



Ecology Action Centre

Annual Report
2016/17



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

This year we hit an exciting milestone – 5000 members! This means that 5000 of you are adding your voices for protection of our forests, oceans and waterways, for sustainable cities, and for healthy local food systems. All of you are advocating for transportation systems designed for people, better energy solutions, and action on climate justice. You, our members, help sustain our organization and give us the strength to move this work forward – a warm, sincere thank-you to each and every one of you.

This year we developed our newest strategic plan (see opposite page). Carrying us through the next 5 years, this plan will see us better focus, evaluate, and tell the story of our work. It'll also help us better weave the cross-cutting themes of biodiversity protection, climate change, and environmental justice throughout our work and connect us across our action areas.

We also saw a change in leadership this year. On March 31, 2017, our long-time Managing Director Maggy Burns finished up at Ecology Action Centre to move on to new adventures. Luckily for us she remains an active member of our EAC ecosystem. Marla MacLeod has stepped into the Managing Director role. Marla has been on staff at the EAC for over 13 years, most recently as our Senior Food Coordinator. She is excited about the new opportunities and challenges that this shift brings. The seamless change in the Managing Director post made it relatively easy for the Board to balance its attention on its overall fiduciary and strategic responsibilities.

On Earth Day 2016 we held the Grand Opening of our newly renovated office building on Fern Lane! As we've settled back into our space, we've been thoroughly pleased to find that our predictions of energy savings have been quite accurate. With a year of data under our belt, we calculated the energy intensity of our building at 56kWh/m²/yr, which is 85% less than the national average. This makes the EAC one of the most energy efficient offices in Canada, and the most energy efficient retrofit, as far as we know.

As always, our home at Fern Lane is a hive of activity. Throughout this report, you'll find the highlights of the year.

Our work on biodiversity protection ranged from land to sea. We led the fight to protect Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park from a huge sprawl development – and mobilized over 1400 letters to Halifax Council in the process! We celebrated a victory for deep sea corals, with two new areas protected from bottom fishing in the Maritime region, the Corsair Canyon and Jordan Basin. While our court case against genetically modified salmon didn't result in a legal victory, we are proud of the gains we made in raising the risks of genetically modified organisms to biodiversity with Canadian lawmakers and the public. We predict that this will be a major issue in the coming years.

We continue to take action on climate change. Our energy team continued to advocate for an effective, equitable carbon price in Nova Scotia and hosted a public panel series on Cap and Trade. Meanwhile, our coastal and water team has been active on climate change adaptation, and launched sealevelrise.ca to help educate coastal communities across Atlantic Canada about sea-level rise.

In all of this work, we hold the importance of ensuring that all people, especially the most vulnerable, are included. We continued to expand our cost-share local food box programs in Cape Breton and Southeast NB, and piloted one in Cape Breton. Welcoming Wheels provided bicycles, safety equipment and support to over 60 newcomers to Canada. We also continued our work with rural and Mi'kmaq communities to make community solar more possible.

We are proud of what we've accomplished this year and are ready to see what next year will bring.

Candace Stevenson and **Grant MacDonald**, *Board Co-chairs*
Marla MacLeod, *Managing Director*
Mark Butler, *Policy Director*



OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS STAFF

Community Giving Coordinator: Ryan O'Quinn
Data and Systems Officer: Sarah Wilkin
Digital Media Manager: Emma Boardman (until Dec. 2016)
Facilities and Operations Officer: Cormekia Clayton
Fern Lane Expansion Manager: Phoebe Owen (until June 2016)
Fern Lane Interpretation Officer: Adrian Howie (from Aug. 2016)
Finance Manager: Julia Pollack
Financial Director: Carla Vandenberg
Managing Director: Maggy Burns, Marla MacLeod (from Feb. 2017)
Policy Director: Mark Butler
Strathmere Group Administrative Assistant: Gabby Mills (from Nov. 2016)
Volunteer & Events Coordinator: Joanna Bull

The EAC's operations team helps with everything from staying in touch with our members, to supporting project staff in securing funding, to maintaining the building, to keeping the finances in tip-top shape, and more. The ops team had an exciting year. We ran our second pilot session of Power Up!, a new volunteer leadership training program offering skills in facilitation and organizing, to build capacity in our action committees. We conducted building tours for over 200 people, showcasing the energy efficiency, salvage, and other features of our green office building. We wrapped up the largest capital campaign in EAC's history, raising over \$300,000 for our recent eco-renovation. And our membership canvass team celebrated the milestone achievement of 5,000 members!



