

Environment Report of Aug. 19 Cabinet meeting District I

I will try to follow up Angus' efforts on the environment. He is a hard act to follow.

My hope for this year is to find out what the clubs in our district are currently doing for the environment, so as to share with others, things that might be a new idea.

By watching my own community and club, it appears there is a lack of recycling of those materials which are accepted by our local garbage collector. What better way of helping our communities and countries, than to keep as much material as we can from the landfills.

One business in our area is collecting food wastes from restaurants and having out bins for the local home owners to deposit theirs in, and then making compost from this and other things.

I have heard that many clubs in Canada are collecting plastic bags and then recycling them for benches. US clubs would have a problem with this as our government has outlawed plastic bags for retail purposes.

Highway cleanup is always a great way to make a difference.

An interesting project that I have heard of and seen pictures of the result, is transplanting beavers by air into remote stream locations, so as to create new wetlands and help control fires. We as Lions, may not be able to take part in this, but can encourage continued efforts on this front.

I will need contact information for of all the clubs in our new district, so I can make contact with them, both getting information from them and letting them know of new ideas.