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LAKE COTTAGE ASSOCIATION



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Leaves of Gold (Their former green),
the richest color briefly seen.
A canopy of purest light,
Falls glittering down- (into the Night.)
As winds of Change draw ever near,
The Trees- (They seem to have no fear.)
They know it's Time- (They must Transform),
and with that, something New is Born.
And so it's Been, (since the dawn of Time)-
All things must Learn
to Bend with clime.

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Cordova Lake Cottage Association

Message from the President...

September 19, 2016

Hello to all Cordova Lake Cottage Association Members.



It seems that not so long ago I was sitting at the kitchen table, as I am today, penning a message to the Association members for the Spring newsletter. Time does fly, so where to start.

The Annual General Meeting was held on July 24th and it was very well attended by Lake Residents as well as Mayor Gerow, all HBM Councillors and Kathleen Shepherd of the Peterborough County Health Unit. There was lengthy discussion and member concern regarding the condition of the south lake parking lot and roads, the boat launch, lack of road signs, abandoned boats and trailers and lack of parking. As most of us are aware, the south end parking lot is assumed to be Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests property. As such, we do not have the right to repair or alter MNR&F property. Having said that, we have the HBM Mayor and Council working on our behalf. A resolution was passed by Council “to investigate solutions to improve the boat launch parking lot and general area at the south end of Cordova Lake”. Contact has already been made with the MNR&F through various channels and we anticipate an eventual positive response regarding the granting of permits to undertake repairs and upgrades to the south end area. The repairs and upgrades will be up to all of us to collectively finance through the Association. We encourage all residents to become Association members to support this, as we currently have a 75% membership and this will be a benefit to 100% of the residents. We will keep you updated!

Kathleen Shepherd of Peterborough Health addressed the danger inherent with cottages that utilize “gray water” pits as opposed to septic systems or holding tanks. Gray water is sewage that contaminates ground water, wells and lakes. We support the complete elimination of gray water pits on Cordova Lake and

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elsewhere!! Mandatory septic inspections are stalled somewhat at this time, but are still on the HBM and PCCHU agenda.

Steve and Orla Boland, and a small army of volunteers have been running the annual Regatta for many years now. Sadly, Steve and Orla are no longer going to be involved, so a new leadership needs to step up. We thank Steve and Orla for the many years they have committed to us all. Thank you.

Some of you may be aware that Ian Sturdee who was officially elected as Treasurer at the last AGM has decided to step down. We thank Ian for the time he has given to the Association. The Executive has searched for a replacement and we have appointed a volunteer interim Treasurer. Please welcome Peter Bornemisa to the Executive.

We need to thank both Milan Kratochvil and Brian Addie for the incredible Fireworks display on the August long weekend. They persevered through adversity as their usual fireworks distributor ran out of the specific products needed. In the end it was a magnificent show and it was made all the better thanks to the many lake residents that saw fit to donate money to support a great show and social event.

Awesome!!

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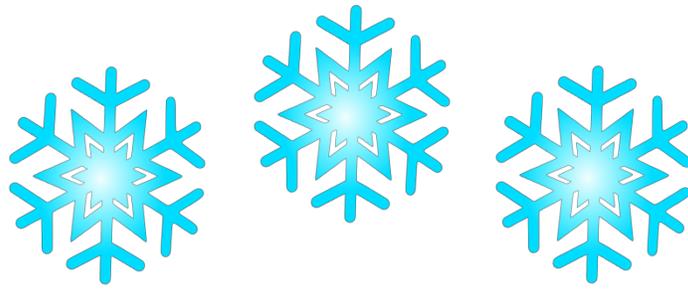
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Disasters that can happen at the cottage over the winter

By Sara Laux

There's no heart-sinking moment worse than going up to the cottage and discovering ... disaster. Just like that, the anticipation of enjoying a little peace and quiet turns into a whirlwind of repairs, insurance claims, or worse. Winter can be nasty to your cottage, but proper preparation and maintenance can help you avoid some of the more common cold-weather disasters.

Branch falls

For a lot of cottagers, most of what's appealing about escaping city life are the trees: majestic, sheltering, and filled with life, not to mention an endless source of kindling. Those trees closest to your cottage can turn into real home-wreckers, though, if they're not taken care of.

Before any snow falls, have an arborist take a look at your property and assess whether any branches (or entire trees) need to come down. Even if the branches aren't damaged, consider trimming ones that overhang the cottage—the less snow and ice that falls on your roof, the better. If you have hydro wires on your property, you'll need to get someone to clear tree branches away from them as well—but that's not a DIY job. Call someone who's on contract with the local power company.

Animal invasions

Animals that don't migrate are masters at finding shelter anywhere and everywhere that's warmer than outside. Your shed, gazebo, hot tub enclosure, and cottage are all vulnerable—and once the animals are in, it's hard to encourage them to leave.

If you're closing up for the winter, board up screened windows on gazebos or sheds. Yes, it's extra work, but it's worth it to escape damage from squirrels and mice or larger animals like porcupines, who might chew through screens. Lock all your windows—it's important not just from a security standpoint, but it will also make the seal between your window and the sash tighter, keeping out both cold air and critters.

