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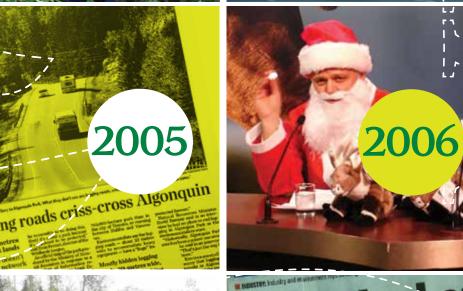
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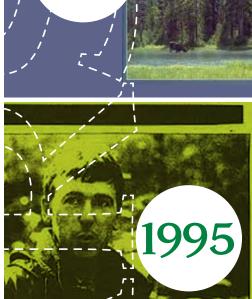




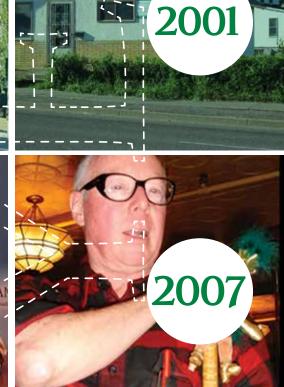


















The Boreal Forest











www.wildlandsleague.org/50-years/

1965 Renowned U of T Zoologist **Douglas Pimlott** issues a clarion call to preserve wilderness in Ontario triggering a "preservationist upsurge".

1968 **Algonquin Wildlands** League is born. Abbott Conway issues "Algonquin Alert" urges public to report activity that violates wilderness values in park, calls for halt to commercial logging.

1969 Ontario gov tries to put a lid on brewing controversy surrounding Algonquin due to League's mass media techniques and broad based preservation **campaign.** Advisory committee is formed.

1970 League fights to end logging in Lake Superior Provincial Park. They find that 95% of crown timber licenses in park are held by two US based logging companies.

1971 League publishes *Why* Wilderness? A Report on Mismanagement in Lake Superior **Provincial Park** Includes 8 principles for effective action that hold true to this day.

1972 Wilderness Now is **published.** Articulated League's wilderness philosophy and recommendations to achieve protection. First noteworthy attempt to define wilderness preservation policy in Ontario.

1973 After almost 5 years, the battle for Quetico wilderness is won. Full page ads run in the Toronto Telegram with help of Pollution Probe. 77% of Algonquin remains open to logging.

1974 "The truth is we don't need to log the park; we shouldn't be logging the park, and now is the time to begin the phasing out process," **Stephen Lewis**, Ontario NDP Leader says of Algonquin Park.

1976 **Jeff Miller**, one of the League's founding members, leads a group on a 21-day trip in Algonquin Park.

1977 **New regulations** are put in place in Algonquin as number of visitors doubles.

1978 League's efforts lead to **Blue** Book in Ontario, park planning and management policies manual. It commits gov to establish a slew of wilderness parks.

1979 Logging is prohibited in 50% of Lake Superior Provincial Park.

1980 **Algonquin Wildlands** League joins CPAWS.

1981 245 candidate **provincial parks** are identified to meet the Blue Book standards.

1982

Epic struggle. Facing formidable and well-financed opposition, League fights to protect candidate **parks** when Ontario gov embarks on Strategic Land Use Planning program.

1983

announcing creation of 5 wilderness parks

1985

League accepts a compromise on **private leases in** Algonquin to end in **2017** however gov would renew them years later without a similar level of public consultation.

1986 We begin operating as Wildlands League to

1987 After relentless campaigning alongside Ontario Nature and CPAWS, **Bruce** expand on work beyond **Peninsula National** Algonquin Park. Park is created.

1989 **Endangered Spaces** campaign launches. Doug Pimlott is honoured in book, edited by Monte Hummel, called *Endangered Spaces: the future for*

Canada's wilderness.

1990 t-shirts and mugs, & 'essays on ecology' 1991

Wildlands in a coalition, represented by Canadian **Environmental Law** Association, participates in the **Timber Class EA hearings**, which span from 1988 to 1992.

1992

lead to new law and fundaforestry. **New consensus:** forest is a complex ecological system with vider of wood products.

1993

Wildlands and allies fight harmful railway expansion in Algonquin Park which could lead to 50 moose fatalities each year, increased risk of toxic spills, and air and water pollution in the park.

