

KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

Protecting the land you love.





Message from the Chair of the Board and the Executive Director

2016 was another great year of growth and development for Kawartha Land Trust.

With deep appreciation, we reflect on the significant commitment of volunteers and donors that advanced and completed so many projects across our landscape.

Our Strategic Plan was renewed in 2016. It emphasizes our vision of the Kawartha Region being characterized by natural spaces and connections that support healthy and representative ecosystems and landscapes, and commits us to doing our part to help achieve that vision.

Against the backdrop of that strategic plan and the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves, we continue to attract top talent to all areas of the organization - a critical ingredient to our achievements in 2016 and to some exciting projects now in the works. We have more than 55 volunteers regularly involved in one or more formal committees and more than 50 volunteer stewards.

Our Board of Directors continues to provide sound leadership for the organization. In 2016 we welcomed John Desbiens as a new Director. John has also assumed the role of vice-chair of the Board. Two new committees of the Board were established: an Investment Committee. and a Governance Committee. We thank Matthew Brackenridge and Dr. Tom Hutchinson, both of whom stepped down from the Board in 2016, for their years of service to KLT.

Our Governance Committee has led a review of the governance of the organization, and has recommended that KLT move to a Trustee model of governance. In 2017, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, we expect to be implementing that recommendation.

Operationally, the year included the expansion of the scope, activities and volunteers of the Development, Securement, and Stewardship committees and the establishment of one new committee - Big Island Management Advisory Team.

Two major focuses for the team were the establishment of the Stony Lake Trails and initiating our role as steward of Big Island. These projects stretched a small group of volunteers and staff to a demanding but rewarding level and are wonderful contributions to public use and our portfolio of sites in the region!

All of these activities were necessary for accountability, genuine engagement, and our promise to the community. Other changes like the new office space at the Mount Community Centre in Peterborough were necessary to accommodate our growing KLT team.

As a result, we are now very well positioned to meet our mission and have a significant impact on the landscape in keeping with our new strategic plan: connected corridors and landscapes. And going forward, we have a number of bold plans and objectives coming together in 2017 and beyond.

We hope you enjoy reading just a few of the highlights of 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us, or one of our team, at any time.

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Chervl Lewis Chair. Board of Directors

Mike Hendren **Executive Director**

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Our Mission

Caring for lands entrusted to us and helping others protect the land they love in the Kawarthas.

Our Vision

We envision a future where the Kawartha Region is characterized by natural spaces and corridors that support healthy and representative ecosystems and landscapes. This deeply-connected landscape is founded on a mix of privately and publicly protected lands, private land stewardship and a supportive policy framework.

Our Guiding Principles

We complement the work of other conservation entities and organizations.

We value and strive to maintain donor confidence and volunteer engagement.

We value transparency, ethical practice, high service standards and accountability at all levels of our organization.

We are responsive, inclusive and collaborative, seeking and providing opportunities for a broad range of individuals and groups to join and support our conservation work.

Meet the team

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KLT Volunteers & Donors Evan Thomas & Al Sippel

Ian Attridge retires from KLT

Back in 2000, a passion for the landscapes of the Kawarthas led Ian Attridge and a small group of like-minded people to establish the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy – now Kawartha Land Trust.

And now 16 years later, after serving in a variety of roles including Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director,

Legal Counsel, Lands Manager, tour guide and volunteer, he has retired from KLT.

lan is truly someone who 'walks the talk' where his passion for conservation is intertwined in all aspects of his personal and work life.

lan says it's been his passion to link his knowledge and the connection he feels to the Kawartha landscape and then encourage

others to get involved in conservation action.

"I particularly enjoyed meeting with landowners, helping them understand the value of their properties further, and helping them achieve long-lasting conservation of the lands for which they had cared for years," he says. "I explored so many interesting places and met and worked with amazing people to bring a conservation vision into reality in a tangible and enduring way."

A familiar sight on his bike along the streets of Peterborough, Ian will continue as a professor at Trent University and practicing lawyer. But he maintains his years with KLT have had a real impact on his life.

And he has had a huge impact on others, including Ralph McKim.

"I think of Ian Attridge as my friendly disruptor. Fifteen years ago I had a quiet retirement planned. Then I met lan and was drawn in by his vision of and commitment to a protected natural landscape in the Kawarthas. For well over a decade now I have had a new day job: volunteer, advocate, supporter and steward of a protected land - all within a

network of inspired and inspiring people. My life has been disrupted - for which I am grateful to lan. Many of us are. He's not an endangered species but he's a rare bird, indeed," Ralph said.

