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Ontario Power Generation Supports Greening of Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area

Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area will be a lot greener thanks to Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

OPG has generously donated funds to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to purchase several large trees which will be planted at the Marsh. The trees are part of a grove of trees which have been planted over the past few years.

Originally a landfill site, Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area features a boardwalk, recreation trails, interpretive pavilion and displays. The view of Lake Superior and the Sleeping Giant is spectacular. Mission Marsh is also regarded as one of the top bird watching spots in the region, with more than 200 species recorded. Educational field trips are very popular and children enjoy looking for aquatic life in the ponds and marsh habitat.

OPG's Thunder Bay Generating Station is located at the southeast corner of Mission Island, while the Conservation Area lies at the northeast corner. Mission Island Marsh extends between the two sites for an entire kilometre and covers an area of more than forty hectares.

"We are pleased to have Ontario Power Generation as partners in this beautiful Conservation Area," stated Bill Bartley, LRCA Chairman. "They are demonstrating their commitment to improving our environment through the planting of trees which help produce the oxygen we breathe."