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DOCK TALK

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- BRIAN STEINHAUSER --

A NEW CHAPTER

Well, I guess it's official. After serving as Vice President over the past year, I have now taken on the role of President of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association. I am excited about the opportunity, although I am very aware that I have some pretty big shoes to fill.

Before anything else, I want to recognize and thank Dave Latter for his tremendous commitment to the HLPOA over the past 10 years.

Dave has given an enormous amount of his time and energy to the Association and to Healey Lake. Much of the work of a President happens quietly behind the scenes — dealing with the Township, responding to members, keeping projects moving, organizing meetings, addressing issues as they arise and generally making sure the wheels stay on. Dave has done all of that with a genuine commitment to the lake and our community.

Fortunately for me, Dave isn't going anywhere. I fully intend to lean on his experience and knowledge as I get settled into the job — so Dave, if you thought you were completely retiring, I may have some bad news for you.

On behalf of the Executive and everyone on Healey Lake, thank you, Dave, for everything you have done and continue to do.

SUMMER FINALLY ARRIVED!

After the winter we had, I think most of us were ready for summer a little earlier than Mother Nature was.

Spring seemed to take its sweet time getting going this year, and there were certainly a few weekends when sitting by the fire felt more appropriate than sitting on the dock.

But once summer arrived, it really arrived.

We have been fortunate to have had some beautiful stretches of weather this summer, and the lake has certainly been busy with swimming, boating, fishing, family gatherings and everything else that makes Healey Lake such a great place to be.

Hopefully we can squeeze plenty more out of it before anyone starts talking about closing cottages — a subject I am personally not ready to discuss yet.

WELCOME JOCELYN & CAROLINE

With new seasons come new volunteers; I am very pleased to welcome Jocelyn Palmer and Caroline Ruzicka as our new Membership Coordinators.

They have already hit the ground running and have put together a fantastic New Member Package designed to help introduce new property owners to Healey Lake, the HLPOA and everything our community has to offer

Jocelyn and Caroline will also be taking over responsibility for the Lake Directory, along with Membership.

They are assuming these responsibilities from Sharon Tosswill, who deserves a very big thank you for the many years she has spent managing our membership program and helping put together the Lake Directory — both much bigger jobs than they may appear from the outside.

Sharon's also been a great supporter of the Regatta over the years, engaging new members (and renewing existing one).

Thank you, Sharon, for the many years and countless hours you have given to the Association. And welcome Jocelyn and Caroline — we're very happy to have you on board!

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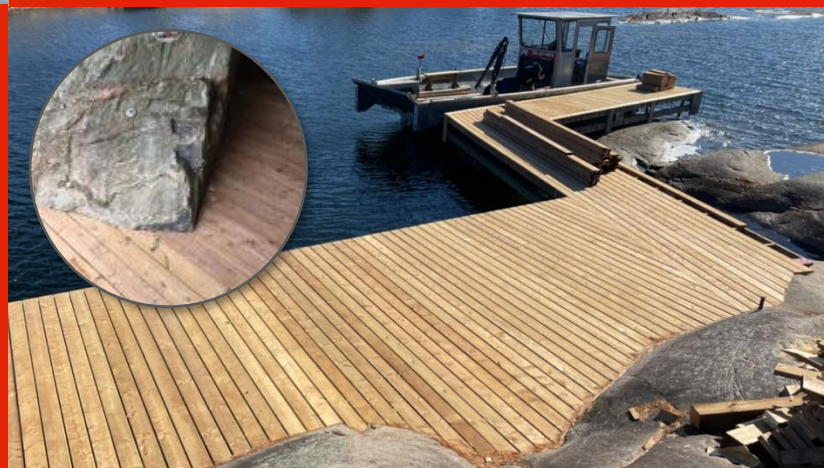
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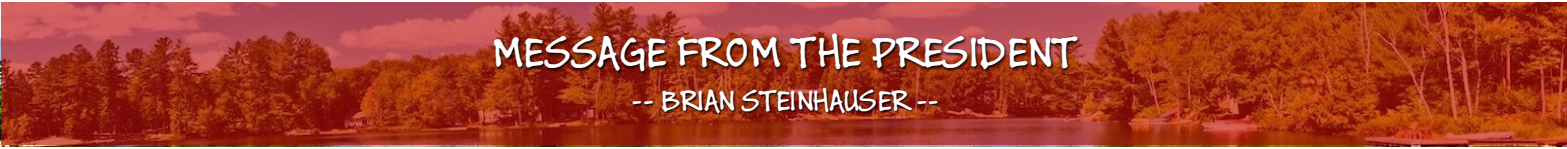
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

While we're on the subject of new volunteers, the HLPOA is also looking to add a new volunteer position to the team — a Social Convener.

Don't let the title scare you. We're not looking for someone to become the Healey Lake cruise director or plan a social calendar every weekend of the summer!

The idea is pretty simple: we'd like someone who enjoys bringing people together to help come up with and organize one or two social events during the year.

One of the things that makes Healey Lake special is the community around it. The Regatta does a fantastic job of bringing everyone together once a year, but we'd love to create another couple of opportunities for longtime Healey Lakers, newer families and neighbours from different parts of the lake to meet, socialize and have some fun together.

What those events look like is wide open — and that's part of the fun. We have some ideas, but we'd really like our new Social Convener to bring some of their own.

