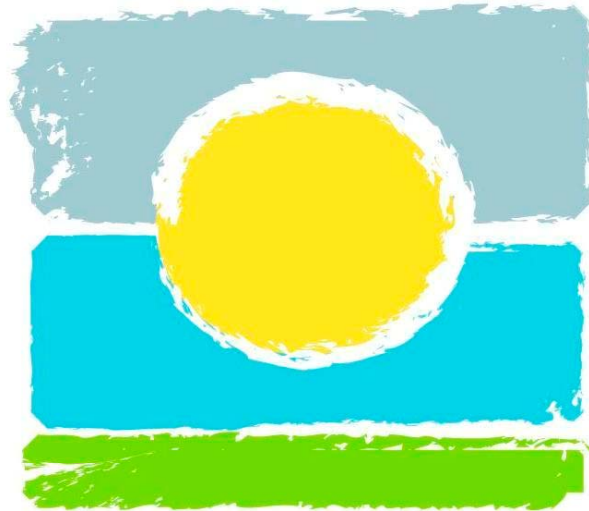


Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

2011

ANNUAL REPORT



Greater Nipissing
Stewardship Council

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Mandate of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

- To protect, conserve, improve and restore the natural resources and environment of the 'Greater Nipissing' area, in the Province of Ontario.
- To encourage and foster an understanding and awareness of the natural resources and environment and their value in enhancing our quality of life, by organizing conferences, seminars, public meetings and distribution of information circulars on issues relating to the environment and its management and protection.
- To conduct educational seminars, conferences and public forums about the flora, fauna, ecology, hydrology and geology of the region.
- To collect information on the state of the natural resources and environment, and to provide information for, and participate in, management decisions affecting the 'Greater Nipissing' area.
- To act as a catalyst, in partnership with other organizations or individuals, assisting to achieve the desired outcome of projects that will benefit the natural resources and environment of the 'Greater Nipissing' area.



Chairman's Remarks

The business of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council (GNSC) is to protect, conserve, improve and restore the Greater Nipissing area by performing, informing, educating and assisting individuals and groups involved in environmental projects. Every member of the Board of Directors of the GNSC is involved in one or more of our environmental projects either by leading or assisting. Every member's effort is essential to the success of each project on the annual work plan and all of them are fully committed to carrying through on the GNSC's mission in the greater Nipissing area.

However there are a select number of individuals that carry a greater burden of work having accepted appointment to the Executive Committee. Bill Hagborg, *Vice Chair*, is one of those individuals. Bill voluntarily took on the job of publicity and communications for the Council. Bill prepares and schedules all media releases and public notices for the council. He administers the large donations of our media partners, Cogeco, CTV and the Nugget, making sure that the benefit provided by the donated media time is maximized and that it is used for purposes that do not contravene the understanding with the media partners. He keeps our website current, continually updating the information. He maintains the 'action items' list for the Board and not only are the one-time action items organized but also recurring tasks with respect to work plan development, budget preparation and approval and all duties and responsibilities for the year end report and the annual general meeting.

Paula Scott, *Secretary*, offered to develop and maintain the GNSC membership and volunteer lists. She monitors email communications with a number of groups so that the Council does not unnecessarily burden our partners and members with trivial messages. She keeps them informed of environmental projects and activities in the greater Nipissing area that might be of interest to them. Other paper correspondence with members about dues, charitable receipts, notices of meetings and other GNSC business with its members is efficiently processed by her. Paula also fills the role of editor of our newsletter that is published three times a year winter, spring and fall. Check out the past issues on the website.

Jessica Dion, CA knew when she joined the board of the GNSC that she was going to be the next *Treasurer*. She stepped into the position and immediately began an overhaul of our accounting system to make financial statements easier to understand. Assets and liabilities were clearly separated into different accounts based on legal and agreed obligations. And a revenues and expenses reporting system was developed to better track our day to day operations. To start, the entire financial history of the GNSC was restated to maintain consistency. From the reduced number of questions at board meetings about the financial statements, Jess was successful. The tracking of

the ever changing financial position of an organization is a constant job that never ends and it takes a special person to handle the task. The Council is very fortunate to have Jess doing the accounting work for us.

