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Magnetawan River Watershed Association

A not for profit organization created to positively influence the conservation, restoration, use and responsible management of the Magnetawan River Watershed's water, land and natural habitats

Dear Friends of the Magnetawan River Watershed Association,

You are receiving this message because your Lake/Cottage Association or organization has expressed an interest in being involved with the Magnetawan River Watershed Association (MRWA). In the MRWA By-Law, adopted last fall, we decided that Associations and organizations would be the official members with a voting representative from each. Anyone from a member organization is welcome to attend MRWA meetings. By representative vote we established annual dues of \$50.00 for membership.

We trust that your organization will join the MRWA this year. We have taken the opportunity to attach an invoice covering the \$50.00 membership fee for 2009. With your payment please forward the name of your representative. Thank you.

At <http://www.cecebewaterways.ca/mrwa/index.php> some of the activities of the MRWA this past year are summarized.

An example of action we can take in the future would be addressing the Ferguson Road Bridge being constructed too low over the Magnetawan River. This new bridge affects the Katrine and Doe Lake people, and their access to the River. While it may be too late to influence this decision, we intend to investigate to see if some remedial action can be taken.

Another matter for consideration is how the Navigable Waters Protection Act affects our waterway and the use of it.

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/oep/nwpp/menu.htm>

MRWA projects under consideration which will be funded by grant money include: a) conduct lake capacity studies on lakes that would like to have such done, and b) undertake a water quality measurement and documentation project. The Ontario Building Code requires that a septic tank be pumped out when it is 1/3 full of solids. As a general rule of thumb for cottages, this should be done every 5-10 years. Many of the septic systems on the Magnetawan waterway were installed more than 10 years ago. MRWA will coordinate an advertising campaign to remind cottagers that if they have not had theirs pumped out in recent years it most likely needs doing.

We appreciate your support for the MRWA and look forward to working with each of you.

Clint Brooks,
President
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