ABOUT KAPOA

The Kamaniskeg Area Property Owners’ Association is a provincially-chartered organization that serves as the voice of over 400 landowners whose properties are on or near the Madawaska River watershed from the Bark Lake dam, downstream to the Palmer Rapids dam.

Locally, KAPOA monitors and responds to political issues that affect members living in the Township of Madawaska Valley and the Municipality of Hasting Highlands, such as –but not limited to– municipal taxation, infrastructure, and the relationship between the two Municipal Councils and their constituents.

On a recreational note, KAPOA organizes and supports a variety of activities. For the past two years, KAPOA has organized the annual Boat Poker Run, a charity event currently in support of the purchase of mammography equipment for the St. Francis Memorial Hospital. The annual Civic Holiday weekend Regatta sees many members, both participating and encouraging participants, in an all-day series of fun activities. KAPOA also organizes and funds the Labour Day weekend corn roast and promotes both the Henson Family Lighted Boat Parade and the annual Lake Appetizer Party.

KAPOA is also a member of FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations which is concerned, at the Provincial level, with issues that affect Ontario cottagers.
Among these are water quality issues; Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) forestry policies; Aboriginal land claims; invasive species; MNR hunting and fishing policies and practices, and a variety of other issues shared in common with KAPOA, among others.

We sincerely encourage you to read the FOCA information, later in this newsletter, regarding the many benefits (including discount offers on interesting and useful information, products and services) available to KAPOA members.

If you're not yet a KAPOA member, we invite to join us, so that you can add your voice to the ongoing activities and conversations.

Visit our website at: www.kapoa.ca

President's Message
KAPOA is just one of many associations that rely heavily on volunteer services, and many of those who do participate start with various motivations: some because of a degree of dissatisfaction with issues important to them, and others because they see a need and step in to fill it. Some volunteers are extremely passionate about their special interests and concentrate on those, while others might prefer to participate in/help at events across the board. Many, with younger kids, have been involved mostly with those types of activities. Those enjoying or approaching retirement may feel they have time to initiate or contribute to existing volunteer projects.

All volunteers are welcome and all are valued!

We hope KAPOA area cottagers will take the initiative and contact our Association about becoming involved in minor and/or major ways, in an effort to "give back" to our local community, if only on a seasonal basis as may be appropriate, given their availability. KAPOA could benefit from two more volunteers, one (or more) each,
responsible for Fishing and Facebook, for example. Any takers? Any others?

Many have already volunteered and more are coming on board, as you can see from the list of existing events and issues. Our KAPOA association has expanded over the past seasons to include monitoring many issues ranging from water quality, roads, dumps and garbage collection, recycling, invasive species, political action, septic systems, municipal taxes, MPAC assessments, policing, Internet, fish studies, forestry, water hazards, newsletters and announcements, membership area reps, landowner education, and so on.

Events include an annual regatta, charity poker run, corn roast (recently resurrected), May Day (in Barry's Bay), and other activities endorsed or promoted by KAPOA such as water hazard marking, the Appetizer Party, the Boat Parade of Lights, as well as two Directors’ meetings and one AGM (Annual General Meeting). Please consider this an invitation to share your talents and energy for the betterment of our members!

As the 2015 season draws to a close, let me thank *All of You* who have contributed/participated in any way, large or small, as we try to live the motto:

*Service Above Self*

Thank you again,
David Wilson, KAPOA President

**P.S.** Recent federal elections have empowered the Liberals, both provincially and federally, and both groups have a reputation for spending money. One hopes that some of their largesse will be directed to infrastructure and HH could benefit from favorable 90% grants to renovate Hwy 62.
"Kamaniskeg Area" (the "KA" in KAPOA), doesn't necessarily indicate ownership of property on the banks of Kamaniskeg Lake. In fact, our area extends from Bark Lake Dam to the Palmer Rapids Dam. We have approximately 250 members, a large percentage of whom are from Kartuzy (Arrow Rd.), River Road, Golfer's Lane, Hinterland Beach and south along Kamaniskeg Lake Road to Sand Bay. We have some on Chippewa and Parcher roads and a few sprinkled through Blackfish Bay and the north end of Kamaniskeg Lake. We even have members on Trout and Grennin lakes. We monitor and report to the KAPOA membership on issues such as water quality, the health and beauty of our local environment, fair taxation, and transparent local municipal government.

