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A Lasting Legacy

By Karen Rosborough

This will be the first Christmas without my mom—a woman who loved the holiday season. She loved the shopping, the decorating, the carols, the baking, the big turkey feast... But above all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. I will miss watching her eagerly decorate the tree with my boys. I will miss the excited expression on her face as she watched them open their presents. And I will miss her special Christmas spirit.

We won't be buying and wrapping her favourite treats this year. Instead, we have honoured her memory and my father's memory by making a donation to the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association (KTCTA). Their names will be permanently inscribed on the

Fred DeNure Donor Wall at Fleming College in Lindsay.

I only wish I had of done this for my mom and dad when they were alive. They really didn't need any more "stuff" to fill their house, and they would have appreciated the gesture. They were both avid cottagers who appreciated the natural beauty of the outdoors.

They would have liked that our symbolic gift will not only protect the local natural environment but will also preserve a piece of Canadian culture and history for now and for future generations to enjoy. It's a long-lasting legacy gift.

It reminds me that we shouldn't wait to honour the important people in

our lives. We don't have to lose them before we honour them. We should let people know what they mean to us while we can. Isn't that what the holiday spirit is all about?

For more information on donating in honour of, or in memory of someone special, visit kawarthatranscanadatrail.ca or email kawarthatct@gmail.com to receive a donation information brochure.



Many Ways To Give...

Aside from KTCTA's donor wall giving and the annual Adventure Travel Festival, there are other ways to give.

Will Bequest

Naming KTCTA in your will is the simplest way to arrange a planned gift. Your lawyer

can discuss with you the best way to set this up in your will.

Insurance

Name KTCTA as a benefactor to either an existing or a new policy. Again, we recommend that you discuss this idea with your professional advisor or

lawyer.

KTCTA is proud to say that 100% of your donation will go directly to the development, operation, protection and promotion of the Trans Canada Trail in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

President's Message



Al MacPherson
President, KTCTA

The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail has had a great year, and we will continue to move forward with projects that create an enjoyable trail experience for the many trail users at no cost to them. This is possible because of our many supporters who contribute ideas, enthusiasm, commitment, and of course, money (donations) to the operation and promotion of our beautiful trail.

The following is a review of 2012 events and activities:

Board of Directors welcomed two new directors: Omemee journalist Peggy Armstrong, and Blair Gibson, Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club Chair.

A land use agreement was negotiated and signed with Austin and Anna Evans for use of their property. The agreement allows for cycling and walking from the bridge at Highway 36 traveling west along the abandoned rail line property (owned by Evans), connecting to Dobson Street.

The Reaboro managing partner and volunteers under the leadership of Marnie Callaghan and in partnership with the Lindsay Lions Club and Victoria Stewardship Council planted wildlife shrubs and installed bird nesting boxes along their section the trail during Earth Day.

For the second year we surveyed over 100 trail users. Survey results will be reported in the spring 2013 newsletter.

OUTREACH

- ✓ KTCTA attended two major events with our display information promoting the trail: International Trail Days events in Peterborough and Lilac Festival in Lindsay.
- ✓ Handed out hundreds of trail brochures and maps during the summer.
- ✓ Maintained KTCTA blog website.
- ✓ Maintained Adventure Travel Festival website.
- ✓ Produced and distributed KTCTA newsletter in the spring and fall.

RECOGNITION

- ✓ 2011 Canadian Geographic article.
- ✓ KTCT photograph and information published in the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (a non-profit 150,000 member organization based in Washington, D.C.), 2013 calendar.
- ✓ Trans Canada Trail National profiled our trail on their national website.

FUNDRAISING

- ✓ Our signature Adventure Travel Festival fundraising event was held the first weekend in June as part of International Trails Day (see p. 3)
- ✓ City of Kawartha Lakes Economic Tourism provided a special event grant for promotion of the Festival.
- ✓ KTCTA also received grants from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism to hire a student for the summer, and Eastern Ontario Development Program Kawartha Lakes Community Futures and Trans Canada Trail National for a digital library feasibility study (see p. 3).

ON-GOING PROJECTS

- ✓ Fleming College Partnership: vegetation management guide and photo map of KTCT (see p. 5).
- ✓ Photo contest, signage plan for businesses, and trail benches.
- ✓ Policy Development: vegetation management and donation.
- ✓ Maintenance Work: managing partners from Fowlers Corner Lions Club, Omemee, Reaboro and support from the MNR Stewardship Rangers repaired bridges, fences, barriers and tread.

Looking ahead to 2013, our priorities will be: 1) fundraising, 2) grass/vegetation control, and 3) signage for businesses and tourism.

