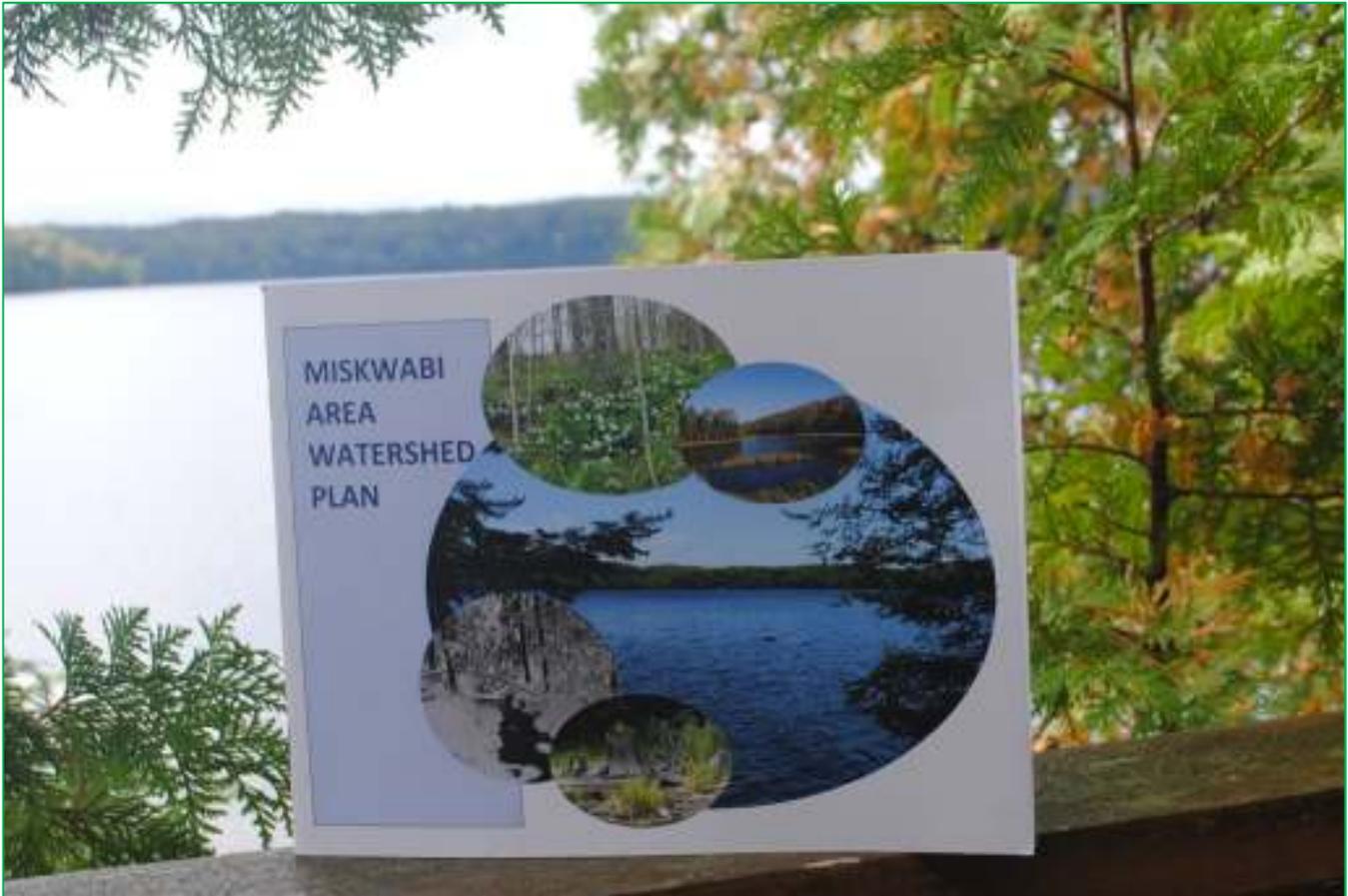




MISKWABI AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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Fall 2014 Newsletter



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

The colours on the trees are bright and the water levels are still good on our lakes. Baby loons and otters keep watch over the quieting lakes.

