



Ecology Action Centre

40 YEARS OF ACTION

Annual Report 2010/11



Letter from the Co-Chairs

Trail Blazing in Good Company

While celebrating the Ecology Action Centre's first 40 years, it's important not to overlook the EAC's successes over the last 12 months. The boost in project funding is undoubtedly one such accomplishment.

The co-chairs' letter from a year ago referred to the EAC as "a little leaner, a little fitter" due to reduced funding. As evidenced in this report's financial overview, we seem to have turned a fundraising corner in spite of penny-pinching at all levels of government and parties in power who are less responsive to environmental issues than many of us would like.

That the EAC avoided a fundraising plateau is largely attributable to the efforts of its wonderful staff. EAC members who haven't dropped by Fern Lane on a weekday should do just that—the working environment there is positively dynamic. It inspires us personally and we highly recommend a drop-in for members and volunteers who want to be reminded why they donate time and money in support of Nova Scotia's environment.

The youthful energy on display on tap at Fern Lane can hopefully inspire EAC members to participate in ensuring the organization's ongoing dynamism. The perpetually refreshed cast of activists at the staff level should be accompanied by a new generation of activists on the volunteer level. This may require

a new approach to engage and retain the energy of such new volunteers, something worth keeping in mind as issues committees and other groups press forward to help support EAC projects and initiatives.

We feel that ongoing growth at the EAC should reflect the organization's wonderfully unpredictable non-pattern in reaching its current state. There was no "40-year plan" when the EAC was born and its development occurred largely as an expression of the will of its membership. It has truly been an organic maturation process with triumphs and hiccups along the way that couldn't have been predicted at the organization's outset. The EAC's core values, however, have been a constant throughout its 40-year history.

Those same values will shape the EAC's next 40 years. While the EAC's future is impossible to predict, we can at least establish a framework to allow ongoing development based on EAC values and the current will of the membership. Strategic planning is a current priority, with staff and volunteers setting an initial path for how such planning should proceed. Once that planning path is established, we hope many, many EAC staff and members participate in the strategic planning process itself.

As was the case in the past, the path ahead for the EAC will branch out and make unexpected turns. We look forward to such a fresh trail-blazing experience and sharing your company along the way.

*Karen Hollett & Tim Roberts
Co-Chairs, EAC Board of Directors*



Letter from Staff

40 Days, and 40 Ways, to Celebrate 40 Years

When you are looking back at this past year or at the past forty years there is plenty to write about, however, the just ended 40 (consecutive) Days of Action looms so large and so aptly reflects who we are that we have to start there.

Every day for forty days we organized a different event; different in focus, different in method. We thanked a bus driver, dressed up as coal smoke stacks outside the power company's AGM, had a sustainable seafood supper, made a movie for the Premier featuring 40 Nova Scotians talking about the coast, hiked through a wilderness area composing poetry, held a debate on sprawl while riding public transit, delivered birthday cakes to organizations across Nova Scotia, held an information picket outside of a landfill in Guysborough County, enjoyed a potluck supper spiced up with food policy conversations, called out the green zombies on Friday May 13th, and on the last day had a big, happy street party.

The 40 Days of Action was a manifestation of our strengths. Volunteers were involved in nearly all of them and organized many of them. We took on plenty of important issues with an emphasis on action. Short of breaking the law, we employed every means and media at our disposal. Different events brought in different crowds. Finally, we can reflect with pride that there are few organizations in Nova Scotia, indeed across Canada that can

pull off 40 straight Days of Action, nearly all of which were well attended and furthered sustainability.

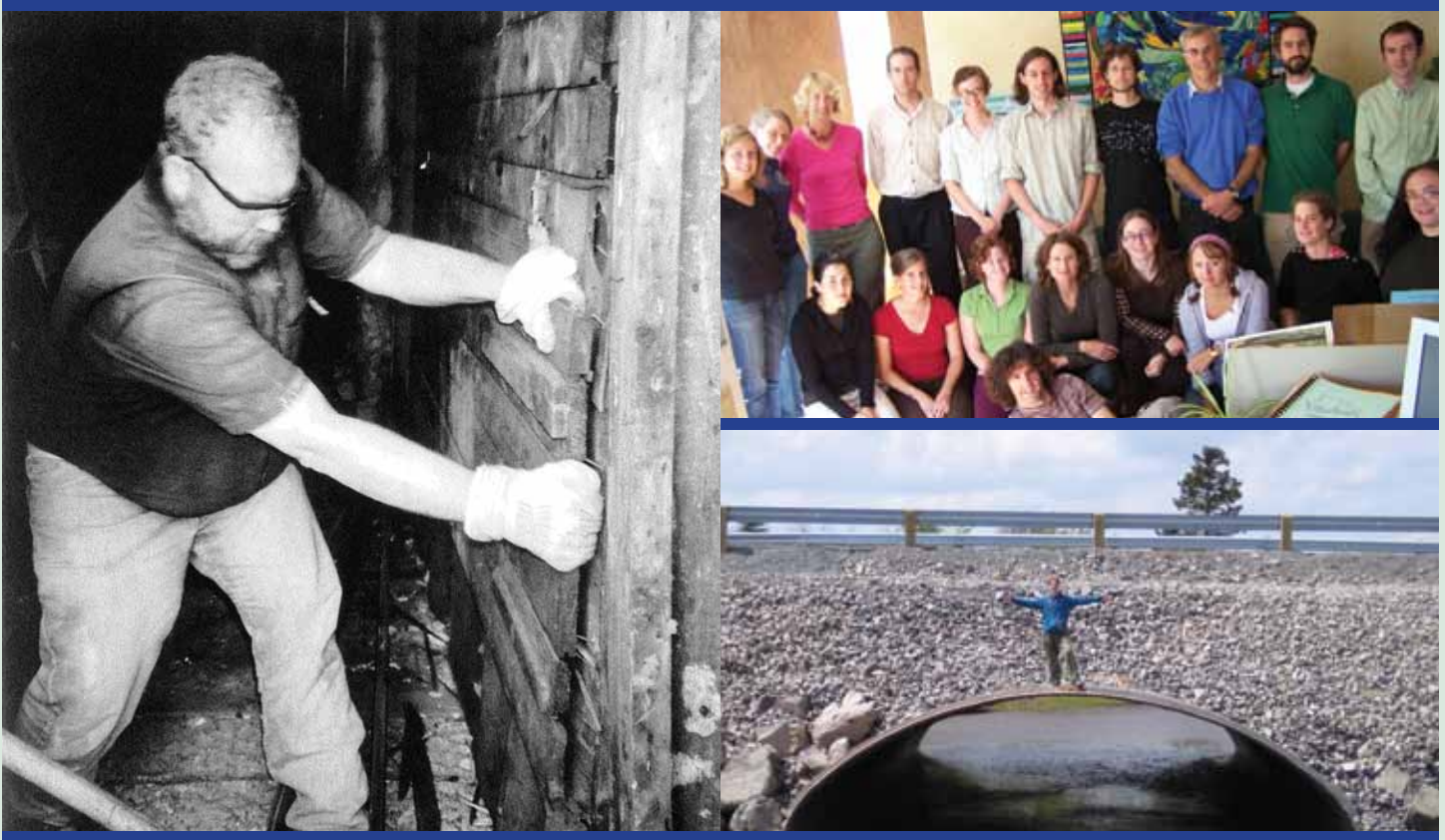
EAC was born in the same era as many other well-known environmental organizations and agencies including Environment Canada, Greenpeace, Earth Day and our sister organization in New Brunswick, the Conservation Council of New Brunswick. In talking with the founders of EAC, many of the principles they cherished, including attention to the discipline of ecology, the emphasis on action, and grassroots engagement continue to define the organization today.