MEMBERSHIP STAFF

Membership Coordinator: Dana Lipnicki
Canvassing Supervisor: Gabriel Fontana (Nov. 2016-Feb. 2017), Julia McKaig (from Aug. 2016)
Membership Relations Officer: Rowan Swain
Membership Canvassers: Allister Littlefair-Wallace, Amanda Brown, Calen Kinney, Camille Cooper, Chelsea MacCormack, Daniel Ritchie, Edith Shum, Elias Elhaimer, Gabriel Fontana, Gwen McFallon, Hope Perez, Justin Chisholm, Kathryn McCluskey, Katrena Thomas, Kimlee Tomlinson, Lydia Welsh, Mary-Frances Martin, Michelle Moraitis, Nicholas Clarke, Olivia Belanger, Pamela Krieg, Quincy Russell, Rachael Macneil, Rebecca Cooke, Shakir Hector, Wenhui Gao, Willow Davidson

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION RESEARCH NETWORK

The CCRN is an international research project based out of Saint Mary's University and working in eleven countries. The EAC is coordinating research at the Nova Scotia (Mi'kma'ki) study site, looking at how the Centre has connected with local environmental stewardship initiatives and livelihood activities, and how these interactions affect our social-ecological resilience. CCRN has played a key supporting role in relationship-building between EAC and Indigenous communities, and in our ongoing exploration of environmental justice.

PROJECTS AND STAFF

Community Conservation Research Coordinator: Sadie Beaton

HIGHLIGHTS

- Convened a Truth and Reconciliation reading group, which engaged our members to reflect on the TRC Summary Report on residential schools in Canada and EAC's role in reconciliation.
- Supported the Grassroots Grandmothers in organizing the Mi'kma'ki Water Symposium and first annual Mi'kma'ki Water Walk in the Sipekne'katik district.
- Broadcasted an interview series called Shades of Green on CKDU and online, featuring a variety of thinkers and players in the local environmental justice landscape, exploring the question, "What is environmental justice, and what would it look like here?"

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment Committee advocates for ecologically sustainable urban planning and design in harmony with the natural and social environment.

PROJECTS AND STAFF

Our HRM Alliance: Jenny Lugar (from Nov. 2016), Mark Butler, Tristan Cleveland (until July 2016)

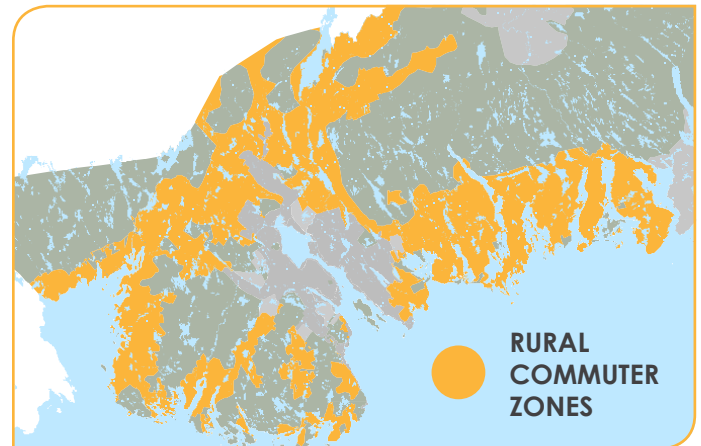
HIGHLIGHTS

- Helped organize major community opposition to the demolition of homes for an expanded Honda Dealership in the heart of the peninsula.
- Launched *Aiming for Net Zero*, a monthly speaker series on energy efficient building practices. The series has had a consistent turnout of 15-60 people and aims to create good will within the building industry to promote net zero energy buildings.
- Hosted a well-attended public panel discussion entitled *The Halifax Greenbelt: curbing taxes, directing growth, and protecting our natural assets*.
- Helped shape the HRM Centre Plan through direct collaboration with the municipality, and successfully advocated for appropriate height restrictions and design guidelines for pedestrian-oriented streets; participated in the Integrated Mobility Plan consultation process alongside the Transportation Action Team.
- Engaged members of Our HRM Alliance to increase public attendance at HRM-led consultations and stakeholders sessions for the Centre Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, and other municipal decisions.
- Supported community groups in achieving local successes, for example Musquodoboit Harbour in their request for funding to do a community plan, and Spryfield to have Herring Cove Road prioritized for sidewalk extensions.



THE HALIFAX GREENBELT

In January, we hosted a panel called *The Halifax Greenbelt: curbing taxes, directing growth, and protecting our natural assets*. The purpose was to start talking about what a Greenbelt means for HRM residents beyond the preservation of our incredible natural landscapes. The four panellists were Toronto lawyer David Donnelly, Graziella Grbac from the Main Street Dartmouth Business Improvement District, Dalhousie University's Karen Beazley, and Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia's Dusan Soudek, and they spoke to an audience of over 120 people. The panellists explained how crucial a Greenbelt is for wildlife, for continued access to lakes and rivers for recreational purposes, and to help our existing communities, like Main Street Dartmouth, thrive economically.



