

Removal, destruction of Canada geese eggs require federal permit

A permit was acquired from Environment Canada prior to the removal.

"Staff at Vanier recently became aware of some Canada geese that made nests and laid eggs in the inmate yard and near the entrance at the institution," Morrison said. "Staff had received reports that the geese were acting aggressively to visitors and others using the entrance." He said they got a permit to "relo-

cate the eggs."

Vanier staff hired a wildlife management company to "safely remove the eggs" last week, he noted.

At press deadline, Morrison did not reply as to where the eggs were re-located.

Staff, who wished to remain anonymous, spoke to the *Champion* and noted their dismay at the actions.

They said the geese have been nesting at the facility for years.

"I guess this was a nuisance to the administrators of the jail as they had a company remove all eggs in trash bags and destroy all nests on the property," alleged the employee.

According to Environment Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service, Canada geese can sometimes cause damage and danger, but the tolerance varies from person to person and place to place.

According to its website, "At the



A Canada goose rests on a patch of grass. *Julie Slack / Canadian Champion*

present time the conservation status of Canada geese is not threat-

ened; populations in all regions are well above objectives; there is no conservation risk to providing permits to eligible people who need them to reduce damage and danger caused by Canada geese on their property."

However, it also states that a permit is required from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service to destroy eggs or prevent them from hatching.

Driving the fun at Seasons Milton.

Jeff Potter was looking for something new when he drove by Seasons Milton Retirement Community. He had worked at Toronto Pearson Airport for 28 years when he was laid off. Seasons Milton had just opened when he came in to see what Seasons was about. Later he decided to apply for a job online. "I was invited to a meet and greet where they said they were looking for a driver. My ears perked up and I thought, that job could be great for me!"

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Jeff was hired to drive the Seasons bus. He takes residents on local excursions to restaurants and shopping centres, and sometimes drives further afield to places like Mohawk Racetrack, The Butterfly Conservatory and Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto. Jeff lends a hand at excursions,

like when they went to the Aquarium, telling us he "felt like a mother duck with the cooler and keeping an eye on everyone. We had a lot of fun!"

In addition to group events, residents can reserve a spot on the bus for transportation to local, personal appointments to the bank, doctor's appointments or lunch with a friend. This is a great service for residents who no longer drive, and who don't want to depend on their busy loved ones every time they want to go somewhere. Jeff says, "They just sign up at the front desk with their name, time and where they want to go. I do a bit of moving around to accommodate everyone and residents respect that medical appointments take precedence."

Jeff is a great ambassador for Seasons Milton; his parents and his aunt and uncle all live there. Jeff says "One day I pulled up the bus and saw my aunt and uncle! We both said, what are you doing here?" He adds, laughing, "The Potters are taking

over Seasons Milton!"

When we asked Jeff why he loves his job he told us, "I've just always had a heart for seniors and believe they should be treated with great respect. The residents here make it so much fun; we are always having a good laugh and I love their honesty!" Jeff sums up his experience at Seasons Milton by adding, "I wake up happy that I get to go to work." ■

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