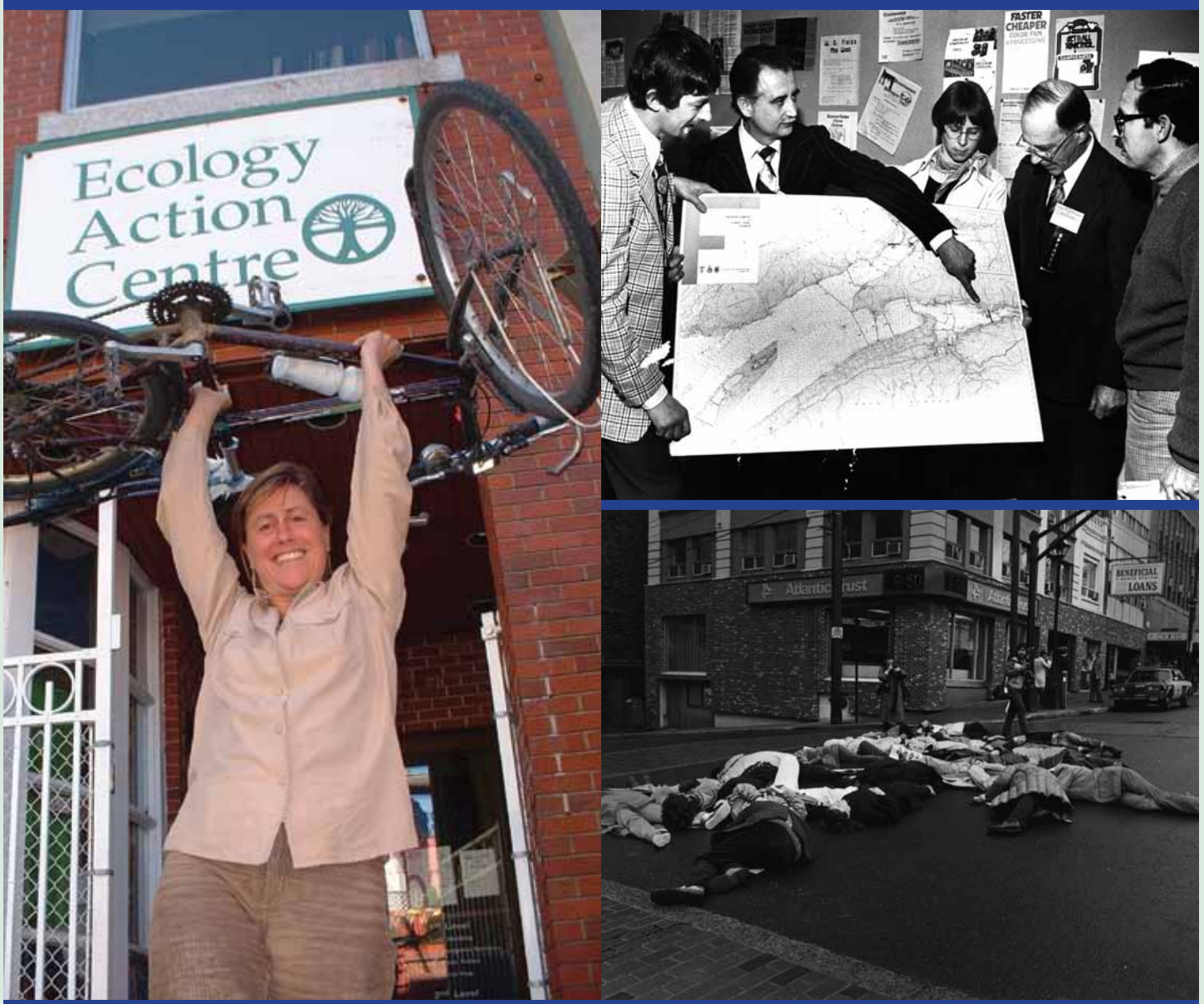
Be it forty days or forty years, these principles have guided us. Of all our cherished principles the one that counts is action—making a difference for the nature and people of the province. We hope as you walk, pedal, paddle and drive around this province you see evidence of our work be it a protected area, more transit, wind turbines, a farmers' market, cosmetic pesticides off the shelves, coastal setbacks, viable sustainable fisheries and much more. Here's to another 40 years of action.

