



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

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2017



Protecting the land you love.

Message from the Chair of the Board and the Executive Director

To our volunteers, supporters, and community at large:

We are again pleased to provide you a report of great progress!

Thanks to your hard work and commitment, the Kawartha Land Trust has grown as an organization and strengthened its impact again this year. The results can be seen in the enhanced level of formal involvement by many of you in our work, the number of protected properties, and the breadth of our partners and resources.

A few highlights to mention:

- Two new properties have been protected – Ayotte’s Point Woods and Schipper. See details within!
- Over 500 people participated in formal Kawartha Land Trust land stewardship days, guided walks and paddling trips. Countless others enjoyed our properties independently.
- Two dozen landowners worked with Kawartha Land Trust on stewardship of their lands or initiated a plan for long term protection (securement) of their property.
- We updated our corporate by-laws and elected the first nine of thirty Trustees of Kawartha Land Trust.

We have had a substantial increase in volunteers participating in all aspects of our work, bringing new skills and experience to bear on our mission. We would like to recognize John Desbiens, who was elected Chair in the fourth quarter of 2017. Like many in our talented team, John brings an extraordinary amount of knowledge and experience in the community, in conservation and in business management and development.

Looking ahead to 2018 and beyond, we see more opportunities to protect and enhance the land we all love. In keeping with our strategic plan, we have initiated an ambitious yet achievable strategy to meet our vision of a connected landscape in the Kawartha Region. This includes more lands directly protected by Kawartha Land Trust and several new or expanded partnerships with others committed to that vision. We believe the coming years could be our best yet.

To those of you who work in a wide variety of ways to further the aims of the Kawartha Land Trust, we wish to say thank you. So much of your effort happens quietly and behind the scenes. We are truly fortunate to be part of this dynamic volunteer and staff team that now exceeds 110 individuals giving a record 7,000 hours last year!

Thank you again for your hard work and support and we hope you enjoy reading this snapshot of our shared progress!

Warmest regards,



Cheryl Lewis
Past Chair, Board of Directors
(Chair, Board of Directors: June 2011 – Sept 2017)



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.
- We achieve our mission primarily through land donation and conservation agreements rather than through the purchase of property.



Meet the team

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Newly Protected: Ayotte’s Point Woods

We are very pleased to announce that Jane and Peter Darling have generously donated their 77 acre property known as Ayotte’s Point Woods to the KLT to ensure it will be protected forever. The property is in the Clear Lake corridor and is just north of Young’s Point on the west side of Clear Lake.

The property includes upland and lowland cedar forest, beautifully managed oak stands and some seasonally flooded areas full of wildlife. Conservation of this property ensures that the flora and fauna that live in our area will have a secure habitat for years to come.

The property will also be registered with the Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Ecological Gift Program providing further protection and oversight above and beyond the KLT’s Stewardship Program.

Because the property is zoned “rural”, had it not been protected, it could have been developed with at least one dwelling, the forest could have been cut down, and or a variety of other activities that

would have damaged its natural character could have occurred. Now, we hope you share comfort in knowing the land will remain the beautiful protected area it is today.

“We were delighted to work with Kawartha Land Trust to see the land we love protected in perpetuity and know there will always be a safe haven for the many birds and deer that enjoy the forests on the property, now known as Ayotte’s Point Woods,” said Jane & Peter Darling

KLT is also working with many other land owners in the Kawarthas, including the Stony-Clear-White Lakes area who are interested in protecting additional lands for conservation.

When protecting a new property, KLT brings together donors of land, money and time (volunteers) to ensure that the Kawartha Region is characterized by natural spaces and connections that support healthy and representative ecosystems and landscapes. Thank you to all involved in protecting the land we all love in the Kawarthas!

Interesting Features

- Part of a series of protected lands in the Clear Lake corridor.
- Opportunity for expansion and trail development.
- Significant managed forest area including: nature trails with mixed wood species, strong habitat for forest birds and creatures.
- Minimal invasive species and initial stewardship requirements.



“WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WORK WITH KAWARTHA LAND TRUST TO SEE THE LAND WE LOVE PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY...”

A Lasting Legacy. Ian’s 3% Solution.

When Ian Deslauriers supports a cause, he does it with gusto.

Ian, a geographer for 40 years, has been involved with Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) for the past four years, supporting the organization with his time, his ideas and his money.

Ian, a monthly donor, has also decided to leave a Legacy Gift in his Will to the KLT. This is one version of a Legacy Gift, a term that covers a variety of giving options that enables donors to leave money to their favorite charities when they are gone. And these gifts often benefit their estates (depending on the option that is selected), by reducing taxes that are owed.

“When I think about my future, and when I’m no longer here, my focus is on my family first,” Ian says. “I’ve made sure there are provisions in my will for my money and property to go to my partner and my 3 children and grandchildren.”

Ian has developed a strategy for his charitable donations, and has set three per cent of his income as a comfortable level of giving. He’s done the same in his will, leaving three per cent to the charities that are important to him and his family, and the remaining 97 per cent to his loved ones.

He and his wife Sandy are both avid outdoor enthusiasts who love canoeing, hiking and x-country skiing in the beautiful Kawarthas. They both became involved in the KLT after reading an article in the paper and then volunteering for a clean-up day out on Boyd Island.

“Sandy and I went off to meet and work with a crew of volunteers, Ian said. “We had some great fun cleaning up a number of fire pits and camp sites.”

Ian and Sandy discovered they had a lot in common with other volunteers and staff. They all loved nature, being in the outdoors and were not afraid to get their hands dirty.

Since that time Ian says his experience with the KLT has changed his life for the better.

