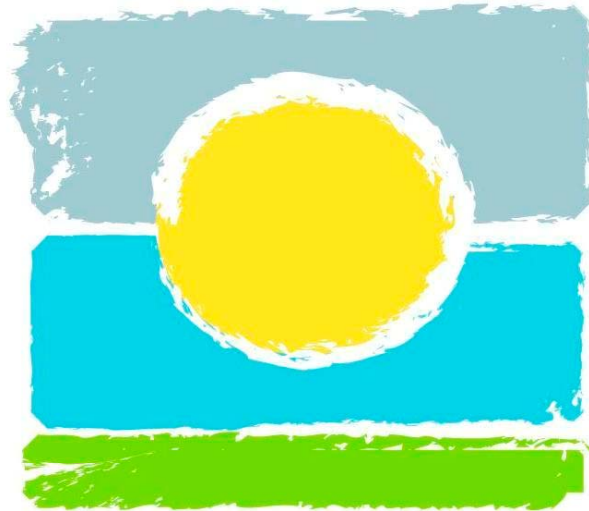


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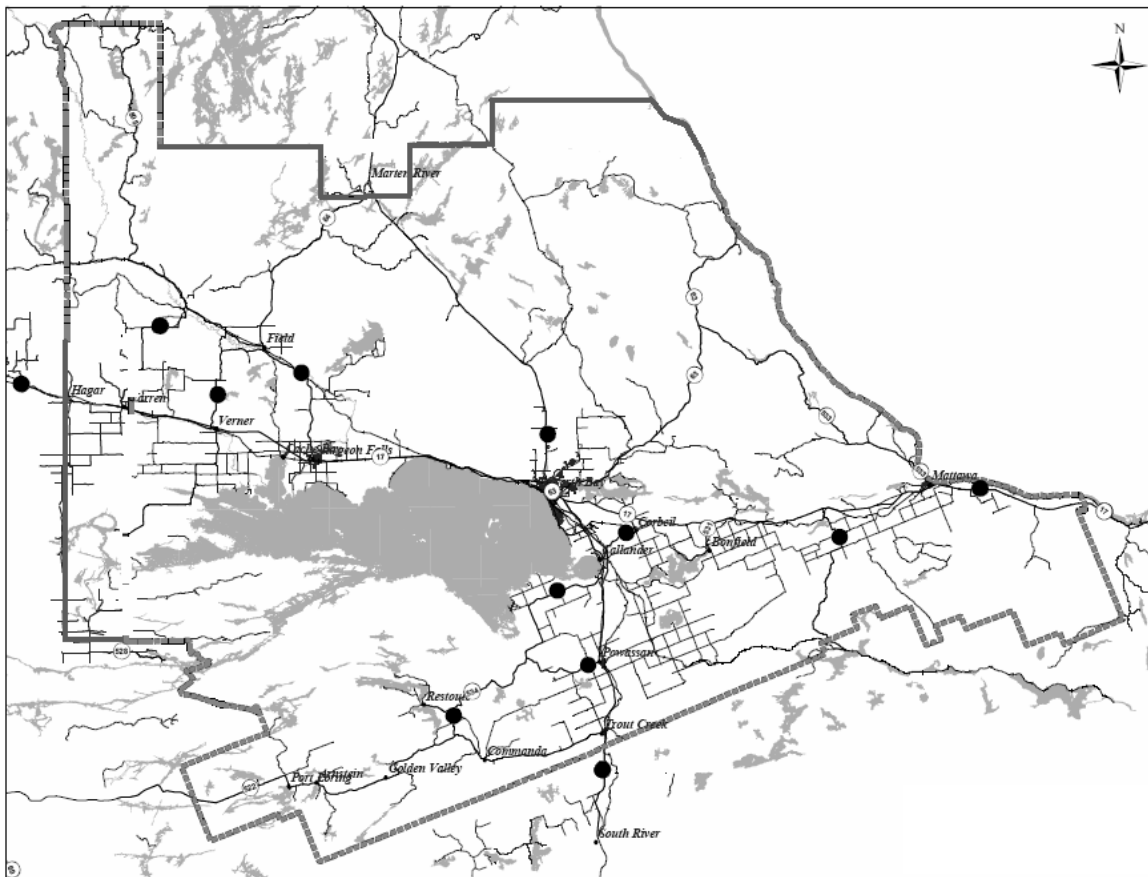
Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

