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DOCK TALK

Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owner Association (HLPOA)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- DAVID LATTER --

IT WAS A HARSH WINTER

Debbie and I missed the heart of the winter this year by seeking warmer climates for the month of February. For a while, we traded cold for wet but 15 C beats -33 C.

The regulator on the propane tank froze while we were away and the heat was off for awhile. Fortunately, our daughter was at the cottage and could solve the problem with three doses of hot water. It must have been a common problem. She phoned Georgian Bay Propane for help, and they advised her what to do over phone.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

The spring lull of activity on the lake will soon end and the 2026 season can begin. As I write this, the ice on the lake is thinning rapidly in the rain and finally some warmer temperatures. I expect it will be ice out by late April this year. Let the fun begin!

The lake water level is very high this spring. We are lucky on our lake that we don't face the risk of flooding that plague parts of Muskoka and Haliburton when spring rains and heavy snowpack run off, overflowing their water systems.

COTTAGE WATCH

It was hard work completing the Cottage Watch inspections this year. Many cottages had deep snow, steep slopes up from the lake and high drifts. Inspections of all cottages who requested the service were completed. All cottages that had an issue of concern were contacted. Many thanks to the Cottage Watch Coordinator Arnie Sperl and volunteers, Brett McAdams, Aidan Timms, Garth Tyler-Neher, Paul Weir, Dan MacLeod, Andy Zeltkals and David Latter.

LAKE DIRECTORY

The bi-annual Lake Directory, derived from our Membership list, was completed in March and mailed out to everyone who was a paid-up member in the last two years. It is a labour-intensive operation involving contacting many members to make sure their contact information - home address, phone numbers and email addresses are current.

It would save a huge amount of time and work if all members would simply complete the annual Membership Form to make sure all contact information is up to date.

The Directory is a valuable document to have in a handy location in each cottage. In addition to contact information for all members who chose to be included, it has all the pertinent emergency numbers, contacts, fire protection information, both a list of and a map to show the locations of the fire pumps, and dates of important activities on the lake.

In addition to all the other responsibilities that support the Association, Debbie Latter has had sole responsibility for all the work required to publish the Directory. She spends many days providing a valuable service to the association. A very sincere thank you to Debbie for all her efforts and 15 years of service to the HLPOA.

She and Sharon Tosswill are responsible for managing the membership file. This file is also quite labour intensive and requires good computer and database skills. Sharon, and Debbie have had responsibility for this function for many years. More recently, in response to the Auditor's request to better matching of exact payments to membership numbers, the file also involves working closely with the Treasurer.

We need a volunteer with up-to-date computer skills to help manage the membership file and take on the future Lake Directories. This is an excellent opportunity for a (hopefully youngish) member of our Association with these skills to join the Executive Team. Part of the succession plan is to lower the average age of the Executive. My own departure as President helps this cause too!

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ADDITIONAL UPDATES

- 1) The Association will be sponsoring the Porta-Potty at the public landing again this year.
- 2) Thanks to the work of John Mendicino, there are 11 new fire pumps on the lake, all the hoses have been replaced and couplings are interchangeable.
- 3) The Fox Back landing boat launch will be improved this spring.

The Association still has a healthy bank account. We are open to suggestions from our members for any additional investments that would maintain or improve the Healey Lake community.

SUPPORT LOCAL

Including the two Marinas on the lake, we encourage all our members to support the local businesses, especially our advertisers. They strengthen the economy of the local area and contribute to the enjoyment of the lake by all cottagers. If there are any issues or particular concerns that need the attention of the Executive, please email me at dletter1712@gmail.com or call my cell at 416 407-4965.

GET IN TOUCH

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

-- DAN MACLEOD --

NEXT STEPS

The next step is to review the specific wording of the CRA audit requests to ensure the Township is in a position to provide an appropriate response. Staff have reached out to affected property owners and are awaiting clarification regarding the exact information being requested. Once the scope of the CRA's request is confirmed, the Township will respond to individual inquiries as they are received.

Each property will be reviewed on a case by basis to determine its access status whether it is an island property, located on a seasonal road, or subject to other access limitations an accurate, fact-based letter will be prepared for the property owner.

The Township will take care to avoid interpreting or commenting on federal tax legislation and will limit its correspondence to providing objective, factual information about the property in question.

CONCLUSION

The Township recognizes the challenges faced by property owners in responding to federal audit requirements where access and servicing conditions are unique to a water-access municipality. While the administration and interpretation of the Underused Housing Tax remain solely within the jurisdiction of the Canada Revenue Agency, the Township can play a supportive role by providing clear, factual confirmation of local infrastructure realities.