And, like everything the HLPOA does, you wouldn't be doing it alone. There are plenty of people around the lake willing to pitch in once somebody gets the ball rolling.

So, if you're social, reasonably organized, have a few good ideas — or simply enjoy a good party — this may be the volunteer job you've been waiting for.

Interested? Please reach out to me. We'd love to have you join the team.

WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS

One of the projects the Executive has begun working on is an update to the HLPOA website.

Our goal is to modernize the design, simplify the navigation and make it easier for members — particularly new members — to find the information they are looking for.

The first step actually happened behind the scenes with the introduction of our new email communication system.

One of the recurring problems with our previous system was that Association emails could occasionally be blocked by internet service providers or end up somewhere they weren't supposed to. We are hopeful the new system will improve delivery and allow us to communicate more reliably with members.

The website itself will be the next step, and we look forward to sharing more as the project progresses.

ANOTHER GREAT HEALEY LAKE REGATTA

I won't steal too much of Michelle and George's thunder, as they have provided a Regatta update elsewhere in this edition, but I do want to say what an incredible success this year's event was.

The forecast leading into Regatta Day was not particularly encouraging. In fact, it looked like we could be in for a very wet day.

Then the "Healey Lake Effect" apparently kicked in.

The rain disappeared, the sun came out, and we ended up with a beautiful day.

Even better, it was a record year for the Regatta.

That doesn't happen without a tremendous amount of work.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped organize and run the events, the businesses and individuals who donated prizes and auction items, and everyone who came out and supported the day.

And a special thank you once again to Lakeshore Marina and the Ramolla family, who graciously allow the Association to use their property for the event. Their continued generosity is a huge part of what makes the Regatta possible.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR 2027

As successful as this year's Regatta was, there is an important issue we need to address.

The Regatta is at real risk of not happening next year unless someone steps forward to help lead it.

After eight years, Michelle Burandt and George Youngberg are stepping down as Regatta Co-Convenors.

They took over the event in 2019, following a year when the 2018 Regatta had to be cancelled because there was nobody available to lead it.

Since then, Michelle and George have done an incredible job of rebuilding and growing the event. It has become not only one of the best community days of the summer but also a successful fundraiser for the Association.

More importantly, it is one of the few days each year when people from every corner of Healey Lake — young and old, longtime families and newcomers — come together in one place.

We don't want to lose that.

The good news is that whoever steps forward won't be starting from scratch. Michelle and George have built a great playbook, there is already an amazing team of experienced volunteers, and both have committed to helping with the transition next year.

What we need now is the next generation of Healey Lakers to take the lead.

Maybe that's one person. Maybe it's two couples or a small group of friends who divide up the responsibilities.

If you think you might be able to help — or even want to learn a little more about what is involved — please reach out to Michelle, George or me directly.

It would be a real shame to see such a great Healey Lake tradition disappear.

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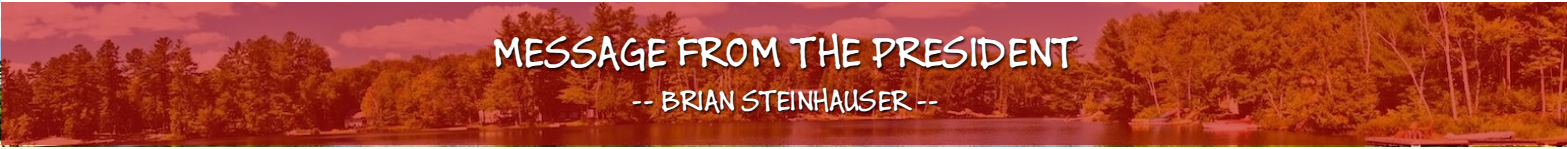
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WATER QUALITY — WE ALL HAVE A ROLE

I also don't want to steal Doug's thunder, as he has a much more detailed Lake Stewardship update elsewhere in this edition. However, I do want to highlight one issue that deserves all of our attention.

The latest water-quality information for Healey Lake through the Lake Partner Program, in partnership with FOCA, continues to show some areas we need to watch closely — particularly our relatively low calcium levels and trends in some of the other chemistry measurements, including sulphate.

Doug can explain the science and the numbers in much greater detail, so I will leave that part to him.

For me, the larger message is simpler: We all have a role in protecting the health of Healey Lake.

One of the easiest things we can do is protect and, where possible, restore our natural shorelines. Trees, shrubs, grasses, rocks and other natural vegetation help stabilize the shoreline, reduce erosion and runoff, and provide important habitat.

WATCH YOUR WAKE

Another thing every boater can do is simply watch your wake. Healey is a relatively small lake with several narrow channels and bays. Large wakes repeatedly hitting shorelines can contribute to erosion, damage docks and disturb wildlife.

If you're wakesurfing, wakeboarding, tubing or enjoying other water sports that create a significant wake, please try to use the more open portions of the lake rather than the Main Channel, narrow passages or smaller bays.

And remember that sometimes the biggest wake isn't created when you're going fast.

Many boats create a substantial wake while travelling below planing speed or while transitioning on or off plane. When possible, give yourself some distance from shore before accelerating or slowing down.

Another simple trick is to try to make those transitions perpendicular to the shoreline when conditions allow. That sends more of the larger wake toward open water, where it has time to dissipate, rather than directly toward someone's shoreline.

