

## FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST

### NEWSLETTER

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For those of you who, understandably, may have forgotten that such an organization as the Friends Of The Petawawa Research Forest exists (and that you are a member), we have included a copy of our first Newsletter. As some changes have taken place in the Board of Directors, we have listed the current members and their positions below.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Name	Contact
Chairman	E.K. (Kris) Morgenstern	(613) 735-5638 krismo@magma.ca
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Board Member	Jennifer Hawley	(613) 584-3005 hawleyj@nrtco.net
Board Member	Peter Kourtz	(705) 766-2722 pkourtz@muskoka.com

Since the last Newsletter the Board has held three official (recorded) meetings and numerous informal meetings with the majority being at the PRF offices (thanks to Steve D'Eon, the PRF Forest Manager) and the following items have been initiated or completed:

INCORPORATION: To date one of the Board's major preoccupations has been to satisfy the legal and bureaucratic requirements of Incorporation, which has been moving along at a glacial pace. However, we have been advised that our Letters Patent have been issued dated April 2, 2003 by Industry Canada - which is the date our completed application was submitted. FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST is now a legal entity! Again we would like to acknowledge the *pro bono* help we have received from the Borden Ladner Gervais LLP firm in Ottawa during our Incorporation odyssey.

CHARITABLE STATUS: Having answered the many pages of questions in the Income Tax Act Charitable Organization Application (after many, many detailed telephone and Email questions) we can finally submit it due to the recent granting of our Incorporated status. Although not explicitly stated as such, much more credibility is granted to the submission of an Incorporated organization.

BY-LAW #1: The full text of By-Law #1 required for our Incorporation submission to Industry Canada amounts to twenty four (24) pages. It should be noted that, as a condition of Incorporation, By-Law #1 must be ratified by 2/3 of the Membership attending our next Annual General Meeting. We have therefore made a short summary of By-Law #1 and attached it to this newsletter. The full text will be

available for inspection at our Annual General Meeting or a copy will be mailed upon request.

FINANCES: The year end financial report of December 31, 2002 shows a total revenue of \$1,125.02 (Charitable donations & Membership dues) with expenses of \$274.62 (Bank charges, Meeting costs, Office Supplies & Misc.) leaving a working capital of \$850.40. Our Membership currently stands at 73.

PROJECTS: The Board of Directors has identified at least one major project which is the long term goal of having the PRF area (or a selected portion thereof) granted the status of a National Heritage Site under the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Of course the HSMBC will not even consider a Heritage Site proposal until the land owner (Department of National Defence) has been advised and has agreed in writing with the project.

As the Board is now in a position to entertain other project proposals, we are hereby requesting new ideas benefiting the PRF from the membership at large. Of course, along with acceptable new projects, comes the necessity of volunteers to make them happen.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Again the Board members have agreed to participate in a "Walk in the Woods" tour, meeting at the PRF Visitors Centre (just off Highway #17) on Saturday, October 11, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. There will be three conducted tours of 3, 8 and 12 kilometres in length. The lead person in this endeavour is Kit Yeatman who is again setting up the route, stops, timetable, information sheet(s) and looking forward to an extremely enjoyable afternoon the same as last year.  
**Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the outing.**
- Unfortunately we have been informed that due to budget constraints, the Town of Laurentian Hills will no longer be operating the PRF Visitors Centre as in previous years. At present it is unknown if the Visitors Centre will open this year or not.
- The mailing address for the "Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest" is still as follows: P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River, Ontario. K0J 1P0

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Please note that the 2003 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2003 at the Chalk River Lions Hall starting at 10:00 am. The Membership is invited to submit items to be included in a proposed Agenda, which will be mailed prior to the Meeting. The Board of Directors also urges the Members to mention our organization and the Annual Meeting to anyone they think may be interested in attending.

The annual individual donation of \$10.00 will be collected at the meeting or if you are mailing it in please include the following: Name; mailing address; telephone number and Email address if available.