protect • conserve • improve • restore



The Mandate of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

- To protect, conserve, improve and restore the natural resources and environment of the 'Greater Nipissing' area, in the Province of Ontario.
- To encourage and foster an understanding and awareness of the natural resources and environment and their value in enhancing our quality of life, by organizing conferences, seminars, public meetings and distribution of information circulars on issues relating to the environment and its management and protection.
- To conduct educational seminars, conferences and public forums about the flora, fauna, ecology, hydrology and geology of the region.
- To collect information on the state of the natural resources and environment, and to provide information for, and participate in, management decisions affecting the 'Greater Nipissing' area.
- To act as a catalyst, in partnership with other organizations or individuals, assisting to achieve the desired outcome of projects that will benefit the natural resources and environment of the 'Greater Nipissing' area.



Chairman's Remarks

First found on our 2008 work plan, the *Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council* undertook as a project the 'rehabilitation of the walleye fishery in McQuaby Lake'. The plan was to live trap some adult walleye, take them to McQuaby Lake, dump them in. No big deal.

If you are unfamiliar with the location of McQuaby Lake, it is a small lake south of Lake Nipissing -near the village of Nipissing. At one time, it had a viable walleye fishery. Combined with a drop in the water pH to a level of acidity detrimental to successful walleye reproduction, a thriving rock bass population, continued fishing pressure and quite possibly the addition of other environmental factors, the walleye fishery collapsed. In the past, walleye fingerlings had been stocked to help boost the population but the conditions within the lake had no difficulty in thwarting stocking efforts.

The preparatory work that needed to be performed turned out to be a 'big deal'. Many visits were made to the lake. Water testing was necessary to ensure that the pH had improved and was suitable for successful walleye reproduction. Live trapping of McQuaby to determine the species and numbers of the current fish community was a part of the evaluation for remedial work. Spawning shoal assessment, rehabilitation, and construction took a considerable amount of time and will continue through 2010. Add in countless hours of meetings with experts, partners and volunteers to further plan and prepare for the remedial field work. That planning work is done for now and in 2010, the project will see the transfer of fish and its final phase.

To all the participants involved in the McQuaby Lake walleye restoration project, I thank you for job well done.

There is another benefit from the McQuaby Lake project that might not get the attention and publicity of the restocking activity but is, in my mind, at least as important. This is a heightened stewardship ethic on the lake.

This project first started with a meeting of approximately twelve McQuaby Lake homeowners along with a few partners and resource management staff. Although it is a small lake most of those at the meeting did not know each other despite living alongside each other on the lake for years.

From that humble start, the community based organization: '*Friends of McQuaby Lake*' was born. Year- round residents and cottagers from as far away as Windsor have since taken part in

the project. They have rolled up their sleeves and got wet and dirty creating better spawning beds with imported rock and cleaning the organic detritus which has blanketed the existing shoals. Their lake organization has additionally formed working partnerships with the *Commanda and Area Anglers & Hunters*, the *North Bay MNR*, and the *Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council*. The *Friends of McQuaby Lake* through their willingness to work, cooperate and negotiate compromise will undoubtedly maintain these relationships well into the future.

Although the '*Friends of McQuaby Lake*' was initially project focused, it is delving into boarder issues like the protection and improvement of lakeshore environment through discussion and distribution of educational material to local residents. It is also developing a strategy to address the need to protect, conserve and responsibly manage this refurbished walleye community.

In an effort to keep provincial fishing regulations simple, the *Ministry of Natural Resources* is reluctant to institute special fishing regulations on a lake by lake basis. The *Friends'* are sensitive to the fragility of the new walleye community to the threat of over fishing of the brood stock. The lake will remain under a voluntary closure on walleye fishing for an estimated period of 5-7 years to allow the population to reach sustainable levels. Without the aid of special regulations, they hope to foster responsible harvest practices through education as the likelihood of there ever being another walleye transfer is remote. The organization understands that even if a healthy population can be re-established, a total yearly catch limit will need to be adhered to. It is believed that McQuaby can support a healthy walleye population, but its ability to replenish the harvestable stock is naturally limited based upon the existing natural and environmental features present.

