

President's Report 2007 - 2008

- before I begin, I want everyone to remember that today is the third, only the third, anniversary of the formation of the GMPOA - we have much to be proud of!

- thanks to each and every GMPOA member for supporting your MC, thanks to all of the volunteers and donors who generously donated time, money and goods and services and special thanks to the members of the MC for working many, many long hours - thanks also to the RM's of St. Clements and Alexander for their financial and technical support on GMPOA projects

- this past year saw more progress on the issues identified by our membership, a refining of operating procedures and policies and an increase in knowledge about how to work effectively with government - more information will be presented during committee reports about progress made in 2008 on these issues and on the GMPOA's founding purposes: to promote community by lobbying for improvements to Grand Marais, to promote community by helping members report and follow up on concerns and to promote community by dispensing fair, comprehensive, accurate information

- **BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR** (about which more information will be presented later) include:
 - COPP funding increase
 - Staircase Reconstruction Project partnership with the RM of St. Clements
 - 2008 fire Truck Pull In Grand Marais in partnership with the EBFR
 - Increased media recognition and contact

- like last year, I ask for your patience, and more importantly your assistance, in trying to resolve your issues; it takes time to successfully resolve your long-standing issues - thanks to the RM for their efforts to resolve many of these issues in a satisfactory manner; however we still need the RM's support and determination to go forward and resolve other as-yet-outstanding issues

- we still need you, our member to help so we can accomplish your goals - we NEED you to volunteer 2 hours sometime in the next calendar year- a \$!0 membership does not enable us to hire so we need a couple of your hours! - there are sheets

circulating throughout the room on which you can express your interest to help out in the future and where you can indicate what kind of activities you are comfortable with (flipping burgers, selling tickets, delivering newsletters, etc.) and which events you would be interested in supporting (FTP, COPP, Staircase Reconstruction, delivering newsletters, selling tickets, etc.)

- it has been an honour to serve as president of the GMPOA the past 2 and to have worked with so many capable, diligent people - I wish the future president the same happiness, cooperation and success as I have experienced in this position

- respectfully submitted to the GMPOA AGM, August 30, 2008

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2007 - 2008 President
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