



MACA NEWS

Serving property owners on Long, Negaunee, Wenona and Miskwabi Lakes

YOUR MACA EXECUTIVE

President: Andy Mosher
Vice President: Peter Dilworth
Treasurer: Virginia Vranckx
Secretary: Susan Rohricht
Past President: Mike Giza
Lake Steward: Tim Hagarty

Directors:
 Dave Ewart
 John Ewing (*Roads*)
 Susan Hay
 Haden Heathcock
 Kay Hubbard
 Susanne James (*Newsletter*)
 Janine Lacoste
 Phyllis McCulloch (*Membership*)

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2019 MACA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Spring Cleanup:
 Sunday, May 19th

AGM:
 Saturday, July 6th

Wine and Cheese:
 Saturday, August 24th



Fall Colours on Wenona Lake - Photo: Gordon Gibb

President's Message

As we have been reminding you all year (and you may be tired of hearing me say it!) October is Municipal election time in Ontario. On October 22nd, all property owners can help shape the future of our Municipality by voting for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councillor.

As we promised at the MACA AGM in July, we have reached out to all the candidates, to give them an opportunity to present their positions to MACA members in this newsletter. I am happy to report that all seven candidates responded. Please take the time to read their submissions, and please also take the time to vote on October 22nd. Remember, democracy only works if we participate!

Wishing all our members a safe and enjoyable fall season,
 Andy Mosher, MACA President





Photos by Susanne James

2018 Annual General Meeting

MACA's 44th Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday July 7th at the Airport Strip on Trappers Trail Road. Over 75 people attended.

President Andy Mosher welcomed everyone to the meeting. Andy thanked the volunteers for the road side clean up in May and also thanked Mike Giza and Virginia Vranckx for hosting the BBQ following the clean up.

Andy reminded the membership that Municipal elections will be held October 22nd. Confirmed candidates will be invited to submit a short statement for our newsletter. Andy mentioned that you can check to see if you are on the voter's list by going to voterlookup.ca. He also mentioned that this information was in the last newsletter, and encouraged the membership to get out and vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Andy introduced **Dennis Casey, Dysart Councillor Ward 2**. Dennis gave a shout out to MACA roads director John Ewing for keeping on top of things.

Regarding the landfill, Dennis said that the market for recyclables is drying up. An additional \$70,000.00 had been added to the budget to handle materials but there was still a \$20,000.00 shortfall.

Dennis also talked about how climate change could impact our area – for example if there were a 4 degree increase in temperatures, it would affect the trout in Wenona and fisherman would be forced to travel up to Temagami.

Andy then introduced **Murray Fearrey, Mayor, Dysart et al**.

Murray talked about the septic re-inspections that were started this year, beginning in the Kennisis area. The plan is to inspect 500 septic systems per year. Dysart's inspection regime is the strictest in Haliburton, requiring the removal of lids and a pump-out of every system. Of 92 inspections in the Kennisis area to date, 42% of those had some kind of deficiency, although many of those could be easily remedied. Systems in need of replacement were rarer. Andy noted

that since the Kennisis area was developed earlier than our area, many systems there are older and there are more old metal tanks. Murray urged people to get an inspection by a certified inspector, which will be good for 5 years. There is a list of approved inspectors on the Dysart web site.

Murray also mentioned that the County is currently undertaking a review to strengthen the existing tree cutting bylaw. Murray also cautioned that there has been talk of amalgamating the lower-tier Municipalities, which may prove to be a false economy, and may weaken some of the environmental and planning gains we have made at the lower-tier level.

MACA Vice President Peter Dilworth asked if there is anything that can be done to control renting cottages to large groups, and also whether there is anything the Municipality can do about noise and implementing a fireworks bylaw. Murray said there is a committee looking at a registry system for cottage rentals. There has been ongoing discussion about a fireworks by-law but the challenge would be enforcement.

Phil Wiseman asked about the capacity at the landfill. Murray said that we have a maximum of 3 years left there.

Brian Gabel asked about repair work on the Long Lake Dam. Andy replied that he is in touch with Parks Canada, and the Long Lake dam is still on their schedule for concrete repair, but likely still a year or two away. The access road will need to be upgraded first.