Mark Butler, Policy Director

Highlights of 40 Years of Action

Over the past four decades EAC has consistently had a unique and effective approach to change. We are a grass roots organization, we love to collaborate, and we believe in employing a wide range of tools. We are proud to say that our work to create a more sustainable province has led us into battle, given us a chance to inform citizens and policy makers, resulted in big celebrations, and inspired many changes.





EAC has Battled

- In the early 1970s we helped stop the construction of the “Barrington Expressway” from the Cogswell Interchange through downtown Halifax.
- In 1973 we successfully opposed the proposed construction of the 12,000 megawatt Stoddard Island Nuclear Power Station.
- In 1982 we presented to the McCleave Uranium Inquiry which ultimately resulted in a moratorium on uranium exploration and mining in the province. This became a legislated ban in 2009.
- In 1990 we were a partner in taking the federal government to court over the proposed Point Aconi Power Plant.
- In 2001 we took the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to court over opening Georges Bank to groundfish draggers.

EAC has Informed

- In 1975 we produced our first publication “Stop It: A Guide for Citizen Action to Protect the Environment of Nova Scotia.”
- In 1980 our article “Soft Energy Path for Nova Scotia” appeared in *Alternatives Magazine*.
- In 1999 we launched Hemlock Circus our environmental theatre troupe.
- In 2000 we organized the First International Symposium on Deep Sea Corals now a biannual event.
- In 2006 we created NS’s first working demonstration of a green office renovation at our new home on Fern Lane.
- In 2008 we released our “Green Mobility Strategy” a roadmap for sustainable transportation in NS.
- In 2010 we published “Is Nova Scotia Eating Local? If not, where is our food coming from?” on the social, economic and environmental benefits of a more locally based food system.



EAC has Celebrated

- The conservation of 300 acres of working farm land when we established the first working land conservation easements on two farms in NS in 2004.
- The creation of strict new laws banning the use of all terrain vehicles in parks and protected areas as well as sensitive ecosystems in 2005.
- Protecting and restoring over 30 hectares of ecologically significant Bay of Fundy salt marshes through the Cheverie Creek pilot salt marsh restoration project in 2005.
- The introduction, in 2009, of provincial legislation to establish Efficiency NS as an independent administrator to help Nova Scotians cut electricity use.
- A huge win for people and the environment when the ban on non-essential lawn pesticides in NS became official in 2010.
- Convincing the provincial government to stop purchasing bottled water in government buildings in 2010.
- An extended moratorium on oil and gas drilling on George's Bank in 2010.

EAC has Inspired

- In 1972 we launched the first recycling program in NS and recycled approximately a ton of paper each week. Now NS has a world-class waste diversion rate.
- In 2004 we spearheaded an initiative to start a university transit pass for students in Halifax. The Saint Mary's University program resulted in 50,000 additional student rides per month and the program is now offered at four universities.
- In 2005 we helped launch the Colin Stewart Forest Forum process. In 2010 the provincial government committed to use the Forum's proposal as a cornerstone in their strategy to legally protect over 1800 km² of NS wilderness by 2015.
- In 2007 we introduced the Pace Car community speed-reduction program to Canada. Now there are over 2,400 Pace Car drivers across NS. In 2011 the provincial government committed to lowering speed limits in school zones.
- In 2010 we started Atlantic Canada's first Community Supported Fishery with 5 fishermen and over 100 subscribers who get ecologically sustainable fish and support our coastal communities.



EAC Operations Report 2010/11

Operations Staff: Emma Boardman, Maggy Burns, Mark Butler, Rae Finley, Michael Ginther, Amy Hawke, Benna Keoghoe, Jocelyn Knoester, Jean Snow, Carla Vandenberg, Kelly Yeats

Canvass Team: Mathew Anderson, Leah Crowell, Clara Doucette, Judith Fraund, Elizabeth Giesbrecht, Mathurin Keoughan, Alicia Ritcey, Colton Vandermolen, Nicholas White

Each year our team of operations volunteers and staff work hard to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the organization as a whole. These dedicated folks contribute to countless aspects of the EAC, from organizing fundraisers and fixing the photocopier, to coordinating meetings with the Premier and keeping our members informed of our activities. Here are a few facts and figures to give you a flavour of their accomplishments this year.

- At the end of March 2011 we had 1,215 members whose financial contributions totaled almost \$80,000. And 37% of them were contributing monthly! This is an improvement over last year, on all counts.
- A big part of our membership success is due to our annual canvass. This year we hit our goal of having the best canvass ever with over 400 new members joining EAC! This was almost double the number from last year.
- Thanks to the wonderful generosity of one of our members we received a donation of land. The property is south of Bridgewater. It is 38 acres in size and valued at \$40,000.
- Our membership database, affectionately named Cordelia, was given the start of a much needed make-over to improve our systems and streamline our operations.
- This year we held two successful fundraisers. Our annual Garden Party attracted 105 bidders (and many more friends and supporters) and raised over \$12,000. Our Christmas Tree sale raised almost \$7,000 and provided around 420 folks with beautiful, organic trees. Both fundraisers were slightly less lucrative than in the previous year, down approximately 14% and 17% respectively.

