



### President's Message



Well September has arrived and with it, among other wonderful things, the return of our general meetings. ***Our meeting this month will be via Zoom on September 22 at 1:00 pm***, as the Legion will not be available for in person meetings. Watch your email (and spam) for your invite from "Probus 4Seasons" and register for the meeting to ensure you have the link to join the meeting. At our last Management Committee (MC) meeting it was agreed that it would be best if we planned to continue with our general meetings via Zoom at least until the end of the year, but we will continue to monitor the covid-19 situation.

Zoom meetings, I know are not the first choice for most of us, but they are made very interesting by the outstanding efforts of our **Speakers' Committee** and **this month is no different as they have arranged for a presentation on "Georgian Bay Islands National Park"**. Please see full details of the presentation in the Speakers' corner section of this newsletter. Our monthly meeting is also a great time to hear about all the terrific events and activities our social committee have planned and are planning for us. I hope you will join us on the 22nd of September.

There will be no speaker at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 24th as we will be presenting the 2022 budget and holding elections for the Management Committee (MC). ***If you are interested in joining the MC or one of our events or activities committees (to become familiar with club procedures before joining MC) please let us know.*** The present MC has reached a point where some of us have served since the club's inception and will be moving on. In order for the



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club to continue operating it is critical that others step forward. Again if you would like to be involved or know of someone you would like to nominate please send an email to 4SeasonsProbus@gmail.com , to me directly at jomart.ruthven@gmail.com or reach out to anyone on the MC. The MC contact information can be found on the 4SeasonsProbus Club website. I hope you will consider putting your name forward.

**Membership fees have been set at \$40.00 for the upcoming year and are due November 1, 2021.** For full details please refer to our "Membership" page in this newsletter.

As I have mentioned our Social Committee has been very busy organizing events for us. You can see a full list of all upcoming and potential future events in this newsletter. ***Just a reminder that we require everyone attending any events or activities to be fully vaccinated and that the Collingwood Library will print and laminate your "Proof of vaccination certificate" for free. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.***

As you may be aware the Collingwood Climate Action Team has launched the **Community Footprint challenge** and have the **"Celebrate World Car Free Day" scheduled for September 22nd**. Our current Vice President, Bruce Clark is a very active member of this team. Bruce has prepared a message for this newsletter with the details of the day's events and the Daily Footprint Challenge.

That's it for this newsletter. I hope you to see you at our General Meeting on September 22nd and please consider putting your name forward or nominating someone else to join the Management Committee or one of our Events or Activities groups.

Get vaccinated,  
stay safe!

**Martin Ruthven**





## Membership Update

This has been a very exhausting and frightening year and a half. It would appear that the worst is behind us for those of us who are double vaccinated.

As it is our year end at the end of October I am sending out this early notice (we will send another) to let you know that **your dues have been reduced to \$40.00 per person during this Covid time period and Due November 1.**

This amount can be paid via E-transfer (instructions below) or by personal cheque mailed to 4 Seasons Probus, Box 114, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 3Z4.

When making this payment please let me know if any of your personal information on file has changed. My email address is [suebarbour10@gmail.com](mailto:suebarbour10@gmail.com). Many thanks, keep safe.

Sue Barbour

## Treasurer's Update

### E-transfers Step by Step!

As a convenience to our membership, 4Seasons Probus is delighted to initiate upcoming payments by e-transfer. Now you can renew your membership and sign up for all your favourite events from your phone or computer. The e-mail address for our group is: [probus4seasons@gmail.com](mailto:probus4seasons@gmail.com)

#### E-transfer instructions:

For those of you not yet entirely familiar with e-transfer, here are instructions to make it easier for you. Each bank may format this process a little differently:

1. Log in to your online banking account
2. Select Interac e-transfer
3. Choose **from** which of your accounts you will be paying by selecting at the v arrow (drop down menu).



