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Welcome to the March 2023 edition of *Under the Surface*

We need a few water sampling volunteers in Huntsville and Bracebridge. Our citizen science salt volunteers made the news! Let us know if you are spreading ash on your own property.. We had another good, but snowy, ash drive.

FOTMW celebrates ten years and as a birthday gift we'd love a donation— thanks to Canada Helps, March is the perfect month to do that. There are also a few important dates to put on your calendar.



Hey Ash Spreaders, we'd love to chat with you

At FOTMW, our goal is to protect our watershed—and a healthy forest and watershed go hand in hand.

We appreciate everyone who has donated ash. Without them, we

adding wood ash to our forests.

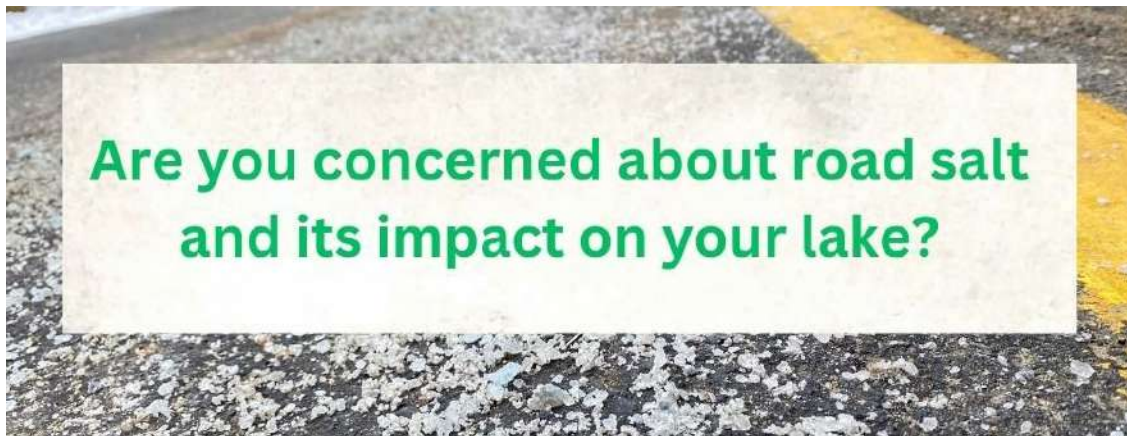
But we also appreciate those who are supporting our work by restoring their own forests using clean wood stove or fireplace ash. We want to be able to measure this additional impact of our ASHMuskoka work and thank you for your effort.

If you or your friend, neighbour, parent, workmate ... well, if you know anyone who has been a "self-spreader", let us know.

If you are spreading ash on your property, we want to know! We don't need too many details; we are trying to get an understanding of how many people are spreading ash and where they are doing it.

Email spencer@fotmw.org or call 705 640 0948. And thanks to those who have already reached out. It's great to hear from you. Ash donors, we are looking forward to seeing you on April 22 at our last ash drive until the fall.

[I'm a self-spreader](#)



**We need volunteers
to take water samples in Bracebridge
and Huntsville. Contact
Spencer@fotmw.org to participate**



Citizen Science volunteers needed!

Road salt is impacting our lakes and we are piloting a salt citizen

and Huntsville to take water samples at select locations in their community.

It's about 3 x per week, during the spring season, and will be complete by May 1. The total time commitment is about one hour per week.

If this interests you and you'd like to get involved, email spencer@fotmw.org or call 705 640-0948.

Help us protect our watersheds forever.

spencer@fotmw.org



Friends of the Muskoka Watershed

celebrates the women who were lead authors on important research papers for FOTMW this year.

Shelby Conquer

Kathy Corcoran

Natalie Kim

Katie Paroschy

Sarah Sinclair

Andrea Smith

Batool S. Syeda

Friends of the Muskoka Watershed is 10

And we are celebrating!



Thanks to supporters like you, the future is bright for Muskoka watersheds.

We've got big plans for the next 10 years (even the next 10 months!) and we want you to be a part of it.

When you become a monthly donor to Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, you're giving sustainability and certainty to projects that will address the greatest threats to the Muskoka we love: the impact of road salt, calcium decline, algal blooms and toxic chemicals.

Plus, if you set up a monthly donation of more than \$20 before March 31, 2023, CanadaHelps will donate an additional \$20! It might not sound like much, but it's that consistency and care that make all the difference.

[Yes, I'll make it monthly for Friends of the Muskoka Watershed](#)

Our Citizen Scientists made the news!



Volunteers from the Gull & Silver Lake Residents' Association are taking water samples to determine chloride levels in water heading into area lakes. Thanks to Muskoka news organizations including South Muskoka Doppler, Muskoka 411, Moose FM, Country 101, Muskoka Unlimited, Muskoka Today, Muskoka Region and CTV news for the coverage of our story.

[Watch us on CTV news](#)

Save the date for our 2023 AGM



Sunday, June 11
at 2 p.m.



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**At the Muskoka Discovery Centre.
275 Steamship Bay Road, Gravenhurst
More information to come.**

**Thank you to everyone who braved the wintry
weather to donate at ash drive on March 25.**



Thank you for donating
to our
**MARCH 25 ASH
DRIVE**
We had too many donors to
show all the photos!



**A big thanks to all
the volunteers who
helped with
Saturday's ash drive!**



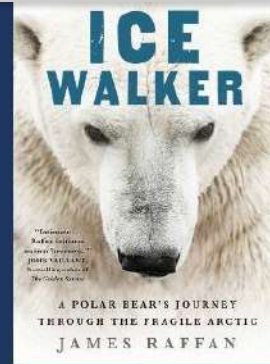
**Next drive:
Saturday, April 22**

James Raffan

Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm

The legendary writer, explorer, climate advocate in conversation on the campus of Rosseau Lake College.

Tickets \$15, available at rosseaulakecollege.com/events/raffan



Our partners at Rosseau Lake College are welcoming the community to see James Raffan speak about his arctic experience.

[Buy a ticket](#)



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Watershed

Friends of the Muskoka Watershed is working to protect our Muskoka Watersheds forever.

Interested in supporting us? We welcome new members, donors, volunteers and supporters. A membership is just \$50 per person, \$90 per family and \$250 for a business. We are a charity and can offer receipts for tax purposes.

Be the change you want to see in the world.

Help us to make a difference.

Contact sandy@fotmw.org if you want to know more.



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***Turning science into community-wide action
to protect your Muskoka watershed.***

***Proactively identifying environmental threats and proposing solutions so your piece
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