



**Upcoming Events on the Lake** — Save the date for next year's Starry Night Bash fundraiser for Moorelands Camp, which is expected to be held on August 20, 2016. The evening will include music, live and silent auction items, and tasty food and drinks.

Join one of the guided, "Fall Colours" hikes at various trails throughout Algonquin Highlands each week on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. from Sept 24th to October 15th, 2015. Cost is \$5 per hike. Please wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. Bring water and snacks. Call 705-766-9968 to register or email; [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca)

As always, the KLCA website, [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org), has lots of useful information and news too!

**The Dorset Health Care Hub** — This hub is scheduled to open Oct 30th, 2015. It's located on Main Street, just before the gas station and across from Avery Audio in Dorset and has been built mainly by volunteers from the community of Dorset. The Dorset Community Health Care Hub will deliver primary health care services, utilizing Nurse Practitioners to the full scope of their practice and will offer a wide range of ancillary health services.

Anyone who needs primary health care can be treated at this hub. Permanent residents, seasonal residents, visitors, tourists, cottagers etc. The clinic will offer Primary Health Care Services, including consultation and care, complete physical exams, diagnosis and management of all episodic illnesses and injuries such as colds, rashes, lacerations, simple fractures, etc., Community Mental Health, Addictions Outreach, Dietician and Family & Children Services will also be accessible.

For more information please contact; Sarah Coombs Health Care Admin at 705.766.9427. To make a donation, please send your donation to: The Dorset Community Partnership Fund c/o Barb Townes, Treasurer PO Box 41, Dorset, ON. P0A 1E0. A charitable tax receipt will be provided. Please make cheques payable to the Dorset Community Partnership Fund



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**KLCA Shoreline Update** —Thank you to Volunteer Boat Drivers and Billets! The KLCA would like to send a huge, "thank you" to all of the volunteer boat drivers and billets for helping with the Shoreline Study. Between July 3rd and August 14th, two Shoreline Specialists, Daniela Klicper and Emily Amon, were billeted in the Kawagama and Bear Lake community so that they could complete the Shoreline Study. Volunteer boat drivers drove the specialists around the lakes, while they completed studies of 1,806 shoreline properties, for a total of 109.5 kilometers of shoreline...no small feat!

THANK YOU to our volunteer billets:

Doug and Marilyn Goodchild, Gord and Leslie Henderson, John McHardy and Pat Boyd, Bob and Marion Michinsky, Ron and Sue Schwark.

THANK YOU to our volunteer boat drivers:

Jake Diamond, Mike Harasym, Gord Henderson, John McHardy, Scott McSkimming, Eric Millar, Ron Schwark, Miranda Snable, Julia Sutton, Brian Toursignant, Alisa VanDerToorn, Mike Wiebe.

The KLCA would also like to thank Mountain Trout House Marina for generously providing a boat to assist with the studies and for promoting the project most notably through a special edition of Kawagama TV.

The study would not have been possible without the help of all volunteers, and we thank you for making the project such a success!

Next Steps:

This is actually the end of Phase 1 of this project. Phase 2 involves distribution of the individual, confidential property owner reports to each property owner along with resource material to assist in any shoreline restoration projects you might be interested in undertaking. One project is currently underway and the KLCA is exploring grant opportunities that might be available to assist property owners next year. Stay tuned – updates will be posted on the KLCA website ([www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)).

## **Please Contribute to Reflections 2016!**

### **What's your sign?**

We're planning a feature on cottage signs this year. If you have a sign that is beautiful, classic, funny, interesting, or all of the above, please take a picture and send it in! If there's a great story to go along with it, please share that, too.

### **Photos**

As you look through your summer photos and reminisce about another great season on the lake, please take a moment to choose your favourites and send them along!

### **Writing**

The success of Reflections depends on your fantastic submissions. Please send in your stories, recipes, poems, how-to articles, and anything else you'd like to share with your fellow KLCA members.