The *Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council* takes great pride in having been involved in this fisheries rehabilitation project and is extremely pleased that it has expanded beyond that physical undertaking into a community where stewardship practices and ideals are being actively promoted.

So, any reports of the death of stewardship in this region are greatly exaggerated. With this as just one shining example, anyone can see it is alive and growing around McQuaby Lake and the Greater Nipissing area.

John Thornton, Chairman; Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

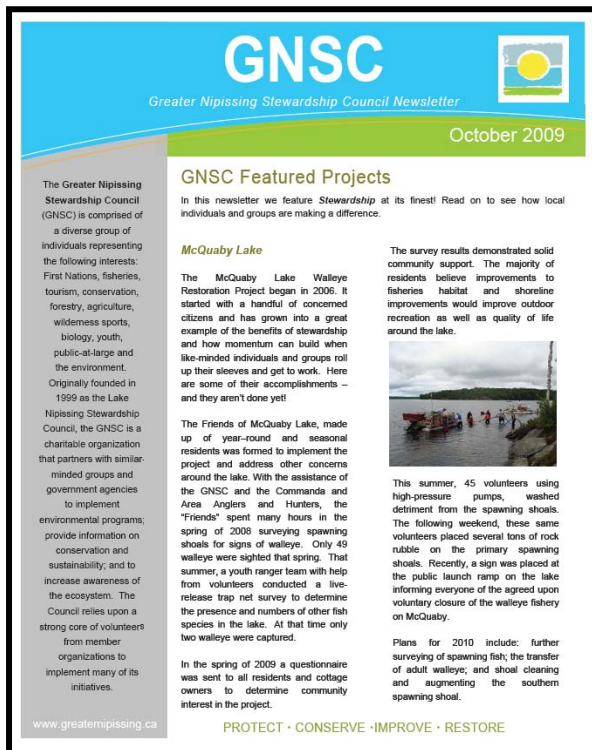
Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The *Communications Committee* coordinates media coverage and provided communications support for projects, workshops and other council activities – including the preparation of media invitations, releases, displays, handout materials and e-bulletins.

Additionally, 4 radio shows were produced as part of “The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council Show” They were broadcast on 104.9 FM North Bay Radio (www.northbayradio.ca).

The shows (which are sponsored by *Clark Marketing Communications*) provide important information regarding projects and activities that support the natural resources and environment of Lake Nipissing and the broader area.



The committee also put a significant amount of time and effort into three ongoing initiatives.

The GNSC Newsletter

Initiated in 2008, three editions were published and distributed electronically to council members, volunteers, partners, supporters, sponsors and other interested individuals and organizations in January, May and October.

The newsletters play an important role in keeping the members informed of council projects and activities.

Media Space

The council is currently in year two of a three-year commitment (March 1st, 2008 to February 28th, 2011) for the provision of in-kind media space. This has a total value of \$549,000.00, and is thanks to our four media sponsors – *TV Cogeco*, *CTV*, *Rogers Radio* and *The North Bay Nugget*.

The donation of this space has allowed for increased communication of council activities through the placement of prominent notices, ads and announcements. The space was used again this winter for the “*Do Your Part*” campaign targeted at ice fishing on Lake Nipissing.

A calendar of events has also been created to to coordinate the scheduling of the media space so we can best utilize this partnership.

Website

The committee initiated work on the development of a new and improved website, to be officially launched in 2010. The re-designed site will be easy to maintain and more user-friendly.

Our current site www.greaternipissing.ca was established as part of the *Blue Sky Network*.

Bill Hagborg, Communications Committee

Chair

Project Reports

North Bay Regional Science Fair



2009 saw the Stewardship Council continuing to support the [48th] Annual North Bay Regional Science Fair Awards to recognize the efforts of environmentally-minded students with entries in the North Bay Regional Science Fair.

One hundred and fifty dollars was put up by the stewardship council as prizes for the science fair in two different categories: a 'Senior' (\$100 prize) and a 'Junior-Intermediate' (\$50 prize). Each recipient also received a framed certificate. The Board of Directors is pleased to announcement this year's recipients of the "Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council Award", relating to natural resources and the environment:

Junior Division Award (Grades 7 and 8)

Lucas Trach & Colin Trach, M.T. Davidson, for their project: "The Alternate Energy Vehicle"

Intermediate/Senior Divisions Award (Grades 9 through 12)

Jasmine Chartrand & Kathleen McKeown, St. Joseph-Scollard Hall for their project: "Lichen Or Not"

for Kim Tremblay, Project Lead

McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project



The McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project enjoyed strong community and volunteer support in 2009. Much was accomplished even though the anticipated trap and transfer of adult walleye did not go ahead because required licensing was not able to be acquired from MNR.

