



## **KLCA Winter Newsletter 2019**

"Preserve the Heritage"

Please remember to renew your membership for 2019 by visiting, [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org). More details on how to renew are below!

### **President's Message**

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful 2019!

On behalf of the Executive of the KLCA, I would like to wish all KLCA members all the best in 2019.

Winter is well underway. The snow came and stayed in about mid-November. The lake will likely be safe everywhere over the next week or so. If you are wondering what ice conditions are like, follow the posts of the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club or, Kawagama TV by Mountain Trout House Marina (on their Facebook page), or watch for posts on the Kawagama and Bear Lakes Facebook page. All of these provide info regarding the conditions in and around Kawagama Lake.

In 2019, the KLCA will be continuing to provide communications through newsflashes, our Facebook page, and our website ([www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org)). Of course, our

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annual yearbook *Reflections*, a staple on all Kawagama Lake coffee tables, will be sent out to KLCA members in the spring. Keep your membership up to date to ensure you stay in the loop!

The volunteers of the KLCA Executive work hard to deliver many activities and ensure KLCA membership interests are considered in various forums. Stay tuned and keep informed.

Wishing all of you a happy and safe year on Kawagama Lake.

Kathleen Hedley  
President KLCA



## **Septic Lagoon Expansion Proposal Update**

In the last newsletter, we provided a copy of the letter sent to the consultant responsible for doing the environmental assessment for the expansion of the McClintock sewage lagoon. Since that time, little has happened. We received a response thanking us for our input. When we pressed for further discussion, the consultants representing the Township indicated they would be in touch with us when they were ready to meet with us.

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The KLCA Executive has discovered that expansion of the existing lagoon (near the intersection of McClintock Rd and Wes Clark Trail) is the preferred option that the Township is considering at this time. The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act requires a project such as this undergo an environmental assessment that also considers alternatives to the preferred option. The KLCA is hoping to work with the Township and their consultants to help develop other reasonable options.

The KLCA Executive has formed a committee to track and coordinate input on this very important issue. The Committee includes myself, Adam Pifko (V.P. KLCA), Ron Schwark (Environment Committee) and Tony Wing (concerned KLCA member).

At a recent Algonquin Highlands Council meeting, the lagoon expansion was not discussed in detail, but Mayor Moffat did indicate that a final decision on the lagoon is not expected in the near future.

We'll be sure to keep the KLCA informed on this important issue.

Kathleen Hedley  
President KLCA



# Trent University/U-Links Project - Calcium Decline

I am excited to announce that a project team from Trent University has started work on a project for the KLCA organized through U-Links. The three-member team has started work on a project focused on calcium decline, impacts and potential mitigation efforts for Kawagama Lake. Calcium has been declining in Kawagama Lake due to historic and ongoing acid deposition. These declining calcium levels can have a negative impact on the aquatic food-chain and can thus affect the growth of various sport fish. The project will involve the consolidation of past research (a literature review) to understand the reasons behind this calcium loss in freshwater lakes (specifically Kawagama Lake), and the impacts of this decline on aquatic life, in addition to recommendations for action that can be taken to reduce this decrease. In order to better understand and address this issue, this project will identify current relevant research. A summary booklet for educational purposes will be included as part of the project deliverables in order to communicate the researchers' findings to the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association (KLCA).

The Key Research Questions:

1. What are the reasons for calcium decline in Kawagama Lake?
2. What are the impacts of calcium decline on the surrounding ecosystem and community?
3. What can be done to prevent further calcium loss?

We look forward to seeing the results of this project.

Adam Pifko

Vice President, KLCA

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# Pollution Prevention

FOCA encourages landowners to prevent pollutants from entering the lakeside environment.

**Enjoy a natural shoreline** Native species have inherent pest resistance and adaptations to local conditions so they don't need fertilizers or pesticides. Native flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees absorb and filter rainwater as it runs off your property, and prevent the shore eroding.

**Sit back and put nature to work for you** Use natural care techniques; they focus on healthy soil, choosing the best plants for your area, and making nature look after itself. Consider alternative ground covers for active-use areas, and keep mowed areas to a minimum.

**Burn dry, seasoned wood only** Avoid putting toxic chemicals into the air: Burn wood, not household garbage. Dry wood burns cleaner. Small pieces combust better because they have more surface area.

**Be a good boater** Perform repairs and fill gas tanks away from the water. Use spill-prevention equipment. Cover the ground where maintenance is done, and use drip pans during engine work. Use non-toxic bilge cleaners or bilge cloths. Dispose of waste oil at hazardous waste facilities.

**Reduce waste** Whatever comes to the cottage has to leave somehow. Reduce garbage significantly with reusable products (e.g. plates, bags, mugs). Buy items in as little packaging as possible, preferably recyclable packaging.

**Properly dispose of hazardous waste** Oil, solvents, paint, batteries, and many cleaning products have hazardous ingredients so they need special disposal at

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hazardous waste depots. Find out who accepts hazardous waste near your cottage or take it home to your local hazardous disposal facility.

Source: FOCA – Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (copied with permission) [www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)



## Tree Cutting on your Property

The Shoreline Tree Preservation By-law No. 3505 applies to all lands, in the County of Haliburton, that are within 30 metres of a watercourse. The goal is to minimize the destruction of trees, in order to protect our water resources and sustain a healthy natural environment.

The Shoreline Tree Preservation By-law No. 3505 governs the removal or injuring of all trees with a diameter of 10 cm or more. Diameter is measured 1.37 metres from the ground.

For more information and FAQ's, please [click here](#).

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# How to Activate and/or Renew your Membership Account for 2019.

Option 1: Go to the website [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org).