Mice and small rodents like chipmunks can squeeze through holes no bigger than a nickel, so even if you're not closing up completely, carefully inspect your buildings and fill any hole with

steel wool. If your cottage doesn't have a dug foundation, make sure the space underneath is clear of garbage, and scatter mothballs around support posts to discourage visitors.

Completely clear your kitchen of any food, including canned goods and other non-perishables. Wipe out your empty fridge with disinfectant to remove lingering food odours, unplug the fridge and freezer, and leave the door open a crack to prevent mildew build-up. Cover inside furniture with plastic sheets, and fill drawers with dryer sheets—both of which will discourage unwanted winter visitors.

Roof damage

During the freeze-thaw cycles of late winter and early spring, ice can melt off your roof, then re-freeze at your gutters, building up on the edge of the roof and creating ice dams. These block the flow of meltwater through the gutters, causing the water to back up and, often, find its way into the cottage. You can help prevent ice dams from forming by making sure your gutters are cleared of leaves and other debris before you close the cottage up for the winter. As well, make sure to fix any loose shingles or flashing to prevent any backed-up water from getting inside.

Keeping the entire roof the same temperature as the eaves as much as possible is the secret to preventing ice dams. Poor insulation can lead to hot spots on your roof, causing snow to melt, then freeze. Make sure your attic is well ventilated so it stays cool, and that the attic floor is insulated to prevent warm air from the cottage from rising up to the roof.

If the snowfall has been particularly heavy, consider paying someone to clear the snow off your roof in order to prevent damage once melting starts. If you want to remove the ice dam, clear it off with a blunt mallet—anything sharp could damage your shingles. Because this is precarious work, it's usually best to hire an experienced roofer.



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The biggest threats to your cottage in the off-season

By Jessica Wynne Lockhart

As you close up your cottage at the end of the season and start the long drive home, it's only natural that your mind will wander through the inevitable list of "what-ifs."

But before you turn the car around to make sure—for the third time—that you've turned the oven off, you should lay your worst-case scenarios to rest. The truth is that the biggest threats to your cottage in the off-season aren't as disastrous as they might seem (no, a rogue bear isn't going to make your cottage its den) and most are preventable.

Here's what you should really be worrying about:

Frozen plumbing

We've all heard the horror stories. Nothing can put a damper—literally—on cottage ownership like returning in the spring to discover that your pipes froze and burst, or that your septic tank cracked in your absence. Prevent damage before it happens by properly draining all your lines and tanks before you close-up for the season.

Exploding jars of food

While it may be tempting to leave that jar of tomato sauce in your cupboard, don't forget that the same freezing and thawing cycle that happens in pipes also applies to food. If you don't intend to heat your cottage over the winter months, make sure to remove any and all food from the premises—otherwise you might have a sticky mess to clean up come springtime.

Break-ins

For the paranoid among us, this is probably the biggest reservation that we have about leaving our properties unattended for extended periods of times. Whether its petty criminals out to make a buck or teenagers looking for a little weekend excitement, break-and-enters tops the list for the biggest wintertime threat to your cottage. Make crime-proofing your getaway one of your top priorities in the fall, and come springtime you won't be sorry.

Critters

Who can blame woodland creatures for wanting someplace warm to cozy up for the winter? The truth is, while it's easy to keep the bigger animals out (make sure to close the flue on your fireplace), mice will invariably get it. Whether they stay, though, is up to you. Make your home inhospitable by setting mousetraps, removing any food (including toaster oven crumbs), and covering soft surfaces in plastic. Mice may also be repelled by certain odours, so it can't help to try out placing fabric softener sheets and mint essential oil in your closets.

Rooftop ice damming

It's unlikely that your entire roof is going to cave-in from heavy snow, but you'll still want to make sure your roof and eavestrough are in tip-top shape to handle wintertime precipitation. A build-up of ice and snow, paired with continual freeze and thaws, can cause structural damage. Make sure your eaves are cleaned out and that your roof is in good repair, and consider hiring a company to clean snow off your roof during the winter—just don't forget the boathouse or shed roofs.

Slip and slide sidewalks

While you may not be accessing your cottage in the off-season, that doesn't mean that no one else will be. If a visitor injures himself or herself on your property, you could be held liable for failing to clear the walks. If you're not hiring someone to maintain your property over the winter (including snow and ice removal), be sure to cancel local newspaper delivery and post a caution note to any solicitors at the end of the driveway.



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Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

27% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking.
DRINK RESPONSIBLY!

How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.



Closing the Cottage



Closing up the cottage in the fall is an important task for every cottage owner.

Here is a good checklist to help you winterize your cottage...

Outside the Cottage

Winter preparations are made easier when you follow the right steps. Doing a proper job when closing up the cottage for the winter season means you will have a more enjoyable weekend opening up the cabin in the spring.

Cottage Windows

Board up the gazebo and any screen windows on the cottage and guest cottage. The extra effort is worth the trouble as you may otherwise spend even more time in the spring repairing damage and cleaning up after the animals that have broken-in.

Canoes and Kayaks

Stack the canoe and kayak on sawhorses or on a rack that is out of view from the lake or the road. Chain them together with a good lock.

Outdoor Tables

Move the picnic table inside the cottage if you have room. It preserves the table and gives you something to place boxes on.

BBQ and Propane Tank

Clean the BBQ and disconnect it from the propane tank. Store them in a protected place.

