

**BEAVER LAKE SPORTS AND CULTURAL CLUB INC.  
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**Attention Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Arlene King:**

As you may be aware, blue-green algae has been reported in Ella Lake. Although it's not something that is unheard of, it is still alarming is that the algae has managed to survive through the winter.


Vermilion River Stewardship headed by Linda Heron has diligently put together a telephone tree, so that neighbours contact neighbours alerting them of adverse water conditions. There are however winter tourists, ice fishermen not from our area that do not realize that the water they may be using to make their tea or coffee is potentially toxic.

The Beaver Lake community is sufficiently concerned that they have directed me to bring this matter to your attention. There are people enjoying the area lakes snowmobiling and fishing and not be aware of the danger that the slimy water poses. We need signage to alert people of the possible health hazard. Highway signage tells us how fast we can drive, how far away restaurants and motels are, adverse highway conditions, surely the water quality or lack of it, can be "posted" on a highway sign, at a public boat launch and on an "Alerts" website. It would be better to let people know beforehand to avoid illness or even death.

As we live through the ever challenging changes to our world through increased pollution, invasive species and weather extremes, we must be vigilant in warning everyone who live, play and travel in Northern Ontario of whatever danger to their health is present. We are a global community. Can the Beaver Lake residents be assured that these warnings will be posted?

On behalf of the Beaver Lake Club, I thank you in advance and I look forward to your response by return email by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Yours very truly,



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