

A Few Tidbits to Share

Leaf Collection

The Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association wanted to remind residents that Brockton will be collecting leaves on Monday, October 18th and Monday, November 1st. This is a great time to get those pesky leaves bagged up and out to the curb for pick up. Keeping these leaves from entering the lake is always beneficial.

Hydro Forestry

Residents are encouraged to keep the hydro/gas right-of-way clear of your possessions in case a crew needs access over the months to come. Hydro forestry went through the right-of-way this summer on our various roads and marked trees that will be trimmed (marked with a blue dot) or removed (marked with a red "H"). According to a hydro representative, this work could happen as soon as this winter, however, more likely to occur next summer.

Microcystin and Water Quality

The toxin levels in all 4 lakes tested (2 in Marl and 2 in Rosalind) were below the Canadian Drinking Water Standard of **1.5 µg/L** and are safe for drinking with respect to this toxin. However, despite these results, using the lake as a drinking water source is not recommended.

Results for the lakes on Oct 12 are as follows.

Marl Lake 1 st Lake	0.26 µg/L
Marl Lake 2 nd Lake	0.20 µg/L
Lake Rosalind 1 st Lake	0.88 µg/L
Lake Rosalind 2 nd Lake	0.92 µg/L

Water clarity was at 3.0 m for both lakes on Lake Rosalind and 3.8m for 1st Lake on Marl and 4.0m for the second lake.

Rick Kalte from Marl Lake commented that the water has not been clearing up as fast as in previous years and there are strong indications that another type of algae is blooming at this time in our lakes. Algae ID test results are expected to arrive in the next 10 days and these tests may confirm the presence of another algae. The “suspected” algae is one that gives a golden brown colour to the water and can cause a clear to white scum on the water. The suspected algae consumes bacteria and B-G algae so we know it had lots to feed on. This suspected algae is also notorious for causing water odours in municipal water supplies and reservoirs, especially in hot water tanks. Rick Kalte has suggestions for ways to remedy this odour if you detect it and has offered his assistance if residents contact him. Rick can be reached at:

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Hope everyone is continuing to enjoy the beautiful scenery that our lakes provide. It is a good idea to find ways to be outside before the snow comes our way!