By implementing a consistent, property-specific response process, the Township will ensure that residents receive accurate documentation while maintaining municipal neutrality on federal tax matters. This approach balances responsiveness to property owners with the Township's responsibility to provide objective, fact-based information only.

ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Grant Walker Memorial Bench Installation – We installed a memorial bench, located by the Tower in Parry Sound, recognizing former Ward 6 Councillor Grant Walker and his contributions to the community.

We launched the **free voluntary septic screening program**, which provided community members with a simple self-assessment tool and guide to determine the status of septic tanks used a sludge sampler. This sampler is located at the Healey Lake Transfer Site and will be available in May.

We partnered with Georgian Bay Biosphere (Generations Effect) to **treat invasive phragmites** along Blackstone-Crane Lake Road and Healey Lake Road, removing over 500kg of biomass from 11 sites. If you see any more phragmites growth, please report of the Township office. 705-746-4243

GET IN TOUCH

As always , if there are any questions or concerns with the above subject matter or any Township issues, please contact me.

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STRONGER TOGETHER

-- BRIAN STEINHAUSER, VICE PRESIDENT HLPOA --

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR 2025

As we head into another season on Healey Lake, I wanted to take a moment to recognize the important work being done by the Healey Lake Property Owners Association, and by the many volunteers who quietly give their time, energy, tools, boats, vehicles, weekends and winter days to support this lake community.

The HLPOA is a purely volunteer-run organization. No one on the Executive is paid. No one is doing this for recognition. They are doing it because they care deeply about Healey Lake: about keeping it safe, clean, healthy, welcoming and fun for everyone who spends time here.

In recent years, thanks to strong membership support, generous fundraising, the Regatta, bottle drives and other community efforts, the HLPOA has been able to build a healthier financial position. That has naturally led some to ask: why does the Association need money in the bank?

It is a fair question. The simple answer is this: the money is not sitting there without purpose. It is what allows us to act, maintain, repair, respond, support and plan ahead.

WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES

Every year, the HLPOA supports a wide range of services, projects and community needs around the lake. Some are highly visible. Others happen quietly in the background, but they all matter.

Recent and ongoing areas of support include:

FIRE AND SAFETY

The HLPOA maintains fire pumps, hoses, bins and related equipment around the lake. Over the past few years, we have invested approximately \$12,000 in new pumps and hoses and related equipment, along with regular checks and maintenance to help ensure this equipment is ready if ever needed. These are not glamorous expenses, but they are essential.

DOCKS AND LANDINGS

The Association helps support public docking and access points, including repairs and improvements to docks and surrounding areas. In the last two years alone, dock-related work has represented approximately \$8,000 in spending, with additional financial support we were able to obtain from the township.

PORTA-POTTY AT THE MAIN LANDING

Now in its third year, this service has been very well received by members and visitors. It represents approximately \$4,500 over three years and is a simple example of a practical improvement that benefits the whole lake.

INSURANCE AND STORAGE

Insurance, storage and operational needs are necessary costs for an active association. Over the last three years, insurance has cost approximately \$8,000, and a new permanent storage unit has cost approximately \$5,500.

PARKING AND ACCESS AREAS

The HLPOA helps with upkeep around key areas such as Kapikog Bay, Fox Back, Pine Bay and the main government dock area. These spaces do not maintain themselves, and they are important for lake access, safety and convenience.

REGATTA AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Regatta is one of the great traditions on Healey Lake. It brings families, friends and neighbours together and helps create the sense of community that makes this lake so special. It also requires equipment, supplies, planning, fundraising and a huge number of volunteer hours.

LAKE STEWARDSHIP

Our Lake Stewardship work includes monitoring water health and quality, staying alert to invasive species, sharing information about fire prevention, and bringing in outside expertise such as the Georgian Bay Biosphere. Protecting the lake is one of the most important responsibilities we have.

COTTAGE WATCH

Every winter, volunteers spend many hours over several days checking on members' cottages. After a winter like the one we just had, with heavy snow and difficult conditions, this is not a small task. It is a meaningful service that reflects the best of what this community is about.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCK TALK

Dock Talk, email updates, the website, member notices and the Lake Directory all help keep our community informed and connected. The bi-annual Lake Directory, in particular, is a major undertaking and an important resource for members. This year's Lake Directory costs were \$1300 for printing and mailing, and approximately \$1100 in 2023 and similar expenditure in 2021.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

The HLPOA also supports broader community institutions and causes, including donations to organizations such as the Parry Sound Hospital, the Parry Sound Museum and the MacTier Cenotaph.

