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The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, maintain and enhance a clean, healthy and natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe, peaceful Lake of Bays.

Photo Contest Winners

Sponsored by Aben Graphics

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Lake of Bays Association Photo Contest. The first place winners of each category will receive a plaque-mounted poster of their entry from Aben Graphics in Huntsville.

Over 60 photographers submitted a stunning selection of images. How exciting for our judges to see Lake of Bays from so many different perspectives.

And the winners are:

Landscapes:

1st—Caroline Konarzewski 2nd—Susan Johnson 3rd—Paul Johnston

Nature:

1st—Bruce MacLellan 2nd—Jacqueline & Kevin Nyman 3rd—Hilary Currer

Life at the Lake:

1st—Emily & George Bartlett 2nd—Caroline Konarzewski 3rd—Andrew Bingham

Start snapping now for the 2011 Photo Contest. The contest is open to all Lake of Bays Association members and their families. Entry details will appear in the 2011 Yearbook.



Lake of Bays Association

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 23

Dwight Community Centre

9:30 a.m.

Guest Speakers:

Robin Tapley Naturalist, expedition leader & eco-educator

Lynda Cranney Community Liaison Officer, Huntsville OPP

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Caroline Konarzewski's prize winning photo is as perfect as the blanket of snow that covers this Lake of Bays landscape. Look for this and other photo contest entries in the 2011 Yearbook and on www.loba.ca.

President's Message

By Betty McDonald, President, Lake of Bays Association

The crunch of snow under our feet and pleasant good mornings were heard as Association members, directors, invited guests and government representatives arrived at the Dwight Senior Centre on Saturday January 22, 2011. Despite the cold Muskoka morning and unsettled weather patterns, more than 60 people attended the Winter Board Meeting leaving standing room only!

The meeting began with the introduction of the political representatives and guest lake associations from across Muskoka. Three guests, District Chair John Klinck, Mayor Bob Young and Terry Rees from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and the Association's committee chairs spoke.

The Safety Committee announcement of the *Youth on Board* Course this summer in partnership with BOATsmart Canada and Pride of Lake of Bays Marina sparked the interest of other cottage association representatives in attendance.

Among many other interesting projects, the Association is participating in a Ministry of Natural Resources' 'water think-tank,' the Stream Monitoring Research Team, involving scientists and volunteer-based groups (Lake of Bays Association, Muskoka Lakes Association and Georgian Bay Forever) to discuss the watershed health and water quality where streams and rivers come together.

Gloria Woodside, chair of the External Affairs Committee, introduced the volunteer members who are monitoring the activities at the township and district: Brian Simpson and Barry Morrison (Township planning issues), Kathleen Black (Township council), David Johnstone, and Mary Neal (advisors), Bill Rogers (District liaison), and Deb Cumming (environment issues).

John Klinck, District Chair, thanked the Association for our volunteer work. He outlined some of the challenges for this council including debt reduction, analysis of core services, the budget process, the use of the community network and education. Mr. Klinck also discussed his hopes of establishing a post-secondary institu-



tion in Muskoka to engage its youth and to strengthen and diversify the local economy in the off-season.

Mayor Bob Young began his presentation by talking about the first month of his term, his focus on team building and providing the new council's members with training to effectively perform their jobs. Mayor Young is proposing a zero base budgeting process in order to address the budget problem. In the future, new budget items will be added only after review and justification. Mayor Young is committed to understanding why the current deficit wasn't anticipated and ensuring that this doesn't happen again.

Terry Rees, Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) was last to speak. Terry provided an excellent overview of FOCA's programs such as Environment & Lake Stewardship, Firesmart, Property Taxes, Cottage Succession Seminars, Insurance and Risk Management, Lake Planning/Land Use and Boating.

Early in January, Les Dakens resigned from the Board to pursue a new career opportunity. I would like to thank Les for his valuable contribution to the Board and to wish him the best in his new venture.

The next afternoon while I was cross country skiing on the lake heading towards Haystack Island, the pure white snow cover blended with the robin's egg blue sky, creating a striking balance. I thought how fortunate I am to be part of a dedicated, and motivated volunteer organization committed to the preservation of our natural environment—Lake of Bays.

DOCK BUBBLERS

Many property owners use a dock bubbler to keep the area around their dock or boathouse open and ice free during the winter months. While these devices are handy for protecting your dock from ice damage, they can create safety concerns as they create large areas of open water around the dock which can pose a risk to people and animals.

