



## FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

### NEWSLETTER #11

(September 2008)

## 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ISSUE

This is our second newsletter of 2008 (#11 in the series), intended to bring you up to date on recent developments in our organization and the Petawawa Research Forest. Please refer to our website [www.friendsofprf.ca](http://www.friendsofprf.ca) for previous newsletters, more detailed organizational information and a variety of useful links.

**FPRF 2008 AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2008** at the Deep River Public Library from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are fortunate to have **Mr. George Bruemmer**, Executive Director of the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre, to speak on the structure and goals of the Fibre Centre, and address suggested policy changes at the PRF.

Please note that your FPRF membership for 2009 should now be renewed. Although membership is free, we will issue charitable receipts for donations of \$10.00 or more. **See page 3 for detachable form.** Donations for 2009 will be accepted at the AGM or may be mailed to the Friends of the PRF Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River ON. K0J 1J0.

**\*Your attendance at the AGM is important to help determine the future direction and activities of the Friends\***

**Board of Directors:** The current Board of Directors (BOD) is as follows:

Chairman	Earl Berry	(613) 584-7773
Vice President	Frank Knaapen	(613) 735-4700 Local 2741
Treasurer & Membership	Susan Yatabe	(613) 584-3311 Local 3435
Secretary	Kathleen Burgess	(613) 687-2214
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Board Member	C.W. (Kit) Yeatman	(613) 584-1416
Board Member	E.K. (Kris) Morgenstern	(613) 735-5638
Board Member	Tom Moore	(613) 584-9354

**Treasurer's Report:** As of September 10, 2008, the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at \$5 584.00.

**PRF Organization:** Since August 2007, the Petawawa Research Forest has been under the direction of the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre. A strategy is currently being planned for Canada's two national research forests -- the Acadia Research Forest in New Brunswick and the Petawawa Research Forest in Ontario -- which will enhance their contribution to the forest research community both in Canada and internationally.

In response to a letter of concern regarding proposed major land use and organizational policy changes at the PRF, sent by the FPRF Board on July 29, 2008, the Honourable Gary Lunn, P.C., Minister of Natural Resources, has assured us in writing that, "Any changes currently being considered will add value to that legacy and promote a positive future for both forests." (August 13, 2008)

**Work Plan:** The Board of Directors of the FPRF produces a yearly Work Plan with the idea of initiating additional work projects to be undertaken within the objectives of our Constitution. Our 2008 Work Plan can be seen on our website: [www.friendsofprf.ca](http://www.friendsofprf.ca)

**Projects:** The following are continuing or completed projects undertaken by the Friends in 2008:

- **PRF 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** A 12-foot banner celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PRF was purchased and hung on the outer wall of the Visitor Centre.
  - ❖ The Friends of the PRF arranged for a glacial erratic boulder, found at the PRF, to be placed at the front of the Visitor Centre and engraved with the words: “PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST/LA FÔRET EXPÉRIMENTALE DE PETAWAWA ESTABLISHED/ÉTABLIE 1918.” Thanks to the work of Peter Arbour and Dan Turcotte, this major project was accomplished and will be unveiled at a ceremony, the date of which will be announced after the federal election. Invitations to this special event will be sent to all Friends’ members.
- **Signs:** Bilingual water trail signs were installed and the trail upgraded to highlight the waterway and wetland habitat near the Visitor Centre. It was very popular with summer visitors this year.
- **Benches:** The Friends have purchased three benches which will be installed on the trails next year for the comfort of visitors. Thanks to Peter Arbour and the staff of the PRF for assembling and storing these for us.
- **Envirothon:** The Ontario Envirothon is an interactive environmental education program for youth from Grades 9 to 12, sponsored by the Ontario Forestry Association. Regional competitions take place throughout the school year with a provincial competition taking place in the spring. The Friends were involved, through volunteering and bussing costs, with the local competition which was held at the PRF on April 23, 2008. The team which won at the PRF this year was from Mackenzie High School, Deep River. They went on to complete in the provincial competition in May. Information about this program can be found at: <http://www.ontarioenvirothon.on.ca/>.
- **Ski Trails:** Volunteers from the Friends and the Deep River X-Country Ski Club, along with Forestry Technician students from Algonquin College, are continuing the work on upgrading the cross-country ski trails, in particular, the Maunsell Lake Trail.
- **Fall Walk in the Forest:** This year’s walk will take place on Saturday, October 18, at 10am. Chair of the Friends of PRF, Earl Berry, will guide the walk through the Demonstration Forest and the water trail near the Visitor Centre.
- **Ottawa Valley Tourist Association:** The Friends have decided to join the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association for one year and advertise the Visitor Centre on its tourist map for 2009. After the season is over, a cost benefit analysis of the advertising project will be undertaken using statistics collected at the Visitor Centre before we decide if this is a beneficial yearly expense.
- **School Sugarbush Tours:** A donation was made to Michelle Stein and Ian Miller to assist in the purchase of new pipelines and supplies for their continuing work with local schools in their spring maple syrup operation. Over 800 local students toured the sugarbush this year, learning about nature, maple syrup and the PRF.
- **Chalk River Lions Club Maplefest:** The FPRF participate in this annual event and this year, thanks to the keen work of Kit and Norma Yeatman, 16 new Friends’ memberships were created.
- **Webpage:** Liz Mitchel is to be thanked for her on-going effort, continually updating the Friends’ webpage. Since a new web domain was chosen this year, our web address has recently been changed to [www.friendsofprf.ca](http://www.friendsofprf.ca)
- **Renfrew County Outdoor Woodlot Conference:** On October 4, 2008, the FPRF will be represented at this venue with a display providing information and membership forms.

**Addresses:** The Friends of the PRF Inc. may be contacted as follows:

Canada Post:	P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River, ON. K0J 1J0
Web Site:	<a href="http://www.friendsofprf.ca">www.friendsofprf.ca</a>
Email:	<a href="mailto:friendsofprf@magma.ca">friendsofprf@magma.ca</a>

**FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.**

**2009 Membership Time To Renew ! 2009 Membership**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ P. Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Receipts will be provided for donations of \$10.00 and over) **NOTE:** Membership is free.

For more information and recent news about the Friends, please refer to the Website at: [www.friendsofprf.ca](http://www.friendsofprf.ca) or contact us at [friendsofprf@magma.ca](mailto:friendsofprf@magma.ca) or telephone: (613) 584-7773 or (613) 732-8402

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to volunteer. (Please note any specific projects of interest in the suggestion section below)

Mail this form to: Friends of the PRF Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River, ON. K0J 1J0

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS**

Visitors Centre Museum Theme - Signs – Kids’ Corner - Trails - Other

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