

#### March 2022

It's that wonderful time of year again, springtime on Manitoulin Island. We are just

finishing up the winter fat bike season and then, once again, it will be time for road riding. Winter cycling opportunities abound on Manitoulin for you and your fat bike, especially if you have studded tires. One such exciting area is McLeans Park Trails between Manitowaning and Tehkummah. We are fortunate that The McLean family donated 100 acres for this peaceful recreational area. You will enjoy 8 kilometers of old logging trails as they weave in and out fantastic forests. In the winter, trails are shared by cross country skiers, fat bikers and those on snowshoes or foot.

In the summer, both mountain bikers and walkers use the trail. In past years, there was fast paced mountain bike races held here.



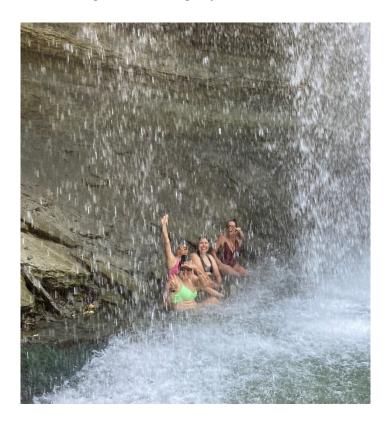
## **Chi-Cheemaun Update**

Despite a boiler room mishap while the Chi-Cheemaun was dry docked this winter for maintenance in Thunder Bay, the Owen Sound Transportation Company has assured the public that repairs will be completed and the ferry will be operational in May for the start of the sailing season. Online bookings are being accepted for the 2022 Sailing season. It will be a busy summer, so line up your bookings with your summer travel.

## Manitoulin Passage Ride 2022

This ride is almost sold out, so if you do not have your ticket yet, do not wait. The ride is capped at 250 and 223 tickets have been sold. Since the ride is beginning and ending in Little Current each day, you will be seeing different aspects of the Island. One day offers a bike/hike option with the opportunity to hike the spectacular Cup and Saucer Trail. This trail becomes more popular with each passing year! One ride passes right by Bridal

Veil Falls which is a very popular spot for swimmers. It's a swimming experience you will not forget. Don't forget your camera.



## **Alvar Tours**

In June and September, there are the Alvar Tours to look forward to. These tours are geared for smaller groups with five different weeks for you to choose from. Each week will have five days of fun riding and four nights of accommodation included in the package.

With daily distances of 60-80 km, you will find this easily manageable no matter your pace. What a beautiful way to slowly discover wonderful Manitoulin Island.

# **MICA Membership**

Individual memberships are \$10 and business memberships are \$75. You can help support MICA's advocacy by purchasing a membership. Rewards will include up to date information via this quarterly newsletter. There are many advertising benefits and opportunities for your business. We look forward to having you as part of our team.

See you soon and Happy Riding!! Your friends at MICA