Roof

- Inspect the roof for damaged shingles and replace them if necessary.
- Clean out the eaves troughs to allow the melting snow to drain properly in the spring.
- Trim overhanging branches that risk dumping extra snow and ice onto the roof.

Dock

Tear down the dock and store it in an organized way so you can quickly re-assemble it in the spring.

Re-paint the crib with rust-proof paint.

Under The Cottage

Remove all garbage that has been stored under the cottage and take it to the dump. This improves air and water flow, and removes potential homes for the critters.

Spread mothballs liberally around the support posts to deter mice and other wildlife from trying to enter the cabin. Fill all holes with steel wool.

Septic System and Outhouse

Consider having them pumped or cleaned out if they are due.

Otherwise, add some approved “good” bacteria to your septic system and outhouse to help breakdown the waste over the winter.

Inside The Cottage

Gather all the clothes, hats, shoes, pots, pans, etc. that have accumulated but never get used and donate them to charity. This is the perfect time to reduce the clutter.

Wood Stove

- Clean out the wood stove completely.
- Close the damper vent.
- Inspect the chimney stack for rust, tar build-up, and loose strapping where it attaches outside.
- Repair or replace the gasket / seal if needed.
- Oil the hinges, levers, and other moving parts.

Refrigerator and Freezer

- Remove all of the remaining food.
- Disinfect and thoroughly wipe them clean.
- Place chop sticks between the door and the fridge or freezer. This leaves them open just enough to allow air to flow and avoid mildew buildup.
- Place an open box of baking soda inside to control odours.

Note: Remove all food from the cottage, even the canned goods.

Beds and Furniture

- Cover bed mattresses with plastic sheets.
- Use plastic sheets to cover any chairs or sofas that are susceptible to mice.
- Place sheets of fabric softener liberally in dresser drawers, on furniture, and in closets. It helps to keep the mice out.

Cottage Water System

The water system must be drained properly. Residual water in the system will freeze during the winter and may cause the water pipes to burst.

Drain the water heater

- Turn off the electricity switch on the electrical panel for the water pump and water heater.
- Close the cold water intake valve to the hot water tank.
- Attach a hose to the water heater drain valve.
- Run the hose outside or into a bucket.
- Open a hot water tap.
- Open the drain valve and let out all of the water remaining in the tank.
- Remove the hose and place a cup under the valve to catch the remaining drips of water.
- Close the drain valve once the water stops dripping.
- Close the hot water tap.

Draining the Rest of the system

Ideally, gravity does most of the work and the water in the line all runs back to the lake once you turn off the power to the water pump. Some water will remain in the water traps (u-shaped parts of the pipes).

- Open all taps inside and outside to use up the existing pressure in the line.
- Pour a liberal amount of plumbing approved anti-freeze into all of the drains (sink, bath, shower, and washer) and toilet as you finish the last flush. Also put some in the toilet tank.

For Land-Based Water Pumps

- Unplug the water pump to avoid it running if the power gets switched-on by accident.
- Open all the levers / taps on the water pump to drain any remaining water.
- Remove the water filter and allow the remaining water to drain.
- Disconnect the water line from the water-side of the water pump and tie it off to something solid.
- Close the water pump drain tap and priming valve lever once the water has drained.

- Pour some anti-freeze into the filter opening and / or directly into the top of the water pump (there is likely a square plug you have to remove) until you see the anti-freeze come out the intake valve.
- Put the water filter cap and / or the plug back on.
- Cover the open end of the water line and the intake end on the water pump with tin cans and seal them with duct tape. This will keep the critters out.

Note: Some people also remove the intake line and foot valve from the lake and store them. While not necessary, the practice is a good idea and allows you to inspect for damage and clean the screen.

Leaving the Cottage

- Disconnect all appliances.
- Shut off all breakers at the electrical panel.
- Review the checklist to make sure everything has been done.
- Take photos of everything. In the unfortunate event of fire, theft, or weather damage, it will make the process with the insurance company go more smoothly.
- Do a final inspection of the property.
- Check and lock all outbuildings.
- Take the keys, phone, computer, and garbage.
- Lock the cottage.

Once you know that you have closed the cottage properly, it is time to relax and enjoy the ride home