None of this means we shouldn't enjoy our boats or have fun on the lake — that's part of why we're all here.

It simply means being aware of the wake behind us.

Every little bit helps.

FIRE SAFETY — PLEASE RESPECT THE RATING

This is one area where I need to be a little less lighthearted.

We have had a number of reports this summer of people having outdoor fires when the Township of The Archipelago Fire Danger Rating has been HIGH.

Please don't.

The Township's Fire Danger Rating is not a suggestion. When the rating is HIGH or EXTREME, residents and cottagers are not permitted to have open fires or campfires. Fireworks are also prohibited at these ratings. When conditions improve to LOW or MODERATE, there are still restrictions on when and how outdoor fires can be used.

There is a good reason for these rules.

When the fire rating is high, the forest floor, brush, deadfall and other vegetation can be extremely dry. A spark, ember or momentary gust of wind can turn what appears to be a small, controlled campfire into something very different, very quickly.

On Healey Lake, a fire doesn't just put your cottage at risk.

It can threaten neighbouring cottages, islands and large areas of forest. Many of our properties are water access, surrounded by trees and difficult to reach in an emergency. The HLPOA maintains fire pumps around the lake to assist our community, but they are there as an emergency resource — they are certainly not a substitute for preventing a fire in the first place.

The Association's fire pumps are provided on a best-efforts basis, and Healey Lake has long relied heavily on property owners and neighbours being prepared to help one another in an emergency.

So if the Fire Rating says HIGH, please resist the temptation to think, "It's just one little campfire and we'll be careful."

Everyone who lights one believes they will be careful. The problem is what happens when something goes wrong.

The rules apply to all of us, and ignoring them unnecessarily puts the entire Healey Lake community at risk.

Please check the current Township Fire Danger Rating before having any outdoor fire, make sure your family and guests understand the rules as well, and when the rating says no fires — no fires means no fires.

[Click to check the Current Township Fire Rating](#)

OUR MASSASAUGA NEIGHBOURS

There has also been a fair bit of talk this summer about Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes, with several sightings being shared around Healey Lake and on social media.

The Healey Lake area is part of their natural habitat, and while the word rattlesnake understandably gets people's attention, the Massasauga is generally a shy snake that would much rather avoid us than interact with us.

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It is also a threatened and protected species in Ontario, facing pressures including habitat loss, road mortality and unfortunately, human persecution.

Are there suddenly more rattlesnakes around Healey Lake? Maybe — but it may also simply be that we now have a very effective way of telling 300 other people about one five minutes after somebody sees it!

Either way, awareness is a good thing.

If you encounter one, give it space and let it move along. Please don't attempt to handle, relocate or harm it.

The Georgian Bay Biosphere recently published a very informative article called Living Alongside the Massasauga Rattlesnake, which I encourage everyone to read. It includes information on identification, behaviour, coexistence and what to do in the unlikely event of a bite.

Like the loons, turtles, deer, bears and all the other wildlife we share this area with, Massasaugas are part of the ecosystem that makes this place special.

For more information see: [Living Alongside the Massasauga Rattlesnake](#)

JOIN US AT THE FALL AGM

I encourage everyone to attend our Fall AGM at Lakeshore Marina on Sunday, Sept 6th at 10:00 AM (Labour Day weekend)

The AGM is a great opportunity to hear what the Association is working on, ask questions, raise issues that matter to you and connect with your lake neighbours.

We'll also have coffee and some light snacks — so even if Association governance isn't enough to get you out of bed on a Sunday morning, perhaps coffee will do the trick.

I hope to see you there.

GET IN TOUCH

As always, the HLPOA belongs to its members.

If there are issues, ideas, questions or concerns you believe should have the attention of the Executive, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Brian Steinhauser

President, Healey Lake Property Owners Association

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2026 REGATTA UPDATE

-- MICHELLE BURANDT & GEORGE YOUNGBERG --

Hopefully you were able to join us for the HLPOA Regatta on Saturday, August 1st. Despite the sketchy forecast, Mother Nature treated us to a beautiful, sunny day, which was perfect for all that we had in store for everyone.



We had a great turnout of both adults and children, and the events, which included swimming, diving, casting, cornhole, floaty races and kid's games, were all well attended and lots of fun for both participants and spectators. Many kids went home with lots of great prizes for their participation.



Between events, the kids enjoyed themselves at the craft table and face painting stations, while the adults amused themselves at the huge silent auction & in the beer garden.



The excitement built as we drew raffle tickets for the lucky winners of the many wine baskets & other great prizes.



All in all, it was a wonderful way for us all to come together, get to know one another, and build the spirit of our lake community. Making a day like this happen takes a lot of time & energy from so many people, and we're so appreciative of the awesome regatta team!

- the Coulson's for the amazing auction
- Sym & Zoran for the fabulous Healey Lake swag
- Justine & Ryan for running the beer garden
- the Ruzicka family for the amazing raffle
- the Steinhauer's for running the events
- Rick McMann & Crew for the BBQ keeping us all fed
- Cindy Greco for manning the craft table
- Ruth McLeod for helping with whatever was needed and of course
- Dan MacLeod for being an extraordinary MC all day!

Behind the scenes we had amazing help from the set up and tear down crews, Adele, the Racco family, to name a few. We couldn't make it happen without such a great team.

