



## **Friends of Lemoine Point**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

October, 2010 – September, 2011

#### **President's Report**

It's been another busy and successful year for the Friends' board members and other volunteers working toward our mandate to assist the CRCA in the management of Lemoine Point and to help conserve and enhance its natural environment.

Most of our efforts this fiscal year involved the continuation of ongoing programs such as our reforestation efforts, the Native Plant Nursery, and the control of invasive species ... see the following pages for key details of those activities.

Much of our work is done through our committee structure ... we have a number of volunteer committees and work groups, including the reforestation / tree planting group, the Nursery volunteers, the Invasive Species team, the Trails Committee, as well as various special committees and our board/executive activities. That all takes a lot of manpower - our rough calculation of our total volunteer hours for the past fiscal year is that we worked at least 5,000 hours on various Friends activities and projects.

Thanks to all our Friends volunteers for enabling such a fruitful year, and to all our members for their financial and moral support!

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Financial Statements for October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011, are attached to this Report.

As a result of much appreciated donations and the sale of memorial benches, our net revenue was \$13,387.89.

Our expenses of \$10,297.38 supported various projects to enhance Lemoine Point, including Heritage Forest Planting and Invasive Species Control (but do not include the operating costs of our Native Plant Nursery, which are managed separately by the CRCA).

Also, the administrative component of our expenses is 8.7%, most of which is for our biannual newsletter to our members.

The net income for the 2010-2011 year was \$3,090.51.

The assets of the Friends of Lemoine Point now total \$38,487.38.

Our overall financial picture is solid. The attached Financial Statement has been audited and approved by Jerry Zabel.

These financial figures of course do not reflect the many volunteer hours that are so critical to our activities but are not financially recognized.

## **Program/Project Reports**

### **Reforestation**

Our goal for this year was to continue planting trees and shrubs at Lemoine Point, but with an increased emphasis on protecting both newly planted stock and older established trees and shrubs. Hopefully that enables us to improve our survival rates in the face of significant challenges presented by deer, rodents, weeds, and other obstacles.

At both our spring and fall public planting events, every tree and shrub planted was protected with a plastic mulch mat to suppress weeds, and a spiral collar to protect it from rodents. In addition, at the spring planting each of the 500 trees and shrubs was brushed or sprayed with a deer repellent. Both plantations will be surrounded with a high fence this fall, which we hope will keep deer from entering.

In June a group of 5 student Interns employed by the Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council spent a day retrofitting mulch mats on trees and shrubs planted in previous years. This particular plantation, which was originally planted by volunteers from the Community Foundation, had become overwhelmed by weed growth.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who helped to plant and protect trees and shrubs, and the Stewardship Council of Lennox and Addington for lending us their cheerful and hardworking young team of Interns. Our spring planting was conducted in partnership with Trees Ontario and the Canadian Automobile Association, and both organizations contributed to making it a large and successful event.

### **Native Plant Nursery**

This was a year of consolidating progress and taking the time to do some future planning.

We continued to produce trees, shrubs and wildflowers from seeds or cuttings, most from Lemoine Point itself, in order to provide stock for our own reforestation work, for L&A Stewardship Council and LaFarge, for our spring and fall plant sales to the public, and for donations to environmental groups.

Because it can at times be difficult to find enough on-site seeds and cuttings, this year we started to plant in the Nursery one or two of each species of tree, shrub and flower to ensure a secure future source.

The new Demonstration Garden in front of the Nursery is a great success. There's nothing like a live display to entice people to include native plants in their own gardens.

Our volunteer base is steady though we lost one of our most valuable members this year, with the death of Nurseryman Myles McCabe. We miss his Irish humour and his good advice. Our Wednesday morning work sessions see 10-15 volunteers to carry on plant propagation and maintenance duties, and at that time we are also open for viewing or individual plant sales.

### **Invasive Species Control**

In our efforts to control the three most prevalent invasive plant species at Lemoine Point, we again this year focused those efforts on the area along Trail 2, near the North Parking Lot. We have been working in this area for several years, and many people have commented on how much better it looks. We've been told it now contains the greatest diversity of native plants at Lemoine Point, and we are trying to keep it that way.