Last year, we started the one-day Poker Run as a fund-raiser for the St. Francis Memorial Hospital mammography program and raised over $6,000; this year, the Poker Run raised over $10,000. Our Regatta is well-attended; we support and advertise an Appetizer Party and also provide a free Corn Roast before the Henson Labour Day weekend Lighted Boat Parade. We have a dedicated core of volunteers who cover Council meetings in Barry’s Bay and Maynooth; a Communications Director and staff who keep you up to speed with a Newsletter and timely bulletins about important events; a web page expert and a tireless few who faithfully come knocking every year to collect our $20 KAPOA membership dues (unchanged for the last 10 years).

We need YOUR help to spread the word on Ohio Road, Combermere Village (Hyde’s Bay); Negeek Lake; the river downstream from Combermere; the east side of Hwy 62 at Blackfish Bay; the north end of Kamaniskeg Lake at Barry’s Bay and from the Ashgrove Inn to Bleskie Road. I live here year-round and have been a member for 35 years.

Call me any time at Bob Millar 613-756-1829
From the Desk of the Director of Communications

As of the 2015 AGM, a new department was created in the KAPOA organizational structure, headed by Bob Tatarski, the Director of Communications, whose area of responsibility includes publishing the Newsletter and, as required, bulletins/notice. The Newsletter staff comprises Bob Tatarski as Editor and staff members Ed Kobylika, Rick Prociuk and John Salt.

The Newsletter is undergoing somewhat of a restructuring with the addition of some new, regular sections. Amongst the ongoing sections will be Letters to the Editor, Colleen’s Recipe Corner, and editorials on current issues relevant to KAPOA members. We encourage you to keep in touch with us. To that end, we eagerly solicit your Newsletter submissions in your choice of format, be it articles, letters to the editor or photo journalism.

Contact us at kapoacares@kapoa.ca

KAPOA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (HASTINGS HIGHLANDS)

KAPOA’s Political Action Committee (Hastings Highlands) (PAC (HH)) was formed in early 2015, when we confronted Hastings Highlands Council over the proposed passing of a reworded Vegetative Buffer By-law and were instrumental in its defeat at a well-attended and lively public meeting.

Since that meeting, the PAC (HH) has expanded its agenda to include other issues of concern to KAPOA members, such as working on the curbside pickup issue, to modify landfill hours so that they address everyone’s needs, and to improve conditions at the landfills. As well, we’re attempting to bring the hazardous Waste drop-off locations closer to home, as the present location in Faraday is a hardship for the
handicapped and most seniors, and effectively too distant for the average taxpayer.

We’re challenging Council to be open and transparent, one of their election promises, but those promises appear easier made than delivered. In addition, it also appears that most of Council’s attention/actions concentrate on Maynooth and its immediate surroundings, to the detriment of most of our membership in “the hinterland” of Hastings Highlands. We seem to be forgotten, except at taxation time, and that has to change. We deserve to be heard and to have our issues addressed on equal terms with the rest of Hastings Highlands.

The PAC HH has a full agenda for the remainder of this year and 2016, but it also provides opportunities for interested KAPOA members to participate in a fast-paced, dynamic Committee that faces exciting challenges and is eager to produce results.

BE PART OF THE KAPOA POLITICAL ACTION - HASTINGS HIGHLANDS TEAM! ..........

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Ed Kobylka, CPAC(HH) (Chair, PAC (HH)) rockymountain695@yahoo.ca

Madawaska Valley Township (MV) Political Update

I am pleased to report that we are seeing a lot of positive changes with our new Mayor and Council. Your votes in the election last fall made the difference! If you are able to attend a council or committee meetings, you will see a whole world of change with a professional, polite decorum. Members of the public are not only welcome, but now are invited, prior to the end of the meeting, to ask questions in relation to the proceedings.
Further, the committees have now been restructured so that only three members of Council sit on any committee and the balance of the committee is comprised of community volunteers (generally three), who have full voting rights. This structure has opened up the transparency of our governance as now, all recommendations from the committees must be fully discussed at Council prior to a deciding vote by your elected officials. I now serve as a volunteer on the Operations Committee.

Council did reduce their budget by $48,000 which is certainly a step in the right direction and we hope to see this greatly improved in years ahead. Meetings were held in Wilno, Barry's Bay and Combermere to obtain public input to a new strategic plan. Many of you used the online link to participate in this process, which is a wonderful step toward community involvement. Hopefully, this plan will focus on community growth and maintenance that are cost-effective to you as property owners.

