

KUDOS TO OUR FRIENDS OF MISERY

It's an amazing thing to be working with and associated with a group of volunteers like the Friends of Misery Bay. When one meets and talks with our wonderful volunteers- you realize how many different abilities and talents that they bring to our organizations- talents and abilities that a lot of times remain hidden until a request is made for assistance or help for Misery.

At the same time, as we all know, a lot of people can talk the talk and they can talk the walk- but only a few walk the walk. I have learned many times over the years that I have been involved with FOMB, that our members talk it and walk it- and when the FOMB really needs help- they help.

At our AGM last June, I very enthusiastically spoke about our plans for a handicap trail from our Centre to the beach at Misery Bay (1.3 kilometers). This trail of course will take a lot of money and volunteer help.

Last summer in response to this PLAN, three of our members very graciously donated \$1500.00 to be used for the trail construction. Ann and William Sargenson (Sarge) donated \$1000.00 and another person donated \$500.

The Sargensons of course, need no introduction to all of us Friends of Misery Bay. Ann and Sarge are ongoing promoters and supporters of All Things Misery. If you visit our Centre in the summer, they can both be seen taking part in our activities and of course, staffing the Centre.

A big thanks to these folks and everyone else who donates their time and energy to our cause.

As you will all know, all the approvals are in place for the trail from Ontario Parks. We have costing estimates of around \$8000 for materials for the trail. (we are still getting bids in on the material and I am hoping it will be less than that amount).

Monies received from all donors to the trail fund, will be used to construct a boardwalk and another gazebo type building. The boardwalk will cross the vernal pool (we have an existing small boardwalk here now) that is located on the Coastal Alvar Trail just before Misery Bay. This vernal pool, which in an average season tends to dry up in the summer, offers an amazing diversity of life throughout the year, and is another sensitive area in our park that needs to be protected. The gazebo will be right on the bay, and will offer all users, an elevated platform to view the beach, sand dunes and wetlands.

If you would like to support this very worthwhile cause- please help us out. We still need several thousand dollars to complete this project. Your donation will go directly to the two structures that are part of this venture.

Thanks again

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