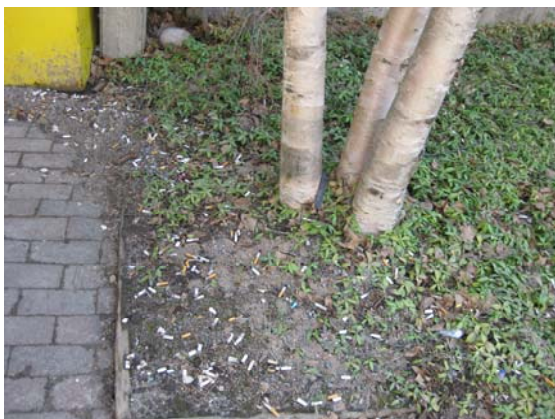


SWB Cleans Up Sault College... One Butt at a Time

On Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22nd 2009, members of the Algoma Youth Action Alliance's Schools Without Borders committee along with representative Sault College staff and students picked up cigarette butts on Sault College property. Cigarette butts contain toxic chemicals which poison the soil and seep into our waterways from storm drains and city streets; all this garbage takes an average of over 25 years to biodegrade. During the two hours spent on campus, 15,301 butts were cleaned up. This initiative was an opportunity to demonstrate to our community and College the need to step up Sault College's plans to improve current smoking policies. Following up from this clean up, 51 trees were planted at Extencicare Tendercare Nursing Home.



L to R: Michelle Millar, Marissa Schlipacke., Kassandra Yun, Kylee Adam, Kyren Yun, Rachel Rowswell, Brianne Madonna, Jessica Fiacconi, Logan Kennedy, Katherine Dubreuil, Felisha Cuglietta, Corina Artuso, Pat Maninos, Tristina Turco and Lauren Bangma



Cigarette butts on Sault College Campus



Rick Wing (Dean of School of Continuing Education), Felisha and Logan



Littered cigarette butts beside container designed for them

Extendicare & Clean North give SWB a Green Thumbs- Up!

The health effects of tobacco industry products are well known as it is the number one leading cause of preventable deaths in Canada. However, the environmental destruction that also takes place is often overlooked. An example is that one tree is destroyed to manufacture 300 cigarettes. Following up from our pickup on the Sault College campus, we planted (in partnership with Clean North and Sault College) 51 trees at Extendicare. In doing so, we healed some of the environmental damage caused by tobacco industry products while generating awareness about the environmental destruction caused by tobacco industry products - an issue that transcends generations.



L to R: Don McGorman, Don, Kyrena Yun, Michelle Millar, Cassandra Yun, Tina Newell, Jessica Fiacconi, Katherine Dubreuil, Rachel Rowswell, Haley Allen, Sarah McNeeley, Lauren Bangma, Pat Maninos and Corina Artuso



SWB members Kyrena, Logan, Rachel, Cassandra and Michelle spreading soil for the trees



SWB members add the final soil

On Left: Tina and Katherine planting the first tree