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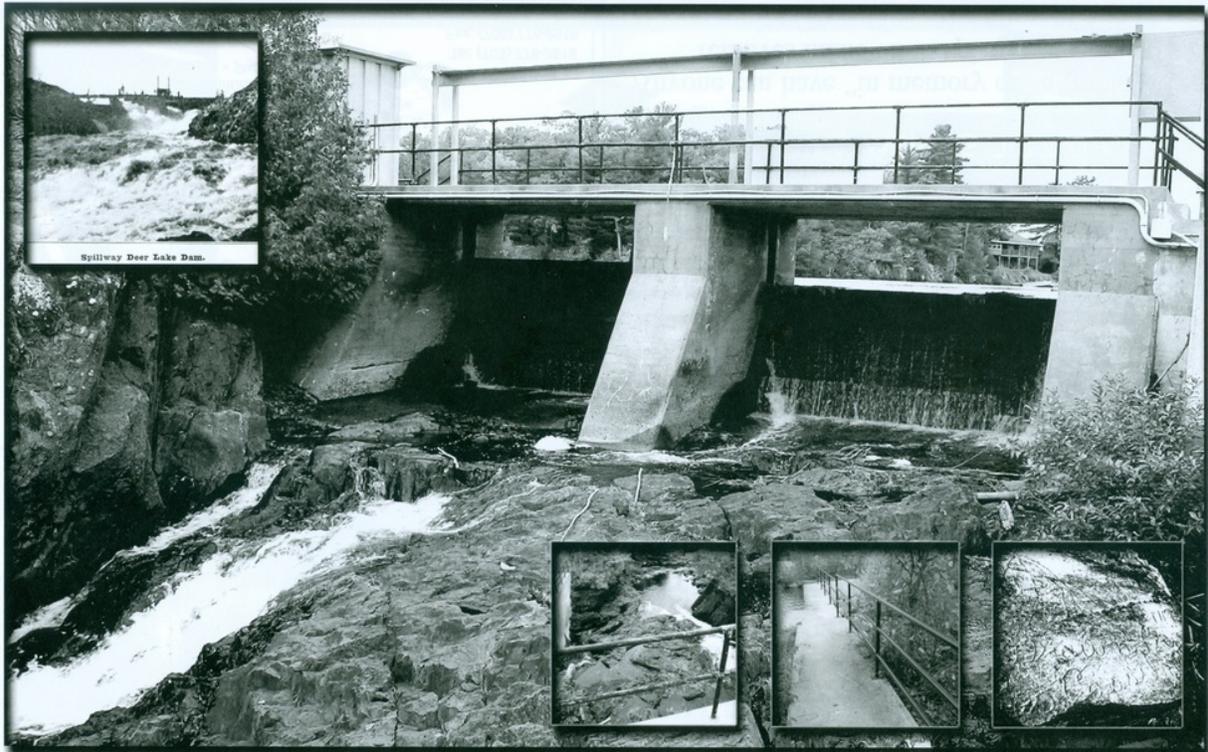
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Did you ever wonder how Cordova Lake was created?
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CORDOVA LAKE DAM - Originally built in the 1800's for the Cordova Gold Mines (inset, left) and creating Deer Lake (now called Cordova Lake) as a man-made reservoir to produce electricity and compressed air for the mining operations, this rebuilt dam from 1956 maintains Cordova Lake and facilitates the current hydro electric generating station. A local myth about the origin of the Indian's head carving beside the walkway to the dam may now be put to rest

CORDOVA LAKE also known as DEER LAKE

A great way to spend an afternoon is touring from the Village of Cordova Mines to the South End of Cordova (Deer Lake) Leaving west from Cordova, turn right on Preston Rd, and then turn right on Fire Route 18. Follow Fire Route 18 north for about 3 km and you will come to a parking area in a clearing, quite close to the southern end of Cordova Lake. Listen and you will hear the roar of the Cordova dam and spillway, built by Cordova Gold Mines Ltd.

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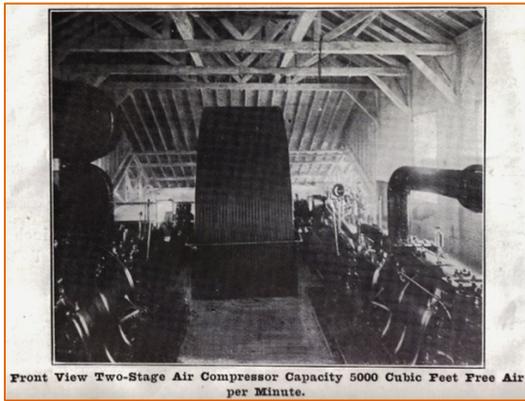


