



Canadian Environmental Law Association

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The Canadian Environmental Law Association has been actively working with the Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed for over a year. CELA is the only legal aid clinic in the province representing disadvantaged and vulnerable communities and working to protect both the health of the environment and human health. We are so fortunate that CELA agreed to provide assistance to the "Friends". In order to qualify for representation, we needed to be a not-for-profit. So we made it happen! Dedicated, passionate folks from the Porcupine Lake Information group banded together and have revitalized the FPRW. Our membership has grown along with our recognition both in the community and provincially.

We realize that we are not the only community experiencing sewage bypasses and contaminated waterways but we are working diligently to raise public awareness and to save our Lake. Hopefully other communities will follow our example.

CELA was instrumental in the formation of the Porcupine Liaison Committee by providing guidance and support. Our legal ladies haven't missed a meeting! Together, we continue to ask the City tough questions and we expect solid answers.

When the news broke that provincial funding to CELA was being cut by 30%, we supported them with letters and communications to all levels of government. Not everyone can speak for themselves and be heard. We thank the folks at CELA for their support and guidance as we work together for a better community and to save Porcupine Lake.

Stay tuned, or better yet, come out and join the Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed.