



**Friends of the Tay Watershed Association
Annual General Meeting for 2014**

Proposed Program of Activities for 2015

Mission

The Friends of the Tay Watershed deliver activities, and cooperate with other organizations with complementary interests, to ensure the health of the water and related natural resources of the Tay Watershed for present and future generations.

Strategic Directions

Education and Outreach:

Encourage public interest in water, and participation in the care of the Tay watershed, through the provision of watershed and environment information and deliver of events

- * ***Watershed Discovery Day (WDD)*** at the Crystal Palace
- * ***Stewart Park Music Festival*** booth
- * Award of ***Water Guardian Scholarship*** to a local student
- * Provide input as required to ***Polaris Institute Water Justice Curriculum***
- * Financial and volunteer support for ***Perth & District Heritage Fair***
- * Participate in ***RBC Blue Water Day***
- * Participate in Perth ***Kid Fish Day***
- * Install the public '***Viewpoint Anniversary Bench***' at a selected Tay River location
- * Promote public access to and use of the Tay River/Canal, eg. RVCA Wildlife Reserve
- * Expand use of our website in delivering association information and programs
- * Maintain the newsletter series commenced in 2014
- * Reinstate the Association's ***Annual Environmental Awards*** Program

Support Watershed Care and Protection Programs:

Contribute to the development of information and infrastructure supporting the care and improvement of the watershed.

- * Continue role as lead for the ***People, Aquatic Plants, and Healthy Lakes Study*** Program grant
- * Carry out next stage of ***storm water sampling program*** with the Town of Perth
- * Monitor lagoon enhancement project for Perth
- * Continue participation in ***Source Water Protection Committee***
- * Pursue acceptance by HYDAT of OMYA water intake data
- * Participate in ***Lake Links 2015***
- * Monitor ***Bobs Lake/Bolingbroke Dam*** status

- * Monitor proposal for replacement of *Haggart Island Dams*
- * Continue participation in *RVCA Rural Clean Water Program*
- * Review status of groundwater information base and research in Tay watershed

Cooperation with Partner Organisations:

Build partnerships with community organisations and government departments and agencies with the objective of developing effective programs and eliminating activity duplication.

- * Support preparations for the *200th Anniversary Celebration* in 2016 (commence organisation of two watershed events)
- * Support complementary activities of watershed lake associations, environmental organisations, and government departments and agencies
- * Participate in selected lake association *annual general meetings*
- * Monitor, and support where relevant, *Parks Canada* programs to protect the *Rideau Corridor*
- * Invite participation by selected partners in the association activities, eg. WDD
- * Build cooperation with the *Ottawa Riverkeeper*
- * Secure additional funding partner for WDD (see 'Association Capacity')

Climate Change:

- * Maintain the association policy of taking climate change into account in our programs
- * Identify climate change impact on the watershed, and take steps where practical to mitigate, adapt to, effects
- * Continue support for L-CAN in cooperating with Lanark County climate change mitigation action

Maintain and Expand Association Capacity:

Maintain ongoing watch on the association's capacity for delivering programs and reacting to opportunity, and initiate action as needed to address areas where policy, structure or resources require improvement.

- * Complete the association membership list review commenced in 2014
- * Maintain and expand the contact list for partner organisations
- * Pursue one additional funding partner for *Watershed Discovery Day*
- * Research candidates for two Board positions, with a focus on certain roles
- * Seek opportunities to recognise individuals and organisations providing special assistance to the Association
- * Investigate a more sustainable archives

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