



The Kaszuby Cottagers' Association

"We do not inherit the land from our
ancestors, we borrow it from our
children."

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Sophia Sudnikowicz

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Dam Lake Representative:

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Frank Lake Representative

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Communications Director

Roman Jagla



Kaszuby Cottagers Association

Words from your President:

Once again we have come through a challenging winter and spring. So far May has shown some promise which I hope will carry through the summer months (minus the bugs). This year we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Kaszuby Cottager's Association. What a milestone to celebrate! There have been a lot of changes over those 50 years, but one thing has remained constant and that is our faithfulness to our objective of "striving to pool our resources and talents to maintain and improve a safe, secure and clean environment in our community to ensure the enjoyment and preservation of quality of cottage life." In order to achieve that objective, we have always been blessed to have a strong and energetic volunteer base. But, in order to continue that legacy, we need to cultivate and nurture that resource. We need to preserve the history and traditions of engagement by maintaining an active Cottager's Association within the Township of Madawaska Valley (TMV). Our voices need to be heard in order to reap the benefits of municipal, provincial and federal programs and services. As you can see on the left there are vacancies on the KCA's executive, most specifically a president. We have been indebted to Mark Wolnik for his selfless dedication as President over the years. Although he has tried to step away, we keep dragging him back and it is through his dedication that the KCA has accomplished so much. If you are interested in taking on a role within the KCA contact any of the Executive.

By the time you read this newsletter, the snow is gone, the ice is out and we're spring cleaning and opening up our properties. In light of the ice and windstorms in April, **Hydro One** is encouraging residents to contact them (1-877-955-1155) regarding any trees that could endanger power lines. Another spring cleaning ritual is to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are in working order. Don't forget to change the batteries.

Township News:

- The TMV has approved the continuation of the Private Roads Grant and \$16,000 has been budgeted for 2018. KCA had submitted two applications: Dombroskie Road and Kuiack Lake Cottagers Association.
- The Bark Lake Waste Site has set up a "Mall" for "free-cycling." Residents are encouraged to deposit nearly new and usable items that may be enjoyed by others. It's a great alternative to the landfill.
- The Municipal Elections will be held on October 22, 2018. This year the TMV has adopted the mail in ballot for eligible electors. To make sure you are on the voter's list you can visit the TMV web site: madawaskavalley.ca/elections-2018.php.
- The KCA Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday July 22, 2018 at 11:30 am in the Parish Stodola (Barn). Looking forward to seeing you there!

FOCA Elert April 2018

On April 20th our Communications Director – Roman Jagla – forwarded a copy of the FOCA Elert regarding Seasonal Weather and other updated happenings at FOCA. I hope all of you e-mail recipient members had an opportunity to read it. The weather has certainly been unpredictable – even the groundhogs got it terribly wrong. Just when we thought winter was nearly over we got it back with a fury in March and April with snow and freezing rain. The ice on the lakes is just going out on the first week in May, causing high water levels in the Madawaska and York River watersheds

Ottawa River Watershed Study

The Federal Government's Ottawa River Watershed Study could result in establishing a Conservation Authority to manage the watershed which includes Renfrew and the Madawaska Valley. The Authority would decide which municipalities must participate and hence contribute to the capital and operating costs of the Authority. This could mean more tax for TMV ratepayers. Do we need more bureaucracy from the Feds? Follow on Canada.ca website. (*see also Mayor Kim Love's comments at April 3/18 TMV Council Minutes*)

Action Items from 2017 AGM

1. KCA Membership Fee – raised to \$20/yr. - effective 2018. (*please note attached Renewal Application*)
2. FOCA Membership costs vs benefits to be evaluated by sub-committee. Recommendations at 2018 AGM
3. Pursue active/unpaid memberships to improve level of community donations.
4. Improve AGM attendance by publicizing in local paper and signs at mailboxes.

Private Road Grants – TMV

Steve Carrick- Road Maintenance Superintendent - has provided an update on the Dombroskie private road grant status and progress on road maintenance over the past 3 years. An excellent job done in administering, contracting and overseeing the work. Many thanks to Steve. If you want further details contact him at stdac@sympatico.ca

Annual Dance – Zabawa

Chester Budziak has confirmed that there will be an Annual Dance- Zabawa at the Stodola on Sunday August 5, 2018 (Long Weekend) from 7pm to 1am. If there is someone wanting to volunteer to assist in organizing and helping in this event, please contact Mark Gryns or Chester Budziak (chester@nsafe.com)

Notes in Remembrance of KCA Members

Maria Budziak

Maria Budziak – Mother of Chester Budziak – and a long time cottager at Wadsworth Lake, passed away on December 9, 2017 in Toronto. Our Condolences go out to Chester and all the Budziak Family on their loss.

Jan Kaczowski

Jan Kaczowski a longstanding member of the Kaszuby Cottagers Association who served many years as the Treasurer, passed away on April 1, 2018- two weeks after his 94th birthday. Jan and his wife, Ewa, were permanent residents of Kaszuby, residing just beyond Chapel Rd on Wadsworth Lake. We extend our condolences to Ewa and Family.