I am pleased to say we appear to be moving ahead positively.

Andy Boyd, KAPOA MV rep

Henson's Lighted Boat Parade and the KAPOA Corn Roast

Wasn't that a phenomenal parade this year? On Saturday of the Labour Day weekend, it all started at Hinterland Beach with a well-attended KAPOA-sponsored corn roast. The peaches and cream corn was sweet and the cobs were large and done "just right" under the watchful eye of the PREZ, Dave Wilson,. The rest of us helped out by devouring the corn! You just had to be there but, if you missed it, here's Vince Steepe, KAPOA Treasurer, and fellow corn-lover Liv Harthun, granddaughter of KAPOANs Maureen and Jack Kleniewski.
Everyone was having a good time, waiting for dusk

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At the first hint of dusk, the boats began lining up and turning on their lights in succession. One of the boats had a Dragon theme and another was an Owl. Some of the boats even had lights that flickered, flashed and danced! This year's 15 boats far exceeded last year's participation of 6 boats!
As the boats proceeded to Sand Bay and weaved around the islands with Feaver Henson in the lead boat, the folks on shore joined in by dressing up their docks with colorful lights, flashing their houselights on and off or just waving their lights from their docks to acknowledge that the lighted boat parade was well-appreciated. Even the weather cooperated with a balmy night that made the whole "boat thing" such a pleasurable experience.

On reaching the home stretch of the parade route, the fleet was greeted with fireworks, sparklers, noise cannons and more flashing lights, as the people on shore were just as excited as we were, to be part of this great event. Someone on shore was even heard blowing –we're pretty sure– a conch shell, Hawaiian style! All of us who took the time and effort to decorate our boats and to participate in the Lighted Boat Parade felt fully-rewarded by the enthusiastic crowds cheering us on. Are we going to participate next year? You Bet!! Are we going to make it bigger and better next year?? YOU BETCHA!! What a great display of community spirit! Take the time next year, decorate your boat, and help us make this event BIGGER & BETTER!

Ed Kobylka, KAPOA Communications

KAPOA CONTRIBUTES

Editor's note. This first paragraph was initially addressed from the author to the KAPOA Board of Director's in an email, but we thought you'd like to see it, too. "The
way I see to making the event bigger and better is to have more participants. Other ideas have been floated around, like "matching contributions" but, for the moment, I think that refining what we’ve done, learning from our mistakes, having the event a smoothly running half-day party where everyone enjoys themselves and has the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped the community, is the way to proceed."

In July 2015, KAPOA sponsored the third Charity Poker Run. This was a time for cottagers to get together and have a fun time while providing very much-needed support to the local hospital. The idea behind the Poker Run was to encourage our friends and neighbours to come together for a day, contribute $200 per boat, travel by boat around the lake visiting 7 designated docks where cards were drawn to create a poker hand. The participants with the best poker hands won prizes provided by merchants from the community and presented at a beach party at Hinterland Beach. All of the participation funds went to the St Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, specifically targeted to contribute to the funding of the hospital's digital mammography unit.

This year, that contribution to the hospital amounted to $10,350, up from over $9,000 in 2014 and $6,000 in 2013. Participants enjoyed themselves boating around the lake with family and friends, drawing cards to form a poker hand, winning valuable prizes, enjoying food and refreshments at a beach party and ultimately contributing to a project benefitting the hospital and the community. The event was organized by KAPOA volunteers in close collaboration with the Valley Gazette, the Foundation, the dock owners and the community merchants.

Planning for the 2016 Poker Run has already begun. It is hoped that, with more participants, we'll be able to make an even greater contribution to health care services in our community.

Mark 23 July 2016 on your calendars, now, and join your friends and neighbours in the 2016 Poker Run!
2015 Water Quality Report

At least two KAPOA members participate in the Ontario Lake Partner Program on the Kamaniskeg/Madawaska waterway. We submit samples to the Ontario Environment Ministry every spring and also do water clarity tests throughout the boating season. The Ministry sometimes also performs its own measurements. The Ministry’s water sample analysis yields Total Phosphorus Concentrations in µg/L. Values less than 10 µg/L are usually OK. Those between 10 and 20 indicate potential issues while those in excess of 20 normally indicate major problems. Results for Kamaniskeg and Blackfish Bay as well as Golden Lake (for comparison) are depicted below for recent years:

