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children's water festival

2022 Final Report

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Mission statement from HMK Children's Water Festival Strategic Plan 2011:

The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival is a unique approach to inspire children to become wise stewards of water and related systems through educational, fun, and hands-on activities.

Land Acknowledgment:

With respect and gratitude, the HMKCWF acknowledges that we educate within Williams and Robinson-Huron Treaties First Nations territories as well as the unceded territories of the Algonquin Nation who have all stewarded local watersheds since time immemorial.



Overview

The 2022 Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival (HMK Children's Water Festival or HMKCWF) was held on Tuesday, September 27th at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. This was the first time since 2019 that we were able to run what had been an annual fall learning event in pre-pandemic times. 9 schools of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) attended, bringing just over 360 grade 4-6 students of 14 classes with supporting staff and parent volunteers.

This event once again actively inspired and taught elementary students about water ecology and stewardship; knowledge they can bring back to their homes, classrooms, and communities. Students had fun while engaging in experiential outdoor learning, visiting - in small groups - some of the 37 interactive activity stations learning about all things water!

Activity stations were animated by volunteers through the revival of partnerships with Trent University students (24 students) and the Kawartha Pine Ridge Youth Leadership in Sustainability class (24 students). Further to participate in various capacities were: 15 community volunteers and, new this year, 6 Canadian Conservation Corps members. 10 partnering organizations joined us as "Outside Presenters" to offer activities of their relevant focus.

HMKCWF started public programming this year with the creation of a new activity centre, a "Water Storybook Walk". This water-themed Storybook walk was debuted at our first outdoor public event during the Haliburton Lions' *Stories in the Park* event. We have developed partnerships with the municipality of Dysart and the Dysart Library with plans for sharing this programming through the month of August and more events in 2023.

We updated our Water Hero program in two ways: 1. By adapting its mascot/logo to be of no particular race or gender and 2. extending the reach of our "Big Splash" contest which motivates children, encouraging them to identify water conservation and protection acts they take in their daily lives. The contest has been extended to involve more students beyond the reach of the fall festival through a culminating spring event to be promoted in all schools of our region, and to families connecting via our "Water Storybook Walk" events and our website.

The HMKCWF started 2022 with a new contract Coordinator, following up on a predecessor who held this position and grew the programs, partnerships, and capacity of the program for over 10 years. An Assistant Coordinator was contracted to support website and social media communications, sponsorship approaches and the development and delivery of public programs with the "Water Storybook Walk" for a portion of the year.

The 2022 Fall Festival

The 2022 Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival was held on Tuesday, September 27th at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. This was the first time since 2019 that this in-person, outdoor, fall learning event could be hosted due to pandemic health protocols.

Registration: Once it had been established that the Health Unit and Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) would approve a multi-school, in-person event - and sufficient funds and partnerships were re-established to run a 1-day festival - digital invitations to register for the 2022 HMK Children's Water Festival were distributed. These were emailed to past participating teachers and all elementary schools of the TLDSB in early June. Support from the TLDSB communications department ensured that all elementary schools within the TLDSB were delivered these invitations.

21 teachers from 16 schools responded to these invitations expressing interest in bringing over 900 students to the fall festival. This was more than we could feasibly and safely support given changes in funding, in partner programs providing volunteers to animate activity stations, and in 'Covid-safe' space requirements at hosting partner, Kinark Outdoor Centre. The HMKCWF steering committee determined that schools were to be selected fairly with a lottery system that still allowed for representation from all 3 regions of the school board district. Attendance was also to be limited to grade 4-6 students (vs. the previous inclusion of grade 3 students) and an aim to have one bus per school inclusive of supporting teachers/staff/parents (as an aim to reduce emissions). A resulting 9 schools of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board attended the event, bringing 303 grade 4-6 students and 56 supporting teachers, staff, and parent volunteers. Several of the schools in attendance brought representative students from multiple classes, involving 14 classes in the day, who will be bringing the learning and inspiration they gained back to share within their schools.

This year's festival brings the total number of students we've inspired as water stewards, since our fall festival started in 2005, to 15,385.

