

Winter Scenes



Hastings outdoor hockey rink:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5JvQUIFD7A&list=PLdGAg6TDHghtY8fwBgLK6zsymttR4teAp&index=135>

Snow slide video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neh8y9whRNA&list=PLdGAg6TDHghtY8fwBgLK6zsymttR4teAp&index=136>

As winter set in we took advantage of the opportunity to explore more around our new surroundings. We've enjoyed getting to know some of the other small towns such as Bridgenorth and Hastings. Meanwhile, in Norwood, we were able to create our own little slide in the woods.

Lakefield Speed Skating Oval



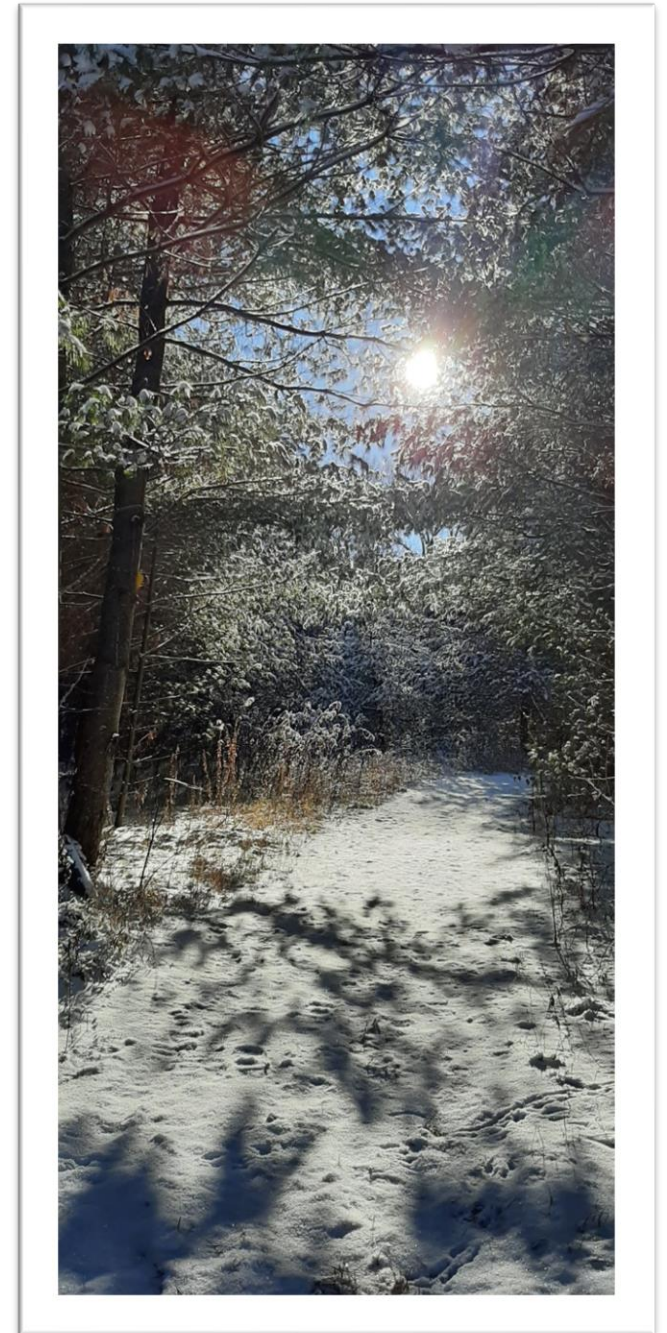
We even had a chance to trying speed skating and we didn't wipe out once...or even twice.