In the early spring, a consultation meeting was held at the Nipissing Community Centre with approximately forty interested residents attending. They heard a presentation by Paula Scott, Environmental Planner for *North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority*. Her presentation gave them insight into how they can make improvements to the riparian habitat at their homes and

cottages. Dave Fluri, MNR Biologist, gave the community an idea of future harvest expectations after habitat and walleye breeding stock enhancement is completed. At this meeting a donation of \$1000 was presented by representatives of the *Commanda & Area Anglers & Hunters*.

On a dreary weekend in August volunteers cleaned spawning shoals with high-pressure pumps. Through the following week and weekend they augmented those shoals with over 80 tones of rock rubble. There were approximately forty-three volunteers per day who came out to help even though the weather was not very cooperative. Each day, the lady members of the Friends of McQuaby Lake took care of a Bar B-Q lunch for the volunteers at one of the cottages. It turned out to be a fun time for all. Volunteers came from as far away as Windsor and the Niagara Peninsula. Some brought children and grandchildren to help and we were even honored to have a member of our Armed Forces helping out as well.

In the fall, a sign was erected at the launching ramp with the message that a walleye restoration effort was being made at McQuaby Lake. The sign further advises angling members of the public of the work being done and asks all fishermen to honour the voluntary ban on walleye fishing and release all walleye caught while restoration efforts are underway.

This project is a great example of how our Stewardship Council, community residents, conservation clubs, municipalities and MNR can work together to improve riparian and spawning shoal habitat and manage a lake to improve the fishery.

Roy Warriner, Project Lead

Urban Tree Planting Efforts

North Bay Natural Habitats Project



Stewardship Council members, *North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority* staff and several volunteers turned out on May 23, 2009 to plant 154 potted conifers and hardwood whips along both sides of Chippewa Creek in the City of North Bay's Thompson Park.

The main objective of this project, launched in the fall of 2007, is to improve the bank stabilization and water quality creek. It will also enhance the aesthetic and recreational values of the stream system and the adjacent Kinsmen Trail.

The planting of trees and shrubs will help to restore the creek to its former coldwater status and help fulfill the Conservation Authorities' City approved management plan for the creek. The plan calls for a seven metre natural buffer on either side of the stream.

Over ten thousand dollars were generated from the following project funders – *Wal*Mart Canada/Evergreen* grant, *Tree Canada's 'Green Streets'* program which was awarded to the City of North Bay, the Ministry of Natural Resources '*Community Fish & Wildlife Involvement Program*' and a donation from *Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.* Tree planting equipment was supplied by the *North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority* and the *Ministry of Natural Resources.*

North Bay Blooms



Photo courtesy North Bay Blooms

Centre and the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

The '*Tree North Bay*' program, started in 2007, was incorporated into a broader initiative during 2008 as – "*North Bay Blooms*". The Stewardship Council continued as a partner in this organization, along with the *Community Waterfront Friends, Greening Nipissing, Heritage Gardeners, Nipissing Botanical Gardens, Nipissing Environmental Watch, Burrow Country Store & Garden Centre, Northgate Shopping*

This year's planting took place on Saturday, May 30th utilizing larger caliper trees. Twelve trees were planted next to the overpass/Kinsmen Trail on Main Street East, eight in Thompson Park and four more at St. Francis Elementary School.



Working with *North Bay Blooms*, The *GNSC* also hosted a "Wednesday Night Clean Up" on June 3rd. Several Council members, supported by a crew of volunteers, including students earning some of the volunteer hours, collected fourteen bags of litter in the Airport Road/Algonquin Avenue area. An increase of three bags over 2008's clean up at the same location.

For more information about North Bay Blooms visit www.northbayblooms.com.

Bill Hagborg, Urban Tree Planting Program Lead

Rural Tree Planting Efforts

Rural Tree Planting Program



The Council's rural planting program saw an increase in numbers planted this past year, with 19,956 conifer containers planted on seven different properties. Species included – white spruce, black spruce, red pine and white pine.