Another measure of lake water quality is the amount of turbidity or lack of water clarity. This is evaluated through a Secchi Depth Measurement. Results for recent years are shown below and include unofficial 2015 results from Nancy Bresolin for Blackfish Bay and George Zurakowski for
Kamaniskeg's North Basin:

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George Zurakowski

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**THE WATER QUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (WQIA)**

**BACKGROUND:** The subject WQAI is but one element of comprehensive—if not always comprehensible—governmental/administrative action to protect our environment, in this case, the waterways and lakes of which we are so proud and which we so enjoy, but which we also take mostly for granted. While it might be seen as restriction on our freedom to enjoy our own properties, it is a legitimate, necessary and specific science-based response to evolving threats to our environment, and is
being actioned at all levels of government. WQIA has been applied in HH since at least 2008.

Recently, staff of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands, replying to a query about the subject WQIA Agreement, reported that, in a cursory search of minor variances granted under By-law s.45(1), for the three years since 2012, in 31 of 48 (65%) of those applications, a WQAI was required as a condition of approval of the request. This is consistent with information that, typically, the Municipality requires a WQAI for any development closer than 100 feet to the high-water mark, as stipulated in the by-law.

HOW IT WORKS: When the Municipality approves a request for minor variance and requires that a property owner enter into the subject Agreement, it requires the property owner to submit, for approval, a sketch of the property, identifying all buildings, all trees of a certain minimum diameter, all areas of vegetation and ground cover, driveways, walkways, etc., differentiating between permeable and impermeable surfaces, swales, water run-offs on the property, and so on. Fortunately, the cost of hiring a consultant to do this can be avoided, as the Municipality accepts reasonably well-done sketches. These sketches also serve as documentary evidence for enforcement of the Agreement, which generally restricts the removal or development of specified property "elements" or "features" without prior authorization, which usually involves a building permit.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME? In addition to the effort of sketch preparation, there are unavoidable costs involved. As the Agreement must be registered against the Deed of Title, there are legal and administrative (Ontario Land Registry) costs involved, which amount to roughly $500. Those are the substantive costs, but it should be noted that, whenever such a property is listed for sale, the lawyer is required to advise potential buyers that the property is encumbered by restrictions on the extent to which they will be permitted to develop or alter their property. In the real estate business, understandably, this is often referred to as a "cloud on title".
AN ALTERNATE INSTRUMENT? While the WQIA can be an effective instrument in protecting our environment, its application is limited to the relatively-minor percentage of the population that applies for a minor variance; it has no absolutely no effect on those already enjoying their properties "as is". However, we also have another instrument – by-laws –, that apply to all property owners in a given jurisdiction, and those laws can, and are, being amended, as and when required, to address those very same environmental concerns (and more) than the current WQIAs, which can't be altered.

DO YOU "OWN" A WQIA? This writer would like to explore the ramifications of the TQIA and by-law relationship. If your property is currently, or about to be, subject to a WQIA, please contact me by email at rickjanpro@xplornet.ca or call me at 613-756-6838 (on Kamaniskeg) and respond to the following:

Q1. What was the justification for the imposition of your WQIA?
Q2. In what year did you enter into the WQAI? [your guess is OK]

Even if you aren’t personally affected by a WQIA, but have any additional info or comments, (such as someone else you know, who is affected), please feel free – or ask them – to contact me.

Rick Prociuk, KAPOA Communications

The Garbage Situation in Hastings Highlands

For those of us living in Hastings Highlands, a major issue we've had to deal with is the cancellation of the curbside pickup of our household garbage.

The brief history of this issue is that, last January, this service was cancelled because there were no bids for the contract with the Municipality. The company that had the contract did have one more option year but chose not to pick it up.
For the past eleven months Council has been dithering with how to go about dealing with this problem. The one concrete move they made was to increase in some dumps the number of days these dumps will be open. The resulting decision was to increase the number from two to three in the south end of the township and to leave at only one day both the Sand Bay and Wolf Creek dumps. In effect, service was maintained in parts of the township but the KAPOA catchment area has had its service reduced, with no concurrent reduction in fees, i.e. taxes.

When the cancellation of curbside pickup crystalized, a number of the Hastings Highlands property owners associations surveyed their constituents about their feelings and needs on this issue. This was done for KAPOA’s membership and the result was that almost 70% of the membership felt that curbside pickup is a necessity but almost no one was prepared to have a tax increase to cover the cost. It’s interesting to note that such a cost was originally accounted for in the township budget as a budget item. This budget amount was then, without any formal debate or consent, transferred to defer increased policing costs, and then Council presented that a tax increase would be associated with a resumption of curbside pickup rather than where it was originally assigned, that is, with increased OPP costs.