If you use a dock bubbler, you are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations for their safe use. For example, it is important to make sure that any area where there may be open water is clearly marked. The Lake of Bays Association provides this note for informational purposes. Please contact your legal and/or insurance professional for advice. The Huntsville OPP (administrator) can be reached at 705-789-5551.

Help keep Lake of Bays safe all year round.

Barry Johnson Chair, Safety Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At the Annual General meeting on July 23, 2011, the Lake of Bays Association will elect new board members. The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for Directors. Each Director will work on one of the Committees: Environment, External Affairs, Planning & Development, Membership, Communications and Safety. If you are interested or if you know of someone you would like to nominate for a position, please email Mary Neal at nealaurora@sympatico.ca.

Municipal Finances: Questions, Questions, Questions...

By Kathleen Black, Treasurer, Lake of Bays Association

As most of you know by now, the township had a deficit for 2009 of over \$581,000. The 2010 levy covered \$160,000 of this shortfall but the remaining \$421,000 needs to be repaid.

In addition, as of Dec 13, staff projects that there will be a further loss of \$183,000 for 2010.

So before we even start to think about the 2011 budget, the township will have to raise taxes by roughly \$600,000 to pay for past problems. This is a 17-percent increase in our taxes funded by an increase in both the assessment base and in the tax rate. On top of this will be the regular budget discussions for 2011.

First, some history. The levy increase in 2009 was 3.68 percent and last year it was 9.88 percent (4.6 percent for the base budget plus an additional 5.28 percent for hot topics and gravel work). Inflation during 2009 and 2010 was about 1-to-2 percent.

So what is going on?

Finance and Corporate Services have had a number of meetings recently dealing with this issue including a special committee meeting in January where Eric Koudstall, a retired Ernst and Young partner, gave an excellent presentation on how to read and understand audited financial statements.

We have attended these meetings on your behalf to try to get answers to our many questions: How and when did management discover that there was a huge issue with 2009?

- Management attributes close to half of this deficit to the workplace death of a township employee and related costs, all of which were extraordinary. The rest of the deficit is attributed to a drop in revenues from application fees, permit fees, investment income as well as the cost of emergency capital repairs, problems with computer systems and overspending in other areas. It is hard to see these variances from the internal financial statements and a more complete analysis is required for both the operating and the capital budgets.
- The audited financial statements for 2009 show a surplus of over \$1 million. So how does a \$1-million surplus become a \$580,000 deficit that must be paid back by the taxpayers? The answer to this involves the treatment of capital expenditures and use of reserves. But the township needs to explain this fully to the public as we are the ones who have to find the money to cover for this shortfall.
- What operational changes have been made to the township to ensure that:
 - Cheques aren't been written for amounts over the budget without prior approval and funding sources determined?

- Workplace health and safety standards have been improved?
- How will management and council produce and deliver a credible 2011 budget?

In the spirit of open communication, we suggested that the township include a "hot topics" button on its website to provide some of the answers. We are pleased that this is now on the site and the deficit issues have been addressed in a Q & A format. We suggest you go to

www.lakeofbays.on.ca for up-to-date information. The mayor will maintain a separate website: www.lobmayor.ca which will focus on news, issues, happenings, events and accomplishments with a feedback page to allow residents to directly communicate with the mayor and council.

Postscript:

Subsequent to the writing of this article it now appears that the 2011 deficit will be \$421,000 after a successful recovery from insurance for legal expenses related to the fatal accident. We were encouraged by the frank and open dialogue that existed around the table. The discussion was thorough, complete and explored many avenues.

Another finance meeting was scheduled for March 8. We will continue to monitor the budget deliberations and communicate with you.

Planning improvements to your property? Read this!

By Brian Simpson, Co-chair Planning, Lake of Bays Association

Are you planning improvements to your waterfront property this summer? Do you want to save time and money and benefit from useful tips? Your Lake of Bays Association's area stewards will have a new and extremely useful resource to share with you this summer; a booklet called "On the Living Edge—a Handbook for Waterfront Living" by Sarah Kipp and Clive Callaway.

