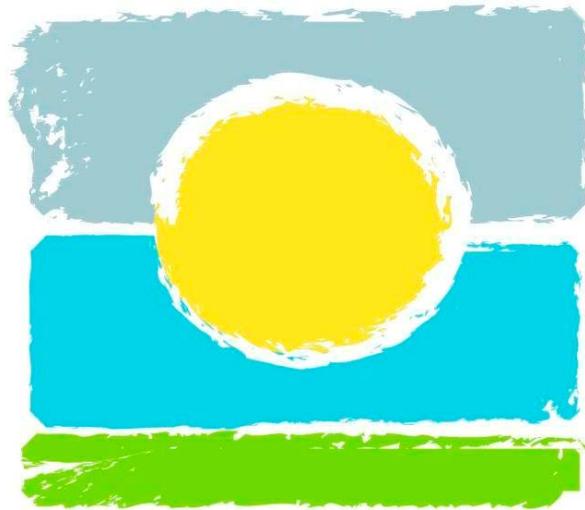


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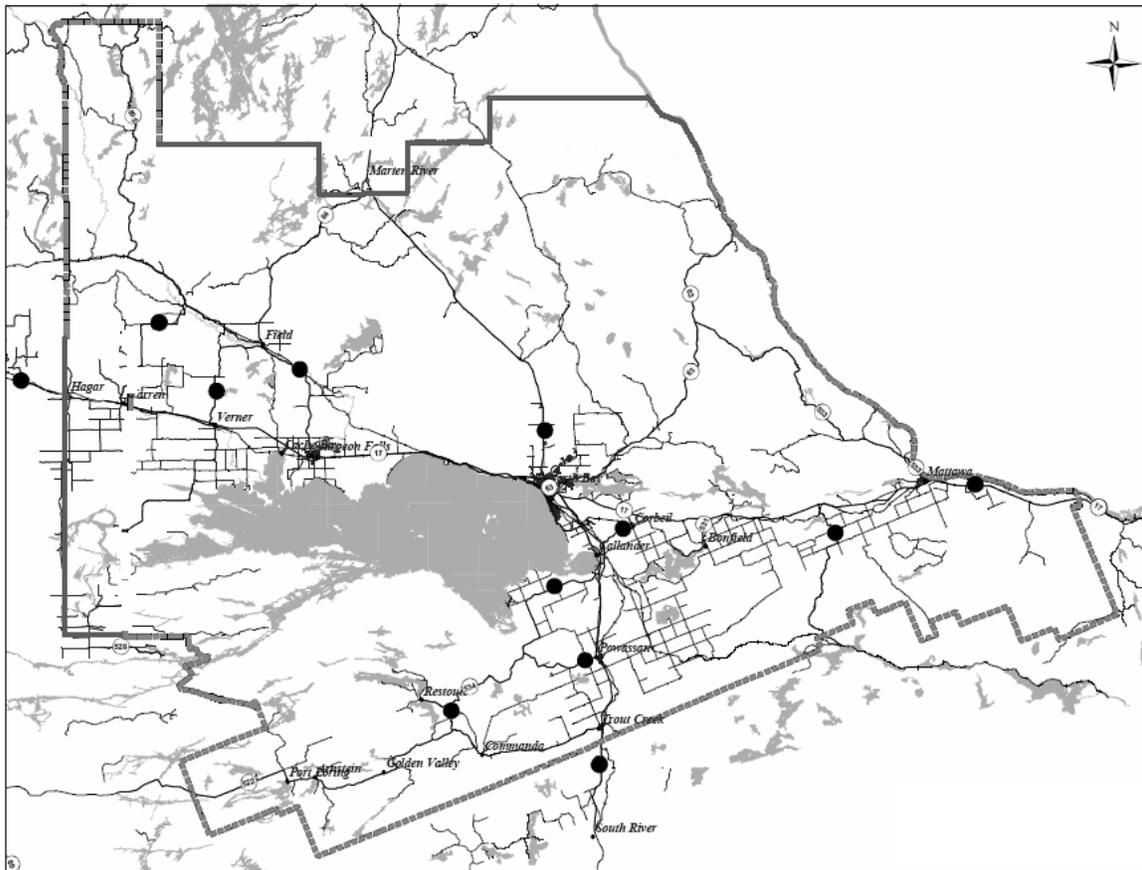
Greater Nipissing
Stewardship Council

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The 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.