The best part, he says, is knowing that he’s making a big difference to the conservation of some vital natural landscapes in Kawartha Country.

“I know my decision to support the KLT financially will help protect the land we love for generations yet to come,” he said. “I feel compelled to act because of the threats to our conservation lands that are happening as we speak.”

Ian’s gifts build upon the momentum of many other families and individuals who have chosen to help protect the land they love; through gifts of land, gifts of conservation agreements, gifts of financial support and gifts of time.



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

Newly Protected: Schipper Property

The Schipper property on the shores of Pigeon Lake is a very special place that is the result of Mieke Schipper’s years of hard work and her incredible commitment to conservation and protection.

The 100 acre property between Emily Park and Bobcaygeon, where the Gamiing Nature Centre operates, is named for the Ojibwa word for “near the shore” and has been Mieke’s home for the past 32 years.

Mieke’s concern and commitment to conservation began long before she arrived in Canada, in her native Holland where she started making her own soap after she learned that phosphate was killing frogs in the area. The commitment continued later when she and her husband bought the Bobcaygeon Lodge and she made sure boats, motors and gas were handled properly to protect the lake water.

She says in those days most of her activity was focused on water issues. Ten years later when she moved to the farm she began researching native plants and planted a full five fields in 1987 and 1988.

The property was one of, if not the last undeveloped piece of land on Pigeon Lake and Mieke wanted to make sure it stayed that way.

Her commitment to the environment led Mieke to become a member of the first Environmental Action Committee in the City of Kawartha Lakes and in 1994 she became chair of the Pigeon Lake Environmental Association.

In the late 1990s that organization became Gamiing and she worked on lakeshore restoration and naturalization of shorelines.

“Gamiing evolved from those beginnings into a very active outdoor education centre.” she said.

Her interest in protecting land began in the 1980s when Mieke saw an article about a property in British Columbia that was put in Trust. She said the idea never left her, and once she bought the farm she knew she wanted to do something like that but didn’t know where to start.

She was introduced to lawyer Ian Attridge and together they created the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy, which eventually evolved into today’s Kawartha Land Trust.

Mieke Schipper and family donated a conservation easement agreement to the Kawartha Land Trust on their property to protect the land they love in perpetuity.

When asked what drives Mieke and keeps her going? “I want my granddaughters to drink fresh, healthy water, breathe fresh healthy air and eat fresh and healthy food,” she said. “I’m just so happy to know the land that I love and care for will be protected in perpetuity for generations yet to come,” continued Schipper.

“Thank you to Mieke and family for your vision and generosity to conserve nature for future generations and for your passion in bringing people together,” said Eva Kennedy, KLT Board of Director.

Kawartha Land Trust looks forward to protecting this special property and enabling others to learn about the natural beauty of this land and the importance of conserving natural habitats such as this.

Interesting Features

- **1200 feet** of undeveloped shoreline on Pigeon Lake.
- **30 acres** of wetland which harbor species at risk including Least Bittern and Blanding’s Turtles.
- Area of Natural and Scientific Interest & Provincially Significant Wetland (both provincial designations of significance).
- Landowner has a strong history of land care, restoration and community involvement on the property.
- Public access, 7km of trails are open to the public and are used for education and events run through the Gamiing Nature Center (the Gamiing Nature Centre is owned and operated separate from the Kawartha Land Trust).



THE 100 ACRE PROPERTY BETWEEN EMILY PARK AND BOBCAYGEON, IS NAMED FOR THE OJIBWA WORD FOR “NEAR THE SHORE”.



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



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

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2017	2016
Revenue	\$	\$
Grants	408,009	281,827
Donations	172,064	640,420
Other	37,680	31,924
Donations of Land*	265,000	0
Total Income	882,753	954,171
Expenses	\$	\$
Community Engagement	23,752	53,424
Fundraising	2,853	5,193
Direct Cost of Land Stewardship & Securement	69,424	48,081
Operations	51,824	48,179
Salaries	306,610	274,647
Total Expenses	454,463	429,524
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$428,290	\$524,647

Statement of Fund Balances

	2017	2016
Revenue	\$	\$
Capital Fund - Protected Land	6,893,654	6,629,698
Securement and Stewardship Funds	1,423,580	1,439,348
Operating Fund	403,282	233,180
Balance - End of Year	8,720,516	8,302,226

*The Schipper property is not included in the 2017 Donations of Land. The approvals were finalized in 2017, however the transfer occurred in early 2018 and will be actualized in the 2018 Annual Report & Financial Statements



Kawartha Land Trust Properties 2017

Owned Properties

1 Dance (Sharpe) Nature Sanctuary | 99.3 acres (2006)
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.

2 Emily 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.

3 Vincent Woods | 102 acres (2010)
Les 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.

Conservation Agreement Properties

A East Syndicate Island (Cowan) | 5.1 acres (2006)
Norman 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.

B Elliott Property | 139.7 acres (2009)
Heather 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.

C 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.

5 Falls Property | 178 acres (2013)
These 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.

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

7 Ayotte’s Point Woods | 77 acres (2017)
This property donated by the Darling Family, includes upland and lowland cedar forest, beautifully managed oak stands and some seasonally flooded areas full of wildlife.

D McKim-Garsonnin Property | 240 acres (2011)
Through 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.

E 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.

F Schipper (Gamiing Nature Sanctuary) | 99.8 (2017)
Mieke Schipper and family donated a conservation easement agreement to protect their beloved property with 1200 feet of undeveloped shoreline on Pigeon Lake. It also includes an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest and a Provincially Significant Wetland that is habitat for Species at Risk such as Least Bittern and Blanding’s Turtles.





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