Thank you all!

While we will be stepping down from our role as regatta co-convenors, we really hope that someone will step in to keep this wonderful tradition going. Please reach out if you'd like to chat about it - it's such a rewarding and worthwhile experience to see the smiles on all the kids faces!

Wishing everyone a fabulous last few weeks of summer!

George Youngberg : Michelle Burandt

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2026 REGATTA PHOTO MONTAGE



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

-- DAN MACLEOD --

HYDRO ONE PROPOSED POWER LINE

Hydro One is proposing a single circuit 500 Kilovolt line from Sudbury to Barrie. This service is expected to be in Service by 2032. The proposed line is projected (as of the current plan) to go through Healey Lake along side the existing lines. The Township of The Archipelago has put together a Task Force, with yours truly, and other representatives of Archipelago and neighbouring Townships. Discussions for proposed routes will be discussed through 2026 and 2027.

Announcement of Preferred Route – 2027

Release of the Environmental Study – 2027

Final Environmental Study release – 2028

Completed design and approval – 2028-2029

Construction – 2029

Line energized- 2032

I will disclose additional facts as they become known.

Transfer Stations (Woods Bay & Healey Lake) (Foodcycler)

FOODCYCLER UPDATE

With the township-supported sales of the Foodcycler, the data shows our volume of wet garbage has decreased, costing less to dispose of and creating less damage to the environment. While sales of the Foodcycler were high, I'd suggest the program would be even more successful if there

were a Foodcycler in every cottage in Ward 6. Foodcyclers are still available at a subsidized cost at the Township office.

MICROPLASTICS FILTER

This coming spring, we are putting together another subsidized purchase of Microplastics filters to be fitted on washing machines. These filters are designed to keep the plastics from clothes from entering the septic system and out of the lake. You would empty them the same as a dryer filter. Again, you would be preventing harmful man-made products from entering our sparkling waters. I will keep you [posted on the further developments.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

June of 2026 observed a record-breaking 41 inquiries, representing an 86% increase over the previous record of 22 (2023 & 2025). Inquiries initiated on Saturday and Sunday, only made up 8% of the total inquiries to date in 2026. Phone and Email remain the dominant reporting methods with over 79% of inquiries initiated through those methods. 86% of inquiries were initiated within our hours of operation, with 100% being actioned on within the Level of Service timeframe. Of the 47 calls for service, 64% resulted in escalated enforcement action beyond education and voluntary compliance. Currently, By-law Enforcement Services staff are operating at maximum capacity with a combined 0.9 FTE.]



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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

-- DAN MACLEOD --

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT – CONT'D

The increase in inquiry volume coupled with a few complex case files impacted the number of proactive patrols conducted in Q1 & Q2.

Moving into the latter half of 2026, Staff will continue to prioritize reactive calls for service and will adhere to the 2026 Proactive Enforcement Initiatives Schedule as time permits.

If you see or become aware of an infraction, please don't hesitate to contact bylaw enforcement using the phone or email the information below. The majority of infractions have been dealt with, without charges and with education.

Phone: (705) 746-4243 ext.325

Email: bylaw@thearchipelago.ca

Again, if you see what you believe to be an infraction of our bylaws or fire regulations, please contact the bylaw officers so they can either educate or if necessary, fine the appropriate parties.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regular pruning is part of normal municipal roadway maintenance that happens every few years. We must keep the clearance width of the roadway from becoming too narrow and obstructing sightlines.

The material that is chipped or cut naturalizes quite well in a very short time, and leaving the material in place where cut is most practical from a time and cost as well as environmental practice.

To ensure job quality, the Public Works crew will inspect the road for any unfinished or additional work required. The Public Works Dept., did come back and clean up debris and ditches'. In addition, I am confident that the what wildlife moved out of the area while the work was being done and I am certain they have returned as I have seen our resident foxes roaming the area again.

FIRESMART WILDFIRE

Due to climate change, the weather will be more erratic. I urge you to contact Firesmart and acquire their booklets showing how to lessen the hazards of fire around your property.

FireSmart Website Toolkit:

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/resources-2/begins-at-home-toolkit/>

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Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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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RECENT DATA ON LAKE TESTING

-- DOUGLAS THOMPSON --

The latest data is just in on our lake testing this summer. Without boring you with long scientific details I will give you the Coles notes summary. They do not measure bacterial content but assume our Lake water is not safe to drink without purifying it in some form. Levels of phosphate, chloride, sulphates, calcium and clarity were measured

The first 3 were at safe levels and had not changed much over time we have been measuring. (2016 until now).

As mentioned above we also measure Calcium which is below average at 1.7 and declining which at a 1.5 level may put some of our healthy lake organisms at risk. Probably nothing to do about this but continue to monitor but a healthy shoreline and forested area around the lake helps buffer and stabilize that level.

Below is an excerpt from FOCA document on the need for a healthy shoreline.

Shorelines are the first line of defense: Shorelines are the connection between lakes and land, playing a vital role in ensuring the strength and resiliency of freshwater lakes. What is often forgotten when discussing shorelines is that they extend beyond the point where water meets land, reaching from the upland area and far into the lake itself. Watershed Canada's The Science Behind Vegetated Shoreline Buffers discusses the importance of shorelines, the they play, and how you can establish a strong shoreline yourself. Much of the information in the following section is pulled from this resource, which is linked below.