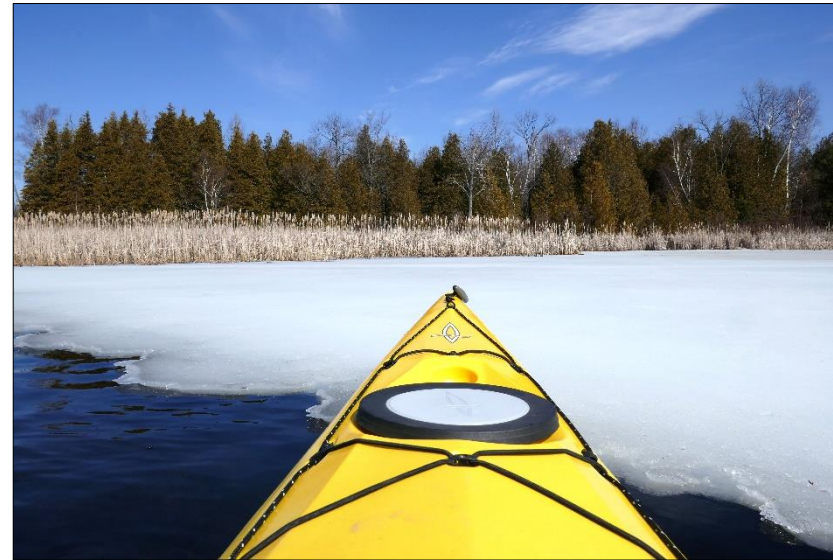


Westwood Mill:
<https://youtu.be/HyK-VXpFQHU>

Westwood Mill and the Norwood Mill Pond Forest Trails.



Crowe River and Lake



A little video of our
Crowe River trip:
<https://youtu.be/ufaK14LJjCc>

Thanks to some beautiful early spring weather, and our trusty dry suits, we were able to paddle the Crowe River from Marmora to Crowe Lake. Too bad the lake was still fully iced over when we reached it!



Slow mo of Callaghan's Rapids:
<https://youtu.be/Dg9MDPKQMKo>

Later we visited the Callaghan's Rapids, a little further down the river. Skilled kayakers (not us) have fun here in the spring runoff.

Spring Arrives



When spring finally sprung, our work was cut out; but it was great to get some more plantings in the yard.

Warkworth Millennium Trail



The Village of Warkworth is known for its Lilac Festival. Many lilacs can be seen on the Millennium Trail in May.

Biking



Once again we were able to get out on our favourite biking route, the Lang-Hastings Trail.

Trenton - Mount Pelion Park Lookout



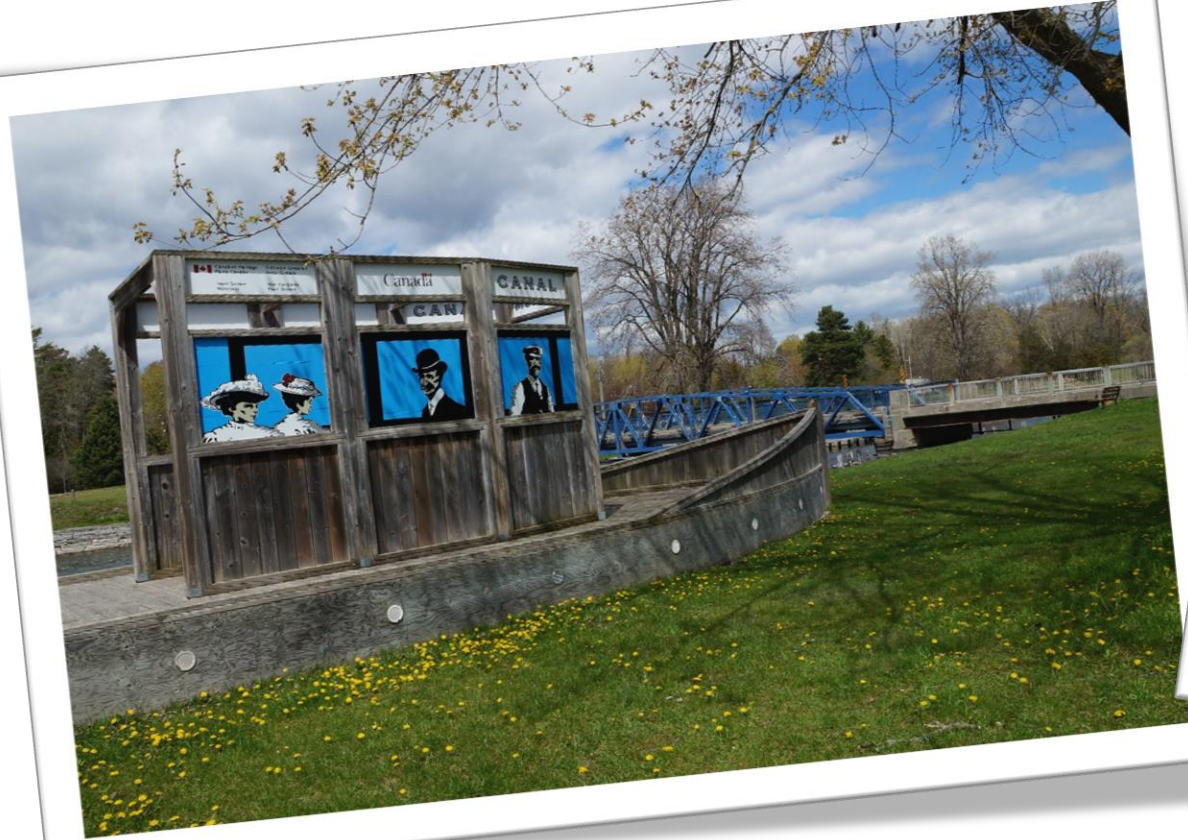
Great views of Lake Ontario and the Trent River from the lookout at Mount Pelion, Trenton.