The program is largely funded by the *Trees Ontario Foundation – Full Service Incentive Program* and implemented through a close

partnership with *Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. (NFRMI)*. *NFRMI* coordinates the growing and planting of the trees, and some of the tending.

This ongoing program is geared towards riparian areas, marginal agricultural lands, buffer strips and semi-forested areas, throughout the greater Nipissing area.

The council develops site plans in consultation with interested landowners and conducts follow-up survival assessments.

Participating landowners enter into a 15-year agreement with *Trees Ontario*, and as required, look after site preparation and specified follow-up tending to ensure the seedlings and wildlife shrubs reach “free to grow” status.

To learn more about the *Trees Ontario Foundation* visit their website at www.treesontario.on.ca.

Background information about *Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.* and their forest management role on the Nipissing Forest is available at www.nipissingforest.com.

Bill Hagborg, Rural Tree Plant Program Lead

Used Battery Collection Contest



The GNSC partnered with *Nipissing Environmental Watch* for the 7th annual *Used Battery Collection Contest*. This contest creates a competition between area high schools to see which ones can collect the most used batteries.

There are cash prizes for the winning schools.

Nipissing Environmental Watch collects the batteries from the high schools and delivers them

to the North Bay Hazardous Waste Depot for safe and proper disposal. During the eight years, over 61,000 lbs of batteries have been collected. In 2009, another new record: 14,824 lbs (6,724 kgs) were collected!

Peggy Walsh Craig, Project Lead

Adopt-a-Sturgeon Program

The 2009 *Adopt-A-Sturgeon Project* was a tremendous success.



The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council was able to transport twenty-five people out to the *Ministry Of Natural Resources* tagging site. Participants received a picture of them holding their fish along with a certificate, size measurement description and tag number of their adopted sturgeon.

One of the highlights was when two youngsters along with their grandfather were there to witness the insertion of a radio transmitter into a sturgeon and it's release back into the river.

Another highlight was the contribution of *Vincent Massey Elementary School*. Students and teacher Paula Morley invited members of the council to attend the school for a presentation of money they raised themselves (all without asking) to assist in the Lake Nipissing Sturgeon project.

The interest to adopt a sturgeon was high and unfortunately only a limited number of people could be transported to the tagging site. This year some people expressed an interest to adopt a sturgeon without actually participating in the boat trip. Twelve fish were adopted by such individuals. They also received a picture and certificate of their adopted sturgeon.

The *Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council* would like to thank *Adventure Camp Ohio* for generously donating the boat and gas for the trip.

A thank you also goes to the *Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources* staff for being so helpful and providing the participants with a great explanation of the tagging process and the life of a sturgeon in Lake Nipissing.

Roy Warriner, Project Lead

Trail Guide to Healthy Living



2009 saw successful publication and first-year sales of our 'Trail Guide to Healthy Living.'

This project was initiated in 2007 with ambitious goals of assembling a comprehensive trail guide for the area. It was designed to be complete with all of the recognized recreational trails on both Crown and private lands. Our purpose for creating

such a resource was to combine our interests towards natural resource education along with other organization's goals of encouraging outdoor activities as a part of a healthy lifestyle as well as promoting sustainable eco-tourism of our area.

To create the guide, volunteers and some various agency staff members with GPS (Global Positioning System) machines in hand walked, ATV'd, snowshoed, skied and cycled recognized area trails to collect map data. Where extra attention was needed, a summer youth crew of Stewardship Rangers helped out on some of the more difficult or remote trails in 2007 and 2008. Some current map data was also obtained from previous trail mapping exercises completed by *Ministry of Natural Resources* or *North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority* staff. In rare circumstances where partner organizations already had GPS information, the council was able to make use of that valuable data.

Partner organizations further helped out by providing photography, corporate/organizational logos and trail information in addition to the public feedback which was received a year earlier in 2007.

To print the guide, the *Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council* received a generous amount of funding from the *Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions*. We would also be amiss if we did not recognize the outstanding help we received from our second lead partner; *Discovery Routes* and our third; the *North Bay District Ministry of Natural Resources*. In the end hundreds of hours of volunteer time was contributed to this effort.

