

# The LAND TRUST NEWS



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## Winter at Rock Dunder

### The Future and the Annual Campaign

- Nature has a future because our communities care

First of all, I want to pay tribute to Peter Hannah, our President for almost eight years, a steady hand at the helm through our growing years and many successful acquisitions. During these past few years the RWLT has increased its membership, sponsorship and land protection. On behalf of our members I would like to thank you Peter for your contribution to that growth.

I consider it an honour to carry on as your new President. We have recently expanded our Board of Directors. New director Chris Fleming of Ottawa, together with Board Members Doug Lewis and Brian Gold, will anchor our interests in the northern sector of the Rideau Corridor. New directors Neal Ritchie and Paul Gervan will join current director Joe Hamilton in the southern end of the corridor. Paul, Neal and Chris offer a great range of skills including fundraising, business and finance, land acquisition, non-profit organization management, and community service work. Our three new leaders will strengthen our board and raise the profile of the RWLT in the community.

But that is not all that is required to secure our future. There are ever increasing complexities in running a land trust. To overcome these complexities we consulted many of you last spring through surveys as we created the RWLT Strategic Plan 2007-2009. This plan spawned our new Mission Statement "To preserve important natural lands and habitat in the Rideau Corridor and foster a healthy future for our communities." As well we created new Action Plans and six volunteer committees. These Committees are: Governance, Finance, Fundraising, Land Acquisition, Land Stewardship, as well as Communications and Membership.

We will also continue to grow in relation to the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices (S & P's). We are the first Land Trust in Canada to complete an organizational assessment using the new S&P's. We are systematically putting into place the indicator practices contained in the S & P's. These will become our guide to managing the organization and stewarding the 555 acres of land and 15,000 feet of shoreline we protect.

Last but not least, please do not forget to support our Annual Campaign. Each year at this time we ask for your support to help our Land Trust to become even stronger. We are all working together in preserving these very special areas and we ask you to help make a difference. Please support our Annual Campaign 2007. If you did not receive your Annual Campaign request please contact our office and we will mail or email one to you. Thank you again for your ongoing support of the RWLT.

Frank Symons PhD, President  
Rideau Waterway Land Trust



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