Mike's brilliant
commentary of
the airforce jet:
[https://youtu.be/
_IRxxleR00M](https://youtu.be/_IRxxleR00M)



Since the air force base is close by, planes are constantly buzzing around. Oh, Wannamakers donuts are awesome.

Prince Edward County



North Beach waves:

<https://youtu.be/r4hl1K24OQU>

One day we took a drive to “The County”. Here we have the Carrying Place Swing Bridge, and North Beach.

Around the House



There was still plenty to do to keep us busy around the house. A highlight was the purchase of a digital piano, which Rhonda's been enjoying a lot, and Mike has been enjoying somewhat.

Six Feet Apart



For a time we were social distancing,
then....

Seeing People



.... it was wonderful to start having visits again with Friends...



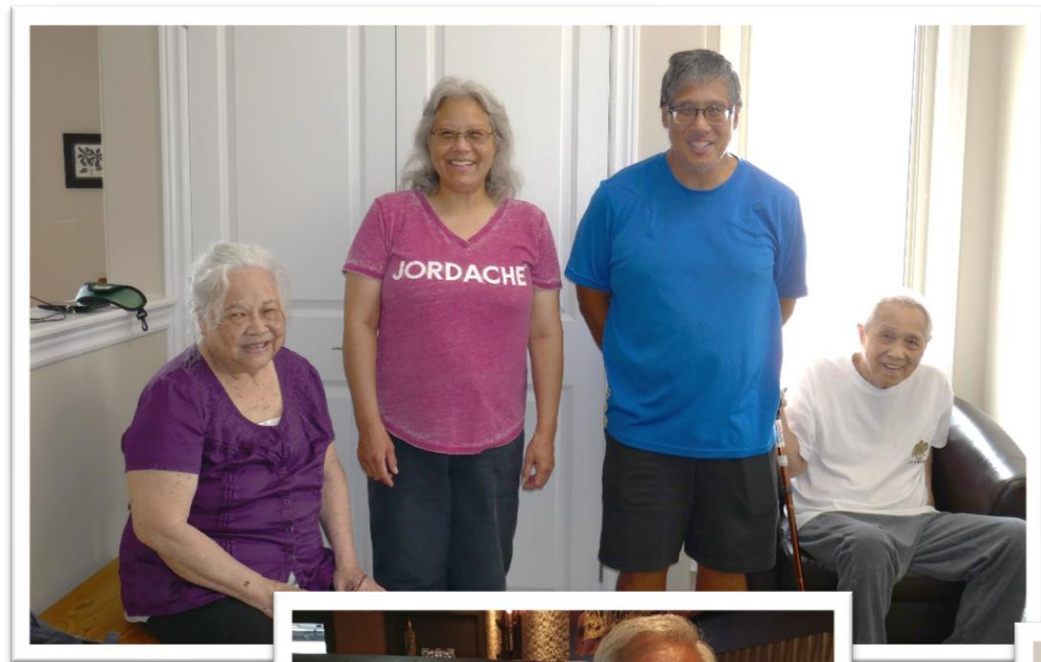
And more Friends



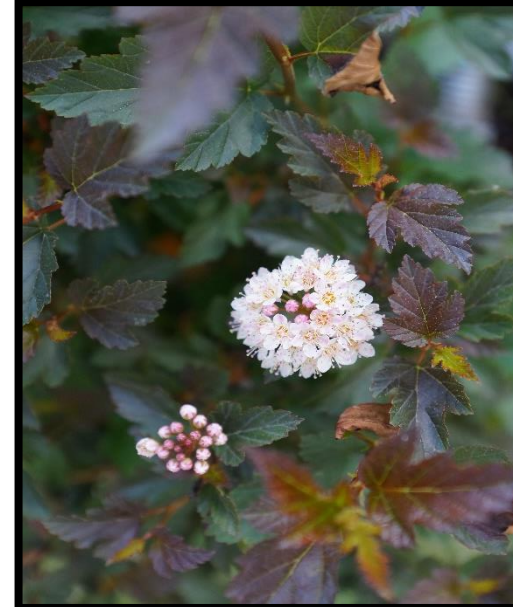
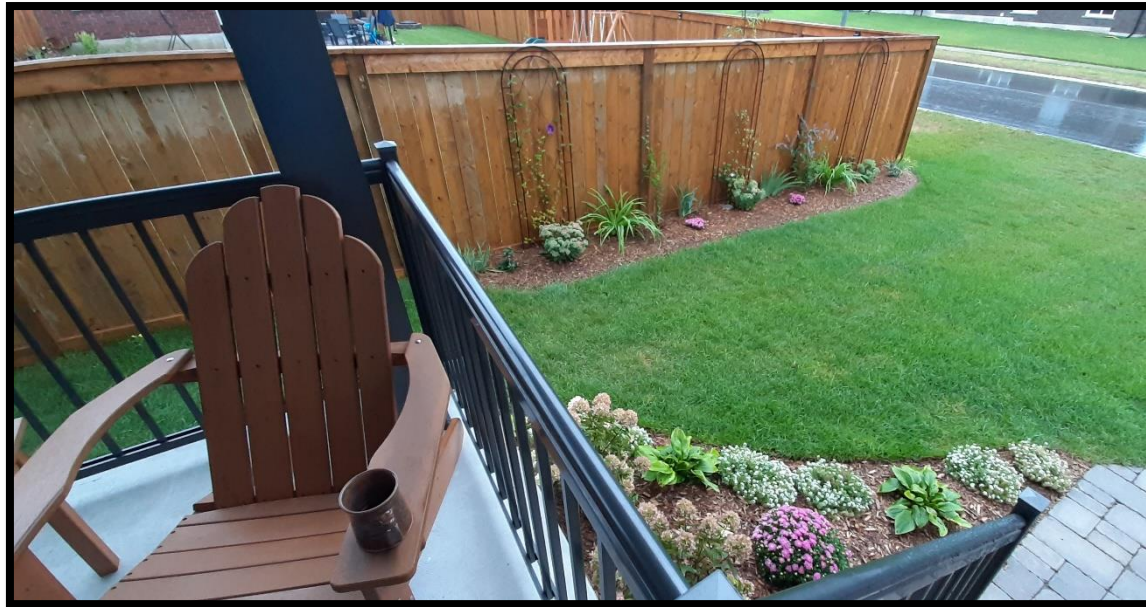
...and Neighbours...



...and Family...

