



# Update on CONSERVATION

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

## Blue Canoe Coming to a Dock Near You

**If** you live on Lake Scugog, you might be in store for a visit from a crew in a blue canoe.

Kawartha Conservation has initiated an educational outreach project to promote awareness of the health of Lake Scugog called the 'Blue Canoe'.

The crew will spend several weeks travelling the lake talking with waterfront residents about the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan and other lake-related topics. They will also be distributing information 'goody' bags packed with brochures, a colourful poster, children's activity, rain gauge, wildflower seeds and more.

Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce officially launched the Blue Canoe project in Port Perry on June 28th. "I know Scugog residents will enjoy receiving a visit from the Blue Canoe and learning



*The Blue Canoe crew casts off after the official Launch, June 28th in Port Perry.*

about what they can do to help."

Kawartha Conservation team members will be joined by summer students Matt Brady and Courtney Gray who work for the Scugog Lake Stewards. The Stewards are contributing the students' efforts to the project.

The plan is to visit all 2,100 residents

living on Lake Scugog, so it is anticipated that the project will return in 2007 and possibly in 2008.

Kawartha Conservation initiated the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan in late 2003 in response to growing concern about degrading water quality. The goal is to determine the sources of nutrients causing a proliferation of weeds in Lake Scugog, and to make recommendations to improve the quality of the lake. The Township of Scugog through the Region of Durham is providing the funding.

Information about the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan and the Blue Canoe can be found at [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com) with links from the main page. ♦

## Generic Regulations Take Effect Across Province

Across the province Conservation Authorities (CAs) have begun using revised regulations with respect to planning activities. As of May 4, 2006 Kawartha Conservation began using the *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, Ontario Regulation 182/06*.

Also known as Generic Regulations, the objective of the Regulation is to ensure public safety with regard to natural hazards, through the permitting process, for work within or near lakes, rivers, stream or wetlands.

Last fall a series of information sessions were held to educate stakeholders about the revised mapping and regulations.

For more information about *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, Ontario Regulation 182/06* or other planning activities, contact Kawartha Conservation at 705.328.2271 or 1.800.668.5722 and ask for Environmental Advisory Services. ♦



### Current Events:

#### Beginning July 10...

Blue Canoe on Lake Scugog

July 26 Board of Directors Meeting

Sept 1-3 Kinmount Fair

Sept 2-4 Port Perry Fair

Sept 10-13 Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour

Sept 19-23 International Plowing Match

Sept 20-24 Lindsay Central Exhibition

Sept 27-29 Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival

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**FAST FACT** The Fleetwood Creek Natural Area is home to over 250 kinds of plants and 44 types of birds, including wild turkey. The Area is open to the public for the passive enjoyment of visitors.

## Biennial Tour to Visit Kawartha Watershed

The 2006 Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour promises to entertain and educate participants with three full days of sightseeing and networking.

Kawartha Conservation is partnering with Otonabee Conservation and lead Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, to host this year's event.

The tour will take place from Sept 10th through to the 13th and will be headquartered in Cobourg. From there, participants will explore a variety of impressive rural and urban destinations.

The tour is filling fast but registrations are still being accepted by the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority at 905.885.8173. Forms are also available online at [www.kawarthaconservation.com/news/biennial.html](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/news/biennial.html). ♦

## Everyone Needs Friends

Friends of Kawartha Conservation is a charitable organization that supports the work of Kawartha Conservation. They are looking to make new friends and welcome you to join them.

To learn more about Friends visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com) and select the Friends link from the main page, or call 705.328.2271 ext 233. ♦

## Kawartha Teams Compete in Marathon Canoe Race

It was a miserable day, but that didn't stop three Kawartha Conservation employees from participating in the grueling 26 kilometre 'Canoe the Nonquon' race on June 3rd.

Jessie James, Watershed Resource Technician and Heather Surette, Aquatic Biologist, formed one team and Conservation Areas Technician Earl McShane and his friend Paul formed the second. Both teams finished in the impressive four hour range. Despite being thoroughly drenched and a little chilled, all four claim that they will be back again next year. ♦

## Source Water Protection Work on Track

As part of our work on source water protection planning, technical staff have recently completed a draft report characterizing the Kawartha watershed. This extensive research includes information on watershed features and functions. Simultaneously, a water budget report is being developed that identifies how much water is coming into and out of the watershed.

Kawartha Conservation is working on source water planning with four other Conservation Authorities as the Trent Conservation Coalition (TCC). Kawartha's partner CAs are Ganaraska Region, Crowe Valley, Otonabee and the lead CA, Lower Trent. Additional efforts to help characterize water features are underway in the Kawartha and adjoining watersheds.

All source water efforts are fully funded



*A technician measures the flow of water.*

by the Province. The proposed Clean Water Act passed second reading in April, and the Standing Committee on Social Policy is expected to announce dates to receive public input in the coming weeks. ♦

## Shoreline Naturalization Program Secures Grants

Kawartha Conservation's popular Shoreline Naturalization program is funded through grants and self-generated revenue.

This year the program has secured financial support from the **Walmart Evergreen Fund** in the amount of an \$8,000 grant, and from **Shell Environmental** who have donated a

total of \$5,830 in grants. Locally, the **Stewardship Councils of Victoria and Durham** have made contributions.

A further funding announcement will be made later this summer.

The Shoreline Naturalization program offers a variety of activities designed to encourage good stewardship of our natural resources. ♦



## Environment the Big Winner in First CKL Commuter Challenge!



*The Kawartha Conservation team and competition organizers pose for a kick-off photo.*

Kawartha Conservation prevailed over four other contestants in the first CKL Commuter Challenge, part of a friendly national competition. The team walked, cycled, carpooled and teleworked during the week of June 6th through 10th to save a whopping 4,146 kilometres, 5,500g of Nitrous oxides and 1,100kg of CO<sup>2</sup>. ♦



*L to R: Jessie James, Heather Surette, Paul Stephens and Earl McShane are all smiles after completing an exhausting four hour paddle.*