On Wednesday 18 November at the regular Council meeting, the issue of waste management was on the agenda. During the discussion Council recognized that no formal, structured effort was being undertaken in this matter. Councillor Matheson then brought forward a motion that Council strike a committee made up of the Manager of Operations, two councillors and two members of the public. The mandate of the committee was to research all alternatives to resolving the lack of service. Heated discussion followed, spearheaded by Councillor Roberts, against creating a committee of any type. In an attempt to salvage at least the concept of transparency, Councillor Matheson resubmitted a motion defining the composition of the committee. After holding a unanimous recorded vote Council made itself the committee. The legal ramifications of this decision are interesting. At the very least, the law requires that this committee, as Council, will have to advertise in the legally defined timeframe any
meetings they hold.

Of further interest to KAPOA are a couple of issues impacting our two dumps. After a formal study by outside resources, it's been made clear that, by provincial standards, there's an overabundance of dump sites in Hastings Highlands and that several dumps are nearing the end of their life-cycle. In the near future, we'll be facing the closures of at least two. The impact on taxpayers is that taxes will have to fund the decommissioning of these dumps, which is very extensive and expensive. The Sand Bay dump is one facing this fate. With the closing of dumps, the alternative of curbside pickup becomes more necessary and urgent. On a positive note, provincial inspectors have confirmed that an inspection of the test wells at Wolf Creek on Monday 23 November, indicate that there is no unacceptable leaching into Wolf Creek.

On the hazardous waste collection front, on its website, Council has posted the five dates in 2016 designated for hazardous waste collection. Once again, all five dates are scheduled in Faraday Township, as far away from KAPOA members as imaginable. Again, no effort has been made to fairly distribute the dates around the Municipality, even though all municipal yards in HH are appropriately licensed. A formal complaint has been emailed to our Councillors.

As events unfold, KAPOA will keep our members updated on these and any other critical issues.

Bob Tatarski, Editor

Thank you for being a member!
WHAT'S FOCA? …..I DON'T RECALL JOINING!"

FOCA – The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

As mentioned at the beginning of this Newsletter, KAPOA is an "Association Member" member of FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, that represents us, among other Associations, and gives us a voice, at the Provincial level on issues affecting the Province's cottagers.

Association Members such as KAPOA comprise groups that represent lakes/roads and that have paying members. The annual fee for Association Members is $125 +$3.25/member; this fee is paid annually out of KAPOA members' annual membership dues.

KAPOA sincerely recommends that all members take the time "check out" all the benefits

*The following information has been provided by FOCA and gently edited for KAPOA readers.*

**BENEFITS OF FOCA MEMBERSHIP:** We sincerely encourage you to "check out" the FOCA website, which includes lots of interesting tools, information and resources, including discount offers on a number of KAPOA-membership-relevant
products and services, available to all members
Benefits also include, a vote at the FOCA AGM and access to the FOCA member rate on Commercial General Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance discounts and much more!

Visit the rich FOCA website at www.foca.on.ca to access cottager-specific answers to your questions. Use the search feature to find information about particular topics. Here, KAPOA members can also apply for a Login to access member-only materials and discounts!

**Hint:** if any hotlink in this Newsletter doesn't open when you click on it, try a right-click and (if available), select the **Open Hyperlink** option; if that doesn't work, just copy the link into your browser and enjoy!

**Sharing Information: Sign up for FOCA Elerts!** For a free monthly Newsletter, by clicking here! (give the link a few moments to display). KAPOA members are encouraged review the provided past issues in the FOCA “**News & Events**” section. By the way, all editions of our **KAPOA** newsletters are forwarded to FOCA, as our "umbrella association" so that FOCA can stay current on our issues and be able to spread the word about upcoming events in our area. The more people FOCA has on its Elert list, the better, as it highlights, to FOCA partners, the size and significance of the Ontario waterfront community, particularly in FOCA’s their advocacy efforts on our behalf.

Once again, your Newsletter staff says "**don’t forget** to visit the rich FOCA website at www.foca.on.ca and remember to look under "Benefits"! Of course, you're also encouraged to visit all parts of the website.

