



Friends of the Tay Watershed Association
AGM 2012 – February 28, 2013
Review of 2012 Activities

Public Education and Awareness

- Active participation at Festival of Maples, Perth
- Active participation at Stewart Park Music Festival
- Ongoing attendance at Source Water Protection Public Meetings in Perth
- Active participation in RBC Blue Water Day – Provided display and volunteers in bank lobby
- Held *Watershed Discovery Day* at the Crystal Palace, Perth
- Active participation at Lake Links climate change forum.
- Provided electronic links to community through website and facebook.

Youth Events

- Successful grant of \$5,000 from the RBC's Blue Water Program to sponsor Grade 8 science programs on local water to two classes.
- Financial and volunteer support for Perth Heritage Fair
- Watershed Discovery Day "family themed activities"
- Provided funding and guidance for water-themed, curriculum-based education for two watershed grade 8 classes through Nature Works Learning
- Award of 2nd Water Guardian Scholarship to a local student
- Endorsed the Polaris Institute's successful bid to establish a water justice curriculum in area schools and served on the steering committee for same.

Advocacy, Stewardship and Monitoring

- Continued monitoring of development of Tayside Estates on Tay River
- Water sampling and communication plan prior to Stewart Park Festival in collaboration with CFUW
- Inclusion of an initiative in the Town of Perth strategic plan concerning the health of the Tay River

- Continued lobbying for treatment of storm water before discharge into the Tay River.
- Supported Tay Valley Township's implementation of mandatory septic inspection program
- Encouraged RVCA's beaver monitoring on the upper Tay.
- Continuing discussion for inclusion of upper Tay River, upper lakes and Bolingbroke Dam in Rideau Corridor Heritage Project

Partnerships

- Continued partnership with Canadian Federation of University Women
- Successful grant application to the Perth & District Community Foundation in cooperation with CFUW.
- Provided input to the new Tay River Sub Watershed Plan in cooperation with RVCA.
- Ongoing meetings and discussion with Parks Canada re Rideau Corridor Landscape Design
- Input to or representation on Perth, Tay Valley and Drummond North Elmsley's committees for community 200 anniversary in 2016.
- Promoted RVCA's successful bid for Shell Canada's Fueling Change grant.
- Attendance at Eagle Lake AGM and the Bob's & Crow Lake Association Frolic
- Partnered with Lanark Stewardship Council, RVCA, the Town of Perth, OMYA Canada as sponsors for Watershed Discovery Day.

Recognition

- Friends of the Tay Watershed winner of the Tri-Valley Environmental Award for Community Organization

Maintain the Organization

- 2011 AGM - January
- Regular Board and executive meetings
- Board Development - Visit to RKY Camp, Eagle Lake, June meeting
- Board pot-luck hosted at Debra's
- Successful filing with Industry Canada (requirement of incorporated status)
- Sale of two donated watercraft, raising over \$4,000 for the organization