Franciszek (Frank) Ciupak

One of the original cottagers on Dombroskie Rd - Wadsworth Lake- Frank Ciupak passed away peacefully on March 6, 2018 in Toronto. Frank was one of the first group of Polish Scouts who came to Barrys Bay in the early 1950's, developed an attachment to the area and its people and eventually established their summer homes in Kaszuby. Much of the initiative and support for sustaining the growth and identity of Kaszuby can be partially attributed to that group that Frank was a part of. We offer our Condolences to his wife Helen and the Ciupak Family .

2018 AGM held on Sunday July 22 at 11:30. As usual it will be held at the Stodola.

Upcoming Events

KCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, July 22, 2018
11:30 am in the STODOLA (barn)

THE ANNUAL ZABAWA
Sunday Aug 5, 2018
STODOLA 7pm – 1am
Contact Chester Budziak or Marian Grys for
Tickets (chester@nsafe.com)

Have you received this Newsletter but are not up to date with your membership dues? The cost is \$20 for one year. Please complete and send in the renewal form below. Give us your e-mail and we will remind you in the future when your fees are due

Kaszuby Cottagers Association

Is a group of property owners on Wadsworth Lake, Dam Lake, Campbell Lake, Kuiack Lake, Frank Lake, and Long Lake in the Township of Madawaska Valley

We strive to pool our resources and talents to maintain and improve a safe, secure, and clean environment in our community, by maintaining effective contact with local municipal authorities and other agencies, to ensure the enjoyment and preservation of our quality of cottage life.

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Kaszuby Cottagers' Association Membership Renewal/Application

Name _____
Home Address _____
City/Town..... Prov..... Postal Code. ____ ____ ____
Email:..... Home Phone.....
Would you like to receive newsletter by email only? YES NO
Cottage/Civic Address
Cottage phone:..... Lake
Membership Fee: \$20.00/yr Paid date:
Mail to KCA Treasurer, Alexandra Kucharczyk
68 Pine St South, Port Hope, ON L1A 3G1 (or e- transfer)



Reminder – KCA AGM is Sunday July 22, 2018 – inside at the Stodola -11.30 am

Good afternoon everyone,

In the month of March I traveled and worked an average of 65 hours per week for a total of 289 hours as Mayor of Madawaska Valley. I attended 11 scheduled meetings, 7 locally and 4 at the County of Renfrew. As Mayor, I also attended 4 other meetings and 3 community events.

I have spoken a number of times at Council meetings about the Ottawa River Watershed Study that the Federal government is doing right now. If you don't know the area this study covers, it can be seen outlined in red on this map. It covers from Brockville to Bancroft, up through Algonquin Park to North Bay, Temiskaming Shores to Kirkland Lake, into Quebec just below Val-d'Or, over to Manawan, and down to the outskirts of Montreal. All of Renfrew County, the Madawaska River system and the Township of Madawaska Valley are covered by this study. The study is gathering knowledge about the Ottawa River watershed, and how best to protect, manage and conserve it. Environment and Climate Change Canada is using meetings, social media, emails and PlaceSpeak, which is an online engagement platform, to hear from the public about issues in the Ottawa River watershed.

Environment and Climate Change Canada held two public meetings in February and March, one in Gatineau and the other in Ottawa. They also hosted invitation-only meetings and webinars from January through March, with Indigenous communities, the provincial governments of Quebec and Ontario, environmental non-government organizations and industry groups. The Ottawa River Watershed Study wants to hear from Canadians living in the watershed or relying on the watershed, Indigenous People who live in or near the watershed, non-governmental organizations, businesses and industry associations, academics and researchers, and diverse groups representing identity factors like gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, mental or physical disability.

The Ottawa River Watershed Study is being done to determine if there is a need to establish an Ottawa River Watershed Council. This Council would be a Conservation Authority that will manage the Ottawa River and its entire watershed. Conservation Authorities have the power to decide which municipalities will participate, and the authority to demand a portion of their administrative, operating and capital costs from those municipalities. Simply put, the Conservation Authority sends a bill, the municipality has to pay it and collect the money from our taxpayers.

Whether you own waterfront property or not, if you are a taxpayer in Madawaska Valley you have a vested interest in the outcome of this study and your voice needs to be heard. Since municipal representatives will have a limited input into this consultation, we need our citizens to become engaged and participate. This slide from the study's website shows a green dot for connected participants in the

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study. As you can see, there's very little participation from our area compared to people living in cities along the Ottawa River.

The Ottawa River Watershed Study closes April 27th. As Mayor, I represent the people of Madawaska Valley and speak on your behalf every chance I get. My voice can add one green dot on that map. Only you can add another one. I encourage everyone to go to the Ottawa River Watershed Study's website on Canada.ca (just Google it and you'll get it), click on the link to PlaceSpeak and stand up for the autonomy of our waterways. Let them know we don't want or need a Conservation Authority in this watershed. Don't let others decide what we can and cannot do on our waterways, and what we're going to pay for it. Please, act now before it's too late!

Thank you,

Mayor Kim Love