“HRM is an Octopus. This is the time to create a Greenbelt, before you lose any more greenfields to development.”

- David Donnelly, panellist at *The Halifax Greenbelt: curbing taxes, directing growth, and protecting our natural assets*



COASTAL AND WATER

Our vision is that all Nova Scotia's coasts and watersheds are healthy, valued and protected. We work toward this goal through research, education, community engagement, policy change, collaboration, and public mobilization.



PROJECTS AND STAFF

Coastal Adaptation Coordinator: Robin Tress (until June 2016), Samantha Page (from Sept. 2016)

Water Coordinator: Jocelyne Rankin (on leave from Apr. 2016), Larissa Holman (from Apr. 2016)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched sealevelrise.ca to help educate coastal communities across Atlantic Canada about sea-level rise and the need to plan for it.
- Hosted a living shoreline community clean-up party with our Sustainability Ally Helping Nature Heal and rebooted our living shoreline volunteer program to include erosion and bird monitoring, and junior high school field trip events.
- Continued to advocate for a comprehensive Coastal Protection Act in Nova Scotia that would protect people and properties from coastal hazards, and coastal ecosystems from inappropriate development.
- Successfully advocated for a significant portion of the upper half of the Sawmill River to be daylit and to include naturalised areas along the adjacent land.
- Raised awareness about the proposed Alton Gas project, and supported community efforts to stop the project and protect the Sipekne'katik (Shubenacadie) River.
- Hosted a series of stormwater management workshops outside of HRM and re-developed a guidebook to help support people adopting a variety of stormwater management techniques.

SINK OR SWIM

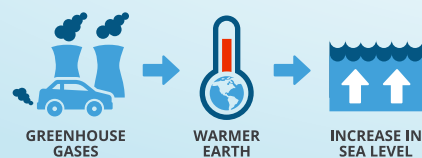
By **2100** global sea levels are expected to rise approximately **1 m** above current levels.



70% of the **population of Nova Scotia** lives in coastal communities.

2 Main reasons sea levels are rising globally:

These are **both** caused by a **warming Earth**.



1 Thermal Expansion

The oceans increase in volume and take up more space as they heat up.

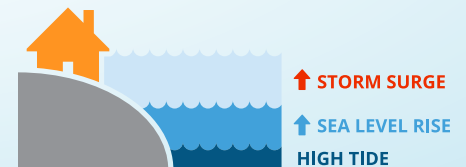
2 Melting Land Ice (glaciers, ice caps, ice sheets)

As temperatures rise, land ice meltwater enters the ocean and causes sea levels to rise.



Coastal Flooding + Storm Surge

Storm surge can cause higher than normal water levels that temporarily flood homes and properties.



Visit sealevelrise.ca to find local sea-level rise adaptation tools that can help you start planning for sea-level rise in your community.

ENERGY

Climate change inevitably impacts all of us. The Energy Action Team inspires Nova Scotians to prosper in a future that is free of fossil fuels, where energy is used as efficiently as possible. Through education, consultation and advocacy with the public and government, we work for a just transition into this future.



PROJECTS AND STAFF

Community Energy Campaigner: Rebecca Moore (from Feb. 2017)

Energy Campaign Coordinator: Catherine Abreu (until Sept. 2016), Stephen Thomas (from June 2016)

Energy Conservation Coordinator: Emma Norton

Renewable Energy Coordinator: Wayne Groszko (from Feb. 2017)



HIGHLIGHTS

- Solidified a partnership with TREC Education to deliver 8 workshops about green careers and training programs to marginalized youth in Nova Scotia.
- Wrote energy management plans for 6 non-profit organizations, and continued to work with organizations from around the province to reduce the energy consumption of non-profits in Nova Scotia.
- Supported opposition to the Energy East Pipeline by intervening in the National Energy Board (NEB) review of the project, writing a report about the NEB Modernization process, coordinating with organizations and directly affected communities across the Maritimes and Canada, and holding information sessions in Yarmouth, Halifax, Digby, and Wolfville about the risks of Energy East Pipeline to the Bay of Fundy.
- Continued to advocate for an effective, equitable carbon price in Nova Scotia. We hosted a second, 60-stakeholder Carbon Pricing Forum, raised concerns about the cap-and-trade discussion paper, and hosted a 6-part panel series discussing the possible opportunities and drawbacks of carbon pricing in Nova Scotia.
- Continued our work to ensure Nova Scotia moves toward a 100% renewable energy system, by promoting the phase-out of coal power, and working with rural and Mi'kmaq communities to make community solar more possible.
- Continued working as a partner in the SECURE project, an international partnership between 6 regions from the Northern Periphery of Europe. We wrote and conducted Community Energy Awareness and Staff Energy Awareness surveys in 5 of the partner communities, and made 3 videos about smart energy community practices from Nova Scotia.

