

## READERS & VIEWERS



I just finished reading Winter issue. I loved Jennifer Howard's Wildlife Photography piece! Amazing pics! I was deeply moved by the Red Dress story and pics; I keep this issue in my prayers regularly. I enjoyed Albert Bedward's kayaking to Nottawasaga Lighthouse story but would have liked a bit more on the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society's great work in wrapping and protecting our lighthouse heritage. Thanks for great reading!

**Sandra J. Howe,**  
Southampton

I'm looking to pick up a copy of the winter 2020 issue in Barrie. The "friend" in the cover article, is the guy who taught me to kayak, years ago :) The map shows Barrie as a source, but it's not listed on the pickup locations. Where can I get a copy in Barrie?

**Brill Pappin,** by email

You've created a fine publication. For the last several years a friend has sporadically passed his copy to me and I've enjoyed a great many articles. However, only last weekend, the Badlands feature caught my eye and having time to sit in a comfortable chair on a sunny afternoon I devoured every word in the copy my friend had just given me. Right then, I decided I needed to subscribe to ensure arrival of

every issue. You now have received my request for a two year subscription. When the opportunity presents itself you may want to remind potential advertisers that your publication is not only good public relations but works for them economically. The Badlands feature caused me to not only buy the book "Slag" but also three other books from brucetrail.org.

**Gary McNally,** Toronto

**Love your magazine!** Hope you are staying safe and keeping well. Please consider the extra [in addition to a subscription renewal] a donation. It must be challenging to keep publishing under these circumstances. Here's hoping that 2021 is ALOT better.

**Helen Pinchen,** Acton

Tip Top Views. Greatly enjoyed. Thanks to all your team.

**Clare Johnston,** Fergus

I am so pleased I renewed a fantastic magazine!

**Bev Savich,** St. Catharines

The Rainbow is coming down the road to Georgetown – better get ready for "good" times – Hang in there – we're nearly at the Finish Line. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Keep Healthy.

**Ed, Carol & Jeanine Naftolin,**  
Burlington

Your magazine is a delight to behold and read. Thank you for publishing such a fine magazine.

**Mary Houston,** Niagara Falls

We have just been introduced to your beautiful magazine via Kim Viney who left copies of the winter copy in



Although your article states painted rocks shouldn't be placed in natural wild areas, your photographs are along a rail trail. This is public property and is somewhat natural. Placing painted rocks on any trail other than your own property is not a good idea environmentally. I would not like readers to get the idea that it is acceptable to place painted rocks along our public walking trails.

**Robert Knapp,** Georgian Bluffs



I received my... copy of the magazine in the mail yesterday and I was surprised and delighted to see your centre spread. We actually purchased and moved into that condo on the Sydenham River a year ago and have thoroughly enjoyed making use of it... this past year. [Here's a] photo I took this summer from one of my paddles in the river.

**Kim Viney,** by email

our condo lobby. BTW, we both live in the Sydenham, the building in the background of the centerfold photo of the Sydenham river. I have a connection with Niagara as my mother was born at Stamford Centre on her uncle's farm. My great-grandfather was awarded a medal for his participation in the Fenian raids. He was a member of the Thorold

company and we donated his double-barreled shotgun along with the medal to the museum at lock 7 of the Welland canal. It looks like a novel! I plan on subscribing but I am a phone person so I will call when you are open. BTW, Jennifer's photos are wonderful and I have been through the article several times.

**Gord Calder,** Owen Sound

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I got my magazine. Thank you so much. I'm about to read the article with my coffee. I love it. You did an amazing job thank you. What a great way to start my day. Well I'm going to go read it and thank you for putting my book in there. I glanced through and noticed that. On my end it's selling really well. The zoo is introducing it Sat. on their virtual appreciation day for the turtle and frog talliers.

Jennifer Howard, photographer



Just wanted to say thank you. What a stunningly beautiful magazine, yours. And the photography... You must be proud. How do I pay to be a subscriber?

David Kendall, Belfountain

I have been enjoying your magazine for years, but only one or 2 a year because that is all I could get. Keep up the good work and stay safe.

Jeffrey Nagy, Orangeville

My husband and I were passing through Erin Ontario and picked up a copy of your beautiful Niagara Escarpment Views. We think you should be aware that the concept of systemic racism is revealed through magazines such as yours when there are no images of people of colour.

Lynda Pogue, by email



I want the Summer 2017 which was issued in May. Thank you. I was volunteering with Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy in 2016. When I was there, Bob showed me your magazine. There is an article about the Monarch butterfly festival that I participated in on the Summer 2017 issue. So I wanted to keep it for a memory.