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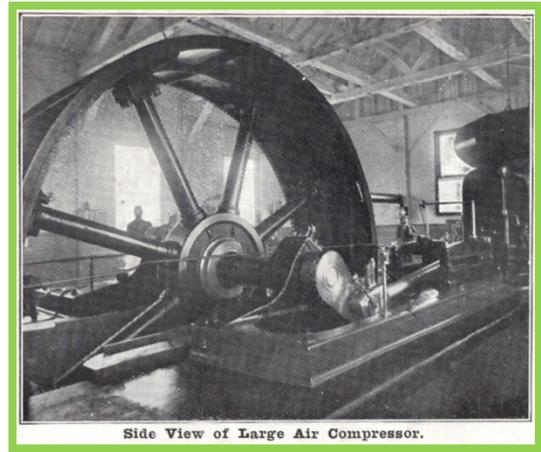
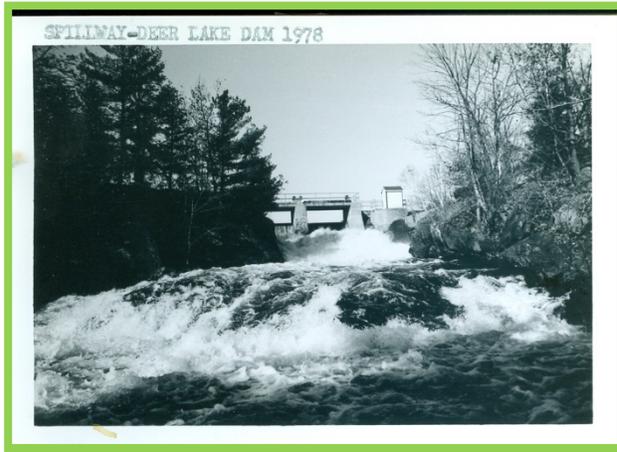
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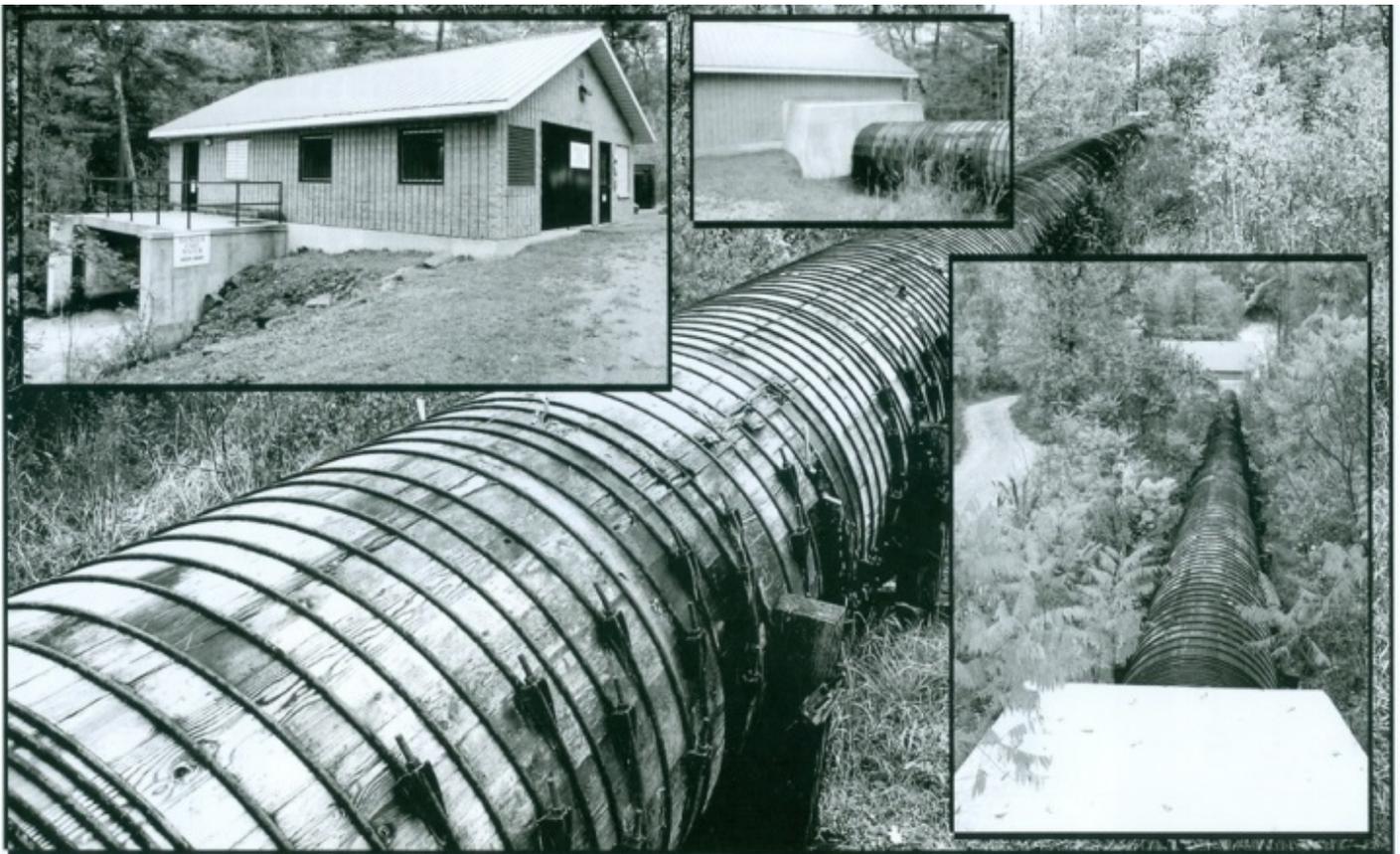
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HYDRO GENERATING STATION - At the old Ministry of Natural Resources dam and fish hatchery site at Cordova Lake, Algonquin Power Systems (Mississauga) won the contract to lease the land and build and operate a hydroelectric generating station. Construction began in 1992, with final costs about \$1.8 million, yearly operation costs of \$35,000, and a payback expected in 5 years. Using an Ossberger turbine (cross flow type) the efficiency is approximately 88%, and produces electricity at 600 V, which is stepped up to the grid voltage.

Please visit www.marmorahistory.ca for more information regarding the Cordova Lake Dam



A very serious accident occurred at Cordova Mines this week. The big drive wheel at the power house of the Cordova Mines, Ltd., at Deer River falls, flew into about a thousand pieces. Fortunately no one was hurt and no serious damage done to the building. We understand that a new power system will be installed without delay.



These ruins are probably part of the turbine and compressor system at the power house.



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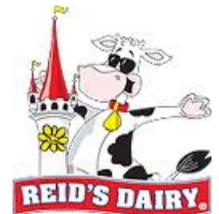


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Cordova Dam History...



