



I remember reading that Mayor David Crombie of Toronto remarked while discussing the city traffic chaos that "Everyone has the right to go downtown, they don't necessarily have the right to take a ton and a half of steel with them."

The same philosophy can be applied to the bush. We saw our share of garbage and unsuitable toilet arrangements on trips in places only accessibly by canoe. We returned to Toronto to find the beaches closed through pollution, City Hall making inane excuses after dumping thousands of additional gallons of raw sewage into the lake and Ontario Hydro tying itself in knots trying to explain its nuclear problems. How can one small beach receive its rightful attention when surrounded by this massive carelessness? I think that we should follow the example of these letters and plague the authorities with detailed reports of pollution, however small, so they at least have to keep replying.

I hope to include one such reply in the next issue.

With reference to the above, here is a reprint of the M.N.R. ACCESS ROADS POLICY FROM THEIR LAND USE GUIDELINES.

- Access roads will be built to stimulate development and use of Ontario's natural resources.
- Access roads' plans will take into account tourism requirements for isolation, the needs of the mining and forest resources industries, outdoor recreation opportunities for residents of Ontario and transportation routes for remote communities.
- Access roads' plan will be developed on a long-term basis and will be subject to public consultation.
- Plans will take into account the requirement (if any) for public access.
- Roads will be classified as permanent or temporary based on intended use.
- Temporary roads will be physically "decommissioned" when intended uses are fulfilled.
- Access roads may be closed temporarily or seasonally to the public for resource management and/or public safety reasons.
- Alignment of roads will be planned:
 - i) to avoid lake access,
 - ii) to provide controlled access, or
 - iii) to provide public access consistent with

We have the following Ministry publications in our possession and can, of course, make them available.

"Environment Update" published by Environment Canada

"Parkscan" published by Parks Canada Information Division

Assorted news release & publications from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Reports from The Nature Conservancy of Canada

Ontario Hydro- "Environmental Assessment Summary for Ontario Hydro's Hanmer Transformer Station to Mississagi Transformer Station"

We also have Environment Canada's "Citizen's Guide 1982" - a sort of who's who & what's what in Environment Canada on a regional basis. Regional directors & managers, publications, how to get funding, Environment Canada's Mandate.

We have the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Land Use Guidelines for the following districts:

Alymer	Cornwall
Blind River	Espanola
Bracebridge	Napanee
Carleton Place	Wawa

and we are in the process of acquiring the rest.

Finally I come to the promised beaver. It is a little bizarre that the previously mentioned Red Squirrel Lake provided us with hours of enjoyment playing with the beaver this year. We had excellent chances of observing them and this led to considerable discussion and surmise as to how much effect their increase or demise would have on the routes we travelled. I propose to look into their con- and de-structive influence, their habits and present population situation for the next issue. I would be pleased to receive some input from anyone with an hour or two available to share their knowledge.

If you live in Toronto, any snippet for conservation can be read onto our tape machine at 461-4249. In fact you have 60 undisturbed minutes to report on anything appropriate, which might be easier than writing it down