



# Save Our Geese

Canada geese are beautiful, intelligent birds who mate for life, fiercely protect their eggs and young, and display loyalty for other members of their flock.



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## **VOTE NO on Richard Mattison for LOP BOD**

An outside investigation found Richard Mattison, Team Leader, Wildlife Management Service Team (WMST) and the now censured Board member Ron Bomhoff violated the terms of the 2020 Federal Depredation permit. (recently the disgraced Bomhoff endorsed Mattison and Nofsinger for the two open Board positions.

**This is a red flag for voters.)**



*LOP 2020 - A total of 130 Canada Geese were killed. Most if not all were thrown in the garbage*

The poor performance by Richard Mattison exposed OUR community to a possible lawsuit. Members were forced to spend \$15,000 to investigate the alleged wrongdoings of Bomhoff and found "merit in the allegations." How much more of our dues would we lose due to such mismanagement?

[Click here](#) for Censure Hearing letter.

[Click here](#) for April 14th BOD recording re: censure.

## More on the Wildlife Management Service Team

The Wildlife Management Service Team (WMST) is broken. The TEAM appears to be disorganized and as we mentioned in [our last E-newsletter](#), shrouded in secrecy.



Led by Richard Mattison, (a newcomer to LOP in 2018. Coincidentally the profound polarization in our community began right around this time.) the TEAM has avoided responding to member's questions and concerns and continues to publicly accuse individuals who support non-lethal means of "not caring about the health and safety of the children."

These FALSE verbal attacks are mean-spirited. They do nothing to find common ground to begin building cooperation, or dial down the negative rhetoric. More important, they violate LOP's [Ethics Policy for Directors & Committee Members](#).

When the "Wildlife" topic came up during Candidate's Night, one Candidate correctly referred to the geese issue as "the elephant in the room". We couldn't agree more. Let's put aside our differences, allow SOG a seat at the table and get to work. After all, the geese aren't waiting around for us to get our act together.

The geese issue is a topic with high priority for many LOP members on both sides of the issue. Yet there is no place for them to be heard or begin a thoughtful, **comprehensive** program; absent of hostilities, with a mission of managing a reasonable goose population **AND caring for our public spaces**.

We recognize a NEW APPROACH will take coordination, research, tested protocols as well as development of novel resolutions and most important a commitment of TIME. But because this issue is so important to so many members we believe they deserve nothing less.

## **SOG's Suggestion**

Therefore **SOG suggests the WMST be elevated in importance to Committee status** instead of the Service Team designation which it now holds. (a similar re-classification was done in 2019 for the Food & Beverage Ad Hoc committee)

### **These could be some immediate benefits with Committee status.**

1. Monthly meetings
2. Monthly meeting minutes  
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**providing transparency.**
3. A  
BALANCED  
committee  
of  
five  
+/-  
voting  
members  
poised  
to  
carry  
YOUR  
concerns  
forward.
4. Board  
liaison  
oversight.
5. Committee  
status  
could  
be  
the  
genesis  
of  
an  
ACTIVE,  
ORGANIZED  
volunteer  
program  
to  
deter  
the  
geese.

6. A  
venue  
for  
members  
to  
express  
their  
ideas  
and  
concerns.

7. A  
budget  
to  
address  
our  
wildlife  
issues.

At this point, no one knows who the next Directors will be to oversee this unique community we all call home. Or, how the geese issue will play out for the balance of 2021 and beyond, but there is one thing that we are certain of - ***the Wildlife Management Service Team is BROKEN in its current capacity and leadership.***

We hope the LOP Board will give serious consideration to this suggestion.

As always, SOG remains ready to assist the Board to seek a win-win solution. We can be reached at: [info@SaveOurGeese.com](mailto:info@SaveOurGeese.com)

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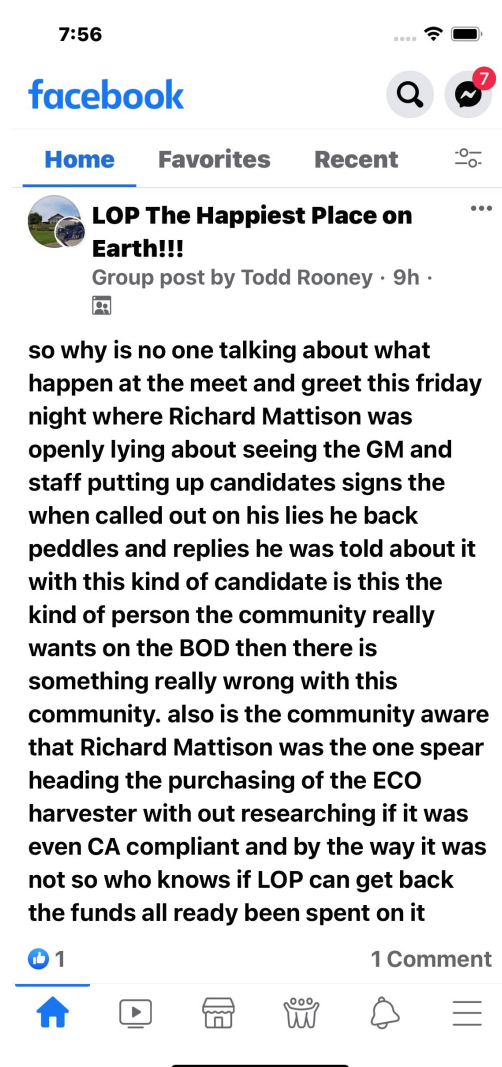
## We're not the only ones that have noticed

In our last [E-newsletter](#), we pointed out the inconsistencies in Richard Mattison's announcements and reports relative to the geese issue. Looks like others have discovered this Candidate's misleading statements and poor judgement.

Here is a Facebook post from a member that attended the May 21st, Candidate Meet & Greet.

"...is this the kind of person the community really wants on the BOD..."

**Please VOTE NO on Richard Mattison for LOP Board of Directors**



## 2021 LOP Board Elections

**Deadline to Vote: Thursday June 24th**

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your ballot.

Please insert your ballot into the Secret Envelope, then insert your Secret Envelope into the outer envelope, **sign the outer envelope (REQUIRED!)** and mail it in or drop it off in the Admin office. **Unsigned envelopes will NOT be counted.**

## SaveOurGeese - Our Position

**We Oppose**

SaveOurGeese Coalition opposes the killing of live geese and discharging firearms within the LOP community.

## We Support

We are supportive of reducing the number of geese through a combination of nest depredation, [egg addling \(done humanely\)](#), hazing, [contraceptives](#), predator scarecrows, light/water motion detectors, fencing, etc.

## SOG is Willing to Help

We are willing to help form a committee of DEDICATED volunteers accountable to the members, who commit to ACTIVELY employing non-lethal means to reduce the geese population and waste.

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## Coming Up...

Lake of the Pines Regular Meeting **June 16th 2PM. Please mark your calendar to participate in the comment portion of this meeting.** Help save OUR geese. More information coming soon.

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## E-newsletter Sign Up

Sign-up for the SaveOurGeese E-newsletter [HERE](#).



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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the*

*world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead.*

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