



Nastawgan
TRAILS Inc.

A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

You are
invited to
the

**FIRST
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001
in Temagami, Ontario

Photograph: view from Finlayson Point Provincial Park, 2000. N. Hawirko

An Invitation to

Nastawgan Trails Inc.'s First Annual General Meeting

Note: you don't have to be a member to attend the dinner and slide show.
However, voting for officers requires membership.



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P.O. Box 317, Temagami,
Ontario, Canada P0H 2H0

LOCATION: the Temagami Shores Inn and Restaurant on
Highway 11 just south of the Town of Temagami

DATE: Saturday, November 24, 2001

6.00 PM - DINNER: chicken and pickerel buffet \$20.00 per plate
(to cover the meal cost only)

7.15 PM - A.G.M. - Brief Reports and Elections
Nominations can be submitted in advance of the meeting via letter or email
to Doug Adams at (705) 569-3791 or any other Board Member

8.30 PM - SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

ONTARIO'S OTHER COAST

Hiking the shoreline of Lake
Temiskaming

by Les Wilcox

Please respond by November 15, 2001.
Call Norm Hawirko (705) 678-2311
Les Wilcox (705) 569-2790

We are looking for members.
If you are interested in volunteering for projects, this is the
time to come and meet your fellow trail enthusiasts.

'Nastawgan'

The Nastawgan are the summer and winter trails established by the Temagami Anishnabai over 6000 years ago. Today, Nastawgan Trails takes inspiration from this in our effort to create a four-season, non-motorized trail network in the Temagami region of northeastern Ontario.

Activity Report

Nastawgan Trails Inc. was incorporated on June 6, 2000 with the purpose of encouraging the creation of a non-motorized trail system in Temagami area and the surrounding region. The process leading to incorporation began over a year earlier in the spring of 1999. A group of local Temagami hiking enthusiasts put together the original unincorporated version of Nastawgan Trails and began a dialogue with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources about creating a non-motorized trail system. There were others such as Gord Lomax who had independently submitted to the MNR, trail proposals for the Latchford and Montreal River area.

In answer to our requests the MNR held a public meeting at the Welcome Centre in Temagami on June 17, 1999.

This meeting included presentations by the MNR, Discovery Routes, Gord Lomax and Nastawgan Trails. Invitees included the municipal government and the Temagami First Nation as well as other trail groups. About fifty people attended. After this meeting six individuals came forward to found the Nastawgan Working Group at a meeting held in November 1999. Monthly meetings resulted in incorporation and the six founding members formed the first board of directors of Nastawgan Trails Inc. MNR and/or Ontario Parks staff attended every meeting to advise and help the board.

Since incorporation the board has hammered out a constitution and by-laws and set up a bank account. We have produced an information brochure and are working on a web site (nastawgantrails.com).

We have begun a preliminary inventory of existing trails from the perspective of NTI and its future role.

This summer, an extensive survey of the shoreline of Lake Temiskaming has been completed. A slide presentation has been made to MNR staff. A technical report will follow which will include a detailed map that illustrates trail potential as well as a planning analysis of land use.

A library of trail related information has been completed. Existing

studies have been reviewed.

NTI responded to requests for input into the regulation of conservation reserves, specifically concerning Cliff Lake and the south Temiskaming shoreline.

We have established that there is an existing access trail from the end of the Rabbit Lake road to Grand Campment Bay on Lake Temiskaming. We have done a preliminary survey of the west shoreline of Friday Lake from the Roosevelt Road access. Some of our members have, with their own resources, created a new trail to Beaver Mountain and Copper Lake. We have begun documenting the old Telegraph Trail along the north shore of the northeast arm of Lake Temagami.

Recommended priorities for 2002 will be a membership drive, the Internet site and more field work.

To date, all expenses have been paid for by the members. Some of the board members have contributed personal funds for expenses to bring NTI to a fruitful first stage i.e., this AGM.