A member asked if we could know whether it's possible to know when the water levels will be lowest on the lake. Peter noted that the Parks Canada website has charts with detailed information on lake levels. Andy reminded members that the lake levels always have to be brought to their lowest level by October 15 every year, in order for the trout to spawn.

INTRODUCTION OF MACA DIRECTORS

Andy introduced the Directors who were present at the meeting: Peter Dilworth (Vice President and Lake Planning director), Virginia Vranckx (Treasurer), Susan Rohricht (Secretary), Tim Hagarty (Lake Steward), Phyllis McCulloch (Membership), Mike Giza (Past President), John Ewing (Roads), Susanne James (Newsletter), Dave Ewart, Susan Hay, Haden Heathcock, Kay Hubbard, and Janine Lacoste.

Andy thanked Kay Hubbard for helping to organize the AGM. Andy also thanked Todd Tiffin, who is stepping down after 2 years as a director. Elizabeth Cloutier has volunteered to help out with the North Shore Roads.

Treasurer Virginia Vranckx gave an update on credit card payment methods. The online system through our Web site, facilitated by FOCA, has been very popular, and we will continue with it. The older manual system was not used much so we will discontinue it.

Virginia reviewed the highlights of the financial statement, which was distributed on the reverse side of the meeting agenda. At the end of this fiscal year, Virginia expects that we will have approximately \$6000.00 in the bank.

A motion to pass the financial statement was made and seconded, and all in attendance were in favour to pass the motion.

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2018 Annual General Meeting

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Lake Steward Tim Hagarty reported that the latest water testing results were normal. The zebra mussel larvae found last year seem to have disappeared for now. We are not testing for them this year, as the Ontario Lake Partner testing program is undergoing changes, but will again soon. We are still waiting for new signs to be placed at the boat launch. Keith Hay asked about spiny water fleas. Tim says they are not here in our lakes, although they are in Loon Lake. Tim reminded members that it is everyone's responsibility to care for their shoreline. The CHA has information on their Web site on what plants are best for your shoreline.

Membership Director Phyllis McCulloch said the membership numbers are good; as of the day of the meeting, we had 208 members. She suggested that people with neighbours who are not members, talk to them about joining the association. Phyllis mentioned that we still have a couple of children's T-shirts for sale. In order to qualify for the early bird draw (the prize was a "Nature Clean" basket), payment was due before the end of February. The winners were John and Sue Kendall from Miskwabi.

Phyllis thanked Mike Giza and Virginia Vranckx for hosting the BBQ following the roads clean up day in May.

Roads Director John Ewing reported that he received fewer calls this year and made 3 calls to Dysart about the roads. Dysart is short on manpower and vehicles to work on ditches. If you have an issue with ditches and culverts near your property, please bring it to John's attention.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Andy thanked all the Directors and reminded members that the by-laws allow for 15 Directors, which we currently have. Directors serve 2-year terms, and terms are staggered so only half the group is up for election at a time. Andy asked anyone interested in becoming a Director in future to let him know.

The following Directors were up for re-election: John Ewing, Susan Hay, Kay Hubbard, Todd Tiffin, Mike Giza and Virginia Vranckx. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of Directors; all were in favour, none opposed.

PLANNING, SHORELINE BYLAW AND SEPTIC UPDATES

Andy provided an update on the Official Plan – the policy document that guides land use in Dysart. Andy cautioned that amalgamation of the lower-tier Municipalities may not be positive for us – as we have worked for years to get changes to the new Dysart OP, and those changes would not likely be part of an amalgamated OP.

Our area is scheduled for septic re-inspections beginning in 2025 and concluding by 2027. There is a list of qualified inspectors on Dysart's website.

Andy also mentioned that the County is planning to update the existing tree preservation bylaw to include all shoreline vegetation, not just trees.



Vice-President Peter Dilworth announced that beginning in the fall, MACA is undertaking a project to study our wetlands in partnership with Fleming College. This was one of the action items from the Watershed Plan. Students will get the opportunity to study and work out in the field, and in exchange we will receive data and knowledge about our wetlands. Field work will begin in late September and October.

