



The Kaszuby Cottagers' Association

"We do not inherit the land
from our ancestors, we borrow
it from our children."

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KCA Newsletter - Special Edition

Last fall, the KCA Board was made aware of concerns about its coordination of the project undertaken in 2022 to refresh the mural on the Kosnaskie barn. In response to these concerns, the KCA wishes to make the following statement:

1. The Kaszuby Cottagers Association (KCA) recognizes and appreciates that Ms. Zofia Furdyna authored, designed, coordinated, and painted an original mural inspired by Kashubian folk motifs on a barn located on the property of Mr. Ronnie Kosnaskie, Sr., on Old Barry's Bay Road in Halfway, Ontario. Zofia Furdyna solely owns the copyright in this work.
2. The mural was inadvertently altered in the Fall of 2022 during a project to refresh the mural, coordinated by the KCA. This project was undertaken without informing Ms. Furdyna or obtaining her consent. The executive of the KCA apologizes for these actions on behalf of those involved, and the KCA regrets the distress this has caused Ms. Furdyna as a long-standing member of the Kaszuby cottage community.
3. The KCA appreciates the Kashubian heritage mural and acknowledges Ms. Furdyna's contribution to preserving and furthering Kashubian cultural heritage in the area.
4. The KCA respects artists' rights and does not support undertaking refurbishments or making alterations to artwork without explicit written approval from artists. The KCA acknowledges the barn mural is protected by copyright, and that copyright protected works may not be used for promotional or commercial purposes without the proper written consent of the owner of the copyright protected work.

*Zofia H. Furdyna, mural
designer and artist, on
the day the original
mural on the Kosnaskie
barn was completed in
Kaszuby, Ontario*

