



## Kawartha Conservation asks for return of stolen water monitoring equipment

(City of Kawartha Lakes, July 8, 2009) Kawartha Conservation is asking the persons who removed water monitoring equipment from Fingerboard Creek in the City of Kawartha Lakes to return it.

This equipment is used to monitor water levels and flows for the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan, flood and low water conditions monitoring, and for various other programs and services. It can only be used for scientific purposes, and would not have any resale value since organizations undertaking water monitoring do not purchase stolen equipment.

"Monitoring is an important part of our programs and services, which are funded by municipalities and other levels of government for the benefit of everyone in our watershed community," explains Alex Shulyarenko, Kawartha Conservation Water Quality Specialist.

"The information we gather through this equipment is used to design and operate programs and services that help maintain the health of our environment; ensure enough clean water for drinking, recreation, industry and wildlife; and prevent the loss of life and damage to property from flooding," says Shulyarenko.

The equipment was chained to a tree that was cut down next to Fingerboard Creek, near Fingerboard Road and Ramsey Road, and likely took 2 persons to carry. Kawartha Conservation has reported the incident to the police and asks that anyone with information about activity at or near the station between June 23 and July 1 contact them at 705.328.2271 or the OPP at 1.888.310.1122.

Kawartha Conservation says it will not pursue the matter further if the equipment is returned to the location from where it was taken.

**Kawartha Conservation** is a watershed based, non-profit environmental organization that provides conservation, restoration and responsible management of water, land and natural habitats through programs and services that balance human, environmental and economic needs. It is governed by the six municipalities that overlap the natural boundaries of the Kawartha Conservation watershed, which include the City of Kawartha Lakes; Township of Scugog; Township of Brock; Municipality of Clarington; Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Township of Cavan Monaghan.  
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