Chair's Remarks

2008 was a year of outreach for the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council. After changing from the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council the previous year, it was time to go out and meet our public.

Presentations were made to municipal councils, chambers of commerce and potential project partners explaining who we were and what we had to offer the Greater Nipissing area, its residents and visitors. Our efforts met with some success. The Municipality of Callander bought memberships in the GNSC for key members in their environmentally focused Sustainable Communities Committee and donated a further \$2000.00 to the council. We partnered with them in the initial and very successful GO GREEN Exhibition that drew manufacturers, sellers and consumers of environmentally friendly technology together. We are continuing to work within that partnership on potential drinking water issues that the community may face in the future. It is particularly gratifying to me that the administration of the Municipality of Callander sees the GNSC as an important enough contributor and partner to invite us to sit at the table with other government agencies such as the Conservation Authority, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and others.

We also have developed a working relationship with the City of North Bay and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority planting trees along Chippewa Creek and the Kate Pace Way. Although to some, these initiatives may not seem significant, I think that they are a big step down the path of a key role that the GNSC has set for itself, "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".

If you have tried to contact the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council lately, I expect that you have noticed a change! In November of 2008, we had to terminate the employment of Gail Laird, our administrative coordinator. Although our fund raising efforts in 2008 were successful, we were unable to raise sufficient discretionary money to support Gail's wage and benefit requirements. Gail's departure left a large hole in the administrative structure that needed filling and members of the executive stepped up to the plate. Nathan Kirby, the MNR stewardship coordinator, has assumed some of the necessary clerical duties in addition to council directors pitching in. Thank you, Nathan.

The other champions, however, are the three unpaid executive board members who willingly accepted additional and expanded administrative duties, namely Vice-chair Bill Hagborg, Treasurer Peggy Walsh Craig and Secretary Paula Scott. Their dedication and service to the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council is only truly measured in the context of their lives that are already filled with the time demands of jobs, family and other community service groups. I applaud and thank them for their past indefatigable effort and their willingness to take up the slack when the organization needs it.

Regretfully, there are two board members who have chosen to step down from the board. Ric Stevens, a longtime member, representing Nipissing First Nation and native concerns whose quiet council has broadened our focus to the needs and expectations of all communities in the Greater Nipissing area. Kim Tremblay, a biologist with the Anishinabek Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre who brought informed wisdom to the council table and eager willingness which manifested itself in her active participation in a number of projects. The Board and I thank them for their past contributions to the success of the GNSC, their continued support of stewardship principles in the Greater Nipissing area. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

John Thornton, Chair

Committee Reports

Development Committee

After the tremendous successes of negotiating a three year media inventory of \$549,000 in 2007, Frank Marusich with the support of the committee moved on to canvassing local industry.

Primarily he was looking for a major donor who shared our vision of stewardship and was prepared to support the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council with sufficient funds to ensure the continuing employment of our administrative coordinator, Gail Laird.

Although Frank did a great job getting excellent support from a number of local organizations such as The Redpath Group, Moore Propane, Mortgage Corp Financial Services and the Municipality of Callander, we were unable to attract the much sought funds.

Thanks go to Bill Hagborg who was so instrumental in designing and attending to the details of our fledgling membership organization. Gail Laird provided much needed and appreciated administrative support.

But for 2008 Frank Marusich was the star and he deserves most of the credit. Not only did he single handedly establish the one half million dollar media inventory, he is solely responsible for all of the corporate support that the council received through its membership fund raising campaign.

Given demands elsewhere in life, Frank has since stepped down as our Development Committee Chair, but remains active as a director on council. It is the work of committed people on the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council like Frank Marusich that make working with council such a rewarding experience. Thank you Frank!

John Thornton, Development Committee Chair

Communications Committee Report



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The oldest and largest freshwater fish in North America is threatened in Lake Nipissing.
What can you do to help?

ADOPT A STURGEON



For a \$100 contribution to the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council, sponsors get:

- An exciting day trip at the MNR tagging site
- An 8x10 of you and your sturgeon (max. 2 adults or 1 adult with 3 children)
- Biological information of sturgeon plus periodic updates when it is recaptured.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL THE GNSC AT:
705-477-2400 • info@greaternipissing.ca



Courtesy North Bay Nugget

The board of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council (GNSC) struck a Communications Committee in 2008 to assist with implementing the “Marketing Communications Plan” created in 2007. This involved the management of dedicated media time, the creation of a membership drive, a quarterly newsletter and an updated website. The following report details the progress in these areas.