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4. Set up Probus as the **To** account as follows:

- a. Create a contact name. This can be Probus, 4Seasons Probus or any other identifier that is meaningful to you.
- b. Enter the probus email: [probus4seasons@gmail.com](mailto:probus4seasons@gmail.com) You may have to type this twice to make sure you got it right.
- c. Select **Add**

*Good news! You only have to do this once and the Probus will be set up as a recipient for your account.*

5. Select **Send Money**

6. You will be prompted to enter an amount

7. In the "optional" message space, please enter your name and the even name (and / or number if available) that you are paying for.

8. There is no secret password. You should get an e-mail confirming your payment.  
Thanks! See you at Probus!

Betty Farquharson



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## Guest Speaker

### September 22: "Georgian Bay Islands National Parks

By: Andrew Promaine

Andrew has been employed by Parks Canada for 17 years. Since 2008 he has been the Resource Conservation Manager for Georgian Bay National Park. During his tenure he has accomplished the following:

Co-ordinate the development and delivery of resource conservation initiatives to improve ecological integrity through planning, restoration, research, and monitoring. This includes human, fiscal, and material resource management.

Operational implementation of the Public Safety Program including human/wildlife conflict, search and rescue, first aid, forest fire, and assist the public. This includes visitor risk management and prevention, planning, scheduling, response, and partnerships.

Lead member of a multi-functional team to implement Canada's Economic Action Plan, including the re-development of a major campground, trail network, and installation of cabins to facilitate a memorable visitor experience.

Responsible for the ensuring compliance with respect to the Species at Risk Act (planning, implementation, coordination, including First Nations consultation).

Chair: Eastern Massasauga Recovery Team.

Member: Eastern Foxsnake/Eastern

Hognosed Snake Recovery Team, Forked

Three Awned Grass Recovery Team.

Recipient of the 2010 CEO's Award of Excellence in developing memorable visitor experiences within Georgian Bay Islands National Park.

The Islands hold a rich history in our region and who better than Andrew to deliver this presentation







## Community Challenge

### Collingwood Climate Action Team Launches Community Carbon Footprint Challenge

When talking about climate change, “footprint” is a metaphor for the total impact that something has. And carbon is shorthand for all the different greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. It is the best estimate we can get of the full climate change impact of something. That something could be anything – an activity, an item (car, truck, furnace...), a lifestyle, or a household. [Collingwood Climate Action Team](#) has launched the Community Carbon Footprint Challenge to get South Georgian Bay residents thinking about the impact we have on the environment. When you measure your carbon footprint for your household you will be given a number that represents your impact on the environment. Our goal is to work together to continuously reduce that number and our environmental impact.

Whether you are new to the carbon conversations or an environmental activist we need **YOUR** footprint. Together our data will be compiled to form our community carbon footprint. This will help drive the support of our government, engage businesses and unite residents to address the climate crisis together.

Measure your carbon footprint at <https://app.projectneutral.org/ccat> and email us to join the challenge at [collingwoodcat@gmail.com](mailto:collingwoodcat@gmail.com).

Celebrate World Car Free Day - Wednesday  
September 22

Join us in celebrating Collingwood's first World Car Free day event by leaving the car at home and heading downtown on **Wednesday September 22**.





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### Here's how you can participate:

- The best way to observe World Car Free Day is to simply not use your vehicle. If you need to go somewhere walk or ride your bike.
- Plan a Car Free visit to any business Downtown or on First Street anytime on September 22nd. Visit a favourite business, go out for breakfast, lunch or dinner, pick up some take out, run an errand.
- **Look for the promotions "Carbon Credits" that some businesses will be offering for anyone who arrives car free.** Ask when you go in if they are offering a Carbon Credit. We will be posting on CCAT's website the list of businesses who are involved.
- Park your bike in one of the bike parking areas set up for the day.
- **Join us in the parking lot beside Town Hall at 6pm for the unveiling of the Map "Downtown is closer than you think" a discussion of the Carbon Footprint Challenge and a ride down The Maple bike priority street. Bring a friend, your favourite bike and see what others are riding.** (Ontario Step 3 COVID-19 guidelines to be followed).