"From the boat launch at the south end of Cordova Lake, one can hear the roaring waters of the Cordova Dam which was built in 1956. The dam maintains Cordova Lake and the hydro electric generating station below run by Algonquin Power and is a point of interest for anyone visiting our cottage and wishing to snap a few unique photos.

Algonquin Power sits parallel to the river above Scott's Dam. The wooden water flume that we have been used to seeing over the past many years is currently being replaced with yellow cedar from the Douglas fir it was previously constructed from. The pictures below were taken on October 4, 2016 and show the dismantling of the flume taking place. You will soon see the new construction from yellow cedar taking place which will ensure many future years of operation. We learned these tidbits from our unofficial "interview" of the contractors doing the work.

The low concrete berm, that many of us walk across to access our cottage, was constructed when the dam was created to force water 200 metres through to the hydro generating station away from the forest. We have seen spring run-off so great that we are unable to navigate this spot by foot at all.

The Ministry of Natural Resources leased the land to Algonquin Power in the 1980s. The current generating station was built in 1992 at a cost of \$1.6M. You can see a video of the installation through this link:

The original dam was built by Cordova Gold Mines Ltd. in the 1800s to produce electricity and compressed air for their operation. The formation of this dam simultaneously created Deer Lake (now called Cordova Lake). The English Company mined gold at the mine from 1864 to 1903 in one of Ontario's gold rush boom towns, Cordova. The big wheel in the power house once broke into many pieces (in April 1915) damaging the building but, thankfully, no workers and was immediately replaced. The Cordova Mine had its own hydro, pneumatic and electric power (1200 horsepower), three miles from Cordova at this dam on Deer Lake (now called Cordova Lake). This water resource improved the economics of the mine by eliminating the need for 10,000 cords of wood per year to provide steam power and heating.

Since it was built in 1992, the current station has generated 2400 MWh of electricity. The supply of water through the dam comes from a group of lakes and rivers from sixty miles north that are controlled by three other dams. The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority controls and maintains this dam, as well as others, to store water for hydroelectric power.

This is a great area to explore and take visitors. Take a stroll and show them the dam and hydro generating station. Get in a canoe at Scott's Dam, beyond the station, and you'll be able to paddle all the way to Marmora. Jump in the river in your old shoes and shorts and enjoy the bubbling water all around you. Check out the many waterfalls along the way. We are lucky to have such a beautiful resource in our cottage backyard!"

Juanita Magill
Cordova Lake



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Top 10 Tips: Climate Change Challenge

We all have an important role to play in reducing the impacts of climate change and keeping the environment healthy for future generations. Here are some ideas to keep the lake environment healthy, and reduce your own carbon footprint at the cottage.

1. PADDLE VS. MOTOR: Reach more often for the paddle instead of the boat keys, and enjoy nature at a slower pace!

2. LET THE SHORELINE BE: Do the environment (and yourself) a favour, and choose the hammock over the lawn mower this summer. Plants at the water's edge help filter nutrients, store carbon and prevent erosion, while underwater logs and rock piles provide protection and spawning ground for fish.

3. STARRY, STARRY NIGHTS: Don't be a night polluter. Turn off unnecessary exterior lights and substitute down-facing fixtures where possible. Floodlights and other high-wattage outdoor bulbs are energy-eaters and can even mess up the mating and feeding behaviour of wildlife, while stealing the view from star gazers.

4. SWITCH THE COTTAGE WATTAGE: For indoor light, switch from incandescent bulbs to LEDs, which cost you and the environment a lot less in the long-run. They last up to 50 times longer and use about one-tenth the amount of electricity.

5. CLEAN-UP: Manage garbage responsibly at the cottage. Recycle and compost as much as possible, remove fishing lines from the lake, and discourage wildlife from eating leftovers by storing all trash in tightly sealed containers and keeping pet food dishes indoors.

6. BBQ: If it's time for a new BBQ at the cottage consider gas or propane models which are more environmentally responsible than charcoal that releases toxic by-products into the air.

7. ELECTRIC IDEAS: Keep an eye out for 'dinosaur' appliances - old fridges can use more than four times the energy of a new, efficient model. Appliance retailers, utility companies and local waste-management services may pick up old units for free when they deliver a new one, which even saves you cottage time.

8. MOTOR MATTERS: Replace old two-stroke engines with more efficient 'clean marine' options (clean two stroke, or four-stroke) and off-road vehicle engine technology, and keep engines in top repair to lower emissions.

9. BEWARE THE PHANTOM LOAD: Use power bars to isolate electronics that can be turned off when you're away because some devices (including TVs, DVD players, stereos, computers) can continue to steal power even after they're turned 'off.'

10. HUG A TREE: Retain mature trees as natural insulators on your property. Deciduous trees on the south and west of our buildings provide shade in summer, and let sun through in winter. Conifers on the north and northwest sides will help block cold winds in winter.

Please keep in touch with FOCA and let us know how many of these, or other climate-conscious actions, you take on this year! For more tips on how to be a low-impact cottager, see our new publication on page 3 (Climate Change guide).

Bonus Points: Reach out to Local Government

Write, email or (better yet) drop in to talk to the folks in charge of your cottage community, and find out what they plan to do, to reduce the impacts of climate change and keep the local environment healthy. Get links to local politicians here: <https://foca.on.ca/raise-your-political-voice-tips-from-foca/>



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Thank you to all of you who visited The Cottage this past summer. We have received our Fall Clothing Lines and looking forward to a busy Christmas Season.

