

# PRESERVE THE PRESERVE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE OF OUR  
ASSOCIATIONS' RECENT EFFORTS TO STOP  
DEER HUNTING IN THE PETERBOROUGH  
CROWN GAME PRESERVE



JUNE 6-The Minister of Natural Resources, Vince Kerrio, and his senior staff met with members of our executive at Jack Lake. A detailed brief of our position was submitted.

JULY 31-a last minute appeal to the Premiers' office was successful in having a hold placed on the announcement scheduled for that day by MNR to proceed with the 86 hunt

AUG--a mailing campaign resulted in 120 letters been sent to Minister of Environment, Jim Bradley, requesting his assistance under the Environmental Assessment Act.

SEPT 3-Vince Kerrio announce the 86 hunt would proceed

SEPT 25-David Lean and I met with Mr Bradley's senior advisors and requested an explanation as to why Mr Bradley did not act within his responsibility under the Environmental Assessment Act and order a public hearing on the issue. An hour after the meeting, we received the encouraging news that the hunt was put on hold until the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee held a public hearing and provided the Minister with a recommendation as to whether the hunt should be cancelled pending a full Environmental Assessment.

Oct 7-formal notices of a public meeting for Oct 17 in Apsley were issued. Although we did not have time to provide a mailing to our membership, we were able to contact many members over the Thanksgiving weekend to attend the meeting and make presentations.

Oct 17-Finally!!!after approx 600 letters to to Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Environment and the Premier, we got our public meeting. And we were prepared. Although outnumbered by members from Ontario Anglers and Hunters Assoc, we certainly were not outspoken. Members of our assoc, along with valuable help from supporting groups, made detailed presentations which systematically discredited the logic and data that MNR were relying on to justify the hunt. By the time the meeting was adjourned (after midnight) we were confident that our efforts would result in the hunt being cancelled.

Oct 27-The Advisory Committee submitted their report and recommendations to Mr Bradley. Basically they looked for a long term solution to the issue rather than dealing with the already announced 1986 hunt. Their recommendation allowed for the 1986 hunt to proceed on the conditions that Mr Kerrio would agree to obtain Cabinet approval of further hunting in the preserve after 1986 and that MNR would prepare a wildlife management plan for the preserve with considerations to alternatives to hunting. Extensive public consultation will be required including public meetings with written notices to all property owners within the preserve(approx 600). Mr Kerrio agreed in principle!?

Oct 29-Mr Bradley announced that the hunt for 1986 could proceed based on the agreement with Mr Kerrio.

Nov 3-15- 225 deer were shot within the preserve.

YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE IS REQUESTED DURING 1986. PLEASE START TODAY BY WRITING OR PHONING FOR A COPY OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FREE REPORT WHICH PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND--ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9TH FLOOR -1 ST CLAIR AVE W. TORONTO M4V 1K5- TELEPHONE 963 3091

  
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