



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PORCUPINE LAKE COMMUNITY CLEANUP

### Mission

The Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed (FPRW) 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

The FPRW recognizes that the Porcupine River watershed is located on Treaty #9 territory and on the traditional territory of Indigenous Nations including the Mushkegowuk (Cree), Anishinabewaki and Métis. We cannot talk about water and environmental health without recognizing the insight and the history of land and water protection and caretaking by Indigenous Nations in our area. We need to include their voices in conservation discussions and decisions for now and for future generations.

The cold strong winds didn't stop volunteers from showing up at Porcupine Lake on June 4th. Once again we saw our community rise up to the challenge: over 480 kg (1058 pounds!) of garbage was collected by 70 volunteers around Porcupine Lake and in other parts of the community. With that much litter lifted away from our trails and green spaces, we can say it was worth it! We could not have done it without dedicated volunteers like you and without the various sponsors that helped us make the day a success.

We want to thank all the volunteers and partners who brought booths at the event, as well as the following sponsors, donors and supporters:

Rotary Club, Kinsmen Club, Glencore Kidd, Narduzzi's Restaurant, City of Timmins, NAPA South Porcupine, Newmont Porcupine, Pro Hardware Timber Mart South Porcupine, Millson Forestry, Tim Horton South Porcupine, the Greer family, TFEC, Kinz and Klomp and many community members like Graham, Jess, Yvon, and Peggy and so many more who helped make the day a success!



⬆ FPRW volunteers Cristina Colantonio and Peggy Bendell collecting registrations for the Community Cleanup and distributing seedlings donated by Millson Forestry. 4 June 2022.



⬆ Porcupine Lake cleanup volunteer Paula Roy (left) with organiser and long time FPRW volunteer Brenda Torresan (right); a driving force behind this annual event. 4 June 2022.



⬆ FPRW volunteer Rick Cecconi at the BBQ providing lunch to volunteers after the cleanup. 4 June 2022



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## Member's Corner

Do you care about a healthy environment and a litter-free community? Do you want to get involved in activities to learn about local biodiversity and connect with nature with other community members? Would you be interested in helping us bring improvements to Porcupine Lake waterfront? **Become a FPRW member today!**

Current FPRW members: don't forget to renew your yearly membership prior to the end of 2022. **Thank you for your support!**

## UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

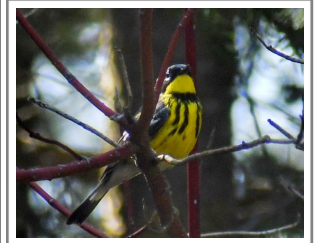
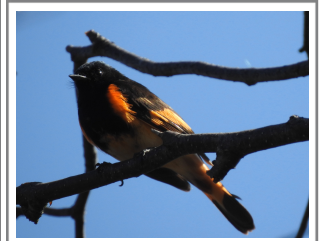
The FPRW's AGM is coming up soon and all members are invited to attend. We are always looking for membership's input. We are also currently looking to fill some board positions, and for people to join us and help out with various projects. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact us by email or look for updates and details on our website or Facebook page.

## World Migratory Bird Day Guided Walk at Porcupine Lake

On May 14, 2022, the Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed celebrated World Migratory Bird Day with a guided bird walk at Porcupine Lake. Along the Prospector trail, participants got to watch and listen to various migrating birds while learning about their long journey north in spring and their need for healthy habitat to rest, feed and breed. From waterfowl feeding on the lake, Savannah Sparrows singing in tall grass and shrubs, and various colourful migrating warblers singing in mixed forest, the group got to experience the variety of habitat that Porcupine Lake offers to migrating and resident birds. The group observed 37 different species in two hours and submitted the list to eBird, a worldwide database of bird observations. We hope you can join us for our next outing!



World Migratory Bird Day walk participants listening to warblers on the Prospector Trail with the FPRW volunteer guide. © Photo: Swapnil Dhandhukia. 14 May 2022



Top: American Redstart by Roxane Filion. Bottom: Magnolia Warbler by Swapnil Dhandhukia. These are 2 of the many migrating songbirds observed during the FPRW guided walk. 14 May 2022

## Want to learn more about the rich biodiversity living within the watershed?

Check out the FPRW iNaturalist project! Explore the 774 different species of mammals, insects, birds, plants, etc. that have been observed and shared by community members! Visit the project and submit your own sightings: [www.inaturalist.org/projects/friends-of-porcupine-river-watershed](http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/friends-of-porcupine-river-watershed)

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