



2021

**Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association
Annual General Meeting**

Virtual

Sept 22, 2021

7:00pm

AGENDA



Annual General Meeting
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- 7:00 pm Call to Order, Determination of Quorum
 - “Meeting” Technical Details
 - Introduction of Board of Directors
 - Motion to Approve the Agenda
- 7:15 pm Review & Acceptance of Spring Meeting Minutes
- 7:20 pm Treasurer’s Report
- 7:30 pm President's Remarks:
 - The Year At A Glance – Celebrations and Updates
- 7:50 pm **KENNIS** All of Us Survey – Preliminary Report
 - Looking Forward
- 8:15 pm 2021 KLCOA Board of Directors Election
- 8:30 pm Q & A
- 8:45 pm Adjourn

KLCOA Board of Directors



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Gino Ariano – Marker Buoy Program, Traditional Rights of Way

Arlene Burch – Swimming, Connectivity

***Grant DeMarsh** – Treasurer, Abandoned Docks

Scott Durie – Public Land Use, NIMC, Abandoned Docks, Survey Committee

Frances Duiker – E-blasts, Survey Committee

Brian Evans – Fish Stocks, Invasive Species

Tina Fagg – Kennis Breeze Newsletter, Advertising and Fundraising

Jacque Geall – Fireworks, Insurance, Survey Committee

***Sheelagh Lawrance** - Secretary, Ladies of the Lake Luncheon, Survey Committee

Joan Middleton – Membership, Regatta, Website

John Middleton – Roads, Safety and Security, Dysart Council Monitor

Terry O'Connor - Lands and Properties (Soap Pond), Marker Buoy Program, Legal Affairs, Septic Improvement Project

***Janis Parker** - Vice President, Art on the Dock, Coalition for Equitable Waterflow, NIMC, Survey Committee

***Jim Prince** - Vice President, Stewardship Director, Sailing Program, Survey Committee

Natalie Wood – Roadside cleanup, History Book, Birtual Summer Challenge

***Deb Wratschko** – President, Survey Committee Chair

* Executive

Meeting Business



- Motion to approve agenda
- Motion to accept the minutes from Spring 2021 Meeting

Treasurer's Report



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The 2020 Actual Results and 2021 Budget were presented and approved at the Spring Meeting. The budget details can be found in the Spring Meeting Presentation Deck on our website.

- **2021 REVENUE**

- Membership revenue is expected to be approximately \$1,000 ahead of budget
- Advertising revenue came in \$1,237 ahead of budget

- **2021 EXPENSES**

- Due to the on-going COVID-19 situation certain programs that were budgeted did not run in 2021 or ran on a reduced scale.

- **OVERALL OPERATIONS**

- We expect to finish 2021 with a deficit of approximately \$2,000.
- Treasurer: Grant DeMarsh



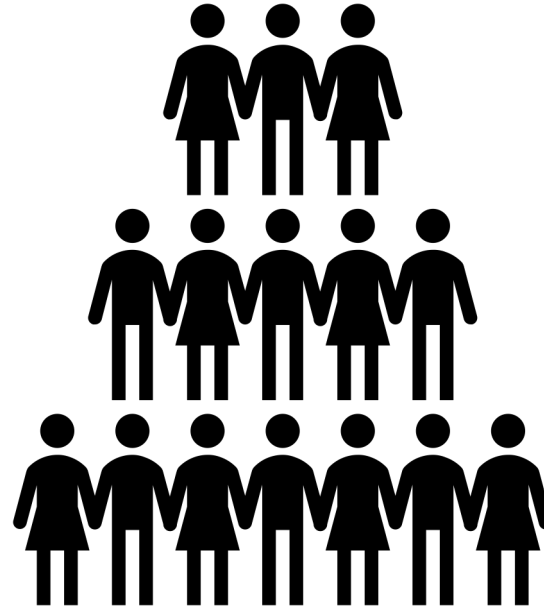
Celebrations and Updates

Membership



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Total 2021
Paid Members
To Date
620



Annual Stickers

Will be available at the
marina store until end
of Thanksgiving
Weekend

Membership Director:
Joan Middleton



2021 KLCOA SPRING REPORT

This report has been prepared ahead of the 2021 virtual Spring Meeting. We will only be discussing some of the details in this report at the meeting in the interest of time. We welcome questions in advance of the Spring Meeting on May 26. Please see end of report for details.

Virtual Spring Meeting

- Bigger turnout than at physical meetings – Over 150 registered
- Combination of Spring GM with guest speakers and Spring Report
- New people that would not have attended meeting on long weekend

Virtual Event

Held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Virtual Attendance was approx. 120

TARGETING TAX!



Tax Tactics for Cottage Owners

Feature Speaker:

Peter Lillico
Estate Planning Lawyer



Thank you to FOCA for
sponsoring this
Seminar for KLCOA
members.



