



*Lured Away Cottages*

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2014 was a year of excitement, happiness and adventure for us. Our daughter, Lois, went to University of Toronto Scarborough in September, and our son, Mike, got engaged with Kim and will be getting married in the coming fall. In addition, we became happy owners of Lured Away Cottages in June.

We viewed Lured Away Cottages last May and we were hooked by the beauty of the resort and the surrounding landscape. The resort is an oasis in the beautiful village of Hastings with a river flowing through and surrounded by lakes and rolling hills in the countryside. We were so impressed by the Cottages that we did not look at any other resorts on the market at the time, made an offer to Dee Dee and Kevin, and took the ownership of the property shortly after.

#### **Thank you...**

To be honest, we were unprepared. We had never dreamed of owning a resort before we put our eyes on the property. We were relieved and thrilled for a successful season we had at the end of the year. This would not have happened without all of you who stayed with us during our first season. We were blessed by many of you who have stayed at the cottages for the last several years. We were also encouraged by many of you who came to try us out and were hooked on your first visit just like we were. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your encouragement, support, and creative suggestions. Our special thanks goes out to the following guests: to Randy and Lisa who visited us three times during the season and referred us to their friends who stayed with us near the end of November; to Sharon and Larry for providing a positive review on TripAdvisor and for the banana cake recipe; to Mike and Lilia for your multiple visits and helping to replace the windows; and, to Keith for the home-made seasoning which we enjoyed tremendously.

#### **Our mission...**

Our mission is to provide you with safe, clean, comfortable and affordable accommodations, quality boats and motors, and a fun and relaxing stay with us. We will do our best to ensure that you come to the cottages for a good time, you get it.

#### **What's new...**

We have developed a plan to constantly improve our services. Part of the plan is to continue the improvement of the physical conditions and appearance of the resort. We have already completed a few renovation projects last year:

- 22 new vinyl windows with new casings and new curtains
- A new metal roof for cottage 6. Cottage 3 has a new roof as well
- A new handrail at cottage 1
- New bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets and art work
- New cookware
- Trimmed low hanging tree branches for an open view of the scenery

In addition, before the season opening in May, we plan to build a concrete sidewalk by the shed to make it easier for you to load/unload your belongings. We have started to renovate cottage 3. We also plan to stain all the decks and rails, weather permitting.

#### **Reminder time...**

For those of you who booked in 2014, we are sending along a confirmation of your booking information. Let us know that the booking is OK. Also if we have not noted that you need docking or a boat, please let us know so that we are ready when you arrive.

If you like to book for the 2015 season, please give us a call or email. We look forward to seeing you again if you stayed with us in 2014. If we have not met yet, we will welcome you back with open arms.

#### **Small facts...**

- ✓ Clean city water further filtered from the main water pipe to all cottages.
- ✓ Unlimited high bandwidth cable Wi-Fi covering the entire resort area.
- ✓ 5 minute walk from the cottages to the beer store, LCBO, grocery stores and restaurants.
- ✓ The main cottage is 100 years old this year.

Wendy and Henry

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