

In 2006...

We re-invigorated our organization

- In April 2006, conservation-minded individuals in Thunder Bay came together for Environment North's Annual General Meeting to vote in a new Board of Directors, and recognize this community's commitment to conservation and sustainable development in Ontario's north. Environment North's activity had waned in recent years but by the end of 2006 we are over 100 members strong... and growing.

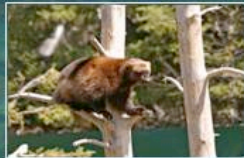


We acknowledged An Inconvenient Truth

- We worked to bring over 4,500 people in Thunder Bay to the Cumberland Theatre to see Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth". With the support of Signs Now, we distributed hundreds of fridge magnets to support people's commitment to find "convenient" ways to reduce their climate change impact. The Chronicle Journal supported our essay contest for high school students in Thunder Bay.

We celebrated Lake Superior

- Environment North and a number of other environmental organizations (governmental and non-governmental) set up information tables at Lake Superior Day celebrations on July 16th at Chippewa Park. This annual event - that acknowledges the "Greatest" of the Great Lakes - is organized by the Lake Superior Bi-National Forum.



We supported updated species at risk legislation

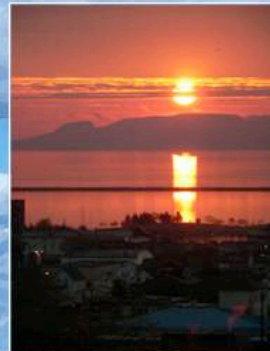
- In Ontario, there are now 190 officially recognized species at risk, and the number continues to increase every year. Environment North has joined citizens across the province to support the provincial government's promise to update and strengthen Ontario's *Endangered Species Act*. Environment North's June 2006 submission to the provincial government on the *Act* emphasized the need for mandatory protection for threatened and endangered species and their habitats, an independent, scientific and timely process for listing species at risk, and adequate funding for species recovery planning, monitoring and enforcement.



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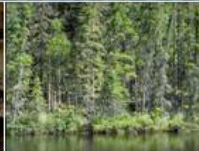


Environment North was first established by local conservation advocates in 1972. Since then, Environment North volunteers and Board members have served on numerous forest management and protected areas planning teams, provided educational outreach through presentations to city council, universities and community groups, and provided support to maintain and move forward environmental protection and sustainable development initiatives in Ontario's northwest.



Our mandate

- To promote interest in and the study of our natural environment,
- To promote events such as educational lectures, public meetings, classes and conferences on northern environmental issues,
- To disseminate information and provide support to local citizens with respect to environmental issues,
- To provide the necessary facilities or personnel to participate in and sponsor research projects with respect to northern environments.



We called for a pesticide ban

• Concern about the potential health risks and the impacts on our lakes and river systems prompted Environment North to join Citizen Concerned About Pesticides (CCAP) in calling for a ban on pesticide use in the city of Thunder Bay. Environment North's guest column in the Chronicle Journal was dedicated to this issue. Many municipalities in Ontario have already instated restrictive by-laws on the cosmetic use of pesticides. Environment North will continue to support the ban, and educate the public on ways to reduce our reliance on pesticides.



We supported the Grand Kam Canoe and Kayak Tour

• The Tour consists of both a competitive race and leisure tour. This second annual event began at Fort William Heritage Park and after paddling down the Kaministiquia River, a short stint on Lake Superior and ended at Wildwaters Kayak and Canoe Centre on the McIntyre Floodway. This year about 75 people participated in 50 canoes and kayaks. The event raised funds for the Children's Centre to improve the mental health and well being of children and families in our area. Plans are underway to make this an even bigger and better event next year.



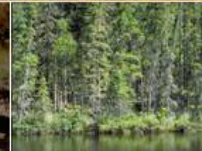
We developed Green Loans programs

• Environment North, along with partners, the Bay Credit Union and EcoSuperior, developed Green Loans programs. The green loans are available for purchasing an energy efficient vehicle or for home renovations that result in improved energy efficiency. The possible home renovations or improvements are many and could include acquiring a more efficient furnace, improving insulation, replacing appliances with energy efficient models or installing renewable energy technology.



We successfully opposed the Lakehead University land swap

• In early spring of 2006, the Members of Environment North, and Lakehead University students came together before City Council to successfully oppose a proposed three-way land swap between the University, the Thunder Bay Country Club (TBCC), and the Lakehead District School Board (LDSB). Current green space owned by the University was slated to be traded to the TBCC for golf course development.



Other 2006 Projects

- Response to City of Thunder Bay proposal to expand the John Street Landfill site
- Response to Mosquito Creek condominium proposal
- Comments on Terms of Reference for the Peat Resources Limited Environment Assessment
- Monthly newspaper (Chronicle-Journal) articles: tree planting during Arbor Week, landfill expansion, pesticides, local food production, ecosystem services in the boreal forest
- Grand Kam tour: a fundraiser for the Children's Centre
- Support for Green Loans with Bay Credit Union

Financial Report (2006)

Receipts	Budget	Actual
Gift from individuals	0.00	15.00
Other fundraising activities	1,000.00	0.00
Memberships	500.00	780.00
Total receipts	\$1,500.00	\$795.00
Disbursements		
Fundraising/membership activities	200.00	0.00
Management and administration		
Accounting and legal services	75.00	50.00
Other services	350.00	207.27
Supplies and equipment	100.00	132.19
Other disbursements	0.00	87.00
Total disbursements	\$725.00	\$456.86
Assets		
Cash on hand and bank accounts	3,500.88	3,839.02
Total Assets	\$3,500.88	\$3,839.02
Liabilities		
Other amounts payable	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00

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