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Rock Bass Fishing Derby

20 Teams

135 pounds of Rock Bass

Thank you to Mike
and Kelly Neely for
organizing this event
each year.

Fish Donated to Woodlands
Wildlife Sanctuary



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7th Annual ART ON THE DOCK

The Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association is pleased to announce that our **Art on the Dock 2021** *Raised \$8,000!* which has been donated to The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands Artists in the Schools & Communities Program

Many thanks to our Artists, our Event Sponsors and Patrons!



Thank you to Janis Parker for organizing such a great event!

Thank you to sponsors Parker, Pad & Printing Ltd. and Viper Marketing!



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2021 Summer Challenge



Thank you to Natalie Wood for
organizing and orchestrating an event
to replace our Regatta which was
cancelled due to COVID.



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KLCOA Sailing Regatta and Sunday Sailing Series

Thanks to Jim Prince for coordinating

**Thanks to all sailors and to Monte Lin for setting
marks for the Sunday Sailing Series**

A large firework explodes in the night sky, creating a starburst pattern of red, white, and blue sparks. The firework is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image. Below it, the water reflects the bright colors of the explosion, creating a shimmering, elongated mirror image. In the background, a distant shoreline is visible with a line of small, warm-colored lights, possibly from buildings or street lamps. The overall scene is dark, emphasizing the brightness of the fireworks and their reflection.

2021 Fireworks

Thanks to Steve Ashfield, Mark Burley and all of the before and after volunteers who worked hard to make the July 31 show a success.



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Spring 2020 Newsletter



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

3 Newsletters a Year

Thank you to Tina Fagg, Editor

2021 Advertising \$ Raised

\$7237 Budget \$6000

Thanks to Arlene Burch for help with co-ordination of advertising campaign for 2021

**Please support our
local advertisers!**

KLCOA HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

Thank you to Natalie Wood for her
time and dedication to this project!

Deadline for cottager
memories/stories is Nov 15/21

Deadline for photo, art
submission is Jan 20/22

Volunteer writers and
researchers greatly appreciated!

Contact Natalie for
further information
woodmcf@rogers.com

KLCOA Water Quality Testing

WHEN – Monday August 16, 2021

WHERE –

Big Kennisis (2)

Little Kennisis (2)

Paddy's Bay

MEASUREMENT at various depths

Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

Temperature

SCOOP SAMPLES

Total Phosphorus

Nitrogen compounds (Nutrients)

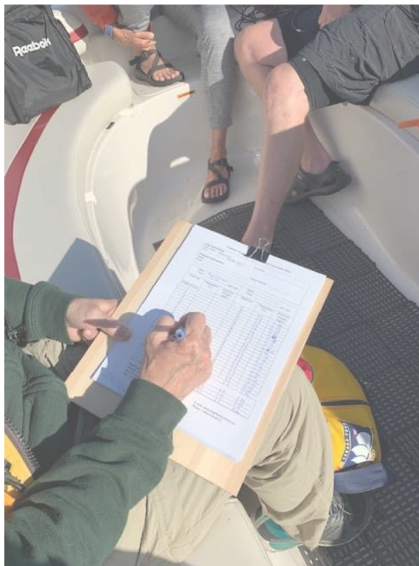
NEXT SAMPLING – mid October

SAMPLING TEAM

Julie Bamm, Margaret Cox, Tracy Stewart,
Randy Burch, Sarah Ariano, Jim Prince



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RESULTS – available Q4 2021



NEW- Haliburton Wide - Lake Water Quality Initiative

Connectivity



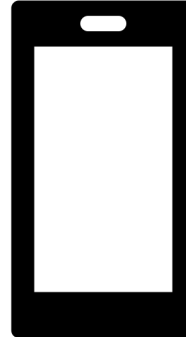
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The Connectivity Committee continues to work hard on your behalf for improved internet and cell phone coverage around the Lakes.



ICON
Improving Connectivity
in Ontario Funding



EORN Cell Gap Project
Rogers

UBF
Universal Broadband Funding

Connectivity Committee:
Tayce Wakefield, Tony Lepine,
Arlene Burch, Joan Middleton,
Deb Wratschko

BELL
Wireless To The Home

Regular updates via
eblast and on our
website.

