

## Potential Algal Bloom Information

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) received a notification on October 20, 2020 regarding a possible Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) on Glanmire Lake in the township of Tudor and Cashel, Hastings County. The ministry has confirmed that there are no registered drinking water systems in the area. The ministry will follow up on this report.

For general information on blue-green algae, please refer to the MECPs website at <http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/blue-green-algae> and the fact sheets attached.

It is important to note that in addition to the nuisance (fouling) and aesthetic (smell) problems caused by blue-green algal blooms, several species of cyanobacteria have the ability to create toxins, including Microcystin-LR (used as an indicator at the MECP lab).

If anyone phones with general questions please refer them to these fact sheets with the updated links. If anyone receives health related questions please refer them to their physician or the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

The Ministry will update you once we obtain further information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned Environmental Officer.

Best Regards,

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