



**We are deeply disappointed to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Hauser's Mudcat Marathon Weekend.**

We haven't made this decision lightly. Our race committee has been losing sleep for weeks now, watching this COVID-19 crisis unfold. Upon consideration of the recommendations from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer and those of our own medical director, we've had to make this difficult call.

We are committed to keeping our runners, our volunteers, and our community safe. In an atmosphere where restrictions and recommendations are changing by the hour, we've made the difficult decision to NOT operate race weekend.

Over 1,200 runners and their families have come to Dunnville every year so far – and over 80% of those are from outside Haldimand County. Given the recent directives to stay in place and practice social-distancing, we feel it's only prudent.

Please be patient with us while we figure out this process. Here are the options we're considering for you:

- **Transfer your registration to the 2020 Grand Caledonia (October 10)**
  - Options include a half marathon or 5k
- **Transfer your registration to the 2020 Hamilton Marathon Road2Hope (October 31 - November 1)**
  - Options include all race distances, including multi-race challenges
- **Defer your 2020 Mudcat Marathon entry to May 2021 in Dunnville**
- **Run a virtual race**, concurrent with the 2020 Grand Caledonia for a Grand Caledonia medal and shirt

We are working through the kinks of facilitating transfers, so please be patient with us for a couple of days or a week while we figure this stuff out.

**Please note that we've made the difficult decision to NOT offer a virtual Mudcat this year.** We have not yet finalized our shirt or medal order at this point. Also, offering a virtual race still involves multiple layers of volunteer effort – from unpacking and sorting shirts to matching orders to packing boxes/ envelopes to taking them to the post office. All of these activities put our volunteers in closer contact than is recommended by multiple public health agencies at the current time.

I want you to know that we appreciate your support in the past. I'm proud to have developed this race with an absolutely incredible team of dedicated volunteers. Those kind and generous souls are the people we are trying to protect with this unprecedented move.

Over the past three years, this race has been blessed with the love and enthusiasm of a dedicated running community. I am so grateful to each and every one of you whose energy has touched this race. We haven't been perfect, but we've been working toward making the Mudcat your favourite race. **We'll deeply miss you this year, and we look forward to 2021 and an end to this virus crisis.**

With sorrow,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheryl Sawyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Sheryl Sawyer*  
*Race Director*