

## JUNE 2018 - NEWSFLASH



### KLCA AGM 2018

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting of the KLCA. Vote on the KLCA slate of directors and officers for our next three-year term, learn about the activities of the KLCA, catch up with cottage neighbours, enjoy coffee and cookies, and renew your membership to pick up your copy of Reflections 2018.

Our guest speaker this year is Heather Auld, a climate expert who will be talking about how climate change is affecting our lakes, changes we can expect for the future, and what we can do.

**When: Saturday, July 7, 10:00 am**

**Where: Dorset Recreation Centre**



**YOU ARE  
INVITED!**

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
HOW IT AFFECTS OUR  
LAKES**

July 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

## **Wondering what type of plants to plant at your cottage?**

Get recommendations for plants/flowers/trees etc. specific to our area using the Shoreline Plant Search tool. You will also find re-naturalization worksheets, resources and more. It's easy and you can be very specific about what you want.

<https://www.cohpoa.org/shoreline-health/shoreline-plant-search/>

## **Using Wood Ash to Help Declining Calcium Levels in our Lake and Forests**

A few Directors of the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association were invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Norman Yan, which was hosted by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations in late May. Dr Yan is a renowned aquatic scientist who worked with the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for over 20 years.

Dr. Yan showed data that clearly indicate declining calcium levels in our lakes and forests over decades. The cause is largely decades of acid rain, which leaches the calcium out of the soils, and over-logging in some areas has also contributed to the decline.

Calcium levels are declining, ok... so why do we care?

All organisms require some calcium to grow and survive. Some organisms need less than other organisms. Crayfish and clams have a higher need for calcium than other organisms. In my 50 plus years on Kawagama, I've noticed a decline in the crayfish population. They used to be under every rock, now they are tough to find. This is most certainly due to calcium decline in the lake. Water flea species are also changing in our lakes to types that require less calcium, and can become nuisance species in our aquatic ecosystems. Tree growth also requires calcium, and the low levels of calcium are causing many types of trees in our forests to grow much more slowly. Sugar maple growth is particularly impacted by low calcium levels.

So what does all this have to do with wood ash? Wood ash is calcium rich. Dr Yan and his research group showed that sprinkling wood ash around the bases of trees resulted in much better growth, as the wood ash provided the much needed calcium. While different types of ash can have different elements in it that are not good for the ecosystem (never burn pressure treated wood), pure wood ash is a valuable resource,

which if applied on a large scale, could help to raise the calcium levels in the soils, and will then find it's way into the lakes.

Not sure what to do with your wood ash? Try putting it through a screen to sift unwanted elements out, and sprinkle it around the base of trees. Your sugar maples will be particularly happy, and you'll help to restore calcium levels in our ecosystems.

Kathleen Hedley, Vice President, KLCA.

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### **Well Water Stewardship Survey**

Queen's University, McMaster University, Dublin Institute of Technology and Public Health Ontario are collaborating on a project to understand knowledge regarding private well water use and stewardship, with the aim of developing a knowledge-based tool intended for use by private well owners, including cottage owners. The researchers would like to survey property owners with a well on their property. Please click below to complete the well water survey.

<https://surveys.publichealthontario.ca/SE/?st=U8fH8NInt6u%2fQAA4almtGKACo5TbB1AMFQfXAHJDdY%3d>

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## **We are looking for volunteers to participate in a Shoreline Naturalization planting event this spring!**

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA), in partnership with the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association (KLCA) and Sutton Environmental is creating a shoreline re-naturalization demonstration site at the Mountain Trout House Marina and we are looking for volunteers to do some planting.

The planting on this site will take place between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on June 24, 2018. Before planting, Julia Sutton will explain some of the principles of restoring shorelines and discuss the variety of native species available. Shovels will be provided, but please bring your own if you have one. Snacks will be provided once the planting has been completed.

For more information or if you would like to sign up or volunteer, please contact [JuliaSutton@shoreline.klca.org](mailto:JuliaSutton@shoreline.klca.org)

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## **Be Tick Aware**

**Adapted from:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/lyme-disease>

### **Where blacklegged ticks live**

Blacklegged ticks (also called deer ticks) live in wooded areas, tall grasses and bushes, almost anywhere in Ontario.