It is recommended that:

- For the 2023 fall festival, 300 students be considered a feasible per day max to safely host at Kinark and to expand over 2-3 days depending on funding and volunteer accessibility.
- For the 2023 fall festival, digital invitations are distributed to teachers and schools in early May. Registration and waiting list order confirmed - along with any lottery/selection process that needs to be completed - by the end of June. Any adjustments due to cancelations can then be made in early September.
- The 5 schools/teachers who registered interest (for grade 4-6 classes) in 2022 but were not selected in the lottery be given priority access to the 2023 fall festival.
- More medium (10X20) and larger tents be secured for the 2023 fall festival to serve as rain shelter for lunch times/separating schools.

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the success of the HMK Children's Water Festival and its expanding programs. In 2022, our 80 volunteers included 7 members of our steering committee. These members regularly join monthly meetings year-round about plans and major decisions for the HMKCWF Programs. Volunteers of the FEEL board of directors additionally contributed leadership time and skills in financial management for the project; meeting 4 times through the year, running a Plant Sale fundraiser, and more regular monthly contributions by the FEEL President and FEEL Treasurer in administrative assistance for the project.

Volunteers supporting the 2022 fall festival were coordinated in partnership with U-Links for Community Based Research. While the pandemic had cancelled in-person multi-school gatherings - such as our festival for the past 2 years - the post-secondary programs that our events had once regularly partnered with to animate activity stations had changed; Sir Sanford Fleming College students would not be able to support an in-person fall event in 2022. In the Winter of 2021, Kawartha Pine Ridge's Youth Leadership in Sustainability class in Peterborough thankfully confirmed their participation of 24 secondary students, making it their third year of participation with us. While much changed through the pandemic, Trent's first year Environmental and Resource Studies Program confirmed in late spring that they too were confident they could pivot further to fill a bus and connect another 24 post-secondary volunteers. This confirmed the size of festival we could feasibly offer in the fall. 15 more community volunteers and another 6 volunteer participants from the Canadian Conservation Corps - who were fortuitously partnered with Kinark over our festival dates - helped both on the festival day as well as in set-up and take-down for the event.

New online volunteer registration and feedback forms for volunteers were developed and applied through this come-back year, along with a covid volunteer screening process for the in-person festival and a Covid/Infectious Disease Prevention Policy developed by FEEL. Volunteers provided feedback that will prove particularly useful in improving and updating our activity centres and volunteer supports for next year.

Volunteer incentives/rewards in the forms of re-usable water bottles, cloth shopping bags, and snacks were appreciated thanks to donations this year by Kawartha Credit Union, Ontario Power Generation, and David Dollo of Minden Foodland. Water donated by the Water Depot in Minden was appreciated by students and volunteers alike.

It is recommended that:

- The partnership with Trent University be continued and to explore the option of increasing their participation numbers to provide another day for the fall festival in 2024. As well, to explore program development and evaluation opportunities for upper year students at other times through the year.
- To maintain the partnership with Kawartha Pine Ridge Leadership in Sustainability Class.
- To revisit a partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Leadership Class, the local homeschool network, and Secondary Schools in Bracebridge and Huntsville in recruiting activity centre activators while continuing to explore hosting the festival over 2-3 days.
- To continue to explore reviving partnerships with Fleming College where appropriate.
- Partnerships be explored with other educational institutions such as Georgian College and Nippissing University in Bracebridge, including them in the development of spring online/hybrid Water Hero events and resources for teachers.

- To continue building a relationship with the Haliburton, Muskoka, and Kawartha communities to maintain and increase volunteer support for future Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children’s Water Festivals and to support public program extensions.

Activity Centres

The 2022 HMKCWF fall festival offered 36 different activity centres for participant groups to choose from, a chart for which is provided in the chart on page 8. 26 of these educational centres (program equipment ranging from small bins of equipment to large models with accompanying digital and hard-copy facilitation guides) are owned and maintained by the HMK Children’s Water Festival project of FEEL. While all of these require some prep and attention, more resources were invested in “Osprey Survivor”, “Rolling through the Shed”, the newly updated “Just Dam It” and - to those offered for the first time this year - “Peats in the Bog” and the “Water Storybook Walk”. Funds from the Ontario Wildlife Foundation, the Haliburton County Development Corporation and TD Friends of the Environment permitted the HMKCWF steering committee to develop, improve, and maintain these program pieces. 10 activity centres were made available through the involvement of “Outside Presenters”. Listed below are the Outside Presenters who were involved with the 2022 HMK Children’s Water Festival, most of whom have been valuable partners in the past:

