

Readers & Viewers



▲ Steve Baksa of Oakville, a faithful subscriber, saw this border collie enjoying a ride in a motorcycle sidecar going north on Trafalgar Road on May 11.

I happened to pick up your Niagara Escarpment News [sic] last week. The cover photo showed a Georgetown porch that was so cluttered as to be dangerous. Wild Animals must have fun on the furniture. Many of the various gardens shown are more like a Jungle!

Less is MORE! The Burlington Victory Garden is very nice.

What really caught my eye was the article on Conservation Authorities. At best, they are possibly a necessary Evil. Neighbours have encountered them wandering uninvited on their land and presuming to tell them what they should and shouldn't do. Big Mistake. Others have had a running battle over trying to replace an older single car garage with a double car one. The BS of a Flood Plane [sic] is the trump card. Even though no water was anywhere near it in over 100 years! Similarly a Farmer with a very long laneway was told he could not increase the height of the laneway over 1½". How completely ridiculous.

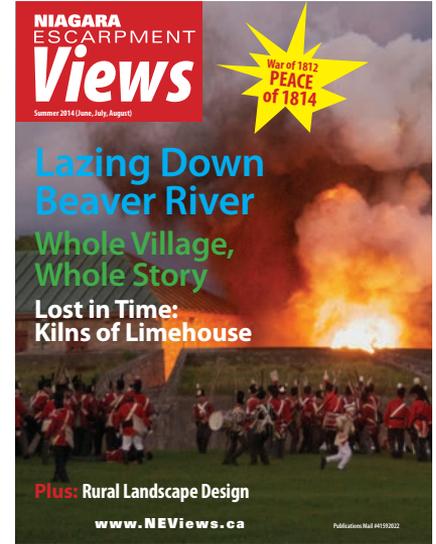


Another neighbour had to suck up just to build a Swimming Pool — which is NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS.

The mindset of these CA's seems to be make everything the way it was 200 years ago. Sorry. Progress takes president [sic]. For the most part, they should be disbanded or given only minimal powers. Their 'vision' is detrimental to the property owners and lacks logic and common sense. They would likely fit in well in the far North on Crown land.

Sorry about the spelling mistakes!

Gord Baker, Carlisle



Thank you for sending me a copy of your magazine and the wonderful inclusion of my book *War of 1812 Highlighting Native Nations*. This is the last year of the 200th commemoration of the War of 1812 with still many events for the public to see all over Ontario. The Battle of Chippawa is of course a very significant one involving the First Nations in particular the Six Nations. I've flipped through the *Niagara Escarpment Views*...wonderful magazine.

Zig Misiak, via Facebook

Thanks to your editor's page — found "Maple Hill Tree Service" to help with our tree damage! Thanks!

Valda May, Norval

WOW — is that descriptive enough? Excellence in every aspect. Many thanks.

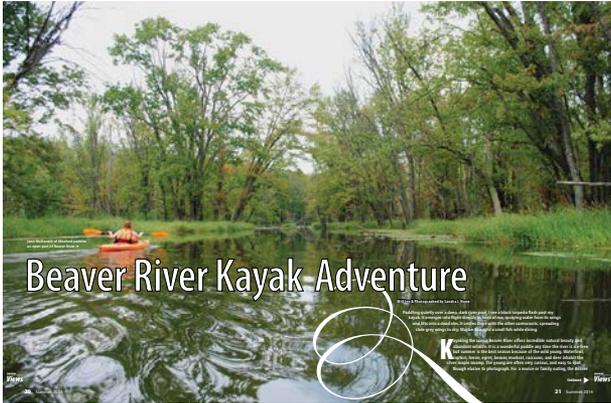
June Sheldrake, via email

I enjoy the *NEViews*. I think it's a great magazine — the content is always of interest and the layout/visual aspect is appealing. I wish you and your team continued success.

Maureen Bailey, Georgetown

Let's go for another two years. I do enjoy the magazine but my eyes are not good. Guess that's to be expected when you reach 88 years.

