



FRIENDS of the TAY WATERSHED ***Association***

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Specific Month-by-month Activities

January

- 10 Source Protection Meeting (and periodically during 2008)
- 18 Executive Committee meeting
- 29 Annual General Meeting – Dufferin Square Conference Rom
Annual report; financial report; election of officers; 2009 plans

February

- 13 Perspectives on Water Speakers' Series
Talk by Jamie Fortune from Ducks Unlimited on the Value of Wetlands
- 21 Public meeting - OMYA's reporting of water taking from the Tay River
- 26 Ontario Environment Network Conference Call
- 28 RVCA - Opening of new environmental headquarters building

March

- 4 Completion of Otty Lake Management Plan
- 18 FoTW Board Meeting
- 25 Organised first meeting for Tay Canal 175th anniversary celebration – Perth Town Hall
- 25 Commenced construction of kayak dock for Perth Basin

April

- 2 Delegate to Ontario Environmental Network's Water Guardians Conference, Toronto
- 7 Liaison meeting with A2A (Algonquin to Arirondack)
- 23 **Historica Fair** - presented award & display; participated as judge; sponsored rope-making workshop
- 26 Information booth at **Maplefest**
- 29 FoTW Executive meeting

May

- 6 Tay Watershed Management Plan - Stakeholders' Implementation Meeting
- 15 Sponsorship of summer student at RVCA (aquatic habitat/water quality monitoring the Tay watershed)
- 20 Kayak Dock Launch

June

- 4/5/10 Source Protection Committee Open House Perth/Merrickville/Smiths Falls
- 11 Research Interview on private wells & groundwater - University of Guelph
- 19 Submission on Draft Terms of Reference for Rideau Valley Source Protection area
- 17 FoTW Board Meeting & tour of Bobs Lake - Nordlaw Lodge
- 23 Initial meeting of Perth Shoreline Demonstration Project

July

- 8 Source Water Protection Training - Kingston
- 12-13 Art of Being Green Festival – display booth
- 27 GBCLA AGM – display table

August

- 5 Presentation to Perth Council – World Canal Conference visit
- 8 Tour of Canal Tow Path – upgrade inspection
- 21 Lanark County Transportation Study meeting – Maberly

September

- 16 World Canal Conference visit to Tay Basin
- 17 FoTW Board Meeting
- 24 ‘Perspectives on Water’ Speakers Series ~ Maude Barlow
- 27 Paddle Down the Tay Canal and Shoreline Cleanup

October

- 1 Letter to Federal candidates – cooperation with REAL, ecoPerth, Rideau Roundtable
- 6 Submission to Ontario MND&M on the Modernization of Ontario's Mining Act
- 25 Lake Links

November

- 4 FoTW Watershed Discovery Evening - Perth Legion
Keynote speaker Gordon Giffin, Superintendent, Rideau Canal
 - 14 Source Water Protection training day - Brockville
 - 19 FoTW Executive Meeting
 - 25 FoTW Board Meeting – approval of boat launch policy (posted to FoTW website)
 - 28 Meeting with Superintendent, Rideau Canal Office – Tay Canal support
- Distribution of Teaching materials to watershed schools, for water resource and watershed subjects.

December

- 11 Ontario Environmental Network Conference Call
- 31 Receipt of grant - Royal Bank's Blue Water Project; \$5,000 for revision of FoTW Tabloid

On-going and Periodic Activities during 2008

Website - On-going updating and maintenance

Source Water Protection Committee – FoTW member at periodic meetings

Tay Canal 175th Anniversary – periodic meetings

Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Steering Committee - periodic meetings

RVCA Upper Board – periodic meetings

Regional Lake Management Planning Program

- membership in and chairing of Steering Committee; financial management including billing and reporting; search for new funds

Cooperation with various partner associations in promoting events

Enquiries & Questionnaires

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