1. Bancroft Stewardship Council - “Creeks and Critters” activity
2. Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services - providing on-site first aid
3. Haliburton Fire Management Centre (OMNRF) - “Haliburton Fire Crew” on Forest Fire water tech and prevention.
4. Kawartha Conservation - “Wonderful Wetlands”
5. Muskoka Watershed Council - “Wash Out!” on flood management
6. Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters - “Atlantic Salmon Loss and Restoration”
7. Ontario Provincial Police Marine Unit - Technologies for being on the Water Safely
8. Township of Algonquin Highlands Fire Services - “Algonquin Highlands Fire Trucks”
9. Turtle Guardians ~ introducing wild turtles of the region and their habitat and conservation needs
10. U-Links Centre for Community Research – “Bugs in the Mud” through their Woodlands and Waterways project and Canadian Conservation Corps volunteers placed with them. This partnership is recommended to continue in future years.

Unfortunately, a valued past partner of ours, TRACKS Youth Program, were not offering in-person programming through pandemic shifts. Alas, their activity station offering, “*Gchi-Nbi: Sacred Water*” - a program with Aboriginal perspective of water protection – was unavailable for our 2022 fall festival. We are committed in 2023 to partnering with TRACKS and other First Nations communities, organizations, and educational programs within our district to develop sustainable in-person and online program content with ‘2-eyed seeing’ and First Nations’ perspectives.

The activity centres offered at this year’s festival are a portion of the approximate 50 that were inventoried in the late spring for, in part, initial assessment for suitability to take to school yards and public events in the future. Others were identified for retiring and re-purposing in prep for moving to an overwinter location, which happened after the in-person festival. Through changes of the last few pandemic years, it was found that Kinark could no longer feasibly provide in-kind storage space and needed to re-purpose the building

our program equipment was occupying. We are developing new plans and resources for storage for HMKCWF's program equipment/activity centres with Kinark and other partners.

Activity stations and the messages relayed from them are relevant to learning expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. To assist teachers, we provide within their Teachers Guides and on our website, specific grade 4-6 curriculum links to each activity centre offered and group them into the following themes: Water Conservation, Water Attitudes, Water Technology, Water Protection and Water Science. It is recognized that many of the activities could belong to more than one of the five themes listed. The activity centres available to the 2022 HMK Children's Water Festival participants are listed below:

2022 Listing of Activity Centres

WC: Water Conservation **WA:** Water Attitudes **WT:** Water Technology **WP:** Water Protection
WS: Water Science. **CC:** Climate Change

| Activity Centre | Theme | Location | Map # |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Atlantic Salmon Loss and Restoration | WP & WS | The Pines | 32 |
| Algonquin Highlands Fire Service | WC | Eagle's Nest (Outside, bball courts) | 23 |
| Beaver Fever | WP | The Pines - The Challenge Course | 29 |
| Blooming Jeopardy | WP | The Pines | 36 |
| Bugs in the Mud | WS | Waterfront (Under open shelter) | 7 |
| Creeks and Critters | WP | Waterfront | 9 |
| Earth in the Balance | WP | Baseball Diamond / Dining Hall Field | 13 |
| Froggy ... You are Outta There! | WP | Baseball Diamond Field | 22 |
| Haliburton Fire Crew | WC | Waterfront | 6 |
| How Wet is Our Planet? | WS | Waterfront (Under Open Shelter) | 8 |
| It's a Trout's Life | WP | Waterfront | 2 |
| Just Dam It! | WP | The Pines | 30 |
| Lather Up! | WC | The Pines | 33 |
| Migration Headache | WP | Baseball Diamond Field | 21 |
| Ontario Provincial Police Marine Unit | WA | Down Rd from Eagle's Nest | 19 |
| Osprey Survivor | WS | Below Dining Hall (Outside) | 16 |
| Peat's in a Bog ! | WS & CC | Eagle's Nest (Inside Lower Level) | 24 |