SHARING NS' CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

As partners in the SECURE project, we told the important story of Nova Scotia's climate leadership by presenting about our smart energy practices in both Finland and Ireland. We believe that celebrating our energy successes is key to ensuring that we improve on our collective achievements in our justice-based transition to a low-carbon future.

One of the 12 best practices from Nova Scotia that we shared with the SECURE partners is the NS Community Feed-In Tariff (COMFIT). **Thanks to the COMFIT program, community-owned projects now power over 70,000 Nova Scotia homes, and Nova Scotia built more wind projects in 2016 than any other province in Canada.** The program was cancelled in 2015 by the provincial government, and the Ecology Action Centre would like to see it re-instated. Learn more at bestepi.wordpress.com.



FOOD

Our mission is to increase individual and collective food access and self-reliance in Nova Scotia. We aim to support our community in developing more environmentally and economically sustainable ways of growing, purchasing, processing and consuming locally produced foods. We do so by fostering food action and activism, re-valuing local food and farmers, food skills training and education, and promoting engagement in food policy.



PROJECTS AND STAFF

Our Food Project: Aimee Gasparetto, Georgia McNeil (on leave May 2016 – Nov. 2016), Jennifer Organ, Jody Nelson (from May 2016), Marla MacLeod (July 2016 - Feb. 2017), Miranda Cobb, Satya Ramen (from Mar. 2017), Su Morin

SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

We conducted two Social Return on Investment (SROI) studies to measure the intangible and tangible economic, social and environmental value that we create through the Our Food Project and to explore the full range of impacts that matter to our key stakeholders.



The HFPA generates **more than 5 times** the amount of value that it costs.



The Our Food Project in Cape Breton generates **twice as much** value as it costs.



“ The HFPA offers a credible body that government and other organizations can look to for support and advice on food policy development... more groups are recognizing this and making use of this to advance work. ”

- HFPA member

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ran 140 workshops with over 1700 participants about gardening, seasonal cooking, and preserving to further build food skills in the community, at 18 partner sites spanning Cape Breton, Cumberland County, Halifax and Southeast New Brunswick.
- Expanded our Cost-Share CSA Local Food Box Programs: Cumberland's 3rd year ran for 24 weeks serving 25 families, delivering 600 boxes in total, and Cape Breton's pilot year ran for 6 weeks serving 10 families, delivering 60 boxes to food-insecure households.
- Completed a 21-week collaborative pilot project of the Mobile Food Market with overwhelming success, delivering fresh, healthy, affordable fruits and vegetables in five communities across the Halifax region that have limited access to healthy food.
- Launched the first-ever pan-Cape Breton food initiative – the Island Food Network – an umbrella for collaborative food action across Cape Breton. We provide ongoing coordination for this body, including the annual Food Upskilling Festival.
- Built momentum and supported actions for improved institutional procurement practices through two events in Halifax, gathering over 70 key players representing producers, distributors and purchasers; one of the events featured Joshna Maharaj, activist chef with extensive experience in shifting institutional food practices.
- Continued to work with our sister project Our Food SE New Brunswick on a range of food issues, including the creation of the Southeast New Brunswick Regional Food Pledge and Action Guide by compiling existing research and feedback from over 30 network partners.



MARINE

We work locally, nationally, and internationally towards conserving and protecting the marine ecosystem and maintaining sustainable fisheries and vibrant coastal communities.

PROJECTS AND STAFF

GM Salmon Campaign Coordinator: Calinda Brown (until Nov. 2016)

Marine Campaign Coordinator: Katie Schleit

Marine Communications Campaigner: Heather Grant

Marine Conservation Coordinator: Susanna Fuller

Marine Conservation Officers: Chelsey Karbowski,
Travis Aten (from Feb. 2016)

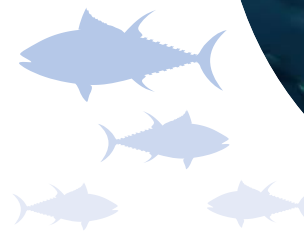
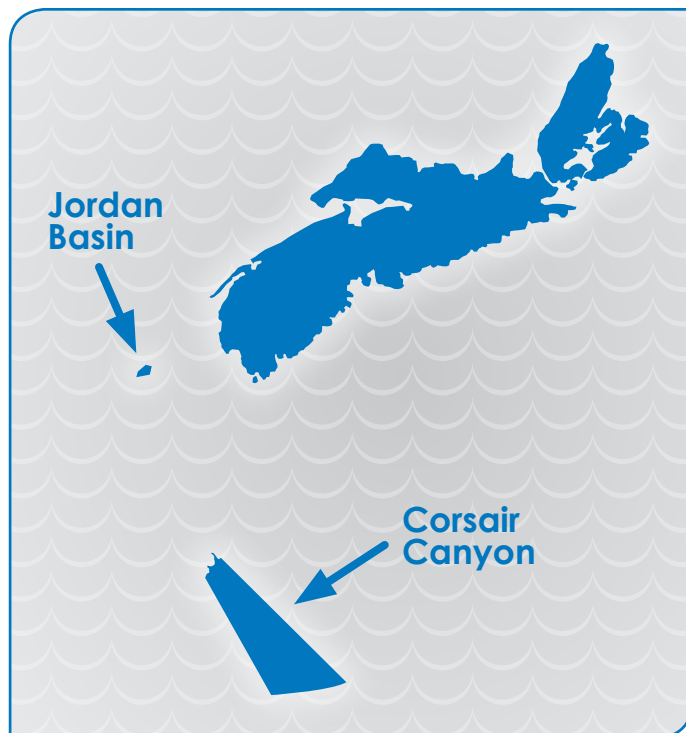
Marine Policy Coordinator: Shannon Arnold

