



The **Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council** (GNSC) is comprised of a diverse group of individuals representing the following interests: First Nations, fisheries, tourism, conservation, forestry, agriculture, wilderness sports, biology, youth, public-at-large and the environment. Originally founded in 1999 as the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council, the GNSC is a charitable organization that partners with similar-minded groups and government agencies to implement environmental programs; provide information on conservation and sustainability; and to increase awareness of the ecosystem. The Council relies upon a strong core of volunteers from member organizations to implement many of its initiatives.

Stewardship Activities throughout the Greater Nipissing Area

There was a long list of impressive projects for 2010. Some were multi-year projects that wrapped up in 2010.

Resource Management

- McQuaby Lake – ongoing
- North Bay Natural Habitat Project – completed
- Rural Tree Plant – ongoing
- North Bay Boy Scouts Tree Planting Support – completed

Environmental Projects

- Used Household Battery Collection Contest – ongoing

Community Outreach & Involvement Programs in Natural Resources

- Ontario Stewardship Rangers – ongoing
- North Bay Regional Science Fair Awards – ongoing
- Media Sponsors – ongoing

Educational Efforts

- Lake Nipissing Education Kit – French Translation – complete
- Moose Hunting compliance Signs – complete
- Treaty Rights Workshop - ongoing

Events to look for in 2011:

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

February 19-21, 2011

North Bay Regional Science Fair

April 6, 2011

GNSC Annual General Meeting

When: April 20th 2011 6:00pm

Where: West Nipissing Public Library,
225 Holditch Street
Sturgeon Falls, ON

Treaty Rights Workshop - TBA

The Used Household Battery Collection Contest is in its 10th year!

In addition to the two \$400.00 prizes, two new prizes have been added to the contest: **1) \$250:** The high school that improves the most by percentage over last year; and **2) \$250:** The high school that improves the most over last year per student. The competition runs until May 20, 2011, so start collecting!

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Water, Water everywhere.

The earth's total amount of water has a volume of about 344 million cubic miles.

• 315 million cubic miles is seawater.

• 9 million cubic miles is groundwater in aquifers.

• 7 million cubic miles is frozen in polar ice caps.

• 53,000 cubic miles of water pass through the planet's lakes and streams.

• 4,000 cubic miles of water is atmospheric moisture.

• 3,400 cubic miles of water are locked within the bodies of living things.

Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.

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Special Thanks

The GNSC would like to acknowledge the generous donations received in memory of the late **Fraser Manning**. The stewardship council will ensure that money is put toward a worthy local environmental project in the watershed.

A special thank you goes out to the **Municipality of Callander** for their continued support of GNSC projects. This year council donated \$2000.00 toward GNSC initiatives. That money goes a long way when leveraged with grant money.

Membership Drive

It's that time of year again to renew or to become a member of the GNSC.

Adult [18+] \$25.00/yr

Youth \$10.00/yr

Family \$35.00/yr

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)

For more information go to:

<http://www.greaternipissing.ca/getinvolved.html>

Web Site Improvements

Considerable time was spent on making improvements to our website. You can easily navigate your way around to find all of the information you need on the GNSC and our initiatives, old and new. Check it out at www.greaternipissing.ca.

Board Profiles

This month the spotlight is on **Paula Scott** (that's me, your editor). I happen to be an import from Cape Breton Island. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Mount Allison University. Shortly after graduation I made my way to North Bay. Nice transition from one piece of heaven to another! I currently work for the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority as the Director of Planning & Development. My job offers many interesting opportunities and challenges in the resource management field. The GNSC is a great fit, focusing on the stewardship side of resource management.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead