



Friends of Lemoine Point

ANNUAL REPORT

October, 2008 – September, 2009

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 protect 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 our Invasive Species program ... see the following pages for key details of those activities.

Much of our work is done through our committee structure ... we have quite a few committees and volunteer work groups, including the reforestation / tree planting group, the Native Plant Nursery and its volunteers, the Invasive Species Committee and volunteers, and the Trails Committee, in addition of course to our various individual volunteer efforts and Board activities. Our total volunteer hours for the past fiscal year will again have exceeded two full-time person years.

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

Treasurer's Report

A Financial Statement for October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009, is attached to this Report.

As a result of many, much appreciated donations, our income was \$13,415.92.

Our expenses of \$10,022.37 supported various projects to enhance Lemoine Point, including Heritage Forest Planting, Invasive Species Control, the Trail Clean-up Day, and the Native Plant Nursery.

The assets of the Friends of Lemoine Point now total \$22,025.38

For 2009-10 we have budgeted an income of \$9,165.00, and a total expenditure of \$9,810.00 to support our ongoing projects.

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

Native Plant Nursery

The Native Plant Nursery has had a very productive year. On the building side, we completed the much-appreciated work shelter and the central gravel path, and have started the hoop greenhouse; Ian Hodson's family members officially broke ground for the latter on Oct. 21.

We conducted tours of the nursery for 5 groups, gave 4 presentations about the nursery operation and on native species and why they should be used in the landscape, and held sales of nursery stock in spring and fall. The Nursery was able to provide all the stock used in Lemoine Point re-vegetation, a total of 900 trees and shrubs, as well as sell some to the public and to other conservation groups.

Visitors are welcome any time that a volunteer is on site, and it's our pleasure to give wildflower seeds to nursery visitors along with instruction on how to grow them at home.

The L&A Stewardship Rangers once again came to help with some routine tasks - nice to occasionally have strong young people on the job.

We have a core group of 15 volunteers who come weekly and several who check the nursery each day. All told, 2300 volunteer hours.

Reforestation

Mud and rain was the dominant theme in our reforestation activities this year. Although good for the trees, it creates unpleasant working conditions for the volunteers planting them. In May we linked our usual spring planting with a provincially funded program called 50 Million Trees. This gave us access to some advertising and media coverage and paid for half the stock we planted. We also received some funding from the Evergreen Foundation for both spring and fall planting. The publicity in the spring was good, and our local MPP John Gerritson (Minister of the Environment) participated, as did city councillors Dorothy Hector and Lisa Osanic. We successfully planted 400 trees and shrubs at a site near the southwest corner of Lemoine Point.

In the fall we planted another 400 shrubs at the south end between the road and the airport fence. This is a continuation of the Heritage Site #5 which is designed to replace the trees cut down for airport safety reasons. In the fall we also participated in a joint effort with the school from Beth Israel Synagogue to plant 50 trees near the area we planted in the spring.

So far, survival rates have been good, with vole, deer, and rabbit damage present but not overwhelming. Our own Native Plant Nursery provided all of the stock and planting was carried out or supervised by our volunteers with the assistance of Rick Knapton of the CRCA. We continue to experiment with various methods to protect the planted stock; we have installed "Big O" plastic piping to protect some of the larger trees, and use spiral wrap on the smaller ones.

Invasive Species Control

We are trying to control three invasive species that have expanded aggressively in our area: Garlic Mustard, Dog-Strangling Vine, and European Buckthorn. Although actually about a third of the approximately 300 varieties of wild flowers, shrubs and trees at Lemoine Point are not native to Ontario, most co-exist with the native species, and by controlling those three aggressively invading species, we are helping maintain the variety of wildlife that people enjoy at Lemoine Point.

This year we again concentrated our efforts on the area along Trail 2, near the North Parking Lot. This part of Lemoine Point seems to contain the greatest diversity of native plants, so we're trying to keep it that way.

We seem to be having considerable success in controlling Garlic Mustard in the areas we've been clearing each year since 2004. Several people commented that there was less Garlic Mustard in those areas this year, at a time when Garlic Mustard is continuing to spread in other areas of Ontario.

In April we organized an Invasive Species Control Workshop, together with the CRCA. This attracted 45 participants, including people from Oshawa and Ottawa, and many positive comments afterwards.

Trails

Our new Trails Committee carried out a detailed survey of Trail conditions in May, and has been helping the CRCA clear brush and branches from along and above sections of trail on the first Thursday morning of each month.

They also organized a Spring Trail Clean Up Day on Saturday April 18th. This got good support from the public, including large groups of helpers from the Altima Kingston Dental centre, and the Diamond Hotels Group.

Access

Lemoine Point's accessible trails continue to receive plaudits from those whose mobility is facilitated by them.

Unfortunately, the popular section of the North trail along Collins Bay was completely washed out for a while and was unusable for those needing a wheelchair or a walker. The CRCA has now restored it and rerouted it a little further away from the shore.

Please keep us informed of your wants and needs for access, as well as of your experiences and any mobility problems on the accessible trails.

Advisory Role

The Board played a significant role in advising and 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. A significant activity for this year was the CRCA's development of a Conservation Plan for Lemoine Point.

Membership

At the end of the fiscal year we had 147 paid members. To help increase our membership, we are especially trying to interest more of Lemoine Point's many visitors in becoming Friends.

We also try to involve interested members in Friends' activities, such as in our various volunteer functions and in any special activities.

Board of Directors

The members of the 2008-09 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	Chris Hargreaves	613-389-8993
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	Marie SurrIDGE (Accessibility)	613-389-3515

Friends of Lemoine Point
Income Statement for the Year 2008 - 2009
 October 1st 2008 - September 30th 2009

REVENUE	
Membership	2,230.00
Donations	5,214.50
Sales (5 memorial benches)	5,001.00
Interest	528.50
Registration Fees for Invasive Species Control workshop	130.00
Grant for International Biodiversity Day	311.92
Total Revenue	13,415.92

EXPENSES	
Membership and Administration	-171.89
AGM	-92.11
Newsletter	-523.88
Projects:	
Heritage Forest	-2,557.84
Contribution to the Native Plant Nursery	-3,139.50
Invasive Species Control (inc. International Biodiversity Day)	-1,048.84
Membership, Visibility and Publicity	-411.03
Trail Clean-up Day and maintainance	-163.60
Cost of memorial benches and plaques	-1,913.68
Total Expenses	-10,022.37

SURPLUS/DEFICIT	3,393.55
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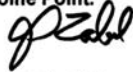
Statement of Cash

Bank Balance @ October 1st 2008	8,626.28
+/- Surplus/Deficit for 2008/09	3,393.55
- GIC purchased June 2009 (to December 8th 2009)	-5,070.33
Cash Assets September 30th 2009	6,949.50

Summary of Assets on September 30th 2009

Chequing Account Balance September 30th 2009	6,949.50
GICs: 90 day auto-renewal, purchased April 7 2009, @ 0.45%	5,005.55
6 month June 2009 to December 8th 2009, @ 1.47%	5,070.33
2 year to December 8th 2010 @ 4.0%	5,000.00
Total Assets	22,025.38

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 NOV 2, 2009