As MACA's 40th Anniversary summer draws to a close we have a lot to be thankful for including our gorgeous, clean lakes to enjoy with family and friends. Our recently completed watershed plan will help ensure our area stays healthy for at least the next 40 years. See the following page for an update on the conclusion of the project and on how to get your copy, if you don't already have one. Perhaps listening to the summer sounds of the lake on the introductory DVD will brighten the winter days to come!

HALIBURTON EVENTS

Colourfest October 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Haliburton. A great chance to see the autumn colour. Events to celebrate the season for the whole family.

Haliburton County Studio Tour October 4/5 and 11/12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tour 26 studios (including Treehouse Studio on Miskwabi Lake Rd) and enjoy hand crafted and original artwork, pottery, jewellery and more. For details visit www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca

Municipal Election Day October 27 See special insert in this newsletter for voting details and candidates' statements.

Santa Parade Friday, November 21 @ 6:30 in Haliburton. A lit parade down the main street, featuring floats and bands. Entrance is free.

MISKWABI AREA WATERSHED PLAN



On the morning of June 28, 2014 a final workshop was held at the Haliburton Library. The plan was then reviewed at the MACA AGM on July 5 with a unanimous endorsement by the membership present at the meeting. The Miskwabi Area Watershed Plan was published in August – a colourful, 72-page coffee table book including an introductory DVD.

At the Dysart et al Council meeting of August 25, 2014 members of the committee presented the document with a slide show. The plan was praised by members of Council including Reeve Murray Fearrey and the Director of Planning and Development, Pat Martin. Under Motion No. 14-244 the plan was received by Council and further, will be taken into consideration during the next Official Plan review. Subsequent to the endorsement by Council copies of the plan were given to the County of Haliburton and the Ministry of Natural Resources, both of whom complimented the book and indicated it would be used on an on-going basis. As well, the Haliburton Highlands Museum has accepted a copy for the Museum Archives. The Miskwabi Area Watershed plan is a community document representing the values of the property owners in the area of the four lakes. The plan will serve as a baseline document for the present and future. It is the hope of the committee that all property owners receive a copy. A donation is requested to help cover the production costs. If you have not already received a copy they will be available on an on-going basis from the following committee members:

Phyllis McCulloch, Wenona Lake
1355 Wenona Lake Rd. or Ph. 705-457-1901

Virginia Vranckx, Miskwabi Lake
2153 Trapper's Trail Rd. or Ph. 705-457-9875
Or email MACA at
miskwabiareacommunityassoc@gmail.com

Both Phyllis and Virginia will be at the cottage Thanksgiving weekend.

SPRING ROAD CLEANUP



What a fabulous turnout!!! Many thanks to the 50 people who participated in the annual cleanup of our roads. Again we collected a mountain of trash – 45 bags of garbage and recycle, 12 tires, oil cans, metal strapping, and old metal signs. Everyone then enjoyed each other's company at a BBQ.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A shotgun start – 36 golfers – enjoyed the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on July 12. Fun was had by all at the annual best-ball format event. Many thanks to the Shiers on Miskwabi Lake for hosting the BBQ that followed.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY



Well over 100 people attended this year's party hosted by Kim Wilkinson and Mike Harrison of Miskwabi Lake. Delicious cheeses and meats accompanied the well-chosen wines and everyone enjoyed the lovely afternoon. Attendees were asked to bring along a donation of dry foods for the Haliburton Food Bank. Once again our members did us proud! An value of over \$700.00 worth of food and gift cards was delivered to the Haliburton Food Bank on August 25 which brought smiles to the faces of the volunteers at the Food Bank. Cheers to all!

40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Mike Giza opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with approximately 100 members in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the 40th anniversary celebration of MACA and commented on the high level of community involvement. Mike thanked Dave McCulloch for taking over as chef for the BBQ, and Doug, Phyllis, Virginia and Andy and Susanne for helping out. He also thanked the sponsors for the raffle prizes – Summer Fest, the wine store in Minden, and Canoe FM. Mike mentioned that one of our directors, Haden Heathcock and his wife Laura have not been coming up as Laura has been sick but is doing better and they hope to come up soon. Mike congratulated member Marg Despard of Miskwabi Lake for winning the Haliburton Community Living “Volunteer of the Year” award.