Each area steward will have a copy of this handbook to lend. The handbook covers a lot of relevant topics from tips on construction projects, shoreline landscaping and restoration, beaches and docks, to questions about septic systems, wells, site drainage and water treatment. Because our waterfront properties in the Township of Lake of Bays are regulated by the Development Permit By-Law, there are requirements that the book outlines with both informative articles and useful diagrams. It also provides an up-to-date list of contacts, a list of indigenous plant and shrub species and cautions about invasive plant species. Call your area steward to borrow this useful book—you won't find a better resource. Contact information for area stewards is on the website (www.loba.ca) and in the Yearbook.

Thank You to the 2010 Water Quality Team

by Deb Cumming, Chair, Environment Committee, Lake of Bays Association

A heartfelt thank you to the stellar water quality testing team of 2010! The Association and the lake itself are lucky to have such a dedicated group; while water quality sampling can be a lot of fun on a beautiful morning, it's another story in challenging weather battling rain, high winds and waves but this intrepid team handled it all. The samples showed up at my dock (or in my refrigerator) well-executed, well-documented and on time every second Monday over the course of the summer. Please, when you run into one of the team below, make a point of thanking them for all that they do for lake health! I absolutely could not deliver the water quality testing program that is so important to the membership without these outstanding volunteers.

Dee Allott: Dee, a full time resident of Lake of Bays, has tested for three seasons at the Baysville end of the Lake. In his three years of testing he has NEVER missed a testing date. His results are great, his site notes are detailed and he does it all by himself, only occasionally recruiting a family member or guest for company! It is a difficult solo activity, particularly at near shore sites and Dee manages it all, with great results!

Jennifer Hutt: Jennifer is another veteran of the water quality team. She has juggled water quality testing with a summer job at Northern D'lites in Dorset for three seasons. Her father, Bob, started out as chief companion and boat driver, but has grown into a formidable sampler in his own right, covering for Jennifer when her work schedule clashes with testing dates. Jennifer and Bob have had the responsibility for some of the key deep water sites on the lake, including Trading Bay and sites off Bigwin and Fairview Islands. This may well be the end of an era for Jennifer as she is now a first year engineering student at McMaster University but we thank her for her years of commitment to the program and wish her well.

Nicolas Tompkins: Nick has been around for three seasons of testing and has graciously done whatever was asked of him; even though his cottage is in Haystack Bay he helped out with Dwight Bay sites in a year when I couldn't find north end volunteers. Nick also helped with program design, identifying and photographing the near shore undisturbed site that we test in Dwight Bay. I am worried that we may be losing him as he is graduating from high school this spring and heading for university but, as with Jennifer, I appreciate the time that he has given to the program.

Jim and Midge Monaghan & Paul and Carol Stueck: This

delightful, high energy foursome (full time residents and neighbours on Rat Bay) cover sample sites at the north end of the lake. They are incredibly reliable and, while the golf course and grandchildren occasionally exert a pull, someone always shows up with samples, good scientific notes, and a story or two, rain or shine! The Monaghans and Stuecks have sampled for two seasons.

Douglas Turner: Douglas has tested for several seasons and, in his first year, was the youngest sampler I had recruited from outside of my own family. From the outset Douglas has been very interested in the science of water quality and has worked hard to stay involved in the program, juggling water quality testing with the Lake of Bays Sailing Club and a summer job. He has the complete support of his mother Jill, who happily drives the boat, mends broken or malfunctioning equipment on the fly, and is a model of environmental stewardship. Lake of Bays is a passion for the Turner family, and with a little bit of luck, there will be Turners water quality testing for a while! (Douglas is the oldest!)

Cameron Shostak: Cameron was the rookie on the 2010 team and has already signed up for 2011! Cameron did an outstanding job collecting samples on the Hollow River and around Bigwin and his excellent scientific observation and his quality control results belie his rookie status. Cameron cottages in Echo Bay and has the longest commute of the water quality team travelling from his place to the Hollow River and then all the way to my place north of Point Ideal, with nary a complaint from him about the time involved (or from his parents about the gas involved.)

The Association's members consider water quality and lake health to be a high priority and we are blessed in our dedicated sampling team. We all owe a huge thank you to the water quality testing team and their families for the time, gas and effort that they contribute to the program.

