



FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

NEWSLETTER #19
(October 2012)

This is our second newsletter of 2012 (#19 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. A new FPRF Facebook page is also now up and running at www.facebook.com/FriendsofPRF.

FPRF 2012 AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 14, 2012** at the Deep River Public Library from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be Harry Adams who will give a presentation on dragonflies and damselflies. Our secretary has informed the Board of her intent to resign from the Board at that time. This leaves the BOD with vacancies, so any nominations or volunteers will be welcomed at the AGM.

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

****Please note that your FPRF membership for 2013 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 2013 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.****

Board of Directors: The 2012 Board of Directors (BOD) is as follows. Nominations and changes to the Board for 2013 will be dealt with at the AGM in November.

Chairman	Robin Cunningham	(613) 732-8402
Vice President	Frank Knaapen	(613) 735-4700 Local 2741
Treasurer & Membership	Susan Yatabe	(613) 584-3311 Local 43435
Secretary	Kathleen Burgess	(613) 687-2214
Board Member	Charles Van Wagner	(613) 584-4846
Board Member	C.W. (Kit) Yeatman	(613) 584-1416
Board Member	Tom Moore	(613) 584-9354

Visitor centre:

The Visitor Centre was not opened for the 2012 season. Suggestions for its refocus and future use are being considered.

Updates:

- **Maplefest** did not take place in 2012 as the Chalk River Lions Club was undergoing personnel changes. It is hoped that this annual event will continue in future years as it raises the profile of the PRF and is a major fundraiser for the Chalk River Lions Club.
- A new **Facebook** page has been created for the Friends. Events, news and pictures have been posted. It can be found at: www.facebook.com/FriendsofPRF
- **Stone Chimney Sign & Plaque:** The stone chimney signs and plaque are now in place.
- **Signage:** There are a number of signs still needed by the PRF. The Friends have assisted with this in the past and will continue to pursue this project.
- **Ski trail** maintenance is ongoing.

Suggestions: There have been a number of interesting suggestions made regarding the Friends' future ongoing participation with the PRF. Some of these include:

- The creation of self-guided tours of the PRF.
- Establishment of an arboretum on the PRF.
- A PRF family ski day.
- New signs for silviculture projects.
- Project T.E.D. (Tree Exchange Depot) is a new incentive to promote reading which involves having donated children's books put into depots made from tree trunks and placed in locations accessible to readers around the County. Although the PRF is probably not a suitable location for a depot due to potential problems with vandalism, the Friends could help with the distribution of books, and fallen trees from the station could be donated for this project if requested.
- Portions of the PRF database, including vintage maps, are to be uploaded to the Friends' website.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 17, 2012. the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at **\$3 216.44**. One corporate donation and 23 individual donations were received this year. A GST rebate cheque of \$472.31 was deposited.

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:	www.friendsofprf.ca
Email:	rcunning@bell.net

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2013 Membership **Time To Renew!** 2013 Membership

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Name: _____ Ave/St/Box # _____

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, **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 **rcunning@bell.net** or phone: **(613) 732-8402.**

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

Charitable # 88812 3007 RR0001

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS & FUNDRAISING

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