

Kingscross Ratepayers Association

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Spring Cleanup and Barbecue

Kingscross neighbours! It was wonderful to see you bright and early at 10 am on a very sunny and warm Sunday, April 17th for our annual KRA spring clean-up and ***Welcome to Spring Barbecue*** at the roundabout on Champlain Crescent.

Volunteers of all ages came out to spend the morning tidying up the sides of our roads and cleaning up debris that had accumulated throughout the winter. Your Kingscross Ratepayers directors provided safety vests, gloves and bags for everyone who came out, and youth were able to earn community service hours. Each group of volunteers was assigned one section of the Kingscross roads, but many hands made light work.

We then reconvened on Champlain Crescent for the barbecue, where hamburgers and hotdogs, including vegetarian versions, were served.

Note to Residents

The board has become aware that a document purporting to be an election report is being circulated within the neighbourhood. We are sensitive to the fact that residents are weary of aggressive negative communications.

Therefore, for any member wishing to find out the **board's** position on this document, you may go to kera.ca/3252/3273.html on our Association website.

As you know, KRA recently polled residents on their position on this extension. A significant minority of residents are in favour of permitting this extension due to serious concerns about increasing traffic flow from surrounding developments. We will be obtaining more information on the potential impacts of the proposed extension at our upcoming Board meeting and are committed to sharing it with the community so that neighbours can be fully informed.

For more information on this Provincially Significant Wetland, see the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry description on the KRA website.

Slow Down for Snappers

Slow down and watch out—spring brings out our amphibian neighbours. Reptiles are not only crossing the roads at this time of year, but snapping turtles tend to lay eggs along the sides of our roads in the warm sand. Milk snakes are very hard to see on the roads as they are as small as 6 inches long and their color pattern helps them blend in with the road. According to Ontario Nature, if you come across a turtle or snake trying to cross the road and wish to help it across, “always move it in the direction it was going. If you move it back to the side it came from, the animal will **try to cross the road again.**”



Quick guide: Watch for turtles in May and June, snakes on sunny days, and amphibians in the rain.

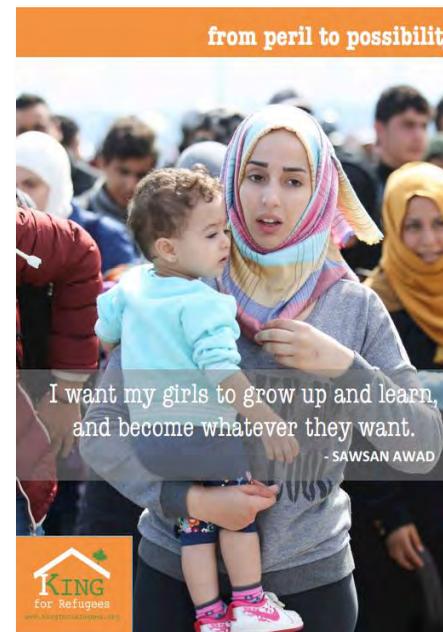
Photo courtesy of Ian Hilley. For more information you may refer to ontarionature.org/protect/species/tips.php

15th Sideroad Reprise

York Region has identified in their long range transportation plans, their interest in extending and widening the 15th side-road to connect with Hwy 400. Kingscross residents should be aware that the properties on the north side of Kingsworth Road and the north side of Blueberry Lane would about the proposed 15th Sideroad extension.

In addition, across that area is a designated Provincially Significant Wetland. The Culotta development was not permitted to go near this extremely sensitive wetland, which crosses from the north into Kingscross right where York Region thinks they could extend the 15th. It may be impossible to build a road through that area without having a very serious detrimental impact on that wetland.

Upcoming King for Refugees



King for Refugees is hosting a concert on April 22nd at 7:30 pm at the Kingsbridge Centre on Jane Street. Performers will include **award-winning** singer and songwriter Ryan Cook and an appearance

by the Duo of Waleed Abdulhamid and John Ebata. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets cost \$35 for adults or **\$20 for students** and may be bought at the door or at select businesses in King, or for tickets and details you may email king4refugees@gmail.com. All proceeds will go to King for Refugees.



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