We have had considerable success against Garlic Mustard; that is partly because it does better than most native plants in Lemoine Point's compacted soil but, when we remove it, the soil gets loosened, which helps the native plants to get re-established. We also seem to have slowed the spread of Dog-Strangling Vine, compared to its expansion in other parts of the Conservation Area. However, European Buckthorn is still a major problem for us, especially as seedlings grow vigorously where we have cut down mature Buckthorn.

In addition to our volunteers, special thanks to the students and staff from Module de l'Acadie and the North Addington Education Centre, who participated in our Great Garlic Mustard Pull.

## Trails and Access

The Trails Committee began the year by organizing the annual Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday April 16th, when visitors to Lemoine Point were offered a garbage bag and workgloves, and invited to pick up litter they saw in the Conservation Area.

We then carried out a detailed survey of Trail conditions, and helped the CRCA clear brush and branches from along and above sections of trail on the first Thursday morning of each month.

We also helped members of the Ontario Nature Youth Council organize a Shore Line Clean Up in April, and then monitored the northern part of the shore line throughout the summer.

Many thanks to everybody who has helped keep the trails clear and litter free, either as part of the Trails Committee, or by picking up litter they see as they walk around Lemoine Point.

## Advisory Role

The Board plays a significant role in supporting the CRCA on various issues either directly or through the City's Lemoine Point Advisory Committee; the Board makes recommendations to the Advisory Committee, which in turn advises the CRCA.

## Membership

At the end of the fiscal year we had 196 paid members. To help increase our membership, we are especially trying to interest more of Lemoine Point's many visitors in becoming Friends.

## **Board of Directors**

The members of the 2010-11 Board of Directors of the Friends of Lemoine Point:

President	John Diemer	613-389-9451
Past President	Peter Butler	613-389-4187
Vice President	Jane Murphy	613-542-9604
Treasurer	Ron Bettney	613-546-0774
Secretary	David McMurray	613-634-0453
Members at Large	Millie Belyea (Native Plant Nursery)	613-389-8944
	Chris Hargreaves (Invasive Species)	613-389-8993
	Larry McCurdy (Reforestation)	613-389-6427
	Bill Stevenson (Trail Maintenance)	613-389-3515

**Friends of Lemoine Point  
Balance Sheet  
As at September 30<sup>th</sup> . 2011**

**Assets:**

Cash	\$ 23,145.29
Investments: GIC's	<u>15,312.09</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 38,457.38</u></b>

**Liabilities:**

A/P: Benches & Plaques	\$ 1,620.00	
A/P: Tree Planting	2,500.00	
A/P: Accessibility	410.00	<u>\$4,530.00</u>

**Capital:**

Opening Balance	\$ 30,836.87
Net Income 2010-11	<u>3,090.51</u>
<b>Total Capital as at September 30<sup>th</sup> . 2011</b>	<b><u>\$ 33,927.38</u></b>

**Total Capital and Liabilities:** **\$ 38,457.38**

**I have looked at the financial records and statements provided, and have determined that they accurately reflect the financial operation of the Friends of Lemoine Point.**

**Jerry Zabel:** 

**Date:** October 4, 2011


**Friends of Lemoine Point**  
**Income Statement for the Year 2010- 2011**  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – September 30<sup>th</sup>. 2011

<b>REVENUE:</b>	
Membership	\$2940.00
Donations	5250.00
Sales (5 Memorial Benches)	5000.00
Interest	<u>197.89</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ <u>13,387.89</u></b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Membership, Admin. and Miscellaneous	\$ 365.56
AGM	75.97
Newsletter	558.08
Projects:	
Heritage Forest	5045.18
Native Plant Nursery	858.46
Invasive Species Control	597.32
Great Garlic Mustard Pull	649.98
Trails	197.73
Cost of memorial benches + plaques	<u>1949.10</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>10,297.30</u></b>

**NET INCOME: Surplus/(Deficit)** **\$ 3,090.51**

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Jerry Zabel:  Date: October 14, 2011