



TETC Officers

<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Shirley Thorne</i>	<i>437-6358</i>
<i>Vice-Chair:</i>	<i>Peggy Manning</i>	<i>437-1549</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Madeleine Florent</i>	<i>437-6439</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mike Wawrzkow</i>	<i>437-5616</i>

Website: www.torbay-enviro.ca
 E-mail: tetc@nf.aibn.com
 Box 1160 Torbay, NF A1K 1K4

Get involved

The TETC meets at the Kinsmen Centre on Bauline Line on the last Wednesday of each month (except December and July) at 8:15 pm. The meetings are open to the public.



Gully Project Open House

The Gully Project has been under way for two months now and we have had a number of successful events to date. The Open House held to launch the project at the Kinsmen Centre on April 14 was greeted with enthusiastic support by the 150 people in attendance.

The Open House featured a number of informative displays by various groups including the TETC, Environment Canada, Eastern Habitat Joint Ventures, Conservation Corps of Newfoundland & Labrador, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Salmonid Association of Eastern Newfoundland, the Torbay Newfoundland Pony Project and 4H-Club and more. The displays consisted of

a wide range of interesting subject material from hand-outs on wildlife, mounted animals skins, photos and live insect-eating plants.

Ken Hannaford, Project Coordinator, presented a well-attended overview of the project and Mayor Bob Codner greeted and thanked those in attendance. Other presentations will be held in the near future, particularly with the local schools. One has already been given at Holy Trinity High School.

Thank you to those who donated cash or recyclables as over \$70 was collected. Thanks to Sandra Bassan and Catherine Coady for the loan of their mounted animals.

We encourage involvement in our activities and our office is open to anyone wishing to stop by and see what we are up to. When you drop in, take the time to fill out a short survey on the Gully.

Applications for Green Teams are now available at our office. We are looking for 4 students (age 16-30) from the community to work on our Gully project this summer. The work will include clean-ups, promoting environmental awareness and habitat restoration work in local wetlands. Applications are due by mid-June. Call Ken at 437-7200.

Recycling



We will pick up your recyclables – just call Ken at 437-7200 or e-mail khannaford@nf.aibn.com to schedule a time. Or you can drop off your recyclables at the Town Hall on the Neighbourhood Clean-up Day (Saturday, May 11th). Of course, you can still take your recyclables to Nova or Evergreen Recycling in St. John's and designate the Torbay Environment & Trails Committee to receive the refund.

Top 10 Reasons You Should Donate Your Recyclables to the Gully Project

10. Better the refund goes into the Gully than the cans do.
9. Your basement won't smell like stale beer anymore.
8. Robin Hood Bay is overflowing.
7. The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to power a TV set for 108 minutes.
6. Now your car will fit into the garage again.
5. Five recycled plastic pop bottles make enough fiberfill for one ski jacket.
4. Recycle a ton of newspaper and save 19 trees.
3. Don't have any recyclables? ...Party for the Gully!
2. Aluminum cans take 200-500 years to degrade.
1. It's great for the Gully and for Torbay!

Neighbourhood Clean-up

During the Town's Spring Clean-up (May 4 - 16) we will have a special one day Neighbourhood Clean-up on Saturday, May 11th. So take pride in your neighbourhood

and get together with your neighbours to help pick-up litter around roads and ditches in your area. Garbage bags will be available at the town hall during the week or on Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm. Participants will receive a spruce seedling (while supplies last) for each bag of trash they bring in! **We will also be accepting donations of recyclables to support the Gully Project.**

Mapping Torbay's Trails

The TETC has applied for a student career placement grant from HRDC to work on the mapping of Torbay's trails project. If we are successful, we will be working with MUN's Department of Geography to completely digitize maps of existing trails and walking paths in the town. A subcommittee has been formed, chaired by Harvey Best. If you are interested in helping with this project, give us a call.



Hike with Us

On April 21st eight people walked up Moon Pond Ridge, guided by Ross Traverse, and on the way down had a boil-up at Half Moon Pond. In the coming weeks we will be scheduling more guided hikes for the spring and summer. Suggestions so far have been Jones Pond, the South Pond Watershed and the 'Walk to the Mountains' that we had to cancel last year. Watch for announcements on our website (www.torbay-enviro.ca) or call us if you have any suggestions.

Use Water Wisely



Canadians are the world's worst water wasters according to Environment Canada. For the past two summers, Torbay's water supply has gotten very low and water restrictions have been imposed. So get into the habit of using water wisely now. Here are a few ideas: wash your car only when absolutely necessary, taller grass holds water better so avoid over-cutting, if you need

to water your lawn do it in the coolest part of the day and on non-windy days, and use barrels to collect rainwater for outdoor watering. You can conserve water inside by only running your dishwasher and washing machine if you have a full load, turning off the tap when brushing your teeth (save 7-12 litres per minute), and repairing dripping faucets (a leak of only one drop per second wastes 10,000 litres per year) and running toilets (which can waste up to 200,000 litres in one year).

Backyard Habitat Workshop



Want to hear the sweet songs of chickadees in your backyard? We are planning a Backyard Habitat Workshop in May (date to be announced later) and space is

limited, so register early. You will learn to benefit wildlife in your backyard by conserving resources such as water and practicing environmentally friendly gardening. Using a rain barrel, watering sparingly, installing a composter, choosing native plants, and avoiding the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides are all actions you can take for a healthy garden and environment.

Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM)

The town of Torbay will be hosting the bi-annual meeting of SAM on May 24th-25th. This association is made up of the 14 towns in the province that have signed Wetland Stewardship agreements. The meeting provides a great opportunity to discuss the challenges and successes of municipal stewardship, to exchange ideas about community-based habitat conservation, and to strengthen partnerships and networks. This is also a great opportunity to showcase Torbay and our wetland preservation efforts.



Property Beautification Awards

Nominations for this year's Traverse Gardens/Town of Torbay Property Beautification Awards are due by July 12th. Pick up forms at town hall, call any TETC officer, or e-mail your nominations to tetc@nf.aibn.com. Properties will be judged on overall impression, natural landscaping, variety of plantings including flower and vegetable gardens, wildlife friendliness, use of composters and organic techniques, and general tidiness. Preliminary judging will take place on July 21st, so get your property in tip-top shape.