



Sources of Knowledge Newsletter

Sharing Perspectives on the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Bruce Peninsula

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As 2017 begins, the Sources of Knowledge Board is already looking ahead to a busy and interesting year. Here are some things that you should know about.

Board of Directors 2017

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We especially welcome Lindsey Griffith and Esme Batten to the Board. They joined the Board at our annual general meeting in October and we look forward to their contributions to our overall activities.

Recently, the position of Director Emeritus was created to recognize the esteem that the Board has for some long-term directors who might wish to assume somewhat smaller

roles on the Board. Gordon Nelson was named the first Director Emeritus.

Gordon Nelson's Contributions

Gordon Nelson is one of the founding members of Sources of Knowledge, encouraging the creation of this independent organization through his work on the Parks Advisory Committee. As a result of his commitment, Sources of Knowledge has become an effective vehicle for sharing information about the Bruce.



Gordon Nelson

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Gordon Nelson is currently Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo and is the former Dean of Environmental Studies. He continues to research and publish on land use and environmental change, environmental planning, conservation and protected areas. He holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University. Gordon is a recipient of the

Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Massey Medal.

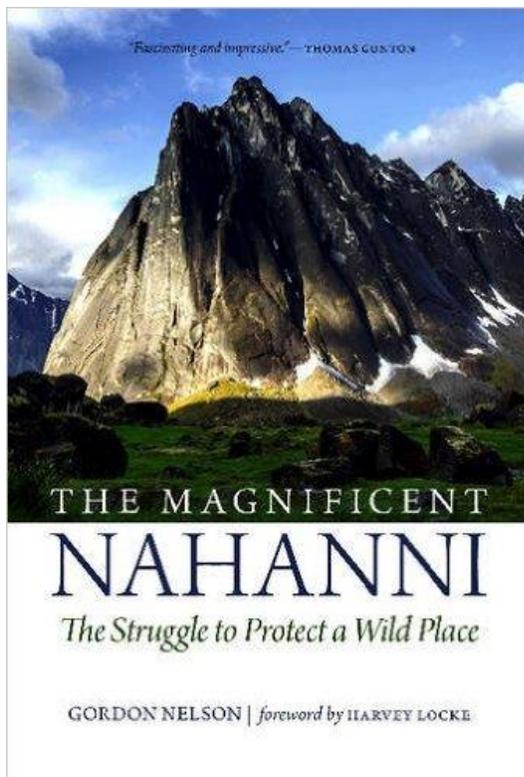
Gordon's Recent Publications

- *Places: Linking Nature and Culture for Understanding and Planning* (with Patrick L. Lawrence), University of Calgary Press, 2009.

- *Beyond the Global City: Understanding and Planning for the Diversity of Ontario*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2012.

- *National Parks and Protected Areas: keystones to Conservation and Sustainable Development* (with Rafal Serafin), Springer Science & Business Media, 2013.

In March, 2017, the University of Regina Press will publish Gordon's latest book, *The Magnificent Nahanni: The Struggle to Protect a Wild Place*. According to Gordon,



“the book describes the natural wonders of the watershed and the evolving history of

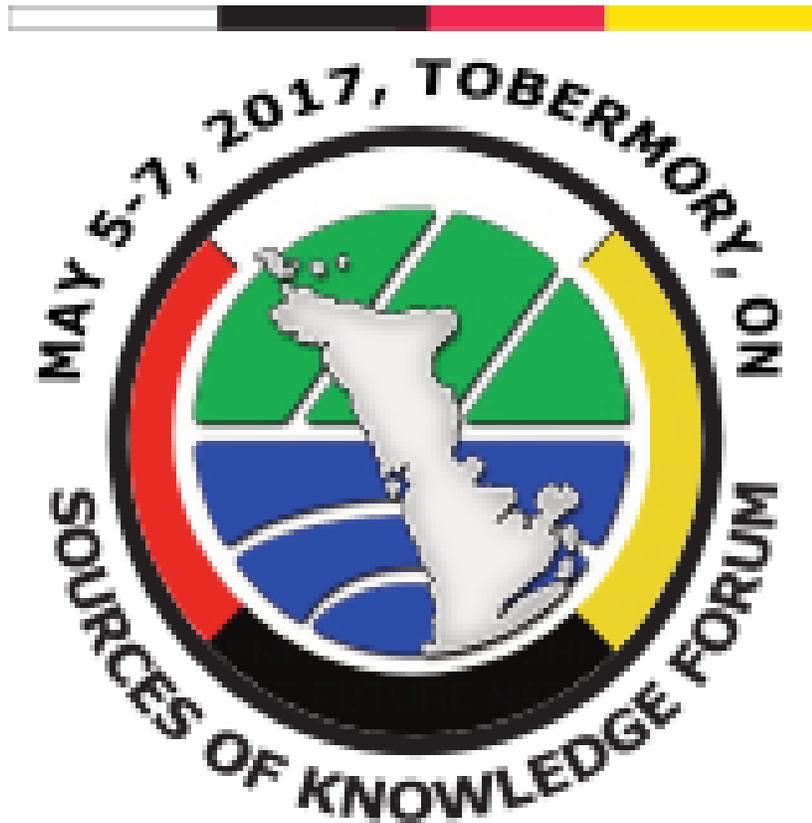
theory, policies, practices and campaigning that eventually led to a small initial Park in 1976 to watershed scale Reserve in 2009. The story of the Nahanni is fascinating for its own sake and because it shows changing approaches made in establishing national parks and protected areas over recent decades.”