"On behalf of KLT Board of Directors

we thank lan for his long standing involvement and dedication to protecting the land you love in the Kawarthas", said Cheryl Lewis, Chair of the Board. "He is truly someone who 'walks the talk' where his passion for conservation is intertwined in all aspects of his personal and work life. As an organization we are pleased that he is eager to stay involved with KLT beyond his retirement."



Ian Attridge

Stony Lake trails





In July 2016, KLT officially opened the Kawartha Land Trust's 10-kilometre Stony Lake Trails network.

The "yellow trail" now passes through the Ingleton-Wells property, connecting with the longer "red trail" that runs through the nearby Jeffrey-Cowan Forest Preserve. Together, with the nearby "blue trail" on the Viamede Resort property, they make up KLT's Stony Lake Trails network.

Evan Thomas has been volunteering as a trailblazer with KLT - primarily on the Ingleton-Wells property where he is the lead steward - for about four years. "The late Norm Cowan, a longtime supporter of the KLT, had already established a trail network through his own property, and Viamede had its own trail system in place. The work on the Ingleton-Wells property helped connect the two systems," Thomas says.

In total the trails provide 10 kilometres of hiking experiences from moderate to intermediate, with benches at resting areas and abundant opportunities to view wildlife. The trails are easily accessible, with parking lots located off of Reid's Road at KLT-owned Ingleton-Wells Property and at Viamede Resort.

The trails network would not have been possible efforts were being made to put some protection without the support of many donors, volunteers and in place. In certain areas you can see where wire neighbouring landowners, and the inspiration of cages have been placed to protect endangered Ralph Ingleton who promoted the broader vision. butternut trees. The Brooks-Hill, Cowan, and O'Dell families Since the completion of the full trail network, generously provided permission for the trail network use has steadily increased. Viamede guests and to cross over their private lands. Volunteers have neighbouring residents alike appreciate the hiking worked tirelessly to inventory the species on the experience, and when local nature author Drew properties, locate, clear and maintain the new Monkman wrote of the trail system last year, more trails, erect signs, and build the parking lot on KLT hikers turned up. Ingleton-Wells Property just off Reid's Road in time

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for the opening in 2016. Ben Sämann, KLT board member and owner of Viamede Resort, put a lot of effort into coordinating local arrangements and marking the trails.

While the work was taking place, the area was open to hiking but it was not publicly advertised. There are some species at risk on the properties and

The KLT trail network is one of the most significant connected corridors available to the public in the region.

"It saw fairly heavy use last summer and fall," said Thomas. "The numbers declined in the winter but I expect we will see a lot more as more people hear about it. We have different mechanisms of getting the word out."

One way of spreading the word is through local naturalist groups. The Peterborough Field Naturalists took to the Ingleton-Wells property in April to look for migrating spotted salamanders moving to their breeding pools. This inventory event drew about 30 people who helped enrich our knowledge of the property and who also enjoyed the trails.

Whether it's for exercise or just a chance to get out in the beautiful natural surroundings, there is plenty to see. While walking on the trails you can fully experience and enjoy the unique geology that makes the Stony Lake area both ecologically significant and beautiful - from limestone cliffs and cuts to significant outcrops of the Canadian Shield. The Jeffrey-Cowan Forest Preserve at the east end of the trail boasts scenic views from the highest point around Stony Lake. Along with a variety of birds, hikers can often view beaver and deer.

The KLT trail network is one of the most significant connected corridors available to the public in the region. We encourage you to get out and enjoy all that the trails have to offer!

A Lasting Legacy. Protecting the Land You Love.

Christie Bentham was a valued friend and volunteer for the KLT. She had a vision of protection for special places on her beloved Stony Lake and wanted to ensure the abundant species found there would thrive into the future beyond her lifetime.

Christie passed away after years of working tirelessly on many causes. She left her mark both on the landscape and on those who knew her.

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In her words:

"We like to think of Stony Lake as a constant in our lives.

yet the natural environment changes continually. Many of the oak trees have gone, victims of the gypsy moth, forest tent caterpillars and lack of moisture in the thin layer of soil. On the positive side, descendants of the white pine which were heavily logged in the last century have flourished. Invasive species such as Eurasian watermilfoil, purple loosestrife and zebra mussels have



You too can create a legacy to protect the land you love for future generations.

