

# GRWA ShoreLines

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The Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve: [www.fabr.ca](http://www.fabr.ca)  
The 1000 Islands Watershed Land Trust [www.tiwlt.ca](http://www.tiwlt.ca)  
Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative [www.a2alink.org](http://www.a2alink.org)  
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## MEET MARTIN

B. FEBRUARY 2014 D. MARCH 2014

Martin was a joyous and obliging character whose raison d'être was to guide the way on the Gananoque River.

Martin was erected by Connor & Jennifer just at the mouth of the large marsh where the snowmobiles emerge from the back country run north from Sand Bay since the Gan River route through The Crank is not always safe.

He did his duty well for only a few weeks.

# **The Gananoque River Watershed Stewardship Strategy Project,**

2014 saw the delivery of the last boxes except for a few problem ones of the over 2000 binders with your shoreline reports. We had hoped that in 2014 we would start to really study the watershed and work with several partners to update the Cataraqui Conservation Watershed report done in the early 1980s. However funding was not secured and so it is a project still to be realised.

## **SNOWMOBILES BECOME PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**

An incident occurred in early September, 2014 whereby several men used a public boat ramp to launch their snowmobiles onto the lake. Because they have to attain a great speed to keep afloat, the excessive noise disturbed nearby residents and the OPP were called. Fortunately 2 of the snowmobiles sank and thus extra time was taken by the men to raise them from the bottom. This gave the OPP time to arrive, charge and ticket them. The OPP would not disclose the charges unless through a Freedom Of Information application. Not wearing a helmet is a chargeable offence.

This is a new sport in the States and some occurrences are happening in other parts of Ontario. The snowmobiles are usually modified to allow them on water and in particular to keep oil and gas from leaking into the water, a chargeable offence. However the noise is unbelievable and there are concerns about being able to clearly control the machine at the speeds necessary. To Report: OPP non-emergency 1-888-310-1122 Communication Centre in Brockville AND Sgt Paul Mayhew Snowmobiles, ATVs Vessels Enforcement 1-613-217-0804

## **Good News On Line 9 Pipeline**

By Emily Conger

In October of 2014 the National Energy Board (NEB), the federal regulator of pipelines, ordered that energy company Enbridge will have to take more safety measures to protect major waterways before it gets permission to start up its Line 9 B oil pipeline. This pipeline runs under the Gananoque River just north of the bridge carrying the rail tracks goes over the River north of the Towns of Gananoque and numerous smaller waterways in the area served by the GRWA. This is good news for people who care about the waterways in all of southern Ontario and Quebec.

The 9 B project, which reverses the flow of oil in a 38 year-old line, will for the first time allow tar sands bitumen in the pipe. It will also increase the pressure under which the oil is transported. In March 2014 the National Energy Board granted an approval for these changes, but with conditions, which included an order that Enbridge identify all major water bodies that its pipeline will cross and outline measures it will take to ensure that there are safety shut-off valves within a kilometre on both sides of where the pipeline crosses. [It is assumed that these valves have been installed on both sides of the Gan River but confirmation of this had not arrived at press time.

But last fall, in a bluntly written letter delaying the opening, the NEB said the energy company had failed to do that, and that only a few of the 104 major water crossings along the 639 km. pipeline had safety valves that met the proper standards. Now Enbridge will have to do a better job identifying the water bodies that its pipeline will cross, and ensure that there are safety shut-off valves within a kilometre on both sides of where the pipeline crosses. The Gan River has these valves installed.

These are very important safety measures. They will help to prevent a lot of tar sands oil entering the waterways in the event of a rupture, such as the \$1.1 B disaster in Kalamazoo Michigan with Enbridge's pipeline 6 B. It was built at the same time and with the same standards as 9 B. The NEB's new order is a major victory for groups that argued for higher pipeline standards at the NEB hearings, such as the Algonquin to Algonquin Collaborative, of which the GRWA is a member, and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.

Breaking news: Enbridge believes that the Board now has all of the information it requires to consider this final LTO (Leave To Open) application. This would mean the bitumen could begin to flow.

## Membership Message

GRWA has gone electric, well mostly. Because of increasing costs, especially for stamps, GRWA has decided to send out all notices by email to the 180 members with emails. This means a saving of \$200 in stamps alone plus the cost of paper, envelopes and photocopying. Of course to those 15 members who do not have a computer or have notified GRWA, hard copies will be mailed. Also extra hard copies are needed to mail to new owners for whom we have not yet an email address, to promote GRWA membership at meetings, the libraries, post offices and the Township office.