Guests

Dennis Casey, Ward Councillor. Dennis is the chair of the Environment of Green Energy Committee. Dennis recommended some videos on the www.dysartetal.ca website regarding the environment, conservation, and alternative energy. Hazardous Waste Day is August 2 He is currently reviewing an asset management plan for the township – how to manage and plan for the next 10 years. More money is being put aside for roads, bridges, and sewers. Mike presented Dennis with a small token of thanks.

Murray Fearrey, Dysart Reeve who has been at every meeting for 40 years. Murray said that it is good to see that our membership grows every year and the association should be proud of the lake plan.

His area has taken over the septic inspections from the health department and he would like to begin a standard inspection process. Murray commented on the increasing OPP costs that have been mentioned in the news. They have appealed the increases but he is not convinced that they have been successful. A decision will be made later this summer. Our area has had two bad storms – one last year and one this year. Murray said they are about 2 years

behind in roads repair and they will need to do repairs (e.g. larger culverts) before resurfacing in some cases Murray said this is an election year. They are an increasing number of people retiring in this area and these people expect services like a rec centre, pool, etc. Where will this money come from? Capital funding is needed. This is an area of concern for him.

Mike presented Murray an honorary membership in MACA, a MACA cap and a small token of thanks.

Jerry Strickland Boat Launch Sign Dedication

The Jerry Strickland Memorial Boat Launch sign was unveiled by Murray Fearrey and Larry Holden. To be placed at the Miskwabi launch, it honours the founder of MACA. The Strickland family was represented by Jim, his son.

Directors' Reports

Virginia Vranckx reviewed the 2013 Financial Report. Insurance is always a high cost. Next year is a review year where the association will get three estimates and compare insurance costs. Phyllis McCulloch made a motion, seconded by Terry Anderson to accept the report. All were in favour of passing.

John Beadle reminded everyone that if they have any issues on Negaunee to call him.

John Ewing reminded everyone that they should email him with any roads issues. His email address is on our website.

Phyllis McCulloch told the group that the membership numbers are up. She reminded everyone to talk to their neighbours who are not members about MACA.

Tim Payment reminded the group to be patient with the Road 636 repairs since the rainstorm. He has been in contact with Hawk River and they are very busy.

Moe Welsh reminded the group about upcoming events – Golf Tournament – July 12; Wine and Cheese – August 23; Pontoon boat flotilla party – September 6

Election Of Directors

Mike told the group that the following directors are up for re-election – John Beadle, Stuart Buck, John Ewing, Mike Giza, Virginia Vranckx, and Susan Rohricht. No other member indicated that he/she would like to run for a position. Tim Payment motioned to pass the directors for another term. Lois Welch seconded, and everyone voted in favour.

Miskwabi Area Watershed Plan Report

The analysis involved the whole community with a survey where there was good participation. Those results have been analyzed and studied and written into the lake plan which is being published in August. The following people have worked on the lake plan – Stuart Buck, Rick Despard, Larry Holden, Susanne James, Phyllis McCulloch, Tim Payment, Neil Roberts, Virginia Vranckx, Mike Giza, Peter

Dilworth, and Tom Pendlebury. Gord Gibb motioned the membership to endorse the lake plan and Nancy Jackson seconded. All members voted to pass. This is a living document and will act as a guideline for Dysart Council.

Questions

A member asked about water quality. Mike responded that both Long and Miskwabi are going to have major tests done this year. Water quality for lake trout is measured by oxygen levels at depth. This has dissipated over the years. Miskwabi is good until 40 metres and below, then it too shows dropping oxygen levels. The clarity and phosphorous of our lakes is very good. Overall there are poor calcium levels in Haliburton lakes but that hasn't affected our four lakes as they have adequate sources of calcium.

Another member asked about the pike in Long and Miskwabi. When checked in the 1930's there was no game fish found. The pike stress the lake trout population. Difficult to remove from the lake once it has made a presence. It was suggested that if you catch any, they are good on the BBQ instead of being put back into the lake. Member Aaron Darling mentioned that he sees some people driving their ATVs and Argos into the boat launch to wash off. This could introduce species into our lakes that were not necessarily there before, depending on where the ATV has driven over from. He would like to see a sign posted there to advise people that is not acceptable.

