



Introduction to Your Board of Directors!

Since Summer 2019 AGM

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KRAA Newsletter

As Spring of 2020 approaches, most of us are anxiously waiting for the last of the snow to melt, the ice to break up and the river to start flowing.

Please see the below items that the KRAA has been working on:

- Mike Waddington attended last year's AGM and provided a lot of insight with respect to regeneration after the fire. His message was 'patience versus passion'. He uses moss to regenerate soil. We will be bringing a team to the area this summer to continue this work. He has asked for assistance with boating people out to the area or to have access to a boat for the people who will be doing the work.
- We retained legal counsel in 2019 to help guide us through potential next steps. The GBA, the 'Group of 7' and Dave Seglins (from CBC) continue to advocate for the release of the MNR report on the fire since the freedom of information request was denied. This process is now in the adjudication stage.
- We retained an appraiser to do an assessment of the damage to the areas as a whole. The outcome of this appraisal has been disappointing to date but we continue to pursue avenues to apply for reconsideration with our MPAC valuation. Time is running out
- Hydro continues maintenance of poles/lines that have been or are at risk after the fire.
- Now that the windmills are operational there is a lot of light and noise pollution. We are working with the MNRF, NAVCAN and the GBA to find a solution

Channel Marker Update - by Morley MacDonald

There are about 50 buoys on the river. We are in the process of replacing 15-20 buoys that are in the worst condition in 2020, and have agreed to begin a life cycle maintenance program that should improve the quality of the buoy system in general in the future. The Coast Guard replaces their buoys every 10 years.

Membership Update - By Kathy Marshman

As of Jan 2020, we have 122 KRAA members and of these, 57 are GBA members. We are always looking for new KRAA members so please ask your neighbours to join! In addition, we continue to encourage KRAA members to join the GBA. If you're interested, please complete the membership renewal form accordingly. The form can be found at <https://kraa.ca/MembershipForm.pdf>

We are looking for new board members. Please consider joining the KRAA Board and add value to our Association. Just ask an existing board member what is involved!

KRAA Community Calendar

2020 AGM

Sunday, August 2nd at 10 am

Key Harbour Lodge

Annual Fishing Derby

Sunday, August 2nd

From 8am to 2pm

Key Harbour Lodge

BBQ and Awards Afterwards!

Annual Potluck Picnic

Sunday, August 2nd

from 3pm to 6pm

Diamond Key Lodge

4th Annual Canada Day

Boat Parade

Saturday, July 4th, 2020

Rain Date: Saturday, August 1st, 2020

Boaters to meet in Cleveland Bay at 8pm with a parade to the mouth of the Georgian Bay for fireworks!

Annual Clean Up Week

Friday, July 10, 2020 to

Sunday, July 19, 2020 incl.

during normal dump hours

@ Key River Landfill or Hartley Bay Landfill

GBA Update - By Andrew Hurlbut

The GBA continues to press forward with the freedom of information request they filed for the release of the MNRF report on PAR 033.

Other initiatives include advocating for seasonal hydro rate payers, action on development projects that adversely affect the Bay - Macey Bay Trailer Park or TC energy storage project, fish farms, invasive species, water quality issues and coastal planning to name just a few.

The website is a great source of information - <https://georgianbay.ca/> Sign up for E-update, a monthly E newsletter with great information. GBA members also get 3 Update magazines. They also have access to great discounts including 40% off Coleman and Sterns (PFDs) products and 15% off from Rice Insurance.

Phragmites Update - By Jennifer Spiess

This year, John Bell, KRAA member Rich Gane and I did 2 rounds of "Phragbusting" over the summer - one in early July, one in late August. You may have seen us out there, standing in waist deep water, wearing wetsuits and cutting plants and wondered, "What the heck are they doing?"

To remove the weed successfully, one needs to cut the stem just above the root, without disturbing the root. Root breakage causes the plant to send out runners in all directions, defeating the efforts to remove it. Phragmites is the virtual Hydra of the plant world. Done repeatedly over 3-5 years, the cutting back of the green parts of the plant starves the root system which eventually dies and rots. Even this year, we noticed a significant reduction in the size of the patch by year end.

For the full article go to <http://www.kraa.ca/newsletter-2020-phragmites.html>

Ice Safety - By Carl Spiess

The Spiess family held an ice rescue workshop earlier this winter with a trained rescuer. They came away from this with the following priorities to follow if someone goes through the ice, and you are nearby and want to help:

#1 - You are the most important person to keep safe. If you go through then there are two victims. (Remember that most of the time when a dog falls through the ice, the rescuers get to the scene and find the dog fine and the owner in the water!)

#2 - Keep the public safe. If 15 people start walking out on the ice to help, suddenly you will have 16 victims.

#3 - The last priority is actually the person in the water!

For the full article go to <http://www.kraa.ca/newsletter-2020-ice-rescue.html>