A strong, healthy, and resilient shoreline involves more than a small buffer zone along the water's edge. It begins with the upland area, which should consist of a forest-like community of shrubs, trees, and grasses. This area produces organic matter, such as leaf litter and woody debris, which helps cycle important nutrients and minerals like calcium back in the lake (Vanderbosch and Galatowitsch, 2010). The upland area also acts as the first barrier to land-based pollutants that may otherwise enter into the lake. The riparian zone is the transition area from upland to shoreline.

About 70% of land-based species rely on the riparian zone at some point during their life cycle. This area of the shoreline should be biodiverse and consist of both moisture-tolerant and deep-rooted plants. This area also plays a critical role, similar to the upland area, in providing a line of defense for any pollutants entering the lake via surface water runoff. The shoreline (where land meets the lakes edge) should similarly have a mix of herbaceous plants, shrubs, trees and woody species that can produce organic matter creating a net of roots and organic matter providing stabilization. Specifically, deep-rooted plants provide shoreline structure and prevent erosion from wakes, winter ice, rain, and wind. Often when thinking of shorelines, people forget about the littoral zone, which is the area along the shore where light can still reach the lake bottom.

This zone is crucial for the lake's ecosystem. Nearly all aquatic life will rely on the littoral zone sometime during their life cycle. Removing "weeds" in favor of sandy lake bottoms can harm many of the aquatic organisms who rely on these plants, ultimately harming the lake ecosystem. The emergent and submerged plants in the littoral zone also provide habitat for fish, frogs, snails and waterfowl.

These plants act like an underwater forest by offering shelter and food. Removing them can be as harmful to aquatic species as deforestation is to land animals. If you want to learn more about how you can improve your shoreland you can visit Watershed Canada's website and see their Natural Edge program that provides shoreline property owners with the resources to naturalize their shoreline.

Likewise protecting our shoreline from strong wave action is an important part of that defense.

Addressing Declining Calcium Levels in Freshwater Lakes: Freshwater lakes in Ontario have seen a decline in calcium levels in recent decades due to a combination of acid deposition and subsequent recovery, and deforestation and land use practices.

As discussed in the Calcium section, concentrations below 1.5 mg/L can be threatening to certain organisms, especially if that lake also has high chloride concentrations (Arnott et al., 2020). Calcium is often introduced into lakes through erosion of bedrock overtime. Because of this process it can take a long time to replenish concentrations especially on the Canadian Shield where the granite bedrock erodes much slower than the limestone bedrock in southern Ontario (Giardini et al., 2015).

This problem is further exaggerated when other calcium sources have been removed from the ecosystem through deforestation or land use change. Increasing naturalized areas around lakes as a great way to re-establish calcium sources. Whether this be through protecting forested areas or by taking empty lots and re-foresting/naturalizing them it can have a positive long-term impact on the lake and the surrounding watershed. The reason having these naturalized areas around a watershed can help with calcium introduction is because leaf litter and woody debris contains calcium and when it is left to decompose back into the soils it allows for calcium to be re-introduced into the lake system.

Emerging research by The Friends of the Muskoka Watershed has looked at the potential of spreading residential wood ash on forest floors in central Ontario to re-introduce calcium into watersheds. If you are in the Muskoka area or just interested in this work you can visit their webpage and get involved with their work.

Doug Thompson

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On behalf of Wall-2-Wall Painting, I would like to thank Healey Lake Cottagers for being such loyal customers. It has been my pleasure serving you over the years. I look forward to yet another year of meeting wonderful new people and reconnecting with my past clients. Your support and loyalty has been incredible and I hope that am able to continue providing you with interior and exterior painting services for years to come. Wall-2-Wall Painting is committed to providing customers with only the highest quality service, delivered through impeccable attention to detail.

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LOON UPDATES -- MISSY MANDEL --

We began the season with two pairs of loons on Healey Lake—one pair at the far end near the Fingers and another in Kapikog Bay.

Sadly, the nest in Kapikog Bay was raided by a predator, and the pair lost their clutch. They did not attempt to nest again this season. (See image below)



By the time I was alerted to the second family, I observed the pair with one chick. They may very well have started with two, as loons often lose a chick early in the season. Thankfully, the remaining chick appeared to be doing well.

As summer comes to a close, you may notice several loons swimming and gathering together. This is known as “rafting.” Although loons are territorial during the nesting season, they become more social later in the summer and may gather in groups to rest, feed and prepare for their fall migration. It can be a wonderful sight to see so many of them together on the lake.



Let's hope both pairs return and have greater nesting success next year. I rely heavily on your sightings to help keep track of the loons and their chicks throughout the season, so please continue to send them my way!

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

Missy Mandel

HEALEY LAKE BOTTLE DRIVE -- DEBBIE LATTER --

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BOTTLE CONTRIBUTORS AND TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.

A big volunteer turnout at the Main Landing this year included Mary and John Mendicino, Joanne Kraft, Caroline Ruzicka, Jeff Hynes, Gary Smith, Spencer Coughlin, Debbie and Dave Latter, Brian Steinhauser.

Thanks as well to Oscar and Archer Steinhauser who helped Dave pick up Beer Store crates in Parry Sound.

Early bottle counts (over 9500 bottles and cans) are pointing to an almost doubling of last year's efforts to \$1100.