Finally, Nathan Kirby is an employee of the MNR tasked to work with the GNSC on its stewardship activities. Nathan fills in the spaces between what the volunteers want to do and what needs to be done. He is knowledgeable and talented at navigating the complexities of government to get us what we need: information, advice, permits and even at finding funding. He oversees the assembly of our work plan every year and develops the budgets necessary to get the work done. He is a meticulous planner and uses his skill to respond to the numerous projects needing attention throughout the short field season. He fills out the funding applications, records board meeting minutes, assembles the annual report, takes the photographs, prepares power point presentations and performs such other tasks that the Council may request or require. In short, Nathan is a jack and master of all trades and without his assistance the volume of work produced toward our mission would be greatly reduced.

John Thornton, Chairman; Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communications Committee coordinates media coverage and provides communications support for projects, workshops and other council activities – including the preparation of media invitations, releases, displays, handout materials, e-bulletins.

A new, professionally produced, display was created for use at AGM's, workshops and public meetings. The display consists of 2 roll-up panels and 2 hardboard panels that are much easier to transport to venues.

The committee also continued to put a significant amount of time and effort into three ongoing initiatives.

Newsletter:

Three editions were published and distributed electronically to council members, volunteers, partners, supporters, sponsors and other interested individuals and organizations.

The newsletters play an important role in keeping the members and other interested parties informed about Council projects and events.

Media Space:

The Stewardship Council entered into a new 3-year agreement (March 2011 – February 2014) with 3 media sponsors – TVCogeco, CTV, and The North Bay Nugget. The donation of this media space continues to provide a valuable communications tool for the placement of ads and notices. The bulk of the allocated space was used again this year for the “Do Your Part” campaigns on - ice fishing on Lake Nipissing and Crown land recreation. A new campaign was also produced and launched in July to educated recreational boaters on steps to help control the transportation and spread of invasive species between local lakes.





Website:

The Council's webmaster, Due North Marketing, has added a new feature to the site – a webcam at the west end of Lake Nipissing that uploads a new photo every 15 minutes.

A few additional enhancements have been made to provide more information about the Council and links to other pertinent sites.

Partner organizations events are now being posted on our 'Events Page' and partners are welcome to contact us with their event for wider distribution.

Finally, a statistical counter has been installed to track hits to the site and this helps the council evaluate the use of the internet site as a communications tool.

Visit the site yourself to learn more about the council and our activities by going to: www.greaternipissing.ca

Bill Hagborg, Communications Committee



FMZ 11 Committee

The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council takes an active interest in the resource management activities of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Prior to posting amendments to regulations for Zone 11, the MNR hopes to use the FMZ 11 Committee as a sounding board (vs a sole window of consultation) prior to assignment to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) website.

When invited to sit at the table for the Fisheries Management Zone 11 or 'FMZ 11' Committee, it was an easy and logical fit for the council to appoint its Fisheries Representative to this table.

Over the past year, the learning curve has been steep for the committee -getting up to speed on the biological science behind fisheries management and computer data modeling for setting regulations, but it has been enjoyable.

A great deal of attention has been paid to the declining health of the lake trout population in northeastern Ontario and consideration of options to improve the stocks. The committee has not yet tackled the issues facing Lake's Nipissing or Temagami, but expect to see it on the agenda in the near future.

Although the GNSC is not the sole stakeholder on the FMZ 11 committee, we encompass a large coverage area and you can have your say in Fisheries Management by contacting us.

Dr. Kevin O'Grady, Council Fisheries Representative

Project Reports

McQuaby Lake Walleye Monitoring Project



Started in 2006, and continued through 2011, this project is a very good example of how MNR's Ontario Stewardship Program can bring partners together who share an interest in responsible and sustainable resource preservation. The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council, Conservation Clubs, community residents, seasonal cottage owners, Nipissing Municipality and MNR worked together to bring the walleye back to McQuaby Lake.

The Friends of McQuaby Lake, is an organization formed as a result of this project. This organization continues to monitor the success of walleye restoration by completing shoal counts of spawning fish each spring and results have been very positive. The lake will remain under voluntary closure to walleye angling pressure (brood stock are further legally protected by slot regulations) until the population can withstand the angling pressure.

This year the Friends held a shoal-cleaning day, where they spent a morning cleaning the spawning shoals enhanced by work of previous years. Afterwards, a picnic was held for the enjoyment of residents and volunteers and to continue the community interest in the initiative.

