

Expert to speak on river sediment life

Ian Harris, a retired toxicologist and research chemist, will speak at an upcoming meeting of Lambton Wildlife Inc., where he will share a recent survey of small animals living in the sediment of the St. Clair River and the North Sydenham River. The meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 26, at Lochiel Kiwanis Centre, 180 N. College Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m.



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The purpose of the survey was to supply baseline data to see how the cleanup work underway by industry was

improving the habitat of the invertebrates.

Harris made the study a retirement project, spending six years on the St. Clair and five years on the Sydenham. Because the rivers are so different from one another, the study was good for comparison purposes. The results show two entirely different populations of these animals, subject to different types of stress. Some

of the "critters are familiar, like the water strider and the May fly. Others, like the exotic-looking spiny water flea and the aquatic pill bug, aren't as familiar.

The results of his work were published in The Canadian Nature Review.

Guests are welcome to come out and hear Harris's presentation.

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