PHOTO CONTEST

Peter Dilworth also reminded members that MACA is holding a photo contest. The theme is "Where Earth Meets the Water" – echoing our focus on the importance of healthy shorelines. Entries (maximum size 7 MB) should be e-mailed to macaphotos2018@outlook.com. Peter thanked Dave Ewart for setting up the email address. Photos will be judged at the wine and cheese on August 25th, and there will be prizes for the top three photos.

LAKE TROUT STUDY

Past President Mike Giza reported that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is reviewing our lake trout populations, and the results will come out in the fall. Our area has not been stocked with lake trout since 2006. The MNRF wants to know the genetic make-up of the fish that people are catching. Mike is looking for volunteers who fish for lake trout to help with the study, and asked interested members to contact him.

EVENTS

The annual Wine and Cheese party will be held August 25 at Peter Dilworth and Kathryn Hunsberger's cottage on Long Lake. Andy reminded the group to bring a donation for the Food Bank.

Andy thanked the Taylor and Beadle families for once again allowing us to use their private land for the AGM. Andy thanked everyone for attending, and those who helped to set up, including Don Tosh for bringing the BBQ and Dave McCulloch and Chris Rohricht for barbecuing, and Kay Hubbard for helping to organize the event.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and most attendees stayed to enjoy a BBQ following the meeting.

Thanks to Susan Rohricht for taking the minutes at the AGM

Long Lake Wine & Cheese a Great Success!



Thanks to **Peter Dilworth and Kathryn Hunsberger** for hosting a fantastic 2018 MACA Wine and Cheese at their beautiful cottage on Long Lake.

The event was very well attended by at least 100 members and a good time was had by all! Thanks to all for bringing donations to the Haliburton Food Bank.

Hunting Season is Coming!

Each year, autumn means hunting season arrives in Haliburton. Remember to wear your "hunter orange" clothing - and for pets too. For safety, keep dogs on a leash and limit walking and hiking to main roads.

This year's gun-hunting seasons in Haliburton are from October 20th-26th for moose and November 5th-18th for deer.

There are additional hunting seasons for bow-hunting and for other species. For complete details visit www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary

I Scream, You Scream...

On Saturday August 4th, you may have heard the sounds of **ice cream** being sold on Long and Miskwabi Lakes.

Long Lake cottager **Vanessa Mooney** and Miskwabi cottager **Lindsay Leblanc** held an ice cream sale to benefit the Haliburton Hospital. They went from dock to dock on a raft selling Kawartha Dairy ice cream - and raised \$200 for the Hospital.



Annual MACA Road Cleanup Day



Thanks to all who pitched in on Sunday May 20th for the annual MACA Road cleanup day.

Every year MACA members gather to help keep the roadsides clean and enjoy a barbecue afterwards.

Thanks to **Mike Giza** and **Virginia Vranckx** for hosting this year's BBQ.

If you haven't before, please consider joining in next year on May 19th.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES' FORUM

Municipal Elections are being held across Ontario on October 22nd. There are two candidates for Mayor of Dysart et al, two for Deputy Mayor, and three for Councillor in our local Ward 2. MACA invited all candidates to submit a short statement for our fall MACA newsletter. All candidates made submissions, which appear below. Please don't forget to vote. You can make sure you are on the voters' list by going to www.voterlookup.ca.

Murray Fearrey - Candidate for Mayor
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I will dedicate my energy to the next term if re-elected Mayor.
Upgraded Municipal roads with a better base and more adaptable to climate change, and extreme weather.
In 2019 Council will be working on a comprehensive Zoning by-law. I will ensure all are part of that process.
Improved Cell Tower and Internet Service for all, I will continue that dialogue at all levels.
Better management around Plastics and recycling. I have overseen an initiative with U-links to reduce the use of plastics, further we will pursue composting methods, a huge part of landfill volumes.
More enhanced enforcement of the shoreline protection by-law, however common sense and dialogue with CHA and lakefront properties.
Short term cottage regulations will be put in place... this issue needs addressed to protect our Lakes, safety of those renting, excessive noise, fireworks all items that are harmful to the Lakes and peace and enjoyment of water front owners.
I will continue a long tradition to work with Council, one that has kept Dysart's taxes the lowest in the County.
Continue to dialogue and support the association on planning matters of concern.
And continue my record of perfect attendance at Council and County Council, I will continue coming to your annual meeting. Dysart needs strong leadership. Experience Matters.