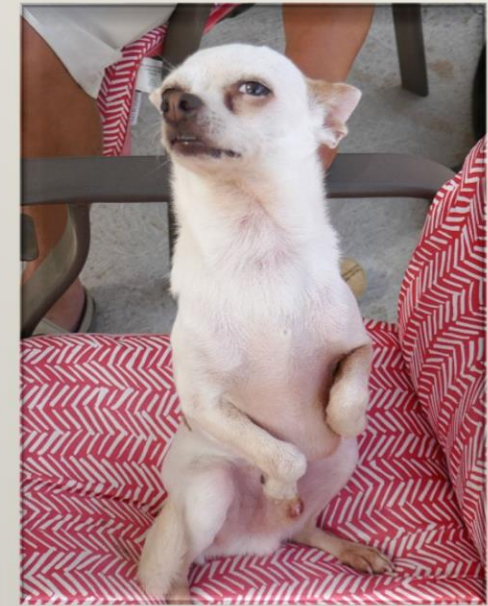
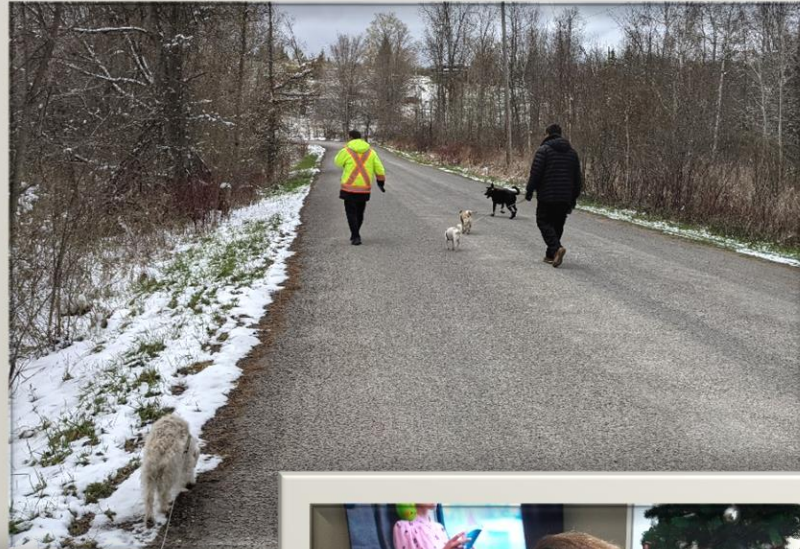
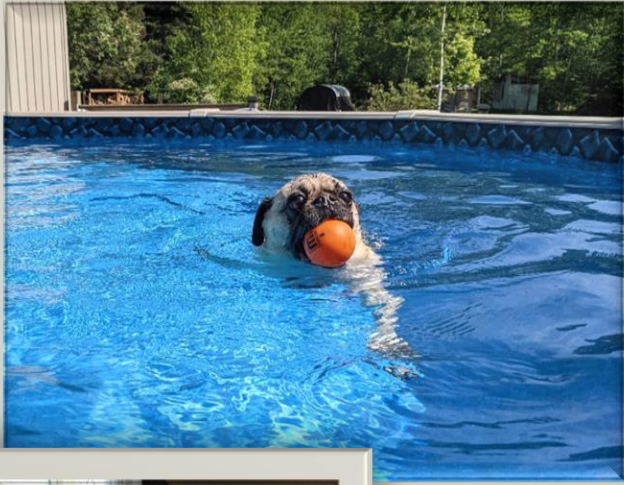


...and more Family! So many had never been to our new house before, so it was really nice to welcome them all.



The garden grew... we had a bumper crop of tomatillos.

Furry Friends



To help pass the time during lockdown we started weekly visits with our friend Doug to help him walk his dogs: Junior, Annabelle, Taco, and Archie. As you can see, they've become some of our best friends!

Motoring



Mike having fun on a riding lawn mower:
[https://youtu.be/ W7tYaYQL-c](https://youtu.be/W7tYaYQL-c)

Boating on Rice Lake:
<https://youtu.be/S4N0UNGS33A>

We were fortunate enough to have a great boat ride with Doug and his mom Bonnie on Rice Lake. Ospreys are quite common there. And, there should really be drivers licences for lawn mowers.

