

Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association



"Preserve the Heritage"

Newsflash July 2014

AGM The KLCA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Dorset Rec. Centre at 10:00 am on July 5th. Come out and hear about our lake and listen to some interesting guest speakers. The agenda for this event can be found on our website: www.klca.org.

Annual KLCA Regatta August 2nd is the annual KLCA Regatta at Moorelands Camp. (Raindate August 3rd.) This awesome, fun-filled day will begin at 11:00 am. Bring your sunscreen, lifejackets, hats and some money for the amazing raffle prizes and tasty BBQ. If you can donate any raffle prizes for this event, please drop them off at either Marina. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please send an email to: info@klca.org.

KLCA Treasure Hunt Looking for a fun challenge this summer? Check out page 7 of *Reflections 2014* for the first clue in the KLCA Treasure Hunt! Starting July 5th, follow the clues around Dorset and the lakes. Solve the hunt by August 31st for your chance to win prizes and bragging rights!

Upcoming Events in Dorset

July 5 - Old Mill Marina Customer Appreciation Day at 11:30 am

July 12 - Mountain Trout House Marina Customer Appreciation Day from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm -
- Free Concert at 8:00 pm.

July 12 - 18th Annual Dorset Kids' Fish Derby at Dorset Town Docks at 9:00 am

July 19 - Dorset Lions Rib Dinner at 6:00 pm, Dorset Rec. Centre

July 24 - Children's Festival at 10:00 am, Dorset Parkette

Aug 2 - KLCA Regatta at 11:00 am, Moorelands Camp

Aug 2 - Kawagama Lake Fireworks at dusk between Old Mill Marina and Moorelands Camp

*Check out the events schedule in *Reflections* for more information on these and other events*

Proposed Bell Tower - Bear Lake Road - Update # 2 As reported in Update # 1 (www.klca.org/events) Bell Mobility is proposing to erect an 80 metre (approximately 262 feet) tall communication tower near the junction of County Road 12 (Livingstone Lake Road) and Bear Lake Road approximately 3 kms from the shores of Bear or Kawagama Lakes.

I attended the public meeting hosted by Bell's agent CanACRE Ltd. at the Dorset Recreation Centre Saturday June 14. It was well attended by a number of cottagers and local residents along with two members from Algonquin Highlands Township Council (Gord Henderson and Marlene Kyle).

CANAcree presented a very high level summary of why that particular location was selected and the technology used to generate a photograph depicting how the tower might look from a location on Fletcher Lake. The tower will be very visible and will detract significantly from the natural beauty of the area. Speculation, given it is approximately 3 kms from the nearest shoreline of Bear or Kawagama, is that it will not likely be visible to anyone on Bear or Kawagama Lakes. However that remains to be confirmed.

The coverage map presented during the meeting was confusing as it showed the coverage resulting from the proposed tower plus the existing towers in the area so it was not possible to isolate the enhanced coverage that would result from this tower alone. The map showed all of Bear and Kawagama Lakes as being covered; however, one needs to keep in mind a similar benefit was to have resulted from the mono pine that was erected near the south shore of Kawagama last year.

There were strong arguments put forth against the proposed tower by those whose view was going to be spoiled. These were offset by equally strong arguments from those who would enjoy enhanced cell coverage but whose view would not be impacted.

An alternate location approximately 500 metres to the south along Bear Lake Road was proposed by members of the audience and CANAcree Ltd. agreed to take this location back to Bell for assessment. It certainly appeared to have merit as it was approximately the same elevation as the proposed site and would have less impact to those on Fletcher Lake while not likely having any visual impact to people on Bear or Kawagama Lakes.

Following the meeting I submitted a formal comment on behalf of the KLCA as part of the public consultation process:

1. Requested Bell discuss opportunities and feasibility of sharing space on the proposed tower with Rogers before they (Bell) seek final approval to proceed from Algonquin Highlands Township Council. We understand Rogers is actively pursuing a site near the south shore of Kawagama.
2. Supported the alternate location on Bear Lake Road.
3. Offered to assist Bell in obtaining Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (new name for MNR) approvals.

