



WINTER NEWSLETTER, 2010

Happy New Year! We hope that 2010 will be a healthy and rewarding year for everyone... and that it will be a much better Summer than the last one!

The MACA area received 66 cm (just over 2 feet) of snow back in mid December and we have received very little since then. We were lucky, as Minden received 100 cm (about 3 feet) and had to declare an emergency! Wonder what's in store for the next few months?

WINTER PARKING ON ROADS

If you are planning on coming up to the cottage this Winter, please remember that "vehicles parked on municipal roads interfering with the removal of snow, sanding or road maintenance will receive a fine of \$200.00 and/or may be towed at the owner's expense in accordance By-law No. 93-19".

Just recently, a Municipal plow went off the road because of the above and as a result, there will be a stronger impetus on the removal of such vehicles. We don't know about you, but we'd rather spend that \$200.00 + on some toys for the Summer!

SAD NEWS!

It is with sadness that we report to you of the passing of long time member, Wally Quigg. Wally passed away peacefully on January 16th. He was an original member of our Roads Committee and will be missed by all. Our condolences are sent to his family.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE BYLAW CHANGE

At a Dysart Council meeting back in October, Dysart et al voted 4-2 to allow ATV's the same rights as cars, motorcycles and bicycles on it's Municipal roads. The exception is the use of Haliburton's Highland Street between Cedar and Dysart Avenues and the streets between Mountain and York. You will no-doubtedly see an information campaign throughout 2010 regarding this reversal of the bylaw.

2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Included with the Winter Newsletter, you will find the Membership Form for 2010. We have kept the fees at the same price as the last few years, of \$30.00. We would ask you to please renew your membership in the next few weeks in order to keep your name on our mailing list.

We are also implementing a few new activities this year that we hope you will want to become a part of as a member of MACA. Please see the survey, and fill it out, for more information regarding these new initiatives.

Also included is our annual "fridge reminder" of dates of the Annual Meeting, the Clean-Up campaign and the Wine & Cheese.

MACA WEBSITE (mymaca.net)

Have you visited our website? Last time we compiled data, we were getting an average of 200 “hits” per month to our site. There are lots of Summer photos there to help keep you “warm” this Winter as well as the current temperatures in the area.

Is there something else that we could put on the site that would be of benefit to you? Let us know and we’ll discuss and consider it.

AROUND HALIBURTON

After the fire in the **Village Barn** back in the Fall, the reopening will occur around the beginning of February. Stores located in there will be Master’s Book Store, Cottage Dreams and two other as yet unnamed businesses.

The Source has relocated from beside Brooklyn Concrete to the main street of Haliburton beside Bwana Johns.

The Haliburton Furniture Store opened in September next to the Buck and Up.

MACA T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

Vice-President, Sandra Bishop, would like to inform you that “Slow and steady wins the race”!

“Although the development of the submitted T-shirt designs into reproducible art is somewhat of a tortoise right now, be assured we will have designs posted to the website for member voting in the next few months. Ideally, a MACA logo will be chosen by May, T-shirt order forms available by June and the finished product by the AGM or soon after. Design submission was extensive and due to limitations of printing, only a few can be selected and made available for voting and eventual reproduction. Thank you to all who have sent them along to the Executive. What talent we have in our membership! Watch for more news in the Spring.”

FROM THE REEVE

Murray Fearrey would like to remind everyone that the Official Plans of both Dysart et al and Haliburton County, as a whole, are up for review. Updates on the progress of each plan review may be found by “googling” “Dysart et al official plan” and “haliburton county official plan”.

As far as Dysart’s review is concerned, Council is preparing the draft official plan amendment at present. There will be an Open House in April, a public meeting in May and the final adoption of the amended plan in June.

DID YOU KNOW?

During the months of July, August and September of 2009, there were 101 waterfront cottage sales reported in Haliburton. That is up 50% from the same months in 2008.

Despite the high number of sales in those months, the average selling price actually dropped 1.49% from the previous quarter to \$314 696.78.

At the end of September, 2009, there were 174 active waterfront listings in Haliburton, as compared to 216 at the end of September, 2008.

KEEP THOSE MEMBERSHIPS COMING IN! NEXT NEWSLETTER IN MAY.

Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association

Schedule of Events – 2010 Season

Date	Time	Event	Location	Special Information
May 23	11:00 a.m.	Annual Cleanup Day	Meet at Jerry Strickland Boat Landing, Lake Miskwabi	We will meet and divide up sections of our area that need attention.
July 17	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting	Airport strip, Lake Miskwabi. Follow the signs.	Bring your own chairs & sunscreen. Speakers: Reeve, Councillor, Barbecue and social to follow.
August 28	2:00pm until 5:00 pm	Annual Wine-and-Cheese Party	Nancy & Larry Holden's @ 2239 Trapper's Trail, Lake Miskwabi	Bring a chair. We'll provide the cheese and the wine!

VISIT US AT mymaca.net.

**MISKWABI AREA COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

2010 MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$30.00

MEMBERSHIP TERM: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2010

_____ **NEW MEMBER** _____ **RENEWAL**

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ **PHONE NO:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

911 LAKE ADDRESS: _____

LAKE PHONE NO: _____

LAKE _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:

MISKWABI AREA COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

AND MAIL TO:

**MISKWABI AREA COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
2239 TRAPPER'S TRAIL
HALIBURTON, ON
K0M 1S0**

I would be willing to help the Association out in an agreed upon capacity:

Yes _____ Not at this time _____

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON OTHER SIDE.

MACA SURVEY 2010

Please take a moment and complete the following questions to help us in fulfilling our goal to try and do the best we can for the MACA membership.

1. Briefly, in point form, list the two most important reasons why you belong to MACA:

1. _____
2. _____

2. On a scale of 1 – 10, where 10 is the highest, rank the following matters in terms of importance in which MACA is involved:

Newsletter _____; Road Maintenance _____; Social Events _____;
Lake Water Quality _____; Property Taxes _____; Shoreline Ecology _____;
Annual Meeting _____; Environmental Rehabilitation _____;
Lobbying on Local Issues _____; Other _____.

If "Other", please expand: _____.

3. On a scale of 1 -5, where 5 is the highest, how important is high speed internet access to you? _____

4. Would you participate in a MACA golf tournament? YES _____; NO _____.

If YES, would you prefer 9 holes _____ or 18 holes _____?

If YES, would you prefer weekday _____ or weekend _____?

5. Would you bring your children /grandchildren to an outdoor wildlife presentation? YES _____; NO _____.

6. Would you participate in a "Green Poker Run" (ie canoe, kayak) at a price to cover the costs of the "Run" only? YES _____; NO _____.

7. Would you be willing to serve on a committee to develop a "lake plan" for our 4 Lakes? (A "lake plan" is a document meant to outline ways to preserve our lakes and environment). YES _____; NO _____.

8. Is the annual membership fee of \$30.00, too little __; too high __; just right __?

9. Are you a Seasonal Resident _____ or a Permanent Resident _____?

If "Seasonal", do you use your cottage in the Winter? YES _____; NO _____.

If "Seasonal", are you planning on retiring to your cottage? YES _____; NO _____.

If "YES", are you retiring in 1-5 years _____; 6-10 years _____; 10 years + _____.

10. Do you rent your dwelling during the year? YES _____; NO _____.

11. For the Annual Meeting in July, would you be willing to drive into Haliburton to attend in an indoor space? YES _____; NO _____.

12. Would you be in favour of moving the Annual Wine & Cheese get together from September ahead to August? YES _____; NO _____.

13. Please list any other thoughts you have regarding how MACA can further help you. _____

THANK YOU!