- Our members and supporters continue to play a huge part in our financial success. In total we raised over \$42,000 in donations to keep the Centre sustainable. Of that almost \$15,000 was from our annual appeal at the end of 2010.
- Many extraordinary and generous donors gave to our project work under the category of “Friends of...”. In total they gave over \$65,000 this year, as “Friends of...” our Coastal, Wilderness, Energy, Food and HRM work.
- Two of our staff directors headed off this year on a fundraising road-trip to Quebec and Ontario. Something we haven’t done recently. We met with foundation funders, colleagues, and long-time supporters and reaped many benefits including new funding and some great new contacts.
- We continued our work to better reflect the diversity of our province in our staff, volunteers and projects. We invested in training and learning opportunities, new environmental projects, changes in our communications materials, and more engagement with our local community in Halifax’s North End.
- We are proud to say that we engaged with volunteers in every aspect of the organization! One of our challenges, however, was to keep our operational committees thriving. Many of these committees—such as Personnel, Maintenance, and Volunteer—went into hibernation this year. We hope to rejuvenate them in the coming year.
- In the calendar year 2010 we had a total of 70 people on the payroll – but not all at once! For example, in January 2011 we had a total of 33 people on staff. We have been working to improve wages at the Centre and over the past 4 years consistently more than 90% of staff have been paid within the ranges that we aspire to. Unfortunately, one measure of our success in this regard, the average wage of project coordinators, was down slightly this year.
- Our beautiful home on Fern Lane continues to be a delight. Less delightful are the ongoing maintenance projects but fortunately those were at a minimum this year. One of the more delicious aspects this past summer was a wonderful harvest of backyard greens so folks could have “greener” lunches.



Built Environment Committee

Working towards sustainability through education, advocacy, policy, & planning for the future of the built environment in NS.



Projects & Staff

Our HRM: Jen Powley, Mark Butler

Pesticide Ban: Chris Benjamin

Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction: Aaron Murnaghan, Thom Ooman, Kim Thompson

Towering Green: Cathrine Abreu, Wayne Groszko, Benna Keoghoe, Marla MacLeod, Zak Miller, Kim Thompson

Highlights

- Helped celebrate a huge win for people and the environment when the ban on non-essential lawn pesticides in Nova Scotia became official.
- Began implementing sustainability recommendations in two high rise apartment buildings owned by Killam Properties which house almost 400 renters.
- Worked to realize the transformation of the Morris Building, which was saved from demolition last year, to its new use as a shelter for homeless youth.
- Organized and initiated Our HRM, a cross-community alliance formed to influence the five-year review of HRM's Regional Municipal Planning Strategy with the goal of increasing density, curbing sprawl and establishing a greenbelt.

Coastal Issues Committee

Supporting better coastal and watershed planning and management through research, education, engaging and mobilizing the public, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.



Projects and Staff

Reconnecting the Coast: Jen Graham, Robin Musselman, Ashley Sprague

Groundwater: Jennifer West, Bryan Fung

Water Policy: Jocelyne Rankin, Fred Wendt

Highlights

- Established a community-based groundwater monitoring network called Groundswell, which expands upon the existing provincial network into new communities, counties and watersheds.
- Completed communication strategy on coastal erosion along the Northumberland Strait.
- Organized a province-wide coalition against hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and call for a moratorium until a thorough strategic environmental assessment is completed.
- Developed contents, scope and coalition towards the adoption of a coastal act for Nova Scotia.
- Delivered three workshops for municipal planners around the Bay of Fundy on coastal watershed management.
- Worked with the Water Caucus of the NS Environmental Network on a review and ultimate release of the Province's new Water Strategy.

Energy Issues Committee

Promoting research and education around practical approaches to, and education about, renewable energy and energy conservation initiatives.



Projects and Staff

Energy Policy: Brennan Vogel

Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition: Catherine Abreu

NovaSEA: Janice Ashworth

Harvest the Wind: Sara Greenberg, Wayne Groszko

COMFIT: Mark Butler, Wayne Groszko

Highlights

- Advocated, with our partners in the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition, for stronger actions on climate change and a sustainable energy future for the Maritimes.
- Celebrated the announcement of a Community Feed In Tariff in NS which will boost community owned renewable electricity in the province.
- Participated in consultations and regulatory processes on: ramping-up energy efficiency and conservation programs at Efficiency NS, improving design of the Community Feed In Tariffs, and against burning forest biomass for electricity.
- Developed a toolkit for the Nova Scotia Department of Energy to explain the new Community Feed-in Tariff program to community groups in Nova Scotia.
- Delivered “Harvest the Wind” a workshop on wind energy basics that educated over 100 NS landowners.
- Worked with the Pembina Institute to write the “Nova Scotia Wind Energy Guide for Landowners and Communities”

Food Action Committee

Encouraging Nova Scotians to produce and eat local, environmentally friendly foods. Promoting good food policy and the conservation of farm land and farming knowledge.



Projects and Staff

Our Food: Marla MacLeod, Keltie Butler,

Urban Gardens: Garity Chapman, Sonia Grant, Carey Jernigan, Sadra Monfared

Heliotrust: Jennifer Scott

Highlights

- Released “Is Nova Scotia Eating Local? If not, where is our food coming from?”, the culmination of three years of research on the social, economic and environmental benefits of a more locally based food system.
- Celebrated a victory for farmland conservation with our partner No Farms No Food when the provincial government rejected proposed re-zoning of farmland in Greenwich.
- Worked with over 20 community gardens to expand, support and develop garden sites throughout Nova Scotia.
- Conducted a Soil Study outlining heavy metal levels in urban agricultural lands and developed recommendations for safe food production in the city.
- Held over 30 cooking and preserving workshops and one root cellar tour through our Food Connections Project, in an effort to increase food skills needed to enjoy local food in Nova Scotia.