Kayaking

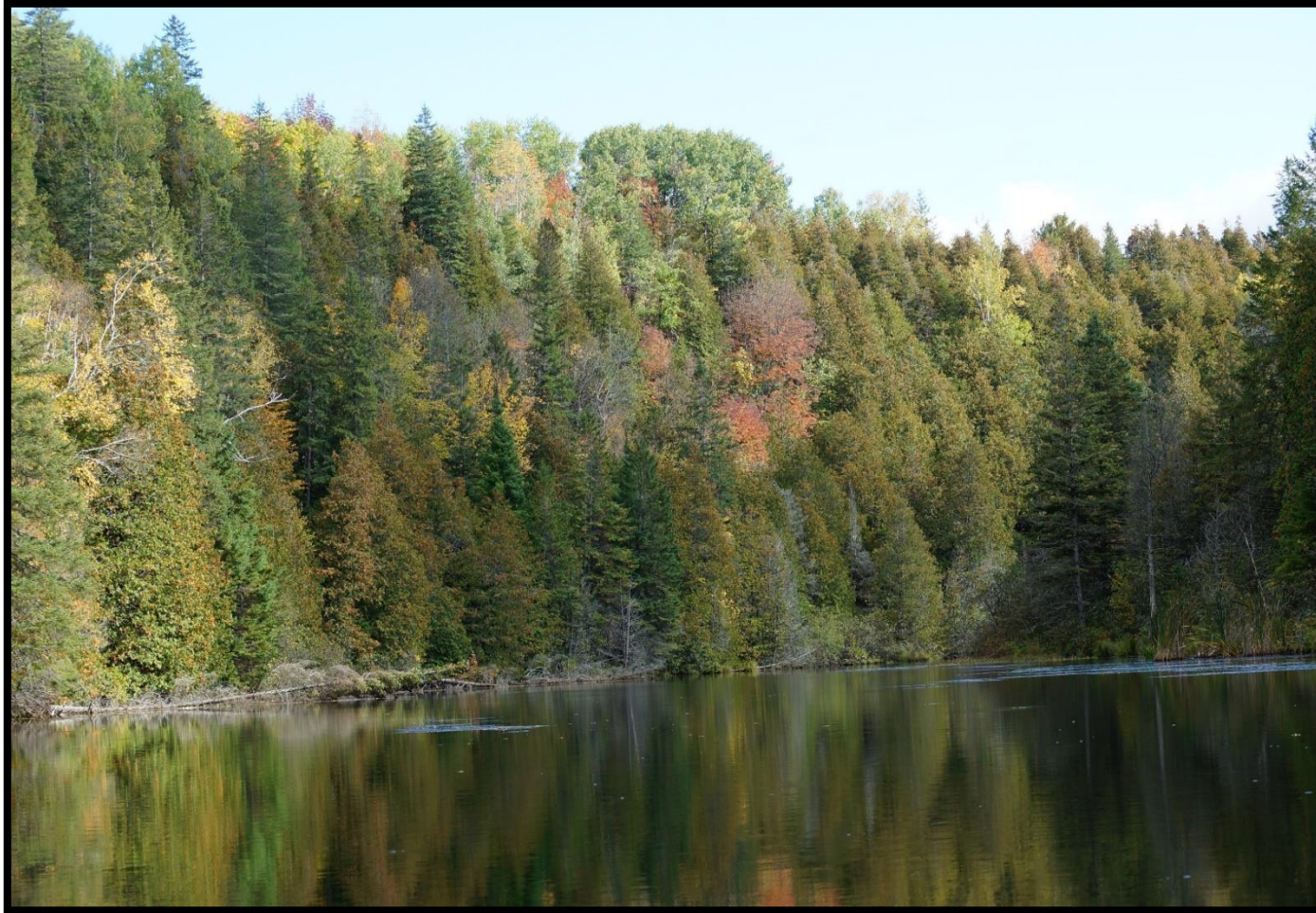


Of course we made a point of getting out on our kayaks often. Bon Echo Park is not too far away - here we saw butterflies, loons and hawks, as well as some beautiful cliffs.

Highlights of
our trip on
the Indian
River near
Keene:
[https://youtu.
be/7CFyw6D
UN60](https://youtu.be/7CFyw6DUN60)



These shots are from the Indian River, near Keene: a sandpiper, a heron and some painted turtles.



Highlights of our trip on the Indian River, near Warsaw:

https://youtu.be/M3GJyV_n4_8

This is further up the river, near Warsaw, where we lazed around with the turtles.



Longer kayaking videos:

<https://youtu.be/HNQ0InDH43E>

(Mississauga River)

https://youtu.be/p12Gywrq9_o

(Long Lake)

https://youtu.be/lalTzn_W1I

(Buckhorn Lake)

<https://youtu.be/S1ntyriBe3E>

(Hoards River)

<https://youtu.be/q8d4-XyFPLU>

(Hoards River to Trent River)

<https://youtu.be/cmUWJFmFJ5g>

(Trent River, Hastings)

Among other spots, our kayaks glided in the Mississauga River at Kawartha Highlands, Lake on the Mountain, Long Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Hoards River and the Trent River.