There is enduring interest by The Friends of McQuaby Lake to protect these walleye with a voluntary harvest moratorium, fall spawning shoal cleaning, shoreline rehabilitation and riparian habitat improvement. With their ongoing hard work, fisheries habitat and the overall quality of McQuaby Lake will continue to improve and there will be walleye fishing in the future.

Roy Warriner, Project Lead

Northern Afforestation Program

The only way to make regional landscape level improvements is apply effective planning and support local efforts that start making changes from the ground up.

Discussions advancing the creation of a Northern Afforestation Program – a program

NORTHERN AFFORESTATION PROGRAM

council hopes to see implemented across northern Ontario - concluded in late fall.

The purposes of the program are multi-faceted and will achieve results including:

- Increase in tree cover on private land through partnerships with landowners
- Improvement of marginal or ecologically sensitive lands
- Support sustainable development connecting resource management to business
- Support the local forestry employment sector through regeneration planting
- Support the local economy through purchase of materials and services

The intended program will be composed of 2 phases. The first is a design phase with input from stakeholders, environmental organizations, private business and various levels of government.

The second is an implementation phase which will deliver the program via local partnerships.

Funding is anticipated in early 2012 with complementary support from Ontario Stewardship's five other councils and our provincial partner; Trees Ontario

Stephen Mitchell, Project Lead

TD Tree Days



On a cool but cooperative autumn morning, the local Chapter of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation paired up with the Stewardship Council and North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority to replant an area of property within Laurier Woods that had once been built as a road allowance into the now protected parcel of land.

The site made for tough digging but the volunteers proved themselves tougher, planting hundreds of conifer seedlings appropriate to the dry sandy soils.

This is becoming an annual event for the partners and we would like to thank Tree Canada for their generous funding support and of course the volunteers who are willing to take a few hours of a Saturday morning to make a difference for all of us.

Jessica Dion, Council Planting Lead

Lake Nosbonsing Loon Educational Project

The Lake Nosbonsing Loon Conservation project continued through 2011, and council is still seeking funding for access point educational signage which will follow up the volunteer nesting survey completed in 2010



In the interim, lakeside residents were supplied with information on how to improve their treasured shoreline habitats with the hope that it inspires some spontaneous acts of stewardship.

Council also continues to work on creating a shoreline buffer program that will help support landowners efforts to naturalize these sensitive and important areas.

Kathleen Ross, Project Lead

Annual Used Household Battery Collection Contest



In 2011, the 10th annual used household battery collection competition was a resounding success. Over 5,500 high school students from 10 area high schools took part in 2011's collection competition. A grand total of 5,239 kg (over 11,549 lbs) of all types of household batteries were collected over an 8-week period in April and May. A few elementary schools also participated and provided what they collected to neighboring high schools.

The standard prizes of \$400 each were up for grabs – to the school that collected the most batteries and the school that collected the most batteries per student. In celebration of the 10th anniversary, 2 additional prizes of \$250 were included this year that resulted in the greatest improvement over 2010. 2011's winners were:

PRIZES	SECONDARY SCHOOL	RESULTS
Greatest Total Weight	St. Joseph-Scollard Hall	1,844 kg
Greatest Total Weight/Student	F.J. McElligott	8.3 kg
Greatest % Improvement - Total Weight	F.J. McElligott	1.3 %
Greatest % Improvement - Total Weight/Student	F.J. McElligott	1.5 %

Other participating schools included: Algonquin, Chippewa, Franco-Cite, Nbissing, Northern, Odyssee, West Ferris and Widdifield.

The competition, co-organized by the Stewardship Council and Nipissing Environmental Watch was once again generously funded by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

Over the past 10 years over 39,000 kg of dead batteries have been diverted from local landfill sites. Batteries are a key source of hazardous waste that contain heavy metals and other chemicals such as acid, cadmium, mercury, copper, zinc, lead, manganese, nickel and lithium – all of which are very harmful to the environment.

Preventing leaching of these materials (which leads to aquatic toxification affecting fertility rates and causing birth defects) preserves biological integrity and biodiversity in wildlife and fish, and is in our collective best interests as well.

The program will run again in 2012. Please see www.nipissingenvironmentalwatch.org for more information on how you can become involved.

Vijanti Ramlogan-Murphy, Project Lead

2011 Ontario Stewardship Rangers



Thanks to an internal policy change within the Ministry of Natural Resources, northern Districts with stewardship councils have been receiving priority consideration to receive Ontario Stewardship Ranger (OSR) Crews from Youth Programs. As a result, in 2011 the GNSC was again successful in receiving funding for this project.