EVERYDAY MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

There are always smaller but necessary expenses: repairs, supplies, maintenance, signage, equipment, administrative costs and unexpected needs. These can easily add up to \$2,000 - \$3,000 annually.

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-- BRIAN STEINHAUSER, VICE PRESIDENT HLPOA --

WHY RESERVES MATTER

A strong financial reserve does not mean the HLPOA is collecting more than it needs. It means the Association is being responsible.

Docks need repair. Pumps need replacing. Insurance costs rise. Equipment breaks. Weather events happen. Stewardship issues emerge. Access areas need maintenance. Community needs change.

And increasingly, property owners' associations like ours are being asked to fill gaps as government funding and municipal resources become more limited. More responsibility is being placed on taxpayers, property owners and local communities. A strong HLPOA helps ensure Healey Lake has the ability to respond, rather than simply hope someone else will.

Money in the bank gives us flexibility, stability and readiness. It allows us to plan ahead instead of reacting late. It also gives us a stronger voice when we speak with the Township of The Archipelago and other levels of government.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Membership is one of the most important ways we fund this work, but it is also much more than that.

When we speak to the municipality, government representatives, agencies or outside organizations, a strong membership base matters. It shows that Healey Lake is organized, engaged and united. It helps ensure our lake

remains visible, respected and relevant within The Archipelago. At \$40 per cottage per year, HLPOA membership is a small price to pay for the benefits we all receive: fire and safety support, stewardship, communications, Cottage Watch, community events, lake advocacy, public access improvements and more.

Even if someone does not use every service directly, every property owner benefits from a strong, active association working on behalf of the lake.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

None of this happens without volunteers.

The Executive, Regatta organizers, fundraising teams, Cottage Watch volunteers, bottle drive helpers, trailer lot cleanup crews, Dock Talk contributors, Lake Stewardship volunteers and many others all give their time freely.

They do it because they love Healey Lake.

That is what makes this place different. Healey is not just a lake with cottages around it. It is a community. And a strong HLPOA helps protect the things that make that community worth caring about.

As we look ahead, I encourage every property owner to join, renew, volunteer where possible, attend meetings, share ideas and stay involved.

Together, we can keep Healey Lake safe, clean, healthy, fun and special for generations to come.

Brian Steinhauser



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HEALEY LAKE DIRECTORY & MEMBERSHIP FORMS

WHAT'S WITH THE MEMBERSHIP FORM?

Every year, members are asked to complete a Membership form to either renew or establish a membership in the HLPOA. You would be surprised how few actually fill it in, not to mention the extra work involved when your contact info is incomplete or out of date. So perhaps it's time to let you know why we need this.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The information on the Membership Form, is the key to ALL of the Association's services. The Association has gone digital and all our communication, with very few exceptions, is via email. Some people have multiple email addresses. We only want the one you use everyday; the one that is best for us to contact you.

Your email address fuels our WEBSITE blast email system. If your email address changes, we have no way to keep you up to date on Association activities like Dock Talk, meetings, Regatta and areas of interest or concern.

LAKE DIRECTORY

- 1) You need to give permission to appear in the Lake Directory. This involves checking a box on the Membership form. The Directory will be published again in 2027. You will be asked next year to consent to letting us use your info.
- 2) The info, AS YOU PROVIDE IT, is what will appear in the Lake Directory. If you want to show someone other than just the owner (i.e. possibly a secondary contact like a partner/spouse, or an emergency back up) then they and their contact info should be shown on the Membership form.

You always have the option to separately let us know when certain info should not appear in the Directory. Some prefer to only show a property address and withhold the rest. Just let us know your preference for the Lake Directory (through our website at healeylake.org) - but we still need your full address and contact info for our internal records.

COTTAGE WATCH

- 1) Although all members are eligible for Cottage Watch visits, more places are being used year-round. As our volunteers numbers are limited please check the box on the Membership Form if you want a winter visit.
- 2) the list of properties to be visited is derived from the membership form - property and phone number, name . We do our best to contact you if something is found to be wrong.

TRAILER PARK

The Association leases the land for the trailer park from the Municipality. The lot is intended for Member Use Only. We ask you to use waterproof tags containing your contact info but recognize that sun and water can obliterate information. The Membership form includes a section where you can provide a boat licence plate number. This proves helpful when we survey the lot. We haven't yet removed any non-member items, but at some point we will have to.

Space is limited and we want to ensure its use by Members in good standing.

So please - always complete the Membership form. If you have a new home or email address or change a secondary contact mid year, please let us know. Keeping your contact details current, is important to us and to you.

HELP WANTED

The Healey Lake Property Owners Association is made up entirely of Volunteers. Additional help is always needed and is much welcomed. It is a great way to meet your neighbours and other people on the Lake.