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| Pioneer Water Race * | WA | The Pines | 34 |
| Polar Melt Down! | WP & CC | Eagle's Nest (Inside Upper Level) | 27 |
| Reign in Garbage! (model) | WP | Eagle's Nest (Inside Upper Level) | 24 |
| Rolling Through the Shed | WP | Baseball Diamond (Hill Beside) | 15 |
| Round You Go, H2O! | WS | Waterfront | 3 |
| Shoreline Do's & Don'ts * | WP | Eagle's Nest (back porch) | 28 |
| Stream Savers | WP | The Pines | 37 |
| The Great Swim Off | WP | Waterfront | 5 |
| The Power of Water | WT | Behind Dining Hall (Under Shelter) | 12 |
| Tread Lightly * | WP | Top of hill behind dining hall | 11 |
| Turtle Guardians | WP | Field by Lunch Tents | 18 |
| Turtle Trauma | WP | The Pines | 35 |
| Unwelcomed Guests | WP | Baseball Diamond Field | 20 |
| Up on the Watershed | WA & CC | The Pines | 31 |
| Wash Out! | WA & CC | Waterfront | 1 |
| Water Hero Scavenger Hunt | WA | Throughout Festival Grounds, Finish at Water Hero Headquarters | 16 |
| Water Runs Downhill | WS | Eagle's Nest (Infront of) | 26 |
| Water Storybook Walk * | WP | On trail between field and road to waterfront | 10 |
| What's Coming? | WS | Baseball Diamond (top of Hill Beside) | 14 |
| Wonderful Wetlands | WP | Waterfront | 4 |
| *May be run as a self-guided activity. | | | |

2022 HMKCWF Testimonials

More available to the public @ www.hmwaterfestival.ca/testimonials/

*"I am so glad to hear that this amazing festival will be running again!
I would love to register."* ~ **Teacher, KP Manson Public School, 2022**

"Such exciting energy of being outside and learning! It was so good to see students learning outside and engaged. Festival was well organized and lunchtime water cannon was an energizing addition to previous festivals." ~ **Community Volunteer, 2022**

Follow-up Programs ~ Big Splash Award and Water Heroes Contest

Learning offered through the HMK Children's Water Festival is not limited to the in-person experience at Kinark Outdoor Centre. As a part of this years' follow-up activities, students will be reporting to others in their classes and school about what they've learned, inspired to dive deeper into research on their ecological connections with water.

In addition, attending classes are invited to participate and involve others in their schools to participate in the HMKCWF "Water Hero Challenge". Students will brainstorm and explore, through the knowledge they've 'soaked up,' ways we can protect and conserve water, then send in these ideas to festival organizers through a predetermined channel. Students, in follow-up activities, are encouraged to pledge to make a specific change in their actions to conserve or protect water more. The school which enters the most "water saving" ideas will win the opportunity to have their name engraved on the Big Splash Award and host said award at their school in follow-up to the 2023 in-person festival. Macaulay Public School, winner of the 2019 Big Splash award, were the last school to proudly display the award and inspire more students to become wise water stewards!



This year, through updates to the "Water Hero Challenge" program aimed at involving more classes and students, prizes are also available to the class which sends in the most responses. Prizes such as coupons donated by Kawartha Dairy are given to those individual students who register the most significant actions they are taking to improve their water stewardship this year. Water-friendly prizes have also been donated for these individuals by regional sponsors including reusable water bottles from Algonquin Outfitters and reusable straw sets from Sustain Eco-store of Huntsville. This Water Hero contest runs during our in-person fall festival, through to the beginning of March, and is open to all elementary students of the region.



This year, as a part of our adaptations to be more socially inclusive, the HMKCWF committee updated the Water Hero mascot/logo. Used on the website and promotional and program materials, our new mascot is to show no particular race or gender.

Funds from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, TD Friends of the Environment, and the TLDSB have been key in making program extensions and improvements.



