

Happy Thanksgiving and the best of health to you and family from the Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association



*"There is always something to be thankful for..."*

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Zoom in to the online LLSA Annual General Meeting October 23 - we'd love to have you join the conversation. Members must be in good standing to participate so please see the previous paragraph if your dues have not been paid for 2021. If you are not sure if you are paid-up-to-date, email to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com) to enquire. If you have topics or questions that you want covered during the AGM send us an email to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com)

#### GLEN GORDON ROAD - TOWNSHIP OWNED SECTION

Glen Gordon (from Butter and Egg Road southeast to the top of the hill) is a road seasonally maintained by the Township of Muskoka Lakes. The hill (road) is deteriorating and presents a safety hazard given the eroding shoulders and steep side drop.

On September 15, 2021 a Glen Gordon property owner participated in the online TML General Finance Committee (Committee) Meeting to table pictures and details of the road's condition and to ask that the Township install a safety barrier on the side of the hill and bring that section of the road up to Township standard.

Following considerable Committee discussion, an agreement was reached that before the end of this calendar year, the Director of Public Works would present a detailed assessment and cost analysis of the work required to address the Glen Gordon Road (hill) and at that time, a decision regarding the work would be made by the Committee. The longer-term issue of how to fund and budget for the deteriorating network of secondary roads across the Township will be revisited in the coming months.

### MORNIN' COFFEE MEET & GREET

The September 11th "Morning Coffee" organized by the LLSA Social Committee was a beautiful fall day event. About 20 to 25 people dropped by during the morning and in addition to a delightful hour or two of casual conversation, there was an opportunity to meet and welcome the newest Leonard Lake family - Stephanie, Andrew and baby Hrytzak.

The cottage setting and panoramic Lake view were simply perfect and a sincere thank you goes out to the event hosts. A number of LL residents wrote in to say that a Meet & Greet was a great idea but suggested that more notice is required for seasonal events...A 2022 Meet & Greet? We hope so!



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#### The Township of Muskoka Lakes Proposed Bylaw 2021-116 (Amending 2014-14 Comprehensive By-law)

The proposed By-law 2021-116 pertains to non-complying lots, buildings and structures, accessory buildings on waterfront residentially zoned lots, under-sized lots and shoreline additions and the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 TML public meeting was held to allow for public input on the first draft.

Members of the public attending the call, generally voiced strong concerns regarding the changes proposed in 2021-

116 and questioned why there had been so little consultation before this draft By-law was tabled at a public meeting. David Pink, Director of Development Services and Environmental Sustainability responded that the purpose of the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was to provide an opportunity for public consultation regarding 2021-116 and that a second draft and second round of public consultation would be forthcoming.

To review the proposed 2021-116 see Government Portal <https://muskokalakes.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx> and click on agenda for September 16, 2021 Planning Committee Agenda #3

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ARE YOU LOOKING TO SELL YOUR COTTAGE? Our best friends (a family of five with three sons under 16) have fallen in love with this lake after visiting with us tons and are very interested in purchasing a cottage asap for their family enjoyment. If anyone is interested in selling their cottage privately please contact me and I'll make the introduction to our friends so that you can talk to them directly. This family would be a wonderful addition to this lake community! 😊 Please contact me at [jenniferself@rogers.com](mailto:jenniferself@rogers.com) or 416-272-3292. Sincerely, Jennifer Self

### Leonard Lake and Blue-Green Algae

The LL Water Team contacted the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to ask when blue-green algae testing would be conducted on Leonard Lake as a follow up to the bloom earlier in the season and the MECP Inspector has since returned to the Lake October 6<sup>th</sup>. Apparently, there have been several recent sightings of probably B-G algae on Muskoka Lakes, including one in the Dwight area that had a previously confirmed bloom in July. MECP wants to be cautious about issuing an "all-clear" given that blooms have returned in some lakes within a short timeline. Leonard Lake testing results will be shared once made available.

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The movie was Homecoming (2017) based on the Marvel Comics character Spiderman played by Tom Holland. It was a great night, clear sky and no bugs even though thunder showers were in the forecast. The set up was amazing with the big screen and seating and Dani was a great host! The turn out was small but next year there may be a chance to do it again earlier in the season if Dani and the family are up for it. Sincerely thanks to the Hunkelers for hosting and for the work that went into this event!



## Leonard Lake History

It has always been my intention to put down Leonard Lake as I saw it.

In 1955 LL Road 2 was barely beyond a pathway knocked out with a bulldozer. The first 100 yards coming from 118 was a corduroy road through the swamp - that's probably why it gets so bumpy when things are really dry now. There was no fork in the road past the present day Morrart property and it was basically roughed in towards the point. The family there was named Brady if my memory serves me correctly.

I first saw Leonard Lake in 1955 and my dad built the cabin in 1956-57. We didn't have electricity until My Uncle Rev Hadall (the lot owned by Tony & Maria now), my folks, the Rev Jewel and I believe the Morrants and Euingtons went in and had the hydro brought in the summer of 1957. We had an outhouse until 1978. My dad put on a full bathroom addition that year and I remember he commented that just the cedar siding on the addition cost more than the entire cottage in 1955. My dad always puttered about the place after he retired at 63 but my mom would only let him do grunt work for half a day. He passed at 68.

Sadly, when Mardi, my wife, broke her hip we were unable to come up and it was pretty much abandoned for 2 years, however, we were able to get up to Leonard Lake for a short time this season. Mother nature was not kind to the place and there has been some vandalism to the property and to a small wishing well I placed about 50' from the road. Some dirt bike tracks were obvious coming in from the road and going round and round the property. We were quite excited to get back to Leonard Lake and it was all quite upsetting. The lake is a special place for us and we would ask for neighbourly assistance to see that our property is respected. Sincerely, Rob Wheeler, Road 2.

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## LEONARD LAKE PHOTOS

Thanks to those who have taken the time to share pictures and memories. There is much on all of our minds right now and a few smiles or laughs can be a welcomed diversion. We are always looking for lake pictures to share - people, scenery, times gone by, local flora and fauna, activities, etc. Any season will do! Send to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com)

...Muskoka Mushrooms

*(compliments of D Solarski)*





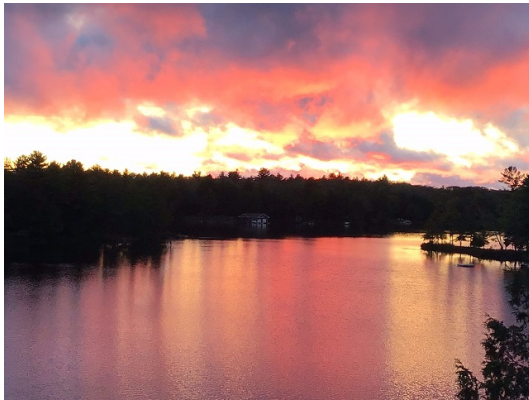
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Gray Treefrog (*compliments of J Heeneman*). To hear the familiar night calls of three frogs around the marshy areas of Leonard Lake - go to <https://www.naturewatch.ca/frogwatch/ontario/> and click on Gray Treefrog, Green Frog or Bullfrog.



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Sunset (*J Heeneman*), Road 1 in October (*G Roberts*)



Fall Sunset (compliments of W. Taylor)



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