Sustainable Fisheries Campaigner: Justin Cantafio (until Sept. 2016)

Sustainable Seafood Coordinator: Colleen Turlo

CORSAIR CANYON AND JORDAN BASIN

Last September, Fisheries and Oceans Canada announced that the Corsair Canyon and Jordan Basin would be closed to bottom trawling. These areas are unique due to a high concentration of cold water corals. EAC has been a leader in advocating coral protection since the early 1990s. The new closed areas amount to 9000km squared, which is about 3 times the size of Yosemite National Park, or more than 1.5 times the size of the entire HRM.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Ushered in an important and long-awaited change in Canadian fisheries policy with the national adoption of a fins-attached policy for sharks landed in Canadian fisheries, which strengthens Canada's ban on shark finning and was a main focus for our shark campaign.
- Launched a new SeaChoice website focused on improving labelling and traceability of Canadian seafood, and submitted recommendations for better seafood labelling regulations with the support of nearly 13,000 Canadians.
- Celebrated the closure of two new areas protected from bottom fishing in the Maritimes region, the Corsair Canyon and Jordan Basin.
- Presented our work on Atlantic Canadian small pelagic fisheries at an international small pelagic fishes science symposium in Victoria, BC.
- Co-hosted a two day workshop in collaboration with the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs focused on Indigenous and Marine Protected Areas. The workshop successfully brought together more than 50 participants representing different Indigenous communities across the Maritimes and the Gaspé Region, DFO, and non-profit organizations.
- Presented at multiple fisheries conferences on Electronic Video Monitoring and e-logbook technologies, and their potential application in Atlantic Canadian fisheries, reaching hundreds of stakeholders from fishing industry, fisheries management and science.
- Continued to partner in a legal challenge in the United States against genetically modified salmon, with partners including First Nations and commercial and recreational fishing organizations. While the Canadian Federal Court of Appeal rejected our appeal, our case raised awareness about the threat GM salmon poses to wild salmon and the risk new genetic modification technologies like CRISPR pose for biodiversity.

TRANSPORTATION

We believe in a future in which making sustainable transportation decisions is easy. We work to encourage more province-wide options and increased investment in sustainable transportation such as walking, cycling, public transit, and car- or ride-sharing, so that people of all ages and physical capacities will have real, sustainable, and healthy options to get to everywhere they need to go in Nova Scotia.



