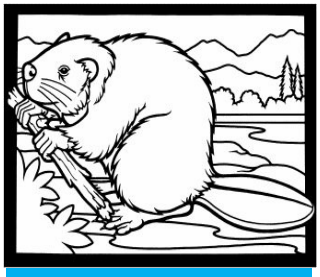

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February 2016

BEAVER MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Ecological Heroes Or Nuisance Rodents?

Respondents tend to be very passionate when answering depending on their knowledge of and experience with beavers.

In the Fall of 2015, the partnership of Dr. David Euler, a senior wildlife biologist with extensive experience in Northern Ontario, and Grant Robinson, a young biologist with training from Algoma University and Sault college were hired to develop a Beaver Management Toolkit that would provide practical approaches to deal with the problems that beavers present.

Phase I would be to survey and interview various stakeholders to establish baseline information as to the current practices throughout the Central Algoma area at the outset of the project.

Concurrently, an extensive review of the literature would be conducted including relevant acts and regulations.

Based on this research, the partnership would then build a Beaver Management Toolkit.

Previously

A preliminary survey conducted in November (2013) and reported in January (2014), 93.7 % of respondents believe that people and beavers can live harmoniously together through effective beaver management practices.

BEAVER MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday March 3rd, 2016
Bruce Mines Community Hall
Bruce Mines
2:00 p.m. -5 p.m.
&
7:00 p.m.-9 p.m.
Presentations at 2 & 7

Everyone welcome.

WE ARE ONLINE www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca
FIND US ON FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/CentralAlgomaFreshwaterCoalition

2015 WAS VERY BUSY & VERY REWARDING

Do you remember those **awesome workshops**?

Governance by David Hartley
Tracking Your Dollars with Eric Plato
Growing your Dollars with Tracey Cooke et al
Branding Your Message with the Algoma Kinnawabi

*Thank **you** to the Bruce Mines and District Chamber of Commerce for partnering with us.*

Healthy Habits for Healthy Habitats Brochures:
The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition
Natural Shoreline Buffers
Nutrient Loading
Agriculture
Septic Management
Algae Blooms
Invasive Species

Limited brochures are still available.
Thank you Mountain Equipment Coop

SUSTAIN ALGOMA
(aka Green Expo)

Local Breakfast
Calling Algoma Inventors & Innovators
(People, Plant, Profit—3 Pitch Competition)
The Puppet Show
The wonderful exhibits
Thankyou to the many valuable partners who make this event possible.

The completion of 3 (First Generation) Watershed Plans for Central Algoma.
Big Basswood, the Day Lakes (Birch Cranberry, Brownlee, Little Basswood) Harris and Pickerel Creek, Bright Lake and the Bolton River
Desbarats Lake and the Walker River (Desbarats River)

Stobie Creek: Caribou & Round Lakes, Black Creek, Gibboney Marsh, Shewfelt Creek

Thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation

The TurDucKen Dinner
Thank you to Fred Falls, master chef

A Strategic Plan for the Coalition
Thank you Freshwater Futures

The production of 4 Videos
Who Is The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition?
www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPeiULljFIU
Natural Shorelines:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBHRsfqFkaI
Agriculture Best Management Practices:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ranvwQDR2Lk
Invasive Species Prevention:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4YM7jl1CVM

Annual General Meeting
Featuring Presentation
Video - Symphony of the Soil
The election of the new executive:
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Nancy Maltman, *one of the founding members, called it a day after 9 years of dedicated service to the area. Thank you Nancy!*

*Special Thank you and best wishes to **Victoria Thomas** who moved on to Natural Resources Canada. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.*

Health of Local Waters

Central Algoma is blessed with over a hundred inland lakes and rivers that flow into the Great Lakes. Yet very little is known about health of these waterbodies. Total phosphorus and water clarity are widely used as indicators of freshwater health.

Each year the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), invites volunteers who care about water health to become actively involved through its **Lake Partner Program.**

Participants are provided with a guide and the containers to properly collect samples. The samples are then mailed and analysed at MOECC expense at its laboratory in Dorset Ontario.

The resulting data are used by members of the public, partner agencies, government and academic researchers to assess and report on water quality in lakes across Ontario. It is possible to detect long-term changes in water quality of individual lakes that may be due to impacts of shoreline development, climate change and other stresses.

If you live on or near a lake and care about its water quality then please consider becoming a Lake Partner Program Volunteer.

At present 18 lakes within Central Algoma have or have had Lake Partner Volunteers.

Each year, the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition would like to see more lakes being tested.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition provides many opportunities for people of all ages to become involved in the preserving the health of local waters by becoming:

- Lake Partner Volunteer
- Writer and/or Editor of our monthly newsletters
- Ambassadors for individual lakes –either individually or as part of a lake association
- Resource personnel
- Key coordinator of events/activities throughout the area.

Give as much or as little as you can; help create a water family!

ADVANCED SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

Presented by CAMP TECH

Royal Canadian Legion
Richards Landing
Wed. February 24, 2016
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Workshop 6 –9 p.m.

Bruce Mines Community Hall
Bruce Mines
Thurs. February 25, 2016
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Workshop 9:30 - 12:30

REGISTER TODAY—SPACE IS LIMITED
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Co-hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Canada's waterways are inarguably the lifeblood of the nation, providing invaluable ecosystem services and fuelling the economy. Water's annual measurable contribution to the Canadian economy ranges from $7.5 billion to $23 billion, and by some estimates, 60 percent of the country's GDP is directly dependent on water.

Water not only slakes thirst and gives Canadians a sense of identity but supports healthy aquatic and terrestrial organisms, provides a myriad of ecological services and is the backbone for a competitive economy."

~ direct quote from Canadian Geographic

What is the ECONOMIC **VALUE** OF WATER IN CENTRAL ALGOMA?

Write us at cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com to share your view. We would love to share your view in our next newsletter.

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Our membership year is from May 1st—April 30th.

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>>Upcoming Events

February 11th, CAFC Board Meeting (9 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.)
CAFC Office Bruce Mines
February 24th, Advanced Social Media Workshop 6 - 9 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion Doors open—5:30 p.m.
Richards Landing
February 25th, Advanced Social Media Workshop
(9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.) Doors open– 9:00 a.m.
Bruce Mines Community Hall

March 3rd, Beaver Management Toolkit, Open House
Presentations at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Bruce Mines Community Hall

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29	1	2	3	4	5

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