## GRWA NEEDS YOU

### GRWA 2013/14 Directors

President	VACANT
Past President	Emily Conger
Vice-President	Cliff Redman
Treasurer	Peter Torbet
Membership	Bonnie Mabee
Secretary	VACANT

### Members at Large:

1. Neil Harrington
2. Rod Munro
3. Chip O'Connor
4. VACANT

In 2014 Bonnie stepped down as (Pro Tem) President. Two Board members chose not to continue. GRWA did not have an Annual General Meeting to fill these 3 positions. Thus GRWA is in need of three people who believe in the value of our waterways and care enough to join our Board to help make decisions. Three volunteers can be appointed by the remaining Board to complete the slate of 9 members. The roles are decided amongst the Board Members at their first meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to see what being on the GRWA Board is all about.

The Board has 3 or 4 meetings a year, conducting much of its business by email. Many Board members have served for many years. To achieve a balanced mix we need some new Board members with energy, ideas and leadership skills. **It would be good to have Board representation from Grippen, Lyndhurst/ Singleton, and Gananoque Lakes**

If you interested in becoming involved or know someone contact membership@grwa.ca

## COTTAGE FOR SALE ON LOST BAY

Well maintained 3 bedroom cottage on large lot.

Large sunroom addition and sleep cabin.

Enjoy spectacular views and sunsets from the west facing front deck.

Further information call, 613-252-6447.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rather than list all the upcoming events, here are the top websites and phone numbers for events & activities:

<http://www.frontenacarchbiosphere.ca/news-and-events/events/calendar/2015-02>  
Events from Perth to Brockville. It is good idea to "Sign up for our mailing list". 613-659-4824

<http://www.lyndhurstvillage.ca/calendar/calendar.htm>

A great source for everyone in our Township. with so many things to do. Copies available at Green Gecko, Wing's and Wendy's.

<http://www.ltihistoricalsociety.org/>  
Or Bill Boulton at 613-659-3586

Their monthly meetings at the Lansdowne Community Building are always worthwhile.

<http://www.lyndhurstseeleysbaychamber.com/UpcomingEvents.html> or 613.928.2382  
This is a good source that needs updating.

<http://www.leeds1000islands.ca/>  
The Township calendar lists Council meetings along with those of the Waste Management Committee, Committee of Adjustment (minor variances) and some recreational opportunities 1-613-659-2415 or 1-866-220-2327

<http://crca.ca/events/>  
613- 546-4228 1-877-956-CRCA (2722)  
The Cataraqui Region Conservation covers from the west of Kingston to the Brockville area. Most programs are in the summer but still many winter activities to choose from.

## **HISTORICAL DETECTIVES AT WORK**

**At the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Archives.**

**They welcome your help if you have historical documents, photos, or newspaper articles to loan them so that they are scanned into the records or they can help you track down your own family history.**

**1367 County Rd. 2 in Escott in the former Town Hall,  
the location of the Library and the Archives**

**Thursdays 1-8 or by appointment.**

**<http://www.ltiarchives.ca/> or 613-659-3800**

**Lorna Warren who passed away last year is part of the history of TLTI as she and her family have lived in the area of Long Point since the middle of the 1800s. Many other historic family names still resonate around the Waterways. These include, to name but a few, Fodey, Griffin, Moulton, Kelsey O'Connor, Tye, Sweet, Roddick, Singleton, Green & Shaw.**

**Here is an article link to the Gananoque Reporter highlights two people who are working diligently on the history of many families and events at the TLTI Archives. Read about Art Shaw and Pierre Mercier and their dedication and expertise as historians, as archivists and as detectives:**

**<http://www.gananoquereporter.com/2014/04/09/historical-detectives>**

**P.S. Thanks to Art Shaw for his help on the history of the Latimer Bridge on p. 5 of this newsletter. He is writing a full article on the Bridge for the Historical Society newsletter. (See p.3 for Historical Society news.)**

**At the Escott Library, located with the Archives in there is a very special  
600 page book for sale for \$20:**

**The Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne;**

**The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier 1796-1996**

**By Glenn Lockwood**

**This book is the most comprehensive history of the area especially with its 99 pages of  
indexes and appendices.**

**The Library is open Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 8:00; Saturday 12:00 to 5:00**

## Latimer Bridge on Red Horse Lake Rd.

This bridge, which crosses over Lyndhurst Creek as it flows from Lyndhurst Lake into Singleton Lake has a very long history starting from 1798. Henry Latimer was an Irish settler in the early 1800s. The wooden structure took a beating especially during the Spring freshets. In 1910 Orange Warren & Clark Townsend, both from Long Point, received funds to blast a deeper channels from the narrow shallow rapids between Lyndhurst and Gananoque Lake in an attempt to make the Gan River more navigable. Because of age and rot a steel span was built in 1913 and relocated to a narrower place where there was rock foundation for the new abutments. After 102 years, these abutments can still be reused.