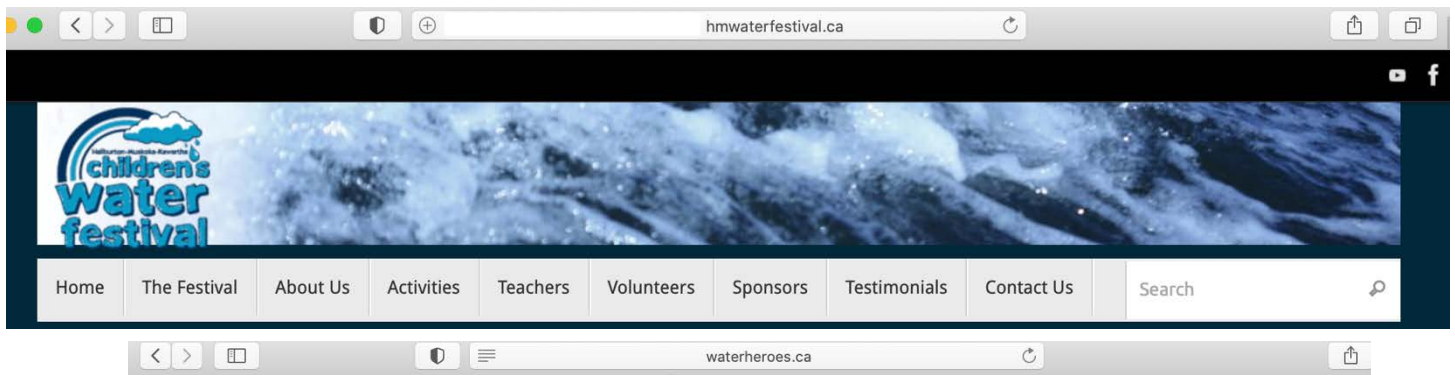
Websites

Teachers, both attending the festival and throughout the year, are supported with resource guides that have been developed over the 13-year history of the festival. These resource guides offer tools for including water as an essential topic in curriculum-linked activities and multiple subjects. These guides and resources are available year-round on HMKCWF websites: www.hmwaterfestival.ca and www.waterheroes.ca. The water heroes website additionally offers student-led activities; we updated this year to include families connecting through our public events, with updated mascot/logo.

Resources and most pages of these websites were updated through 2022, a process that is recommended to expand on in the next year and longer-term development of on-line programs. One feasible next step, as financial and other resources can be collected for, includes an on-line, multi-class/student Water-Hero-Celebrating event. This could, in long term, also serve as a hybrid event, launching for outdoor experiential learning activities classes will do in follow-up that we supply/loan the equipment for.

For online programming/websites, it is recommended to:

- Continue to develop plans and resources for annual updates and expansion of on-line and hybrid programs available through our websites.
- Use the new adaptation of the Big Splash programming to wind up in the spring as a seasonal program to build an on-line hybrid event with partners starting in 2023 (this would exceed pre-pandemic attendance levels of our annual festival).



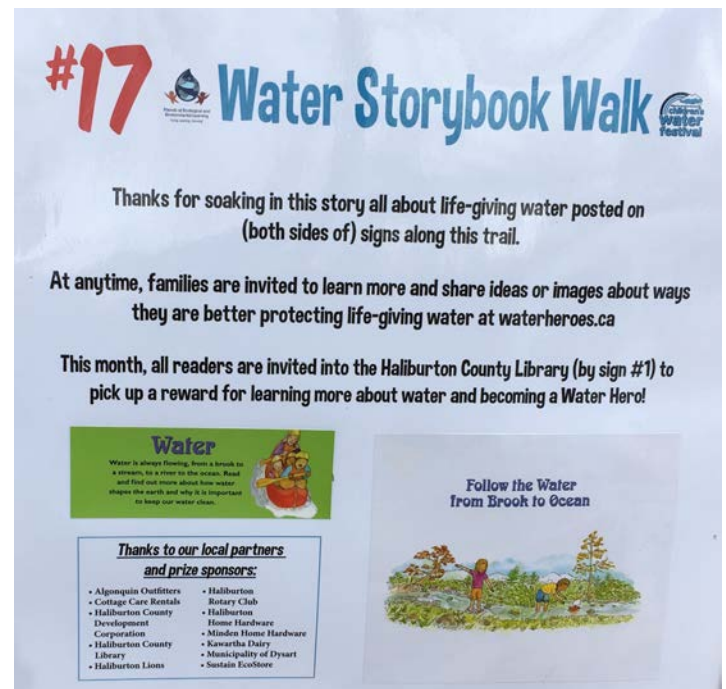
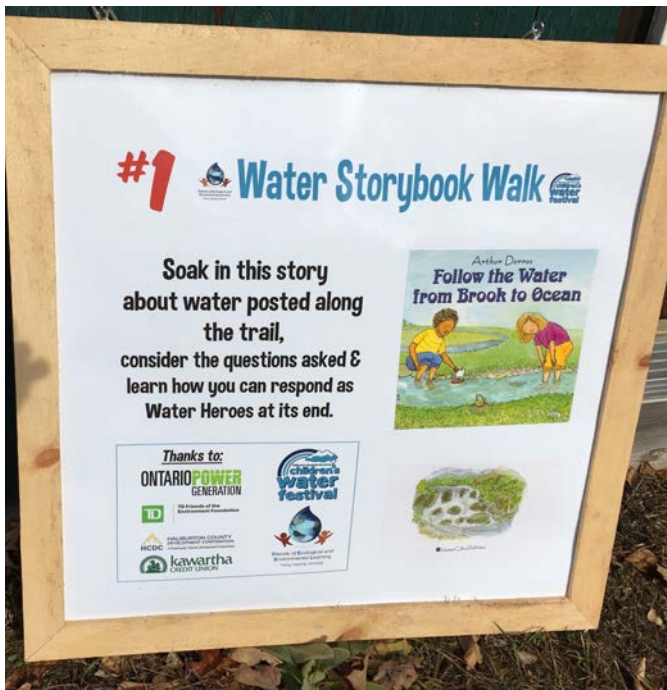
Public Education ~ Water Storybook Walk & Launch of Public Events