Fall Roadside Cleanup



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Friday Oct. 1 & Saturday Oct. 2

- Friday Oct 1, 10 am -12pm

Kennisis Lake Rd from landfill to Westshore. Meet at Westshore/K.L rd at 10 am

- Saturday Oct 2, 2pm -4pm

all cottage roads (meet up at bridge between Big & Little)



- Wear bright, noticeable clothing, good footwear & gloves
- Sort roadside trash into recyclables & garbage & keep separate
- Contact Natalie Wood
woodmcf@rogers.com to volunteer

Benthic Monitoring



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Bugs in our Shoreline Muck = A Healthy Lake



**Kennisis Lake Testing
Sept 13 – 19, 2021**

Program coordinated by Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch (WWEW)

- Part of U-Links Community Based Research
- Supported by Trent University

Jim Prince – KLCOA Coordinator



Wildlife Update

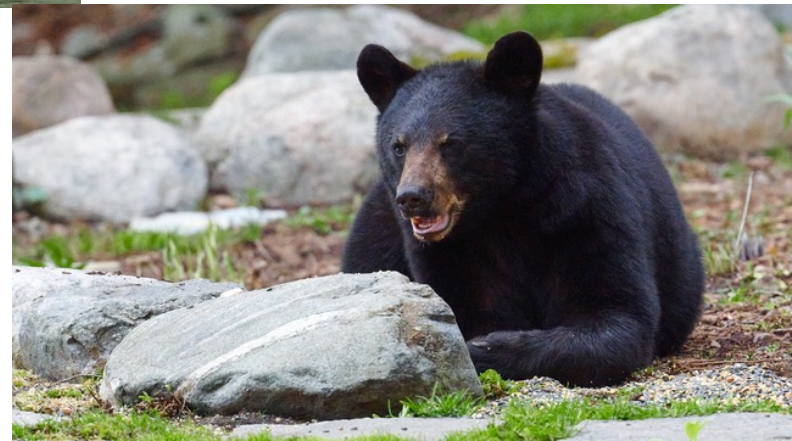


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New loon on the Lake

Fewer bear sightings this Spring!
This fellow did manage to find some
leftover winter suet and stuck around for
awhile.



Abandoned Docks



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Thanks to Grant
DeMarsh and Scott
Durie for spearheading
this initiative.

If you plan on replacing your dock in the spring with a new dock please consider gifting or selling your old dock or have your dock company remove and dispose of it. Do not abandon it in a bay.

KLCOA Lands



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Did you know that the KLCOA owns and protects land on the Kennisis Lakes for our community?

The KLCOA owns several land parcels on our lakes including:

- **The Blueberry Islands**
- **Bullfrog Bay Lands**
- **Two Loon Island (Island C)**

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) owns **Norah's Island** and the KLCOA supports the management and protection of the island through the **Norah's Island Management Committee (NIMC)**.

NEW! - Soap Pond Lands

Soap Pond (or Lipsey Bay) is in the SW corner of Kennisis Lake. Dysart et al has agreed to transfer ownership to the KLCOA, to be protected in its natural state. The legal land transfer activities are now underway.



A big shout out to the KLCOA Lands Committee:
Gino Ariano, Grant DeMarsh, Scott Durie,
Terry O'Connor, Jim Prince

Traditional Rights of Way



To preserve, maintain and protect key portage routes

Committee:

Gino Ariano (Chair)

Pat McCann Smith

Jim Prince

Ian Attridge – Outside Legal Council

Thanks also to Matt Malone
for his help installing the
signs.



Looking for volunteers!

Marker Buoys

**NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!
INDIVIDUAL BOATER RESPONSIBILITY TO
AVOID NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**

Hazard and Navigation Markers

- The KLCOA Hazard and Navigation Marker Program continued in 2021. - **Pat O'Keefe (Co-Ordinator)**

2021 – No Wake Marker Buoys

- The KLCOA will deployed “NO WAKE” markers in several channels to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations. These were reported to be successful in keeping boat traffic to lower speeds during the 2021 deployment.

Markers are removed in the fall and redeployed in the spring of the following year.



Haliburton County – Public Consultation, Shorelines



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Shoreline Preservation Bylaw - Virtual Open House #2

Date and Time - **Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, 6pm-8pm**, virtually via Zoom

Details regarding participation are available on KLCOA e-blasts and on the Haliburton County Website:

www.haliburtoncounty.ca

Background

The County of Haliburton has many lakes that serve important environmental, economic and social roles. The health of our lakes is important for residents and businesses.

Purpose

As part of the public consultation process, the Consultants (HESL and JLR) are hosting a Virtual Open House to seek feedback on scientific literature review and options for the shoreline preservation by-law.



Red Pine Dam Update

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Parks
Canada

Parks
Canada

Canada

Red Pine Lake Dam Replacement



Commenced: August 2021

Scope:

- ❖ full replacement of the dam with a concrete two sluice dam
- ❖ dredging of the river and portion of the lake to allow for barges to move construction material and equipment to and from the site
- ❖ refurbishment of mechanical equipment
- ❖ public safety improvements

Status:

- ❖ Contractor is assembling the barge that will be used to support dredging work.
- ❖ Very little winter work due to limited access means this project is expected to span three years.



