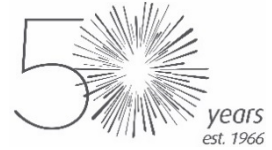




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## Public Service Announcement

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### Both Elk and Beaver Lakes Test Positive for Blue-Green Algae

**Victoria, BC-** The Capital Regional District advises that water samples taken from both Elk Lake and Beaver Lake have tested positive for blue-green algae and associated cyanobacteria. Visitors are advised to avoid both lakes and to keep animals on a leash to prevent them from drinking or swimming in the lakes. Monitoring will continue at both lakes.

The algae produces a visible blue-green sheen, which appears as surface scum. The blooms are unpredictable and may occur at any time. Blue-green algae are known toxin producers and these toxic compounds have been detected in the current bloom at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park. Ingesting water containing the cyanotoxins may cause a range of symptoms, including headaches and abdominal pain in humans, and can lead to lethal liver damage in dogs.

Please visit [Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park webpage](#) and Twitter [@crd\\_bc](#) for updates.

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