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KLCA Newsletter - July 2021
"Preserve the Heritage"



A message from our new President, Robert Bill

I am honoured to lead the KLCA for the next three years. With approximately 450 members on Bear and Kawagama Lakes, we are a strong and vital organization focused on being your group dedicated to preserving the heritage of our lakes. Our small team of 17 dedicated volunteer leaders, a strong core of local business sponsors, and our passion to do what is right make this all possible.

Each year, we provide our members with numerous updates and informative newsletters on substantive topics designed to make us better stewards of our lakes. These programs are shaped by experts and with participation by our volunteer board members specifically for you. I have always been impressed with the quality and diversity of our programs.

In everything we do, we build in the opportunity for you to get to know our team - whether through monthly newsletters, Facebook announcements, Reflections, doing good through community service, or attending other social events like the Regatta. Having a strong dedicated Board that you can count on helps our cottager community, and is very important as change is always on the horizon.

All of the KLCA Boards work is focused on enriching your experience as members, so we are always open to feedback on our current plans and programs, and how we can better serve you. Feel free to reach out to me, any of our Board members, if you have ideas or would like to get involved.

Robert Bill
KLCA President



Kawagama Updates

McClintock Sewage Lagoon Expansion

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is continuing to pursue approvals from the Ministry of Environment Energy and Parks for expanded septage treatment area at the site of the current McClintock Sewage Lagoon at the corner of Wes Clarke Trail and McClintock Rd. The KLCA has spoken with the consultant leading the work for the Township and they have advised us that they have submitted the first round of reports required for the work to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, but have heard nothing back. It is expected that the approval process will be quite slow, and the KLCA and other parties will be consulted on the proposal. The KLCA will continue to follow this issue.

Haliburton Shoreline Preservation By Law Consultations

The County of Haliburton is proposing a Shoreline Preservation By Law that

would impose very strict limits on changes property owners can make to the land within 100' of the high water mark. The County originally made the proposal in the summer of 2020 but received considerable push back from many parties who deemed the restrictions to be too limiting. As a result, the Mayors of all Townships within the County of Haliburton recommended the county consult further on the proposed by-law. The KLCA has been tracking this issue for sometime, and is fully supportive of the goal of the bylaw, which is to protect water quality, but we also have concerns that the proposal is limiting to property owners on changes that can be made to property without risking water quality.

The County will be hosting a virtual open house on the proposed by law on Thursday July 29th. If you wish to attend, you can find more information at <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news/shoreline-preservation-bylaw-virtual-open-house.aspx>

Kathleen Hedley
KLCA Past President

AquaHug for Moorelands Camp

The 2nd annual AquaHug for Moorelands Camp takes place on Saturday August 7th at 1:00! We are looking for more swimmers and spotters for this special event. Please join us for a relaxed swim (any distance from 50 m to 2 km) around the camp property to raise money to provide a Kawagama experience for underprivileged inner city kids. Please call or text Karin at 416-434-6283 to register or for more information.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/2nd-annual-aqua-hug/>

Water Levels

Watersheds in Muskoka and Magnetawan received 200 millimetres of rain over the last two weeks, more than the average rainfall for all of June and July combined. (editors's note - now up to 270mm as of July 15)

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines Natural Resources and Forestry issued a watershed conditions statement advising the public of high flows that could be dangerous for boaters, anglers and swimmers.

While there is no flooding expected, Muskoka Lakes Mayor Phil Harding said docks and boathouses are vulnerable to wave action with water levels above normal.

"If you are going to be boating over the next seven to nine days, mind your wake. Be very, very cognizant of what the wake behind your boat is doing," the mayor added.

Additional rainfall forecast over the next seven days will likely cause lake levels to rise further. The ministry's water safety statement will remain in effect until July 15.

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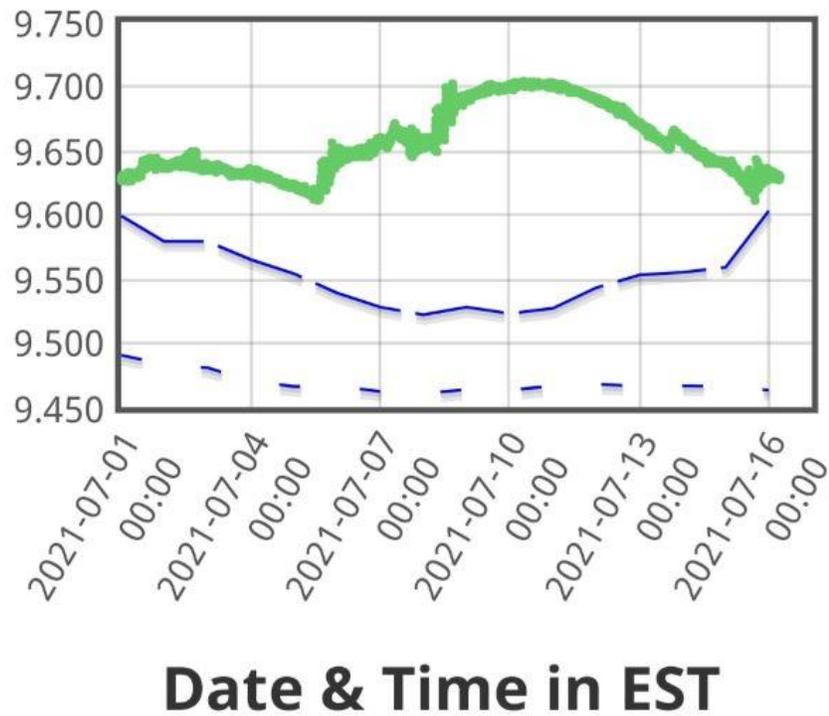
<https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/muskoka-receives-2-months-worth-of-rain-in-10-days-leading-to-water-level-concerns-1.5503602>