### **Know the risk**

Not all blacklegged ticks carry Lyme disease. A tick must be infected by the bacteria causing Lyme disease in order to pass it on to you.

Ticks are most active in the spring and summer months.

### **How to avoid tick bites**

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to prevent tick bites by:

- [covering up](#)
- [using insect repellent](#)
- [double-checking yourself](#)
- [washing and drying thoroughly](#)
- [checking your pets](#)

There's more you can do [if you live, work or are visiting a wooded area](#).

### **Cover up**

Your clothing gives you an important layer of protection. Make sure to wear:

- light-coloured clothing so you can spot ticks and remove them before they bite
- a long-sleeved shirt or jacket tucked into long pants
  - tuck the pants into your socks for extra protection
- socks and closed footwear

### **Use insect repellent**

Use an insect repellent, or bug spray, containing DEET or icaridin. **Always read the label for directions on how to use it.**

### **Double-check yourself**

When you go to an area where blacklegged ticks live, check – and recheck – yourself by:

- paying close attention to areas such as your scalp, ankles, armpits, groin, navel and behind your ears and knees
- using a mirror to check the back of your body or having someone else check for you

When you've double-checked yourself, don't forget to do the same for children in your care.

### **Wash and dry**

After an outdoor activity, you can:

- put your clothes into a dryer on high heat for at least 60 minutes to kill any possible ticks
- take a shower as soon as you can to wash off a tick that may not be attached through a bite

### **Check your pets**

Talk with your veterinarian about protecting your pets from ticks.

Regularly check pets that spend time outdoors. Ticks may attach to them and be carried indoors, putting you and your family at risk of being bitten.

### **How to remove a tick**

Removing a tick is the same for humans and animals. Follow these steps to remove ticks:

1. If the tick is attached to you, use fine-tipped tweezers or tick removal tool to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. **Do not use your fingers.**
2. Pull the tick straight out, gently but firmly making sure to remove the entire tick (including the head). **Don't squeeze it – avoid crushing the tick's body.**
3. After removing the tick, place it in a secure container, such as a screw-top bottle used for medication.
4. Contact your [local public health unit](#) for further instructions.
5. Thoroughly clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.

### **How not to remove a tick**

Always remove attached ticks with fine-tipped tweezers.

- Do not burn the tick
- Do not paint the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly (e.g. Vaseline) to detach it from your skin

This could cause Lyme bacteria to pass through your skin and into your bloodstream.



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### **Proposed Operations for the French Severn Forest for the period 2019-2029.**

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. and the Parry Sound Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) held information centres on May 4 and 5, 2018. These information centres were held as part of the detailed planning of operations for the ten-year period of the 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the French-Severn Forest. If you were unable to attend the information centres and would like to view some of the maps or documents from Stage 3:

Proposed Operations, please see the link below. These will be available until July 4, 2018 as part of a 60 day review period. To learn more about the information centres or this stage of forest management planning please click

here: <http://www.westwindforest.ca/proposedoperations/>

(Look at maps Working Circle Maps 6 & 9 and Operational Maps 104 & 116 to see Kawagama areas.)

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### **BY-LAW Changes**

Please click on the link below to view the board approved amendments made to the KLCA's bylaws so that they line up with our governance model. These tweaks will be voted on at the AGM on July 7th, 2018.

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**Moorelands Camp** is looking to fill a variety of full and part time positions this summer. Salary is dependent on the position. Please contact our camp directors at [moorelandswildernesscamp@gmail.com](mailto:moorelandswildernesscamp@gmail.com) for more information or to apply!

**Male Cabin Leaders** - along with a co-worker you are responsible for safety and well-being of up to 10 youth.

**Lifeguards (NLS)** - Guard at the beach, teach swimming lessons and participate in other program areas.

**Camp Nurse (RN)** – The Camp Nurse is responsible for the health and wellness of all participants and staff at the camp. They see patients throughout the day, administer any medication or treatment needed, and educate the camp community on proper healthy lifestyles. This is a great opportunity to practice and improve your diagnostic abilities and gain experience in a supervisory role as you will be responsible for supervising a nursing student. This could be covered for one week and or up to all 6 sessions.