Andrea Roberts - Candidate for Mayor
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I am running for Mayor after serving 12 years on council, 8 as the Ward 1 (town) councillor and the last 4 as Deputy Mayor, which has given me experience at the County council.
I am passionate about where I live and have the energy to make a positive difference in the community.
I have 5 key priorities which are fully explained on my website: Landfills and the environment, housing, economic development, communication, and planning for our future.

Most importantly we need a strategic plan which would guide the decisions of the newly elected council and beyond. We need to be thinking 20 years ahead and it's been frustrating making decisions on a one to two-year outlook.

A new council should have a firm set of goals. What we want Dysart to look like long term, will determine what we do today and for the next four years. It will help set aside funds for long term projects, force council to set priorities and ultimately create the place we all can be proud of.

Dysart has been under the same leadership for 40 years. I believe it's time for change. I have the experience, the skills and the dedication to be Dysart's next mayor.

Please contact me for more information www.arobertsformayor.com

Dennis Casey - Candidate for Deputy Mayor
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My name is Dennis Casey and I am running for Deputy Mayor for Dysart. I have a reputation of contributing to our community to make it a better place to live, work and play. We need a healthy, balanced community; and this is inherent in everything I do. I am a responsive leader, acting quickly to investigate and resolve all issues.

I fully understand the effects of poor environmental management. Dysart does a good job with landfill diversion but the market for our recyclables is quickly disappearing and it will require new, innovative solutions.

Cottage rentals are not always problematic; however, some renters are not considerate of neighbours or our environment and they don't always understand septic systems. I will be working with the Economic Development Committee in finding balanced solutions.

The County is addressing the issue of Shoreline Protection & Preservation. A new Bylaw, slated for 2020, will include public and municipal consultation and I will work on your behalf to ensure we have a good, workable Bylaw. I look forward to the role of Deputy Mayor and will work closely with you to ensure Dysart is a great place to be! Please visit my web site dennisfordeputy.com

Patrick Kennedy - Candidate for Deputy Mayor
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Why should you support my efforts to become your next Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Dysart et al?

- (1) I care deeply about the future of this Municipality
I am actively engaged in the community, and currently serve as a Board Director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation.
(2) I am keenly aware of the challenges facing this Municipality
As a lifetime resident of Haliburton County, I am very aware of the unique challenges faced by a small rural Municipality including jobs, housing, infrastructure and local services.
(3) I have extensive experience in the public sector

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Municipal Candidates' Forum (continued)

Patrick Kennedy *(Continued from previous page)*

As Director of Haliburton County Emergency Services for 8 years (2006-14) I am familiar with budgeting and planning at a County level.

(4) I have a great track record for implementing change and achieving goals with fiscal responsibility

I successfully expanded and modernized the County Emergency Services Program, and began the Public Access Defibrillator Program.

I am committed to working hard to ensure our Municipality and County continues to move forward with achievable goals and to do so in a fiscally prudent manner.

On October 22nd, please support me in my quest to become your next Deputy Mayor. www.votekennedy.ca

Larry Clarke - Candidate for Ward 2 Councillor

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As a life-long cottager and 10 year permanent resident of Dysart, I value the quality of life that goes with a healthy natural environment and engaging village community.

To ensure our environment and community remain healthy and viable, I believe that:

- consultation and planning are required to protect our lakes, rivers, forests and wetlands and,
- appropriate support and services, needed to attract young families and seniors to our community, are provided.

To support these objectives, Council must:

- (1) ensure our planning and services support best practices for protecting our natural environment and community resources;
- (2) be proactive in identifying and understanding the changing needs of our residents and cottagers; and
- (3) evaluate options and alternatives for our services to ensure they are delivered efficiently and cost effectively.