Making a planned gift to Kawartha Land Trust is a simple and powerful way to leave a legacy for the future of the Kawarthas.

Learn more about leaving a gift in your Will at kawarthalandtrust.org or 705-743-5599

appeared, while the indigenous Canada geese, osprevs and cormorants are much more numerous."

Christie chose to make a substantial contribution to the protection of special places in the Kawarthas, both through the sale of her beloved boat, Spree



and in her Will, representing one of the largest financial gifts to Kawartha Land Trust to date.

Christie's gifts build upon the momentum of many other families and individuals who have chosen to help

protect important sites in the Kawarthas, through gifts of land, gifts of conservation agreements, gifts of financial support and gifts of time.

We are grateful for Christie's gifts and confidence in KLT to protect the land you love.



Christie & William Bentham Photo credit: Paul Orenstein

Thank you to our donors

We can't protect the forest, fields, shorelines, and wetlands of the Kawarthas without you. Your donations help to manage sensitive natural areas, acquire key properties, retain staff and do all that needs to be done to ensure the long-term conservation of land in the Kawarthas.

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KLT Impact

projects



recreational trails

6,000+volunteer hrs in 2016

Kawartha Land Trust Financial Information: Statement of Revenue & Expenses & Fund Balances

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2016	2015	2014
Revenue	\$	\$	\$
Grants	281,827	423,579	185,374
Donations	640,420	985,600	131,508
Other	31,924	17,902	12,372
Donations of Land	0	4,017,000	93,000
Total Income	954,171	5,444,081	422,254
Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Community Engagement	53,424	31,621	29,286
Fundraising	5,193	9,170	5,676
Direct Cost of Land Stewardship & Securement	48,081	137,782	34,438
Operations	48,179	34,905	24,934
Salaries	274,647	194,925	179,172
Total Expenses	429,524	408,403	273,506
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$524,647	\$5,035,678	\$148,748

Revenue	2016 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
Securement and Stewardship Funds	1,439,348	958,696	23,959
Operating Fund	233,180	183,553	98,101

Balance - end of year

8,302,226



7,767,579

2,731,901

Kawartha Land Trust Properties 2016

Owned Properties

▲ Dance (Sharpe) Nature Sanctuary | 99.3 acres (2006)

L This property was donated by Alice Sharpe and anchors KLT's Moore Lake Focal Area. It includes a portion of the provincially significant Moore Lake Wetland Complex, and Lakefield Crevasse Fillings, an Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. The Fillings are part of the Lake Wisconsinan glacial deposit which also created the Dummer Moraine, immediately to the south. A wide variety of plants grow on this property and its wildlife habitat, including fields, forests, marshes and swamps, is home to many different animal species.

Creek Property | 814.1 acres (2010)

This extensive property was donated by the Emily Creek Duck Club with support from Ducks Unlimited Canada. It is a semi-wilderness setting and a haven for wildlife. The property is part of a Provincially Significant Wetland and Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. Emily Creek meanders through the property which includes mixed bog, fen and swamp habitats.

✓ Vincent Woods | 102 acres (2010)

OLes and Sandy Vincent donated this forested property, just up a small creek from Salmon Lake. The property contains a rare species of frog, beautiful impressive old growth trees, and borders a wetland and is surrounded by Crown Lands.

4 Ingleton-Wells Property | 73.3 acres (2011) This property donated by the Ingleton and Wells families,

contains evidence of different eras of settlement. These lands include open fields and an orchard as well as upland forests, swamps and open areas providing diverse habitats for wildlife. There is a trail network for hikers that connects with neighboring properties, including Viamede Resort to the west.

Falls Property | 178 acres (2013)

OThese lands are near the headwaters of the Crowe River. There has been a significant amount of work done to document the plants, birds and wildlife found here due to the efforts of its donors. Bruce and Ann Falls, and their colleagues. Cliffs. streams, upland forests and swamps all contribute to a rich bird and plant life on this site which is part of the 'Land Between' transition zone between the limestone bedrock of southern Ontario and the granite of the Canadian Shield.

Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island | 1085 acres (2015)

OBig (Boyd/Chiminis) Island in Pigeon Lake is the largest undeveloped island in the Kawarthas. The vast majority of the island was donated by Mike and Terry Wilson. The property is an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, and home to wetlands. diverse forests, and a wide variety of plant and wildlife species. First Nations peoples used this island as a meeting and harvesting place thousands of years ago. Today, the island has significant cultural value to Curve Lake First Nations and to many others in the area. The island was once owned and farmed by the Boyd family, one of the first settlement families from Bobcaygeon. The island is referred to as Big, Boyd or by its indigenous peoples' name, Chiminis.

Conservation Agreement Properties

∧ East Syndicate Island (Cowan) | 5.1 acres (2006)

Morman Cowan donated a conservation agreement to protect the natural character of East Syndicate Island on Stony Lake. The Island is the last large, undeveloped island left on Stony Lake, and is part of a wildlife corridor between the granite north shore and the limestone south shore.

Elliott Property | 139.7 acres (2009)

DHeather Elliott donated a conservation agreement over this large Stony Lake property in memory of her late husband, Don. The agreement protects the diverse and provincially significant wetlands found on this property that act as core nurseries for fish, turtles and other wildlife on the lake. A "disappearing" stream makes this an important area to protect.

Glen Burn (Howson) Property | 100 acres (2010)

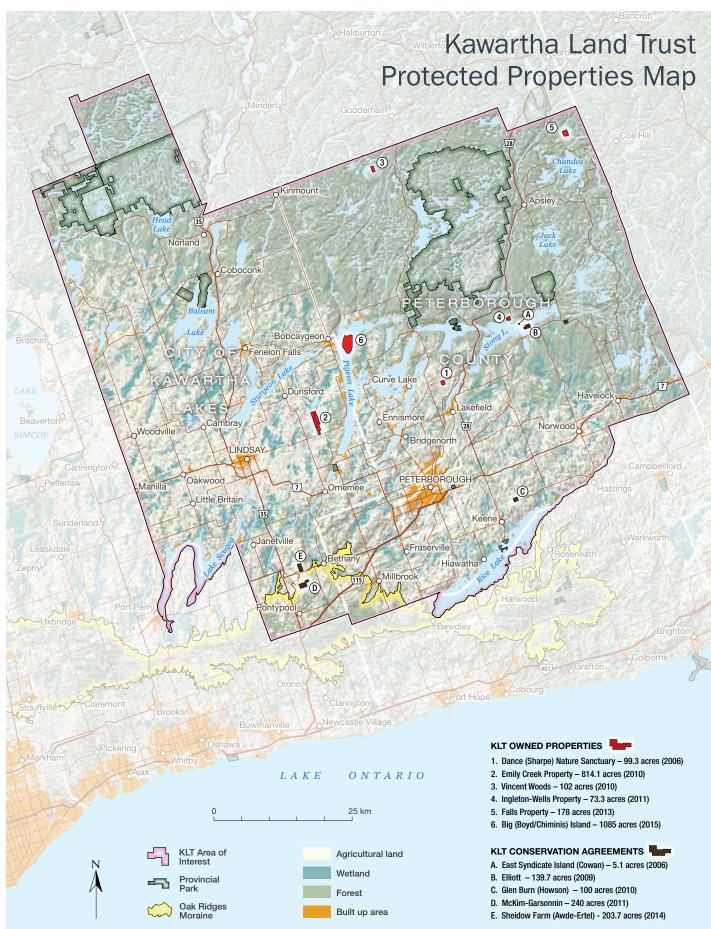
Major Donald Howson donated this conservation agreement to protect the thousands of trees he has planted on the property over the last decades. It contains a geological Area of Natural and Scientific Interest for its reversed direction drumlins, creek headwaters, and active agricultural fields. As the highest point in Otonabee Township, it has fantastic views off to Rice Lake, over the renowned Peterborough Drumlin Field, and on to the City of Peterborough itself.

McKim-Garsonnin Property | 240 acres (2011)

UThrough a conservation agreement, Ralph McKim and Jean Garsonnin steward this large property with extensive views at the headwaters of Fleetwood Creek on the Oak Ridges Moraine. They have protected this rolling forested landscape and restored prairie plant species. This property complements the adjacent conservation holdings at the Fleetwood Creek Natural Area.

Sheidow Farm (Awde-Ertel) | 203.7 (2014)

Ron Awde and Robert Ertel steward this property which is part of a larger corridor of protected lands in Bethany Hills. It is recognized in the official plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes as having "significant wildlife and woodland habitat." On this property woodland corridors are being restored on 120 acres specifically designated for this purpose.







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