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More To Celebrate on Lake Superior Day

Lake Superior Day has double meaning for the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) this year.

In addition to celebrating life by the lake, this year's event is also being used to mark the 25th Anniversary of one of Thunder Bay's greatest engineering marvels. Construction of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway, which flows through the heart of the city, was completed in 1984.

"Today, few people even realize the significance of the Floodway as it peacefully flows through the Intercity Area," says LRCA Chairman, Bill Bartley. "Yet without the Floodway, millions of dollars in development would not have been possible."

The annual tribute to the greatest of the Great Lakes takes place on Sunday, July 19th, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the Authority's Floodway property on Fort William Road, across from the CLE Grounds.

"Partnering with Lake Superior Day is significant because the Floodway helps to reduce the amount of pollution and debris that would otherwise be swept into Lake Superior during a flood," says Bartley.

Activities planned for Lake Superior Day include a photo exhibit documenting the history of flooding in the Intercity area, construction of the Floodway and its benefits to the City. There will also be a water rescue demonstration by the Thunder Bay Fire Service, free canoe rides to discover the recreation benefits of the Floodway, a fundraising BBQ by the Lakehead Conservation Foundation, children's activities and free cake!

Admission is free.