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Market Watch

Geopolitics has been top of mind for most investors in April. Trump's animosity towards Jerome Powell, and his on-off tariff rhetoric, combined with the inevitable reaction of global leaders, has led to fear and uncertainty. This, in turn, made for a roller-coaster of an experience in the global markets. The VIX peaked at an extreme high of 60.13 on April 7th. Despite the tumbles, things have calmed heading into the end of the month.

The Canadian markets have fared better than our southern neighbours. When you read this, our next leader will have been named. This may bring short-term market changes as investors evaluate how the new leader's focus will impact different market sectors.

Markets are expected to stabilize over the next month or two as world leaders start trade negotiations, quelling investors' fears. Despite the noise of April, many analysts are still predicting a modestly positive year.

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Passing Down the Family Cottage

As people prepare to open their cottages for another summer, others contemplate passing them on to the next generation. But where do you even start a task like that? What things do you need to consider?

Consider Your Situation

First things first, determine what the end goal is. Do you want to pass it on to one of your children or multiple? Do you want to control the property as long as possible, or do you see it as a responsibility you want to pass on sooner? Is the cottage worth a lot more now than when you purchased it?

You also need to consider your children's situations. Do they work well together? Can they purchase it now (if you plan to sell it to them)? Is there any concern about a future divorce or bankruptcy?

Time to Talk

Once you've considered your situation, there are two parties you'll need to talk to.

One is your kids. Gauge their interest in the cottage. Maybe they have different dreams, or the timing isn't right.

Two, your wealth advisor. They can help you develop strategies for the many factors involved:

- **Timing** – What is the best time - Now, in the future or upon death
- **Taxes** – Options for capital gains and land transfer taxes
- **Equalization** – Plans to gift an equal amount to children not receiving the cottage
- **Other Experts** - When to bring a lawyer and/or an accountant into the conversation

Succession Strategies

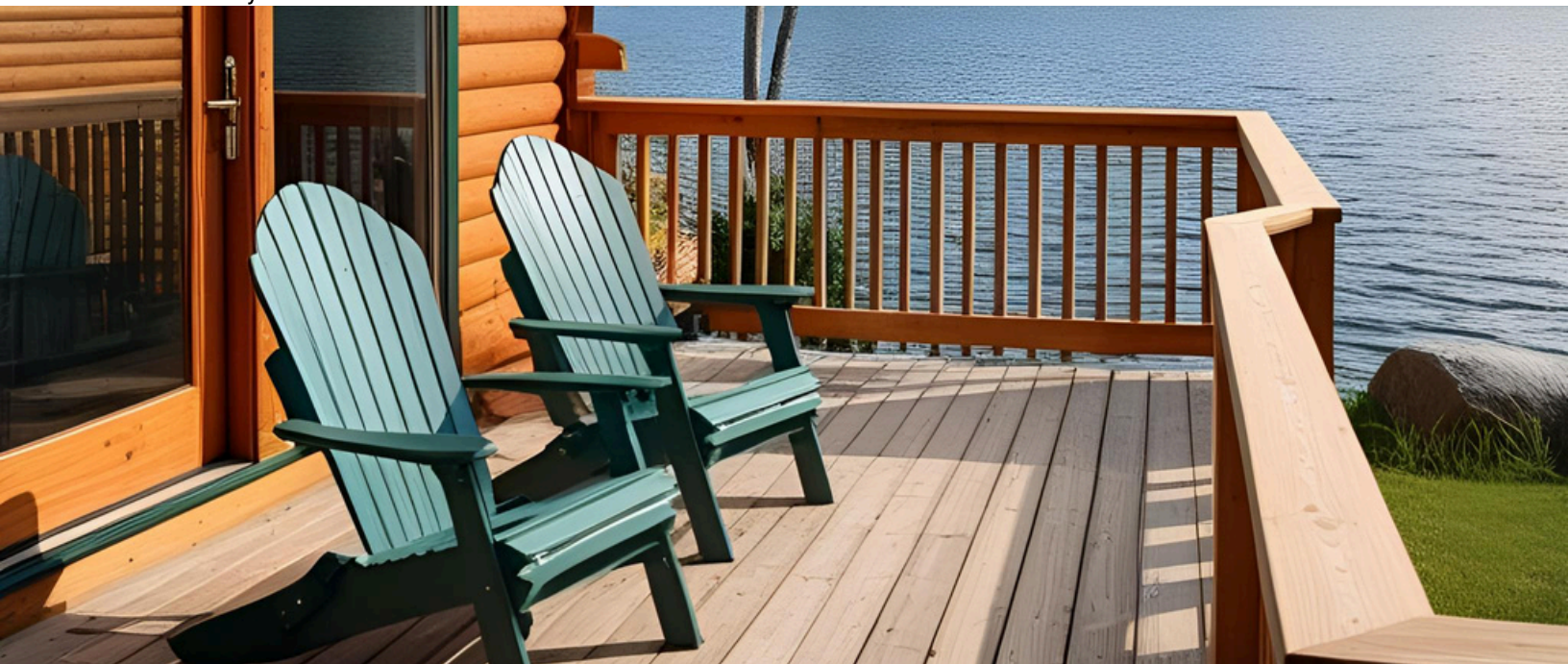
There are a few options available when transferring a cottage that your wealth advisor will likely review with you. Here is a brief overview of a few:

- **Selling or gifting now** – This is the simplest option, you sell or gift the cottage to your children at a value you deem fair - Dealing with the capital gains and land transfer taxes now. The cottage would then be theirs to maintain and do as they please.
- **Gifting Upon Death** – You maintain control of the property until your death, when you leave instructions in your will. The estate would handle the costs, so you'll need to ensure it will have the means to do so.
- **Trusts** – You place the cottage in a trust – Now or in your will, with the purpose of protecting it from risks such as complex family situations, divorce, or bankruptcy. There are additional and ongoing costs associated with this option, but for those who have concerns, a trust may bring much needed peace of mind.
- **Using Insurance** – Insurance is a great tool if you're looking to gift the cottage in your will. It can be used to equalize your estate between children or help with the costs the estate will incur due to your succession plans.

Above all else, start planning early. Several factors go into passing down a cottage to the next generation. It's prudent to start discussions sooner rather than later.

If you're considering passing your cottage on to the next generation, contact KLT Wealth Management.

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FINANCIAL TIP

As Mother's Day Nears

We're reminded of what truly matters — our families, our children, and the love that guides every decision we make.

This season is a meaningful time to reflect on how we can protect what's most important.

Whether it's setting up an RESP, creating a will, or planning your legacy, we're here to help you ensure your children are cared for—today and for years to come.



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?

I don't know dear... you'll have to ask Grandma.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Fruit 'n' Cream Crepes

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup 2% milk
 - 2 tablespoons beaten egg
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 - Dash salt
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- 2 teaspoons butter, divided



FILLING:

- 2 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons plus 1/2 teaspoon confectioners' sugar, divided
- 4 teaspoons 2% milk
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup each fresh blueberries, strawberries and raspberries

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. In an 8-in. nonstick skillet, melt 1 teaspoon butter. Stir batter; pour about 2 tablespoons into the center of skillet. Lift and tilt pan to evenly coat bottom. Cook until top appears dry; turn and cook 15-20 seconds longer. Remove to a wire rack. Make 3 more crepes, adding remaining 1 tsp. butter to skillet as needed.
3. For filling, in a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, milk and vanilla until smooth. Spread 1 rounded tablespoon on each crepe; top with 1/4 cup fruit and roll up. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 tsp. confectioners' sugar.

ENJOY!

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