Annual General Meeting Preliminary Report



What we'll cover today

1. A long-overdue conversation
2. A snapshot of survey participants
3. Reviewing our activities and programs
4. Living with Nature... and each other!
5. All Of Us: Representing our Kennisis community
6. The KLCOA Report Card
7. Non-Members: preliminary results
8. Our future: learning and changing priorities

A long-overdue conversation



A long-overdue conversation

The 2021 **KENNIS****IS** **ALL OF US** initiative was our first comprehensive community-wide survey since 2005

It was designed to:

1. Give everyone in our community a voice and genuine opportunity to be heard
2. Help give all of us a better understanding of what we are loving and what we're not so keen on
3. Ensure the KLCOA is accurately representing and investing in our community's issues, interests and values



A long-overdue conversation

- Our survey was open from May 26th to July 31st
- Everyone was invited: Members, Member's families, non-Members, full-time and seasonal residents
 - Eblasts sent to 1200 people
 - 200 Survey notices hand-delivered to non-Member properties
 - 8 full surveys were hand delivered to those without internet access



Then and now

334
surveys completed

One survey per
cottage membership

Not Anonymous



791
surveys completed

718 Members

73 Non-members

Members, family
members and non-
members were invited to
participate.

Anonymous

The high completion rates on both surveys show
just how much we all care about our community

A snapshot of our survey participants



A snapshot of our survey participants

91%

KLCOA Members

9%

non-Members

72%

are on

Kennisis Lake

28%

are on

Little Kennisis Lake

based on known property distribution, this suggests
the survey offers an excellent representation of our
community

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81%

of KLCOA Member
participants are
property owners

19%

of KLCOA Member
participants are family
members of the property
owner



A snapshot of our Member respondents

84%

view their property
as seasonal

15%

are full-time
residents

We estimate that there are now around
150 permanent residence homes on our
Lakes



A snapshot of our Member respondents

82%

have been coming to the lake for more than 10 years

15%

have been coming up for more than 50 years!

70%

are 56 years of age or over





What our Members love to do

75%+

enjoy socializing with friends,
neighbours and family as well as reading
and walking

50%+

enjoy appreciating nature and wildlife,
as well as night sky viewing



What our Members love to do on the water

90%+

enjoy swimming
and time at the
dock

74%

enjoy leisurely boat
cruises

30%+

enjoy the thrill of
tubing
and water skiing

69%

Like to
kayak

56%

Like to
canoe

42%

Like to
stand-up paddle
board



What our Members love to do in Winter

32%
love
snowshoeing

22%
enjoy
snowmobiling

21%
cross-country
ski

13%
are ice fishing

Reviewing our activities + programs



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The most important supported activities for our Members are:



85%

Our Spring and Fall meetings



77%

The Kennisis Lake History
Book



77%

Art on the Dock

**Followed
By**



68%

Fireworks



67%

Regatta



66%

Swim Lessons

(combining “very important” + “somewhat important” responses)



Activities + programs: new ideas



We received an incredible **225 suggestions** for Children and Youth programs. The overriding theme?

How to help everyone connect and have fun together



Dances, activities at the Marina, ways to connect online



Plus requests for lessons to help everyone safely make the most of water-based activities

These suggestions will challenge the KLCOA to think outside of the box in order to support and facilitate new activities.



Activities + programs: new ideas



We also asked for ideas for our whole Community.

Again, an amazing **221 suggestions!**

The same theme emerges...**we want to find fun ways to build connections with each other.**



Clubs for hiking,
walking, Euchre and
board games



Social occasions such as
BBQs, dances, concerts
and movie nights

More thinking outside of the box required.



Reviewing our activities + programs

Our thirst for knowledge

We asked everyone about the helpful advice and information that we gather from our partner organizations

- **Over 300 people** asked for more information about the threat of invasive species
- Similar numbers asked for more information on pesticide use and about short-term property rentals
- Education is an area that we will continue to look at...How do we do our best to get the best information to our members?



Living with Nature...and each other!

We asked what was most important for our continued enjoyment of the lakes.

The answer is...

The Lakes
Themselves





Living with Nature...

Our Member Community's top two 'Important and Very Important' choices for continued enjoyment of life at the lakes

Maintaining our
Water Quality

99%

+

Healthy, Natural
Shorelines

91%

The next most important factor...