Marine Issues Committee

Promoting sustainable ocean-based livelihoods and marine conservation in Atlantic Canada.



Projects and Staff

Marine Conservation: Susanna Fuller, Shannon Arnold

Sustainable Fisheries: Alex Curtis, Jordan Nikoloyuk, Kit Milnes

Sustainable Seafood: Rob Johnson

Off the Hook: Sadie Beaton, Christian MacWilliams

Sable Island & Oil and Gas: Mark Butler

Highlights

- Launched Atlantic Canada’s first Community Supported Fishery together with fishermen from the Fundy Fixed Gear Association.
- Launched the Friends of Hector campaign to raise awareness about the plight of sharks in Atlantic Canada and oppose the certification of the swordfish longline fishery.
- Celebrated the closure of 17 areas to fishing in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) since 2006 as part of our high seas work.
- Helped, as one of five SeaChoice partners, to increase the number of retailers working on sourcing only sustainable seafood.
- Co-founded the Atlantic Coalition for Aquaculture Reform (ACAR), which also marked the beginnings of our advocacy for environmentally and socially appropriate aquaculture development in Nova Scotia.
- Celebrated two major wins—the extension of the oil and gas moratorium on Georges Bank until 2023 and the designation of Sable Island as one of Canada’s newest National Parks.

Transportation Issues Committee

Encouraging more province-wide options and increased investment in sustainable transportation such as public transit, carpooling, walking and cycling.



Projects and Staff

TRAX: Maggy Burns, Laena Garrison, Lisa Kretz, Mark Lasanowski, Scott MacPhee, Thom Oomen, Jennifer Powley
Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS): Janet Barlow, Cheyenne Dickinson, Stephanie Johnstone-Laurette, Margot Metcalfe, Jennifer McGowan, Maryanne Nduati
Bike Again: Alex Dardanne-Tremblay

Highlights

- Launched a campaign, with 17 supporting organizations, to have the Province reduce speeds in school zones and child play areas.
- Worked with 12 schools across the province to create and implement School Travel Plans that help more children and youth walk and wheel our streets in safety.
- Celebrated the 10th birthday of our Bike Again community project which has repaired and loaned over 1,000 bikes and taught bike repair and maintenance entirely through the efforts of volunteers.
- Worked with three municipalities and Dalhousie's Cities and Environment Unit to develop a toolkit called "Municipalities for Green Mobility" which guide sustainable transportation projects
- Administered the Green Mobility Grants Program which funded eight sustainable transportation projects in NS with a value of \$280,000.
- Developed a manual for municipal decision makers to reduce the amount of idling in their communities.

Wilderness Issues Committee

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



Projects and Staff

Wilderness and Public Lands: Kermit deGooyer, Raymond Plourde
Forestry: Caitlyn Chappell, Heather Fleming, Leonie Mercier, Matt Miller, Jamie Simpson

Highlights

- Secured commitments from government to reduce clearcutting in Nova Scotia by 50% in five years, ban whole-tree harvesting and eliminate taxpayer funding of forest herbicide spraying.
- Helped to advance protection of Five Bridge Lakes "Candidate" Wilderness Area on the Chebucto Peninsula (20,425 acres) as well as the new Kelly River (11,745 acres) and Raven Head (50,820 acres) "Candidate" Wilderness Areas in and around the Chignecto Game Sanctuary in Cumberland County.
- Advocated strongly against large-scale forest biomass energy project developments and destructive forest clearcutting practices.
- Advocated for more wilderness area protection, specifically the areas previously identified by the Colin Stewart Forest Forum (over 1800 km²).

40 Days of Action

A while back we were faced with the question of how to celebrate EAC's 40th birthday. It has been 40 years of activism and citizen engagement that has changed NS's landscape, policies and communities. During that time we've pushed the envelope, acted locally, challenged the status quo, inspired big visions, and collaborated widely. What celebration could possibly reflect and further that spirit?

Well, we decided that "40 days of action"—yes 40 consecutive days of events!—would allow us to make change, engage a wide number of supporters, new & old, and have a tonne of fun. Kicking off on April 22nd (Earth Day) and culminating with a street party at our Fern Lane home, we did it all. We dressed up, we protested (more than once), we collected trash, we built raised beds, we launched a new alliance, we ate together often, we got outside, we baked for our friends, we debated, we created a video, we thanked our bus drivers, we seed bombed, and so much more. Effective? Most definitely. Engaging? Without a doubt. Exhausting? Admittedly. Fun and inspiring? You bet!









Our People

EAC Board of Directors 2010/11

- Tim Roberts – Co-chair
- Karen Hollett – Co-chair
- Grant MacDonald – Secretary
- Duncan Allen – Treasurer
- Judith Cookey – Built Environment Committee
- Iaian Archibald – Coastal Issues Committee (until February 2011)
- Anne Marie Ryan – Coastal Issues Committee (from March 2011)
- Jamie Thompson – Energy Issues Committee
- Stephanie Hughes – Food Action Committee (until July 2010)
- Katrina Ross – Food Action Committee (from August 2010)
- Chelsea Boaler – Marine Issues Committee
- Louise Hanavan – Transportation Issues Committee
- Brian Wentzell – Wilderness Committee
- Alan Farquhar – Maintenance Committee (until April 2011)
- Anne Pryde – Member at Large
- Peter Zimmer – Member at Large

EAC Staff

We have an extraordinary team of dedicated, creative, skilled and fun people working at the EAC. The names of staff are listed with the operations and committee reports. Here are a few of our favourite pictures of staff. Presumably the many amazing people not pictured here were all too busy working to be photographed. For your information, during this fiscal year we had a total of five Jennifers on staff. This may well be an all-time high!