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## Social Committee Update

Our September events have been filling up quickly! The 10:00 am session of the Sheffield Black History Museum Tour filled up in 2 days and the Happy Hour event filled up with 4 days! And 40 people signed up for 50 spaces in the Avro Replica Tour within days!

The numbers show how much we look forward to being with people again.

Please remember to add your contact information so organizers can get back to you with confirmation details. And note the 4Seasons Probus Club Policy that members need to be fully vaccinated to attend club organized events and activities.

An October Social Committee News Blast will be coming out at the end of this month with links to signup sheets for fall events. Be on the lookout for the October Social Committee Events News Blast! Here are some of those events in the works:

### October

Happy Hour  
Bala Cranberry Marsh Tour and lunch  
Bowling  
Zoom Trivia Happy Hour

### November

Alpaca Farm Tour  
Ste. Marie Among the Hurons Tour  
Monthly Happy Hour Live  
Zoom Trivia Happy Hour  
Bowling

### December

Christmas Dance  
Christmas Lunch  
Zoom Trivia Happy Hour.  
Bowling

Rita Liethead







## Activities Committee Update

How quickly the summer of 2022 has passed! Because of Covid 19 restrictions, our usually busy months have been fairly quiet, but not completely without activity.

Mike Travers has been leading **hikes** for up to 12 participants to Loree Forest, Kolapore Uplands, Creemore Forest and others. As is our 4Seasons Probus tradition, lunch after the hikes were an option.

Our **cycling groups** were active with rides on the trails around Collingwood, Nottawa to Stayner, Midland to Victoria Harbour, Lora Bay to Meaford and Collingwood to Northwinds Beach. Participation was smaller than in past years, but still very enjoyable and again lunch often followed the ride.



Ian Donaldson led our **kayakers**, again with reduced participation, but always available for those who were interested. This summer we have done 8 outings so far:

Collingwood Harbour and White's Bay (3x)  
Nottawasaga River from Klondike Park (2x)  
Beaver River From Epping Sideroad (1x)  
Beaver River from Heathcote (1x)  
Eugenia Lake (1x)

We'll probably do one or two more outings, depending on the weather.

**Book clubs** led by Ruth Plant and Barb Rogers continue to meet virtually, with full participation.

Our knitting group met in August at the home of Sandi Allevato, but due to concerns of a fourth wave of Covid 19, meetings have been suspended.

### PROBUS SKI LEGENDS

One of the additional benefits of being a Probus member is the ability to take advantage of all that Probus Ski Legends has to offer.



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Probus Ski Legends organizes ski get-togethers at Blue Mountain, private Ski Club days, and social events. Ski Legends also organizes Ski Trips at very competitive prices. There are two trips planned for this Ski Season for Western Canada (Banff-Lake Louise, & Sun Peaks).

The Ski Legends Committee is hard at work organizing trips and ski days for 2021/22. Here is the latest information on trip deadlines. They are filling up, so now is the time to have a look. The Ski Legends Membership application is on the website (<http://probusskilegends.ca/>) as are the details of the trips.

Probus Ski Legends is offering two ski trips to Western Canada in winter 2022.

### 1. Banff/Lake Louise, AB

February 5 - 12, 2022 (Saturdays) featuring 4 nights at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise & 3 nights at the Banff Springs Hotel

\$2,805 per person, double occupancy

The booking deadline has been extended to November 15, 2021

### 2. Sun Peaks, BC

Monday, February 28 – Thursday, March 10, 2022 (10 nights) at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

\$2,920 per person, double occupancy

The booking deadline has been extended to November 30, 2021 to find out more about Ski Legends go to [probusskilegends.ca](http://probusskilegends.ca) and join the fun.

We are very hopeful that our health restrictions will soon be a thing of the past, and that we can resume all the activities to which 4 Seasons Probus members are accustomed. Until then, please join our Zoom meetings, enjoy the speakers, and participate in events which have been organized within health guidelines.

Joanne Ruthven





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### **2021 Management Committee**

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