



... FOR THE SAKE OF WATER QUALITY AND THE  
FISHERIES RESOURCES ON MANITOULIN ISLAND AND THE  
GREAT LAKES THAT SURROUND IT

*Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association is a grass roots, registered Canadian charitable organization that is focused on large scale, community-based efforts to rehabilitate aquatic ecosystems on Manitoulin Island, in central Ontario. We bring the entire community together to do this via joint, private and public driven initiatives. Our efforts rehabilitate and enhance water quality and the fisheries resource on Manitoulin Island and Lake Huron which is fed by the streams.*

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## Dog Sledding Experience

In hopes of partnering with Jason Quinlan from Kagawong and developing a dog sledding experience for next winter with Manitoulin Streams, Sue went out and enjoyed a day of sledding down a beautiful trail in Kagawong. These amazing huskies were full of power and go on this gorgeous sunny pre-spring day. The potential tour will involve the possibility of being alongside a restored stream and a wintery picnic in the beautiful wilderness. Once we finalize insurance questions and meetings with Jason, this tour will be advertised on our social media.



## Climate Change Meetings; Hosted by Jesse Beaudin at Manitoulin Streams

Manitoulin Streams has recently partnered with Al Douglas from the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources. Discussions have taken place on upcoming Island-wide risk assessment projects. These meetings were held throughout the island and have accumulated in attendance. All guests were served dinner and refreshments. For more information on this topic and how you can help, please contact Liam Campbell at 705-859-1653.



## Legacy Tea Social

In March, Manitoulin Streams hosted a social "Legacy Tea" with speakers Louise Duke from TD Financial and Janelle Proulx, Barrister and solicitor from Proulx Law office who spoke of tax breaks when donating to a charitable organization and the importance of proper Will & Testament preparation. Seija Deschenes from Manitoulin Streams did a quick talk on our accomplishments. There were 35 people in attendance and a wonderful afternoon was had. An extremely informative and eye opening session. Many thanks to Therese Trainor and Les Fields for their hard work in organizing this event, and all our speakers for their time and knowledge!



Left to right; Maria Diebolt,  
Therese Trainor, Les Fields



Maria Diebolt; MC of the event

## Health and Wellness Event Little Current

In April we attended the Health and Wellness event in Little Current. Many amazing booths were set up from healthy mushroom teas, to massage and beautiful art. We are always excited to share our story of stream restoration and show the public how we are building healthier ecosystems and how the public can assist.

Sue was greeted by an eight year old enthusiast who is sure to be a future leader of environmental movements!





## Sudbury District Wildlife Speaker Series

Manitoulin Streams was present at the Sudbury District Fish & Wildlife Advisory Group. This session was held in Sudbury and had guest speakers Jean Enneson, MSc. and Dr. Josef Hamr covering several topics regarding environmental issues affecting North Eastern Ontario. We were thrilled to be a part of this session and to share our stream restoration information with the over 60 attendees.



## Little Current Fish & Game Club Dinner

Bill Strain and the crew held another successful annual dinner to raise funds for their club. Although numbers were down mostly because of the weather, still a good turnout. Wild game spaghetti, meatballs and stew was served. A tribute to Paul Methner, retired Operations Manager at the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station and part of the original crew forming Manitoulin Streams, was given. We hope to see more of Paul now that he has more free time.

We would like to acknowledge Bill Strain for all his hard work and dedication to the walleye hatchery, the educational program he's done for many years, and his commitment to the environment. He has led the way for many to follow.



## Youth Warriors Outdoor Activities

On April 19 the Youth Warriors opened the social with a traditional smudge to heal the mind, body and spirit. The activity for the day consisted of an archery lesson conducted by Eli Fox of UCCMM coming in with equipment and targets for the boys to practice their skills.



## Central Manitoulin Public School Release Salmon in M'Chigeeng

In April we accompanied Grade 5 and Grade 1 classes from CMPS of Mindemoya and the Grade 5 class from Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng where they released salmon into M'Chigeeng Creek. The salmon fry were raised in the CMPS micro-hatchery. Approximately 80 fry were released into M'Chigeeng Creek. This was very exciting as this release was done in the location of the restoration work carried out annually by the Lakeview Grade 8 class. Many thanks to Ian Anderson for leading this initiative and Elder Lewis Debassige for including a spiritual presence for this event. The children had a lot of fun in the spring snow, still abundant, and were able to see the salmon swim off in their new home.







## Jesse has talk with CMPS on Environmental Issues

On April 20, 2018 CMPS invited Jesse to facilitate a station for their school Earth Day celebration. Jesse and Andre Leblanc managed a station surrounding a small fire just outside of the school property where students would temporarily alternate through each station following an activity. Jesse discussed the good work of Manitoulin Streams, explained the sacred medicines of the Ojibwe people, and brewed cedar tea for students to try, most for the first time.