Another member asked about fireworks and what our policy is. It was discussed that this is impossible to enforce since there are no existing bylaws guiding usage. Mike reminded everyone that setting off fireworks near the lake is not recommended as we don't know what chemicals are going into the lake, nor is it recommended to set them off during dry periods of time. Phyllis mentioned that Minden has introduced a bylaw and it will be interesting to see what the outcome of that is.

Raffle Draw

\$102.00 was collected from the raffle.

Tom Wright won the early bird membership raffle, Janice Schmidt won the basket of Nature Clean home products, Mary Bradley won the Highlands Festival theatre tickets, and John Butt won the Canoe FM T-shirt.

Keith Shiner

This local musician is going to be playing a concert in the trees on Sunday of the August long weekend as a fundraiser for SIRCH. Members are encouraged to come out by boat or land to listen to some music on Miskwabi around 7:00 p.m. Keith entertained the group with a couple of songs.

Other

Phyllis McCulloch mentioned that the dam on Wenona broke and water came spilling out onto Trapper's Trail Road. She and some volunteers from Wenona are going to look into it further

The official portion of the meeting ended at 12:40 p.m. A BBQ and social followed. A 40th anniversary celebration cake was cut and photos were taken to commemorate the event.

MACA DIRECTORS FOR 2014/15

Following the AGM a Director's meeting was held and the following positions decided for the upcoming year:

President – Mike Giza

Vice-President and Website – Andy Mosher

Secretary – Susan Rohricht

Treasurer – Virginia Vranckx

Membership – Phyllis McCulloch

Special Events – Moe Welch

MACA Roads – John Ewing

Roads 636 – Tim Payment

Water Quality – Haden Heathcock

Directors at Large – John Beadle

Past-President (ex-officio) – Larry Holden

COALITION FOR EQUITABLE WATER FLOW (CEWF)

The CEWF representing the reservoir lakes (mainly in Haliburton), held its annual meeting on September 3, 2014 and was attended by a MACA director.

The summer of 2014 in the Highlands started out with record rainfall in June of 245mm (9.6 ins.) and continued wet. This provided more than enough water for all.

Earlier in the year the federal government announced it was investing \$58 million in the Trent-Severn Waterway which will provide much needed infrastructure updates and technical staff.

The dam on Long Lake which controls the Miskwabi/Long water levels has a new automated monitoring system which provides real-time data to the waterway staff. As well, starting August 28, 2014 the TSW now provides weekly forecasts of water levels for all the lakes in the system. (www.pc.gc.ca)

Roads Committee

We are all concerned about the condition of our roads and Dysart does repairs mainly based on our input. **John Ewing**, our Roads Director is looking for road reps from assumed roads to help out. This would only take a hour or two of your time, yearly.

Please consider volunteering and get in touch with him at john.ewing@bell.net

LAKE REPORTS

Long submitted by Susan Rohricht

As we anticipate the spectacular fall colours, it's easy to remember back to what felt like the shortest summer ever. We had record high water levels and record low temperatures. We had weddings on Long Lake and 50th wedding anniversary celebrations. Love was in the air! Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a special milestone on Long Lake this summer! This year we saw more otters than ever before and the snapping turtle was found sunning himself on the large rocks in the east end of the lake. No one could miss the large merganser family of 13 seen doing laps around the lake. Some of our neighbours came face to face with a bear cub that patrols Precipice Road. Of course the mama bear can't be far behind but I haven't heard of any sightings. As some of our neighbours close up their cottages for the season many of us are already looking forward to another summer on Long Lake, but first, the winter...

Miskwabi submitted by Virginia Vranckx

As the leaves begin to change our roads are in better shape to view them. Brush has been cut by the township on Trapper's Trail and Miskwabi Lake Road adding visibility around corners. Roads took a hit this year with the heavy rain storms and the logging trucks. Potholes have been filled and some big patches put in also where the side of the road collapsed.

On August 3, the evening lake air was filled with the sounds of music coming from Keith Shiner's cottage as his trio "The Shitake Project" played the Concert in the Trees to raise money for Haliburton SIRCH. Many boaters lingered near his dock and \$500 was raised for the local charity. Miskwabi loons got off to a rough start this year by abandoning their first egg on the nest. They started a second family and one egg hatched and the young loon is patrolling the lake still. Other visitors to the lake recently include a family of otters, not normally seen on our lake. Perhaps the Long Lake otter families are getting too big and some moved over! Bill Bunn took this photo of them.