The MNRF works hard to follow the Watershed Water Management Plan. Attached, please see a graph that shows current water levels on Kawagama as of July 16, as well as the Maximum target level and the Mean level. You can check out the water levels anytime by going to, https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/google_map/google_map_e.html?searchBy=p&province=ON&doSearch=Go and looking up "Russell Landing" Kawagama Lake.

▼ Legend

- Water level (primary sensor) - Provisional
- Water level (primary sensor) - Maximum
- - - Water level (primary sensor) - Mean

Water level (primary sensor) (m)





Fireworks - July 31



Thank you to Bacher Construction who have graciously volunteered their barge and to Matthew Doetsch who will be driving the barge! We are blessed to have such giving community. Fireworks will take place July 31st at dusk in Marina

Bay. Donations can be made at <https://klca.org/donations>. The more donations, the bigger the show for next year!

Regatta Update

Thank you to both the Old Mill Marina and Mountain Trout House Marina for housing our trophies. The trophies have been polished and cleaned and are ready for next year!



Natural Shorelines Matter

Wondering about the reasons behind our love of "natural" shorelines and what we mean by that? Spend a couple minutes with FOCA's Terry Rees in this video about the role of shoreline plants in water quality, fish habitat, goose deterrence and erosion control.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBnA248uTU4>

Boating

Transition Speed Causes Significant Damage to Our Shorelines and Docks

Kawagama and Bear Lake Shorelines are showing significant erosion in recent

years. Just because your boat may be going slow does not mean your wake is not doing damage to our beautiful shoreline. Please note the causes of damaging wakes can be intentional and non-intentional:

* Intentional - Wakes created by boats with internal water ballasts close to shorelines.

* Non-intentional – Boats in transition speed for a significant amount of time.

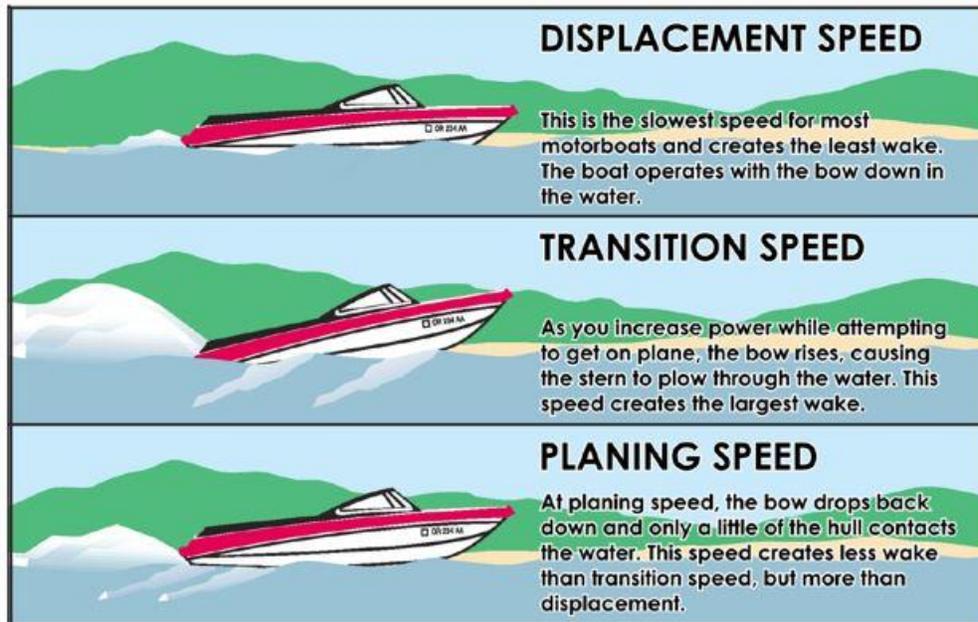
Please be aware of your wake and how close to our shorelines these wakes originate.