Media Sponsorships

A 3-year commitment (March 1st 2008 to February 28th, 2011) of in-kind media space, with a total value of \$549,000.00, was finalized with 4 media sponsors – TVCogeco, CTV, Rogers Radio and The North Bay Nugget. The donation of this space allowed the Council to greatly increase its communications efforts over the past year through the placement of more prominent and additional notices, ads and announcements. The space was also used to launch the “*Do Your Part*” campaign targeted at the continued unnecessary excess amount of garbage left out on Lake Nipissing in winter. A calendar of events has been developed to coordinate the scheduling of the media space.

A volunteer media relations position has been established to coordinate media coverage of Council projects and activities. The committee also provides communications support for projects, workshops and other events – preparing releases, displays, handout material, e-bulletins, etc.

Newsletter

The first edition of the newsletter was distributed to Council members September 30, 2008. Three editions will be published each year – January 30th, May 30th and September 30th and distributed electronically to the members to keep them informed of Council projects and activities. The newsletters will also be posted on the website.

Website

A new site www.greaternipissng.ca was established as part of the Blue Sky Network, *Benjamin James Marketing Communications* (now Clark Communications) and will be going through further modifications in 2009. The committee is responsible for inputting information to ensure the site is updated regularly.

As a part of our 2008 website structure in partnership with Clark Communications and Blue Sky Radio, several radio and podcast shows aired in 2008 on The Blue Sky Network [104.9 FM]. “The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council Show” provides important information regarding projects and activities that support the natural resources and environment of Lake Nipissing and area.

Project Reports



Moose Hunting Compliance Project

With the \$5,000 generously donated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, Zone 'D', the Commanda Area Anglers and Hunters and the Sturgeon Falls Rod & Gun Club, two moose decoys were purchased for the Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources, North Bay. The intent for purchasing these decoys is to assist in the investigation and prosecution of moose poaching activities. The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council thanks each of the three donor organizations for its financial contribution for the protection of Ontario's renewable natural resources and encourages everyone to report resource violations to the MNR TIPS line 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) or Crimestoppers 1-800-222-8477.

John Thornton, Project Lead



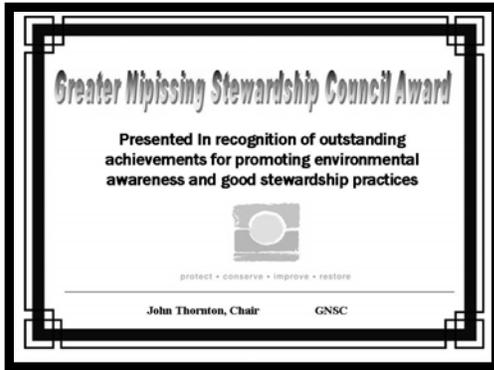
Spring Ice Cleanup

Lead by the Lake Nipissing Partners in Conservation, a spring cleanup of Lake Nipissing's Deep Water Point, Lonely Island, Waltonian Reef and areas between were conducted when ice conditions were still safe following the conclusion of the 2007/2008 ice fishing season.

The Gull Islands and the entrance to the Hunters Bay was scheduled to be done but the cleanup was cancelled due to deteriorating ice and rainy weather.

The stewardship council supports partnership efforts such as this by providing general liability insurance for project activities as well as helping in the coordination of volunteers. Some of our generously donated time from our media sponsors was also used to publicize ice fishing closing dates and deadlines for removing ice huts and related equipment from the frozen lakes' surface.

Frank Marusich, Project Lead



North Bay Regional Science Fair

2008 was the first year for what the Stewardship Council is planning to be an annual effort to recognize the efforts of environmentally-minded students with entries in the North Bay Regional Science Fair.

One hundred and fifty dollars was put up by the stewardship council as prizes for the science fair in two different categories; a 'Senior' (\$100 prize) and a 'Junior-Intermediate' (\$50 prize). Each recipient also received a framed certificate.