Negaunee submitted by John Beadle

Summer was quiet on Negaunee with only occasional bear sightings, and large turkey broods. Thanks to John Ewing for having the log problem on Tailfeather Rd. remedied.

Margaret Montague

It is with sadness we let you know Margaret passed away Friday, September 19, 2014 at the Haliburton Hospital. She and her late husband Cliff lived on Argillite Rd. on Wenona Lake for many years. Margaret served as Secretary of MACA for a long time. MACA will make a donation to the hospital in her name.

Wenona submitted by Phyllis McCulloch

If you were driving on Trapper's Trail on a Sunday evening in late June, you may have had a slight delay getting to Highway 118. We still don't know exactly whether a breach of the dam at the end of Wenona Lake was purposely done or whether Mother Nature and the lake beavers caused the water to flood the road.

The breach caused part of the last driveway on Trapper's Trail to be washed out and repairs had to be done. Driving on the road was a little tricky and for safety the OPP was contacted.

A small group of owners, both new and long time owners, got together to talk about their concerns - the water level dropped considerably and the beavers were not seen for many weeks on the lake.

It was discovered as a result of this meeting that:

- 1) The dam on Wenona is on private property.
- 2) The release of water from this dam, either naturally or intentional, had been a concern for many years prior to 2013.
- 3) The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has guidelines regarding dams.

It was decided that, in order to keep our lake healthy and safe and because we all "share" the lake water, we would gather information, find out if there are legal implications etc., put pertinent information together and distribute it to all owners, look for feedback and develop a plan/guide for everyone on Wenona Lake.

We hope to put this information together and get it distributed soon.

TAKE NOTE

Rifle Hunting Season

Moose – October 20 - 25

Deer – November 2 - 15

DID YOU KNOW? BLUE – GREEN ALGAE



Blue-Green algae are actually a type of bacteria called cyanobacteria that get their energy through photosynthesis, like plants do. Cyanobacteria are known for rapidly reproducing and collecting on large, visible blooms. Some species of cyanobacteria can release toxins in the water when cells that make up the bloom rupture and die. Upon disintegration and decomposition they produce a foul, revolting odour.

The risks to humans are primarily from drinking water that has been contaminated with toxins. Fortunately, there have been no human deaths attributed to drinking water containing cyanobacteria toxins, but they may cause headaches, fever, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Long term consumption may cause neurological or liver problems. Some individuals are sensitive to skin contact and may develop a mild skin rash or eye irritation even if there are no toxins produced by the bloom.

Cyanobacteria blooms have been around for a long time, but in Ontario the bloom reports have increased dramatically over the past decade. Scientists do not have complete answers but increased nutrient levels in lakes as well as higher lake water temperatures are certainly factors. Bloom reports are now being received into late fall. To date, blooms have not been a major problem in the Highlands. To keep it so, we are reminded to have well-maintained septic systems, use phosphorus-free cleaning products, do not use fertilizers and keep natural vegetation around properties and shorelines.

Credit: Peterborough County Health Unit, FOCA, CHA

2015 MACA EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Spring Road Cleanup – Sunday, May 17

Annual General Meeting – Saturday, July 11

Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 18

Wine and Cheese – Saturday, August 29

Details in the Spring Newsletter

MACA Road Signs

After requests by members for directional signs to help guests navigate our roads MACA developed two large signs to map the area, name all the roads and provide space to post upcoming association events. It took a lot of time and effort but just this week the signs were mounted and installed by the MACA directors and assistants pictured below. The signs are located at the junction of Dudley/Long Lake Roads and Trapper's Trail/Wenona Lake Roads. Look for posting of 2015 events in the spring.

The team also took the opportunity to mount the Jerry Strickland Memorial Boat Launch sign, which was unveiled at the AGM to honour the founder of MACA, at the water's edge of the Miskwabi launch.



