
BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY CANADA DAY!



The official emblem of the sesquicentennial, designed by Ariana Cuvin (a then-student at the [University of Waterloo](#)) consists of 13 multi-coloured diamonds forming a maple leaf; the four diamonds forming the emblem's base represented Canada's four original provinces, while the others represented the provinces and territories that had joined since. The emblem is described as reflecting Canada's unity and diversity.

Did you know that Canada has an "Apology Act" that allows apologies in court to be considered a sign of empathy, not guilt? (Oops, I'm sorry...)

LLSA Annual General Meeting - "It's Your Lake" ♥

Saturday, July 8, 2017 – Milford Bay Community Centre

Registration, tea coffee and social time 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Business Meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.

2016 was a year of surprises for all of us on Leonard Lake...OPA45 that removes our protection as an over-threshold lake, a north shore severance application, knowledge that Leonard Lake is over capacity for development, and concern that our beloved lake is not as pristine and healthy as we all want to believe it is.

We now know a whole lot more than we did last year and want not only to share what we have learned with you, but to have an open and honest dialogue on how to move forward together in a positive way.

This is a watershed moment where as a community we can come together to try and protect the future of Leonard Lake.

We hope to see you at the AGM July 8th – and feel free to bring a neighbor! We will have a "tip" jar (but no \$\$ required!). We ask you to think about one "tip" that you use or plan to use to keep Leonard Lake healthy.

p.s. renew your membership or sign-up if you have not done so already at www.leonardlake.net

Who knew the canoe capital of the world is Peterborough, Ontario?



ALGAE IN LEONARD LAKE? Help us to understand the algae in Leonard Lake. We have included in your dock drop, an Algae Quick Guide from the Muskoka Watershed Council. This guide gives you some pictures and information about common algae types that can occur in our lakes.

This year, from May to November, LLSA is carrying out an Algae Monitoring Program in Leonard Lake. We are fortunate that Dr. Sue Watson, one of the world's foremost algae experts, and Hedy Kling an algal taxonomist, have agreed to advise us and to undertake the analysis of the collected samples. This study will help us understand the types of algae we have in Leonard lake, their abundance, where they occur and whether there is a problem.

Please help us in this effort! If you suspect an algae problem somewhere in the lake, please let us know. If possible, describe what you observe (e.g. an algae bloom, a higher concentration of algae than in previous years or anything unusual or changed) or what you experience while swimming (e.g. itchy, watery eyes; a peculiar smell, etc.)

The LLSA is purchasing algae sample collection equipment and hope to come and take samples of any suspicious algae that is reported. We would appreciate additional assistance as we go ahead with this expanded water testing study. If you can volunteer to help us collect, process and ship the algae samples or collate the data, please contact Gord Roberts at 705-764-1087 or gjrmuskoka@gmail.com.

To report an algae observation contact Gord using the information above or Mark Greenham at 416-303-7196/705-764-1675 markonhappyisles@rogers.com or Ken Riley at 705-764-1695 info@brooklandsfarm.ca If at all possible, an emailed photo would be very helpful.

Enjoy the lake this summer!

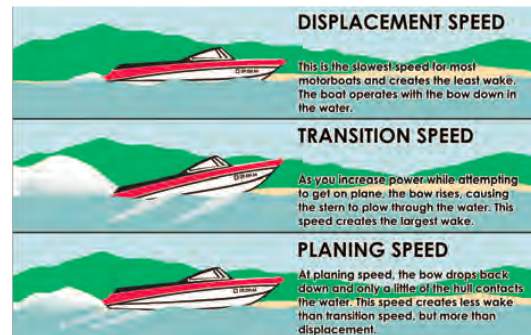
Scientists believe that Canadian geese have their own language with up to 13 different calls. ("Nice lawn, eh?", "It's pretty cold, eh?" "I'm sorry, eh?", and so on...

"It's Your Lake♥"

Watch Your Wake

Wake churns up sediment, degrading aquatic environment for plants, animals and people. PLANE in open water only, far from any shore. Leave no wake within 30 meters of shore. It's the law.

www.muskokawatershed.org



And now for something serious...When did Canada officially become its own completely independent country? Not until 1982 when the Canada Act was passed, patriating the Constitution of Canada. In 1867 through Confederation, Canada became a semi-autonomous self-governing entity.

FOCA REPORTS....

Effective June 1st 2017 Ontario Reg 161/17 came into effect. A person can occupy public lands without an MNRF permit – subject to some conditions. For further information click <https://foca.on.ca/municipal-authority-over-boathouses-decision/>

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) will be replaced with a new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. Decisions made at the local municipal level would have greater impact than under the current system as decisions would not be as easily appealed. Public comment is invited until August 14th. <https://foca.on.ca/omb-ontario-municipal-board-change/>

"Hooked on Jackets" initiative July 1st - 9th. Wear a life jacket - Set an example for your kids and grand-kids. In Ontario alone in 2013, 35 people died in boating accidents and most were not wearing personal flotation devices. 40% of accidents were related to alcohol consumption. <http://csbc.ca/en/hooked-on-lifejackets>

Muskoka Fire Prevention reminds everyone to be safe with fireworks this long weekend. Appoint a responsible person to be in charge and keep onlookers a safe distance away. Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass and always keep a water hose or pail of water close by. Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard. You can enjoy the Rotary Club public fireworks at 10:00 p.m. July 1st at Bracebridge Bay in downtown Bracebridge.

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