



Rideau Waterway
LAND TRUST
FOUNDATION INC.

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Summer Has Arrived, So That Means Its Corn Roast Time!

The Rideau is alive with summer activity, as many of you have returned to the cottage to share the summer with those of us who are fortunate enough to make the Rideau our year-round home. Many community organizations along the Rideau organize special events, which in addition to providing entertainment for the entire family, raise funds for worthwhile projects. Your Trust hosts one of the most popular events along the Waterway, the **Annual Corn Roast at Chaffey's Lock**. This year's event is August 4 from 12 noon till 11:00 p.m.

This year Chaffey's Locks Rocks with three bands including the Ragtime Kid and Major Drums, Recycled Rock and Heartbreak Hotel. The Fast and Furious Sea Trials will return during the afternoon with the **Licari** family trying to defend their title against some stiff competition. Contact **Vince Watters** if you or your organization would like to enter a team and raise money for your favourite charity.

This year **Nick Brown and his family** are preparing and serving a beef barbeque from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to all of this our newest sponsor, **Mountain Equipment Co-Op**, has generously donated a 16' Prospector Canoe as a door prize, a \$1400 value.

Vince reports that ticket sales are brisk, with 1500 people expected, so why not get a group together and join in the fun. Tickets are available, \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, in advance at the lockstation or from Board members or \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children at the gate.

Some Exciting Projects

Land trusts across Ontario, including Rideau Waterway, are experiencing an increase in the number of inquiries from landowners regarding donations of ecologically sensitive lands. Many conservation-minded landowners want to explore the options available to preserve their lands and leave a legacy for future generations.

Recent changes in Federal legislation reduces the capital gains inclusion rate to 25% on ecological land donated to designated charities, including the Rideau Waterway Land Trust. In addition a tax agreement with the United States allows for an even more favourable treatment of capital gains for U.S. residents on the donation of their Canadian lands.

The property committee of the Rideau Waterway Land Trust is in discussions with several landowners and expects to be able to make some announcements regarding more land donations in the near future. If you would like to discuss options regarding property donations give **Marty Moir** a call at 613-264-0008

Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder to mark the evening of September 14th on your calendar, the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Trust. This year the event will take place at the new Queen's University Biological Station Conference Centre at Chaffey's Locks. A social hour and a great dinner in the dining room will follow the business meeting. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation by a special guest speaker following dinner. You won't want to miss this evening.

There will be several Directors retiring this year, including founding director **Frank Phelan**. Frank assures us he will be back after a short rest.

If you would be interested in joining the Board of Directors please give **Peter Hannah** a call at 613-272-2169. The Board meets once a month and there is a great sense of accomplishment working with your fellow volunteers and being part of the building of a great land trust.

Land Trust Gathering

Since the first ONTA Gathering held in 1998, the Ontario land trust movement continues to grow at an astounding rate. The 2001 Gathering will take place at The Opinicon on the weekend of October 19 - 21. The highlight of the weekend will be the ratification of the bylaws and constitution and the unveiling of a new name, the Ontario Land Trust Alliance. This organization will represent 33 member groups, with a combined membership of 120,000 members, who support the land trust movement in Ontario.

Rideau Waterway Land Trust is pleased to welcome delegates from across Ontario for this weekend of workshops and seminars aimed at strengthening the land trust movement in Ontario.

If you would like to attend give **Dave Walker** a call, 613-359-5667, for more information.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

Friends of the Environment Foundation continue to be a major supporter of the Trust. The Kingston chapter has granted the Trust \$4,880 to be used to pay the professional fees involved in accepting land donations. In addition the grant covers the costs of purchasing signage for the properties that the Trust currently owns.

With the amalgamation of TD and Canada Trust the Friends of the Environment will be able to increase the amount of funds it grants to worthwhile environmental projects across Canada.

On behalf of all of us lets thank Friends of the Environment for their continued support.

Red Rock



Van Niel Woodlands



Thank You for Your Support

The Board of Directors and volunteers of the Trust would like to thank everyone for their generous support. To date, in 2001, your support has been overwhelming. Congratulations everyone, your support is making a difference. The Trust would like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations and individuals for your support in the first half of 2001.

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