This summer, while the dedication of all the volunteers impressed me, the youngest members of the testing team did an exemplary job. They got up early (no easy feat for teenagers), juggled job and social commitments to honour the testing schedule (not easy either) and treated the rigid scientific protocol respectfully. I think all of us—LOBA, its membership; anybody who uses and loves the lake should take great comfort (and perhaps some direction!) from these successful young environmental stewards. We have been most fortunate to have had Jennifer and Nicolas for so long (a deep thank you to their parents for their role in supporting their children and the program) and we are lucky to have Douglas and Cameron going forward. And there are others who have preceded them-Carolyn Goettler, Fraser Smith, Andrew Rose, Andrew Brennan, Meredith McLean, Rachel and Sarah Cumming, Charlotte and Caroline Anderson-who gave up their early mornings, spent HOURS in small slow boats making their way around the lake while balancing sailing club, summer jobs and their social lives in order to honour their commitment to the lake. I believe that all is well with the world, or at least our part of it, when we have young people involved in monitoring the health of the lake.

Thank you to the team of 2010 (and to all of you who have contributed so much to the water quality program over the years).

HELP WANTED:

The Lake of Bays Association always needs and welcomes new volunteers. Below are some specific and immediate volunteer opportunities. For more information on these jobs and other volunteer opportunities with the Lake of Bays Association, please contact Mary Neal at: nealaurora@sympatico.ca. If you have new ideas, passion, energy and commitment—we need you!

Area Stewards

This job entails visiting nearby property owners to discuss issues and to provide feedback to the Association on any questions or concerns, as well as advising those unfamiliar with the Lake of Bays Association of the many advantages of membership. At the present time we are looking for area stewards for the following areas:

- Trading Bay
- Port Cunnington Road area (north)
- Fox Point Road area (north)
- Dwight Bay (north)
- South Portage Road area (north end)

LOBA Rep for Huntsville planning issues

We are looking for someone whose Lake of Bays property is in the Town of Huntsville to be on our Planning and Development Committee. The job involves monitoring planning applications that will affect the Huntsville part of the lake (along the South Portage Road, roughly from Clovelly to Bona Vista). A permanent resident would be ideal for the job as meetings occur during the work week. No special skills are needed, just an interest in the future of our lake and planning and development.

Expertise in the legal aspects of planning and/or association governance

From time to time the Lake of Bays Association's Board of Directors needs advice from someone who has experience with the legal aspects of municipal planning and development and the Ontario Municipal Board appeal process. If you are a lawyer with an interest in assisting the Association in our efforts to support the integrity of the planning policies that safeguard our lake's health and property values, then we would like to hear from you. In addition, input on governance of a not-for-profit organization is also occasionally required. We are not looking for pro-bono legal services. We are in need of a volunteer, or volunteers with the type of experience that can assist the Association in making decisions and determining a course of action in certain situations.

New measures to streamline development application process

The Township of Lake of Bays has introduced a new step in its planning process. Since January 2011, all Official Plan amendment, consent, rezoning and site-specific zoning amendment applications require a pre-consultation meeting with planning staff. These face-to-face meetings are designed to make the application process clear from the very beginning. It replaces the previous process where applicants could just put their paperwork in the mail, sometimes leading to miscommunication.

The pre-consultation meeting with a member of the planning staff involves a review of the property owner's plans using a checklist to identify possible applicable Official Plan policies and directions. The meeting is also to make sure the application is complete and accurate as well as to identify any required supplementary reports or information that may be required to accept and process the application. Planning staff will also ask questions about the impact that proposed developments will have on the environment to make sure that the applicant is aware of potential issues and studies that may be needed.

Any application sent into or delivered to the Township without scheduling a preconsultation meeting will be sent back to the applicants or their agents. This new process, a step recommended by the province, enables the Township of Lake of Bays Planning Committee and Council to make informed decisions of planning applications and, most importantly, will improve customer service by preventing delays once the application comes before council.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

By Ian White, Membership Chair, Lake of Bays Association

This year, for the first time, members were offered an incentive for renewing their memberships by November 30th. Congratulations to the four lucky winning families. We would like to thank our local businesses and organization which contributed the Early Bird prizes: Bigwin Golf Club, S. S. Bigwin Cruises, Dwight Garden Center and Lake of Bays Brewery. Membership renewals were due December 31, 2010. A reminder notice was sent in February to members who have not yet paid their 2011 membership fees. If you have not yet paid, we urge you to renew now so that you don't miss out on our upcoming newsletters and the 2011 Yearbook mailing this spring. If your renewal has not been received by March 31, 2011, your name will not be included in the 2011 Yearbook Membership Directory.