OPP BILLING UPDATE

The lobbying efforts of the municipalities and Haliburton County property owners resulted in reducing the tax increases by over \$2 million. According to a Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA) press release the improvements are:

- Increase in costs will be approximately \$3 million and not \$5 million
- 40% of the charge will be based on call volumes as opposed to the original 27 – 30%
- All properties including commercial properties will be included in calculating the remaining 60% of the charge
- The tax increase will be phased in over 5 years

For Dysart et al, according to Treasurer Barbara Swannell, based on initial estimates, taxpayers can expect to pay \$11.21 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of their property in the first year of the new OPP billing model.

NATURE NOTES

The Monarch Butterfly



Photo: Joe Dobransky



Do you know which butterfly is a Monarch and which is a Viceroy? See next page for answer

The Monarch butterfly is probably the most well known butterfly in North America. Its vibrant colours, large size and spectacular migrations have all contributed to its popularity.

Life Cycle

Female monarchs usually lay their eggs on the underside of milkweed leaves. After three to eight days, depending on the temperature, the eggs hatch and the larvae emerge, feeding on their egg shells first and then the milkweed leaves, and only milkweed leaves.

Unlike most caterpillars, monarchs do not blend in with their surroundings. Instead, they have bold yellow, black and white stripes to warn predators.



The monarch spends about eight to twelve days as a caterpillar, molting and shedding its skin five times as it goes through five larval phases.

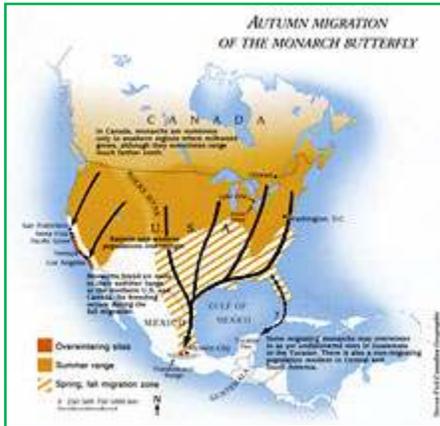


Before its final molt, when it is ready to enter the pupa stage, the monarch attaches itself to a branch or other sturdy object and sheds its skin to form a protective casing around itself. After nine to thirteen days, the pigment on its scales develops, revealing the butterfly within. On emerging the adult shows off brilliant orange wings that are marked with a thick black border and two rows of white spots.

Migration

Monarchs have the longest and largest migration in North America and some butterflies will travel thousands of kilometres during their short lifespan. However, individual butterflies do not complete whole round-trip migration from the regions of northern Mexico to southern Canada. Instead, the cycle takes place over four generations. The offspring of the overwintering generation begin their lives in northern Mexico and the southern United States, migrating northward in the late spring and laying their eggs along the way. The second and third generations of monarchs continue to reproduce, but only monarchs born

in the late summer join the fourth generation in migrating to central Mexico, where they will then spend the winter.



Recent experiments suggest the monarchs navigate using only a built-in compass calibrated to the sun, something that surprised University of Guelph biologist Ryan Norris, who was part of the team that made the discovery. Data shows that the monarchs spread out, especially during the early parts of their journey. They are quite affected by wind conditions and can be easily blown off course. It appears that they use the Rockies, Appalachians and the coastline as a funnel down toward Mexico, if they are blown off course. Norris said, "They don't necessarily need a map – if they have a compass and the major landscape features to guide them there, that seems to be sufficient." However, a mystery remains: the migration is an inherited trait as no butterfly lives to make the full round trip. It is unclear how they find their way back to the same forest in central Mexico from where their ancestors started.

Population Decline

The monarch population has been in decline for a number of years. A March 2013 report indicated that the number of butterflies making it to Mexico dropped 59%, the lowest level since comparable record-keeping began 20 years earlier. In Ontario, during September of 2013, the Point Pelee National Park cancelled its annual butterfly count due to lack of butterflies. The monarch has been designated as a species of Special Concern under the Species at Risk legislation since 2008.