One of the new activity centres developed and offered at this year's fall festival was a guided “Water Storybook Walk”. This series of signs, displaying “*Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean*” by Arthur Dorros, relates water stewardship steps we can all take, including steps suggested by students in past years' Water Hero challenges. This activity centre is one festival organizers are looking to adapt to partner with the TLDSB and others to make available for both schools to set-up on their grounds for periods of time and to host at public events in the future.

We also launched our entry into sharing our activity centres and programs through public events with the “Water Storybook Walk” in July of 2022. Our first event involved attending Haliburton Lions' *Stories in the Park* event and running a Water Hero event-specific contest. We built the Storybook signs from as much recycled and locally sourced materials as we could. We developed partnerships with the Municipality of Dysart and Haliburton County Library, with plans for sharing this programming through the month of August and a special collaborative event in 2023.

It is recommended to:

- Expand on number of public events and different communities through the districts of Haliburton, Muskoka, and Kawartha Lakes that our mobile activities can be shared through, as resources and partnerships are built to support this.
- Develop a system with TLDSB to loan the Water Storybook Walk for posting on school ground as one of the early centres to pilot going mobile in effort to reach more students through the year.



Supporters

The HMK Children's Water Festival steering committee would like to thank all our partners, financial supporters, and volunteers that have been - and continue to be - vital in making our fall festival event and pivots through the past year the successes that they were! With this support, we were once again able to offer young learners quality outdoor water stewardship educational experiences free of charge. We are better set up to expand on our programs and outreach in upcoming seasons and years.

The overall budget for the HMKCWF this year was just under \$80,000. About 60%, just over \$49,000, were services and goods contributed by partners in-kind, reducing the funds spent to just under \$32,000. The majority was raised this year, keeping demands on what was drawn from previous years in FEEL accounts, for this project low. We had 13 funding/sponsorship partners and 12 different organizations along with 80 volunteers providing in-kind services and goods supporting our programs.

Supporters of the HMK Children's Water Festival were acknowledged in many ways including thank you letters, posting of logos and/or names on the HMK Children's Water Festival website (<http://www.hmwaterfestival.ca/sponsors/>), social media announcements as well as logos and/or names listed on various manuals and publications, and displayed on the fall festival's on-site sponsor board.

Looking to resources ahead - Since 2005, the HMK Children's Water Festival has been successfully bringing free water education to elementary students from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board area. During this time, there have been some consistent financial supporters however there is a need to update and expand this list of reliable sources of funds.

The Friends of Ecological and Environmental board and HMK Children's Water Festival committee need to enhance awareness of the fall festival, website resources, and developing public and school-based programs and fundraisers, to increase involvement and financial support from a sustainable variety of sources.

It is recommended to:

- Maintain existing financial partnerships and stress the need for their continued support
- Approach all municipal governments whose children participate in the HMK Children's Water Festival
- Adjust budgets and make funding and logistical plans specific to the needs of storing program equipment/activity centres given that Kinark can no longer offer this as an in-kind contribution.
- Increase financial support from corporations and businesses within the region strategically with those who have fared well through pandemic economic downturns and who are involved with family or relevant to water stewardship markets.
- Emphasize an aggressive campaign reaching out to the District of Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes increasing awareness, involvement, and financial support.
- Develop a long-term sustainable fundraising strategy and implement this as a part of an overall update of the HMKCWF Strategic Plan. This should be accomplished in collaboration with the HMK Children's Water Festival's parent organization, FEEL, and major partners including the TLDSB, Kinark, and U-links.

