

Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association Newsletter – Spring - 2026

May 14, 2026



A Message from Your LCLCA President

Spring is here! It seemed slow to arrive this year, but at least when it got here, it didn't require everyone to dust off their chain saws.

And the lake is back. The very low water levels caused by last summer's drought have risen, thanks to the melt from a significant winter snow pack. Loon Call Lake has returned to full strength, and is ready for a summer of fun.

While on your way to that fun, why not stop by the North Kawartha Community Centre and meet a bunch of your fellow cottagers? The Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association (LCLCA) Annual General Meeting begins at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 13th. Come and hear Tyler Speck, the Park Superintendent, bring us up to date on the Park that surrounds us. Ask a question of our Mayor, Carolyn Amyotte, in this, a municipal election year. Hear about the health of our lake from our Lake Steward, Marc Possmayer, and about all the fun events that await you this summer courtesy of your LCLCA Executive. Or, better still, grab a coffee and a doughnut, and chat with your lake neighbours. A new lake friendship may be waiting for you.

Happy spring 2026 everyone. Let's get out there and enjoy all of the wonders that Loon Call Lake has to offer.

I can't wait to see you on the lake.

Ian Godfrey
President, Loon Call Lake
Cottagers' Association



Governance

Executive Opening

Vice President:

All good things come to an end. After many years serving on the executive, Henry Decock is pulling up his oar, so to speak. Most notable among Henry's many contributions is his spearheading of the Fire Pump Committee. The work of that committee will benefit all of us, for years to come.

Thank you Henry, for all of your work with the Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association. You've helped make the lake a better place for all of us.

On the up side, this provides an opening for **YOU!** Are you interested in contributing to the Loon Call Lake Executive? Reach out to Ian to find out how you can make a difference. The role is quite dynamic, make it what you want it to be... the only firm requirements are to attend and contribute to the meetings of the executive, and to step in, should the President be unavailable.

Up Next....



AGM 2026 Saturday June 13th 10 am

North Kawartha Community Centre

Mark your calendar see you there!

Cottage Association Fees 2026

When e-transferring your annual \$40 lake fee, please add your full name and lot # in the message, to: jacquiecane@gmail.com.



The Survey Says...

Thanks to all of you for submitting your feedback via the 2025 survey. It has provided valuable insights into what is important to you, our cottagers.

We have reviewed the responses and are using them to inform the events and communications this year and going forward.

Life at the Lake – Event Dates - 2026

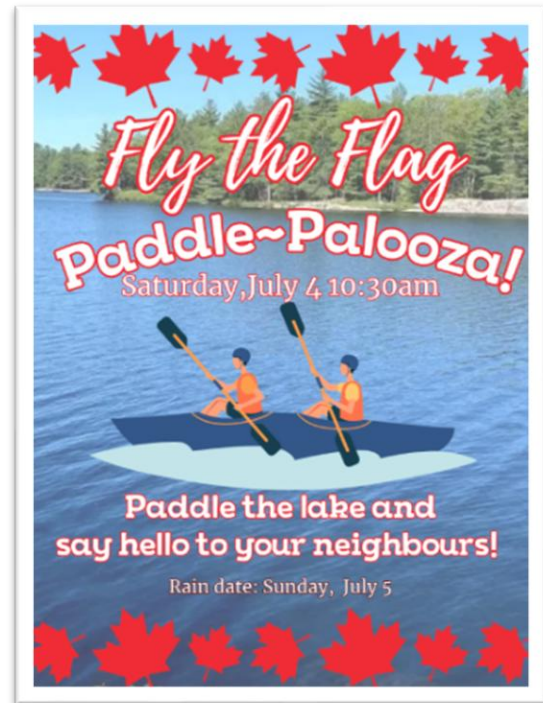
Save the dates....more exciting details at the AGM

Paddle Palooza:

July 4th

Regatta and Corn Roast:

August 1st



Community News

Lake Partner Program

Community engagement works. Due, in great part, we like to believe, to the cottager response to the cancellation of the Lake Partner Program (LPP), the program was given a five-year extension! This means that we have another five years of consistently measured water quality reporting and action.

Short Term Rental Advisory Meeting

This message from the North Kawartha Township...

Event Shaping the Future of Short-Term Rentals in North Kawartha

Join us at the Public Open House on May 23, 2026

The Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee (STRAC) has completed its final recommendations for managing short-term rentals (STRs) in North Kawartha. The document is available for review here: [STRAC Final Recommendations – February 10 2026](#)

We're inviting residents, property owners, and community members to review these recommendations and share your feedback online or at a Public Open House on

Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall at the North Kawartha Community Centre (340 McFadden Road, Apsley).

You can submit your feedback online using our feedback form below.

Feedback collected online and at the Public Open House will be submitted in a Staff Report to Council in June 2026.

