



Island “C” Land Use – Meeting Minutes July 11, 2009

Background

During the winter of 2008/09 the KLCOA were given by Shall May holdings Island “C” a 3-acre island at the south end of Kennisis Lake. The original island owners had applied to rezone the island for cottage development, but this application was withdrawn in the summer of 2008, apparently as a result of cottager objections. The KLCOA executive desired that the local community express their interest for the future use of the island and requested the Kennisis Lake Planning Committee conduct a public meeting to gather input for the future island use.

The meeting was advertised by posters at various community locations, the KLCOA web site and the Kennisis.ca web site.

Meeting Attendees:

Chair Jim Prince, 7 local stakeholders, in addition several people represented by email input.

Summary

Everyone is welcome to use Island “C” for day use, it should be kept as a wilderness area since it is not conducive to picnic areas and camping nor can it safely support camp fires. Further, this designation balances the more recreational use nature of the other islands on the lake.

Island Use

All stakeholders agreed that the island be kept in a wilderness state and only one person represented by email felt the island should be made available for camping. The following land use principles were agreed upon:

Principle	Rational
1) Public Access – available to everyone	Although the island has been purchased by KLCOA – it should be available to everyone who wishes to use it. Given that we have no desire or capability to limit who uses it, this seemed the most practical approach.
2) Wilderness Reserve – no picnic or camping sites	The island has no natural recreational space or camping locations and is heavy treed with dense brush. The environment on the island is not robust enough to sustain much recreational use, it is only capable of sustaining low impact use. As with other KLCOA properties, the KLCOA does not wish to be responsible for a latrine nor would one be consistent with the proposed wilderness designation. Further, there are very few undeveloped shorelines on the



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	lake for wildlife, and there are already 2 other islands designated and suitable for (limited) recreational use.
3) No Campfires	There are no obvious spots for a firepit or campfires; the island contains dense brush and therefore there is a significant risk of a forest fire. Allowing fires or camping could also impact KLCOA liability and insurance.
4) No Docking facilities	KLCOA does not presently have the infrastructure to maintain any docking facilities.
5) Picnic Areas / Beach	The island has no natural picnic areas although in low water there would be a small beach in the west end of the island.
6) Signs	<p>Small signs similar to those used on Norah’s Island could be installed stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Use Only • Use at own Risk • No Camping • No Fires <p>There should be minimal signs to reflect the wilderness state of the island.</p>
7) Historical Use	No one in attendance at the meeting was aware of the island being recently used for camping. As far as anyone knew, the island has always been left in a natural state.
8) Clean Up	It is recommended that KLCOA island clean up committee add this to there list of islands to clean. Volunteers could be asked to perform walk- about from time to time to ensure the island is well maintained.
9) Naming	<p>There is no official or common name to the island. Island “C” was used by Dysart to differentiate the island from the Blueberry Islands which were called islands “A” and “B”. It was felt by some meeting attendees that the island could be better named – perhaps using a contest. One other thought was to simply designate the island as “ Island C - wilderness reserve”. A sign similar to Bullfrog bay could be installed.</p> <p>A call for Island names could be made at the KLCOA fall meeting and a vote taken at the spring meeting.</p>