Financial Report 2010/11

The EAC ended the 2010/2011 fiscal year with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$17,532. Of that, \$17,500 was added to the Reserve Fund at year-end, bringing the fund's total to \$58,250.

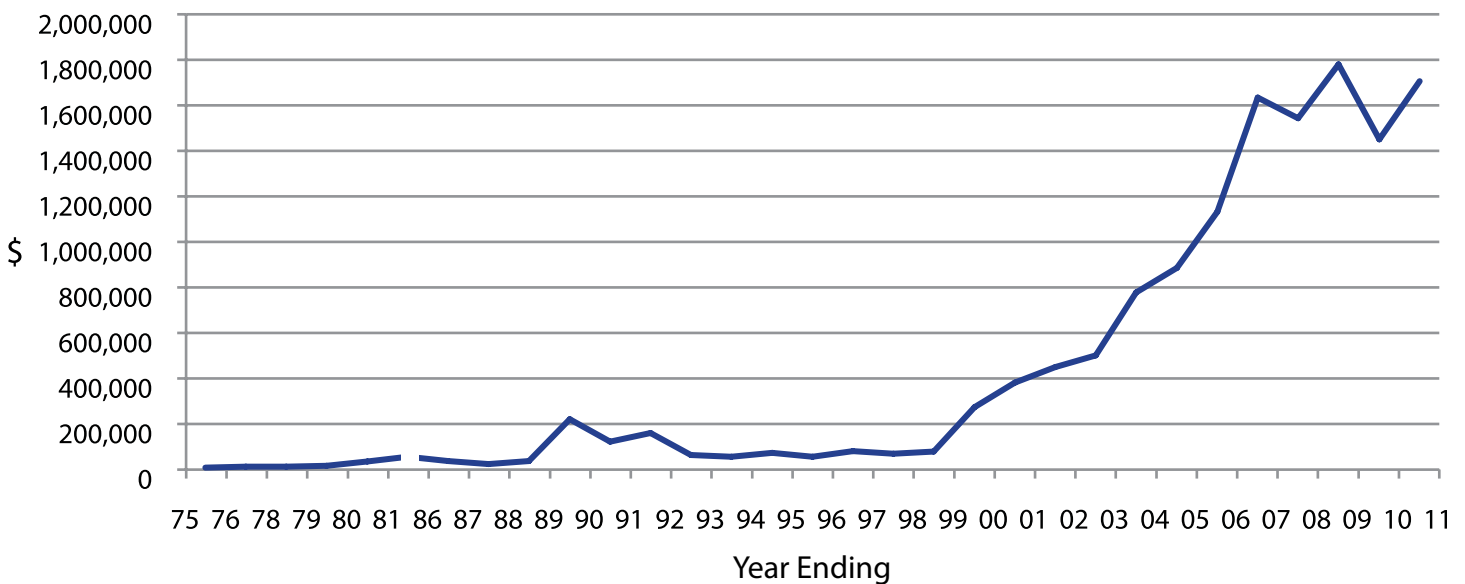
Recognized revenue for operational (or core) activities increased by 3% to \$391,126. The improvement in operational revenue was driven by an increase of 29% in donation revenue. The EAC was fortunate to receive a generous donation of land, valued at \$40,000, and that significantly strengthened the financial results for the year. In other revenue line items Membership revenue increased by 16%; Admin fee revenue was up slightly by 3%; and Fundraising revenue decreased by 49%. Project revenue increased by 19% or \$215,617 over the previous fiscal year. We were happy to see this turnaround in project funding after a decrease of 22% in the previous year. We're still not at the levels of 2008/2009 but at least we're seeing growth again in this area.

Operational expenses were \$373,594, a decrease of \$682 over the previous fiscal year. Office expenses decreased by \$16,310; the previous year included the upgrade of our computer network. Professional fees increased by \$6,685 or 73%. This was driven by legal fees associated with the land donation, the implementation of a line of credit and our mortgage renewal. Project contributions to operational expenses increased by \$14,242 to \$27,042 for the year reflecting stronger project funding. Funds have been allocated to grant writing, website & database upgrades, and equipment purchases.

This summary of financial information has been extracted from the Ecology Action Centre's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2011. The audit was completed by Grant Thornton LLP. To obtain copies of the complete audited financial statements, please call our Financial Director at (902) 442-0254.