John Browett, St. Thomas



First let me compliment you on producing a fine publication. It's interesting to see what is happening all along the Escarpment, particularly if you have lived and played along it for as long as I have.

I read the article by Sandra Howe (Beaver River Kayak Adventure, Summer 2014) with interest. Having guided and helped steward activities on the river for years as owner of Eagle Adventure Experiences, Inc. I want to add to Sandra's and your readers' knowledge as follows:

1. Eagle Adventures frequently clears the river of obstructions particularly early in the season and late as we open April 1 and close November 1. [...] We conduct our business in a way that minimizes the impact on fish habitat and the natural course of the river yet allows people to paddle without concern for natural hazards such as sweeps.
2. The river accesses are not well maintained by Grey Sauble Conservation and private individuals often intervene to make them work. The public parking area at Heathcote is an example. The overgrown bush at access #1 is another.
3. Shuttle services are provided from Eagle Headquarters, 5 minutes from the river with modern washroom facilities and van service to launch and pick up points. [...] We run a multi-passenger Nord canoe down the river which is great for families and groups.
4. The exit at Slabtown can be difficult and the run from Heathcote to Slabtown should be guided if you are a first timer to this section. The rapids are class one but technical in places. Care should be taken not to get caught in the current and go over the dam at the take out.
5. The river can be paddled from Slabtown to Thornbury in the spring. Check with us or local people before going

down to ensure there are no dangerous sweeps as the water moves swiftly in this section. This section is for experts.

6. There needs to be respect shown for wildlife. A case in point is the Eagles Nest. People must stay well away from this and Egret/Heron nesting areas or they will retreat to remote areas of the watershed.

Thank you, Sandra for showcasing one of the most cherished paddling treasures in our area to the readers.

Richard Bowering, Ravenna

Responses to Richard Bowering's letter:

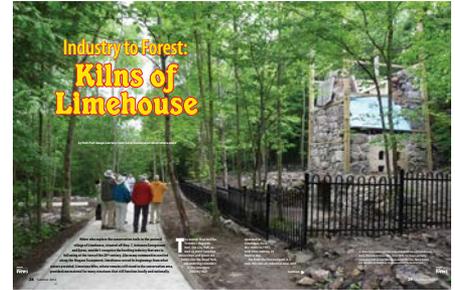
Grey Sauble does promote the recreational sport of canoeing along the beautiful Beaver River and owns some property along or near the Beaver River. However, we do not own any of the access points. (The largest land holder of Beaver River lands is the Ministry of Natural Resources.)

- **Access #1**, (north of Kimberley) owned by Ministry of Natural Resources, signs erected by Grey County Tourism;
- **Access #2**, (Sideroad #19) parking is along the municipal road allowance, access to the river on the northeast corner of the intersection is owned by Ministry of Natural Resources;
- **Access #3**, in Heathcote, north of Free Spirit Canoe Rental, is private property.

Krista McKee, Community Relations Coordinator, Grey Sauble Conservation

Thanks so much for your positive feedback, your great stewardship on the Beaver River, and your services in helping paddlers explore this diverse and delightful watershed.

Sandra J. Howe, Owen Sound



I finally got some time...to read throughout the issue. It is most impressive as usual. Thank you for the article on Limehouse. What took my attention also was the article about the Whole Village project. Brenda and I have been long time teaching colleagues...we go back to the '70s :) — haven't seen her for ages as she is so totally committed to her project. What a coincidence to be in the same issue! Thanks for raising the profile of this very special space in Halton Hills. Do you have a spare box as I would like to do some more distribution?

Mary Shier, Limehouse



[This] is Audrey's daughter buying her [a] subscription. Is there any way to add the current edition and the one that had the original Beautiful Joe story on to the invoice? Might they still be available? The article prompted me to recommend the book to her and she has since shared with her book club. I think they are planning a trip to the garden over the summer so more info for them would be great. Thanks! Excellent magazine by the way.

Paula Coats via email