

FRIENDS of the TAY WATERSHED
Association

Association Activities Carried Out in 2007

SPECIFIC MONTH-BY-MONTH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

Executive Committee meeting, January 9
Annual General Meeting – January 23, Perth Museum
- Annual report; Financial report; election of officers; 2007 plans
Rural Clean Water Program Steering Committee – January 26 (see ongoing list)
Environmental Bill of Rights submission - Comments regarding the discussion paper on source protection committees under the Clean Water Act – January 31

FEBRUARY

Public meeting re OMYA's reporting of water taking from the Tay River – February 15
Cooperation in developing Voyageur canoe visits to Perth (summer series)
Appeal to Environment Minister Baird regarding the Addition of a Gauging Station into the Canada-Ontario Hydrometric Network – February 9

MARCH

FoTW Board meeting – March 27
Tay Valley Township Official Plan meeting – March 27

APRIL

Meeting with Town of Perth Services Board, April 5
Executive Committee meeting, April 10
Showing of film “An Inconvenient Truth”, April 11 (cooperation with Rideau Valley Field Naturalists and ecoPerth)
Booth at Festival of Maples, April 28, with draw for ‘Wee Lassie’ boat

MAY

Environmental Bill of Rights - submission on application to renew an existing permit to take water - Nestle Waters Canada – May 1
Environmental Bill of Rights submission on first phase of regulations for the Clean Water Act – May 11

JUNE

Booth at Perth Doors Open, June 9 (cooperation in promoting Voyageur canoe visit)
FoTW Board meeting, June 19 at Crow Lake schoolhouse with boat tour of the Bobs/Crow Lakes
Native Plant Workshop, June 23 (cooperation in promotion)

JULY

Executive Committee meeting, July 24
Greater Bobs and Crow Lake Association AGM, July 29 (display table)
Support provided to ongoing Uranium Exploration & Mining Protest
Initial small printing of brochure “Mineral Occurrences and Mining in Tay Watershed”

AUGUST

Showing of ‘Radiant City’ film, Port Elmsley, August 1, (cooperation in promotion)
Tour of Queens University Tay River study site, August 9
Perth Basin day at Farmers market, August 18 (display table)
Letter of support for maintenance of Last Duel Park

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Honourary Patron position accepted by Hon. James Bartleman
Distribution of Tay tabloid to area households
Presented Annual Tay Watershed Discovery Evening/Open House, October 18, 2006
- Exhibition; keynote address; Celebrity auction; environmental awards
Address by Dr. Paula Sherman - First of FoTW speaker series "Perspectives on Water" – as part of "Discovery Evening"
Announcement and presentation of FoTW annual Environmental Wards (at "Discovery Evening")
Annual Lake Links meeting, October 20 (participation as Lake Management Planning Committee; display table)
Trillium Awards Reception, Kingston, October 22 (GBCLA recipient)
Supported application for Board member to serve on Source Water Protection Committee

NOVEMBER

Announcement of appointment of FoTW Board member, Carol Dillon, to regional Source Water Protection Committee
Rural Clean water Program Steering Committee meeting, November 26, Manotick
Executive Committee meeting, November 6
Board meeting, November 20
Rideau Waterway Symposium, November 27 (attendance)
Latonnell Conservation Symposium, November 14; cooperated with GBCLA and RVCA in developing presentation on the Tay Watershed Area Lake Management Planning Program

DECEMBER

Series of meetings with six local townships, November and December (re adoption of lake management plans)

On-going Activities during 2007

Website

- On-going updating and maintenance

Promotion of Lottery for "Wee Lassie" boat – first quarter

Development and presentation of speaker series "Perspectives on Water"

Support to Rideau Canal 175th Anniversary (several events)

Town of Perth Services Board

- periodic meetings

Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Steering Committee

- periodic meetings as committee member

RVCA Upper Board

- Attending meetings

Tay Watershed region Lake Management Planning Program

- membership in and chairing of Steering Committee; financial management including billing and reporting; search for new funds; discussions with townships re adopting lake plans

Cooperation with partner associations in promoting events (RVFN; REAL; RVCA; CCAMU)

Enquiries & Questionnaires

- FoTW responds to enquiries for watershed information from a range of sources

Water Guardians - participation in a series of province-wide meetings and conference calls concerning water issues and the Clean Water Act

Advisory Panel on the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - panel participation by FoTW Board member for the purpose of providing advice to the minister concerning sustainable funding to implement source protection plans.