The guide itself is a 120 page full-colour book complete with information and maps on 50+ individual trails and trail systems which are available for public use across the Greater Nipissing area and Near North Regions of Ontario. For the GPS savvy, it contains tables of coordinates for each trail in addition to the other valuable contents which include photographs, difficulty ratings, access/usage information, contact numbers & addresses for trail managers, plus a number of other useful features.

Copies of the Trail Guide are available at the following local retailers and online at the stewardship councils website: www.greaternipissing.ca

GNSC Trail Guide Project Working Group

Zone 11 Slot Ruler



2009 saw the completion and publication of the newest edition of the stewardship councils' "slot ruler". The ruler was updated to reflect the latest regulation changes and expanded to cover not just Lake Nipissing, but all of Fisheries Management Zone 11. This tool will help resident and non-resident anglers alike adhere to Ontario Fishing Regulations within this area and promote the sustainable use of our recreational fishery.

Special thanks to the partners who advertised on the ruler: *Mercury Marine, Hunters Bay Marine, Idylltyme Sports & Marine, Powersports & Marine, Sturgeon Falls Auto, Sports & Marine* and to the *TD Friends of the Environment* who supported this initiative.

Slot Rulers are available from the following local vendors as well as by bulk request from the stewardship council:

- North Bay TD Canada Branches,
- Lake Nipissing Partners in Conservation
- Idylltyme Sports & Marine,
- Sturgeon Falls Auto, Sports & Marine
- Discount Bait, Tackle & Variety
- Bowman, Young South Shore Centre
- Mercury Marine,
- Hunters Bay Marine,
- Powersports & Marine,
- Waltonian Inn
- Billy Bob's Bait

Funds received from the sales of slot rulers are redirected towards council operations and stewardship efforts in the greater Nipissing area.

Frank Marusich, Project Lead

Community Events

Water: Worth Protecting



'A Community Conversation About Protecting Water At Its Source'

The council participated in an information fair and conversation at the North Bay Public Library, April 14th, coordinated by *Northwatch*.

The evening included an introduction to source water protection and the *Clean Water Act* and a

panel discussion on local efforts focused on drinking water source protection.

The following organizations were also involved: *Greenspace North Bay, Nipissing Environmental Watch, Trout Lake Conservation Association, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, Greening Nipissing* and the *Water Guardians Network*.

International Plowing Match

The council provided handout material that was included as part of the Ontario Stewardship Program display at the international plowing match, held in Temiskaming on September 22-26, 2009.

This was the first time the match was held in northern Ontario. Over 70,000 individuals attended the event over the 5 days, many from outside the region.

Treaty Rights Workshop



The presentation entitled “*How Do Native Treaty Rights Fit in Today’s Society?*” was well received June 18, 2009 by an attentive group of about fifty people at the *North Bay Public Library*.

The speaker, Mr Fred Bellefeuille, Barrister and Solicitor, explained the historical and legal underpinnings for the protection and recognition of First Nations hunting and fishing rights.

Participants learned the basics about Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and how these fit into modern, Canadian society. This workshop included an in-depth look at the treaty texts and how they affected modern Supreme Court decisions. Treaties are not simply real estate transactions involving the trade of land for money, rather they are institutions that provided First Nations with what they needed to continue a way of life.

Participants commented that the presentation was very worthwhile and offered in a fair-minded manner. Ninety percent of attendees said they would be likely to attend another such event and a large majority indicated their knowledge of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights was improved by the presentation.

Peggy Walsh Craig, Project Lead

MEMBERSHIP / VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Launched in April, 2008, a membership program was promoted again in 2009 through the use of the council's media space.

For 2009 and for 2010 there will be no change in the annual membership fees.

Online forms are now available at

www.greaternipissing.ca for new memberships, membership renewals or to sign up as a volunteer. Memberships are not required to volunteer or partner with stewardship council projects, however monies received from memberships and donations are used as leverage and other stewardship council activities.

As of December 31st membership stood at 43, including 2 life members and 5 supporter level members. Our current goal is to reach approximately 80 annual members.

The Stewardship Council relies upon a strong core of members and volunteers to ensure the success of many of its initiatives. Members and volunteers played a key role on several council projects over the past year, including the tree plant on Chippewa Creek and the McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project.