My time, since moving to Haliburton County, has included participation in community research, lake planning, business development, bylaw administration, environmental education, and a term as township councillor in Minden Hills. This work has all been thoroughly enjoyable for me, and I look forward to continuing this community participation if elected.

For more details on my goals and qualifications to represent you on Dysart's Council, please check www.larryclarke.ca.

David McKay - Candidate for Ward 2 Councillor

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First and foremost I want to express my gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to be a bigger part of representing you in this upcoming fall election. With your support we together can build a progressive future for years to come. In the past 20 years combined I have served on the Dysart et al Volunteer Fire Department as well as sat on two

different levels of Minor Hockey Boards. I'm most definitely a team player and I truly feel that with my commitment and passion, I can help make a difference on Dysart's council. Meeting the needs of this community as I've done in the past is my number one priority. The future holds many challenges for us. Septic reinspections, short-term rentals, fireworks, lakeshore preservation, road maintenance and the list goes on. My goal is to build a stronger relationship with council to come up with new revisions to bylaws that make a difference for both you and the environment. My Time For Change platform can be viewed on my web page at www.davidmckayw2.ca

Mike Stinson - Candidate for Ward 2 Councillor

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I was born and raised in Haliburton and I also attended school here. After school I joined the O.P.P. for 5 years and then bought a business here in Haliburton. Which I ran for 10 years before selling it. I then worked for Dysart et al. on the Roads Department for 27 years. I am now retired and have the time and believe the knowledge to be your Councillor.

I live on Drag Lake and some of my priorities and interests are in the septic inspections on the different lakes. Unfortunately, the inspections will be taking much longer than anticipated, (2025 for Drag Lake). I would like to see if more inspectors can be hired. Also, I am very interested in anything to do with our roads in the Municipality. Many of the roads in the county are in disrepair and could do with some much-needed repairs. Thank you for your time.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
By Phyllis McCulloch, Membership Director

FOOD BANK COLLECTION
 Once again the trunk was full when we made our trip to the Haliburton Food Bank after the Annual Wine & Cheese. Along with a great food collection we also received \$125.00 in donations. Many thanks to all who attended and made donations! The Food Bank volunteers were truly appreciative!

2019 MEMBERSHIP
 It's never too early to think about your annual association membership. The new option of on-line renewal made things so much easier for our members. We will continue with this option for 2019 along with the ability to pay by cheque. Watch for details which will appear in the 2019 Winter Newsletter. As in the past, by completing your renewal by February 28th, 2019 you will be eligible for the Early Bird Draw which will take place at our Annual General Meeting in July.

THANK YOU
 Our thanks to Donald & Marlene Tosh on Miskwabi Lake. For many years Don & Marlene have kindly stored and cared for the BBQ we use at our events. The BBQ was always filled and ready to use and was delivered to the event location on their trailer. Unfortunately the Tosh's will be leaving us and will be living in their home in Fergus. Thankfully Pam and John Butt have kindly offered to store the BBQ for us now. Thanks also to Wayne Ground and Joe Marra for delivering it to the new location.

1st Annual MACA Photo Contest Winners

We are pleased to announce the winning photos from MACA's first Annual Photo Contest.

This year's theme was *Where the Earth Meets the Water*, chosen in part to help us examine and celebrate the important "ribbon of life" that surrounds our lakes.

In total we had 36 entries. Some very impressive photos were submitted.

Our Organizing Committee selected 15 photos from all the entries to be included in the final judging process held at MACA's Wine and Cheese event last month.

In total we had over 90 ballots cast. The voting was extremely close, but in the end these three photos took home the top awards. Congratulations Helen, Steve and David!



First Place - Helen Gabel (Long Lake) *August Sunset*



Second Place (Tie) - Dave Westbrook (Miskwabi Lake) *The Calm Before the Storm*



Second Place (Tie) - Steve Dyce (Long Lake) *Reflections at Sunset*

NATURE NOTES: How Rock Salt Affects Our Lakes

by Susan Hay

Before we know it, colder temperatures and ice and snow will be making roads and walkways slippery. Every bit of salt that we put down to keep surfaces free of ice ends up in our lakes.