Protection of Public Use Lands on Our Lakes

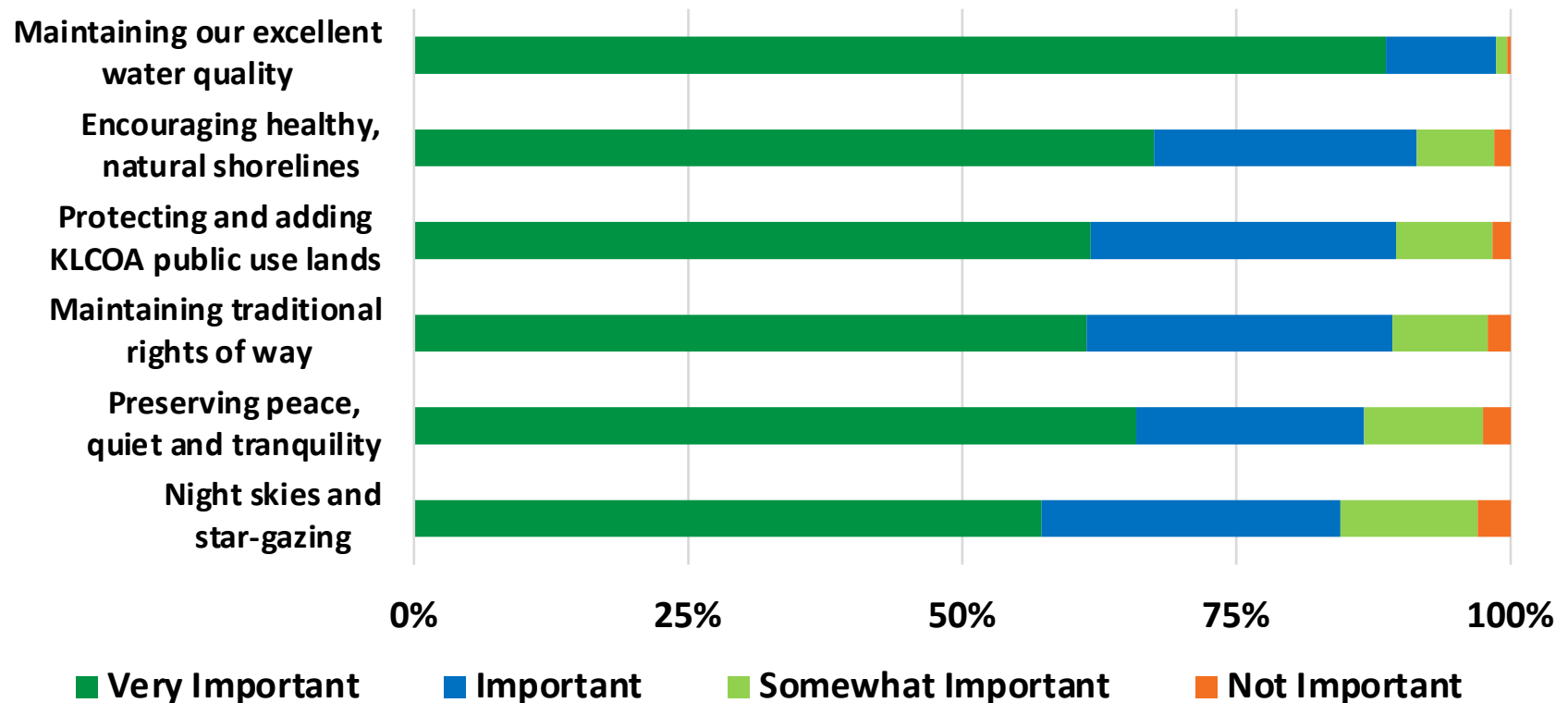
90%



Living with Nature...

We asked what was important to you for your continued enjoyment of our lakes:

Q29 Member Data (Responses=678)





Living with Nature...

