



## ***Friends of the Tay Watershed Association Annual General Meeting for 2013***

### ***Opportunities for 2014***

#### **Mission:**

The Friends of the Tay Watershed deliver activities and work with individuals, communities, and other organizations to ensure the health of the Tay Watershed for present and future generations.

#### **Strategic Directions:**

##### ***Education and Outreach:***

Engage and educate the public to encourage their participation in the achievement of our watershed goals.

- Watershed Discovery Day at the Crystal Palace
- Stewart Park Music Festival booth.
- Award of Water Guardian Scholarship to a local student
- Provide electronic links to community through website and facebook.
- On-going involvement with the Polaris Institute Water Justice Curriculum
- Sponsorship for Children's Water Festival
- Participate in KidFish

##### ***People & Partnerships:***

Increase active involvement of Friends of the Tay Watershed in the greater watershed community.

- Financial and volunteer support for Perth Heritage Fair
- Input to or representation on Perth, Tay Valley and Drummond North Elmsley's committees for community 200 anniversary in 2016.
- Attendance at Lake Association AGM's
- Partner with RVCA/MVCA on Aquatic Plant research project.
- Partner with the larger community for the delivery of our programs e.g: Watershed Discovery Day, Scholarship program.

### ***Monitoring and Reporting:***

Assess and analyze conditions and data to produce more meaningful indicators on the health of the Tay Watershed.

- Continue to provide input to and monitor Tay River Sub Watershed Plan in cooperation with RVCA.
- Continued monitoring of development of Tayside Estates on Tay River
- Water sampling and communication plan for Town of Perth
- Monitoring development north of Hwy 7
- Monitor the Town of Perth's lagoon enhancement project.

### ***Advocacy for the River and Watershed:***

Promote the importance of the health of the Tay Watershed to all levels of government.

- Continued lobbying for treatment of Town of Perth storm water before discharge into the River
- Promote to the new council the Town of Perth strategic plan item concerning the health of the Tay River
- Promote progress on dam replacement projects in Perth
- Provide input to Tay Valley Township's Official Plan review.

### ***Climate Change:***

Identify and acknowledge climate change effects on the watershed and take steps to mitigate its causes and adapt to its consequences.

- Continued collaboration with the Lanark Climate Action Network to work towards the goal of an official climate mitigation and adaptation plan for Lanark County

### ***Fundraising:***

Continuously identify project opportunities consistent with our objectives and to seek specific funding therefore.

- Secure and administer funding for the Aquatic Plant research project

*Note: Action items are grouped under our new strategic directions headings.*