

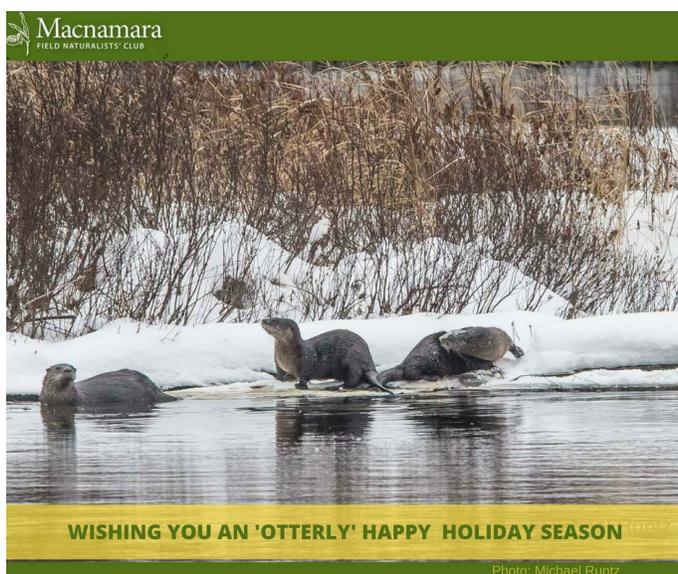
MFNC December 2017 Bulletin

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Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, <<First Name>>



The MFNC executive wishes you and your loved ones health and happiness this holiday season and in the year ahead!

MEETINGS

 **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:30 p.m.**
Members' Night

Yes, you've read the date right! The first Tuesday of the first month of 2018 is January 2 and that means our Macnamara members' night. Let's hope for good weather this year.

We are looking forward to learning all about your prized nature or natural history possessions or experiences! Please sign in at the door with the item or topic you wish to showcase. If you are



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showing photos, there should not be more than five and they should be on a USB key. You may also bring prints to put on a table. Members without a show and tell will be asked to make a voluntary donation of \$1.

Before 2017 ends

If you'd like to support the Macnamara Trail Extension project, there's still time to [make a donation and qualify for a tax credit](#). Donors giving \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

As reported at our annual meeting, the Macnamara Trail Extension Project is still underway, but it has been delayed due to constraints from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). For well over a year we had been discussing the use of gravel laid on top of geotextile, the solution recommended by Golder and Associates, for crossing the West Link and two spans in the Island Chain. The Ministry decided not to approve this solution, so we are now evaluating and costing an alternate approach, which involves the use of boardwalks.

Some good news: Nylene Canada, which owns the land on which the Macnamara Trail resides, recently provided a generous donation to the trail extension project.

Annual Meeting reports are online

We had a great turnout for our Annual Meeting and Michael Runtz's presentation on *Why the World Needs Beavers*.

Missed the meeting? You can read the executive reports on the website under [Club News](#). Or you can go directly to the individual reports here:

[Macnamara Field Naturalists Secretary's Report](#)
[Macnamara 2017 Financial Statement](#)
[Field Trips Report 2017 AGM](#)
[MFNC Speaker Report – 2017 AGM](#)
[Macnamara Trail and Extension Report 2017-Janet Mason](#)
[Communications 2017 Karen Runtz](#)
[Membership report update 2017-18](#)
[Minutes 2016 AGM](#)

Keeping up on *Nature's Way*

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Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month
at 7:30 p.m.
Arnprior Curling Club
15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting
Students Free!



Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club



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Following in the footsteps of naturalist and photographer Charles Macnamara, the Macnamara Club has explored, documented and enjoyed the rich natural history of the Lower Ottawa Valley since the club's founding in 1984. Members meet the first Tuesday of every month except July and August at the Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street, in Arnprior. Expert speakers share their knowledge and take members in easy steps into their special worlds. Field trips throughout the year investigate everything from geology, to birds in migration, to rare orchids.

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Latest Posts

- Members' Night January 2, 2018 Yes, you've read the date right! The first Tuesday of the first month of 2018 is January 2 and that means our Macnamara members' night is tonight. We are looking forward to learning all about your prized nature or natural history possessions or experiences! Please sign in at the door with the item or topic you wish to showcase. If you are showing photos, there should not be more than five and they should be on a USB key. You may also bring prints to put on a table. Members without a show



Most local members know that our president writes a weekly nature column for the *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide* and *West Carleton Review* that we link to on our Facebook page. Although Postmedia is shutting down the *West Carleton Review* along with 20 other Ontario community newspapers, Michael's column will still be carried in the *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide*. We have appreciated the coverage the reporters on both newspapers have given our club and sincerely hope that those affected will be successful in finding an even better career in the days ahead.

You can read one of Michael's recently published columns here: [Nature's Economy is on the Rise](#). Who knows – it might give you an advantage for February's quiz night!

Membership renewal

Many thanks to those members who have renewed their membership for 2017-18. If you have not renewed your membership, please note that the renewal time has lapsed as our year runs from September to September. As you know, membership entitles you to enjoy presentations and field trips given by experts in a wide range of areas of natural history topics. And by renewing, you are also helping to promote the appreciation, understanding and preservation of our local natural history.

Not sure if your membership is current? Check with Monique Boivin at boivin_m@hotmail.com

It's easy to [renew electronically](#). All payment and membership data is processed through a secure server via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to register. Just a credit card and a love of nature! A mail-in option is also available by [downloading and printing this form](#).

and tell will be asked to make a voluntary donation of \$1. 1/2/18 2:48PM

- What to do with your old Christmas tree? Prop it up near your bird feeders as a staging area for small birds like chickadees and finches. Hang some suet in it for the woodpeckers. 1/1/18 8:27AM
- Chickadees get smarter. Geese have built-in foot warmers. Redpolls store food in esophageal pouches for later. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/how-birds-survive-winter-1.4465936> 12/31/17 8:08AM
- <http://bigthink.com/robby-berman/moose-may-be-the-real-canaries-in-the-coal-mine> 12/30/17 9:04AM



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- Nature's Way/Michael Runtz: Nature's Economy is on the Rise: Meadow Voles can be the most common and the most impor... <https://t.co/ZldgEfvoOt> 12:00PM
- <https://t.co/OLl2lrGiUa> 1:49PM
- <https://t.co/53NG8XrrJS> 12:05PM
- <https://t.co/j4YOJtTCim> 8:30AM
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