Senior Class

Muhammad Waja of Widdifield Secondary School won the 'Sci-Tech Best in Fair' award for his project: 'Remediation Sensation'. His experiment broke down a hazardous chemical methyl red (used in clothing) into not toxic substances by the use of electrical current. In addition to the stewardship award, he also received a \$1,000 Ottawa University scholarship and gold in the Senior Physical Science category.

Junior-Intermediate Class

Devin Currie, a Junior (grade 7 – 8 class) from St Huberts Catholic School North Bay Ontario's project asked: "Do you know what you are Drinking". His project looked at the bacteria and total dissolved solids that are present in bottled water with some surprising results.

Kim Tremblay, Project Lead



McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project

In the early spring of 2008, planning for the McQuaby Lake Walleye Rehabilitation Project began by meeting with MNR Biologists to set the parameters for water

chemistry testing a spawning survey and a trap-netting survey.

Volunteers from the Commanda & Area Anglers & Hunters helped with an early spring spawning shoal survey, water temperature and spring water pH recording.

Walleye were found in depressed numbers during the peak of the spring spawn. Spawning shoals were in poor condition with heavy sedimentation on the rock cobble.

Spring water chemistry readings were positive with pH ranges within MNR walleye stocking parameters

A public meeting was held in June of 08 with 40+ residents attending. At the meeting, an overview of the spring results were presented and discussions were positive with residents showing interests in further study. Support was voiced for the Stewardship Council and partners to continue with the project.

In early summer, Stewardship Rangers under the guidance of Council volunteers and MNR employees did a trap-netting survey of the lake. It was found that the Rock Bass numbers had diminished somewhat from previous levels. Northern Pike, a new species not listed on historical lake surveys now also inhabits the lake.

At present, plans are being made for 2009. Some of the work to be done includes transferring spawning age walleye to the lake, cleaning the sedimentation from spawning shoals, adding rock cobble to improve spawning shoals, encouraging shoreline rehabilitation and improving riparian habitat.

We are very encouraged with the support shown by MNR employees, the residents and our partners. We thank them for their help.

With a bit of hard work, fisheries habitat and the overall quality of McQuaby Lake will continue to improve and there can be limited walleye fishing in the future.

Roy Warriner, Project Lead



Urban Tree Planting

North Bay Natural Habitats Program

Council members, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority staff and several volunteers turned out on May 31, 2008, to plant 1,700 trees and wildlife shrubs on city and

Conservation Authority lands adjacent to Chippewa Creek and the Kinsmen Trail. The intent upon choosing these locations was to improve the bank stabilization and water quality of the creek. Secondary benefits include the enhancement of the aesthetic and recreational values of the creek system.

Thanks to the Ministry of Natural Resource, Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program, an additional 250 trees were planted in July by the North Bay District's ranger crew.

All plantings will help to restore the creek to its former coldwater status and fulfill the Authorities' city-approved management plan for the creek. The plan calls for a seven metre natural buffer on either side of the stream.

Over ten thousand dollars was generated from the following project funders – Wal*Mart Canada/Evergreen grant, Tree Canada's 'Green Streets' program which was awarded to the City of North Bay, the Ministry of Natural Resources 'Community Fish & Wildlife Involvement Program' and a donation from Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. Tree planting equipment was supplied by the Conservation Authority.



Photo courtesy of Chris MayneMayne

North Bay Blooms

The Tree North Bay program, started in 2007, was incorporated into a broader initiative launched this year called – “North Bay Blooms”.

The Council continued as a partner in this new organization, spearheaded by City Councilor, Chris

Mayne, along with Community Waterfront Friends, Greening Nipissing, Heritage Gardeners, Nipissing Botanical Gardens, Nipissing Environmental Watch, Burrow Country Store & Garden Centre, Northgate Shopping Centre and the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

The GNSC participated in the Tree North Bay tree plant held on May 24th and also hosted the first “Wednesday Night Clean Up” carried out on June 4th. Five Council members, along with 7 volunteers, collected 11 bags of litter in the Airport Road/Algonquin Avenue area adjacent to One Kid’s Place.

For more information about North Bay Blooms go to www.northbayblooms.com

Bill Hagborg, Urban Tree Planting Program Lead



Used Battery Collection Contest

Literally “tons” of non-reusable alkaline batteries were collected in the 6th annual ‘*Used Household Battery Collection Competition*’. The first place Secondary School was Nbisiing Secondary School. The 88 students who attend Nbisiing collected 1,355 pounds (615 kilograms) of batteries.