The Stewardship Ranger Program is an offshoot of the Ontario Ranger Program which has been in operation since the 1940's throughout central and northern Ontario. In the late 90's Ontario Stewardship seized an opportunity to help create the Stewardship Ranger Program in order to bring similar youth employment opportunities to southern Ontario. Its success at working in partnership with external organizations at minimal costs have since seen the 'new' effort expand itself into northern Ontario. While similar to its parent program, OSR crews differ in their scope of activities and in that students arrive to and return home from work each day similar to a "normal" job. In some circumstances, OSR teams have helped maintain local youth employment opportunities in areas where Ranger Camps have closed through various government transformations.

The over-riding purpose of the OSR program is to provide work & training opportunities to youth –with a bit of life experience thrown in as well.

Crews work with partner agencies, organizations and individuals to complete natural resources projects and achieve local results on the ground. Summer positions are often a stepping stone for youth who wish to pursue a career in natural resources, but Stewardship Rangers are not *only* tomorrow's resource management professionals. Participating students move on to other walks of life; doctors, lawyers, engineers, tradesman, politicians –taking with them a better understanding of the importance of natural resources and ecosystem management.



Through July and August, the enthusiastic team of teenagers was lead by an older, more experienced college student to deliver a variety of different projects. Each supported the mandate of council, MNR and participating partners. Additionally, the summer schedule included a significant amount of

workplace and certification training which students can carry with them into their continuing educational and employment careers.

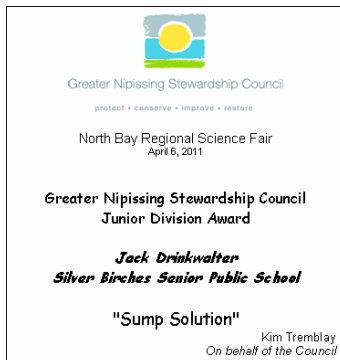
Highlights of the 2011 summer schedule included:

- Laurier Woods Trail Improvement Work
- Assisting staff at the Wild At Heart wildlife recovery centre
- Assisting with a Masters Study of Lake Sturgeon near Sturgeon Falls
- Temagami Back Country Canoe Route Maintenance
- Assisting with the Lake Nipissing Open Water Creel Census
- Crown Land Maintenance north of Mowat's Landing
- Collecting GPS/GIS Information for Natural Resource Values Mapping
- Electrofishing Surveys of Atlantic Salmon Habitat
- Station Maintenance & Brood/Fingerling Culture at the North Bay Fish Culture Station
- Provincial Park Maintenance at Finlayson Provincial Park
- Mattawa River Canoe Route Cleanup
- Duck Banding on Lady Evelyn Lake

Partners interested in accessing the team in 2012 (or future years) are encouraged to contact the council. Community needs and interest expressed in the program is helpful in securing funding.

Nathan Kirby, Stewardship Coordinator/ Project Lead

North Bay Regional Science Fair



The Council continued its support of the annual North Bay Regional Science Fair by recognizing the efforts of environmentally-minded students participating in the fair.

One hundred and fifty dollars were contributed as awards in two categories: *Junior* (\$50) and *Senior/Intermediate* (\$100). The recipients also received framed certificates. The Board of Directors were pleased to announce the 2011 recipients of the “Greater Nipissing Stewardship

Council Award”, relating to natural resources and the environment:

2011 Junior Division Award (Grades 7 and 8)

Jack Drinkwalter,
Silver Birches Senior Public School, for his
project “*Sump Solution*”

2011 Intermediate/Senior Divisions Award (Grades 9 through 12)

Marie-Claire Henry, Parry Sound High School,
for her project
“*The Answer to the Energy Crisis is Blowing in
the Wind*”

Learn more about the science fair at: <http://www.nbrsf.com/>

Kim Tremblay, Project Lead

LAKE NIPISSING EDUCATIONAL KIT

On February 10, 2011 The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council (GNSC) presented the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nord and the Conseil Scolaire Public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario with the French edition of the Lake Nipissing Education Kit.



This is a Teacher Resource with lesson plans, work sheets, pictures and a game, was given to the GNSC by Mrs. Karen Anderson, a retired elementary school teacher, who designed it in accordance with the Ministry of Education Grade 2 core curriculum requirements.

