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2015 Business Plan Update - July to September 2015

Lower Trent Conservation's Quarterly Report provides a summary of work accomplished for the period. In addition to the highlights provided, staff worked on ongoing projects and responded to numerous public and agency inquiries.

The Quarterly Report has been circulated to the CAO & Clerk for each of our 7 member municipalities. Please share with members of council & staff - they can [subscribe](#) if they wish to receive the report directly.

Watershed Science & Services

Environmental Planning & Regulations

- Reviewed & commented on 34 [municipal planning](#) applications
 - review & input to 3 ongoing subdivision files, including stormwater
 - 5 site plan control applications
 - 15 meetings with municipal staff to discuss planning applications
- [Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses Regulation](#)
 - approved 27 permits
 - conducted enforcement investigations related to 3 new violations
 - working with landowners on 6 ongoing violations
 - prepared Crown Brief for 2 violation cases
 - attended court for 7 days for violation case
 - attended court for 2nd appearance in another violation file
- Conducted 50 site inspections to support planning & regulations reviews
- Completed 84 general development inquiries to provide site specific advice & information regarding environmental/hazard land constraints
- Improved searchability of planning & regulations electronic records

Flood Forecasting & Warning

- Conducted [daily monitoring](#) of water levels & weather conditions
- Continued to compile detailed information on LTC floodplain mapping for Conservation Ontario and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Compiled detailed information on precipitation gauges for "Network of Networks" database
- Attended Provincial Flood Forecasting & Warning Workshop
- Completed 1-metre elevation/terrain model for Trent River corridor and Lake Ontario shoreline
- Inspected LTC's flood and erosion control structures

Environmental Monitoring & Reporting

- Collected data to support long term [water monitoring program](#)
 - Measured groundwater levels & downloaded data from 12 [Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network](#) well sites
 - Collected monthly stream water samples & water quality measurements from 9 [Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network](#) sites
 - [Benthic macroinvertebrate](#) sampling at 11 Lower Trent Conservation sites
 - Removed and downloaded data from water temperature loggers at 27 locations in the watershed

Education, Outreach & Stewardship

- Created a blog series 'Meet our Summer Students' detailing the job experiences and highlights for seven post-secondary students
- Coordinated a Conservation Authorities of Eastern Ontario exhibit at the Ontario East Municipal Conference held in Kingston
- Continued the 2015 'Hike with Us!' Series
 - 'Paddle the Trent' excursion at Keating-Hoards Natural Habitat Area & 'In Fall Swing' at Proctor Park Conservation Area
 - Over 15 people attended each hike
- Participated in various community events with displays & interactive activities
 - Hastings County Plowing Match, Tyendinaga (~750 people)
 - Prairie Day, Alderville Black Oak Savanna (~80 people)
 - Applefest, Brighton (~200 people)
 - Active Community Expo, Stirling (~375 people)
- Ordered 15,000 tree seedlings for 2016 season
- Shoreline planting demonstration site maintenance at Warkworth & Trenton Greenbelt Conservation Areas, Harbour Street Parkette in Brighton and Hastings Marina
- Hosted TD Tree Planting event at Keating-Hoards Natural Habitat Area
- Interviewed by 99.3 "Naturally County" program about flying squirrels
- Interviewed by Japanese documentary film crew about Bleasdell Boulder Conservation Area
- Participated in Water Soldier Interagency group conference calls and attended Water Soldier Public Open House

Conservation Lands

- Completed upgrades to bridge at Bleasdell Boulder Conservation Area for increased accessibility & safety
- Upgraded 500 ft. of trail at Proctor Park Conservation Area
- Building maintenance at Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Centre
- Prepared trails at Goodrich-Loomis for cross-country meets
- Summer maintenance of Conservation Areas

Drinking Water Source Protection

Local Activities

- Held Municipal Working Group/Implementation meeting
- Risk management activities
 - completed 11 site visits with agricultural landowners
 - verified that no significant threat activities were occurring within the vulnerable area on 7 agricultural properties
 - established 2 Risk Management Plans
- Attended community events with Source Protection display & information (Active Community Expo, Applefest, Hastings County Plowing Match)
- Developed a Source Protection Public Service Announcement & distributed to local media
- Attended RMO working group meetings

Regional Activities

- Prepared for and promoted TCC Municipal Implementation Forum to be held October 23
- Produced an Introduction to Source Protection Planning video
- Created local TCC Policy Database and populated Provincial policy database
- Database/information management related to Part IV duties and annual reporting

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

- Distributed 3 monthly newsletters
- Held one Restoration Council meeting
- Multiple site visits for stewardship programs- Septic, Habitat Enhancement, South Sidney Healthy Soils pilot
- Campaign to solicit public feedback on the quality of fish & wildlife populations and habitats

Corporate Services

- Initiated ability to pay LTC fees with credit card at LTC Administration Office
- Held one Board of Directors meeting
- Organized and led a LTC Board of Directors Watershed Tour
- Held a staff appreciation event at Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
- Developed standard data license to include with data products downloaded or accessed via website

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