



FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

NEWSLETTER #16
(April 2011)

This is our first newsletter of 2011 (#16 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 for previous newsletters, more detailed organizational information and a variety of useful links.

****Please take note that your 2011 charitable membership donations are essential in order to carry out the plans we have for this year. Membership in the FPRF is free, but with the number of corporate donations made to our organization decreasing in the past three years, we really need your donations now to stay afloat. See page 3 of this newsletter for detachable membership and donation form.****

Board of Directors: The 2011 Board of Directors (BOD) was elected by acclamation at the Annual General Meeting (#9) on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at the Deep River Library.

Three student/youth representatives from the Forestry Technician Department of Algonquin College were introduced by Frank Knappen.

The 2011 Board of Directors will be as follows:

Chairman	Earl Berry	(613) 584-7773
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Projects: The following are continuing or proposed projects of the Friends during 2011:

- **2011 Fund Raising Campaign:** Our fund raising campaign will continue this year with letters being sent to many public and private organizations which might be interested in the Friends' program. Our student/youth representatives have offered to investigate and apply for project grants. Any suggestions for fundraising would be appreciated, and may be emailed to us at phoenix262@live.com, or written on the donation sheet on page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Expo 150:** With the assistance of the PRF and the Fibre Centre, the Friends of PRF will have an information display at Expo 150, a celebration of Renfrew County's 150th anniversary to be held at the Pembroke and Area airport from June 9-12, 2011.
- **Water Trail:** The Chalk River Water Trail boardwalk is in dire need of repair. Its upgrade is under discussion for grant applications.
- **Stone Chimney:** Charles van Wagner and Kit Yeatman will have the final proposals for a sign and plaque to be put on/near the stone chimney of the former staff house this year.
- **School Sugarbush Program:** A donation was given to Ian Miller and Michelle Stein again this year in order to purchase maple syrup for the school sugarbush program. The Friends feel strongly that this project continue and recognize its importance to local school children.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – The FPRF 2010 AGM was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at the Deep River Public Library. Earl read a synopsis from the last newsletter of the Friends' activities since the 2009 AGM and reviewed what had been done in 2010, including clearing of, and new maps for, the ski trails; proposed plans for the stone chimney; the installation of new Highway 17 Visitor Centre signs; the 15th annual Renfrew County Outdoor Woodlot Conference that was held at the PRF in October 2010; and the Friends' membership in the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association.

The Friends also sponsored a talk by Frank Ahern on his book, *Algonquin Park Through Time and Space: The history and ecology of Algonquin Park told with satellite imagery and computer graphics* at the Deep River library on May 26th, 2010

Katalyn Macafee, representing the CIF, presented plaques to Kit Yeatman and Charles Van Wagner in recognition of their research and long-term commitment to the CIF. Similar plaques have been presented to Mary Morgenstern (for Kris) and Ben Wang, and duplicates of all these plaques will be hung in the Visitor Centre in the spring.

Our guest speaker for this annual meeting was Dr. Darwin Burgess who spoke on "The Potential Role of the PRF in Forest Productivity Research." He described examples of plantation research at the PRF, and research in natural forests, as well as presenting examples from other research forests and challenges for the PRF. He pointed out why we need research forests and explained some advantages of intensive plantations and different silvicultural systems in natural forests, giving examples of research from the PRF as well as from Sweden, Europe, the U.S. and Japan. He pointed out that the Northern European Database of Long Term Forest Experiments, **NOLTFOX**, between the Baltic countries and the UK, is a shared database with about 2000 references in place for future reference and research, and suggested that a similar database should include Canadian research, perhaps in collaboration with the U.S. and other countries.

Darwin finished his talk with a summary of his view of the challenges for the PRF, including hiring new research staff; connecting at local, national and global levels; involving universities, colleges and other groups; expanding the research scope to include biomass, water, wildlife, recreation and climate change studies; encouraging research at the process, stand and forest levels; and applying innovative approaches at all levels. He was thanked for his presentation by Earl Berry.

Membership: Our 2010 membership totaled 163 with approximately 100 active members. We have 22 corporate members, including the towns of Deep River, Laurentian Hills, Petawawa and township of Head, Clara and Maria. We acquired 3 new corporate donors this year: Summers Logging & Tree Service Ltd, AECL and the CIF. A donation was also made to the Friends through the United Way. Other corporate donors were Lavern Heideman and Sons, and Murray Brothers Lumber Company.

Treasurer's Report: As of Nov. 14, 2010, the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at **\$2,335.93**.

In early 2010, a grant of \$1000 was made to the Friends by the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre. The money was used to purchase new signs for locations such as PNFI historical sites, the Petawawa Sunburst white spruce, fire research, and PSP 1.

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

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Here is my tax-deductible donation of \$_____ (Receipts will be provided for donations of \$10.00 and over) **NOTE: Membership is free, but we need your donations to continue our work.**

For more information and recent news about the Friends, please refer to the website at: www.friendsofprf.ca or contact us at phoenix262@live.com 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)

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