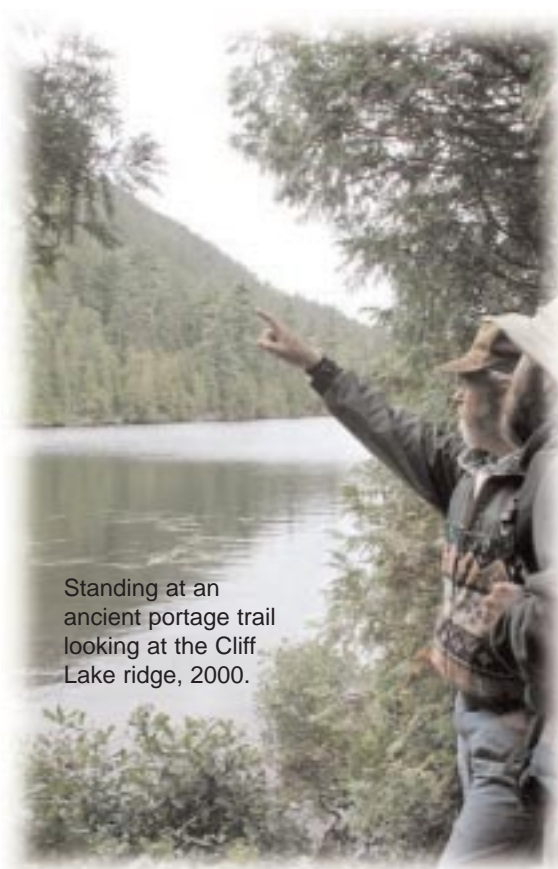
A funding proposal was submitted to the Heritage Fund but was unsuccessful. Volunteer time and resources were some of the constraints that we encountered.

The Board has been working towards applying for charitable status.

Again, the current Board wishes to recognize the contribution of the MNR and Ontario Parks staff. We hope we have demonstrated the value of volunteer contributions.

As we move into 2002 and beyond, the membership will now decide the direction NTI will take. There will cer-

tainly be challenges that test our creativity and our patience. But, there will plenty of opportunities. A major challenge will be to engender cooperation by all interested parties which will help communities in the region become more healthy and active. We are so lucky to have nature at our doorstep, let's not take it for granted.



Standing at an ancient portage trail looking at the Cliff Lake ridge, 2000.

Temagami's trails weave their way under giant pine trees, over Ontario's highest ridges, and through beautiful Northern Ontario wilderness. Backcountry trail networks at Blueberry Lake, Obabika Lake, Ferguson Bay, Temagami Island, and Cliff Lake await your footsteps. Nearer to the town of Temagami are the White Bear Forest Trails and the newly renovated Caribou Mountain Fire Tower.

However, Temagami's potential for trails is largely untapped. Our goal is to plan, establish, maintain, and market a Temagami-based trail network in cooperation with Temagami's Native people, local government and businesses, and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Nastawgan Trail network will connect Temagami's wilderness and historic landmarks, creating trail experiences lasting hours, days, or even weeks. Selected trails will accommodate walkers, backpackers, cyclists, dogsledders, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers. Non-motorized trails are central to making Temagami a world class recreation destination.

Nastawgan Trails Inc. needs your help in achieving this goal.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dedicated volunteers are needed! Show your support by joining Nastawgan Trails Inc.!

Please fill out the form and include a cheque made payable to Nastawgan Trails Inc.

Send to: Nastawgan Trails Inc., P.O. Box 317, Temagami, Ontario, Canada P0H 2H0



Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

Town: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Memberships available (please check (one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year individual \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year family \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 year individual \$40.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 year family \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime individual \$200.00 | |

My company is interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor of Nastawgan Trails Inc. Please contact me for details.

Please send my newsletter by:
 regular mail or email.

For more information call Doug Adams at (705) 569-3791

Watch for our website. Coming soon!