If you want to help or have any time to spare, there are a variety of ways you can get involved. If you have children of high school age, the Association is happy to account for their time towards their Community Credits.

The following is a list of some of the events that take place annually on Healey Lake where we could use additional assistance from interested volunteers.

We have also included a few other great suggestions for lake events that have come from Members at the Annual General Meetings. All fantastic ideas but we just can't take them on without volunteers to coordinate and carry out the events.

Regatta – Takes place on the Saturday of the August long weekend. Volunteers are always needed to help set up and take down Regatta equipment, run games and activity tables, help with children's events, assist with the Beer Garden, arrange for prizes and raffle items, provide food and beverages. This is the Association's key annual event. **Contact George or Michelle.**

Bottle Drive – Takes place at the Main Landing on the Saturday morning following the July long weekend and is our major fundraiser for the Regatta. Help is always needed to receive and sort bottles.

Contact Dave Latter.

Dock Talk – We aim for 3 publications annually (Spring, Summer, Fall/Winter) and are always looking for lake stories that will add some flavour and/or history to our editions. To all those Photographers out there, your pics of various events, activities and wildlife around the lake. **Contact Ron Hutzul with content submissions.**

Membership – The Lake has seen many changes in recent years and it's difficult to keep up. We could always use some extra hands to develop or distribute welcome packages and visit properties, assist with the bi-annual Lake Directory. **Contact Debbie Latter or Sharon Tosswill**

Cottage Watch – Volunteers are always needed to help visit properties in the winter season. Two valuable members of the CW Team have passed away this year and their loss to the Lake is heavily felt.

Volunteers are asked to visit assigned cottages in their immediate vicinity during the winter. If you have time, have snowshoes, cross country skis or a snowmobile or just like walking, please take some time to help out!

Contact Arnie Sperl

HEALEY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like a Cottage Watch visit in the winter of 2026/27 Yes _____ No _____

PRIMARY Contact Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

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Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS

Apt. _____ P.O. Box _____ Street _____

City/Town _____

Province/State _____ Postal/ZIP Code _____

Home Phone Number _____

COTTAGE ADDRESS

911 (Municipally assigned) Cottage Number _____

Road/Water _____

Cottage Phone (if applicable) _____

Type of Membership: Full Member _____ \$40.00 Associate Member* _____ \$20.00

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- 3) mail a completed form and cheque payable to **Healey Lake Property Owners Association**
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WAITING FOR THE LOONS

-- MISSY MANDEL --

As I write this, the lake is still frozen—quiet and holding onto winter just a little longer. But it won't be long before the ice pulls back and open water returns.

And with it, the loons.

Each year, we wait for that first sighting, that first call across the lake. But this spring feels different.

Last season, we had two active loon pairs, but neither nested. As disappointing as that was, it's not uncommon—successful breeding can fail up to 50% of the time.

Still, loons are resilient. They return to the same lakes year after year, and when they arrive, they'll try again.

This year, we can help. Giving them space, slowing down in shallow areas, and watching for nesting activity can make all the difference.

For now, we wait—and listen.

Please continue to help with sightings. At this time of year, I'm especially looking for pairs swimming together.

Text 416-804-5667 or email missy@missymandel.ca

Missy Mandel

WATER QUALITY REPORT

-- David Latter --

The 2023 report outlines all the water quality measurements covered by the Lake Partners Program

About 1200 Ontario Lakes are covered by this program.

There are now three sites on the lake where water quality is measured.

- 1) Between Blueberry Island and the mainland
- 2) In the main channel near the green storage shed
- 3) In Big Dollard Bay in the middle near Jumping Rock

	2023			2024			2025		
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Chloride	5.8 mg/L	5.8 mg/L	NT	5.9 mg/L	5.8 mg/L	2.5 mg/L	5.15 mg/L	5.12 mg/L	2.45 mg/L
Calcium	1.8 mg/L	1.8 mg/L	NT	1.7 mg/L	1.66 mg/L	1.62 mg/L	1.49 mg/L	1.50 mg/L	1.34 mg/L

Click on this site to view the complete study: www.healeylake.org

- On the home page click on RESOURCES in the top line.
- Under RESOURCES scroll down to the bottom and click on Healey Lake Water Quality Report (2023) under OTHER RESOURCES.

