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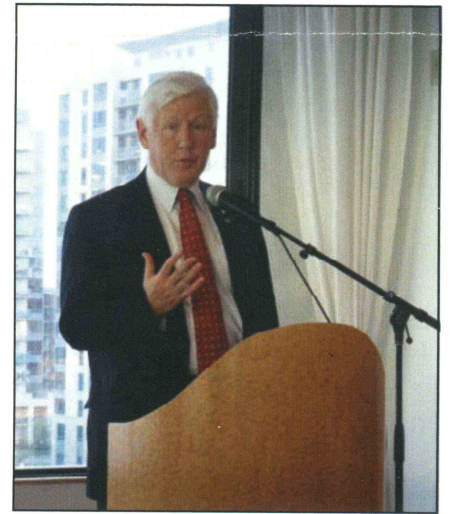
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2013 RWLT Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction

Everyone set aside the evening of May 16th for the RWLT Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction. This year's event will be held at Code's Mill on the Park in Perth.

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker the Hon. Bob Rae, the interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, summer resident of Big Rideau Lake and, with his wife Arlene Pearly Rae, longtime supporters of the RWLT. Not only is Bob an acclaimed speaker with respected insights into the current affairs of Canada, but he speaks with great passion about the possibilities that present themselves when neighbours work with neighbours to preserve important places in their communities for the benefit of all.



RWLT Honorary Chair - Bob Rae

The RWLT has held an Annual Dinner since 2002 and it has become an important event. Not only does it provide an opportunity for the organization to hear from its members and supporters but it also raises important funds that enable the RWLT to continue its programs in your community. This year we are delighted that the Johnson Investment Group from CIBC Wood Gundy has returned as our presenting sponsor. They will be joined by other business sponsors from the Kingston and Perth areas.

New this year we have tables of 8 available as well as individual tickets. We have a number of tables already spoken for but several are still available. If you would like to put together a table of friends and neighbours, please contact Dave Walker at davew@rwlt.org or 613-284-2010. The price for a table of 8 is \$400. The menu will include your choice of Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon or Vegetarian Cannelloni prepared by the some of the best chefs in the area.

We will be mailing invitations to all of our supporters the first part of April inviting them to purchase individual tickets to this much anticipated event.

We look forward to a full house!



Code's Mill
ON THE PARK

Acquiring Land is Costly

The RWLT is a registered charity and has also adopted the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices. These two commitments come with responsibilities and costs.

This was highlighted with the recent acquisition of Sugarbush Island. Some of the funds required were provided by the Federal Government and one of their requirements was that the project be carried out under the guidelines found in the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices and they required an audit to be carried out regarding the acquisition of the property. Although the purchase price for the project was \$100,000, the total cost as shown by the audit was \$174,800. This did not include the costs of developing the trails which were done as a separate project. But it did include the obvious costs of legal, survey and the severance and surveying costs associated with establishing the Right of Way. In addition there was the requirement that 15% of the purchase price be raised and placed in an Endowment Fund to help offset future costs of managing the property, costs associated with signage, preparing land management plans, completing the applications to gain property tax exception for the lands and a requirement to raise funds to help pay the costs of running the organization itself and meeting the obligations of operating a charity in Canada.



Even when land was donated to the RWLT, the Board of Directors always recognized the many additional costs involved with acquiring the lands, but this was the first time that an outside auditor has identified all the costs. In recent years donors of land have often contributed funds to help with these costs but often additional funds have to be raised.

The RWLT has many opportunities to acquire additional properties, often landowners are willing to donate these lands and sometimes the RWLT will consider purchasing key properties, but the requirement to raise the additional acquisition funds places a restraint on the RWLT and it is not able to accept title to all the properties offered.

If you feel you would like to make a meaningful gift to the Trust to enable more of these properties to be preserved by the Trust please contact Dave Walker at davew@rwlt.org or 613-284-2010.

Long Time RWLT Supporter Passes Away

The RWLT was saddened to hear that Ms. Elizabeth Edwards passed away in late February. Many of you will recognize Ms. Edwards as a life-long summer resident of Big Rideau Lake. Ms. Edwards was passionate in her belief that wildlife habitat should be preserved in perpetuity. Before her death she donated a conservation easement on Edwards Wetlands and her property at Sherwood's Bay to the RWLT. These two properties will be preserved in perpetuity by the RWLT.

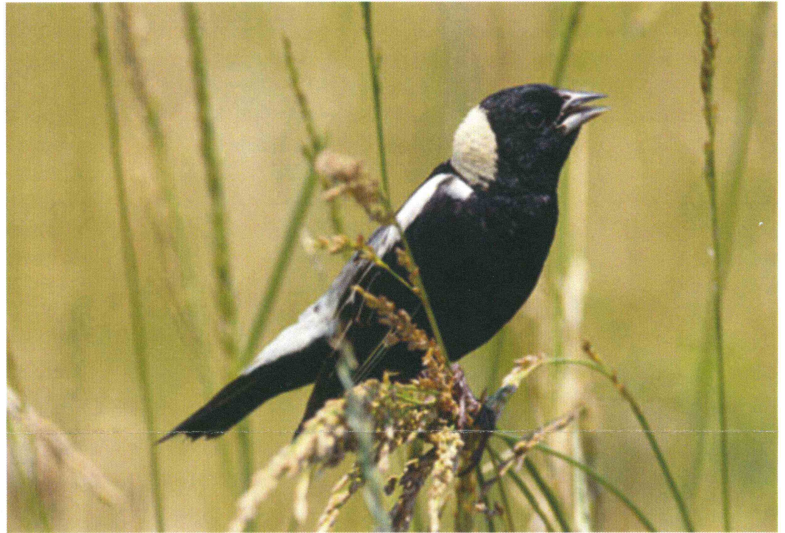
On behalf of the RWLT and its supporters we would like to express our condolences to Ms. Edwards' family.



Bobolink Habitat

Late last fall and over the winter the RWLT partnered with the Regional Group, CRT Developments and Golfview Lands Development Inc, and staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide long term preservation of bobolink habitat.

Over the past few decades the occurrences of bobolinks have become threatened in Ontario. Due to the decline of their grassland habitat these once plentiful songbirds are becoming a memory for many. With the financial support of these three developers, the RWLT has been able to develop a management plan that will lead to the rehabilitation and long term preservation of bobolink habitat on the Carter – Phillips Nature Reserve lands in Montague Township. This has been a great example of businesses within the community working with the RWLT to ensure that lands donated by RWLT supporters are stewarded to preserve wildlife habitat.



The RWLT is looking forward to working with other organizations, businesses and land donors to enable the long term preservation of Species at Risk habitat.

Community Support is Growing

The RWLT is enjoying growing support from the community. With government cutbacks over the last several years, local land conservation has become even more dependent on community support. Businesses, organizations and community leaders have stepped forward and are joining with individuals to help preserve special places in your community. Local businesses are beginning to support initiatives in the communities where their employees live and work. Although support from individuals and families will always be the backbone of community land trusts, the added support from local businesses and organizations for the RWLT programs and projects is greatly appreciated.

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