Boating Safety

Recently, a canoe with two paddlers was hit and swamped by a few PWC's in the river between Bear and Kimball Lakes. Luckily, the paddlers were not hurt – only shaken.

When driving your “PWC” or “Speed Boat” near Kawagama and Bear Lakes shorelines, always be aware of the following;

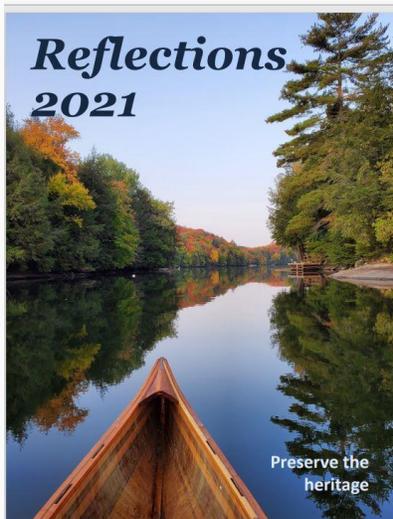
- i. Speed limit is 10km per hour when 30 meters from the shoreline.
 - ii. There are many points of land on our lakes where other boaters may be hidden behind trees and shorelines.
 - iii. There are lots of floating debris in our lakes due to the significant amount of rain we have recently received.
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Doug Middlebrook
KLCA Navigation Chair

Reflections

Lots of people are joining the KLCA this year, thanks in part to Karin Ibscher's dockside campaign. Let's welcome them by making Reflections 2022 the best issue yet. How can you help to do that? Contribute articles about issues that interest you or fun things your family has done. Request articles that you would like to read. Send photos of life on our lakes. Create a puzzle for kids to solve. The sky's the limit. Reflections can be as great as we make it. Send your submissions to Reflections@klca.org.



Starry Summer Nights 2021

If you haven't heard already, Starry Summer Night has got quite the lineup of fun activities for everyone this August in support of Moorelands Camp. Building on the momentum and support the Kawagama and Bear Lakes communities have provided over the past five years, we have come up with a few safe and responsible ideas that we think will create fun social opportunities for all of you, our friends, this summer and help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000. This year, a portion of your donation will help build a cook out cabin for Moorelands Camp.

Here are the links to the fun activities we have planned this summer. Click on the activities to find out more and stay tuned for updates via social media and email.

- **Aqua Hug-**
 - August 7, 2021
 - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/2nd-annual-aqua-hug/>
 - **Starry Summer Night On-line auction**
 - Auction runs August 6-15th, 2021
 - Click on the link and start bidding
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- www.givergy.ca/SSN2021
- **“The Swashbuckler”- lake wide, pirate themed Scavenger Hunt**
 - Saturday, August 21, 2021
 - click on the link below and register your “Pirate Ship’ and join in the fun.
 - <https://www.moorelands.ca/starry-summer-night-2021/register-for-the-swashbuckler-2021/>
- **Send a Kid to Camp Donation**
 - Want to give a kid an experience of a life-time? Send a Kid to camp below
 - <https://www.moorelands.ca/starry-summer-night-donation/>

We hope you will join in the fun we have planned for 2021! Thanks to your generosity, the Starry Summer Night events have remained successful despite the many challenges we have faced over the last few years. Since 2015, we are proud to share Starry Summer Night has raised in excess of \$400,000, giving literally hundreds of youth their first Moorelands Camp experience. Thank you again for your ongoing support of Starry Summer Night events and *Moorelands Camp*.

Collectively, we are making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged youth.

Your Starry Summer Night Committee

Brenda Norfolk	Doug Clare
Mike Wiebe	Janet Allemang
Dave Fortier	Doug Paul
Anita Stefan	Karin Ibscher
Lesley Paul	Bruce McPherson



Thank you Eric Millar! Enjoy your retirement!

Eric joined the KLCA board in 2002. He joined at a time when the MNR was starting the lengthy and expensive process of developing a new Water Management Plan for the Muskoka Watershed. The KLCA involvement was lengthy and far from smooth sailing. It included Eric's heading up the KLCA contingent at a MNR/Power Group meeting which finally resulted in the changes that we were looking for. At roughly the same time, lakes were developing Lake Plans. Eric served on the committee and Kawagama was the first lake in Haliburton County to have a Plan.

Eric, your energy and devotion to your role as Water Levels Chair for the past 19 years, will be difficult to match, but you leave the KLCA a better organization and on a strong footing for those who follow you. Thank you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to the table. By all measures, the KLCA community has improved on your watch with monitoring lake levels, liaising with Governmental partners and taking the brunt of questions/abuse regarding one of the most contentious and polarizing Kawagama portfolios. The resulting recognition has become an asset to the KLCA, and the relationships you have fostered with our partners and stakeholders will ensure our lake will prosper and continue to be well respected as a leader in good water management practices amongst cottage associations.



Membership Note

If you did not receive Reflections 2021 this year, please send a message to Ellen at: membership@klca.org and we will send one out!



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