More than

70%

of us are concerned about
the risk of dangerous algae
in our water

No surprise, given that

33%

of us use
lake-water for
drinking

24%

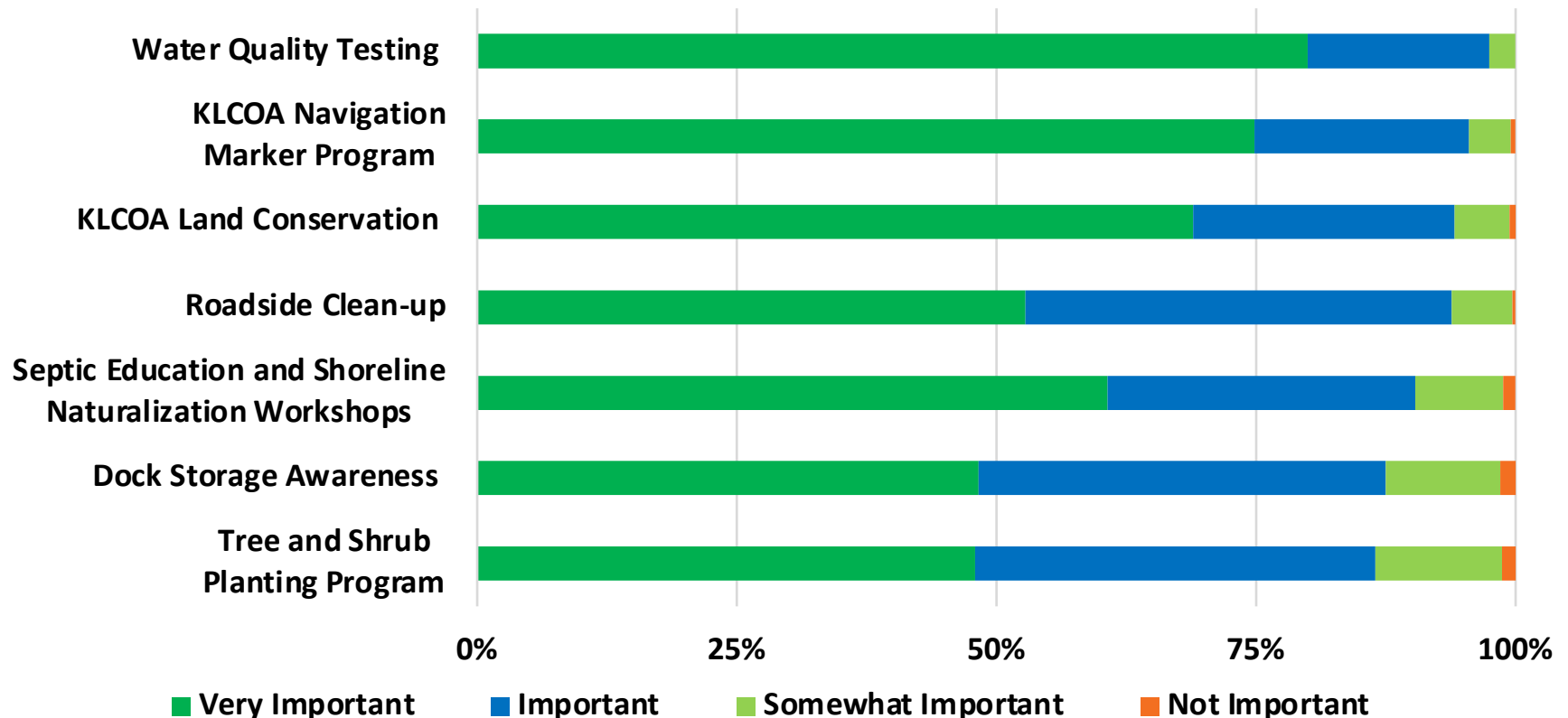
get our drinking
water from a
well



Living with Nature...

We asked for your opinion about the KLCOA Programs that are focused on the environment and safety:

Q30 – Member Data (Responses=677)





...and each other!

The KLCOA received over 150 comments from our Community about how some behaviors on our lakes directly impact everyone's enjoyment.

By far the most consistent themes were concerns about **boat wakes, boating etiquette, the impact of short-term rentals and potential overdevelopment.**





...additional community concerns!

These other areas are also of major concern to us and we feel they negatively affect the enjoyment of our properties.

Inadequate Septic System Maintenance



83%



78%

Poor Cellular/Internet Connectivity

69% Road Quality and Maintenance

62% Driver Etiquette and Road Safety



Combined 'Concerned' and 'Very Concerned' responses

Representing our Kennisis Community



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We asked about how you felt about KLCOA advocacy on 17 different topics.