Duncan Allen, Treasurer, EAC Board
Carla Vandenberg, Financial Director

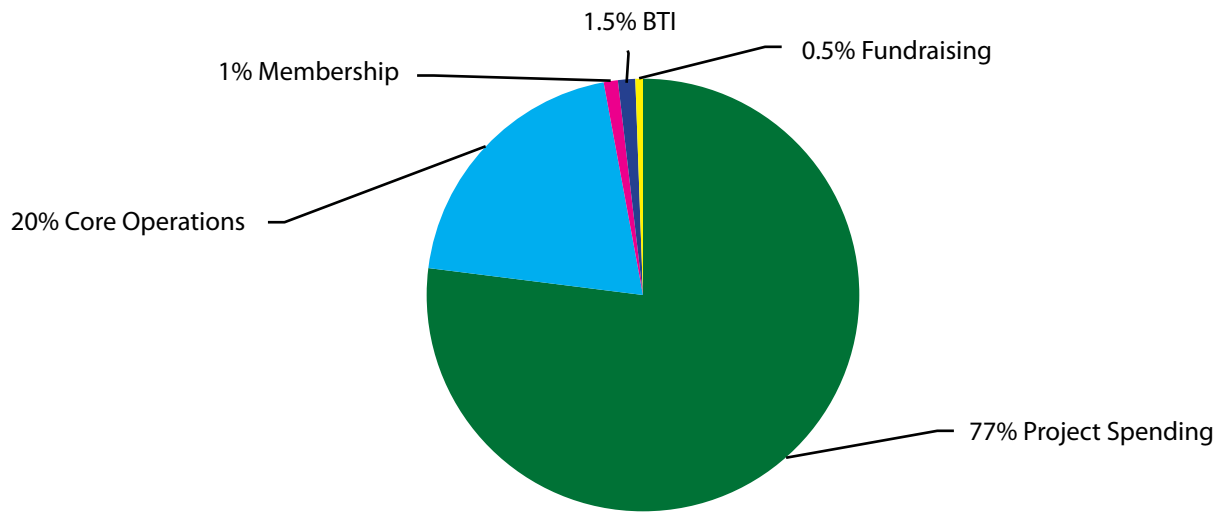
EAC Historical Gross Revenues



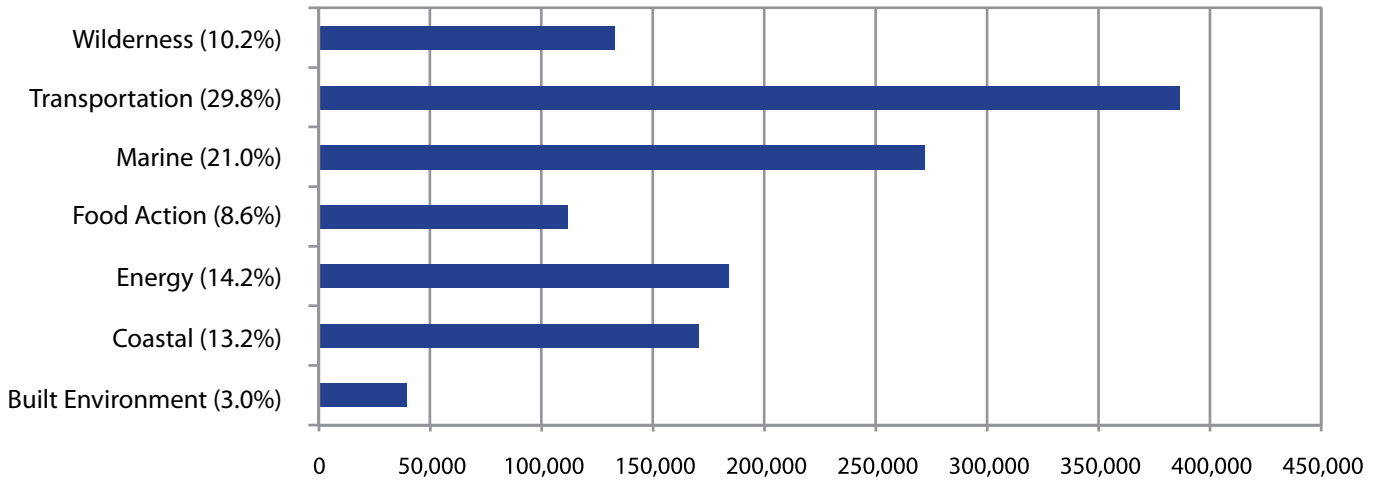
- The Globe and Mail named EAC 'one of the 10 best run charities in Canada' in 2000
- EAC was given the national Arthur Kroeger College Award for Public Affairs in 2009
- EAC was named a "Tides Canada Top Ten" organization in 2003 and 2010
- Readers of the Coast magazine have voted EAC the Best Activist Organization for seven years running, from 2004 to the present