Great news as the funds all benefit the HLPOA Regatta.

Bottles and cans arrived by boatload and truckload. Major donors, as always, remain anonymous but we all know who you are!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Favourites on the lake remain red wine and of course beer... but Prosecco intake seems to be on the rise.

Many, many thanks to everyone involved. We couldn't do this without your support.

LAKE TOWING RULES -- CONTRIBUTED --

DO YOU KNOW THE RULES FOR TOWING PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR BOAT OR PWC?

Wakeboarding, waterskiing, wakesurfing and tubing are fun ways to enjoy the summer.

BEFORE YOU TOW, REMEMBER:

- 1) **Have a spotter on board.** A responsible person must watch the person being towed and communicate with the boat operator.
- 2) **Have an extra seat for everyone being towed.** Your boat must have an empty seat for each person you are towing, in case they need to come back on board.
- 3) **Know the rules for personal watercraft.** You may only tow someone with a PWC designed to carry three or more people—one seat for the operator, one for the spotter and enough seats for the people being towed.
- 4) **Tow only when visibility is good.** Towing is not permitted when visibility is poor or from one hour after sunset until sunrise.

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COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

-- DAVE DUGGAN --

MAKE SURE YOU CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HLPOA EMAILS

We have recently changed the email service that the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) uses to send newsletters, updates, and important notices.

Because these emails are now coming from a new email system, some email providers (such as Gmail, Outlook, Hotmail, Yahoo, Bell, Rogers, Cogeco and others) may mistakenly think they are unwanted messages.

As a result, our emails could occasionally end up in your Junk, Spam, Trash, Deleted Items, or Promotions folder instead of your Inbox.

For reference, there was a Healey Lake Property Owners' Association email in the afternoon of July 15.

We don't want you to miss important information about Healey Lake, so we ask that you please take a minute to do the following:

- 1) Check your Junk/Spam folder if you are expecting an email from the HLPOA and don't see it in your Inbox.
- 2) If you find one of our emails in Junk or Spam, mark it as "Not Spam" or "Not Junk." This tells your email provider that you want to receive future HLPOA emails.
- 3) Add our email address to your Contacts or Address Book. This greatly increases the chances that future emails will go directly to your Inbox.
- 4) If your email program has a Safe Senders or Trusted Senders list, please add our email address there as well.
- 5) If you use Gmail and our emails appear in the Promotions tab, simply drag one of our emails into your Primary tab and choose "Yes" when Gmail asks if you'd like future messages delivered there.

Please remember that these filters are controlled by your email provider, not by HLPOA. Even if you have received our emails without any problems in the past, the change in our email service may temporarily cause some messages to be filtered differently.

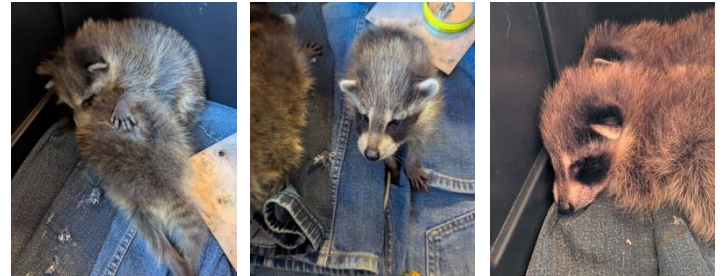
Thank you for taking a few moments to make sure you continue receiving important Healey Lake news, updates, meeting notices, and safety information.

Dave Duggan

COTTAGE VISITORS

-- JOY & GARTH TYLER-NEHER --

We were busy this spring! Garth and I heard a scratching sound from the attic. There was also a strange somewhat warbling sound, almost like a bird in distress. After a quick google search we were convinced we had bats up there. I was nervous with bats! Garth built a bat exit and we waited a couple of days but the scratching sound was pretty consistent day and night so he pulled down a ceiling panel to see what was going on.



Two balls of fur fell out of the ceiling and landed on the floor! We had two baby raccoons, or kits, living with us!



The mother had ripped the metal attic vent half off at the gable end, pulling out the 1" nails which had been holding it in place for the last 60 years and bent it upward to gain access!

The kits had crawled into a sloping part of the attic, falling about three feet and were unable to scratch and crawl their way back up the slope. The mother was not able to reach into the narrow opening to grab them. She obviously had to abandon them which must have been a terrible ordeal.

We had no idea how to proceed so we talked with the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary and with Missy Mandel. We were told to give the kits water only, no food or milk, and to put the kits in an open box (we used a plastic bin) and that the mother would come by at night and hear their cries. After the first night one kit was gone but the second one remained. We were told that the mother would quite possibly come at night and take only one kit and find a safe place for it then return the second night for the second. That appears to be exactly what happened! It seems that raccoons are good parents! We miss Rocky Raccoon and his sister Roxy. They were so cute. It was hard to avoid touching them too much. Raccoons are welcome on our property, just not in our house!

Joy & Garth Tyler-Neher

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LAKE STEWARDSHIP
-- DOUGLAS THOMPSON --

There are over 180 invasive water species in Ontario waiting to invade our lakes. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of curing the problem after the fact.

We have 2 invasive species in Healey Lake, the Spiny Flea and the Yellow Iris. There is probably no cure (total removal) for those species but let's not let any more in.