| 2022 Sources of In-Kind Support | Amount |
|---|--------------------|
| Steering Committee | |
| <i>5 members, 12 meetings/year/for 3 hours@t \$30/hr</i> | \$5,400.00 |
| <i>Admin support of FEEL \$30/hr @ 1.5 hrs X12 mo (T) + 8 hrs X 12 (Ch) + printing, mailing, misc. bank etc. charges</i> | \$3,970.00 |
| Fall Festival – Volunteers | |
| <i>Activity centre pre-event maintenance (5 vol. for 5 hours at \$25/hr)</i> | \$625.00 |
| <i>Tent & table set up/ take-down - 14 vol. hours at \$25/hr</i> | \$350.00 |
| <i>Festival set up - 6 vol. for 6 hours at \$25/hr Including Canadian Conservation Corps + 3 community vol. for 4 hrs + Kinark Staff</i> | \$1,400.00 |
| <i>Fall Festival Day - 69 vol./day for 8 hrs at \$25/hr. Includes: Trent University (24) Youth Leadership in Sustainability Class (24), Canadian Conservation Corps (6)</i> | \$13,800.00 |
| <i>Outside Presenters (11 stations with ~ 2 people at each for 8 hrs at \$25/hr)</i> | \$4,400.00 |
| <i>Festival take down - 7 vol. X 3 hrs + 2 vol. X 6 hrs at \$25/hr + Kinark Staff</i> | \$1,025.00 |
| <i>Misc. anonymous community volunteer supports through year</i> | \$2,760.00 |
| <i>Volunteer management throughout year though U-Links</i> | \$5,500.00 |
| <i>Volunteer snacks - Foodland Minden / David Dollo</i> | \$25.00 |
| <i>Volunteer water bottles - Kawartha Credit Union</i> | \$90.00 |
| Other Festival Contributors | |
| <i>Large (Tent) X2 - Muskoka Event Services</i> | 5,0000 |
| <i>2 X 10X10 Tents (1 from FEEL, 1 from Festival Coordinator)</i> | \$200.00 |
| <i>Water - Water Depot Minden</i> | \$120.00 |
| <i>Tables and chairs - Highland Hills United Church</i> | \$300.00 |
| <i>Activity centre -storage - Kinark & private</i> | \$3,000.00 |
| <i>New activity supplies – Haliburton Home Hardware & Minden Home Hardware</i> | \$500.00 |
| Big Splash Program – Water Hero Contest prizes | |
| <i>Algonquin Outfitters</i> | \$300.00 |
| <i>Kawartha Dairy Limited</i> | \$225.00 |
| <i>Sustain Eco-Store</i> | \$100.00 |
| <i>Private donation</i> | \$50.00 |
| | |
| Total In-Kind Contributions | \$49,140.00 |

| 2022 Sources of Cash Funding | Contribution |
|--|---------------------|
| FEEL ~ from previous years & plant sale fundraiser | \$3,280.00 |
| Kawartha Credit Union | \$2500.00 |
| Trillium Lakelands District School Board | \$5,000.00 |
| TD Friends of the Environment Foundation | \$8,000.00 |
| Haliburton RDC - LIP | \$4,000.00 |
| Ontario Wildlife Federation | \$1,500.00 |
| Ontario Power Generation | \$4,000.00 |
| Cottage Care Rentals | \$500.00 |
| Algonquin Outfitters | \$500.00 |
| Haliburton Rotary club | \$500.00 |
| Haliburton & District Lions Club | \$200.00 |
| General Donations – collected @ events, CanadaHelps... | \$60.00 |
| Trent - bussing portion | \$300.00 |
| Total | \$ 30,340.00 |



Conclusion

The HMK Children's Water Festival, and water stewardship programs, continue to provide free high quality water education to our children through fun and interactive learning experiences. As a community of 35 organizations and more than 90 individuals involved in 2022, we overcame major challenges of ongoing pandemic realities. With new coordinating staff, we revived and updated our traditional festival to run with updated covid-safety parameters; in the end, running a quality in-person fall festival for more than 360 learners. We also expanded our capacity for growth, namely our outreach into public and online forums, and in the educational tools and programs we offer teachers and learners year-round.

There is great opportunity to grow our community and outreach in the seasons and years ahead. As we make more connections through water stewardship education our communities, ecosystems, and lives will be all the healthier!

