



Deep River & District Community Foundation

2009 Annual Report

President's Message

This is the 7th year of the DRDCF and I want to publicly thank the visionary founding members of the board who in 2003 established such an important organization to assist in sustaining our community.

We thank Jennie Forster, who, after serving five years on the Board, continues serving the Foundation in a non-Director's role as our Secretary. We also thank Gwen Milton who continues to serve as a non-Director on the Grant and Environment Committees. Gwen's leadership on the Environment Committee has resulted in the creation of the Deep River Environmental Support Group (see 2009 highlights below).

I extend a very special thank-you to our Treasurer, Glen Wolgemuth, for his professional administration of our funds. Glen and his Investment Committee have the most challenging task – to provide the oversight and diligence to ensure that our donor funds are protected and grow. This is a difficult task in such turbulent times where the only constant is change.

We thank all who support the work of the DRDCF. You have shown that our motto of Giving Back is a realistic one and we are seeing the benefits of that support.

The DRDCF has recovered from the 2008 recession. As seen in the financial statement (see <https://drdcf.ncf.ca>), our gains in 2009 amounted to 15.5%. Some of our most notable achievements have been the result of partnering with other local groups.

Highlights of 2009:

- We assisted and participated in the launch of a new Community Foundation in Renfrew County (The Pembroke Petawawa & District Community Foundation). The PP&DCF motto is "Giving that Grows".
- Under the leadership of Gwen Milton, a Deep River Environmental Support Group has been created and has received charitable status. In order for the DR&DCF to support projects of an environmental nature its grants must be

directed to other registered charities involved in such work. Unfortunately there has been a shortage of suitable recipients locally. However, the formation of the DEEP RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT GROUP, which received its letters patent in 2009 and was granted charitable status by CRA in 2010, should solve this problem. The new organization will undertake a range of environmental protection projects, both individually and in cooperation with other organizations, and will be able to issue tax receipts for donations to all such activities. It will also be eligible to approach a number of large Foundations for support of Town beautification projects.

- Funds have been received towards the creation of 2 new Endowment Funds, namely, The Eastern Star Scholarship Fund and the Vic Thompson Fund.
- Disbursements were made from the following funds: Deep river Science Academy Scholarship (\$1000), Deep River United Way (\$2000), Elizabeth Hulbert Memorial (\$750), MHS Reunion Scholarship (\$1000), Environmental Legacy, Mary Moore Environmental & Milton (\$15,000 for the Riverbank Project).

Annual General Meeting

Program Room of the Deep River Public Library, Deep River, Ontario on April 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm for the following purposes: 1. To accept the agenda; 2. To accept the minutes of the AGM held on June 1, 2009; 3. To review the financial statements for 2008 and 2009 and the budget for 2010 – G Wolgemuth, Treasurer; 4. To appoint Scott, Rosein and Dempsey to conduct a financial review for 2010; 5. To receive the report of the Directors – Bob French, President; 6. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee – Hank van der Horn; 7. Speaker – Dave Thompson: TOPIC - Deep River....Then and Now! (A perspective on some of the changes over 50 years, with a special emphasis on our current housing crisis); 8. To attend to new business and questions from members; 9. Adjournment.

2009-10 Board Members:

- Three year term: G. Wolgemuth (Treasurer), D. Thompson, Fanella Lane
- Two year term: F. Ball, L. Thomson, C. Wilson
- One year term: J. Hilborn, B. French (President), H. van der Horn

Committees:

1. Finance / Investment – G. Wolgemuth (Chair), J. Hilborn, F. Ball, C. Wilson, D. Milton;
2. Publicity / Signature Event – D. Thompson (Chair), F. Ball, B. French, H. van der Horn, B. Fleury;
3. Environment – G. Milton (Chair), C. Wilson, B. French, Leslie Moore, Marion Thompson, John McKay, Bruce Bigham;
4. Grants – J. Forster (Chair), G. Wolgemuth, B. French, G. Milton, F. Lane;
5. Constitution, By-laws & Policy – J. Hilborn (Chair), D. Milton, L. Thomson;
6. Ad Hoc (Seniors Housing) – B. French (Chair), D. Thompson, F. Lane, H. van der Horn, G. Wolgemuth;
7. Nomination Committee – H. van der Horn (Chair).

Bob French, President