The complete version of the submission can be found on the KLCA website News and Events page (www.klca.org/events) under the caption "Bell Tower – Bear Lake June 28".

John McHardy, President

Fisheries Update - July 2014 Happy fishing everyone, it's great to see the nicer weather and I hope everyone has an opportunity to get out and enjoy our amazing resource. As we are now in full swing with the fishing season, here is a reminder of open season dates and catch/possession limits for Kawagama Lake:

Bass season runs from the 4th Saturday in June until November 30th. Possession limits are 6 fish for a sport fishing licence, 2 fish with a conservation licence.

Lake trout opened January 1st, and runs until September 30th. Possession limits are 2 fish with a sport licence and 1 fish with a conservation license. Remember we still have a slot size limitation of Lake Trout between 40 and 55 cm.

Brook Trout opened January 1st, and also runs until September 30th. Possession limits are 5 fish with a sport licence and 2 fish with a conservation licence.

In addition to the above rules and regulations we are also subject to Aggregate limits. Aggregate limits are catch and possession limits for a combination of fish species. Where there are aggregate limits, you may not catch and retain a separate limit of each species. For the latest Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) information on aggregate limits for our Region 15, please access the Ministry website:
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@letsfish/documents/document/198219.pdf>

If you are like me, you really enjoy fishing with family and friends. Passing this legacy on to the next generation of enthusiasts is what will help keep our sport alive and healthy for years to come. Here are the best angling practices from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) website.

Angling is a tradition and a responsibility and you can help ensure the quality of Ontario's fisheries and your angling experience for generations to come. Report resource abuse and violations to the TIPS-MNR line 1-877-847-7667 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Respect Each Other:

- Share the water with other users – anglers, boaters and swimmers.
- Always ask permission before entering or crossing private property.
- Respect the privacy of on-shore public when fishing.
- Racial discrimination has no place in Ontario.

Minimize Your Impact on the Environment:

- Don't litter. Minimize pollution.
- Help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals.
- Dispose of your bait and fish entrails properly.
- Practice selective harvest. When you have the option, choose to keep smaller fish. The largest fish of a given species are the most important to fish populations.

- When practicing catch and release, handle fish with care and release them as quickly as possible.

Enjoy Our Fisheries Safely and Responsibly:

- Wear a flotation device.
- Always know what the weather conditions will be like the day you go fishing and be prepared for them.
- Understand and follow Ontario's Fishing and Safe Boating Regulations.

Happy fishing and please help conserve our natural resources!

Robert Bill, Director of Fisheries

Other Info: There is a new Friday Drive Program on 100.9 Canoe FM. The show will run 3:00 to 6:00 pm and you can hear the events and activities in the Haliburton Highlands such as weather, bug report, news, traffic advisories as well as tips for cottagers and some lively music to help you on your journey.

Lake of Bays, Muskoka The Lake of Bays Association is hosting three BOATsmart Canada courses this summer tailored to youth, women and families. Learn all the safe boating essentials you need and obtain your Pleasure Craft Operator Card in a full-day course that includes an opportunity to get out on the water and improve your boat-handling skills.

All courses are being held at Pride of Lake of Bays Marine (1031 Lake of Bays Marine Road, off Hwy 117 between Baysville and Dorset). Instruction is provided by Transport Canada accredited BOATsmart instructors. The \$125 fee includes the BOATsmart study guide, a full day of instruction (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) in class and on the water, plus an opportunity to challenge the BOATsmart test and obtain your Pleasure Craft Operator Card. Registration is not restricted to Lake of Bays residents – anyone is welcome to attend.

To register: email info@BoatSmartExam.com or call 1-877-792-3926.

Enjoy summer and hope to see you around the lake!

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