



FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

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2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ISSUE

This is our second newsletter of 2007 (#9 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.webhop.org for previous newsletters, more detailed organizational information and a variety of useful links.

FPRF 2007 AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 7, 2007** at the Deep River Public Library from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Charlie Van Wagner will speak about the history and tales of the forestry ski trails.

Please note that your FPRF membership for 2008 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 2008 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
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Board Member	E.K. (Kris) Morgenstern	(613) 735-5638
Board Member	Tom Moore	(613) 584-9354

Treasurer's Report: As of September 12, 2007, the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at \$5041.

New Direction for the PRF: As of August 2007, the Petawawa Research Forest is now under the direction of the new Canadian Wood Fibre Centre. The vision of this new CFS initiative is that "Canada's wood fibre is sustainably managed to give the forest sector a strong competitive advantage in a global marketplace." More information about the Fibre Centre can be found at: <http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/news/144>

Since the PRF has been concerned with sustainable management since 1918, this seems to be a fitting match.

Work Plan: The BOD produces a yearly Work Plan with the idea of initiating additional work projects to be undertaken within the objectives of our Constitution. Our 2007 Work Plan can be seen on our website: www.FriendsofPRF.webhop.org

Projects: The following are continuing or completed projects undertaken by the Friends during 2007:

- **Signs:** - A mobile banner promoting the Friends of the PRF for use at the various venues we attend was produced.
 - Ten new signs for the Water Trail were completed.
 - Two new museum display cases have been built and donated by the Rotary Club of North Renfrew, Deep River branch under the direction of John Veen. They will be used to display antique forestry instruments. Engraved plaques acknowledging the Rotary Club were donated by Steve Handke of the Pembroke Trophy Centre.
 - Signs linking the white pine grading display with the Demonstration Forest were erected.
- **Envirothon:** The Ontario Environthon 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 that was held at the PRF on April 26, 2007. The team which won at the PRF was from Opeongo High School and they went on to place third in the provincial competition. Information about this program can be found at: <http://www.ontarioenvirothon.on.ca/>.
- **Ontario Woodlot Association Forestry Field Trip:** The OWA sponsors a project involving local Grade 7 and 8 students who visit a woodlot area to learn about tree species, wildlife (birds, reptiles and mammals), water ecology, water sampling and tree harvesting. Volunteers visit the school(s) involved a few days before the field day to prepare the class and teachers for the event. On April 19, 2007, Grade 8 students from St. Mary's School in Deep River came to the PRF for an enjoyable and educational day in the woods. Various members of the FPRF volunteered in different ways to make this project a success, and the Friends of the PRF paid the cost of the students' bus.
- **Kids' Corner:** A new Kids' Corner at the Visitor Centre was set up with assistance and donations from the Friends. One of the summer students hired by the municipalities responsible for the Visitor Centre, **Melissa Blimkie**, was particularly involved in this project, developing various nature projects for the children. Response from the public was very positive. Two "Fun Days" were held at the centre with approximately 20-30 children attending each time.
- **Ski Trails:** Volunteers from the Friends and the Deep River X-Country Ski Club, along with students from Algonquin College, have cleared most of the Maunsell Lake Trail for cross-country skiing. What has not been cleared has been marked. The trail is going to be featured on this year's Friends' annual fall walk.
- **Fall Walk in the Forest:** This year's walk will take place on Saturday, October 13 at 10am. Visitors will be guided through the newly-cleared Maunsell Lake ski trail.

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