A huge thank you to all of our managing partners, board directors and volunteers for the wonderful work they do in keeping the entire trail system safe and attractive for locals and visitors alike to use all year long.

As
Margaret Mead
said:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

No truer statement applies to the people involved with the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail.

Another Adventure Travel Festival Success!

KTCTA had the honour of presenting two extraordinary Canadian speakers at this year's Festival in June.

Colin Angus, who circumnavigated the world by bike and row boat, and **Kevin Callan**, author of 13 canoeing books, entertained and inspired 173 Festival attendees at events in Peterborough and Lindsay.

Thanks to the great in-kind support from our local media, particularly **Bob FM** and the **Lindsay Post**, and devoted local sponsors who provided the necessary funds to pay for expenses, KTCTA made a small profit that will be used for the upkeep of the trail.

This year, the **Tourism Economic Development Department** awarded KTCTA a \$3,000 grant for Festival promotion. This helped us increase the awareness of the Festival, extend our reach, and bring in people from places such as Oshawa, Port Perry and Haliburton.

Plans are underway for next year's event scheduled for May 31st to June 2nd, 2013, as part of International Trails Day.

Check out the festival website (www.adventuretravelfestival.ca) for up-to-date information about the 2013 event and plan to support your trail. Be sure to tell others, too!



Al MacPherson and Colin Angus

National Trails Depository E-Library

Professors Emeritus Allen MacPherson (Fleming College) and John Marsh (Trent University) are currently conducting a feasibility study to examine the requirements, cost and benefits of creating a national digital library focused on trails. Project funding has been provided by the Eastern Ontario Development Program Kawartha Lakes Community Futures, and Trans Canada Trail National.

The final report is expected by the end of March 2013. Some of the benefits already determined are:

No physical boundaries. Anyone with an Internet connection, anywhere in the world, can access the same trail information, at the same time, 24/7.

Information retrieval. A digital library can provide very user

-friendly interfaces, giving clickable access to its resources.

Preservation and conservation. Digitization preserves materials that may degrade over time through repeated use.

Space. Whereas traditional libraries are limited by storage space, digital libraries have the

potential to store much more information, simply because digital information requires very little physical space.

Added value. Certain characteristics of objects, primarily the quality of images, may be improved. Digitization can enhance legibility and remove visible flaws such as stains and discolouration.

Partnership is Everything



Once again, the students of Fleming College have proved their dedication and support to the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail. This fall, with weed whackers and brooms in hand, they trimmed and brushed the section of trail that runs through the Frost campus. They also installed benches, including one at the old boat house site that provides a nice rest area with a view of the river. Drainage improvement and trail tread path work were also completed improving the trail's appearance.



Did you know...
The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail is not just a linear trail that stretches across the City of Kawartha Lakes. It is a train park, lilac park, environmental school, fitness facility, transportation corridor, outdoor classroom and an economic resource. Get out and enjoy it!

Managing Partners Leaving & Joining

**Thank You,
Jen!**

For the past three years, Jen Drapeau from The Brick Church in Manilla, Ontario, has been a dedicated managing partner, responsible for a 3-kilometre section of the far west end of the KTCT (between Simcoe Street and Fingerboard Road).

We will miss your enthusiasm and support! Best of luck with your move.

Thank you to **Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club** for stepping in to manage this section of the trail, and thanks also to the **Rotary Club of Peterborough and Smith Township** for agreeing to manage the section of trail between Ackinson Road to Highway 7. We are glad to have you both!



Jen Drapeau

Sustaining the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail

By Sacha Gascoigne, Kelly McLean, Jody Marks and Mike McIvor



Fleming College's Placement Program

A team of students from Fleming College's Ecosystem Management Technology program is working with Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association (KTCTA) as part of the college's placement program. The program is referred to as Credit for Product and is designed to give students an opportunity to gain hands-on experiences in the environmental field by working with local environmental agencies. It is the KTCTA's first year working with Fleming College's Credit for Product program. The team of students is mentored by two coordinators of the KTCTA; Bill Elliot and Al MacPherson. The mentors have established a project outline for the student team based on the needs of the trail.

Goals of the Project

The student team will be creating a vegetation management

guide specific to the species found along the trail. The manual will help with the sustainability of the trail and contribute to the KTCTA's goal to improve the urban and rural environment by developing and maintaining a recreational trail or greenway linking communities. The guide will be distributed to the major volunteer trail manager groups to aid them in the maintenance of the trail. The guide will be used for education as well as for training volunteers on how to identify invasive species.

The guide has been composed based on data collected by the student team through field work and surveying. It is small in size and has compact information making it a great tool for volunteers to use out in the field. The students have structured the guide so that each individual species can be classified as either a native, invasive or nuisance species. The information provided for each species will include the key identifiers, habitat type and

best management practice. There will also be an informative glossary of terms at the back of the guide.

