



Update on CONSERVATION

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Leading the way to abundant clean water within a healthy landscape.

Fill, Construction Regulation Soon to be Consistent Province Wide

In the late 1990s, the provincial government carried out a review of the Conservation Authorities Act to ensure that its regulations were consistent across the province and complemented Planning Act provincial policies respecting Natural Hazards and Natural Heritage.

The existing regulation that governed these activities - the *Fill, Construction and Alteration to Waterways Regulation* - was amended and renamed the *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*, Ontario Regulation 97/04 (commonly called Generic Regulations).

Kawartha Conservation, like all other CAs, is in the process of bringing its own regulations into compliance with Regulation 97/04, as directed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

A part of this process is to inform the public about the upcoming changes

that will regulate development near water, wetlands or erosion prone areas.

Three information sessions are being held in November across the watershed to enable the community to learn about the changes and to provide comment.

Future steps include Board approval, peer review and finally Ministry



The new regulations will enable Kawartha Conservation to better safeguard people and property.

Public Information Sessions

Lindsay: Area	November 22 Ken Reid Conservation Area
Bobcaygeon: Area	November 24 Galway, Cavendish & Harvey Municipal Office
Port Perry: Area	November 30 Scugog Community Centre

All meetings run from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm.

approval, expected early in 2006.

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Upcoming Events:

November 16, 17, 18

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November 18
World GIS Day

November 22
Public Information Session, Lindsay

November 24
Public Information Session, Bobcaygeon

November 30
Public Information Session, Port Perry

November 30
Scugog Projects Open House, Port Perry

December 7
Kawartha Conservation Board Meeting

January 18
Annual General Meeting, Port Perry

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Public Invited to Learn about Scugog Studies

What: Kawartha Conservation Open House

When: Nov. 30th 2-4, 6-8 pm

Where: Scugog Community Centre, Reach Street, Port Perry

Kawartha Conservation invites the public to come out to the Scugog Community Centre to learn about the state of Lake Scugog and its tributaries, the condition of fisheries in the Nonquon Subwatershed and the potential for development in the Nonquon Industrial Tributary Area. Staff will be onhand to explain the

purpose, methods and findings of three environmental studies led by Kawartha Conservation in the Township of Scugog. They are:

- Nonquon Subwatershed Study
- Nonquon Fisheries Study and
- Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan (LSEMP)

Everyone is invited to attend the afternoon or evening session. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 705.328.2271 or 1.800.68.5722 or email geninfo@kawarthaconservation.com.

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According to Environment Canada, one litre of motor oil can contaminate two million litres of drinking water. Once polluted, groundwater is very difficult if not impossible to restore.

Level 1 Low Water Condition Lifted

The Level 1 Low Water Condition was lifted for the Kawartha Watershed on October 28th. It had been in effect for over three months. Level 1 is the first indication of a potential water supply problem and calls for a voluntary 10% reduction of water for use for non-essential purposes.

Precipitation for August and September returned to expected levels, bringing the three month average to within the historical range of normal.

Kawartha Conservation will continue to monitor water levels and will advise stakeholders if levels warrant reinstating the condition. ♦

Green Cover Partners CAs, Agricultural Community

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) recently selected watershed-based conservation authorities, through Conservation Ontario, to help deliver the Greencover Canada program to agricultural producers.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada chose OSCIA to deliver the Ontario portion of the Greencover Canada program which offers technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers wishing to adopt Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs). These practices include improving soil productivity, protecting water quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat.

Under the arrangement, Kawartha Conservation will be providing no

charge consultations to the agricultural community in the Kawartha Watershed. Eligible projects include buffer strips and livestock fencing projects alongside watercourses; structural erosion control work next to creeks; and tree shelterbelt plantings. Registered farm businesses establishing eligible BMPs may receive up to 50 percent in cost-sharing to a maximum of \$20,000.

"Through the Green Cover Canada program we will provide technical assistance to a large and vital component of our watershed community at no cost to the local taxpayer or the producer," says Kristie Virgoe, Manager, Environmental Protection and Restoration with Kawartha Conservation and adds "We welcome the opportunity to reconnect with the agricultural community." ♦

Children's Water Festival Quenches Thirsty Minds



Children dam the river with sticks and mud at one of thirty activity centres.

School children from the City of Kawartha Lakes and the regions of Muskoka and Haliburton value their water resources a little more since attending the first Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival Sept. 28 thru the 30th. The event, held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre just west of Kinarvon, is one of about a dozen educational and interactive festivals being staged annually throughout Ontario.

"The Festival combines the two most important resources in our society—our children and our water—and we are proud to contribute in any way we can," says CAO of Kawartha Conservation Ian Macnab.

"The purpose of the festival is to teach children about water resources in a way that is fun and engaging for them," adds Lezlie Goodwin, Communications Specialist with Kawartha Conservation and member of the festival steering committee.

The festival was led by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association with community, municipal and provincial sponsors including Kawartha Conservation. An Ontario Trillium grant provided the majority of the funding for the first year. ♦



Festival coordinator Kyla Greenham presents sponsorship plaque to CAO Ian Macnab.

2006 Budget Preparations Moving Forward

Kawartha Conservation presented the 2006 draft budget to its Board of Directors on October 27th at which time it was approved for distribution to its six municipal members. The budget will be brought before the Board again on December 7th, 2005 for final approval.

The Kawartha Region Conservation Authority is a partnership of the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Townships of Scugog, Brock, Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan and Galway-Cavenish-Harvey, and the Municipality of Clarington.

Kawartha Conservation CAO Ian Macnab will make a brief presentation regarding the budget to each municipal council during November.

The 2006 budget is \$1552,700, which is supported by municipal levies totalling \$975,900, with \$594,800 generated from

Presentations to Council

Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m.	City of Kawartha Lakes
Nov. 21, 9:40 a.m.	Township of Scugog
Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.	Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan
Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m.	Galway-Cavendish-Harvey-
Nov. 28, 11:00 a.m.	Township of Brock
Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.	Municipality of Clarington

other revenue sources.

Copies of the 2006 draft budget document are available upon request. Call 705.328.2271 or 1.800.66.1787 or email geninfo@kawarthaconservation.com. ♦