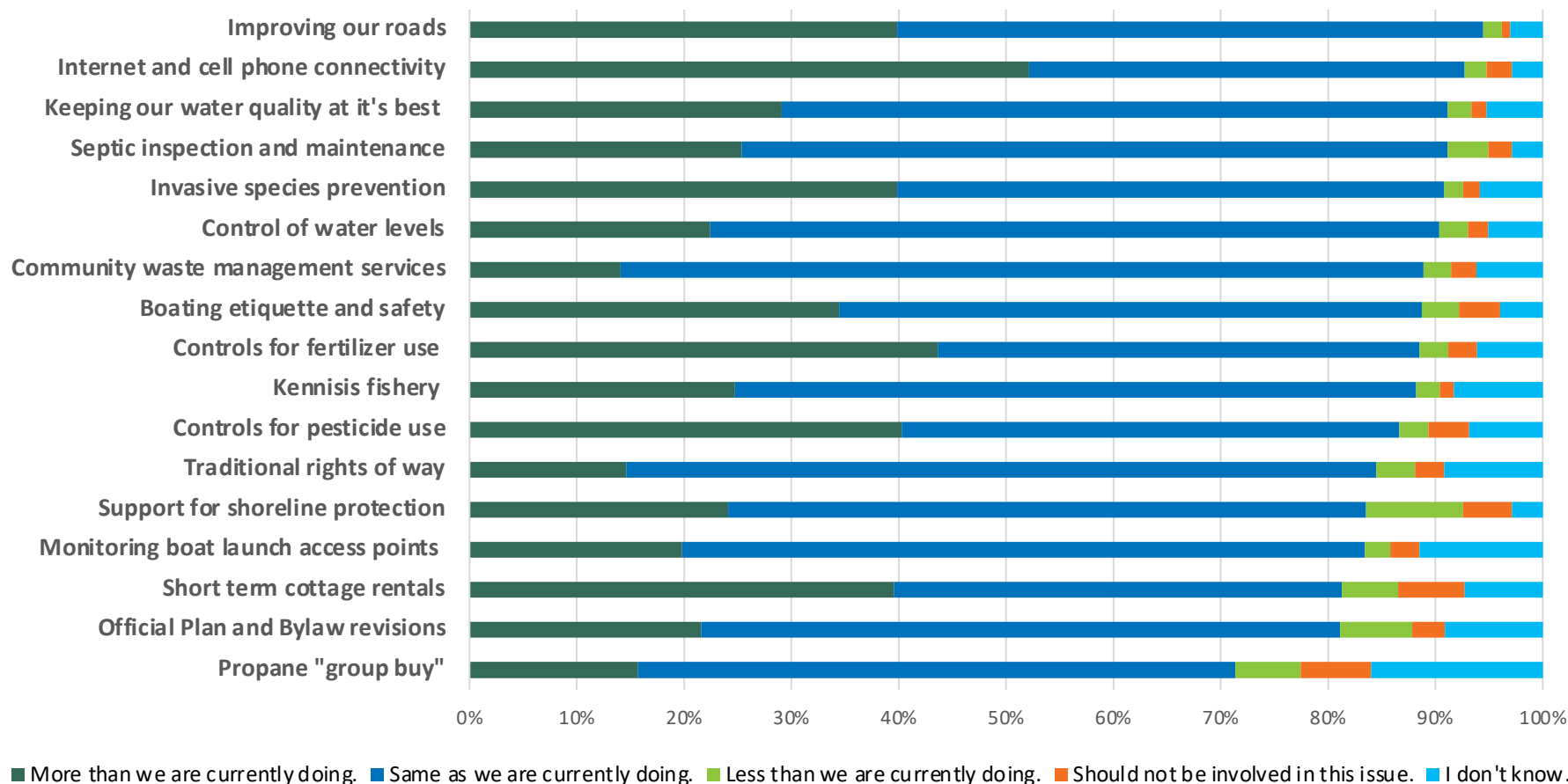
Internet/cell connectivity Official Plan and Bylaw revisions
Boating etiquette and safety **Controls for pesticide use**
Monitoring boat launch access points Improving our roads Propane "group buy"
Invasive species prevention Control of water levels
Keeping our water quality at it's best
Septic inspection and maintenance Kennisis fishery
Short term cottage rentals Community waste management services
Support for shoreline protection **Controls for fertilizer use**
Traditional rights of way



Representing our Kennisis Community

We asked Members about the KLCOA's level of support or advocacy for various areas:

Q37 What level of support or advocacy should the KLCOA be providing for the following areas? (Members n=640)



■ More than we are currently doing. ■ Same as we are currently doing. ■ Less than we are currently doing. ■ Should not be involved in this issue. ■ I don't know.



Representing our Kennisis Community

Overall, a high level of positive feedback

In 16 out of 17 areas, more than 81% of you think that we should be doing at least the same as we are currently doing with many saying we should be doing more.

(‘Same as we are currently doing’ and ‘More than we are currently doing’ combined)

In the open-ended feedback, we heard from a number of you about how the KLCOA may or may not represent you. **We need to find a better way of collecting and representing the views of our majority membership while better reflecting the opinions of other groups in our community.**

We definitely need to survey our Community more regularly and offer more chances for ongoing dialogue.