A second deliverable the student team will produce for the project is a photo map for the length of the entire Kawartha Trans Canada Trail. The map illustrates different densities along the trail of various vegetation species. By prioritizing and categorizing species it will help to determine the type of management necessary to remove certain species. For each species along the trail the team has made suggestions regarding the appropriate strategy for management. Having a database of vegetation populations is a helpful way to monitor and compare the trails development and health each year.

Vegetation management is an important part of trail maintenance. Proper trail maintenance leads to sustainability of the trail, which in turn is linked to the overall health of the surrounding environment.



To collect vegetation data the Fleming team biked along the trail surveying.

Benefits of a Well Maintained Trail

Proper invasive species management and control leads to healthier native species and growth.

Ensures sustainability of the trail.

Controlling vegetation growth helps keep trail boundaries visible and signage readable.

Makes the trail more appealing to the public and encourages use.

Promotes community involvement.

Conserves habitats and creates linkages between ecosystems along the trail.

Animals use the trail as a migration path.

Promotes environmental consciousness.

Contributes to a healthy lifestyle by providing a place for recreation.

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Donor names as of November 30, 2012.

* Names to be inscribed on the Donor Wall in Winter 2012.

Donor Wall Categories

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With each level of donation, a Certificate of Appreciation along with a tax receipt is sent to the donor.



New Volunteers are always welcome!
 See website for details or email us at kawarthatct@gmail.com

Who We Are

The **Kawartha Trans Canada Association (KTCTA)** is a registered not-for-profit organization with charitable status. Our mission includes the following:

1. To improve the urban and rural environment by developing and maintaining a recreational trail or greenway linking communities.
2. To organize and participate in environmental projects designed to preserve and protect flora and fauna.
3. To educate and increase public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the environment by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information.
4. To promote active and healthy lifestyles by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information on the trail's five core uses—hiking, walking, cycling, horseback riding and snowmobiling.

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Al MacPherson and *Steve Callaghan*, KTCTA's Volunteer of the Year 2012.

Every year at the AGM, KTCTA honours a Volunteer of the Year. This year's recipient is Steve Callaghan.

Past Volunteer Award Recipients:

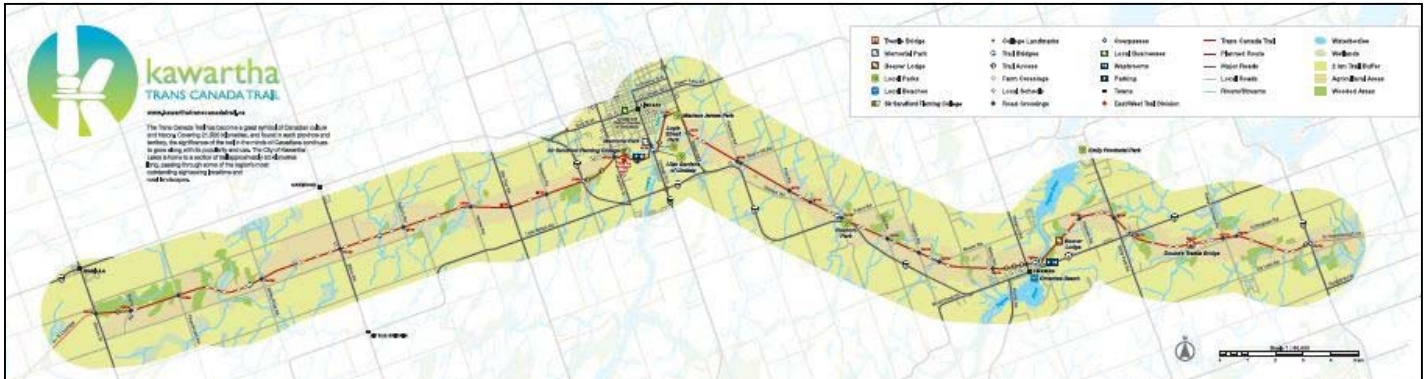
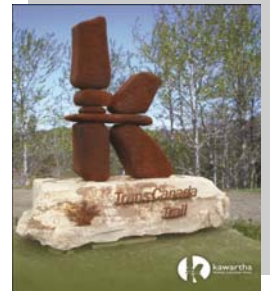
Jack Murphy 2011
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The *Biker Babes* after riding the west section of the KTCT in May.

KTCT Map

The KTCTA will upgrade, develop and manage 44 kilometres of trail through the City of Kawartha Lakes. This trail stretches east to west between Peterborough County and the Regional Municipality of Durham and will be a new addition to the national Trans Canada Trail network.



Donor Information

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