

Spring 2018
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Three Mile Lake Barnacle

Your "In-Depth" Lake News

Annual General Meeting (Sunday, July 1 @ 10:00am)

- You can now pay your annual Membership securely via e-transfer! PayPal / credit card option also still available on our web site, www.3milelake.org ! Go to the 'Members' link...
- Our Facebook group has now reached over **230 members**, up 60 from last year! We are finding this is the best way to communicate quickly in our community. Join at www.3milelake.org
- If you spot a runaway minion (i.e. lake hazard marker) please place it on your dock and text 705-717-2658 for pick up.
- Don't forget to have your septic inspected regularly to make sure it is in good working order! Your lake quality depends on it!

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: 167 Sunnylea Ave., Katrine, ON P0A 1L0
Email: info@3milelake.org Web: www.3milelake.org

No Picnic This Year

End of An Era?

We have decided to cancel this year's annual Picnic & BBQ as we have no appropriate venue on the lake to hold the event. There was discussion of moving the festivities to another location, but it didn't seem to make sense to have a lake picnic somewhere else. We have been very fortunate over the years to get access to a suitable location on the lake, but this is a BIG favour to ask. We appreciate all of the work that Wilf and his volunteers have done these past few years and, of course, appreciate the access to properties we have had for many years. We will reassess our involvement in social events and we welcome any suggestions our members may have.

If you have a suitable location on the waterfront and would like to become our 'property sponsor', please let us know right away!

Water Testing

Volunteers Needed!

Our dedicated group of lake water testers (led by Arnie Pundsack) continue to monitor Three Mile Lake quality. Some of his volunteers have, unfortunately, moved from the lake. We are seeking volunteers with a boat who are looking for a good excuse to go out on the water a few times a year to help us collect samples ☺. Full training will be provided!

We are concerned with the potential impact of observed rising temperatures of the lake. As a result, we are investing in some monitoring equipment which will give us more complete and constant data. This, along with our regular testing, will help us with trends. Algae blooms have occurred on several lakes in our area – we can't control what Mother Nature does but we need to stay on top of the changes so we're well-informed.

Summaries of all past years' tests are available on our web site.

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, July 1, 2018 @ 10:00 am at the Katrine Community Centre.

Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, Aug 5, 2018.
Shotgun start @ 8:30am at the Almaguin Highlands Golf Course in Katrine – www.cottagegolf.ca...\$30, including BBQ and prizes...what a deal!

For reservations or to donate prizes, call or text Dan @705-241-1974.

To reserve carts call 705-349-8337.

Question for the membership...

Should the TMLCC continue to run social events, or should our attention be focused on lake water quality, local issues and education & communications? We like to bring our members together to meet and greet but we tend not to see many new faces at our annual events. So maybe it's time to change things up? Let us know what you think...on our Facebook page or via email.

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Water Testing Summary from 2017

Contact Information to Keep Close By...

Emergency Services
(Fire, Police, Ambulance)...911

Non-emergency local O.P.P. detachment
(Almaguin / Burk's Falls)...705-382-2015

Armour Township
(building permits, by-laws, local roads, snow removal, landfill, etc)...705-382-3332

Burk's Falls Landfill Site Summer Hours – 10am – 5pm Thursday through Monday (closed Tues / Wed)

The Burk's Falls Towne Theatre ... schedule will be posted on web site

Burk's Falls Arena open for ice time throughout the summer! 705-382-3811

Your TMLCC Executives and Directors:

Rod Ward (President)
Barb Leonard (Treasurer)
Arlene Vujacic (Secretary)
Arnie Pundsack (Steward)

Directors:

Albert Bollenbach
Gord Isbister
Tim Taylor
Tammy Ward
Wilf Schneider
Vivian Harvey

The **coliform** levels were tested 3 times during the summer at six different spots on the lake and the good news is that all results were below the threshold for recreational waters. The maximum allowable value is 1000 cfus (colony forming units).

Cfus	TML-1	TML-2	TML-3	TML-4	TML-5	Sandy Cove
6/02/2017	59	22	3	16	3	-
8/26/2017	52	11	22	19	3	317
9/05/2017	94	98	94	247	102	350

The **E.coli** levels were also tested 3 times at the same six spots in the lake. The E.coli levels were all well below the recreational water threshold of 100 cfus.

cfus	TML-1	TML-2	TML-3	TML-4	TML-5	Sandy Cove
06/02/2017	55	<3	3	16	<3	-
08/26/2017	11	5	<3	<3	3	<3
09/05/2017	16	30	<3	3	3	226*

High **phosphorus** along with nitrogen can be a driver of algae blooms. Typically, one would like to have phosphorus levels below 20 µg/L. All of our results were below 20µg/L.

Date	Test results µg/L	Average of results µg/L
05/28/2017	6.8, 7.7	7.3
08/14/2017	8.0, 8.4	8.2
09/16/2017	10.4, 10.4	10.4
10/05/2017	12.6, 10.0	11.3

Complete test results available under 'Your Lake & Environment' on web site.

Lake Low-Down...The lake levels so far this year are low, so be aware that new lake hazards which are not marked may be appearing. Always drive with caution, especially if you are new to the lake...

More Power to You...Did you know that you can sign up with Hydro One for reports (via email or text) on power outages at the cottage? Sign up at www.hydroone.com...

Keep it Natural...At least 15 metres of natural vegetation should be left at the shoreline to reduce flow of unwanted nutrients into the lake and to protect wildlife. This is actually specified and agreed-upon in any new Site Plan Agreements...

We are saddened this year with the loss of one of our most dedicated and longest-serving TMLCC Directors, and former TMLCC President, Gary McFarlane, who passed away on May 1, 2018. Gary was also a very active supporter of the Boy Scouts, and active volunteer with the Burk's Falls Agriculture Society and the Burk's Falls United Church. He and his wife Joyce are long-time residents of Three Mile Lake. Our condolences to Joyce and family. The TMLCC will miss his hard work and advice.

Don't Forget to Visit www.3milelake.org every day! Join our Facebook page...get up-to-date news and information...take our informal polls...tell your kids!

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