Second place went to F. J. McElligott Secondary School of Mattawa for collecting 885 pounds (401 kilograms) of used batteries. That works out to 8.4 pounds (3.8 kilograms) of batteries per student.

Over six thousand students from ten high schools across Nipissing District collected 10,728 pounds (4,866 kilograms) of batteries. This represents a 19% increase over last year. It is more than five tons of batteries and is the equivalent of over 250,000 AA size batteries.

Over the past seven years, Nipissing District high school students have collected over 46,365 pounds (21,466 kilograms) of used household batteries.

Nipissing Environmental Watch and the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council would like to thank the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for generously funding this competition.

Peggy Walsh Craig, Project Lead



Adopt-a-Sturgeon Program

In partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the generous support of Adventure Camp Ohio, The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council was able to successfully transport seven groups to Chapman Chutes on the South River where they experienced the catching, processing, tagging, adoption and release procedures of a Lake

Nipissing sturgeon.

Each participant had the opportunity to converse with MNR experts about the sturgeon and get their hands dirty if they were so inclined.

A picture of the adopters with their fish, a certificate with the vital statistics of the adopted fish and a promise to update those statistics when the fish was recaptured were included with a pleasant boat ride to and from the chutes.

The entire seven participant groups felt that the \$100 charged for the package was a small price to pay for the joy they experienced. The proceeds from this program are earmarked for the support of conservation initiatives directed towards the Lake Nipissing sturgeon.

John Thornton, Project Lead



Rural Tree Planting Program

The Stewardship Council's rural tree planting program was officially launched in May 2008. Our initial plant involved putting just over 6,900 white spruce seedlings on two private properties in the West Nipissing area. The sites planted were streamside (riparian) areas and marginally productive & eroding farm lands. Plans had originally called for planting up to 30,000 seedlings on a total of 5 properties, however with this being the first year of our planting program, getting the sites properly assessed, tree stock in production and planting partners on hand, seven thousand trees were 'enough of a challenge'. The balance of the properties, along with several new sites are targeted for planting this August with continuation of the project into the future.

The program is largely funded by the *Trees Ontario Foundation* – Full Service Incentive Program and implemented through a close partnership with Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. (NFRMI). NFRMI coordinates the growing and planting of the trees, and some of the tending.

This ongoing program is geared towards riparian areas, marginal agricultural lands, buffer strips and semi-forested areas, throughout the greater Nipissing area.

The Council develops site plans in consultation with interested landowners and conducts follow-up survival assessments.

Participating landowners enter into a 15-year agreement with Trees Ontario, and as required, look after site preparation and specified follow-up tending to ensure the seedlings and wildlife shrubs are "free to grow".

To learn more about the Trees Ontario Foundation visit their website at www.treesontario.on.ca.

Background information about Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. and their forest management role on the Nipissing Forest is available at www.nipissingforest.com.

Bill Hagborg, Project Lead



Ontario Stewardship Rangers

In 2008, the stewardship council received funding yet again for a Stewardship Ranger crew to work in partnership with the North Bay District Ministry of Natural Resources.

This may be the last year for the OSR crew in North Bay for a year or two due to funding/crew rotations, but for 2008, Michelle Allard returned as Crew Lead for the third year in a row and four new 17-year olds; Kendall Haddow, Loren McKnight, Tara McKay and Lauren Linkie made up the student complement of our first ‘all-female’ team.

During the 8 weeks of employment over July and August, the Rangers worked on a wide variety of projects to further management resource improvements in our local area. After the always “painful” first week of workplace and certification training, the team set out to accomplish the ambitious workplan that was set out for them. Not all planned projects could be completed this past summer, over 60 days worth of work were suggested with only 35 available work days to squeeze them into. These initiatives also served to build upon the experience of the crew members and put them on the right foot towards a career in this field.