Over the years it was thought that one of the main threats to the monarch was illegal logging in the butterfly reserves of central Mexico. However, a new study led by Tyler Flockheart, currently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Guelph, has shown the main cause of the monarch's decline is the loss of milkweed. The leaves of the milkweed plant are the only place monarchs lay their eggs and the only food monarch caterpillars eat. A large proportion of the monarch butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains migrate north and breed in the US corn belt which stretches west to east from Kansas to Ohio and south to north from Missouri to North Dakota. With the

introduction in this massive area of genetically-engineered corn and soybeans resistant to herbicides, and the liberal application of herbicides to these fields, naturally occurring plants, like milkweed, have been killed off. This has been a major problem for butterflies as 67% of the plants in butterflies' breeding grounds are found in these "agriculturally-intense" landscapes. The study published in the Journal of Animal Ecology shows this decline in milkweed is the main cause of the monarch's recent population decline: not the deforestation in central Mexico. If this loss continues the study predicts the monarch population will fall another 14% and they will be heading to extinction over the next century.

The analysis shows that a huge quantity of milkweed would need to be replanted in order for monarch populations to recover. The report suggests taking advantage of roadsides for this purpose.



Monarchs in trees in central Mexico reserve

Good News

This fall there has been a rebound in migrating monarchs from Canada. On September 12, hawk watchers at Rosetta McClain Park in Scarborough were thrilled to see at least 1000 monarchs migrating along the edge of the Bluffs. On September 17 Point Pelee National Park reported that more than 2000 monarch butterflies spent the night. Chip Taylor of Monarch Watch was quoted as saying "It's not like the 1990's but it's better than the last few years". In our area this year very few monarchs has been seen compared with past years. Hopefully the recent rebound will be reflected here next year – let's let the milkweed grow on roadsides and our properties.

The most noticeable difference between the two butterflies is that the viceroy has a thin black stripe across the back of each wing. Previous page on right. It has been thought that the viceroy mimics the monarch to avoid predators that will not feed on the monarch because of its diet of toxic milkweed. Recent research also shows that the viceroy which eats willow leaves also might have toxins from that plant.

Credits: CBC News reports; Canadian Geographic; Toronto Star; Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario; Peterson Guide to Butterflies and Moths

Photos: Google Images except Monarch – Joe Dobransky

Dysart et al Municipal Elections – October 27, 2014.

Municipal elections are upon us and the following was prepared to assist all MACA members in casting their vote. Whether residing at the lake or not, each property owner has the right to vote. Voting will take place by mailed in ballot.

Important dates to remember:

September 2 - October 27 time slot to verify if you are not sure you are on the voter's list at the Municipal Office.

October 1 – voter's kits mailed out by the Municipality

October 10 – call Municipality if you have not received your package (705-457-1740)

October 17 – last day to mail ballot or hand deliver to Municipal Office by 8 pm. on October 27

Elections are being held for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor. All candidates were kind enough to submit a 200 word statement for consideration by Miskwabi area property owners.

REEVE

Murray Fearrey, Incumbent

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with members of your association. I have been working with your association since its inception under Jerry Strickland. When the developer was walking away and leaving many roads not assumed by the Township, I went to bat for your taxpayers. We got sufficient funds to bring improvements so the Township could assume into the public system. I worked with your association to develop environmental controls for the last subdivision plan on Miskwabi. This plan was leading edge for Lake Protection. More recently, I am in full support of your Lake Plan. I have stated publicly it is one of the best I have seen. I have been working closely with CHA on septic reinspections and shoreline preservation policies. Going forward, my number one focus will be improving infrastructure on your roads. I have always been cognizant of the Tax Rate; Dysart has the lowest in the County.

My experience and a proven track record, I trust, will gain your support. I will not make promises that are just to get votes. A vote by the ballot you receive in the mail for Fearrey is a vote you can trust and a voice you can afford.

Janis Parker

As a longtime cottager and current resident of Dysart et al, I truly appreciate Haliburton's natural beauty and understand what the municipality needs to grow and flourish. As the owner of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd., I have the necessary business skills to lead Dysart in a fiscally responsible manner, yet seize opportunities that would lead to improvements and enhancements in the municipality. If elected Reeve I will work to ensure that the municipality has an innovative, sustainable and environmental responsible economic plan. A plan in which investment is made into infrastructure, and we protect our most valuable resource, our natural landscape. A top priority for our County is the new OPP billing model, which is expected to increase policing costs by more than \$3 million dollars over the next 5 years. I promise to keep municipal taxes to a minimum to help offset these increased costs, and lobby to get policing costs back on the provincial table and support research into alternative policing models.