1994

Wildlands News calls on supporters to **protect** the Algoma Highlands.

1995 Tim Gray then E.D., fights for Algoma Highlands home to last remaining old growth hardwood and white

pine forests in North America. League prevails as CN Railway abandons Algonquin Rail expansion.

1996

League achieves big environmental victory after **court agrees** with them that 6 forest management plans are illegal because they did not meet sustainability requirements set out in law.

1997 **Partnership for Public Lands begins.**

And Wildlands League also begins long lasting friendship and partnership with forest company Tembec (now known as Rayonier Advanced Materials).

1998 Wildlands League is

instrumental is developing **Forest Stewardship Council Certification** (FSC) globally.

1999 Wildlands through PPL

establishes **2.4 million** ha of protected areas thereby doubling the area covered by parks in northern and central Ontario.

2000

League moves into 401 Richmond W. where we still operate out of today. We also publish a discussion paper on how to end logging in **Algonquin Park while** protecting jobs.

2001 We open our Thunder Bay office.

2002

League, Ontario **Nature & WWF publish** Big Wild, a 12 page fullcolour doc highlighting importance of boreal forest and work with First Nations.

2003

League publishes two national reports on: alternatives to clearcutting in **Boreal Forests** and **Aboriginal values** in protected areas in Canada. 2004

League disentangles **50,000** ha of parks from mining claims and draws attention to potential mining waste being pumped into Groundhog River Provincial Park home to rare lake sturgeon.

2005

League alerts the public that there are more km of logging roads in Algonquin Park than in the city of Toronto or running between Halifax and Vancouver.

2006 New parks laws

is passed enshrining ecological integrity as management priority. Santa Claus and League deliver caribou toys to Queen's Park sounding alarm on reindeers' cousins, boreal caribou.

2007

Long-time Wildlands supporter and wilderness enthusiast, **Glen Davis**, is honoured posthumously with the Abbott Conway Award.

2008

Wildlands fights unjust Mining Act alongside many others and supports Bob Lovelace & KI Six. Culminates in 1,000 people, teepees, sleepover at Queen's Park, & victory at Ontario Court of Appeal.

2009

staking frenzy in the Ring of

2010

League plays a lead role in **rerouting of** transmission line away from intact caribou habitat in Wabakimi Provincial Park. Tembec, League and First Nations begin co-creating plan for caribou and jobs.

2011

John Cutfeet returns as bilingual (OjiCree-English), Watershed Program Coordinator. League brings journalist to Albany River and is featured in Toronto Star story called *Rafting to the Ring* of Fire.

2012

League and partners release first ever caribou action plan in Canada covering **3 million** ha in northeastern Ontario. 23,000km2 off limits to mining as a result of KI's and Wildlands' efforts to protect lands and waters.

2013

Lightening the Footprint is implemented for Algonquin Park which adds **96,089** ha of protection to **the park** bringing total protection to 35%. League launches lawsuit to protect species at risk in Ontario.

2014

Wildlands applauds the Environmental Commissioner's call to end logging in Algonquin Park.

2015

Risks of methylmercury contamination highlighted in Hudson Bay Lowlands and is profiled in a documentary called *After the Last River* by Victoria Lean.

2015

Special report published on failures of self-monitoring and self-reporting at the De Beers Victor Diamond Mine in northern Ontario. League photos reveal exten**sive damage** by Ring of Fire mining exploration.

2016

Making a stand for species at risk at the **Ontario Court of Appeal**.

2018

Janet Sumner, current E.D. & co-chair of National Advisory Panel, publishes Canada's Conservation Vision and speaks with TVO's Steve Paikin about new \$1.3 billion investment for nature by federal government.

2016 After rectifying a critical

weakness in law governing Rouge National Urban Park, Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** Paddles the Rouge with League.

2017 Common no more? League calls for end to moose calf hunt and creation of

moose refuge areas.

2017

League stands with Moose Cree First Nation and calls on Ontario to permanently protect the **North** French River.

2018 The Cochrane Plan.

League hosts family friendly event in Cochrane in support of jobs and caribou. League fights to remove harmful transmission line from Pukaskwa National Park.