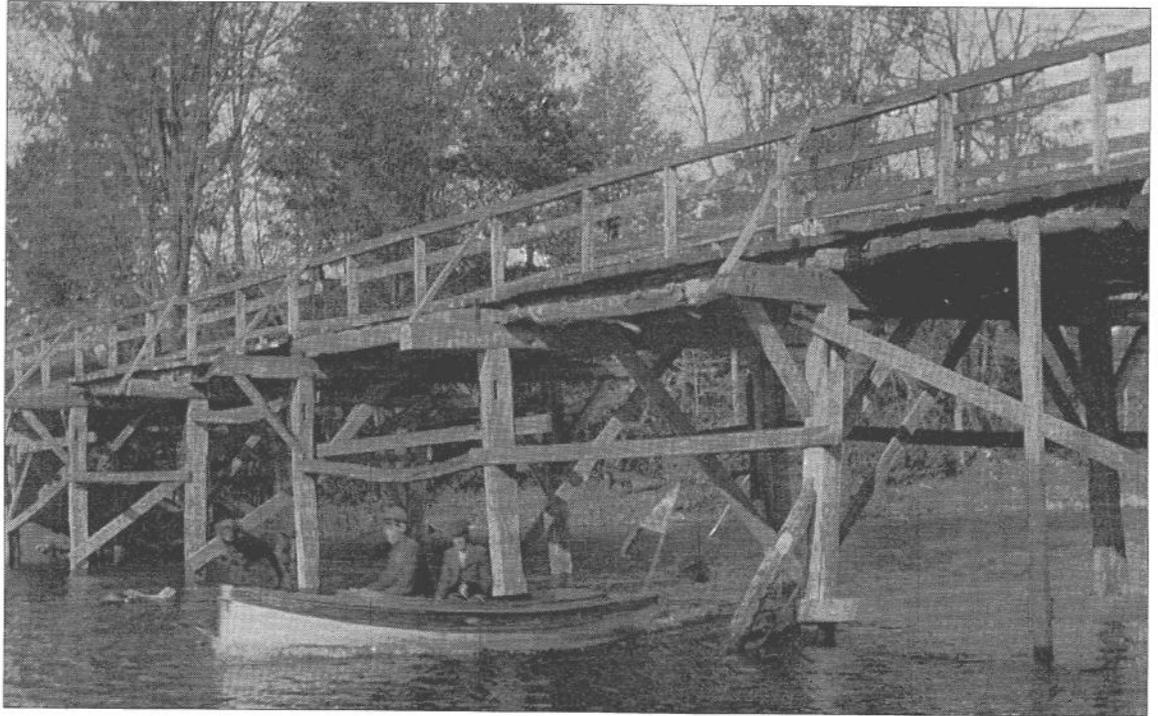
February 2015 – delivery of new bridge; on site assembly, site preparation

Early-mid March 2015 – closure for a period of 48 hours over a weekend period

May 2015 – final site clean-up and road repairs

**Photo taken circa 1906 By John Buick Harvey Ernest and Oscar Harvey are in the motorboat. (From Glenn Lockwood's The Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne; p 177)**

REAR of LEEDS & LANSDOWNE 177



2014  
Photo by  
Phil  
Chadwick

## Lost Bay Nature Reserve

With a humungous thanks to Ontario Nature, 100 more acres of precious habitat worth about \$250,000 has been purchased by this NGO to join the other blocks together decreasing the fragmentation and preserving this rich, diverse habitat of the Lost Bay Nature Reserve (See the orange on the map.)

It is important to thank the people most responsible :

Cameron Smith who has worked so diligently on this project for over 15 years. He led the way securing the funding in 2000 for the largest parcel immediately around Lost Bay

John Urquhart from Ontario Nature who was the main contact and researcher as ON Nature took over the management of the LBR. John has now left to do consulting and spend more time with his family.

Ed Lowans who basically purchased the Summerfield Tract, the parcel just east of the orange, in memory of his wife Debra who loved the area.

The greatest thanks must be given to the many, many other residents who contributed out of their pockets to preserve something they value and want to preserve forever.

Lost Bay is part of the Frontenac Arch, the unique ecological corridor that connects the boreal Precambrian Shield north of Algonquin Park to the forests of the Adirondack and Appalachian mountains. With further conserved habitat comes further protection for the 24 identified species-at-risk in the Lost Bay Nature Reserve area. These include: Blanding's Turtle, Cerulean Warbler, Eastern Whip-poorwill, Gray (AKA Black) Ratsnake, and Broad Beech Fern.

To quote Cam Smith about the Lost Bay Nature Reserve:

*Above all else it is a treasure house of life, and in these anxious times it is where I find hope.* If I might humbly add that we all have chosen the Gananoque River area in part for its solitude and solace from the rushing world we live in. We all have a part in preserving what we love. Bonnie Mabee