We will endeavour to have copies of *Magnificent Nahanni* available at Forum 2017.

Annual SOK Forum 2017

Sources of Knowledge's ninth annual Forum will take place from **Friday, May 5th, until Sunday, May 7th**. As in the past, activities will be centred on the Tobermory Community Centre.

Titled “Accounting for the Past, Envisioning the Future: A Seven Generations Framework for the Bruce Peninsula”, this Forum will look at how we might plan the future of the Peninsula using a First Nations approach. The Seven Generations Framework recognizes that each individual's actions should be influenced by the experiences of the three generations before them (great-grandparents, grandparents and parents) and the needs of the three generations to follow them (children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren). Applying this perspective to social, economic and political decision making intensifies bonds within communities, promotes stability, and offers concrete values for decision making. Various forms of this philosophy are found in aboriginal cultures around the world.



The four colours used in the Forum logo have great significance for First Nations, representing alternatively the four cardinal directions, the four seasons, the four stages of humankind and the four elements of nature.

This year's Forum builds on ideas considered in the previous two Forums about the Great Arc. The Great Arc refers to the shape of the Niagara Escarpment as tracks across southern Ontario, northern Michigan and eastern Wisconsin. Using this physical feature as a reference point, we can more easily recognize the impacts of the natural environment on human activities – especially First Nations – and the impacts of human activities on natural systems. This year we endeavour to look to the future of our unique area.

As in previous years, the Forum will feature an interesting combination of workshops, videos, discussion sessions, field trips, a keynote speaker, displays, an art show and an excellent dinner.

At this point, details are still being finalized but we are excited to announce that the keynote speaker for this May's Forum will be John Borrows of the University of Victoria. Professor Borrows is currently the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law and an international authority on the legal traditions and legal reasoning of Aboriginal peoples.

Professor Borrows and his team are focusing their activities on laws that indigenous peoples developed over millennia to help them effectively use natural resources and natural processes. These laws helped the people to regulate their communities and solve disputes. It is his contention that these legal traditions can be applied more broadly to the whole of Canadian society.

Please regularly check the Sources of Knowledge website for updates about the program and registration. Last year's Forum sold out and we are anticipating a high degree of enthusiasm for this year's theme, so register early.

SOK Talks

Sources of Knowledge is beginning a new initiative this year labelled "SOK Talks". We envision these events to be high interest

talks on topics relevant to the natural environment and cultural makeup of the Bruce Peninsula. They will be free to the general public and held in convenient places in our communities. The first SOK Talk - an interesting account of travelling across North America in an electric automobile by Allan and Ann Morgan – was held on November 15th.

Our **next SOK Talk** will be held on **Wednesday, March 01 at 7:30p** at the **Lion's Head Rotary Hall**.

The talk will be co-hosted by the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group and Sources of Knowledge. The event is designed to reflect on key milestones over the past 140+ years, and how they have had an effect on the Bruce Peninsula of today. What can we learn from the past, so we can envision a more sustainable future? At the May Sources of Knowledge Forum, we will use these ideas in considering various futures for the Bruce.

Three key milestones have been chosen to begin the discussion:

- 1) 1830s – 1860s Treaties affecting lands of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation – Lenore Keeshig.
- 2) 1908 The catastrophic forest fire – Lynn Watson, Watson Sawmill
- 3) 1960 The advent of tourism on the Bruce – Rick Salen, Blue Heron Boat Cruises

Following the panel presentation, the audience will break into groups to identify additional key historical milestones and how they have affected the Peninsula today. The intent is to prepare a timeline as a key reference for the May 2017 Sources of Knowledge Forum. Hope to see you there!

Sources of Knowledge Bursary

If you know students graduating from high school this year who are residents of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula or are Saugeen Ojibway First Nations, encourage them to apply for the Sources of Knowledge Bursary. This award is offered to students continuing on to college or university in programs generally related to the natural environment and conservation. Up to \$1000 is available to qualifying students and can be applied for in subsequent years of tertiary education. Information about the Bursary is available on our website, from high school guidance councillors or from SOK Directors.

Kids in the Parks Program

Remind teachers who you know throughout the Bruce Peninsula that Sources of Knowledge offers finance assistance to cover the cost of bussing students to the national parks at the tip of the Bruce. In addition, officials at the Parks will work with the teachers to design effective field trip experiences. Interested teachers should contact Lenore Keeshig at Lenore.Keeshig@pc.gc.ca or (519) 596-2233 ext 240 for more details.