**FOCA assurs that they will never release your email addresses or other private information to third parties.**
The FOCA information in this issue was provided by Deanna Panitz, FOCA Membership and Programs Coordinator

Rick Prociuk       KAPOA Communications

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**COLLEEN’S RECIPE CORNER**

**Cauliflower Salad (Serves 18-20)**

Always a great dish for summer, especially for large gatherings. Prepare the day before and refrigerate. Simply modify the amounts for smaller gatherings.

**INGREDIENTS**

1. 1 head cauliflower cut into bite-size pieces
2. 1 head iceberg lettuce cut into bite-size pieces
3. 1 large Spanish onion finely chopped
4. 1 package bacon, bacon fried very crispy, then broken/crumbled into pieces
5. 1 small jar (445 gm) Hellman's mayonnaise
6. Grated Parmesan cheese

**PREPARATION**

- One ingredient at a time, in the order at #1-6 above, place the ingredients in a large mixing bowl (approx. 20 L./18 qt) in roughly even layers, spreading each layer over the previous one.
- Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the whole dish and cover with saran wrap.
- Simply toss prior to serving.

*Enjoy!*
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We’re on the Madawaska River (Kamaniskeg Lake Road), and found this interesting creature clinging to our river thermometer. It was crystal clear and jelly-like, with gold flecks inside.

Can anyone identify it? [reply to the Editor]

Kind regards,
Maureen Kleniewski
To the Editor: Update Requested

Our place is on the Madawaska River, about 15 properties upstream from where it flows into Kamaniskeg Lake. We noticed that, again this summer, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) had temperature sensor buoys in the river, which we assume were measuring water temperatures resulting from water releases at Bark Lake Dam. Although this summer, we had a run of hot, humid days and nights, we again experienced a sudden chill in the river-water temperatures. By mid-summer, we could predict –almost to the hour– when we’d have to get out of the water, because it was too cold. Given our hot summer, it seems unnatural that the temperature variations were so extreme.

We understand that the Madawaska Kanu Centre relies on regular water releases for a good whitewater experience for its customers and we appreciate the money they bring to the community. Cottagers along the river, however, deserve to have advance notice of the schedule of planned water releases, noting whether they're "top" or "bottom" releases. Realizing that power-generating demands may also require unanticipated releases, perhaps the warmer "top" water releases could be the rule for July and August only, with all due respect to the costs incurred (Hydro rates are increasing again).

This is an issue not being addressed –let alone resolved– despite its environmental impact; (swiftly changing water levels/temperatures are not conducive to nesting water fauna).

It's high time that those recorded water temperatures and other data be released to those of us adversely affected by them. This issue has been brought to KAPOA’s attention for the past several years, so now, we await action other than the OPG statement, that providing recreationally- suitable water is not their mandate but, apparently, collecting our money through Hydro bills with huge delivery charges and increasing rates, is.
Grumblin' Granny's is a very popular souvenir and craft shop located (since 1980) at the east end of town on Hwy 60. It carries a wide and exotic selection of goods and pieces from many
lands, that includes hand-made wood and metal work, stone and wood carvings/creations...... there are just too many things to mention; they must be seen.

This past summer, the gallery expanded to a new site 3km south of Barry’s Bay on Hwy 62. According to the sales staff the owners, Theo and Lynne Lange, originally from the Toronto area, have purchased that property on Hwy 62 and plan to move there permanently. Staff also mentioned that any item that goes on sale at the original store will be moved to the new location, which also carries larger items, including furniture.

Grumblin' Granny's is truly worth a visit, from locals and tourists alike.

Ed Kobylka, KAPOA Communications

Moose FM 106.5 Opens in Barry’s Bay
Friday 16 October was the official opening of Moose FM Radio in Barry's Bay, and Mayor Kim Love and various business owners were invited to the Grand Opening, welcoming the new station to our area. For a small community like Barry's Bay, we have bragging rights to our own radio station in the valley.

Moose FM 106.5 plays the big hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s and the many retirees in the area are familiar with that music. It's exciting to have a radio station that will keep us better-informed of local events and local news.

Ed Kobylka, KAPOA Communications

SOLICITATION FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Dear KAPOA member,
As the new editorial staff of the KAPOA Newsletter, we are turning to you for input to the Newsletter. If you have an article you would like to write and submit or if you have any ideas regarding either the content or format of the Newsletter, we encourage you to forward them to the staff.

We can be reached at: kapoanewslettereditors@gmail.com