



## TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



For Immediate Release

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### 'The Point' Park Beach in Sydenham Temporarily Unsafe for Swimming

In accordance with the Ontario Beach management Guidance Document, KFL&A Public Health has notified the Township that the beach located at Loughborough Memorial Park (A.K.A. The Point) in Sydenham, is currently unsafe for swimming due to high levels of *E.coli* in the water.

As a result of this information, the **Township is recommending that residents temporarily refrain from swimming at the beach**, located at 4410 Point Rd in Sydenham, until KFL&A Public Health can confirm that the adverse event has been resolved.

[KFL&A Public Health](#) monitors the water quality at all municipally owned or operated public beaches within the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington region. Monitoring is done weekly from early June until the end of August, and includes a visual inspection of beach conditions and testing for bacteria. Beaches with consistently good test results are monitored once per month.

High *E. coli* levels can occur for several reasons. Most commonly, large rainstorms will wash dog or bird feces into the water, carrying pathogens with them. The Township is aware of and is actively working to manage the rise in Canada Goose activity at the Point Beach, in order to reduce the impact their droppings may have on *E.coli* levels.

Signage warning against swimming will be posted at the beach to communicate the potential health risk that current conditions pose. Residents with additional questions can contact Tim Laprade, Recreation & Arena Manager, at 613-376-3027 ext. 2231 or via email at [tlaprade@southfrontenac.net](mailto:tlaprade@southfrontenac.net).

For a list of other beaches and parks in South Frontenac, please visit our website at [www.southfrontenac.net/parksandgreenspaces/](http://www.southfrontenac.net/parksandgreenspaces/).

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