

# HEART OF THE BAY

St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association

Since 2003, the SMBSA has focused on the responsible stewardship of the St. Margaret's Bay Watershed.

- Environmental and community issues
- Non-profit, charitable status
- SMB community values advocacy
- Environmental stewardship
- Islands, watersheds, forests and the bay itself!
- Community stewardship
- Infrastructure
- Developmental issues
- Sustainability
- By-law Reform

# Who is this guy?

- Stewardship Coordinator – SMBSA and WRWEO
- 9 years in position
- 12- year volunteer
- Coordinator of the Healthy Forest Coalition
- Arborist and Forest Worker
- +12 years working in forestry and arboriculture
- Watcher of Star Trek



# Environmental Stewardship?

Responsible and conscientious uses of, and recreation within, the natural environment with a community-based approach to sustainability, conservation, monitoring, impact reduction, and observation.

# Stewardship Programs of the SMBSA

- 14 islands in St. Margaret's Bay
- The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program
- Ingram River Wilderness Area
- Over 225 formally trained Stewards
- Over 350 casual volunteers



# What can CBWS do for HRM?

- Reduce environmental impacts
- Reduce safety risks - wildfire, trail braiding
- Increase recreational values
- Affect cultural and community change
- Decrease management cost
- Factorially increase return investments through in-kind contributions
- Increase long-term planning
- Work to ensure sustainability of HRM Wilderness and green spaces

# Bluff Trail Stewardship Program

“You’re doing Parks Canada-level work here.” – David MacKinnon, System Planning Coordinator, NSE Protected Areas