PROJECTS AND STAFF

Bike Again: Volunteer-run

Go Maritimes: Akshay Shirke (summer 2016), Wayne Groszko

Making Tracks and Welcoming Wheels: Adam Berry, Julian West

Municipal Active Transportation: Eliza Jackson

School Travel Planning: Natalia Diaz-Insense, Stephanie Johnstone-Laurette

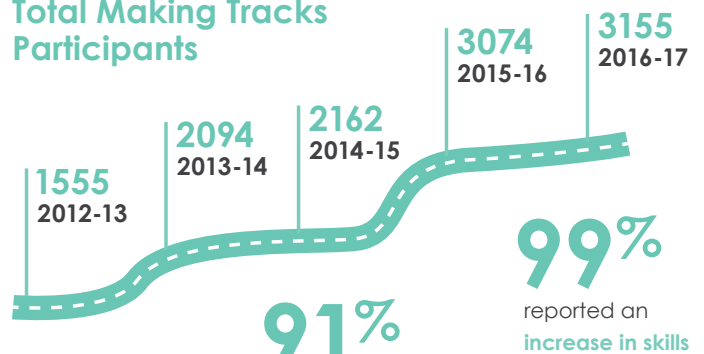
HIGHLIGHTS

- Collaborated with community organizations to provide recommendations for the Halifax Integrated Mobility Plan, including the development of protected bicycle lane network for Halifax's Regional Centre.
- Distributed more than 4,000 1-Metre Rule car magnets across Nova Scotia, which allow motorists to display their commitment to sharing the road with cyclists.
- Delivered Making Tracks active transportation training programs to more than 3,100 youth and children across NS this year – a 6% increase over the previous year – developing skills, confidence, and safety among participants.
- Provided free bicycles, safety equipment, resources and support to more than 60 newcomers to Canada through the Welcoming Wheels program, with the support of dozens of volunteers and community partners.
- Engaged over 18,000 children and youth in Active Transportation programs and events, advocated for AT-friendly solutions to traffic congestion in urban schools, and influenced positive amendments to the Halifax Regional School Board Student Transportation Policy to support and promote active transportation initiatives in schools.
- Collaborated with members of the Dalhousie Bike Centre to organize a *Tea Parties and Tune Ups* event for 100in1Day.

MAKING TRACKS

This year, we delivered Making Tracks training in cycling, scootering, skateboarding, and walking to over 3100 children and youth across Nova Scotia.

Total Making Tracks Participants



91%

of participants reported feeling more **confident** and **safe**

91%

reported they'd now use this mode of AT **more often**

99%

reported an **increase in skills**



WILDERNESS

We work for better forestry, less clearcutting, and a network of legally protected wilderness areas to help protect Nova Scotia's wildlife and our naturally diverse Acadian Forest.



PROJECTS AND STAFF

Bird Conservation Committee: Patti Green (from Nov. 2016)

Forestry Program Coordinator: Matt Miller (until Sept. 2016)

Wilderness Coordinator: Raymond Plourde

HIGHLIGHTS

- Led the fight to save the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area on the outskirts of Halifax from a proposed massive sprawl development and, in the process, mobilized over 1,400 Halifax citizens to write to the city and demand the creation of a long-promised Regional Park there instead.
- Welcomed two new large Wilderness Areas at Chignecto Isthmus in Cumberland County and Walton River in Hants County, and a dozen new Nature Reserves across the province.
- Continued to vigorously champion the creation of new protected areas across the province and around HRM. Over 80 irreplaceable natural areas have been identified for protection in the 2013 provincial Parks and Protected Areas plan but are still waiting for legal designation.
- In conjunction with the Healthy Forest Coalition, mounted a renewed campaign against forest clearcutting, herbicide spraying, and other destructive harvesting practices, following the NS government's abandonment of commitments to reduce clearcutting to no more than 50%, stop taxpayer subsidies for forest herbicide spraying and restrict whole tree harvesting for biomass.
- Welcomed the first-ever Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund in the 2017 Halifax municipal budget. \$5.6 million was approved by HRM Council for land acquisition for new parks at Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes and the Purcell's Cove Backlands, with a further commitment for at least \$20 million over the next four years.
- Worked with local and national partners to build support within HRM for the implementation of a bylaw or other measures which promote the responsible ownership of cats, and address the issue of direct mortality to birds and other wildlife.

RAISING THE ROOF!

Our Wilderness Team rose to the challenge and rallied over 1,400 people in defence of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area when it was threatened by a terrible facilitator's report recommending a huge sprawl subdivision be allowed inside the boundaries of the long-promised Regional Park. In a summer of high drama, our Wilderness Coordinator Raymond Plourde led a lively public rally at Dalhousie's Ondaatje Theater where over 300 "Birch Cove Rangers" pledged to protect and defend the area from all threats and to demand creation of the long-awaited park.



FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended March 31

REVENUE	2017	2016
Project revenue	1,686,793	1,618,172
Admin (contribution fr projects)	166,542	170,334
Capital contribution	34,491	23,858
Donations	112,509	116,594
Fundraising events	42,132	35,266
Interest on savings & misc	12,595	10,453
Magazine (<i>Ecology & Action</i>)	2,350	2,660
Memberships	501,617	429,334
Operating expense recoveries	48,270	44,313
Space rental	6,470	5,873
TOTAL REVENUE	2,613,769	2,456,857

EXPENSES	2017	2016
Project expenses	1,686,793	1,618,172
Bank, credit card & payroll fees	19,863	17,389
Communications	2,631	8,134
Database and computer support	13,758	16,630
Depreciation	42,133	26,391
Equipment lease	3,728	3,873
Fundraising events	18,791	23,751
Insurance	11,320	15,650
Magazine (<i>Ecology & Action</i>)	21,048	20,514
Membership materials	1,656	2,582
Miscellaneous	8,461	10,186
Office	22,912	26,323
Power, water, telephone	11,885	7,655
Professional fees & consulting	13,520	11,411
Project contributions	49,807	6,450
Property financing	18,356	10,764
Property taxes & maintenance	13,727	13,111
Staff wages & benefits	630,803	554,127
Space rental		21,934
Subscriptions & memberships	8,048	7,203
Travel	3,715	6,364
Write-down of property		15,972
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,602,955	2,444,586