Besides adversely affecting drinking water and vegetation, salt impacts our lakes by changing water density which affects the seasonal mixing of water. This mixing is important to increase oxygen levels required by aquatic life for survival. Wildlife is attracted to salt on or by the road which increases the threat of collisions with vehicles. Salt can negatively impact the entire aquatic ecosystem, from fish to tiny plankton. It can also make the lake more susceptible to invasive species and harmful forms of algae. It only takes a small amount of salt to make a lake sick.

What you can do to reduce your use of salt:

- Wear sturdy footwear designed for snow and ice to help protect yourself from slips and falls. You can purchase ice grips for your boots from your local hardware store.
- Put snow tires on your car.
- Use a traction aid like sand to reduce the potential to slip.

Salt is less effective at colder temperatures. Different types of salt work at different temperatures. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for working temperatures and application rates. Before applying salt, check the outside temperature to make sure the salt you are using will work. It takes surprisingly few salt crystals to effectively melt snow and ice.

See <http://www.smartaboutsalt.com/news/6097519> "Smart About Salt" for further information about rock salt.

Why You Should Consider Using Rock Salt Alternatives:

There are many other products that are even faster acting and more efficient at breaking down snow and ice than traditional rock

salt. Because they work so quickly, less material is needed, leaving less of a footprint on the environment.

You can combine these alternatives with rock salt and make less of a negative impact.

Top 5 Rock Salt Alternatives:

- Sand is extremely affordable and cost-efficient. Once applied, sand will typically continue to hold its place so that you won't need to continue spreading large amounts. It's important to consider and understand, though, that sand needs to be used with rock salt or another ice melting product as the material doesn't melt snow, but only improves your traction.
- Even during harsh winters when stores sell out of rock salt and sand, you'll be able to find stone grits at an affordable price.
- Calcium chloride is one of the toughest and most reliable ice melting products. Calcium chloride can work down to -25 degrees Fahrenheit. The material is also extremely fast-acting because it instantly begins to release heat upon application. Also, it continues to work for up to 24 hours.
- Magnesium chloride (which is available in pellet form) is another highly effective yet safe alternative to traditional rock salt. It's an all natural ice melting material and is regarded as a very environmentally friendly product.
- Calcium Magnesium Acetate (commonly shortened to CMA) is safe and effective melting and preventing ice formations while also being safer for the environment.

Areas that are susceptible to high volumes of foot traffic or where elderly people frequently walk should consider using a combination of sand or stone grits with an ice melting product.

Always read and carefully follow manufacturer specifications. This is essential not only to applying the material properly, but also for your safety. There are certain products that shouldn't be used without wearing gloves or taking other precautions.

By blending rock salt with other products you can enjoy the benefits of both while minimizing risk and spreading your money even further.

The information about road salt alternatives was obtained from www.braenstone.com/2018/01/rock-salt-alternatives



LOONS ON MISKWABI LAKE

Since 1995 Miskwabi Lake has been surveyed through the summers for the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, part of Birds

Canada. Summer monthly reports are filed online counting the number of birds seen, nesting sites in the spring and the progress of little ones from birth to young adult.

Thousands of lakes across Canada are surveyed by other cottagers and the data has recently become available for the participants.

The Miskwabi Lake young loon survival rate of .85/young per year is far, far ahead of the national average of less than .5/young per

year. In fact, since we have surveyed the lake there were only three years when less than one baby loon survived till August.

Much of this success rests on two factors:

- The loon nesting platform which allows loons to access the nest even if water levels drop during nesting the period. The platform protects the nest from washout in storms also.
- The respect that almost all boaters and cottagers give the nesting birds and their young.

Unfortunately 2018 has not been a good year for our loon pair. While on the nest, the loons were reportedly harassed by an overzealous photographer and apparently they abandoned the egg. The adults spent the summer together without young raising duties and thrilled all of us with the iconic Canadian summer song of the call of the loon. Hopefully they will be back next year.

Submitted by Virginia Vranckx