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If you haven't had a chance to come in for a visit, we look forward to seeing you

A large, stylized banner for 'The Cottage Havelock'. The banner has a black background with white text and graphics. The text 'THE COTTAGE' is written in a large, white, serif font, arched across the top. Below it, '100 Ottawa St. Havelock' and '(705) 778-7011' are written in a white, serif font. To the right of the text is a black and white photograph of a woman in a bikini sitting on a beach chair. Below the text and photo is a white banner with the text 'Gifts • Clothing • Water Toys'. At the bottom of the banner are five logos: RAVE SPORTS, FOX, OAKLEY, BILLABONG, and Life is good.

Regatta Review

The August long weekend saw another successful Cordova Lake Regatta. We had at least 75 children from the community enjoy the games and prizes. Who doesn't love watching eggs bounce off people's heads!

It was great seeing all the community show up, catch up with neighbours and also meet new friends. Topping it off with the fireworks that night ended a spectacular day.

The regatta is also an important source of funds for the lake and Association initiatives so we are pleased to say that we made \$2,300 for the lake.

There are so many people to thank that show up each year including Doug, Dave and Tony on the bbq; The Gammons for running the silent auction; Scottie for organizing the horseshoes; Tim and Susie for the card game; Tim for helping to clear the site. A special thanks to Melanie, Ian, Bill and Kelly, our extended family including the Cassidy's, Ilson's, Donofrio's, and Smart's for their help setting up and cleaning up and all the other volunteers who ran the games.

As you know, this was our last year being the primary organizer for the regatta. We have done this for the past several years so our children would enjoy this tradition. It is time for a few families with younger children to take ownership of the megaphone.

We have created a step by step to-do list and contacts to assist with the organization going forward. Let's make sure the tradition continues for the next generation.

Our motto has been, if you did it in the past, please show up and do it again. There is not much work when everyone helps. Please let us or Brian know if you are interested. See you on the lake and thank you again to everyone for their support.

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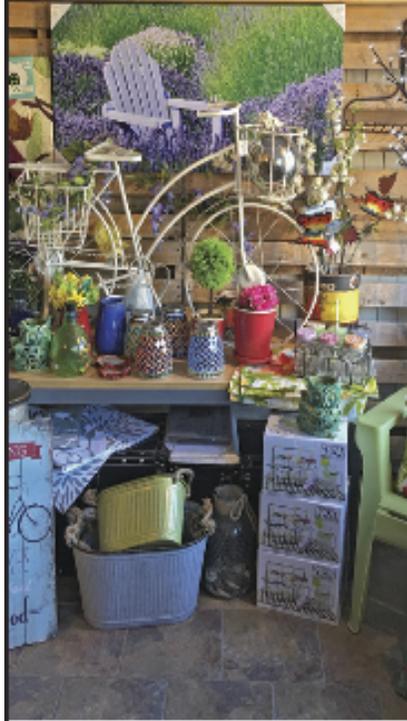
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For your safety and snowmobiling pleasure, when possible, we mark the trail crossing Cordova Lake at the north end. There has also been an extensive effort put into widening and brushing our local trails. As a result we have some of the best trails in the district.

We encourage you to come out and enjoy Cordova Lake during one of the most beautiful seasons, winter! Visit www.hdsc.ca for more information and buy your permit online at www.ofsc.on.ca. Please remember to choose the Havelock & District Snowmobile Club as your home club so that your proceeds can help us continue to maintain and improve our trails.

Plan or join rides, share stories and photos on our facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/831753500228344/> and join us on Twitter @HavelockDSC.

We are always looking for more involvement from the community. Even as a cottager you can make a difference. Come to a meeting, volunteer to brush trails, help with bridge repair, help at an event...there are lots of ways you can get involved! It's fun! Contact Andy Sharpe, President at 2andysharpe@gmail.com for more information.

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A Cordova Lake Christmas Adventure!



Bruce and I bought our cottage on FR 59 in 1973, we have been enjoying it ever since. In 1974 we welcomed our first born Hollie to our family Ryan joined us 3 years later. When the kids were young we spent Christmas at the cottage and this is the part of the history that has touched our families hearts forever.

When Hollie was 5 and Ryan 2 we were driven to our cottage by Jim and Carol Beckford via a haywagon. Jim would have already put our heat on so when we arrived our cabin was warm and inviting. So as I mentioned we were arriving for the Christmas Holidays and on Christmas Eve we were getting the kids ready for bed when we heard a tapping on the window, at that time we had single pane windows and had to scrap off the frost inside to see who it was....well it was Santa Claus tapping and Hollie and Ryan jumped up in the air and dashed back to their beds thinking if they saw Santa they wouldn't get any presents, Santa came in and told the kids to come out and they were so excited to see and receive gifts from Santa, Hollie asked where the reindeer's were and he said they were feeding at the Island. Carol and Jim Beckford had arranged this magical Christmas for us and it was our best memory ever!

Many thanks to the Beckford family from the Gubbs





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Here's how to clean your barbecue now that bristle brushes have been deemed dangerous

By Jessica Faulds

As you may have heard, barbecue brushes have recently gone from a trusty grill tool to public enemy number one. At a recent meeting of Canadian ear-nose-and-throat physicians, surgeons found recently there has been a widespread issue of people accidentally swallowing the metal bristles from the brushes—and there's no good way to remove them.

