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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1a: Why does KLT need \$1 Million to accept the donation of Boyd Island?

Q1b: Why is the current owner requiring KLT to raise \$1 Million before donating Boyd Island?

A1a: While the Board of Directors is pleased with the generous offer to donate Boyd Island to KLT, they want to ensure that they can accept the Island and protect it for public benefit in perpetuity.

KLT has done its homework and determined that it needs a stewardship fund of approximately \$1 Million to cover up-front costs and to generate (at about 3.5% interest annually) the minimum funds required for basic stewardship of the Island; only about \$30,000 - \$35,000 a year, but... forever.

A1b: The current owner isn't requiring KLT to raise the money, the KLT Board of Directors... (see A1a).

Q2: What happens if KLT doesn't raise the \$1 Million?

A2: While we are very confident that we can raise \$1 Million given the support we have received so far, that is a possible eventuality. If that happens, the Board of Directors of KLT will have to look at how much of the \$1 Million has been raised; the prospects for raising the rest over the next short while; then make a hard decision about whether or not to go ahead and accept the land or decline Mr. Wilson's generous offer. With your help, we hope we won't be faced with that decision.





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Q3: What happens if I make a donation to secure Boyd Island and the deal doesn't go through?

A3: If you make an immediate cash/cheque/credit card donation to KLT, you may indicate that you prefer your donation be applied to the Boyd Island project; if the Boyd Island deal fails to close, since KLT cannot refund donations, nor maintain segregated accounts these donations are non-refundable and may be applied to other KLT priorities. Pledging is another option (see A4).

Q4: I want to support the Boyd Island project, but would rather have my donation returned if the deal doesn't go through. How can I be sure that my donation will only go to supporting Boyd Island?

A4: If you want your donation to be exclusively related to the Boyd Island project, and do not wish to support any other KLT activities, you may make a pledge to donate to the Boyd Island project within 30 days of the closing of the island deal. If the deal goes through, pledges to be followed up for collection.

Q5: I want to support KLT's efforts to acquire Boyd Island, but I can't afford to donate a lot at one time – can I donate over several years?

A5: You may make a pledge to donate to the Boyd Island project over a number of years. If the deal goes through, first year pledges will be followed up for collection within 30 days of the closing of the deal. You will be contacted in subsequent years to honour your pledges.





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Q6: I've heard that if I pledge over three years that only the first year will be counted toward the \$1 Million target – is that true? If so, why?

A6: While KLT recognizes that local supporters are very committed to seeing Boyd Island preserved in perpetuity, the KLT Board has taken a cautious approach to determining financial support. Because there is a risk, however small, that a percentage of pledges in subsequent years will not be honoured, the KLT Board feels it is being fiscally responsible by only accounting for the first year of multi-year pledges for the \$1 Million stewardship fund.

Q7: If KLT acquires the Island, what do you intend to do with it?

A7: Boyd Island is the largest undeveloped island in southern Ontario and has a fascinating natural and cultural history. The intent of the KLT is to maintain the Island's natural and cultural features and to continue compatible, responsible uses of the Island by the public.

Q8: What kind of activities will KLT permit on the Island?

A8: KLT generally allows low impact recreational activities on its properties. It is KLT's intention to permit the following activities:

- Hiking, walking, cross-country skiing and related passive recreation;
- Use of focused recreational facilities, such as trails, picnic tables and possibly designated fire pits or a dock;
- Research and educational programs;
- Fishing





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Q9: Will KLT allow hunting [overnight camping, snowmobiles, etc.] on the Island?

A9: KLT plans to have on-going dialogue with the community to assess appropriate uses that are consistent with conservation, the donor's conditions, liability concerns, and KLT's policies for managing our wider suite of lands. We will likely hold future Open Houses to get local community input. Let us know your thoughts.

Q10: Will you charge a fee to use the Island?

A10: Current KLT policy is to allow free use of its properties.

Q11: Will houseboats still be able to moor alongside [tie to] the Island?

A11a: In general, there are no restrictions about where someone can moor a boat offshore, however KLT will study the situation to determine whether this activity is impacting the natural environment of Boyd Island. We may discourage mooring in sensitive areas, or take other action.

A11b: While tying a boat to the Island without permission is technically trespass, KLT allows low impact recreational activities, such as hiking, on its properties; KLT will, therefore, have to look at options for providing access to the Island. We will likely hold future Open Houses to get local community input. Let us know your thoughts.

Q12: I've seen lots of garbage left on the island or in shallow water. It's been left by rental houseboats (or other boaters). What is KLT going to do about that?

A12: Once KLT owns the Island, we will evaluate the situation to determine the extent of the problem and if it is impacting the natural environment of Boyd Island. We'll work to educate the public and work with community members and commercial operators to address the problem. Of course, this will require staff and resources, which is why we are raising money for a stewardship fund.





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Q13: Have you involved local First Nations in this project?

A13: KLT has had discussions with Curve Lake First Nation and they are supportive of preserving Boyd Island in its natural state in perpetuity. Archeologist, Dr. James Conolly of Trent University works very closely with the local First Nations.

Q14: What are you going to do about the Wild Rice problem?

A14: The concerns about the impacts of increased Wild Rice beds impacting shoreline residents is restricted to the shallow southern end of Pigeon Lake. Those concerns are being dealt with by the Federal Government through Parks Canada/Trent Severn Waterway. The Federal Government and local First Nations held a government to government meeting (Aug 28th) to discuss ways of resolving the issue.

