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Dear Members and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of the Rideau Waterway Land Trust I would like to extend you a personal invitation to attend your Land Trust's Annual General Meeting. This year's event will be hosted at the Queen's University Biological Station at Chaffey's Lock on Friday, September 23rd.

It has been another rewarding year for the Rideau Waterway Land Trust, with significant conservation projects completed, community support at an all time high and the most successful Corn Roast to date.

Please join your friends and neighbours for the Annual Dinner following the AGM and help us celebrate the successes of the Land Trust. The festivities get underway with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. This year the dinner will feature all seasonal organic foods produced locally. The chefs from the Fall River Pub and Grill will be preparing your choice of Beef Rouladen or Grilled Organic Chicken Breast. Once again the most fabulous desserts available in Canada will be sold to the highest bidder at the Decadent Dessert Auction. This light spirited auction is the highlight of the evening with fierce bidding among tables vying for the dessert of their choice. All desserts are donated and all proceeds go to further the work of your Land Trust.

After dinner, award winning photographers Simon Lunn and Robert Williams have prepared a visual tour that will carry you off on a picturesque trip from Chaffey's Lock down through some of the most beautiful lakes in Ontario. This scenic presentation illustrates why your Land Trust believes that the natural treasures of this area must be preserved for generations to come.

With seating limited to 72 members, supporters and their guests, tickets sell out quickly for this event so please use the enclosed RSVP form and send your requests in early or call the office to register. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks,

Peter Hannah
President



Corn Roast 2005 - A Roaring Success

The weather was wonderful! The crowds were enormous! The band had everybody rocking! Since the first year of our Annual Corn Roast (back in 1998) the Board of Directors, volunteers from the community and the staff have all worked very hard to create *The Perfect Corn Roast*. This year was the closest we have ever come! We thought you would like to hear a bit about “the behind the scenes” reasons why this year was so special.

There were more community volunteers this year than ever before which confirms the old adage that “many hands make light work”. This year Anne Bristow, our volunteer co-coordinator, had a team of over 40 volunteers from the community helping in a variety of jobs to make the day run smoothly.

The Enbridge Gas Distribution Barbeque Team have cooked our burgers, dogs and sausages for the past 6 years. Even with their support, our kitchen still requires 20 additional volunteers to keep the food lines moving. This year the Enbridge Team cooked over 600 dogs, burgers and sausages and 2400 cobs of corn! Alex McKinney volunteers his time each year. Alex brings his smoker and cooks delicious roasts of beef.

Vince Watters, one of the creators of this annual event, continues to work tirelessly to attract teams for the Fast & Furious Sea Trials and encourage participation in our Rideau Idol contest. Vince lends us advice as well as lends a hand to ensure this event is a success each year.

Barry McCorquodale, Chuck Acton and Jim Monaghan share the task of organizing 8 teams of boat builders in the Fast & Furious Sea Trials event. This event is one of the highlights of the day. They manage to ensure the teams work safely, conform to the rules of the sport and are ready to race on time.

We would like to thank Susan Gold for taking all these fabulous photos of the event. There were so many great ones to choose from we decided to line our page for your enjoyment.

Ron & Marlene Dobson volunteered to manage the Rideau Idol Contest. Ron scheduled the times for each of our 9 singers’ to perform in front of our 3 judges, all the while competing with the boat builders’ saws and hammers.





In spite of these obstacles, Ron was able to make it happen and the winning Idols performed on stage with The Cadillacs that evening. Ron also piped with our Rideau Lakes Town Crier, David Boyd who volunteered his time to “cry” at our event.

Jim Swartz Jr. volunteered to take on the design and supervision of the printing of our T- Shirts and ball caps. The shirts were dynamite and Jim lifted a great load off the staff’s shoulders. For the past two years Jim has also volunteered his time and his boat as the safety boat for the Fast & Furious Sea Trials. This year we recognized the need for a strong voice at the microphone to make announcements throughout the day and evening. Jim was a natural for the job, he took on the role of M.C. like a professional.

We would also like to thank our advisory committee who contributes so much to this event. Brad and Mary Johnson, Barry and Shannon McCorquodale, Vince Watters and Ron and Marlene Dobson. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the many local business sponsors who supported this event.

Our thanks to the following individuals who generously contributed their time to volunteer at the 2005 Corn Roast

Chuck, Tricia & Cody Acton
 Al Bertrand
 Eric DeLong
 Ron & Marlene Dobson
 Donald & Betty Ecobichon
 Barb Finlayson
 John & Janet Finlayson
 Brian & Susan Gold
 Joe & Mary Lou Hamilton
 Peter Hannah
 The Jasper-Fayer Family
 Brad & Mary Johnson
 Blane Johnson

Peter Klukach
 Ed & Gloria Kostyk
 Florence Labelle
 Peter Larche
 Billy Mather
 Barry & Shannon McCorquodale
 Alex McKinney
 Marty Moir
 Darcy Monaghan
 Jane Monaghan
 Jim Monaghan
 Heidi Osborne
 Ben Perry

Frank Phelan
 Danny Pinsonneault
 Tonia Robb
 Valerie Rodger
 Graham Smith
 Jim Swartz Jr.
 Bill Teske
 Nathan Texeria
 Don, Muriel & Alan Walker
 Vince Watters
 Daphne Wrethem

Winner of Old Town Kayak Raffle

This year the Rideau Waterway Land Trust held a Kayak raffle. The winning ticket was drawn at the Corn Roast. Peter Hannah is shown congratulating the lucky winner, Steve Parenteau, from Ottawa. We would like to thank Mountain Equipment Co-op for donating the kayak.



What is the Statement of Standards and Practices for Land Trusts?

The Statement of Standards and Practices was initially developed by the Land Trust Alliance of the United States. It is a document that outlines the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust.

This document was adapted for use by Ontario land trusts in 2003 by the Ontario Land Trust Alliance. The document underwent review and revision in 2005 and is now known as the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices. The Land Trust Standards and Practices includes 12 Standards with 98 accompanying Practices. There are eight Standards pertaining to Organizational Strength covering such things as Board Accountability, Fundraising and Philanthropy and Financial and Asset Management. The remaining four Standards deal with Property Acquisition and Property Management.

The Rideau Waterway Land Trust believes strongly in managing its affairs in accordance with the Standards and Practices and as a requirement of its membership in the Ontario Land Trust Alliance it has passed a motion to adopt the Standards and Practices as the guiding practices of the organization. The Rideau Waterway Land Trust is also a member of the United States Land Trust Alliance, the largest alliance of land trusts in the world, an organization which also requires its members to adopt the Standards and Practices.

The Trust has another strong tie to the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices. The staff of the RWLT was retained by the Canadian Land Trust Alliance to facilitate the 2005 review and revision process. RWLT staff has spent much of 2005 working with land trusts and other professionals from across the country in the drafting and publishing of the latest edition of the document.

Annual Dinner - Join Your Fellow Members

Mark your calendars now for the Annual General Meeting and dinner at the Queen's Biological Station on Friday, September 23rd., for a feast and fun. The meals this year will be provided by Michele and Paul from the Fall River Pub and Grill. For those who have not yet enjoyed a fabulous meal at Fall River, this is an opportunity for you to experience their fine cuisine with friends and family at the RWLT Annual Dinner. The Fall River Pub & Grill was recommended in the 2005 "Where to Eat in Canada Guide". The goal of the Fall River Pub & Grill stems from their personal belief in health, quality, flavorful food and environmentally conscious decisions regarding their day to day operations and the products they deliver. The Annual Dinner is a casual, friendly evening out, a place to meet friends and fellow members of the Land Trust. We look forward to seeing you there.



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