The wires from barbecue brushes are extremely sharp, but small enough that they can become lodged in food and swallowed without people noticing. The bristles then often become caught in the throat or intestines, where they can cause significant damage and pain.

Lisa Wadden of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, swallowed a metal brush bristle in a hamburger, and two years later, the bristle is still in her throat. She told the CBC about the experience of realizing the bristle was caught in her throat: "Every swallow, it just was this crazy pain, burning." Surgeons were unable to remove the bristle, but enough scar tissue has now formed around it that it no longer causes her daily pain.

Since bristle brushes have been deemed dangerous, grillers are going to have to find other methods for barbecue cleaning. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to get the grime off your grill.

Steam it

If you want to loosen up the gunk on your barbecue so it can easily be wiped away, steam will help. Just put water in a metal baking tray, and put it on the grill when it's still hot. Close the lid, and the interior of your barbecue will become a steam room. When you're done, use soapy water and a rough cloth or scrubber to wipe away the grease and buildup on the grill.

Scrape it

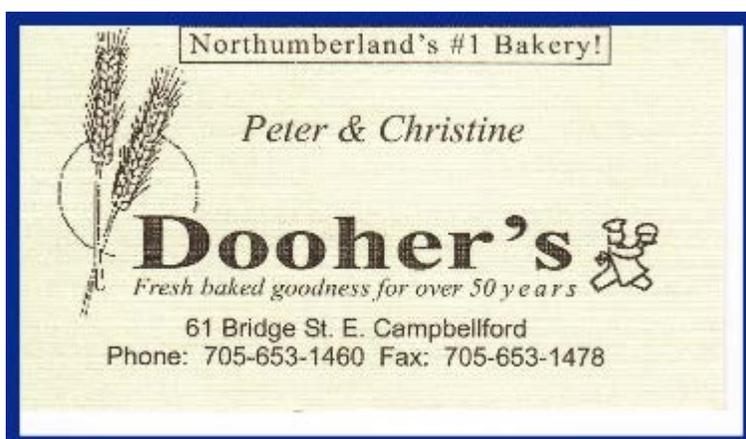
There are actually lots of barbecue tools that don't use bristles but can still help you reach all the nooks and crannies where grease and old food build up. Brushtec has a bristle-free brush, or you can use a wooden scraper, or the Grillstone cleaning block. GrillFloss is also a great tool for scraping down the individual rods of your grill.

Use vinegar

Vinegar is an amazing all-purpose cleaner, and its powers extend to grills as well. Put some vinegar in a spray bottle, then spray down your grill and leave it for a few minutes. It should break down some of the grime, which you can then wipe away. If the buildup on your grill is extra stubborn, take the grilling rack off and soak it in a mixture of 3 cups vinegar, 3 cups ammonia, and 1 cup baking soda. Leave it for a day, and the black residue will slide right off.

Try an onion

We've heard that rubbing a slice of onion on a warm grill helps dislodge grease and residue. So next time you have nothing on hand but the leftovers from your barbecue, grab an onion and give it a try!





10 reasons to host Christmas at the cottage

By Sara Laux

Sure, hosting Christmas at the cottage can involve some logistical challenges. Simply fitting food, family, and furry friends into the car—not to mention driving through winter weather—can make staying home a far less labour-intensive option. But we still think all of that work is worth it, and here are 10 reasons why:

- 1. You can abandon the monotony of the treadmill and get in some functional fitness: shovelling snow for an hour can burn up to 400 calories.*
- 2. Calories, of course, don't count at the cottage, so if you want to reward yourself for shovelling snow with a mug of hot buttered rum and a plate of shortbread, go for it. Ditto for third helpings of mashed potatoes, stuffing, and gravy during Christmas dinner*
- 3. Everything, indoors and out, is pine-scented—no holiday candles required.*
- 4. Why worry about coordinating baking with turkey and stuffing and sweet potatoes and green bean casserole when that great little country bakery in town makes the best pies ever? Stock up on cinnamon buns for breakfast and rolls for dinner while you're at it.*
- 5. That lovely star on your Christmas tree? It's a little reminder of how incredibly clear the winter sky can be. Bundle up, flop down in the snow, and do some stargazing.*

6. You get to see your year-round cottage neighbours in a whole new light. When you only ever see someone in shorts and a T-shirt (or a bathing suit), you don't get a chance to truly appreciate his collection of ugly Christmas sweaters.

7. With space at a premium, you can let go of the urge to decorate everything to within an inch of its life. Take your inspiration from nature, hang some pine boughs and berries, and call it a day.

8. Limited space also means you don't have to feel guilty about not inviting your brother's college roommate (the one who drank too much last year and ended the evening head-first in the Christmas tree) or your stuffy great aunt who complains about the food every year but never offers to help cook.

9. The snow is white and fluffy and unspoiled—unlike that grey, dirty, slushy mess back in the city.

10. You can extend your gift giving to your feathered friends outside and try feeding the chickadees. A few black oil sunflower seeds and some patience and they'll be eating out of your hands.

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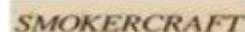
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