

Kawartha Land Trust Council Update

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Over the past month or so, Mike Hendren, Executive Director of Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) has been visiting municipalities to present updates on what has been happening with and within the organization.

The Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) is a non-governmental organization and registered charity dedicated to conserving the natural environment and enhancing quality of life in the Kawarthas. Many readers may be familiar with KLT because of its most recent property acquisition: Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island located in Pigeon Lake.

The organization is led by a volunteer Board of Directors and supported by committees that are led by volunteers and supported by staff. These committees focus on identifying and assisting land securement, long term land stewardship, and developing resources and opportunities to help enhance those goals. We have also established additional specific land stewardship and advisory teams for lands we own and care for.

Mike joined Kawartha Land Trust as Executive Director in late 2009. During his tenure he has led

the development of the organization, its mission and structure. Kawartha Land Trust is now recognized as a community leader with strong and diverse resources, a committed team of volunteers, partners and core staff, as well as a proven track record in achieving collaborative community and capital projects in excess of \$5M.

KLT are the stewards and protectors of:

3,117 Acres of pristine land

12 properties

27 Km of shoreline

3 Provincially significant wetlands

30+ Archaeological sites

5 areas of natural & scientific interest

28+ Species at risk

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

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.

KAWARTHA LAND TRUST PROPERTIES 2016

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

Emily Creek Property | 814.1 acres (2010)

Vincent Woods | 102 acres (2010)

Ingleton-Wells Property | 73.3 acres (2011)

Falls Property | 178 acres (2013)

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

CONSERVATION AGREEMENT PROPERTIES

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

Elliott Property | 139.7 acres (2009)

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

McKim-Garsonnin Property | 240 acres (2011)

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

KLT is committed to protecting, preserving and caring for significant lands in our region. It relies on a large volunteer base of committed experts, community leaders, and a small staff team to accomplish its land securement and stewardship role in the community.