



The **Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council** (GNSC) is comprised of a diverse group of individuals representing the following interests: First Nations, fisheries, tourism, conservation, forestry, agriculture, wilderness sports, biology, youth, public-at-large and the environment. Originally founded in 1999 as the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council, the GNSC is a charitable organization that partners with similar-minded groups and government agencies to implement environmental programs; provide information on conservation and sustainability; and to increase awareness of the ecosystem. The Council relies upon a strong core of volunteers from member organizations to implement many of its initiatives.

McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project



In late April 2010, MNR Biologists and technicians with the assistance of "Friends of McQuaby Lake" volunteers, trap-netted and transferred slot-sized, breeding aged walleye to McQuaby Lake. This effort augmented the population of natural reproducing fish.

An important part of this restoration project is the voluntary walleye fishing closure, which is now in effect for McQuaby Lake. The closure is part of the GNSC McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project plan, and is supported by the MNR and the Friends of McQuaby Lake. This volunteer walleye fishing closure will help increase the project's odds for success.

This summer, volunteer work parties will clean spawning bed shoals again and place rock on those that need further augmentation. This work is planned for two weekends, August 14 & 15, August 28 & 29.

Moose Signs

Fund raising efforts of the **Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council** and the generous donation of a total of \$5,000 by the **Sturgeon Falls Rod and Gun Club, Commanda, Area Anglers and Hunters** and **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Zone D** with the support and participation of the MNR were sufficient to purchase two moose decoys. These decoys will assist the North Bay District Enforcement Team's continuing efforts to reduce poaching. Two road signs were also commissioned by the council and presented to the MNR earlier this spring.

As result of this GNSC effort, the MNR has announced a 'two for one' road sign partnership arrangement for other interested stewardship councils throughout the province.



MAY 8 ZONE D OFFICE PRESENTATION TO PARTNERS: Further to Nathan's email. I can supply the names and positions of the individuals from left to right: Mike Rieple, Supervisor, MNR Enforcement, North Bay; Roy Priddy, Chair, OFAH Zone D; Frank Ruck, President, Commanda and Hunters; John Thomson, Chair, Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council; James Anderson, Trustee, Sturgeon Falls Rod and Gun Club.

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Upcoming Events

Clean or Blue Green

Callander Bay

Public meeting – Water
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June 9th 2010 6:45pm to
9:00pm

Callander Community Centre

Hosted by

Callander Sustainable
Community Committee

Tim Hortons Clean up
June 23rd

Airport & Algonquin

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guest editor, for putting the
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month. Thanks Kate!*

North Bay Natural Habitats Project

Stewardship Council members, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority staff, City officials and a large contingent of volunteers turned out on May 15th to plant 1,130 trees along 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 of the creek. It will also enhance the aesthetic and recreational values of the creek system and the adjacent Kinsmen Trail.

The planting of trees and shrubs will help to restore the creek to its former coldwater status and fulfill the 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 Conservation Authority.

This was the 3rd and final phase for this project which resulted in a grand total of 3,246 trees of various species



and sizes being planted along the creek between Airport Road and Thompson Park.

Board Profiles

This month we feature **Bill Hagborg**. Bill worked at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, as a management forester, supervisor and acting district manager.

Bill graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry, at the University of Toronto. Bill is a Registered Professional Forester. He is also involved with the Rotary Club of North Bay as Chair, Environmental Committee and the North Bay Blooms Committee.

Bill has lead the Rural Tree Plant Program, North Bay Natural Habitats Tree Plant Project, Forest Management Workshops and is currently Chair of the Communications Committee. When he isn't volunteering and doing the odd bit of consulting, Bill enjoys fishing, canoeing, hiking, hunting and golfing.