

August 21, 2008

## **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT FROM DONATION**

The Lakehead Conservation Foundation has made a substantial donation to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The \$25,000.00 cheque, presented at last night's Authority Board Meeting, will be used for conservation programs and children's education.

"Some of the funds will support the 2008 Lakehead Children's Water Festival," says Phil Jarvis, President of the Lakehead Conservation Foundation. "The Foundation is pleased to provide on-going support for the outreach work of the Authority."

"The Foundation has been a terrific booster over the years by helping to fund enhancements to visitor facilities at Conservation Areas," commented Bill Bartley, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Chairman. "Funds are also used for the Water Festival which teaches Grade 3 and 4 students about the importance of groundwater and surface water through fun activities."

The Lakehead Conservation Foundation was formed to aid, promote and give assistance to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's conservation and recreation land management program; to promote the practice of conservation; and to enhance the education of people with respect to proper management of natural resources.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is a local resource management agency working on a watershed basis. Conservation Authorities protect people and their property from natural hazards of flooding and erosion; protect natural areas and open space, restore and protect aquatic and natural habits; and provide recreational and educational opportunities to local residents.