## Kagawong Green Living Event

One of the first days of actual spring weather, Billings picked a great day for islanders to be out and about for the Green Living Event. Many vendors attended to share their knowledge about healthier lifestyle options and greener living. Our table was visited by many locals and Jesse Beaudin of Manitoulin Streams gave a wonderful talk on stream restoration and climate change. Many locals were very interested in viewing the details of further stream restoration on Kagawong river that will take place this summer downstream from our restoration site a few years ago.

The only thing that would have made this day more spectacular would have been if Chocolate Works had been open, but alas, only weeks left before their spring opening.



Jesse Beaudin speaks at the event while guests peruse our information table

## Earth Day Talk at Little Current Public School

On April 23 2018 Jesse was invited to LCPS to facilitate a climate change talk to students for the school's Earth Day celebrations. As a part of their education initiative at LCPS, speakers were invited to demonstrate green projects and programs across Manitoulin. Jesse highlighted the efforts Manitoulin Streams has done to protect and restore natural habitat and address Climate Change.





## Deer Save Committee Meeting

In April the MNRF held a deer save committee meeting to discuss current issues with local members about deer issues, hunting, tags and conditions. Even though this last winter was not harsh, it was long and the herd has taken a hit. The impacted are mainly the young deer and death tolls are noted to rise due to malnutrition. This should not impact the herd greatly, however, another long winter could call for attention to the matter. This will be further discussed in the new year pending conditions. As per last year, approximately 6000 tags will be issued for this years hunt and extensions are available for those in need of removal of damaging deer to agriculture, etc. Wayne Salinger did an excellent presentation, and further information will be available from local media reports.

## Bass Lake Creek Event

Another great year working with the Little Current Fish and Game Club providing educational tours on our natural resources to our youth from 5 schools; C.C.McLean P.S., Little Current P.S., Lakeview P.S., Assiginack P.S. and Central Manitoulin P.S. We were also happy to have a local homeschool group attend. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out over the 3 days to help out! Each student was very excited to receive a new fishing rod, reel and a fishing magazine.







## Invertebrate Sampling

This spring we welcome back the team from Laurentian to do invertebrate assessments at our stream restoration sites. This work is very important when assessing pre and post health of aquatic life in our streams. Rain or shine these girls are ready, willing and able. Thank you to Chantal and Kim for providing this valuable work over the years.





## MICA Bike Passage Ride Manitoulin Island



We were very excited to be a part of the MICA passage Ride on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 190 bicyclists attended this ride and enjoyed a break at the Tehkummah hall for food and entertainment by a local band. Many riders were stiff and cold from the rain that morning but smiling because they had just ventured many miles through our beautiful Manitoulin Island. Many interests in our stream restoration and conservation efforts. Thank you Maja and crew for providing this wonderful experience for our two-wheeled visitors!



## 3rd Annual Jacket & Jeans Event

Another successful year hosting our Jacket & Jeans Gala. This is sure to become the event of the year on Manitoulin. Little Current Hotel & Conference did an amazing job on the meal, bravo! Thanks to all the businesses that donated amazing prizes, totalling over a whopping \$15,000 value of prizes to be won! An evening full of good food, exciting raffles, auctions and entertainment from our very loved MC John Diebolt. People are already booking next year's tables! A big thanks to all volunteers and guests for making this an unforgettable evening.







John Diebolt came prepared in his trunks to hop on the punk duck; donated by Rylan's of Mindemoya



## Kicking Mule Ranch Session with Lakeview School

New owners of the riding trail part of KMR, Doug and Bonnie LeBrock, were excited to have us out to do an educational session with the kindergarten class of Lakeview School. Always a hit, our invertebrate session helps complete a day of pony rides, old fashion BBQ, and a fossil hunt. Previous owners Rick and Willie Pegelo still run the cottages and are happy with their new schedule and neighbours.







Photos by Joan O'Connor

## Bye Jesse Beaudin and Welcome Liam Campbell

Well..... we have had a mix of emotions as Jesse is leaving Manitoulin Streams after 3 years working with our organization. He was offered a full-time position as the land base councillor in AOK at the new addictions centre. Jesse has been a wonderful addition to our organization and his huge smile and contagious energy will be missed. I'm sure he will be wonderful in his new position helping those in need to become one with the environment and nature during their road to healing. On a contrary we have now hired Liam Campbell to join our group to help out with assessing and managing Climate Risks to Communities, Ecology and Infrastructure on Manitoulin Island. We are looking forward to a very productive year!





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