



## 2021 Accomplishments

Your support for the Friends of Wabakimi helps protect this world-class canoeing area, canoe routes, habitat and wildlife. We're growing as an organization to support eco-friendly exploration and advocate for expanded protection.

We invite you to [Donate to our 2022 Projects fund](#). In 2021 we:

- Published the first Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook
- Raised funds for our joint Wabakimi Provincial Park Kiosks project & art work
- Provided numerous informative webinars
- Had the first interactive Canoecopia virtual booth with presentations
- Participated in Wabadowgang Noopming Forest planning process, gaining protections for canoe routes and habitat in our FOW map Volume Five area.
- Proposed additional protections for the Ottertooth and Mischew Valley areas.
- Provided a new Trip Report format & grew our Trip Report Forum
- Published numerous newsletters & updates
- Grew our membership to 250 active members, including family memberships and Business/Sponsor members.

**In 2022, your Donations and Membership are needed to:**

- **Support our partnership with Wabakimi Provincial Park (Debris clean-up, new Kiosks & the next project TBD!)**
- **Schedule informative webinars about trip planning, conservation, and protected areas ([Jan. Feb. schedule here](#))**
- **Prepare our Canoecopia in-person and virtual booth**
- **Create a new line of "swag" for the Friends of Wabakimi, (canoe/car stickers, hats etc.)**
- **Begin converting our route maps to a new format & update the Planning Map**
- **Research and Advocate for expand protected areas in the greater Wabakimi area. (Wabadowgang Noopming Forest Planning; Misehkw Valley, Ottertooth)**
- **"Enrich" the Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook**
- **Hold the first annual Wabakimi Rendezvous gathering in Thunder Bay and Armstrong; Sept 8-11, 2022 (Save The Date Info below)**
- **Encourage self-directed trips to document routes and improve portages**
- **Grow our membership to 300 or more**



Ostrom Wabakimi Canoe Pack Drawing

**FOW/Wabakimi  
Provincial Park Kiosk**



Save the Date!

**Wabakimi Rendezvous  
Sep 8-11, 2022**

**Thursday, Sep 8**

# Project!

60 donors contributed to our successful fundraising for our joint Kiosk project with Wabakimi Provincial Park. We raised \$8,413 CAD! The park has received \$6,500. The rest goes towards the indigenous artwork project, administered by FOW, with an RFP to be issued in 2022.

## **Joe Luptak, from South Elgin, Illinois was the winner of our December 19<sup>th</sup> drawing for the Ostrom Wabakimi Canoe Pack.**

Upon hearing the news Joe said, *“Woohoo! Thank you very much. I am glad to have helped FOW meet our new project goals. I am hoping the US/Canada border stays open in 2022 so I can paddle Wabakimi next year.”*

Sleeping Giant Brewery in Thunder Bay – *brews, schmooze, & talk canoes (plus packs and paddles)*

## **Friday, Sep 9**

[Fort William Historical Park](#) near Thunder Bay – take in some history & other activities, drive to Armstrong, fire pit gathering

## **Saturday/Sunday, Sep 10-11**

[Wabakimi Wilderness Lodge \(Bruce Hyer\) in Armstrong](#) – presentations on Wabakimi and surrounding areas, woodland caribou, trip highlights, photography/adventures by [David Jackson](#), musical performance by [Shy-Anne Hovorka](#) and more to come!

Registration for this first but likely annual event will begin Spring 2022.

***Make the trek to the area early or stay after to take a canoe trip into Wabakimi or surrounding crown lands!***

## **Our Vision**

**The Wabakimi Area shall be an exceptional destination for wilderness recreation activities for the benefit of present and future generations of visitors.**

## **Our Mission**

**Through volunteer stewardship and collaboration with other stakeholders, the Friends of Wabakimi will participate in the planning processes to advocate for protection and preservation of the diverse natural, cultural, recreational and historical resources of the Wabakimi Area.**



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