To access members-only content, you will need to login to your account using a password. To do this, click on the green "login/renew membership" tab. If you do not have a password or if you have forgotten it, click on the "forgot password" link. Enter the email address associated with your account. You will then receive an email that will allow you to reset your password.

Once you have logged into your account you can choose how many years you want to renew your membership for. You will also be able to do the following things:

- Access the Summer Newsletters
- Update your account information, including address changes, credit card changes, privacy settings, make donations etc.

Option 2: Click on the link that will be automatically sent to you when your membership is about to expire and then follow the steps above.

Option 3: Print out the paper copy of the membership renewal form and mail it back to us along with a cheque. A copy of this form can be found on our website by clicking on the white "membership" tab along the very top of the website or by clicking here: <https://klca.org/membership-1/>

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## The Value of a KLCA Membership

Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association membership is open to any permanent or seasonal resident of Kawagama Lake or Bear Lake. A vibrant membership provides a strong and clear voice for sustaining and preserving these lakes for current and future generations.

## Your Membership Makes These Programs Possible

**Lake Plan Management** — Working with various environmental and government agencies, we influence policies regarding water quality, fisheries, lake levels and shoreline protection.

**Political Advocacy** — We represent our members at township and county government meetings and on various provincial ministry councils on matters of concern to our members, including any issues that will affect the well being of our lakes.

**Boating** — We monitor, assess and make recommendations for recreational and safety issues on the lakes and adjacent lands. Navigational maps are available at both marinas. In addition to sponsoring safe boating instruction, the association also installs and maintains water navigation markers for your safety.

**Planned Development** — The association tracks proposed development in the area and actively participates in the planning process when the interests of

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Kawagama and Bear Lake cottagers and residents are concerned.

**Environmental Awareness** — The KLCA supports members with educational materials regarding environmentally responsible choices for cleaning products, natural plantings, shoreline restoration, landscaping and septic system management.

**Financial Support of Local Programs** — The KLCA makes significant contributions in support of local programs, activities and associations. These include but are not limited to FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association), Kawagama Lake fireworks and other various community initiatives.

**Reflections** — Our annual yearbook, *Reflections*, is included with every membership, and is mailed to your home prior to the May 24 long weekend.

**Annual General Meeting** — Held in July at the Dorset Recreation Centre, the AGM affords members the opportunity to meet with the executive team, friends and neighbours. Each year, the program features a keynote speaker on a relevant and timely topic.

**Winter and Summer Newsletters** — A Winter Newsletter is sent out to current and past members on the lake; only KLCA members receive summer Newsflashes by e-mail once a month in June, July, August and September to keep them updated on what's happening throughout the peak months for cottagers.

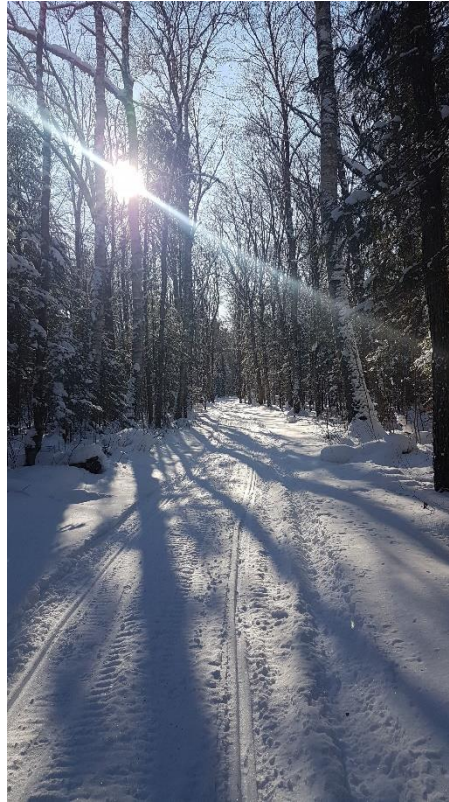
**Our website** — Find the most current information on our initiatives and events, including Directors' status updates, at [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org). You can join and renew your membership online. Our site also links to important sites of interest to cottagers and residents. You can even check out the weather on the lake via webcam!

**Fireworks** — Professional fireworks set off in Marina Bay for all to enjoy on the Saturday of the August long week-end.

**Annual Regatta** — Enjoy fun activities for the whole family at this popular member event. Swimming and canoe races, a beach program for kids, trophies, food and

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prizes make the Regatta an event not to be missed. The Regatta is held at Moorelands Camp — watch the website and Facebook page for time and date.



## **Wanted: Regatta Director!**

Do you love the annual Regatta? Are you interested in joining a diverse, dynamic, and supportive Board and give back to our wonderful lake? Then please consider applying for the position of Regatta Director by sending an email to, [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) and we will connect with you.

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## Auto-Renew Message

If you received an auto-renew message from the KLCA asking you to renew by clicking on the website, <https://klca.wildapricot.org/> it's safe to click on it. We have since changed the auto-renew message with a button to click instead of a site name. You are always welcome to go to [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) and click on the membership tab to renew as well!



## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

### **Dorset Snowball -- Feb 15 & 16, 2019**

Join the fun for the 29th annual Snowball Festival!

Go to [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com) for more information.

### **KLCA Annual General Meeting -- July 6, 2019**

Featuring a keynote speaker and an opportunity to talk to fellow cottagers, KLCA Directors, and municipal leaders. The AGM starts at 10:00 am and is held at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

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## **KLCA Annual Regatta -- Aug. 3, 2019**

Fun for the whole family featuring a BBQ, swim and canoe races, beach games and crafts for the kids, and more!

## **Reflections 2019**

A big thank you to those KLCA members who made a new year's resolution to send photos, poems, and articles to Reflections nice and early. To others, please send anything you'd like to see in KLCA's 2019 yearbook to [reflections@klca.org](mailto:reflections@klca.org) before February 28.

