



## FPRW 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 respectfully acknowledge that the Porcupine River watershed is situated on Treaty #9 territory and on the traditional land 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 Indigenous Nations and the need to include their voices in conservation discussions and decisions.

Snow is melting, warmer weather is coming, and birds are returning to the Porcupine River Watershed! We want to wish you a wonderful spring and share a few updates and upcoming events.

## PORCUPINE LAKE COMMUNITY CLEANUP IS BACK!

**Bring your family and friends and join us on June 4th! Together, we can make a difference by cleaning up litter around Porcupine Lake and its surrounding neighbourhoods!**

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2022

**Time/Location:** Registration at 9:30am at White Waterfront Conservation Area.

**Cleanup:** from 10am to 12pm

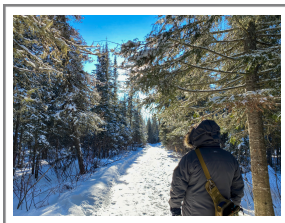
**BBQ at 12pm** for the community cleanup volunteers.



Local businesses and individuals who would like to donate to help us purchase cleaning equipment or supplies for the volunteer appreciation BBQ, contact us at [friendsporcupineriverwatershed@gmail.com](mailto:friendsporcupineriverwatershed@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE AMAZING WINTER TRAIL VOLUNTEERS!

**Without dedicated community members generously giving their time and equipment, many great neighbourhood trails would not be as easily walkable and accessible to all during the long winter months.**



Bart Thomson Trail - South Porcupine

As winter comes to an end, the FPRW would like to thank and acknowledge the community winter trail maintenance volunteers! Thank you to all the current and past volunteers, including Roger Fontaine, Ed Hocesvar, Dave Paquette, Mike Charbonneau, Mark Draves, Steve Bougie, Karl Krcel and Mike Bielaski. You gave the community access to its beautiful trails and brought families and friends together in

nature during our long winter - and we all know this winter brought its fair share of snow!

## Member's Corner

Why are healthy lakes and rivers important to you? What do you love the most about nature in the area? Send us a photo and message to be featured on the next Member's Corner!

Are you a local teacher and would like your class to get involved for an outdoor educational nature appreciation event or a local litter cleanup? Don't hesitate to contact us.

*"As we move forward in 2022 there are plans for education involvement. Through information and learning sessions, with hands-on projects, we may find future environmentalists within our classrooms."*

-Brenda Torresan,  
FPRW President

## Join Our Team

Would you like to join the FPRW team of volunteers for various projects? Are you a young community member who'd like to help us make a difference? We'd love to hear from you!

*"Water is the most critical resource issue of our lifetime and our children's lifetime. The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land."*  
- Luna Leopold

## Recommendations for the health of Porcupine River Watershed in the City of Timmins Official Plan

The Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed submitted input to the City of Timmins Official Plan in March 2022 to include some protection and remediation priorities for the impacted watershed. Guided by past and current studies and remedial action plans, we made recommendations to encourage a proactive and collaborative approach in making sure the health of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems is taken in consideration in future planning and development within the Porcupine River Watershed.

FPRW is one of the many members of the Porcupine Watershed Liaison Committee (PLC) who meet with stakeholders every 2 months to discuss various issues related to making positive changes for the health of the Porcupine River watershed. [You can access the PLC info here.](#) Contact us if you have any questions or items you would like to bring forward.

## World Migratory Bird Day 2022!

Join us to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2022 and discover some of the migrating birds who stop at Porcupine Lake after their long journey back from the south.

### FPRW World Migratory Bird Day Guided Walk

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 14th, 2022 (8:00 am to 10 am)

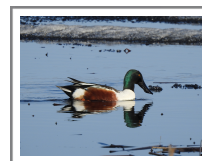
**Location:** White Waterfront Conservation Area

**Registration:** Spaces limited to 15 participants - To sign up, contact us by email at [friendsporcupineriverwatershed@gmail.com](mailto:friendsporcupineriverwatershed@gmail.com)

**Details:** We will be walking slowly for approximately 4 km. Bring your binoculars, camera, water and curiosity. *\*In the event of heavy rain or wind, the walk will be postponed to Sunday the 15th or later.*



Blackburnian Warbler  
Porcupine Lake (May 2019)



Northern Shoveler  
Porcupine Lake (May 2019)



Dunlin  
Porcupine Lake (May 2018)

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