

PARK NOTES



Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Chippewa Park

Please join us on **Wednesday March 26th** at **6:00pm** at the **West Thunder Community Centre** for our Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Chippewa Park. We want to report to you on the activities of the past year and discuss our plans for the future.

EMAIL & PHONE TREE

We are looking at ways in which we can make it easy to get in touch with our members without having to spend money. One way is for us to get as many email addresses as possible. Please send yours to chippewa@tbaytel.net. Another method is through a telephone tree. If you enjoy calling people, give us a call at 623-5111 and we will add you to our telephone committee. As events are planned the telephone tree will be contacted and in turn they will contact the members.

Message from the President

First off I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year! Beginning a new year is always an exciting time as we get to look back on the past, as well as plan for the future.

2007 was a great year for The Friends of Chippewa. We've had great support from both the City of Thunder Bay as well as TbayTel, and have continued to move that much closer to our goal of re-establishing Chippewa Park as a great family getaway.

This year we plan to make even more improvements to the Park, and we have already begun expanding. For the first time, TFOCP decided to continue the success of Sundays in the Park by doing a three part series throughout the winter months with The Roy Coran Jazz Big Band. The first concert was a huge success with much thanks to The Roy Coran Jazz Big Band, as well as to the Light Steppers for coming out and showing off their dance moves, and to the Slovak Legion for the hall space, Thom Thumb Hobbies and Crafts, Coran's Music Centre, and the Community Auditorium for helping us sell tickets. We plan to make the second and third even better with everyone's continued support. We will also continue to sell merchandise with our logo on it at these events, including polo's t-shirts, and baseball hats. For information on sizes, prices, or how to purchase, please call Linda at 577-6628.

In continuation to our improvements, we have various applications in the works which will help us to fund construction on the physical structure of the Park. We are also hoping to add to the existing playground equipment to accommodate the older children as well. TFOCP are holding our Annual General Meeting March 26th at the West Thunder Community Centre. Here we will be able to discuss in detail our activities over the past six months, discuss new ideas, and hear your comments and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you all there. Some of the Directors are at the end of their term and if the amendment we are proposing to increase the Board by 3 is approved at the meeting we will be looking for new people to run for the board. Please join us in our work.

Once again, have a safe and happy new year, and if you have any resolutions this year, make one of them continuing to help and support TFOCP.

Thank you,

Bill Lafontaine
President



The Friends of Chippewa Park Present: The Roy Coran Jazz Big Band!



Due to the overwhelming response last summer, TFOCP decided to keep the momentum going by holding a 3 part series with The Roy Coran Jazz Big Band throughout the winter months. The first concert took place Sunday November 25th at the Slovak Legion and was a huge success. **The second concert in the series is scheduled for Sunday February 3rd.** It will be held at the **Moose Hall at 434 Fort William Road**, sponsored by Buset & Sarvas Chartered Accountants and Lehto Rainbow Printers, and run from 2:30-4:30. Doors open at 1:30 and for all you early comers, the Light Steppers will be joining us to offer a free line-dancing lesson. Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold at Thom Thum Hobbies and Crafts, Coran's Music Centre, TFOCP office at VictoriaVille Civic Centre, and at the Community Auditorium. There will also be plenty of tickets sold at the door, so bring your dancing shoes, and come out to have a great Sunday afternoon! All proceeds for these events will go to support TFOCP will operating expenses. For more information, please call Kerri at 623-5111.



Director of Marketing & Events Hired

The Friends of Chippewa Park are pleased to announce their newest employee: Director of Marketing & Events, Kerri Reid. Thanks once again to FedNor funding, this grant will ensure that a full time employee can be dedicated to Chippewa Park's full rejuvenation.

Kerri commenced her one year contract on October 1st 2007. To date she has been working on several projects, including our new Adopt-an-Animal package which will be sent out to all of the local schools in hopes that classes around the city will be interested in adopting an animal at the Wildlife Park. Kerri has also been working on several other marketing packages which will help to advertise Chippewa Park as a destination of choice for any type of event or family. Another big project will be preparation for Chippewa Park's Birthday. Each year TFOCP will celebrate Chippewa's Birthday leading up to Chippewa's 90th Birthday Bash in 2011. Ideas and suggestions on what we can do to make this party a huge success are always welcome, feel free to drop in at the office or call Kerri at any time. We are looking for people to help plan this event. Currently based on the first floor of the VictoriaVille Civic Centre, she can be reached at 623-5111.