For more information, please contact Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer at e.hilton@northkawartha.ca or 705-656-5152.

[Share your Feedback! Complete the Short Term Rental Feedback Form](#)

KLSA – Kawartha Lake Stewards Association



Would you like to find out more about the regional lakes and lake programs?

This message from the KLSA...

The KLSA Annual Spring Meeting is fast approaching, and we hope you'll join us on May 23, 2026!

We'll be gathering at the Buckhorn Community Centre, 1782 Lakehurst Rd., Buckhorn, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

KLSA will provide updates on our ongoing programs, and once again this year we're welcoming guests from several environmental organizations to share the important work they're doing to help protect the health of our lakes and surrounding environment. You'll have an opportunity to visit their exhibits and chat with representatives. Kawartha Conservation will also be on site selling native plants to help enhance your shoreline.

We're also excited to feature a terrific guest speaker: Warren Dunlop — retired Senior Aquatic Ecologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, President of the North Pigeon Lake Association (NPLA), and avid ornithologist — who will present: "Observing the 'Wings' of Change: Bird Populations in the Kawarthas." After Warren's engaging presentation, you may feel inspired to stop by the Peterborough County Stewardship Council exhibit to pick up a nesting box of your own!

Attendees will also be able to pick up a copy of our special 25th Anniversary Edition Lake Water Quality Report, Looking Back, Moving Forward: 25 Years of Kawartha Lakes Stewardship. For E. coli program volunteers, water sampling kits will be available as well.

If you have any questions, please contact us at klsa@klsa.info.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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KLSA volunteers are dedicated to ensuring excellent lake water quality in the Kawartha Lakes through our monitoring programs.

Creekside Music Festival

CREEKSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL

This message is from the organizers of the Creekside Festival....

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of the Creekside Music Festival for September 2026.

Due to unforeseen insurance challenges, we are unable to operate at our current location this year. This news came to us only recently, and despite our best efforts, we have not been able to secure a suitable alternative venue.

Creekside's mission—to bring people together along Eels Creek for unforgettable music while giving back to our community—grew beyond anything we could have imagined. Its success has always been thanks to all of YOU, along with the incredible support of our sponsors, performers, and volunteers. We are truly grateful for the role each of you has played in making Creekside so meaningful.

Should we find a way to bring Creekside back in the future, you will be the first to hear. This is a very difficult goodbye for all of us and we hope we will gather with you again one day. Until then, may music continue to soothe your soul.

Thank you again for your continued support,
Sandy Del Mastro, Coordinator
Mike Del Mastro, Coordinator
Alicia Scriver, Coordinator

Are You on the Voters List for the 2026 Municipal Election?

The Township of North Kawartha is reminding residents to confirm they are registered to vote for the upcoming Municipal Election taking place on October 26, 2026.



Ontario's voter registration process has changed. The Municipal Voters List is now managed through Elections Ontario instead of Municipal Property Assessment Cooperation (MPAC).

Residents are encouraged to take a few minutes to:

- Confirm they are registered to vote
- Update their information if needed
- Add themselves to the voters list if they are not already registered

Checking or updating your voter registration is quick and easy. You can confirm whether you're already registered or add your name to the voters' list online in just a few minutes at www.registertovoteon.ca

Checking your information now can help make voting easier during the 2026 Municipal Election.

For more information on the 2026 Municipal Election in North Kawartha, visit:

<https://www.northkawartha.ca/news/election-news/> [Read this article on our website.](#)

Historical Record

Around the Moon in Ten Days

We like to think that these newsletters will form a historical record of the events around the world at the time of writing.

A truly remarkable event that touched Apsley, took place in 2026 and that is the trip around the moon by Artemis. This was the first trip to the moon since Apollo 17 December 1972 (many of us old folks were just children then). Artemis included a Canadian Astronaut, Jeremy Hansen, from London Ontario. The trip took the astronauts further from earth than any humans had ever been.

What makes this even more special to us here on Loon Call Lake is, that while in space the astronauts responded to a question from **Parker from APSLEY!** Parker (seen at about 19:32 on the YouTube video) asks Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen to answer his question, “Why does water become spherical in space?” Thanks to the Bancroft Scouts group Commissioner, Loretta Kasperski, for submitting his question and making this happen. To see the video of the question, <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18cAG3imJg>

See the complete video of this session on You Tube:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/4gYVuFYWq6I>



Recommended Communications

We strongly recommend that you subscribe to a few information services that are useful and important to cottagers. It will help you to get to know the North Kawartha area, topics relevant to cottagers and to Loon Callers.

- North Kawartha: northkawartha.ca/Subscribe
- FOCA: lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/RJxeH2B/FOCAelertSignup
- Loon Call Lake: looncalllake.ca/subscribe/

Please also encourage your **adult children** to subscribe, and to attend the AGM
They are the future of the lake!