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General Meeting December 9th

Mark Wednesday December 9th on your calendar as the next General Meeting at Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road. We try to start at 8:00pm sharp so try to be a few minutes early and pitch in to set up.

Some of the items we'll be covering at the meeting will be:

Komoka Creek Destruction Update

Yes, you read it right. It appears that despite the protests of the TRAA, landowners and other stakeholders, heavy equipment has gone into specific stretches of Komoka Creek to create havoc. This promises to "up the ante" in the battle for environmentally responsible methods over the moronically heavy-handed and shortsighted practices that have recently been taken. Pictures of the results of the latest stupidity are opposite.

Springbank Dam

It looks like the first public volley has been fired in the legal wrangle over who's at fault over the failure of the "improved" Springbank Dam. The claim is that a bunch of unqualified people ran the gates while the qualified folks were out to lunch. You just can't make this stuff up!

Springbank Dam Monitoring: 'Year 2'

'Year 2' of the post-construction monitoring of fish passage was completed with the report submitted to the City of London in August, 2009. We were promised that it would be published in early November and we're still waiting. They must be putting quite a spin on this year's results!

Storm Sewer Awareness Program

There was discussion regarding the possibility of the TRAA launching an awareness program for storm sewers in the London area. Many folks don't realise that these sewers flow directly to our area rivers and streams.

There are programs and resources available so we'll discuss these possibilities further at the December 9th General Meeting.

Komoka Creek Destruction



Komoka Creek is one of the last *cold water tributaries existing in the* Thames River watershed. How can you justify this senselessness?



This is not a solution to any situation; it is an abomination of rational thought. This is a short term, quick fix that benefits no one.

TRAA Business Cards

There seems to be renewed interest in getting TRAA business cards printed up for members to give out at different events and "on the water". We'll have some draft designs to pass around and discuss at the meeting on December 9th.