Summer Work Days Included:

- Fish Community Trapnet Assessment of McQuaby Lake
- Waterfowl Banding in Lady Evelyn Provincial Park
- Crown Land Canoe Route Maintenance
- Collecting GPS/GIS Information for Computer Mapping
- Treeplanting along Chippewa Creek
- Assisting at the North Bay Fish Culture Station
- Provincial Park Maintenance at Samuel De Champlain Provincial Park
- Hunting & Natural Resource Management Education

Special thanks to the following individuals and organizations:

Brian Moulder●Rock Cut Shooting Club
Mike Regis●Licensed Waterfowl Bander
Jim Aldridge●MNR
George Evers●Pleasure Craft Operations Trainer

Roy Warriner●Commanda & Area Anglers and
Hunters
Ray Bastien●Algonquin Provincial Park (Kiosk)
Keith Mewett●Samuel De Champlain Provincial Park

Partnership
Ted Schamerhorn●North Bay Fish Culture Station
Michelle Sumere●Youth Programs
Huguette Morin● West Nipissing Nordic Ski Club

Randy Brousseau●MNR
Karen Larabie●MNR
Bob Aubin●MNR
Doug Walli●McQuaby Lake Resident

Nathan Kirby, Project Lead



Trail Guide to Healthy Living

Over the course of 2008, the council information to continue a project initiated in 2007. This ambitious project was to assemble a comprehensive trail guide for the area, complete with all of the recognized recreational trails on both Crown and private lands. Our purpose for creating such a resource was to combine our interests towards natural resource education along with other organization's goals of encouraging outdoor activities as a part of a healthy lifestyle as well as promoting 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. 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 it as well

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.

By the end of 2008 a final draft had been written was sitting at the printers awaiting final production.

The guide itself is a 120 page full-colour book complete with information and maps on 50+ individual trails and several 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 colour photographs, difficulty ratings, access/usage information, contact numbers & addresses for trail managers, plus a number of other useful features.

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 third lead partner; Discovery Routes.

In 2009 we will move into the distribution phase of the project. Guides will be available for sale through the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council, Discovery Routes and (hopefully) local retailers.

Once again we would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in this successful endeavour.

Trail Guide Project Working Group



Community Event Participation

When opportunity presents, the stewardship council supports and participates in local community events, not only to support the organizers, but to help spread the good word of resource stewardship and engage the public. The following summary details the community events we were able to participate in.

2008 Volunteer Fair

The council participated in the annual Volunteer Fair on May 1st at Memorial Gardens. Held as part of the annual National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 3, 2008), the fair was organized by the Volunteer Centre of the Blue Sky Region. The theme was: *Volunteers From Compassion To Action*.

This event provided an excellent opportunity to promote the Council and sign up volunteers for future projects, such as tree planting.

Further, the council became a member of this organization in 2008, to take full advantage of ongoing workshops hosted by the Centre. To learn more about the Volunteer Centre visit www.volunteernorthbay.on.ca.

Go Green with Callander – A Regional Conservation Exhibition

The Council was a partner in the municipality's first regional conservation exhibition, September 11th – 13th, 2008, at the Callander Community Centre. Working with Callander's Sustainable Community Committee, GNSC promoted the exhibition with the assistance of its 4 media sponsors and participated as an exhibitor.

The event opened with a keynote address by Dr. David Pearson, Co-Director of the Ontario Science Communication Program and a Professor at Laurentian University. He shared insights and information on environmental issues affecting northern Ontario. This was followed by 2 days of a full program of exhibits, speakers and suppliers of environmentally friendly products. Proceeds went towards future sustainability initiatives within the community.

Bill Hagborg, Event Project Lead



Treaty Rights Workshop

'*Understanding Treaty Rights in Today's Society*' was well received by an attentive group of about 60 people at the Natural Classroom of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority in November of 2008.

The speaker, Mr Fred Bellefeuille, Barrister and Solicitor, explained the historic and legal roots of modern constitutional decisions around aboriginal fishing, hunting and logging rights in an informative and engaging way.

Attendees commented that the presentation was very worthwhile and generated several discussions in a fair-minded manner and a large majority indicated their knowledge of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights was improved by the presentation.

The workshop, sponsored by the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council and the Ministry of Natural Resources, is intended to expand public awareness of the issues and help generate greater understanding between native and non-native people.

To effectively manage our local resource for sustainability, everyone needs to know and understand the demands that are being placed on them. Under the Constitution of Canada, aboriginals' rights to pursue their traditional utilization of our natural resources are guaranteed. If we all understand and appreciate those rights working together with First Nations people we can get on with the prudent management of our shared natural resources.

Our thanks to both Fred Bellefeuille for writing and providing the presentation, and to Mary Laronde of the Union of Ontario Indians, for helping with the workshop planning and facilitation.