Treasurer Wanted

The Friends of Chippewa Park Board of Directors is seeking a Treasurer to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. We need someone who can not only keep our books but can ensure that all of the financial paper work for our various approved grants is processed in a timely manner. Approximately 5 hours a month is required. If you are interested please contact President Bill Lafontaine at 577-6628



Student Co-op Position

The Friends of Chippewa Park has put out a request to host a student co-op placement position titled Assistant to the Director of Marketing and Events. The



successful candidate will assist the Director with field work related to special projects, assist the Director in planning and putting on events, work as a team player, assist in creating and promoting new ideas, maintaining the website, providing direct telephone contact to members of the association, and any other office related duties as assigned.

For more information or if you are interested in applying for this position, please go to www.thunderbay.ca under Superior City/Employment/Co-op Student Placement Program.

Funding Applications in the Works

With a \$200,000 conditional commitment from the City of Thunder Bay in hand, TFOCP has a number of funding applications in the works, that if approved will help us continue our work to rebuild the park.

An application is being considered by the Great Lakes Renewal Foundation and if approved would allow us to finish the beach. This application is supported by Bruno's Contracting. We also submitted a last minute application to the Ministry of Environment for other work on the beach.

An application is also in to Employment Ontario for funding for the RV washrooms, landscaping, some building construction and cladding, curbing in the main parking lot, and wildlife fencing.

Applications for funding are also in the works for Hydro One to fund new playground equipment, and with "Celebrate Ontario 2008" Festivals and Events funding which would help to expand the Sundays in the Park events that take place throughout the Summer months. We will also be applying again for a summer student.

Unfortunately we were turned down in our request to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for 10 new cabins at the Tourist Camp. Options are being explored as to whether this decision can be appealed and what other options are out there to fund the project.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!

Remember Individual Memberships are \$10 a year and Family Memberships at \$25 a year.

Please use the form on the back page or call Bernice Woods at 622-8300.

By-Law Amendments—Size of Executive

The By-Laws of TFOCP include the following clause: "12. The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors, comprised of a minimum of six directors. The number of directors shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors at a meeting of the board of directors and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members at a meeting duly called for the purpose of determining the number of directors to be elected to the board of directors." The Executive is currently 9 including the officers. The Board of Directors will be bringing forth a motion that the size of the Board be increase by 3 to 12. This will allow us to involve more members in our ongoing activities.

SUPPORT TFOCP

Buy a Board Campaign: We will be selling boards at \$25 each. For each board you will receive a charitable tax receipt, a certificate suitable for framing & a small plaque mounted on an interior wall in the the pavilion under a heading indicating that these people are Friends of Chippewa Park and contributed to its reconstruction.

Buy a Tree Campaign: It started with Trees Thunder Bay and continues today. For \$250 you can have a tree planted at Chippewa Park as part of our landscaping plan. To-date we have had over 40 trees planted through the combined efforts of a number of organizations and volunteers.

Membership and Volunteers: The strength of The Friends of Chippewa Park comes from its members. We need to continue to show Council and other Governments that we are a broad based organization. Joining us keeps that strength where we need it. Volunteers are what make the organization tick. From time to time we draw on our members to help out—anything from supervising at events, to fund raising, to construction cleanup. Please indicate how you are willing to help us.

Please fill in the attached form and mail it to The Friends of Chippewa Park, 307 Euclid Avenue Suite 473, Thunder Bay, ON., P7E 6G6 along with a cheque made payable to The Friends of Chippewa Park. **You can also use this form if you want to join us or renew your membership. Individual memberships are \$10 a year while a family costs \$25.**

Please circle what your cheque is for: **Membership** **Board** **Tree** **Donation**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

(the name of the person who will receive the income tax receipt)

Address _____ Postal Code _____

City _____

Plaque Names

Please print the name or names as you wish to see them on the plaque. Keep in mind that the plaques are small and that the more names (and therefore letters) to be put on the plaque the smaller the printing will become. You may wish to add a saying before the name such as "In the Memory Of", or a title 'ride operator' as a way of celebrating your personal link to the park.

Board 1 _____ \$25.00

Board 2 _____ \$25.00

Board 3 _____ \$25.00

I volunteer to: _____

Please pass this form on to a family member, friend or co-worker
so they too can 'Buy a Board'!