Locks and Canals



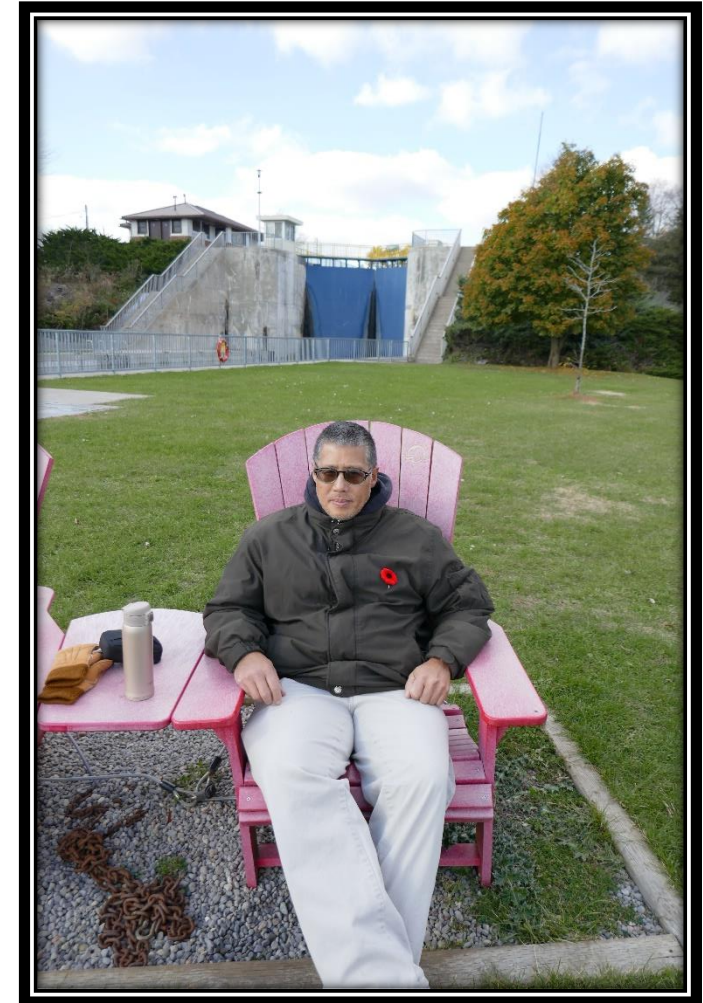
Locks in action:

<https://youtu.be/CauO1sMExuo> (Hastings)

<https://youtu.be/ySPmPsJ823w> (Peterborough - sped up)

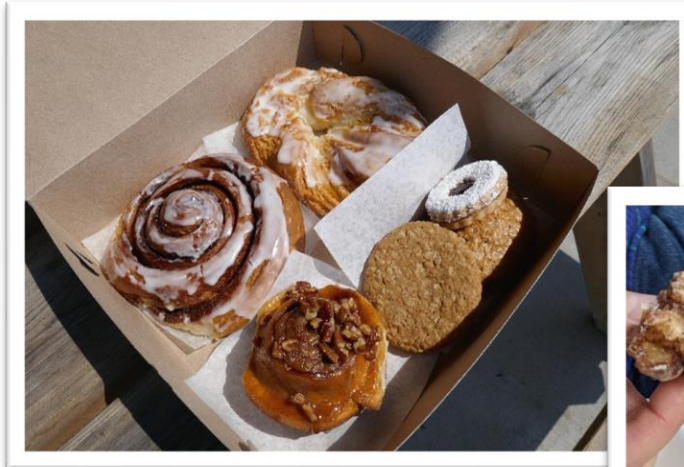


This year we became more acquainted with the Trent River and its many locks. The Hastings lock (nearest to us) is manually opened by two lock operators while the hydraulic lock in Peterborough raises/drops boats 65 feet. It's quite something to see.



Locks 11 & 12 in Campbellford (the “double lock”) is also quite interesting with two locks very close together. What a view! We haven’t taken the kayaks through any locks so far – maybe next year...