Your continued support is appreciated. If you have any questions about your membership status, please email us at info@loba.ca or contact Beverly Govan at 705-767-3395. Membership forms are available for download at www.loba.ca.

Let's Talk Turkey

By Betty McDonald

This winter 11 wild turkeys claimed squatters' rights on my property. They strut up and down the road as if they were on a Sunday afternoon stroll. They are harmless enough and their low, throaty gobbling sounds are not too disruptive. It's their size that makes them such a curiosity. Some of them are over two feet tall. Given that we were to be joint tenants, I thought I should do a quick reference check and contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources to see what I could learn about these birds.

The eastern wild turkey (Meleagris gallopavo silvestris) was an important component of the biodiversity of the pre-settlement forests of southern Ontario. It was reported north to Lake Simcoe and eastward between Toronto and Trenton. By 1909 however, the species was completely wiped out in Ontario-a result of unregulated hunting and the loss of native forests that were cleared for agriculture.

Efforts to restore the eastern wild turkey to Ontario, which began in 1984, have been extremely successful and resulted in a rapid expansion of the number and range of the birds. Trap and transfer of established Ontario wild turkeys into new areas was initiated in the winter of 1986-87. Approximately 4,400 wild turkeys were released at 275 sites across the province as part of the release program. In 2007 the provincial population is estimated over 70,000 turkeys in Ontario.

Wild turkeys were not historically found on the Canadian Shield, but have recently journeyed north of the Severn River. The MNR's objectives for the wild turkev program in Ontario have changed somewhat over time. Previous efforts have focused on the restoration program while increasing the sustainable recreational and economic benefits from the birds through hunting. The next phase of the turkey program will focus on sustainable management of populations and harvest in southern Ontario while providing hunting opportunities where they exist in areas further north.

Do not feed turkeys as that would interfere with the bird's natural instinct to Is it a hen or a Jake (a young Tom)? The Eastern wild turkey has colourful long brownish-green wings with bars; long tail, dark and fan-shaped with a light band at the tip; female's feathers are a duller brown green, not as colourful and breast feathers have buff-coloured tips. The male's feathers are brighter and shiner (metallic) with black-tipped breast feathers. The adult male has a beard on his chest of long black feathers; hens generally do not have beards. The adult male has a larger red, white

and blue coloured head and is almost bare; the hen has fine feathers on her bluish coloured head.

Males have spurs on the back of each leg to use for fighting, hens usually do not.

find their own food in the wild. During winter they feed on seeds, nuts and fruits left over from autumn. Like deer, wild turkeys are best to live as nature intended.

Ron Black, biologist for the MNR in Parry Sound says "We should always act to keep wildlife wild. It's really about potential conflicts in residential areas. Turkeys can be a hazard to traffic. Big birds flying into cars is not good. Or they may bother people's pets. They may cause conflict

with neighbours especially if the lingering smell of feed attracts a bear in the spring."

There is a spring and a recently added fall harvest for wild turkeys. MNR have stringent hunting guidelines such as a required license for Ontario and Non-Ontario Residents and a compulsory education component. Please refer to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website site http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/ for details.



BOATsmart! Safe boating course & PCOC test for kids

Sunday July 10th at Pride of Lake of Bays Marine

A safe boating course for kids 8-to-15 years of age will be offered on Sunday July 10th at Pride of Lake of Bays Marine, 1031 Marine Rd. The Youth on Board program, offered by BOATsmart! Canada in cooperation with the Lake of Bays Association and Pride of Lake of Bays Marina is accredited by Transport Canada and covers the information required to pass the Pleasure Craft Operator Card exam. The full-day course consists of a fourhour in-class session, which includes time allocated for writing the exam, and four hours of practical instruction on the water.