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	10,814	12,271
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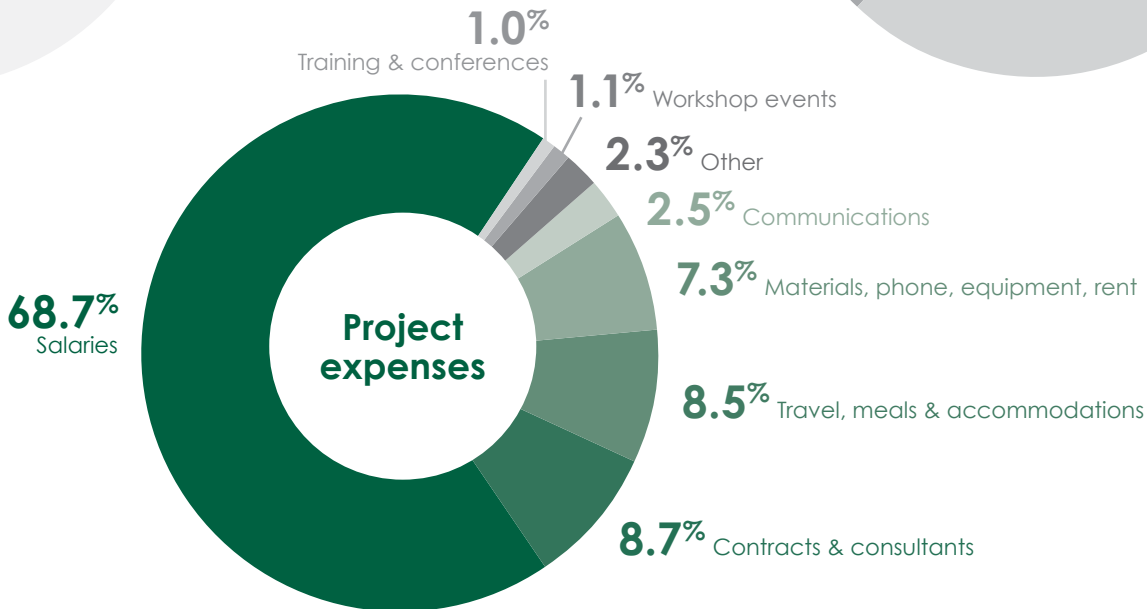
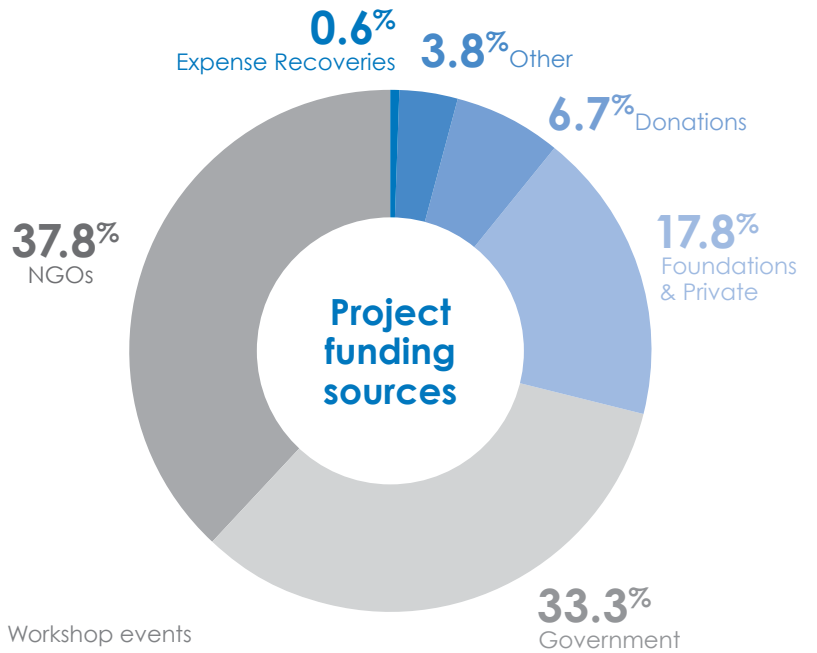
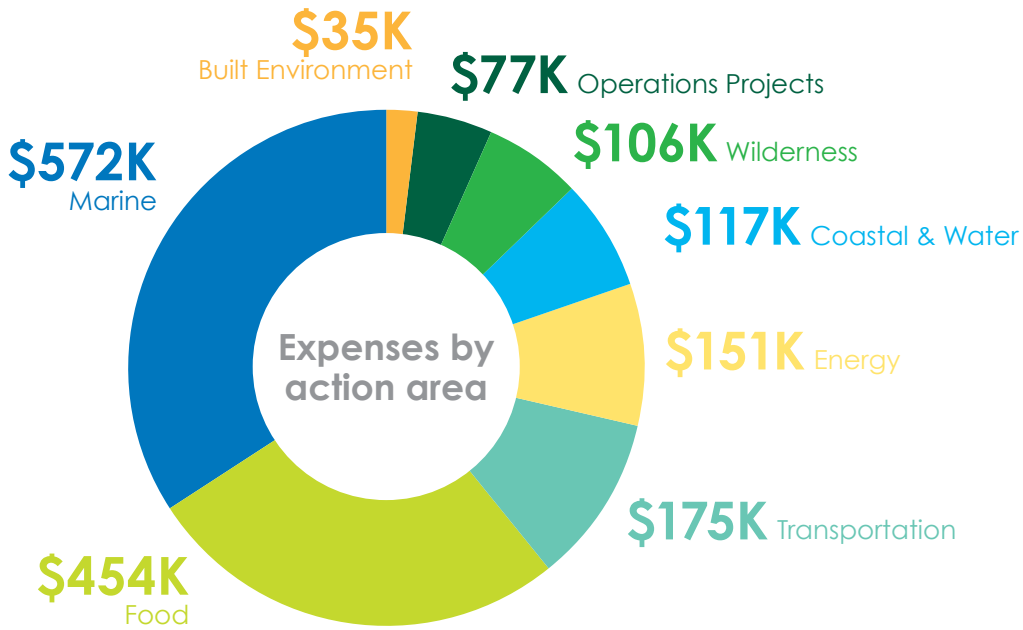
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended March 31