It was first presented to the Near North District School Board, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and the Dokis First Nation Elementary School in 2007. The North Bay district office of the Ministry of Natural Resources funded the translation into French assisting the GNSC to reach French language students in the Lake Nipissing region and start to develop environmental awareness in our future citizens.

John Thornton, Project Lead



Youth Hunting Opportunity Day

While the Youth Hunting Opportunity Day is a listed project on the 2011 work plan, the work done was of a planning nature only. Potential partners were contacted, and council attended a similar event in Huron County to get a feel for what other partners are doing to promote the continuation of this heritage activity. Resourced materials available from an Ontario based partnership website (youthhunting.ca) have been helpful tools in ongoing planning. With this a solid foundation has been built for a successful Youth Hunting Opportunity Day to be held in the fall of 2012.

Roy Warriner, Project Lead

Public Events Participation



Each year the council reserves time to attend the public events and engage the community in an open fashion. In 2011, one of the events council had the pleasure in attending was the *Farmers Symposium* in Powassan. Agricultural partners are 'old friends' of stewardship councils, but sometimes at odds with regulatory staff of the MNR. MNR's stewardship program on the other

hand helps improve these connections and a personal connection was made between the agricultural community and the local species at risk biologist.

When approached in the right way, members of the agriculture community will cooperate.

They will do what is right for the environment and protect SAR (Species at Risk) as long as common sense prevails and that their livelihood is not threatened. Workable proposals should be presented first and not heavy handed regulations; the opportunity for input must be given.

One size does not fit all since there are climatic differences between South Western and Northern Ontario. If authorities will listen and try to work together - as in the case of the Bobolink - good results can be achieved.

Otherwise, the potential for failure of the intended action or result is a very real consequence. In reference to the Bobolink, many hay fields (Bobolink habitat) could be ploughed under, habitat would be lost and regulators would be powerless to do anything about such a scenario.

Klaus Wand, Council Agricultural Representative

Trail Guide to Healthy Living

During 2011 we continued to release copies of our partnered regional trail guide; the 'Trail Guide to Healthy Living' as we moved into our third year of sales.

This project was initiated in 2007 with ambitious goals of assembling a comprehensive trail guide for the area. It was designed to be complete with all area's recognized recreational trails on both Crown and private lands. Our purpose for creating such a resource was to combine our interests of natural resource education along with other organization's goals of encouraging outdoor activities as a part of a healthy lifestyle. The guide also promotes sustainable eco-tourism of our area.



To create the guide, volunteers and some various staff members with GPS (Global Positioning System) machines in hand walked, ATV'd, snowshoed, skied and cycled recognized area trails to collect map data. Where extra attention was needed, a summer youth crew of Stewardship Rangers helped out on some of the more difficult or remote trails in 2007 and 2008. Some current map data was also obtained from previous trail mapping exercises completed by Ministry of Natural Resources or North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority staff. In rare circumstances where partner organizations already had GPS information, the council was able to make use of that valuable data.

Partner organizations further helped out by providing photography, corporate/organizational logos and trail information in addition to the public feedback which was received a year earlier in 2007.

To print the guide, the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council received a generous amount of funding from the *Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions*. We would also be amiss if we did not recognize the outstanding help we received from our second lead partner; *Discovery Routes* and our third; the *North Bay District Ministry of Natural Resources*. In the end over a thousand hours of volunteer time was contributed to this effort.

The guide itself is a 120 page full-colour book complete with information and maps on 50+ individual trails and trail systems which are available for public use across the Greater Nipissing area and Near North Regions of Ontario. For the GPS savvy, it contains tables of coordinates for each trail in addition to the other valuable contents which include photographs, difficulty ratings, access/usage information, contact numbers & addresses for trail managers, plus a number of other useful features.



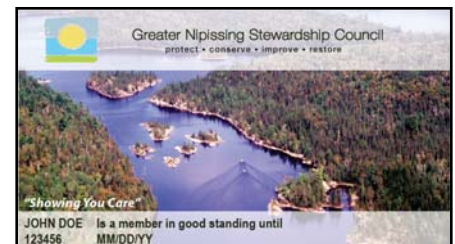
Copies of the Trail Guide are available online and at the local retailers listed at the stewardship councils website: www.greaternipissing.ca

GNSC Trail Guide Working Group

MEMBERSHIP / VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Launched in April, 2008, membership was promoted again in 2011, through the use of the council's media space.

Adult (ages 18+)	\$25.00
Youth	\$10.00
Family	\$35.00
Life	\$1,000.00 (one-time dues)
Bronze Supporter	donation of \$100.00 or more
Silver Supporter	donation of \$500.00 or more
Gold Supporter	donation of \$750.00 or more
Platinum Supporter	donation of \$1,000.00 or more
Diamond Supporter	donation of \$2,500.00 or more



There will be no change in the annual fees for 2012. Online forms are available at www.greaternipissing.ca for new memberships, membership renewals or to sign up as a volunteer.

As of December 31st membership stood at 26, including 2 life members and 3 supporter level members. The ultimate goal remains is to grow to 80 members. There are currently 125 non-members who are listed as volunteers and/or wish to stay connected with information about Council activities.

Members and volunteers played a key role on several council projects over the past year, including the ongoing McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project.

Bill Hagborg, Membership/Volunteer Program

ZONE 11 ANGLING SLOT RULER

Sales of our Fisheries Management Zone 11 (FMZ 11) slot ruler introduced in '09 continued throughout 2011. Collected funds go towards stewardship activities of the council across the Greater Nipissing area and copies are still available.



The updated ruler has fisheries regulation summaries not only for Lake Nipissing but also for the rest of FMZ 11. It is a printed on water resistant glossy paper which adheres well to a boat seat, hull or portable fish board even if left out in the rain. Walleye slot size restrictions for the different areas are clearly marked with coloured bars. This is a fishing tool that every FMZ 11 angler should have.

Rulers are available from the following local vendors as well as from council board members and on our website www.greaternipissing.ca

- North Bay TD Canada Trust Branches
- Lake Nipissing Partners in Conservation
- Idyltime Sports & Marine
- Hunters Bay Marine
- Sturgeon Falls Auto, Sports & Marine
- Power Sports & Marine
- Billy Bob's Bait
- Bowman's Bait
- Young South-Shore Centre
- Waltonian Inn
- North Bay Outfitters

Linda Anderson, John Thornton & Dr. Kevin O'Grady, Tourism, Wilderness Sports & Fisheries Representatives

2011 GNSC Board of Directors

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Nathan Kirby	Stewardship Coordinator
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Financial Report

Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2011

	2011
Assets	
Current	
Cash and cash equivalents - general	38 359
Cash and cash equivalents - trust	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u>38 359</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current	
Accounts payable	1 053
Deferred revenue	<u>25 360</u>
	<u>26 413</u>
Net Assets	
Operating Fund	5 045
Internally Restricted	<u>6 901</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>11 946</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>38 359</u>

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2011**

	2011
Revenues	
<u>Council/Source Funding</u>	
Ontario Stewardship Seed Funding	10 000,00
Donations	2 390,31
Memberships	1 020,00
Slot Ruler - Advertising and Sales	615,75
	14 026,06
 <u>Projects/Activities</u>	
McQuaby Lake Spring Walleye Spawning Survey	1 500,00
Battery Collection Contest	2 655,00
Lake Nosbonsing Loon Educational Project	500,00
Tree North Bay	1 300,00
Trail Guide to Healthy Living Sales	12,00
North Bay Scouts Tree Planting	500,00
	6 467,00
	20 493,06
 Expenses	
<u>Operational Costs</u>	
Office Expenses	6 120,30
Insurance	1 784,59
Website Administration	2 195,70
	10 100,59
 <u>Projects/Activities</u>	
McQuaby Lake Spring Walleye Spawning Survey	553,71
Shoreland Buffer Program	702,62
Battery Collection Contest	2 163,03
Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program	16,94
Lake Nosbonsing Loon Educational Project	28,88
TD Tree Days	1 166,70
Near North District School Board Science Fair Awards	150,00
	4 781,88
	14 882,47
 Excess of revenues over expenses	 5 610,59

SPECIAL THANKS

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TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
Tree Canada
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West Ferris High
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Nipissing Environmental Watch
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Ecole publique Odyssee
Algonquin Secondary
Chippewa High School
Ecole Secondaire Franco-Cite,
Nbissing Secondary
Northern Secondary
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Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council

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Sturgeon River House Museum,
Gulliver's Quality Books and Toys
North Riders
Friends of Laurier Woods
North Bay Fish Culture Station
Lady Evelyn Lake Waterfowl Banding
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