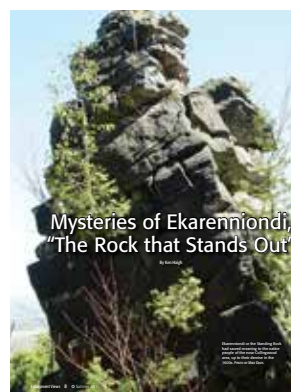
Yuki Yamazaki,  
Fukayaminami, Japan



PHOTO BY DAVE DORMAN

I live in the urban portion of the Town of Erin. One sunny morning we were surprised to see 2 coyotes in our backyard at about 9:15 AM. I grabbed the camera and took pictures of these coyotes as they hung around for about 20 minutes. They seemed very comfortable. My initial interest turned to concern as we own a dog. Our female Lab has been attacked by coyotes. In subsequent conversations with our neighbours, we found out that they have also had frequent sightings of these animals. I spoke to a biologist with the MNR&F and shared some of my photos with him. His opinion was to enjoy the wildlife but realize that the habituation of these coyotes might pose safety concerns in households with either pets or small children. We hope that no one is feeding these animals. Seeing their tracks and seeing these coyotes many times since the initial visit, we have concerns. In our opinion the "best" coyote is the one that is very afraid of humans. I share some of the pictures of these visitors.

Dave Dorman, Town of Erin



Mysteries of Ekarenniondi, "The Rock that Stands Out"

I work with the Craigleith Heritage Depot – a museum and library branch located in the Town of the Blue

Mountains, nestled below the Niagara Escarpment. We are currently creating an online exhibit about Indigenous History and Culture connected to this region. I recently came across your 2011 issue and the digitized article "Mysteries of Ekarenniondi" written by Ken Haigh. We are seeking the publisher's permission to include a PDF of this article in an educational online exhibit – may we have your permission to do so?

Allison Brown, Museum Technician

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There are organizations that purport to take in southern Niagara Region (e.g. Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy and Niagara Land Trust Foundation), but there appears to be little actual activity. For example, the Niagara Land Trust owns 8 acres and has 50 acres under easement. This after 16 years in operation! Might a review of how best to support conservancy, especially in Niagara Region, be worthy of a future article. Would you at least be able to offer any advice? Thanks for any help you may be able to offer.

Garry, by email

[Response from Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy:]

EBC has always been interested in conserving land in Niagara. We are currently working on a 45 acre fee simple donation. If you have ideas about potential reserves, please let me know.

Bob Barnett, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy



Katelynn Baksa wearing the fandana as a head scarf.

*Re: Clearview Side Road 26/27 Proposed Reconstruction and the Closing of County Road 91*  
For over 5 years the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust (BMWT) has been opposing the proposed reconstruction of Clearview Side Road 26/27, the closing of a section of former Simcoe Country Road 91 and its transfer to Walker's Industry Ltd. It impacts the Escarpment's environment and the transportation network in the north west corner of Clearview Township. It is a flawed decision and needs to be stopped.

Clearview made their first application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for approval to reconstruct Side Road 26/27 in January of 2014. This application was refused by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) on November 27, 2015 by a vote of 12 to 1 and appealed by Clearview.

In preparing for the appeal of their development application their consultants discovered additional wetlands within the Side Road 26/27 road allowance requiring an amendment of the Niagara

Escarpment Plan (NEP) to allow construction of the road.

The following are the reasons the BMWT feels Clearview's appeals should be denied:

1. The road project does not meet the test of "essential" as alternatives were not taken into consideration, a requirement of lands zoned as Escarpment Natural Area and a requirement of amending the Niagara Escarpment Plan.
2. A tunnel under County Road 91 has been provided making the case for reconstructing Side Road 26/27 as "essential" not the case and County Rd 91 can remain in service.
3. Further development of Side Road 26/27 would offend the objectives of the Niagara Escarpment's two most sensitive land use designations i.e., Escarpment Natural and Escarpment Protection Areas.
4. Further development of the road would cause environmental harm to cold-water streams and steep Escarpment slopes and the endangered species known to be present.
5. This summer Clearview repaved County Rd 91.
6. The proposed reconstruction of Side Road 26/27 does not allow commercial vehicles over 5 tonnes to use it.
7. Large farm equipment will need to find alternate routes in moving to fields up or down the Escarpment.
8. Aggregate suppliers other than Walker will be made less competitive because of the added distance to their customers.
9. If County Road 91 is not closed, Side Road 26/27 can remain as a seasonal rural road and the environmental

impact of reconstructing the road eliminated.

10. The cost to reconstruct the road initially was proposed as \$500,000 and is now estimated at over \$4,000,000.
11. The need to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan by Clearview has not been supported by the NEC staff.

With respect to alternatives, they need to be studied, as there are other viable options available that should have been considered if a proper schedule of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) had been followed in the first place. This is the purpose of the MCEA process and would have required Clearview to properly consult with the public and address the issues in a far more fair, timely and cost-effective manner. It is also a requirement of a NEP amendment.

We submit what Clearview is proposing is seriously flawed and in no way comparable to former Simcoe County Rd. 91, a major intercounty road that has served the area for over 100 years. It only benefits Clearview and Walker Industries Ltd. It ignores the impact on the adjacent municipalities of the Town of The Blue Mountains and Grey Highlands and traffic up and down the Bruce Peninsula. It is a questionable transfer of public land to the private sector.

The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust needs the support of your readership in opposing what Clearview is proposing and where to find additional funding to continue this important effort.

George Powell, Vice Chair  
Watershed Action Group,  
Blue Mountain Watershed  
Trust Foundation

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