Dues were collected as follows:

Adult (ages 18+)	\$25.00
Youth	\$10.00
Family	\$35.00
Life	\$1,000.00 (one-time dues)
Bronze Supporter	Donation of \$100.00 or more
Silver Supporter	Donation of \$500.00 or more
Gold Supporter	Donation of \$750.00 or more
Platinum Supporter	Donation of \$1,000.00 or more
Diamond Supporter	Donation of \$2,500.00 or more

Bill Hagborg, Membership/Volunteer Program Lead

2009 GNSC Board of Directors

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Klaus Wand	Agriculture Representative
Roy Warriner	Member at Large

Honourary Directors

Doug Walsh	Ministry of the Environment
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Ontario Stewardship/Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Nathan Kirby	Stewardship Coordinator
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Workplan Notations

Please note that the following information in this annual report is to account for the adjustments made against our 2009 Work Plan Summary.

For reasons involving funding, volunteer participation/partner availability, timing or partner driven decisions, the following projects were cancelled:

- *Purchase of volunteer recognition items for volunteers*
- *[Fish] Species at Risk Poster*
- *[Aquatic] Invasive Species Poster*
- *Callander Go Green Exhibition*
- *Attendance at Two Fall Fairs*

Should the opportunity exist in the future, council may reincorporate these projects into a new workplan.

Further:

- The completion of the *Compliance Support Project* (also known as the Moose Hunting Compliance Support Project) was pushed back until 2010 so that the council could assist a partner in the redesign of their logo and to release the results of the project at a zone *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters* meeting scheduled for spring of 2010
- The *Canadian Forest Service Research Project* was determined to be concluded. This effort saw the GNSC providing administrative support only. The research being conducted in partnership with the *CFS, province* and *local forest service contractors* was completed. For providing support, council was permitted to retain the small funding excess and apply it to other stewardship efforts.
- The *Trail Guide to Healthy Living Project* was unintentionally omitted from an early version of the released Work Plan. The operational side of the project was concluded in early 2009. Other in regards to publication and circulation are as detailed in this report.
- *The Treaty Rights Workshop* continued in 2009. Again, this project was not included in early released 2009 plans. At that time, funding, partner interest and volunteer availability was indeterminate. These items were secured and the project was added and went ahead in 2009.
- The *Newsletter and Website Activities* have been reported within the *Communications Committee Report*.
- The (annual) *Spring Ice Cleanup* efforts on Lake Nipissing were cancelled due to poor/unsafe ice conditions on the weekend the project was scheduled to take place.

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship
Council**
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2009
(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

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Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council as at December 31, 2009 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

During the year an employee of our firm was a director and officer of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council.

Comparative figures have been compiled by another public accounting firm under a Notice to Reader report dated March 24, 2009.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

North Bay, Ontario
June 8, 2010

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)**

December 31	2009	2008
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 21,006	\$ 36,017
Accounts receivable	8,819	811
	<u>\$ 29,825</u>	<u>\$ 36,828</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 159	\$ 40
Deferred revenue	19,483	41,300
	<u>19,642</u>	<u>41,340</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	<u>10,183</u>	<u>(4,512)</u>
	<u>\$ 29,825</u>	<u>\$ 36,828</u>

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)**

For the year ended December 31	2009	2008
Revenues		
Grants	34,174	28,394
Projects	18,191	1,180
Fundraising	1,400	400
Donations	1,175	11,330
Memberships	830	4,893
	<u>55,770</u>	<u>46,197</u>
Expenses		
Project expenses	18,248	18,367
Trail Guide	16,420	5,821
Professional fees	1,794	1,525
Insurance	1,750	1,548
Rent	1,440	2,887
Office supplies	895	5,776
Telephone	489	1,045
Bank charges	39	290
Salaries and benefits	-	28,692
	<u>41,075</u>	<u>65,951</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	14,695	(19,754)
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>(4,512)</u>	<u>15,242</u>
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 10,183	\$ (4,512)

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)**

December 31, 2009

1. Nature of the Organization

The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council is an organization that works to protect, conserve, improve and restore the natural resources and environment of the greater Nipissing area. The organization is incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario and as a registered charity is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act.

SPECIAL THANKS

Grants

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Project Funders

Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions

City of North Bay/Tree Canada 'Green Streets' Program

Trees Ontario Foundation

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - Ontario Stewardship and Community Fish & Wildlife
Involvement Program

Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.

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