ASSETS	2017	2016
Current		
Cash & cash equivalents	885,268	576,554
Receivables	217,923	87,564
Prepays	10,688	72,157
	1,113,879	736,275
Property & equipment	960,853	998,675
TOTAL ASSETS	2,074,732	1,734,950

LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Current		
Payables & accruals	38,174	124,812
Deferred project revenue	1,005,933	668,254
Deferred operations revenue	2,100	4,800
Current portion of mortgage payable	15,699	15,001
	1,061,906	812,867
Long-term		
Deferred capital contributions	444,583	348,930
Mortgage payable	396,972	412,696
	841,555	761,626
Surplus		
Operating deficit	(24,088)	(142,536)
Investment in capital assets	103,599	222,047
Reserve fund	91,760	80,946
	171,271	160,457
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,074,732	1,734,950

This summary of financial information has been extracted from the Ecology Action Centre's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. These statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO). The audit was completed by Grant Thornton LLP. Audited financial statements are available to view online at ecologyaction.ca/annual-report.



OUR FUNDERS

Generous monetary and in-kind contributions from foundations, organizations, business and individuals like you have helped the Ecology Action Centre immensely over the past year. You enable us to do the valuable work that we do. Thank you!

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Downtown Halifax Business Commission
McLean Foundation
Mountain Equipment Co-op
Sage Environmental Program
Individual donors

COASTAL & WATER

Davis Conservation Foundation
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Insurance Bureau of Canada
NS Realtors Association
Rodney's Oyster House
Sage Environmental Program
Siitka Foundation
Small Change Fund
The Royal Bank of Canada
Tides Canada Initiatives Society
You Gotta Sing! Chorus
Individual donors

ENERGY

Climate Action Network - Réseau Action
Climate Canada
Echo Foundation
EfficiencyOne
European Regions Network for the Applications
of Communications Technology (ERNACT)
European Climate Fund
Faith and the Common Good
National Energy Board Participant Funding
Program
National Energy Board Modernization Review
Participant Funding Process
New Venture Fund
Nova Scotia Energy
Sisu Institute
Individual donors

FOOD

Community Food Centres Canada
Nova Scotia Department of Communities,
Culture and Heritage - NS 150 Forward Fund
Nova Scotia Department of Seniors - Age
Friendly Grant
PSAC Social Justice Fund
Public Health Agency of Canada
Rural Communities Foundation of NS
The J W McConnell Family Foundation
Individual donors

MARINE

Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs
Secretariat
Bend Beauty Inc
Centre for Food Safety
David and Lucille Packard Foundation
Donner Canadian Foundation
Government of Canada - Environment
Canada
Echo Foundation
Oceans 5
Rodney's Oyster House
Sleeman Breweries Ltd
The Pew Charitable Trusts
The J W McConnell Family Foundation
The Oceans Foundation
The Schad Foundation
Individual donors

TRANSPORTATION

Automotive Recyclers of Canada (ARC)
Government of Canada - Employment and
Social Development Canada
Halifax Regional Municipality
Heart & Stroke Foundation
Kings Transit Authority
Mountain Equipment Co-op
Nova Scotia Department of Communities,
Culture and Heritage
Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and
Infrastructure Renewal
Nova Scotia Department of Energy
The North Face
Individual donors

WILDERNESS

Canadian Wildlife Federation
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