



Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust

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Dear Friends,

Here we are at the end of another year (already!).

I want to start by thanking you for your part in helping us to secure the 282 acre property: **Chatson Woods at Rose Hill Nature Reserve**. It was a mere 2 months ago that I wrote to you for funding support to help us acquire this important addition to our property portfolio. The response to this appeal has been overwhelming and very heart warming. **Thank you!** We have been successful in raising the funds we need and we are now only days away from closing the deal. We couldn't have done it without you.



What I find inspiring in your response is that conservation is clearly as close to your heart as it is to mine. The idea of leaving a part of our natural world to evolve in its own way is a legacy that we can all share in. **We are making a difference.** In a world where the news is often negative and overwhelming, this is a good news story. And we all need those.

In our first Impact Report, released earlier this year, we learn that **our properties are contributing over \$20 million annually in ecological services**. Climate change is front and centre for many of us in terms of our concerns. Conserving our forests and wetlands is one of the most powerful tools we have to mitigate the effects of climate change. [You can access the Impact Report here](#) - it is worth reading.

As we close out another busy and successful year at MMLT, I am full of gratitude. I am especially thankful for this incredible community of passionate, committed, and generous people. I am thankful for where I live and the natural beauty of this area. I am extremely grateful for the hardworking and dedicated team of MMLT staff, Board, and volunteers who go beyond what is expected and give their time generously. Together, we are making a difference. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being part of this.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks from all of us at MMLT and best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Today, December 3rd, is Giving Tuesday. If you have not had a chance to make a donation to us this year, or even if you have and would like to make another, you can still do so before December 31st. Because of the mail strike, the best way to do this is online, through our website: mmlt.ca, or by calling the office at (613) 253-2722. Please note, our office will be closed Dec 24 – Jan 3. I also encourage you to [renew your membership for 2025](#), or to become a member if you are not already. Memberships are now eligible for tax receipts, as are your donations.

With thanks,

Stephen Kotze, President