



S.C.O.B.G.A. announces Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for future hatchery

The South Central Ontario Big Game Association (S.C.O.B.G.A.) is busy making plans for its latest conservation project - a fish hatchery to be located in Oshawa. The impetus for the ambitious project came from former O.F.A.H. Board member, longtime S.C.O.B.G.A. member, and passionate conservationist Norm Monaghan, who passed away earlier this year. Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the club was successful in securing over eight thousand dollars for a new well to get the project underway.

“We are picking this hatchery up in Norm’s absence,” said S.C.O.B.G.A. Club Membership Chairman Randy Love at the media event announcing the O.T.C. grant. The drilling site was to be determined in September and work on the hatchery was expected to progress from there.

The club is still awaiting word from the Ministry of Natural Resources on which species of fish they will be permitted to raise at the hatchery.

There are plans for the hatchery to eventually include a classroom, as part of an educational hatchery program for local school children. The club has participated in classroom hatcheries in the past, and the new permanent hatchery will provide the opportunity to reach many more schools.

Making the presentation on behalf of O.T.F. was Jerry Ouellette M.P.P. for Oshawa, who is also a S.C.O.B.G.A. member. Also on hand to offer congratulations was Oshawa Regional and City Councillor Robert Lutczyk, and several members of the club.

