



Friends Of The Trail Inc.

3rd Annual Meeting! NEWSLETTER

Members and prospective members of the Friends of the Trail Inc. are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. at the Frankford Municipal Building.

The agenda will include the annual reports from the Board, Executive, Fundraising, Membership and Trail Maintenance Committees as well as the year-end Financial Statements. Election of the officers and Board members for 2007-08 will be held.

The Friends of the Trail Inc. are delighted to have Allen R. MacPherson attend as the guest speaker.

Meet Our Guest Speaker!

A noted Recreational Trail expert and Ecotourism Consultant will be the guest speaker at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Trail Inc. on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

Allen MacPherson's extensive experience in outdoor recreation is impressive. As a Project Designer and Manager, Teacher/Trainer and Author, Allen has been a leader in the design, development and preservation of recreational trails in Kawartha Lakes, Ontario Provincial Parks and for several Northern Ontario rivers.

His knowledge and assistance with Ecotourism planning and initiatives has not only been utilized here in Canada, but also by Belize, Costa Rica, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Latvia and Lithuania and Ukraine.

As a Teacher and Trainer, Allen has been a Professor/Coordinator (Emeritus) in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management at Sir Sandford Fleming College and has been a Professor (part time) with the Geography Program at Trent University since 1997.

Allen has authored numerous Trail Plans locally, nationally and internationally and has lent his leadership and expertise to many Trail organizations, groups and events. He is currently the President of the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association and like the Friends of the Trail Inc is working to secure provincial agreement to develop a former rail bed in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

National Hiking Day

50 enthusiastic walkers (and 2 dogs) celebrated National Hiking Day under sunny skies on Sunday, September 30, by participating in a 5 to 10 km walk on the Lower Trent Trail.

Chaired by Judy Denham and sponsored by the Friends of the Trail Inc., the Hiking Day walk was part of Eastern Ontario's annual Celebration of Trails event.

Volunteers greeted walkers at the registration table with walking information, pamphlets. Celebration of Trails stickers, fresh Macintosh Apples donated by Hilltop Orchards and bottles of water.

Home made Chocolate Chip cookies made by Lynn Gray were supplied at the 5 km. check-point and at the 10 km check-point; photos were taken of arriving walkers. A couple of walkers, enjoying their first hike on the trail chose to continue on to Glen Ross to get a full appreciation of the trail's charms.

One family, new to Frankford came out to walk the trail together.

Many positive comments were overheard including "this is lots of fun, they should hold another event like this" and "we weren't expecting the trail to be so nice".

Organizers reported that the Toonies for Trails donation box collected \$65.00 to support the development of the trail.

Trail Signs Erected

Lower Trent Trail signs were installed at several intersections and at the Station Park area in preparation for National Hiking Day. The prototype signs in a rustic design were constructed by Bill Gray to serve as the initial identifications signage for the trail.

A test period for the signs will determine if the signs will be subject to vandalism and theft. More signs will be constructed and installed in the future if the test signs remain where posted.

Quinte West Trails & Recreation Guide

Quinte West Tourism has published their new and up-dated Trails Guide. The guide which features a Trails map, along with descriptions and photos of the area's Trails and Conservation Areas now includes the Lower Trent Trail. Copies of the new guide can be obtained at all municipal buildings, the Chamber of Commerce and all tourist information booths in Quinte West.

Frankford Santa Claus Parade

A float featuring winter activities on the Lower Trent Trail will be part of this year's Santa Claus Parade in Frankford on November 24th.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Trail and organized by Chair Tom Postma, the float will depict people snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, biking and walking on the trail.

Golf Tournament a Success!

On June 10th, Friends of the Trail Inc. held its first annual golf tournament at Oak Hills Golf Club in Stirling. The 18 holes were sponsored; the major sponsor, McCurdy Chevrolet Pontiac-Buick-GMC Ltd, provided the possibility of a generous Hole-in-One prize with a red Pontiac Vibe.

The tournament was a success, tremendous prizes were also donated by local businesses and supporters.

FOTT wishes to thank the community, donors and participants for their generous support. The funds raised will be used for work on the Lower Trent Trail.

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