Peggy Walsh Craig; Project Lead



MEMBERSHIP / VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The membership drive was officially launched in April 2008 and widely promoted through the use of the Council's media space.

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

As of December 31st, the membership list stood at 32, including 2 life members and 5 supporter level members. The ultimate goal is to reach approximately 80 to 100 members.

There will be no change in the annual fees for 2009.

At the same time a process was established to promote a volunteer program, to encourage participation in projects by non-members. A volunteer roster is now in place and growing.

The Council relies upon a strong core of volunteers to implement many of its initiatives and our members are valuable social resources which have helped make that happen.

Bill Hagborg, Membership Program Lead

2007 GNSC Board of Directors

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| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Roy Warriner | Agriculture Representative |
| Kalvin Young | Member at Large |

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Gail Laird, Administrative Coordinator

Ontario Stewardship/Ministry of Natural Resources

Nathan Kirby, Stewardship Coordinator

GREATER NIPISSING STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of **Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council** as at **December 31, 2008** and the statement of operations and equity for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

North Bay, Ontario
March 24, 2009

*Kendall, Sinclair, Finch,
Pigden, Cowper & Daigle LLP*
Licensed Public Accountants

GREATER NIPISSING STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

(With comparative figures as at December 31, 2007)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | \$ 36,017 | \$ 50,095 |
| Accounts receivable | <u>811</u> | <u>13,585</u> |
| | <u>\$ 36,828</u> | <u>\$ 63,680</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 40 | \$ 1,638 |
| Deferred contributions (Note 2) | <u>41,300</u> | <u>46,800</u> |
| | 41,340 | 48,438 |
| <u>EQUITY (DEFICIT)</u> | | |
| Balance end of year | <u>(4,512)</u> | <u>15,242</u> |
| | <u>\$ 36,828</u> | <u>\$ 63,680</u> |

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GREYER NIPISSING STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

(With comparative figures for 2007)

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Revenue | | |
| Grants | \$ 28,394 | \$ 26,150 |
| Donations | 16,623 | 3,012 |
| Fundraising | 1,017 | 1,629 |
| Interest | | 2 |
| | 46,034 | 30,793 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Executive coordinator | 28,692 | 23,143 |
| Project expenses | 21,951 | 13,907 |
| Office | 4,807 | 4,984 |
| Rent | 2,887 | 1,908 |
| Memberships and licences | 1,658 | 320 |
| Insurance | 1,548 | 3,019 |
| Professional fees | 1,525 | 1,635 |
| Telephone | 1,044 | 1,157 |
| Public education | 729 | 991 |
| Annual meeting | 458 | 1,015 |
| Board meetings | 362 | 774 |
| Interest and bank charges | 127 | 17 |
| | 65,788 | 52,870 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year | (19,754) | (22,077) |
| Equity beginning of year | 15,242 | 37,319 |
| Equity (deficit) end of year | \$ (4,512) | \$ 15,242 |

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GREATER NIPISSING STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. **Organization**

The organization is a registered Canadian charity whose principal activity is to promote and maintain responsible environmental stewardship of the Greater Nipissing ecosystem.

2. **Deferred Contributions**

Deferred contributions result from funding received during the year from agreements, which cover more than one fiscal year, and represent the unexpended portion of that funding.

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ontario Stewardship Council | \$ 21,000 | \$ 14,500 |
| Ministry of Health Promotion | 14,200 | 20,000 |
| Other | 2,600 | 5,000 |
| TD Friends of the Environment | 2,500 | 1,800 |
| Natural Resources Canada | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Wal-Mart Evergreen | | <u>4,500</u> |
| | <u>\$ 41,300</u> | <u>\$ 46,800</u> |

3. **Change Of Name**

On June 20, 2007 a resolution was authorized changing the organization's name from Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council to Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council. This change was approved via supplementary letters patent by the Ontario Ministry of Government Services on January 2, 2008.

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S P E C I A L T H A N K S

Grants

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Project Funders

Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions
Wal*Mart Canada/Evergreen Program
City of North Bay/Tree Canada 'Green Streets' Program
Trees Ontario Foundation
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - Ontario Stewardship
and Community Fish & Wildlife Involvement Program
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
Sturgeon Falls Rod & Gun Club
Commanda and Area Anglers & Hunters
Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, Zone 'D'

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