



- We had our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner on August 8, 2026. It was hosted by Chris and Tracey Daley with 14 in attendance.
- Some of the topics discussed were Boat Etiquette, Road and Ditch Maintenance and Boat Registration. The meal and comradery were excellent.
- There seems to be a lot of cottage renovations underway as people are upgrading or improving. Several of our members have had fiber optic internet cable installed.
- Everyone was pleased that the development on Black Sturgeon has reached its limit.



Hello Black Sturgeon Lake lovers!

We are nearing the end of summer and there are still many who have not yet paid their 2026 dues. An email was sent early in August targeting unpaid members, so if you received an email then, it means you had not yet paid. Please pay as soon as possible if you have not done so, using the link below.

Any changes to email addresses in recent years need to be updated. If you hear of any friends or neighbours who have not received emails or newsletters, please have them contact us so we can update the master email list.

We would like to have area reps, as in past years, to help spread the word about BSLPOA and help collect dues. Please consider volunteering for your area.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of summer!

Black Sturgeon 2026 membership fees are \$25 for the year and can be paid online at:

[Black Sturgeon Lake Property Owners Association](#)

(Hold CTRL and Left click to go to the membership page!!)



The Glen is a small piece of green space that has historically served as a gathering place for the people primarily of Peterson Road. Horseshoe tournaments, barbeques, and a children's play area were once reasons to regularly visit this park.

Over the years, a small but dedicated group managed to keep this a vital and attractive spot. More recently, as families grew up, and properties changed hands, the usage seems to have dropped off. However, The Glen is an annual topic of discussion.

An inspection earlier this summer revealed a lot of deficiencies that may be discouraging its use. The play structure still seems sturdy but could use a little loving attention. A bit of sanding, tightening of the occasional bolt, and maybe leveling some posts, would be easy fixes. The sand box area needs attention too. Trees need pruning, and the outhouse area is a bit shabby looking. The grass area itself has been maintained by one of the area fellows.

The association seems willing to contribute some funds to spruce things up. That is if there is interest in people being interested in using it. I encourage you to forward your thoughts on this matter to the association so that a plan can be put together.



Blue Green Algae

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) looks like spilled green paint or pea soup in the water, while harmless green algae forms stringy, hair-like strands or mats.

Visual Differences

- **Appearance:** Blue-green algae creates a cloudy, opaque layer or surface scum that resembles paint. Harmless green algae forms distinct threads, clumps, or floating hair-like strings.
- **Color:** Blue-green blooms show turquoise, blue-green, dull green, or brownish hues. Regular green algae is usually a bright, vivid grass green.
- **Water Clarity:** Blue-green algae stays suspended and uniformly discolors the water. Other algae or plants leave parts of the water clear.

Simple Tests

- **The Stick Test:** Try to lift the material with a stick or paddle. Harmless filamentous green algae sticks to the tool and can be lifted out in clumps or strings. Blue-green algae breaks apart and cannot be scooped up on a stick. [1]
- **The Jar Test:** Fill a clear jar with the water and let it sit for a few hours. Regular algae settles to the bottom. Blue-green algae stays suspended or floats to the top as a scum layer.
- When you see a suspicious bloom, remember the safety rule: **when in doubt, stay out**. Do not swim or let pets drink the water. For official guidance or reporting in your region, check local updates from the [Government of Ontario](#).

Key Environmental Triggers

- **Warm Temperatures:** Blooms grow fast during hot summer months and in slow-moving or shallow water.
- **Sunlight:** High light levels and calm, undisturbed water help the organisms multiply rapidly.
- **Nutrient Overload:** Excess phosphorus and nitrogen act as food, supercharging algae growth.

Common Sources of Nutrients

- **Agricultural Runoff:** Fertilizers and livestock waste wash into streams and lakes after rains.
- **Urban and Residential Runoff:** Lawn fertilizers, detergents, and pet waste enter stormwater systems.
- **Wastewater & Septic Systems:** Leaching from failing septic tanks or sewage treatment plant overflows feed the water.
- **Erosion:** Soil runoff from shoreline or land erosion adds natural and man-made minerals.
- **Climate Change:** Warmer average temperatures and intense rainfall events worsen runoff and lake warmth.

Thatcher Road Update!

Volunteer Work Party: Thatcher Drive Boat Launch

Please join us Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Thatcher Drive Boat Launch work party. The Property Owners' Association will provide hotdogs at the launch to keep everyone fueled.

We'll be clearing brush, trimming and removing trees, chipping wood, weed-whacking, cutting grass, and improving drainage near the launch. The goal is to widen the road, improve sight lines, clear obstructions, and prepare the area for fall.

Tasks include: tree trimming, tree felling, brush hauling, wood chipping, weed-whacking, and grass cutting.

Please bring: trimming tools such as pole saws, axes, clippers, chainsaws, and hip waders for the marshy area by the launch.

Please wear: sturdy clothing, appropriate footwear, boots, gloves, safety glasses, and ear protection if using power tools.

For safety, we'll begin with lighter trimming, hauling, grass cutting, and weed-whacking before moving to larger tree removal. Experienced chainsaw operators will handle tree felling, with helpers kept safely clear.

Many hands make light work—please join us for as much time as you can. To help us coordinate, please confirm your attendance by email. We expect to need only two volunteers with hip waders who are experienced with chainsaws.

Phil Burns John Proven



Treasurer's Report

BSPOA Treasurer's Report

Everyone has done an amazing job getting memberships in. Thank you.

As of August 25th, 2026 we have a total of \$31,990.24.

Petty cash is \$20.85 and the amount raised and spent by the Group that is completely related to our members to date is \$7,743.90.

Have a wonderful Fall as our Lake has Beauty in all 4 seasons.

Barb Fletcher

Kenora Civic Elections for Council

Monday October 26th, 2026

Who can vote

You can vote in Kenora's municipal election if you are:

- A Canadian citizen, and
- At least 18 years old, and
- Live in Kenora, or you (or your spouse) own or rent property here, and
- Not prevented from voting by any law

LINK To Candidate Profiles and further info:

<https://www.kenora.ca/your-government/elections/>

Certified candidates

Mayor (Acclaimed)

Mayor Andrew Poirier

Councillor (6 seats)

Robert (Bob) Bernie

Bryan Booth

Morton (Mort) Goss

Tyler Johnson

Christopher (Chris) Jones

Richard Kurtz

Ron Malashewski

Cecile Marcino

Christopher (Chris) McCaffrey

Rod McKay

Michael O'Flaherty

Daniel Reynard

Karla Treadway

Hope you enjoyed reading the BSLPOA Fall Newsletter!

Any comments are always welcome!

Please email bslpoa@gmail.com for any comments or ideas for our next newsletter!

Have a great Fall and Winter!!