Financial Overview

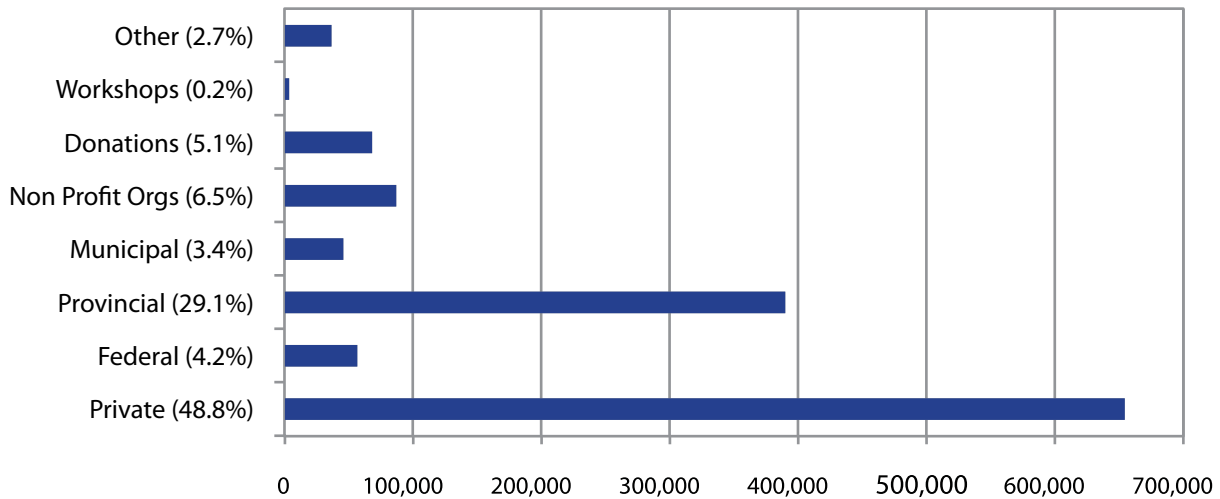
Overall Spending 10/11



Project Funding by Committee 10/11



Project Funding Sources 10/11





Statement of Operations

	Yr Ended March 31	
	2011	2010
Revenue		
Fundraising	28,786	56,034
Admin fees on projects	141,313	137,560
Memberships	79,737	68,415
Donations	82,256	63,698
Operating Expense Recoveries	27,323	22,572
Between the Issues	14,355	7,850
Interest on savings	3,505	2,965
Miscellaneous	410	4,314
Capital contribution	13,441	15,618
Project revenue	1,249,828	1,336,492
Project expenses	(1,249,828)	(1,336,492)
Total Revenue	391,126	379,026
Expenses		
Fundraising	9,185	24,479
Bad debts	0	435
Bank, credit card & payroll fees	5,636	5,216
Between the Issues	20,944	19,696
Depreciation	15,764	18,031
Equipment lease	5,096	4,490
Insurance	7,598	7,174
Membership	1,512	2,158
Miscellaneous	5,635	5,784
Office	14,887	31,197
Power & water utilities	3,729	3,372
Professional fees	15,780	9,095
Project contributions	27,042	12,800
Property financing	4,541	5,256
Property taxes & maintenance	5,195	4,693
Staff wages & benefits	227,443	216,376
Telephone	2,695	2,831
Training & seminars	80	369
Travel	832	824
Total Expenses	373,594	374,276
Excess of rev over expenses	17,532	4,750

Balance Sheet

	Yr Ended March 31	
	2011	2010
Assets		
<i>Current</i>		
Cash & cash equivalents	342,184	238,600
Receivables	178,204	155,306
Prepaid expenses	2,071	4,212
	522,459	398,118
Property & equipment	329,820	304,374
Total Assets	852,279	702,492
Liabilities		
<i>Current</i>		
Payables & accruals	65,043	40,975
Deferred project revenue	413,437	280,267
Current portion of mortgage payable	5,726	76,339
	484,206	397,581
<i>Long-term</i>		
Deferred capital contributions	137,902	148,795
Mortgage payable	65,023	0
Note payable	0	8,500
	687,131	554,876
<i>Surplus</i>		
Operating (deficit) surplus	(14,271)	36,126
Investments in capital assets	121,169	70,740
Reserve fund	58,250	40,750
	165,148	147,616
Total Liabilities	852,279	702,492

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 Committee

- Canadian Cancer Society
- Halifax Regional Municipality Sustainable Environment Management Office
- Killam Properties Inc.
- Resource Recovery Fund Board
- Sage Environmental Program
- The Richard Ivey Foundation
- Individual donors

Coastal and Water Issues Committee

- Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership
- Bird Studies Canada
- Davis Foundation
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Nova Scotia Department of Environment
- Nova Scotia Environment – Climate Change Adaptation Fund
- RBC Blue Water Project
- Sage Environmental Program
- Small Change Fund
- The Big Wild (founded by MEC and CPAWS)
- Tides Canada Foundation
- Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation
- Individual donors

Energy Issues Committee

- Nova Scotia Department of Energy
- Oak Foundation
- Pembina
- Individual donors

Food Action Committee

- Agri-Futures (Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program)
- Carrot Cache
- Environment Canada – Science Horizons
- Halifax Regional Municipality Sustainable Environment Management Office
- Nova Scotia Agricultural College
- Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (Agri-Food Industry Development Fund and Direct Marketing Community Department Trust Fund)
- Nova Scotia Department of Environment
- Nova Scotia Department of Seniors (Positive Aging Fund)
- Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture
- October Hill Foundation
- Service Canada
- Spirit Nova Scotia Local Food Fund (Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia)
- TD Friends of the Environment
- Individual donors

Marine Issues Committee

- Ascenta Health
- David and Lucille Packard Foundation
- EJLB Foundation
- LUSH
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Off the Hook Cooperative Ltd.
- Pew Charitable Trusts
- Weston Foundation
- World Wildlife Fund
- Individual donors

Transportation Issues Committee

- Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Community-Transit Nova Scotia
- Conserve Nova Scotia
- Environment Canada – EcoAction Community Funding Program
- Green Communities Canada and Health Canada, through the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, and the Public Health Agency of Canada
- Halifax Regional Municipality
- Halifax Regional Municipality Sustainable Environment Management Office
- Halifax Regional School Board
- IWK Health Centre Foundation Community Grants
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
- Nova Scotia Department of Justice
- Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
- Service NS and Municipal Relations
- The Black Market
- Town of Bridgewater
- Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
- Individual donors

Wilderness Issues Committee

- EJLB Foundation
- Mountain Equipment Co-Op
- Patagonia (via Tides Canada)
- Sage Environmental Program
- Shad Foundation
- The Richard Ivey Foundation
- Individual donors

EAC General Projects

- Halifax Regional Municipality
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Individual donors



EAC's Vision

A society in Nova Scotia that respects and protects nature and provides environmentally and economically sustainable solutions for its citizens.

EAC's Values

- EAC members, volunteers, and staff believe that the environment is tied to the well-being of society.
- EAC supports a climate of innovation.
- EAC comes from and supports the “grassroots”.
- EAC aims to engage the public in dialogue for environmental improvement.

EAC's Purpose

EAC is an independent organization that strives to work with partners to:

- Provide up-to-date environmental information;
- Pursue researched solutions; and
- Act as a watch-dog for the Nova Scotia environment.

EAC's Commitment to Diversity

Diversity in this context refers to human difference. Each person is unique, yet we are often identified in groups that are perceived to have shared traits. These traits can be defined by gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, interests, and countless others. Just as diverse species make for a healthy ecosystem, diverse humans make for a healthy workplace. At Ecology Action Centre, we value that diversity tremendously because it makes us a stronger, more effective, more just, and more interesting organization.



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