This is where it gets complicated because short of shutting the lake down to all external boats there is not way of 100% doing this so the solution relies on compliance and cooperation from people bringing boats in. But here is what should be done.

- 1) When you take a boat out of a lake or water system, clean all vegetation off the boat and trailer.
- 2) Empty all bilge and fish reservoir water areas.
- 3) Hosing or power washing the boat is ideal but leaving it in the sun for 2 to 7 days may be a practical alternative or drying the boat when takeout.
- 4) Preferably do not use fish bait from other designated bait areas but never dump bait into the lake.

Want to do the job better?

Check out the FOCA website boat cleaning doc “check in check out”



There will be signs posted at all boat ramp areas outlining these measures. IT IS THE LAW!

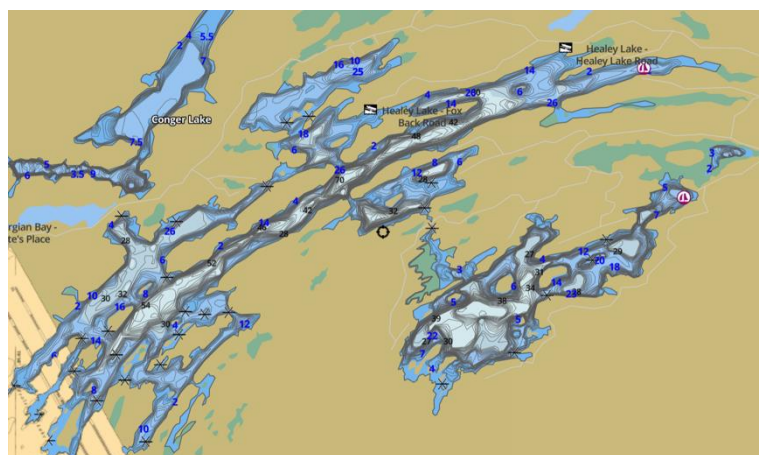
Other courtesy things you can do to protect our lake from wakes includes staying in the middle of the lake when you generate wake and going to center directly when you leave your dock.

Check out the recent Quiet Waters Newsletter
[Safe Quiet Lakes July 2026 Newsletter](#)

Dr Timothy Jones addressed the Environmental Halliburton AGM recently. He is an environmentalist from Queens University with a special interest in Ontario Lakes.

Part of his presentation was on wake boarding and their effect on smaller lakes. His conclusion was that they should only be used on larger lakes in 30 ft (9 M)of water and 800 ft (250 m) from shore to prevent damage to our shorelines docks and fragile ecosystem on the bottom.

Below is a schematic of Healey Lake. The maximum width of the main channel (the only deep area /white areas) is under 1000 ft. So, our lake is not suitable for wake boarding under those guidelines.



Part of Dr Timothy's article referenced below:

Together with Safe Quiet Lakes and the newly formed “Safe Wakes Coalition”, Dr. James is creating digital maps that can be used on your smartphone or marine GPS to show areas of lakes that are more compatible with sustainable wake-boat usage. They are advising that you to stay at least 250 metres from shore and in at least nine metres of water to keep your shorelines and neighbours safe.

Stay tuned to [SafeQuiet.ca](https://www.safequiet.ca) for information along with video links, and the launch of the digital map system.



Learn more about the Safe Wakes Coalition

<https://safequiet.ca/our-initiatives/safe-wakes-coalition/>

Doug Thompson

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HLPOA WELCOME PACKAGE

-- JOCELYN PALMER & CAROLINE RUZICKA --

INTRODUCTION

The Healey Lake Property Owners Association was established in July 1953. The purpose of the Association is to provide an organization for owners to collectively manage all aspects of cottage ownership that impact on their enjoyment and security of their properties and the stability of the lake environment.

INCLUDED IN YOUR WELCOME PACKAGE:

- ✓ A map of the lake with locations of the fire pumps.
- ✓ HLPOA Membership Directory
- ✓ Waste transfer sites information and recycling rules
- ✓ FOCA member account instructions; member benefits and discounts

PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

- ✓ HLPOA maintains four public landings: between the Marinas, at Fox Back Rd, Pine Bay and Kapikog Bay
- ✓ Lease of the land for trailer park and public landing. HLPOA maintains the site.
- ✓ Representing our member's interests with the TOA. Dan MacLeod is the Councillor for Ward 6. Dan, a former President of the HLPOA, is currently a voice on Council, advocating for Healey Lake issues such as waste disposal, taxation, roads, fire safety, and working closely with the Association on Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) management of the Dam etc.

MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF ONTARIO COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION (FOCA)

- ✓ FOCA advocates for healthy lakes and is the voice for Ontario's waterfront property owners.
- ✓ Automatic FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association) Membership with your HLPOA membership. FOCA members can access many discounts and savings
- ✓ HLPOA is also a member of the Georgian Bay Biosphere and Safe Quiet Lakes.

LINKS TO SPECIFIC TOPICS OF BENEFIT TO COTTAGE OWNERS

- ✓ HLPOA Website: www.healeylake.org
- ✓ Invasive Species: <https://foca.on.ca/invasive-species/>
- ✓ Road Issues: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-roads/>
- ✓ Septic Systems: <https://foca.on.ca/Septic-Systems/>
- ✓ Boating Safety: <https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/>
- ✓ Fire Rating: <https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/fire-rating>
- ✓ Planning for the Future: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession-planning>

WHAT DOES THE HLPOA PROVIDE?

