



Mission

The Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed is committed to promoting a healthy, sustainable aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem in the Porcupine River Watershed through public education and community involvement.



Porcupine River Watershed Acknowledgement

We want to acknowledge that the Porcupine River watershed is situated on Treaty #9 territory and on the traditional territory of Indigenous Nations including the Mushkegowuk (Cree), Anishinabewaki and Métis. We cannot talk about water health, environment, and conservation without recognizing the insight, and the history of caretaking by the Indigenous Nations and the need to include their voices in conservation discussions and decisions.

Our thoughts are with all those touched by the devastating discovery of the remains of 215 children at a former Kamloops residential school. We grieve with all those whose lives have been deeply impacted, and are still impacted today, by the irreparable damages inflicted by the residential schools and other destructive and prejudicial systemic practices. Let's pause and listen.

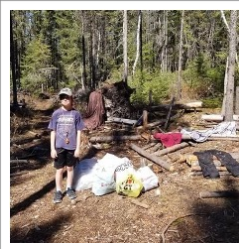


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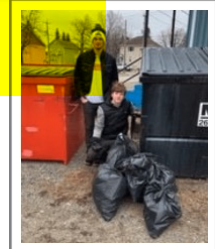


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Litter Warrior Challenge is back for 2021!

FPRW is once again adapting its community cleanup this year, and many have already made a difference. The Litter Warrior Challenge is a collaborative effort focused on safely picking up litter while following local health guidelines. We have been inspired by the many dedicated community members and families taking part in this initiative so far and we welcome you to join our effort! Choose a location anywhere in the Porcupine River Watershed area or in your neighbourhood, go out and pick up some litter (safely) and share with us on our Facebook group or by email. All the Litter Warriors participants will be entered in a draw to win prizes. Thanks for keeping our community clean!



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"It's incredible to see how individuals can join together and visibly make a difference within our community...We are sowing the seed of environmental stewardship within our future generations."

Cristina Colantonio - FPRW

Take a look at many other wonderful Litter Warriors' photos and stories on our website: [2021 Litter Warriors](#)

Member's Corner



Photo @ Malette family

The FPRW would like to thank Spencer Malette for growing tomato plants from seeds, selling them and donating funds to the FPRW. It warms our hearts to see that a clean environment is a priority for Spencer and for so many community members. ♥

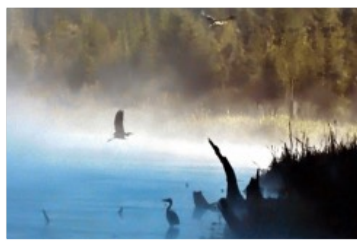


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Did you know?

FPRW is a member of the Porcupine Watershed Liaison Committee (PLC) and meets with City officials and other key stakeholders regularly to discuss various issues related to the watershed's health. You can access the PLC's agendas and past minutes on the city's website. The next PLC meeting is June 28th. Do you have questions or concerns? Let us know.

Celebrate the Porcupine River Watershed's biodiversity this summer!

*FPRW iNaturalist project: 1170 observations. 560 species. **Beauty all around us!***



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Our iNaturalist project has now been active for 1 year! Launched in June 2020, it now contains over 1170 past and current observations comprising of over 560 species of living plants, wildlife, insects and more! This compilation is possible because community members like you have taken the time to

explore and photograph fauna and flora within the watershed area and submitted the photos to iNaturalist.

Submitting your sightings is easy and can be done through the iNaturalist App or website. Even if you are unsure of the correct identification, other knowledgeable iNaturalist users will add their input to your observation. We all help each other out and we learn so much!

We invite you to explore the project page and to go out and submit your sightings this summer. Whether they are creatures as big as a moose or as small as a tiny caterpillar, knowing more about the biodiversity that relies on the watershed's healthy ecosystem to survive is fascinating!

➤ **Explore the project:** [https://](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/friends-of-porcupine-river-watershed)

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