024, with your family name, phone number, and cottage location. Over the winter we will prepare additional certificates and get them signed for distribution next summer.

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## Memories at Kosh are the Best!

This coming year, we'd like to include stories in the Yearbook about life on Kosh written from a cottager's perspective. Your story may focus on a specific family incident, or spotlight a special event. It might be based



on your early memories, funny moments, etc. Each story should be no longer than 500 words and if possible, accompanied by a picture. You don't have to be a great writer. We are pleased to work with you in editing your submission. You can even submit a picture telling a story and simply write the caption. Sharing family stories makes for rich reading and great community building. Stories are already coming in so sharpen your pencils and please send your submission to [communications@kasshabog.ca](mailto:communications@kasshabog.ca) by December 6, 2024.

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### Advertisers Wanted!

Each year we benefit from the support of local advertisers interested in reaching Kasshabog residents via our Yearbook and Website. We have purposefully kept our ad rates low to encourage small businesses. We are looking for new advertisers. If you know or have used a local service provider/contractor who might benefit from reaching other residents, just send their name, email, and phone number to [ads@kasshabog.ca](mailto:ads@kasshabog.ca) and we'll contact them about 2025 ad opportunities.



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### Aquatic Research Partner Workshop

You're invited to register for this workshop at no cost on December 9th from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm. It's a hybrid format so you can attend via ZOOM. More details will follow for those who REGISTER for the ZOOM link:

<https://forms.gle/arBa69yBWZRxHwVL6>

Lake association members, resource managers, anglers, and anyone interested in the lakes and rivers of south-central and eastern ON including the Trent-Severn and Rideau Waterways are welcome to attend. There will be presentations by students and professors from Carleton U, Ontario Tech U, U Ottawa, Toronto Metropolitan U, Queen's U, Trent U, and U Illinois. Topics will include recreational fisheries science; aquatic weed control methods; shoreline protection; water quality; and invasive species. There will be an opportunity for questions & discussion to help guide future research.

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## Winter Lake Lights

You are again reminded to turn off ALL lights (including outdoor solar lights) that are not absolutely necessary over the winter. The less light, the better for nature. Studies show that lights do not keep your property safe (just the opposite). Let's all do our part to keep the beautiful, dark night skies at Kosh.

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### Wildlife Wonders - Acorns

Have you ever walked barefoot in the early fall and found yourself doing the acorn hop? Those pointy ends are sharp! While acorns are obviously not wildlife, their autumn abundance is critical to many species. This nut (or seed) of an oak tree is full of nutrients. 25% of a deer's fall diet is acorns! Squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, woodpeckers, blue jays, turkeys, crows, quail, raccoons, and even wood ducks and moose all eat them. But an acorn's job is to grow more oak trees, not feed animals. So to deter eaters, an acorn contains tannin, a bitter chemical that can be toxic. But as often happens in nature, many animals have devised work-arounds. Some choose acorn species that contain fewer tannins. Others "cure" them by burying them until groundwater has leached out the tannins. Certain animals have special digestive systems that destroy the tannins. And some, like deer, eat so many that the acorns quickly pass through them and they don't absorb all the chemicals. But just often enough, an animal forgets where it buried one and a new oak tree can start growing.

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## Kid's Corner

Did you know you can make your own wall art with Pine cones?

<http://www.growingspaces.net/2014/01/diy-pinecone-hanging-wall-decoration/>

How far will your airplane fly?

<https://www.mudandbloom.com/blog/paper->



*Photo credit: Deb Tanner Follett - First Ice on the Frog Pond*

**Land Acknowledgement**

*As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog Lake, we are*

*reminded to respect and nurture our sacred relationship to this land as well as to its First Peoples, both past and present. We acknowledge that our Lake resides upon the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe. We recognize and value the contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present. On their behalf, we commit to supporting the health and welfare of this land in all current and future initiatives.*

**Yours to Enjoy...Yours to Protect**  
**Lake Kasshabog Residents Association**

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