Congratulations on completing your Miskwabi Area Watershed Plan. If elected Reeve, I will support the great work of our Lake Associations and Lake Plans will be a standard resource in municipal decisions.

DEPUTY REEVE

Dennis Casey

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the MACA fall newsletter. I am a passionate, creative, fair, dedicated leader that gets results. As your Deputy Reeve I will commit to growing our economy, improving our roads and bridges and protecting our property values. In addition, I am entirely committed to the health and well being of our citizens through our recreational and social programs.

I have chosen the position of Deputy Reeve as it is time for me to accept more challenges and responsibilities. It has been my pleasure to serve you as your councillor for 2 terms and because of my specific knowledge of the Miskwabi Lakes, I am the best candidate to represent you for the preservation and protection of our natural environment not only at the municipal level but at the county level as well. We need a Deputy Reeve with strong community ties and a record of dedication. No one will work harder than me to make sure your interests come first. I believe my record and management skills speak to my dedication for Ward 2 and its residents. ELECT DENNIS CASEY, DEPUTY REEVE, OCTOBER 27. www.denniscaseydysart.com

DEPUTY REEVE cont'd

Andrea Roberts

My name is Andrea Roberts and I am running for the position of Deputy Reeve in the Municipality of Dysart et al. I have served two terms as the Ward 1 councillor, which is the village of Haliburton, and have enjoyed serving the community. My husband and I sold our business in 2011 and I now have time to devote to being the Deputy Reeve. My experiences as a business owner and my years of raising a family here have prepared me for the challenges facing council. I am a positive, energetic person and enjoy working with others to collectively improve and enhance our community. I've gained experience by serving on numerous committees and been chair of some as well.

We live in such a special area full of natural beauty and that needs to be protected for future generations. At the same time, we need to see growth and development in the towns and hamlets. Council needs to balance the needs and desires of ratepayers while being financially responsible. As Deputy Reeve I will work hard, listen to others, have a positive attitude, be available when needed, and make confident decisions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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COUNCILLOR

Steve Dunec

Owner /operator of Leftovers Restaurant & the Wiener Wagon since 1996

Education: Hon. B.A. (Political Science) U of Waterloo

B.Ed. U of Western Ontario

Platform/Policy Statement:

To ensure that we, as a community, continue to receive and maintain quality services that provides us with a safe, healthy and prosperous future. Growth is both necessary and needed in order to satisfy the demands of a diverse population. In order for growth to be successful and beneficial it must be sustainable, maintainable and ultimately explainable to you, the taxpayer. I, as your councillor, will be accountable, accessible and appreciative of your support. Thank you, Steve Dunec

Derek Knowles

Thank you for the invitation to comment in your fall newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your Watershed Planning Committee on their outstanding work in developing the most comprehensive study of its kind that I have seen to date. All Miskwabi area residents should take great pride in the final product.

I am running for office because I believe the experience gained during my previous four years on Council, along with 25 years of business experience operating my own GM dealership, would be an asset to the new Council.

I for one do not believe the sky is falling in Dysart. Yes, we have major challenges including ensuring lake water quality and finding ways to address our crumbling infrastructure to name but two.

I believe that I am best positioned to make a positive difference over the next four years. Please take a moment to watch my interview on The Highlander Online and don't forget to make your vote count on October 27.

Thanks for your support.

David McKay

First and foremost I would like to thank you for allowing me this past spring to come and be part of your spring road clean up day. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting and meeting new people - it was a great day!

I would also like to assure you that if I am successful in becoming councillor of Ward 2, I will take with me the needs and concerns of those that belong to the Miskwabi Area Community Association. Issues like making sure roads are well kept and improved as needed to ensure safe and comfortable travel to and from your properties. Also at the top of my list is to make sure that proper inspections and regulations are followed and met regarding septic system repairs and installation, which then in turn will help protect and keep water quality high in the area. These are your loved homes, cottages and life investments that should be a priority in all areas of maintenance so that you, your family and generations to come can enjoy what beautiful Miskwabi Lake has to offer.

I am always available for any questions or concerns by telephone at [705-457-9417](tel:705-457-9417) or by email d.wmckay05@gmail.com.

Sincerely, David McKay

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