**Service Team** - The Service Team supports the camp programs with a variety of services including: boat and vehicle driving, grounds keeping, managing food orders, garbage removal and security.

**Office assistant** – The office assistant is responsible for the overall operation of the camp office, including registrations, parent phone calls, and other office duties as needed.

**Boat driver** – On Mondays and Saturdays, the boat driver would assist in taxiing the campers to and from the busses during arrival and departure.

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## NEW KLCA Website!

If you have checked out [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) recently you will have noticed a change! Our new website is up and running, with all the great Kawagama and Bear Lakes news, photos, and information you are used to seeing, and many upgrades, including the following:

- user-friendly online renewals
- fresh, contemporary design
- mobile-responsive interface

### ***How to activate your account on the new site***

To access members-only content, you will need to activate your account by setting up a password. Instructions on how to complete the password setup are attached. Once you have set up your new password you will be able to log in to the members-only sections of the website.

When you're logged in you will be able to do the following things:

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

On behalf of the KLCA we would like to thank Director Adam Pifko for stepping up as chair of the website redevelopment committee and putting in many hours to plan and

create the new site. We would also like to thank KLCA member Shawn Bedard of JIG Technologies for continuing to volunteer his time and expertise to support our past and current websites.

We hope you enjoy the new site and we welcome your feedback!

**[ACTION REQUIRED: New KLCA site up and running! Please press here to activate your account. Click "Account Login", then "Forgot Password".](#)**



### **KLCA Annual Regatta!**

Be sure to bring your sunscreen, lifejackets, a hat and some money for the amazing raffle prizes and tasty BBQ when you come to the Regatta this year on August 4th! It's a great opportunity to meet new people and engage in some friendly competition. No matter what your age, there is something for you! If you

would like to volunteer for this event, please send an email to [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org). The fun begins at 11:00 am. Click here for some Regatta tips!

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## Annual KLCA Fireworks!

The KLCA annual Fireworks will take place on Saturday, August 4th at dusk in the bay near the Marinas. This professional show is possible only from your generous donations. To donate please go to: <https://klca.org/donations/>.



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## Healthy Lakes Contest

And now some added fun for your summer. The Healthy Lakes contest gives you a chance to win some wonderful weekly prizes and at the end of the summer a fabulous Grand Prize of \$1000. It's pretty simple. Watch for lake health tips each week in the

Haliburton Echo and Minden Times. The next week they'll ask a question about the tip and you'll email your answer to [chacontest@canoefm.com](mailto:chacontest@canoefm.com). You have until Thursday 5pm to get in your answer. All correct answers will go into the big sand bucket and each Friday they'll announce that week's winner, on The Canoe FM Drive Show and in the papers. The contest runs from May 29th through to August 31st. Check next week's Minden Times and the Haliburton Echo for the first weeks tips. If you cannot get a copy of the paper in your area you can subscribe to the digital edition. The cost is \$36.00 per year, folks can call the Minden Times at 705-286-1288 or email Debbie Comer - [Debbie@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:Debbie@haliburtonpress.com) The week one winner will get a super prize of dinner for two courtesy of McKeck's. A great place to dine in Haliburton. PLUS, you'll get a \$25 gift certificate from Northern Expressions, a \$25 gift certificate from Lockside Trading, a year's supply of Eco Ethic septic treatment, a pajama gift certificate from Country Picken's and BBQ paddles from Walker's Home Hardware in Haliburton. Wow, indeed. Get your answers in as soon as you can ... send them to [chacontest@canoefm.com](mailto:chacontest@canoefm.com) We'll announce the winner on the Canoe FM 100.9 Friday Drive Show and in the papers the following week. The Haliburton Echo, Minden Times and CanoeFM are pleased to be media partners for the Healthy Lakes Contest. And a big thank you to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations for their leadership.



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