### **KLCA Kids**

We love to receive your children's stories and pictures. Please encourage them to submit their writing and art!

Send your submissions to Sara Goodchild Condie at; [reflections@klca.org](mailto:reflections@klca.org). Please send writing as unformatted Word documents or in the body of your email. Send photos by email, Dropbox, or other file-sharing method and provide the highest-resolution version available. Or send hard copies of your submissions to 211 Glenlake Avenue, Toronto ON M6P 1E9.

**Kawagama and Bear Lakes Facebook** — The KLCA is the new moderator of this vibrant Facebook page. Basically everything stays the same as it was before, so please continue to enjoy the social dynamics of this fun page.

**Lake Partner Position Filled** — The KLCA would like to welcome, Geoff Kosar to the KLCA. Geoff is the successful candidate for the role of Lake Partner for the KLCA. This position is a part of the Environment Committee. Look for him around the lake taking water samples next summer!

**Keeping our Pets Safe at the Cottage**— As exciting as it is for our pets to come up north and get outside, there are a few extra hazards in this area that are important to consider. Here are some of the hazards and ways to avoid them.

**Household hazards:** We often we put out mouse bait or traps and antifreeze in our toilets and drains prior to closing up the cottage. Some of the newer generations of bait are very poisonous to our pets. For some dogs and cats, after a long car-ride up north, a drink from the toilet is the first on the list of things to do. Antifreeze is sweet tasting and can cause kidney failure in a dog or cat within hours.

**Prevention Key:** Take a walk-through the cottage and garages to clear out any potential toxins or hazards for your pet before letting them come and do their own inspection.

**Skunks and Porcupines:** These creatures enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight are most often found in the bushes early in the morning and later at night. Dogs for some reason can't resist these potentially dangerous critters. A summer of skunk smell or a face-full of porcupine quills can ruin anyone's vacation plans!

**Prevention Key:** Keep dogs on a leash at dusk and dawn. For porcupine quills, it is best to have these pulled by a vet under sedation so that a thorough examination can be performed, including the top of the mouth and back of the throat. Get quills professionally pulled as soon as possible!

**Other Wildlife:** One of the things we love about cottage country is all the wildlife right in our backyard! However, there can be issues when our dogs and wildlife come in contact. Sometimes the wildlife can carry diseases such as Distemper, Rabies and Leptospirosis. Even indoor cats can be at risk if a bat flies into the house.

**Prevention Key:** Ensure your pets are properly vaccinated for the added risk factors of living in the country.

**Ticks:** In the county we are more likely to be hiking through brush and long grass, which is exactly the type of environment these eight-legged spider-like monsters like to live in. Once they bite, they can transmit diseases to both you and your pets, most notably Lyme disease. Good to note, disease transmission for most things takes greater than 12 hours.

**Prevention Key:** There are products, namely K9 Advantix from Bayer, that are excellent products for killing ticks. Good tick prevention is important. As well, it is a very good practice to

thoroughly examine your pets daily and remove any ticks immediately since the chances are good they haven't yet transmitted disease. It's also a good practice to check yourself.

**Blue Green Algae:** If the water appears to have a gray or green tinge or has sludge on it, there is a chance this could be Blue Green Algae. This type of algae can produce a deadly toxin with very low survival rates.

**Prevention Key:** Better safe than sorry - If there is any concern, do not let your pet drink or swim in this water

Report blue green algae outbreaks by calling 416-325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060 & let your lake association know so that they can let everyone on the lake know not to swim in or use the lake water.

**Fishing hooks:** Every year our man's best friend gets stuck hooked on these rather than the scaly amphibians we are aiming for. The smell of fish is very attractive to the dogs and before you know it there's a hook sticking through the mouth.

**Prevention Key:** Place all rods and hooks well out of reach from the inquiring tongues of dogs. If your dog does get hooked, call the vet immediately and get it dealt with. Be prepared that most dogs will need to be sedated to remove the hook safely.

Dr. Jenn Morrow, Minden Animal Hospital  
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