We undertake to share the views of **All Of Us**

The KLCOA Report Card



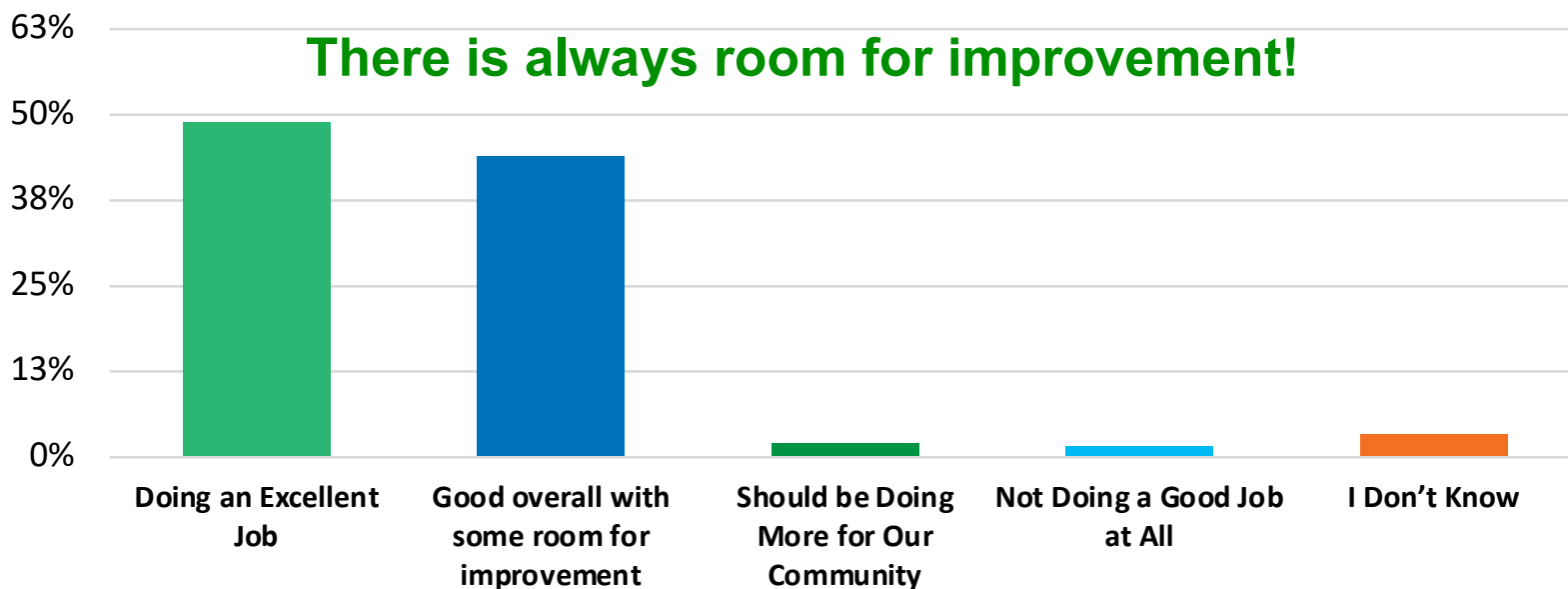
The KLCOA Report Card

We asked you how you feel the KLCOA is performing overall.

639 people took the time to tell us.

594 seem to think we are doing at least a good job overall.

93% thought we were doing excellent or good with some room for improvement. **4%** thought we weren't doing so well.



Non-Members: preliminary results



Non-Members: preliminary results

We had 73 non-Members respond

44 of them used to be Members at one time.

The 2 top reasons for lapsed membership were being 'too busy to get involved' and a sense that the KLCOA 'did not really represent me'

For respondents who've never joined, they were also too busy (19%) or just didn't know what the KLCOA offered (22%)...**duly noted!**



Non-Members...preliminary results

We asked non-members if they would enjoy participating in a number of different activities.

More than 80% of non-Members said **the fireworks** and **more than 60%** indicated **Art on the Dock**

- **Over 87%** cited **maintaining natural shorelines** as key to their future enjoyment of the lake
- **90%** are keen to **protect the traditional rights of way**
- **80%** stress the **importance of tranquility**

Their greatest concern?

- **85%** are concerned / very concerned about

Our future: learning and changing priorities



Learning and changing priorities

- Based on these results, the KLCOA **agrees to share clear priorities** for the next two years

Decide what to **start, stop and keep** doing

- **Be clear about Member benefits** to non-Members, new cottagers and younger **members of** our community
- **Facilitate** new and existing programs and activities for all age groups
- Determine how to engage more volunteers
- **Agree on our levels of advocacy**, clarify our mandate and ensure everyone's voices are acknowledged
- Open more regular **channels of communication**

Stay tuned!

Survey Committee

Frances Duiker

Scott Durie

Jacquie Geall

Sheelagh Lawrance

Janis Parker

Jim Prince

Deb Wratschko

KLCOA Board of Directors

Thank you

Member Test Group

Prize Donations:

Abbey Gardens

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

The Cookhouse

Living Woodwork

Br.and company



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A row of seven balloons in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink, each with a matching colored streamer, arranged in a slight arc across the top of the slide.

Thank you to outgoing directors:

Sheelagh Lawrance

John Middleton

Janis Parker

Terry O'Connor

2021 Slate of KLCOA Directors for Election



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Gino Ariano



Brian Atkins



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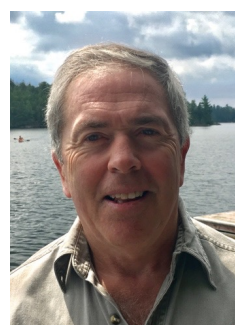
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Frances Duiker



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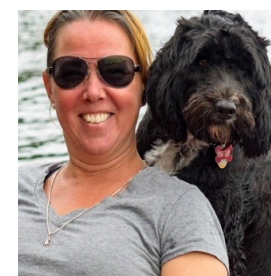
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Patrick Wenger



Natalie Wood



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Q & A



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Adjourn