The information and test is age appropriate and provides an overview of the material covered in the BOATsmart! Safe Boating Guide. Learning outcomes include:

- · How to recognize the Canadian boating rules and regulations
- · Definitions of boating terminology and equipment
- · Necessary preparations before heading out onto the water
- How to operate certain pleasure craft and what safety procedures to employ while underway
- When to engage right-of-way rules and navigation rules
- · How to recognize various marker buoys and navigation aids
- · How to respond to emergency situations and recognize distress signals

COST: \$125 includes the cost of the test and purchase of the Safe Boating Guide

REGISTRATION: By Email: Info@BoatSmartExam.com By Phone: 1-877-792-3926 By Fax: 705-745-6243

Anyone wishing to register via email or fax must provide, contact information along with the name of the student, age and the name of the course. A credit card will be needed at the time of purchase to complete the registration.



Proposed Changes to the PCOC Exam

The Lake of Bays Association Safety committee has learned that Transport Canada is proposing changes to the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. They include: requiring 50 questions instead of 36, a list of standard Transport Canada questions for testing authorities to use when composing their exams and a mandatory education module that must be completed as part of the online procedure. We have been advised that these changes will be implemented for the 2011 boating season.

Get your Card online now

The Lake of Bays Association has a link on our website (www.loba.ca) to the BOATsmart! on-line PCOC exam. LOBA receives \$12 for all exams accessed from our website. Do it now, before the snow melts and the testing procedures change.

Keep the "Family" in Your Family Cottage

Cottage Succession Seminar—Sat. August 27th



Many current cottage owners are approaching or past retirement age. Their discretionary income available for cottage expenses is declining, at the same time that cottage ownership costs (capital gains tax, property taxes, utilities, maintenance, and repairs) are increasing. Financial planning is critical to enable owners to retain the cottage for the next generation.

The Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations (FOCA), in cooperation with the Lake of Bays Association, will be offer-

ing a Professional Cottage Succession Planning Seminar on Saturday August 27th (time and location to be confirmed). This workshop is part of a seminar series offered by FOCA across Ontario that focuses on strategies to preserve the family cottage for family members, including:

- Wealth management, tax and legal planning to address the financial hurdles; and
- Estate and legal planning to cope with family challenges.

The seminar format includes a presentation by Peter Lillico on successful, and futile, cottage succession strategies, followed by a question and answer period with the audience. Peter Lillico is an Ontario estate planning lawyer with special expertise in cottage succession planning. He is well-known for his articles in Cottage Life and other magazines, and is a frequent speaker at cottage and estate planning seminars and workshops sponsored by government, private industry and local organizations. Visit his website at www.lbkglaw.com.

Mark your calendar now for August 27th and watch for details and registration information in the summer issue of Current Connection, on the Lake of Bays Association website (www.loba.ca) and in our upcoming email news bulletins.

Film North's Bull's Eye Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to Graeme Ferguson

The Film North, Huntsville International Film Festival's first Bull's Eye Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Graeme Ferguson, co-inventor of IMAX, and Lake of Bays resident. The presentation at the Algonquin Theatre in Huntsville was made during the closing night awards ceremony on September 25.

A video showed highlights of Mr. Ferguson's impressive career as a filmmaker and promoter of the innovative IMAX motion picture large format film technology. Among the most famous IMAX productions is *North of Superior*, one of several films directed by Mr. Ferguson. It was initially screened at the Ontario Place, site of the world's first permanent IMAX theatre which opened in 1971. Mr. Ferguson is still making films and was an executive producer of *Hubble* 3D which was released last year. This award was sponsored by the Trading Bay Grouse and Trout Club, which held a fundraiser for Film North, called the Bull's Eye Bash, at the Lake of Bays cottage of the president of the club, Don Tapscott. The award will be given annually to a person who has contributed to the film business through outstanding work and audience approval.

Film North is Muskoka's first international film festival. Located in Huntsville, it was founded by Lake of Bays resident Lucy Molnar Wing and her son Cameron Wing, second and third generation Muskokans.

In its inaugural year in September 2010, Film North screened 39 films in three days, and conducted Q&A sessions with 15 filmmakers who accompanied their films. The program was an intelligent and entertaining mix of films repre-

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Graeme Ferguson (centre) receives the first Bull's Eye Lifetime Achievement Award from Dan Tapscott (left), President of the Trading Bay Grouse and Trout Club and Lucy Molnar Wing, founder of Film North International Film Festival.

senting the best in emerging Canadian and International filmmaking.

The second Film North festival will take place over September 22–24th, 2011, at the Algonquin Theatre, Huntsville. Submissions may be made through the Film North account on www.withoutabox.com. Tickets may be purchased through the box office of www.algonquintheatre.ca.



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