- ✓ Two Annual General Meetings (AGMs) in May and September to meet other members, find out what is happening on the lake and exchange views on topics of interest to us all
- ✓ Three annual editions of Dock Talk (our newsletter)
- ✓ **Cottage Watch:** Over the winter, Volunteers will visit your property upon request and alert you to any issues
- ✓ **Webcams:** Two webcams currently installed on the lake viewable through our website www.healeylake.org
- ✓ Two lending libraries at Pine Bay and Main Landing
- ✓ Porta-potty at Main Landing from May to October
- ✓ **Notifications:** Email blast delivered to keep you aware of events on the lake
- ✓ **Lake Stewardship Program:** Annual Water testing and many initiatives to keep Healey Lake safe and flourishing
- ✓ **Annual Regatta:** Saturday of the August long weekend with games, crafts, food, and a beer garden ; meet your fellow Lakers
- ✓ **Fire & Safety:** Provides and maintains 11 fire pumps on the lake, available to help in an emergency situation
- ✓ **Fire Rating Info:** (Fire Icon in top right corner) or see also <https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/fire-rating>
- ✓ HLPOA Membership Directory (every 2 years)
- ✓ Use of the Trailer Park area next to tennis courts
Member Use is Free of Charge.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR PROFILES

We are happy to be stepping into the roles of HLPOA Membership Coordinators!

Jocelyn Palmer: My family's connection to Healey Lake began 21 years ago during a visit with family. We loved the lake so much that we bought our own cottage! After years of building beautiful memories here with our children, we are now thrilled to watch our two young grandchildren experience the magic of Healey Lake, too.

Caroline Ruzicka: My family has a long history on the lake, dating back to the early 1960's with a cottage on the main channel where my Grandparents were, at one point, full-time residents. We purchased our own Pine Bay retreat in 2014 and continue to make many happy memories with family and friends.

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INVITING YOUR NEW LAKE NEIGHBOURS TO JOIN HLPOA

-- EXECUTIVE TEAM & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE --

SHARING THE WELCOME KIT

There are a large number of cottages on the lake for sale and many which have changed hands over the last few years.

That means that have also been quite a few new friends and families who have joined our lake community over the last few years as well. And in true Healey Lake fashion, we'd like to collectively put our best foot forward and welcome them to the lake. We'd also like your help in encouraging them to join the association, support our efforts to "be stronger together" and to represent the interests of all property owners on Healey Lake while enjoying all the benefits that membership includes.

To that end, we're encouraging you to print out the previous page and share it with any new neighbours you may have or be aware of on Healey Lake, to help them understand the value of keeping our community strong, working with our sponsors and local businesses on or around the lake and in creating deeper connection within our lake community.

WHERE TO START

Visit: www.healeylake.org and learn more about HLPOA Membership: <https://healeylake.org/community/#membership>

Jocelyn Palmer : Caroline Ruzicka

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THE LAKED CHEF

-- RON HUTZUL --

PASTA WITH ROASTED CORN CREAM SAUCE & FENNEL

Prep Time: 1.2 hour | Cook Time: 45 minutes | Serves 4

I nixed this recipe from the latest edition of Food & Wine from the LCBO – I made a few adjustments...I hope you enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 1 large fennel bulb w ribs trimmed off + fronds reserved
- ☐ 4 corn cobs, shucked
- ☐ 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) heavy cream
- ☐ 3 tbsp (45 mL) salted butter, cubed
- ☐ 1 pkg (500 g) dried casarecce pasta
- ☐ 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely grated Parmesan cheese
(plus more for serving)
- ☐ Basil leaves to garnish

You'll also need olive oil, salt & fresh ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat Oven to 425°F (218°C) and bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
2. Using a mandoline, (or knife if you have mad skills), thinly slice fennel into 1/8 inch pieces. Transfer to a large, rimmed baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil, salt & pepper. Toss to coat and spread out evenly. Set aside.
3. Set corn on a separate baking sheet. Brush cobs with olive oil. Roast corn and fennel in top and bottom thirds of oven, turning corn, stirring fennel and switching sheets halfway through, about 15 to 17 minutes.
4. Carefully cut kernels from cobs. Place 1/2 cup of the kernels into a blender (reserve remaining kernels). Pulse until just finely chopped, then add cream and pulse a few times just until fully blended — do not overmix.
5. Place corn-cream mixture in a large pot over medium-high heat. When it comes to a simmer, reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring often, until mixture has thickened, 6 to 8 minutes. Add butter, 1 tbsp (15 mL) at a time, stirring constantly until fully emulsified. Cook for 1 minute more. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat.
6. Meanwhile, boil casarecce pasta according to package directions. Drain pasta and add directly to sauce, stirring well to combine. Add a couple splashes of pasta water as needed to create a smooth sauce. Slowly sprinkle in Parmesan, stirring to incorporate fully.
7. Stir in reserved corn and fennel. Taste for salt.
8. Transfer pasta to a large platter. Season with pepper & garnish with reserved fennel fronds and basil. Serve immediately with more Parmesan.

I enjoy this with warm garlic bread and a mixed greens salad with vinaigrette. I also paired it with a chilled French chardonnay - which is one of Nicki's summer favourites!



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