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LAKE STEWARDSHIP | THE SCIENCE OF WAVES AND WAKES. -- DOUGLAS THOMPSON --

It turns out that measuring wave action and wakes is complicated. A professor from the University of Waterloo has done this in Ontario. Waves are naturally occurring water action generated by wind and wakes are artificial water action generated by boats. The measurement and impact turns out to be a function of wave or wake size and the distance from shore. They both generate a certain amount of energy in the water but wakes tend to generate a lot more. If boat traffic is heavy that can amount to a lot of energy in the water which can affect shorelines and lake bottoms causing damage. Most Muskoka lakes ours include tend to be smaller with narrower bodies of water and are thus more prone to damage. The Waterloo professor does not know how serious this impact is but he is continuing to study the problem. Some lakes with heavy traffic or boat action have actually resorted to closing off the lake to external use for that reason and similar to some tourist countries limiting numbers to preserve their environment.

The impacts may include damage/erosion to shorelines, stirring up bottom sediment which may make the water

cloudy, release toxins, affect plant and fish life and predispose the lake to failure such as algae blooms.

This is becoming more important with global warming. It turns out that Wake boats have a higher impact with larger waves and more energy directed towards the bottom and shoreline and downward to a distance of up to 30 feet of water. Larger and deeper lakes such as Lake Joseph are less impacted because the wave energy is reduced by distance. This is all written up on the FOCA website with examples in Michigan with a similar lake configuration which shows significant damage to the lake bottom and to plant life from heavy wake boat use.

So, I guess the moral of the tale is the less wake you can generate by whatever means especially close to shore or in shallow water the better so you can extrapolate from there. We certainly want to keep our lake as pristine as possible.

Doug Thompson



SAFE QUIET LAKES (SQL) -- CONTRIBUTED --

SQL is "A leading voice in promoting safe, quiet waterways and respectful boating practices through education, advocacy and legislative change."

The HLPOA has supported the work of the SQL organization for about the last 5 years

SQL emphasize 3 areas that they have identified as concerns among owners of lake front properties in Ontario.

- 1) Boaters Code:** Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes.
- 2) Safe Wakes Coalition:** Finding solutions to mitigate wakes caused by boats generating enhanced wakes too close to shore.
- 3) The Decibel Coalition:** Working to enhance existing legislation to include decibel limits for boat motor noise.

They began as a lobby group to interest, cottage owners and regulatory agencies (police, provincial & federal gov'ts.) in developing a code of practice to enhance water safety and mutual respect among power boat owners, self propelled watercraft, swimmers and cottage owners who are looking for a refuge from the city.

In 2013 Safe Quiet Lakes developed the Boater's Code as tool to help to start the conversation about safe, quiet and respectful boating. Created by communications professionals and boating educators, it is a list of guidelines for boating safely and responsibly.

Over the last ten years, we have placed over 100 signs at marinas and public boat launches throughout Muskoka and beyond. The messages were supported by distribution of postcards, ads in print and social media.

During this work, they noted concerns about boat wake impacts on lake shores and the lake bottom. And more recently about the noise pollution from boat motors.

They recently conducted a second survey (at a 5 year interval) of cottage owners (7000 in total-self selected). To view the results of both surveys go to [Your Lakes – Your Views Survey - Safe Quiet Lakes.](#)

Highlights:

Personal Watercraft remain the most annoying issue and the level of concerns has increased over the last 5 years.

- No change in concern about safety.
- Concern for boat noise has increased.
- Concerns about wake boats have grown.

SQL activities going forward.

Noise reduction. Working with engine manufacturers to reduce decibel level of engines and legislatures to set standards for maximum decibel levels for motorized watercraft.

Develop guidelines for reducing effect of wake on the lake environment in general and the enhanced effect of wake boats in particular.

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-- RON HUTZUL --

CHICKEN SHAWARMA

Prep Time: 2.5 hours | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Serves 4-6

As we ease into what's projected to be a hot summer season, our "Laked Grillers" will be eager to fire up their grills, (gas or charcoal) and get to cooking outside!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground cardamom
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 ½ tablespoons canola oil

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, water, lemon zest, lemon juice, garlic, coriander, paprika, cumin, turmeric, cinnamon, ginger, cayenne pepper, cardamom, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
2. In a gallon size Ziploc bag or large bowl, combine chicken and olive oil mixture; marinate for at least 2 hours to overnight, turning the bag occasionally. Drain the chicken from the marinade.
3. Preheat grill to medium high heat.
4. Brush chicken with oil; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
5. Add chicken to grill, and cook, turning occasionally, until chicken is completely cooked through, reaching an internal temperature of 165 degrees F, about 10 minutes.
6. Serve immediately with tzatziki sauce.

I enjoy this served on warm garlic naan bread – ideally, topped with diced cucumber & some pickled red onion. For me, this pairs best with an ice cold cold, local Ontario craft beer.



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