Bakeries and Chip Trucks



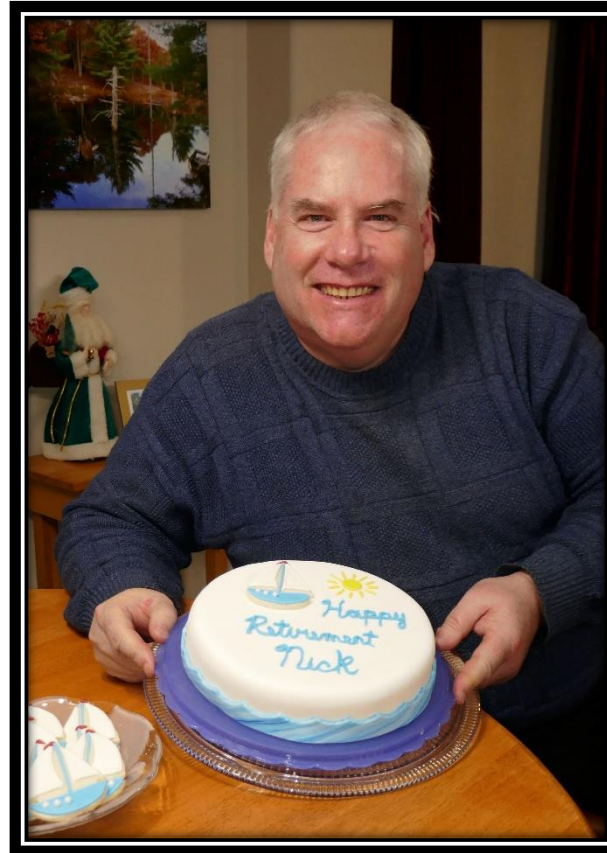
Throughout our travels we made sure to check out all the local bakeries and chip trucks... SO MANY chip trucks!

Around Norwood



Our little Village of Norwood is growing at a fast pace. It's going to be sad when these fields get torn up. However, the community is happy for the development.

Celebrations



As the year started to come to a close, it was great to be able to get together and celebrate with friends....

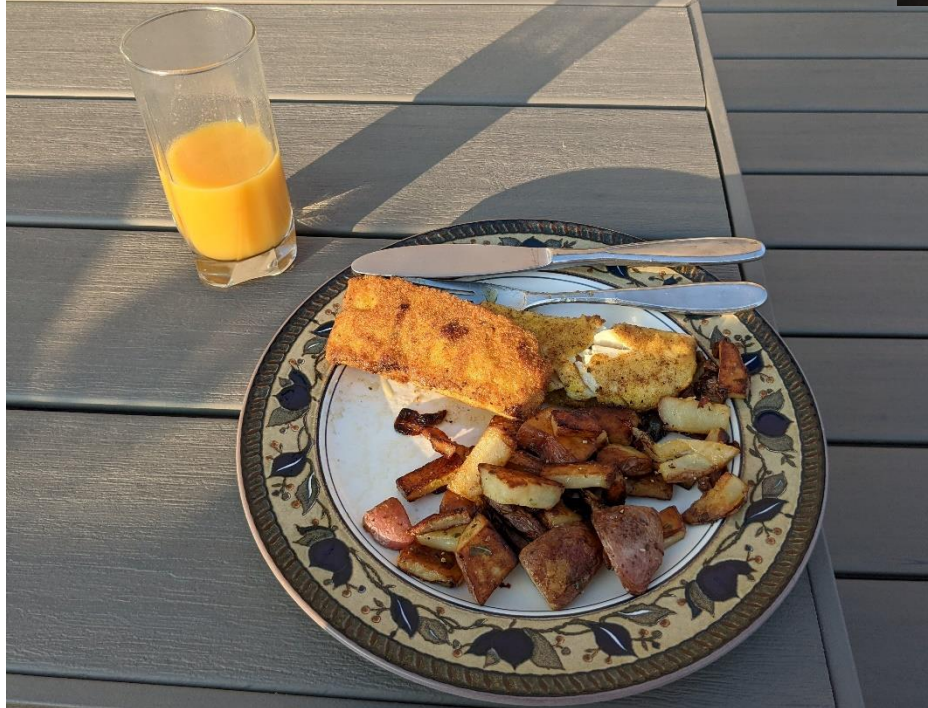


...and with family. We wish you all Happy Holidays and the very best for the New Year.

Now here are some pictures of food, courtesy of Michael D. Ho Hing



Food We Cooked (and ate)





Food We Ate



Soup du jour...



...and sandwiches.



We had fried chicken a few times.



We love comfort food.





Thai and Vietnamese food is fresh and fried – great mix.



Mmmm....Dim Sum (lots of consonants).



Our first Fish Fry in our area...not bad.

Desserts





