

# Loon Call Lake – AGM 2026 06 13 Minutes



**Attendees:** approx. 50

**On Display:** Rory - the Trapper

**Meeting Opened:** 10:00 am by President – Ian Godfrey

**Content:** LCLCA AGM presentation (link)

## Minutes and discussion

1. Intro – the purpose of the Association
  - a. Events
  - b. Local Speakers
  - c. Special Projects and Advocacy, as needed
2. For the fire pump – can we include a one pager to help people know how to set it up, on the lid of the storage box, would be great – Mark T
3. How is the turtle doing? (Mary Louise C)
  - a. They have taken in 700 turtles since the beginning of the season.
  - b. Take kids and grandkids to the Turtle rescue for a tour – (Mary Louise C)
4. Lake Steward:
  - a. A pair of Loons are on the lake
  - b. Phosphorous – the peak – not sure why it peaked, as it has come down
  - c. Is there a possibility that road maintenance is increasing the Calcium levels? (Jen Bowe). That is a possibility, but has not been prove. Long Lake is water access and is increasing, so it is not affected by roads.
  - d. LDD Caterpillars (previously Gypsy Moths) – defoliated lately, and more trees and branches due to the storms – would this have contributed
    - i. That is a possibility, but the exact impact would be something that would need to be studied
5. Park Superintendent and Park Biologist
  - a. Tyler Speck
    - i. 2025 – ice Storm – hit hard – Delayed opening park for about a month
    - ii. Park Visits – plateaued at 2022 onward – 30,000 camper nights, 20,000 day visitors
    - iii. No new sites, no development plans, status quo
    - iv. **Reminder:** Work Permits needed for any work on park land. Eg. Docks, Culvert work - No cost. Takes about a week to get approva.
    - v. Road maintenance work does not need permits
    - vi. **Beaver Dam**
      1. Wetland completely drained.
      2. It is illegal to interfere with beaver dams. Needs to come through the park and the official trapper
      3. The wetland looks to have recovered
    - vii. **The concrete spillway dam:**
      1. it was an MNR dam, inherited by the Park as a park dam
      2. There will be an inspection but this year it is not a priority
      3. Take one of the tabloids at the back
    - viii. Are there plans for a washing station for boat cleaning? – (Mary Louise).
      1. A unit used at Algonquin were considering moving it around but it is getting a lot of use.

- 2. Limitation- \$60K each
- 3. Looking at updating signage
- ix. Any way to get Loon Call Lake day-use permit numbers? No, way to break the numbers down by lake. We do not promote the day use, with limited resources
  - 1. People may not be getting permits. It is monitored and enforced / parking tickets.
  - 2. Looking at how to enhance this
- x. Lot #1 – Rocky Dundas - Monitoring overnight camping and there are people who are camping
  - 1. Advice:
    - a. They are Using private property/trespassing, so not part of the park scope
    - b. Do not confront a person
    - c. You could call the OPP
- xi. 2 Park Wardens, and Assistant Superintendents.
  - 1. They can cover a reasonable number of sites. Maintenance visits – about 7 a year
- xii. We see people who are washing/ using soap in the lake at the Landing
  - 1. There is no sign, but something they can look at possible mechanisms to advise
  - 2. There is info in the tabloid
- xiii. Ticks – they have been horrendous this year – Deer and Dog ticks. Do tick checks. DEET doesn't do much. Be vigilant (Dianne Hunt)
  - 1. Keep the tick.
  - 2. Doctor and Pharmacies can provide the antibiotic
- b. Kevin Kemmish – Park Biologist
  - i. Has been in the role for a few months now, happy to be part of this park
  - ii. Focus on stewarding and monitoring the park toward ecological integrity
  - iii. Looking at the habitat, rock barrens, and general observations
  - iv. Projects:
    - 1. Species at risk: 5 lined skinks – KHSS has a good population
    - 2. Snake coverboard surveys . Don't interfere with them. Don't step on them.
    - 3. Turtles – OTCC is a great organization to help. They respond well to rehab. They can reproduce for over 100 years
    - 4. Bats – starting to put together a monitoring program. Walkabout records sounds of the bats and analyze which species. Most are species at risk
    - 5. Working with Paul Frost on Invasive Species. Looking for patches of Invasive Species. Park Impact – Not seen in Loon Call, but of interest: Water Soldier, Spiny Water Flea, Water milfoil, Dog Strangling Vine, Phragmites (on Anstruther Lake Road), Zebra Mussels (keeping an eye on the Calcium – gets bad at about 20 )
    - 6. Water Quality – Trent.
    - 7. PWQMN – Provincial Stream Quality Monitoring Network
    - 8. OBBN – Ontario Entos Miomonitoring Newwork - ecosystem invertebrates.
    - 9. Ticks – bad this year – variable through the province. 40 species in Ontario. Winter ticks on Moose, not bad for us. Two focus – Deer (Black Legged) and Dog Ticks. Check and keep the ticks. Get a tick removal tool. Remove slowly to get the full tick including mouth parts out
    - 10. iNaturalist – Park is highlighted. Create an account, take photos and post. Suggest identification. Kevin is notified when a report comes in.
    - 11. Reach out to provide information to Kevin.
- 6. Ian Church – Apsley Central Public School Parent Council
  - a. K-8
  - b. Playground is beyond it's life.

- i. Needs replacement.
  - ii. Project to replace the structures
  - iii. Over \$100,000
  - iv. Raising funds in the community.
  - v. Looking for expertise: in playgrounds, funding raising, support
  - vi. Music Fest – July 25<sup>th</sup> – Local Bands . Selling tickets \$25 per ticket. Refreshments, Bar,
- 7. Mayor Carolyn Amyotte
  - a. On the school council, please help support them
  - b. Election – go on the web site to make sure you are on it – make sure you are on the list. Follow the steps to get on the list. Lists are published Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. The numbers are down, so CHECK
  - c. Hwy 28 – successful delegation – conduct safety review. In a few weeks the mayors will see the results from MTO. Stay tuned for an update
  - d. School – part has a daycare – it has exceeded its capacity – Compass Early Learning and Care are taking over the Trinity United Church for another Daycare. NK is booking and growing. Outlook – jan 2027
  - e. Emergency preparedness – We have been impacted by many events – Need to become part of the continual operations. Being prepared saves lives saves the community. Some funding Municipal Ice Storm Grant – communications, community centres,
  - f. Environment – Municipal grant program for health and well being 50% up to \$10,000. (eg. Boat Cleaning, Kawartha Land Trust – Phragmites)
  - g. Any updates on Anstruther Lake Road ? (Mary Louise) . This has been part of the ask,... turning lanes for park entrances
  - h. Short Term Rental – Committee - nothing hard and fast yet – Penalties and Enforcement – Check on line for the report
  - i. Carolyn will be dealing at the Casino next Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>
- 8. Ian - Thanks to the guest speakers
- 9. Dianne Hunt – Thank you to the Executive

**Meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm**