

**ecology action centre**  
annual report 2009/10



Thus we head into our 40th year a little leaner, a little fitter and ever more determined to help find answers to the problems we face. We have had a number of major successes over the year as well as some disappointments and this is as it should be. We have 'children' who have passed through, gone on to other successes and continue to spread the word across the country. Our house needs more work so that will be high on next year's agenda and, as always, we face some huge environmental issues.

All of this reflects the passion, dedication and hard work of the staff, the volunteers and our fellow board members, so we offer our thanks to everyone. It is a privilege to be a part of this organisation.

*Simon Melrose & Tim Roberts, Co-Chairs, EAC Board*

## Letter from our Board

### Thirty-nine and holding.

During one of many stories about the 40th birthday of CBC Radio's "Information Morning" a commentator listed issues from the 1970s, many of which continue to pose problems today. Such issues include support for local industry, the problems with the farming community and poverty in all its forms. The one positive thing identified was the EAC, founded at the same time, and its wonderful contribution to our community.

As the EAC moves into middle age it faces the same problems as many others; shrinking budgets, greater responsibility, the new media and children growing up and leaving home.

The Board of Directors continues to attract a diverse range of members from different age groups, academic disciplines, professions and economic backgrounds. This diversity maintains our ability to assess, understand and rise to meet challenges. In support of this, work has continued on improving the process of being an effective and supportive employer of both permanent and term-position staff. In turn staff have worked extraordinarily hard in seeking new fundraising opportunities, in writing proposals, in taking on and sharing tasks with others and in meeting all challenges.

This has meant that, in spite of some traditional funding sources reaching maturity or no longer being willing or able to support committees, we continue to provide an amazing range of committee activities to both our local community and also across the province.

We are, as usual, losing valuable and admired long-term staff, which is always distressing. Several have joined or will be joining the provincial government where they can hopefully continue to advocate and reflect the values that they have helped promote so well for their committees and the EAC as a whole. Again, as usual, a new generation of inspiring people arrive and dive in to keep us going.

## Letter from our Directors

We were recently musing about EAC alumni. These are the people who, over the years, have engaged with the EAC and benefited from the symbiosis that comes from making a real difference, where the process enriches and changes both parties. EAC excels at making a place for just these kinds of experiences for our staff and volunteers. This is reflected in our striking ratio of volunteers to staff, which we estimate is well over 10:1. While considering the contributions that EAC alumni continue to make to our communities and world, we did a rough calculation of the number of EAC alumni out there. We figure that it is more than 2,000 people who either as staff or committed volunteers helped shape EAC and our province.

In this process we were struck, and not for the first time, how much the quality of the people at EAC is at the very heart of our success. Our staff works late into the night, faces personal and professional adversity with courage and conviction, helps clean the bathroom, challenge themselves to keep learning, masters a stunning range of skills from proposal writing and TV interviews to community building and number crunching, engages their creativity, and risks putting their whole heart into their work. And our province and planet reap the benefits of all this extraordinary talent and effort.



Our volunteers come through our doors (or in-boxes) with passion and hope. They take days off work to help out. They strategize, debate, and write pithy letters to the editor that make us laugh with glee. They host meetings and bring gifts for the team. They ask their friends and family to become EAC members and donors. They hearten staff during difficult times. They bring an incalculable abundance of skills, connections, ideas, and guts to the cause.

This year has had highs and lows. Though finding project funding for our work has become more difficult, we've continued to see great successes: the culmination of the Colin Stewart Forest Forum, a continued ban on uranium mining, the formation of Efficiency NS, the notion of "green jobs" entering the lexicon of the provincial government, the saving of the Hollis-Morris building from the landfill, 25,000 students participating in "Walk to School Week", Sable Island on the verge of becoming a national park, a provincial ban on bottled water in government facilities, new levels of commitment to eating and growing local food, and much, much more. We've even begun experimenting with the idea of "EAC in business" as a way of raising money to address the environmental issues that continue to surround us.

Tough times, or not, EAC continues to make a difference. It makes a difference to individuals by taking kids out to plant their first sunflower seeds, and by giving us a way to make the world a better place. It makes a difference to our province by agitating, informing and inspiring; by keeping tonnes of material from our landfill, pushing for changes in government policy, and coaching people and groups to change their views and actions. And streaming out from behind all these changes is a legion of much treasured EAC alumni.

Thank you all!

*Maggy Burns, Internal Director*  
*Mark Butler, Policy Director*

## EAC Core Operations

**Operations Staff:** Emma Boardman, Charlene Boyce Young, Maggy Burns, Mark Butler, Eliana Clay, Amy Hawke, Jocelyn Knoester, Laura Kolnick, Carla Vandenberg

**Canvass Team:** Leigh Bird, Meredith Brison-Brown, Alex Eldon, Laura Evans, Trudi Evans, Carla Fraser, Brent Hiscock, Paula Janes, Sara Jellicoe, Ainsley MacCuish, Jayme Melrose, Sarah Murrant, Emily Nadolny, Alicia Polonsky, Harrison Roberts, David Simpson, Jean Snow, Alison Thibault, Hayley Thomas, Nicholas White

The EAC's core operations team works to support our members and projects and to ensure the Centre is always humming along. The hard work of our operations staff and volunteers is supported by a stellar group of standing committees. Here are some of their accomplishments:

### Diversity Committee

Since its birth over a year ago, the diversity committee has worked to help make EAC an organization where members, volunteers, staff and our environmental work reflect the diversity that exists across the Province. During her four-month term, our Diversity and Outreach Coordinator worked with staff to deepen our understanding of issues of inclusion. The committee recently secured funding to support the organization-wide job of better reflecting and engaging marginalized communities. This funding is helping us develop capacity to empower change at all levels of the EAC through a mix of training, policy improvements, hands-on learning and educational tools. EAC also continued working with the Concerned Citizens of Lincolnville in the fight for a just resolution to the landfill situation.

### Fundraising Committee

These are challenging times for fundraising across the non-profit world. The EAC has risen to the challenge this year thanks to the heroic efforts of many hard-working volunteers and staff.

- Our annual Garden Party fundraiser was a remarkable success in June 2009. Our intrepid committee adhered to its new policy to make the Garden party a "no stuff" event and delighted attendees with the range of services, experiences, artwork and edibles offered. The event raised over \$15,000.
- This year our annual appeal challenged EAC members to imagine Nova Scotia leading the way as the greenest jurisdiction in Canada or even the world. The generous response helped us raise \$18,000, a record for the EAC.
- Thanks to the generosity of Digital nGenuity, we were able to bring our computer network into the 21st century. Its in-kind contribution to our work was worth almost \$20,000!
- Our "Friends of..." campaign, spearheaded by our fearless Policy Director Mark Butler, asks local individuals to make a three-year commitment of \$1,000 or more to some of our key campaigns. We're pleased to say this approach is beginning to build a funding base for our coastal, energy and wilderness work and is connecting donors to the specific environmental work closest to their hearts.
- EAC Board member and fundraiser extraordinaire, Wendy MacGregor, conceived and co-created the first annual "On



Canvas: Art for the Planet” show. By working closely with artists and sharing the proceeds of artwork sold, this event raised over \$8,000 and inspired audiences with the calibre of the show.

- In other fundraising news, our annual organic Christmas tree sale brought healthy, local trees to over 430 families.

### Home Maintenance Committee

This committee stewards one of our greatest resources - our beautiful office on Fern Lane. This year we improved our foundation - literally! We also revamped our solar heating system and consequently almost doubled the amount of heat gained from the solar collectors this winter. Finally, we began envisioning future improvements to make our home even more of a showcase green building.

### Membership Committee

Membership remained steady in 2009. At the end of March 2010 we had over 1,000 members, one third of whom were donating through monthly contributions. The number of members spreading their membership donation over 12 monthly contributions is steadily increasing. We are strongly encouraging members to choose this option over annual renewal as it reduces our costs and thus makes better use of their contributions.

We ran another successful canvass in the fall which brought in 225 new members replacing those we inevitably lose through the annual renewal process. The size of membership donations to EAC has also been consistently increasing. In 2009/10 almost 28% of members contributed \$50 or more annually. The Membership Committee and staff continue to work on our systems of renewal and recruitment.

### Personnel Committee

This committee continues its work to ensure the EAC is a fair, progressive and fun place to work. This year brought about updated hiring policies to improve job security for existing staff as well as improved support materials for staff around human resource issues. The committee is excited to provide more regular in-house training on key topics such as fundraising. All this work is paying off as the EAC continues to be recognized for the quality of its work environment.

### Volunteer Committee

Volunteers continue to be instrumental in all aspects of our work! In the last couple of years, volunteer engagement in EAC has been increasing. The volunteer committee focuses on clearly communicating with, engaging and appreciating EAC volunteers on a consistent basis and in the past year EAC has taken huge strides in our capacity to achieve these goals. We enhanced volunteer communication through personal welcome emails and a weekly call-out to volunteers. We also began organizing an annual volunteer appreciation month. Volunteers now staff the front desk most days of the week and it is usually a volunteer who is the first to greet visitors to EAC. And of course, members and volunteers continue to have the ultimate say, be it through our committees, the board or the annual meeting.



## Built Environment Committee

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

### Projects

**Healthy Lawns:** Chris Benjamin

**Construction & Demolition Waste Reduction:**

Thom Oommen, Maureen Strickland, Kim Thompson

**Towering Green:** Sara Greenberg, Wayne Groszko, Zak Miller, Kim Thompson

### Highlights

- Celebrated big progress on our long-standing pesticide-free lawns campaign when the province proposed a ban on non-essential (lawn) pesticides and invited feedback on the proposal. They received more than 1700 responses - one of the largest responses ever received on an environmental issue. More than 80 percent of responses favour “provincial controls over the sale and use of non-essential pesticides for lawn care.”
- Continued our participation in the HRM by Design process including advocating that new and renovated buildings meet green energy standards. These recommendations were not accepted.
- Formed a planning subcommittee of BEC to focus on planning issues and sustainability in the upcoming five-year review of the HRM Regional Plan.
- Developed the Waste? NOT! Toolkit to help address the thirty percent of Nova Scotia’s landfill attributed to construction and demolition material, and the huge numbers of sound and heritage buildings being demolished in recent years.
- Helped rescue the historic Charles Morris building from landfill saving over 70 tonnes of material from entering our landfills.
- Began an extensive sustainable opportunities analysis of two high rise apartment buildings owned by Killam Properties. Results will directly influence 379 renters and inform Killam Properties’ work to green their 18,000 unit operation.



## Coastal Issues Committee

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

### Projects

**Reconnecting the Coast:** Jennifer Graham, Robin Musselman

**Freshwater Policy:** Jocelyne Rankin

**Bird Conservation:** Mark Butler

### Highlights

- Launched the Campaign to ‘Turn on the Taps and Ditch the Bottle’ which was promoted by media as well as a wide variety of partner organizations and resulted in a provincial ban on bottled water in government office buildings and at meetings, one municipality choosing to ban bottled water from municipal buildings and a ban on bottled water at City Hall in Halifax.
- Promoted the importance of swiftly adopting and implementing effective provincial coastal and water policies through media, fact sheets, opinion pieces, workshops and meetings with various stakeholders.
- Launched and promoted “On the Frontlines: New Directions for Beaches Management in Nova Scotia”.
- Actively participated in the development of a draft Wetland Conservation policy for Nova Scotia.
- Reached over 100 stakeholders through “Coastal Nova: Where Nova Scotia meets the Sea”, a series of learning events on Nova Scotia’s coastal future organized jointly with the Dalhousie University Marine Affairs program, Saint Mary’s University and the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia.
- Organized “Wading In: Watershed Management in Nova Scotia”, a multi-stakeholder two-day workshop to develop a roadmap for the provincial water strategy.
- Organized “Paint the Town Blue”, a month-long celebration of water featuring a series of workshops, public outings and education campaigns.
- Expanded membership in the Water Caucus and the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia.

- Increased public awareness about 50% decline in songbirds in last 40 years through the “Birds are Back Celebrity Challenge” and by working with other campaigns and organization to include birds in their messaging.
- Conducted dawn surveys of downtown buildings in spring and fall for bird strikes with results indicating low levels of strikes and mortality.
- Worked with Point Pleasant Child Care Centre to develop a “Guide to Plants and Animals of Point Pleasant Park.”



## Energy Issues Committee

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

### Projects

**Energy Coordinator:** Cheryl Ratchford

**NS Sustainable Electricity Alliance:** Janice Ashworth

**Building Energy Efficiency:** Zak Miller

**Renewable Energy:** Wayne Groszko

**Wind Energy Research:** Sara Greenberg

### Highlights

- Spearheaded the formation of the Nova Scotia Sustainable Electricity Alliance (NovaSEA) and successfully advocated for the inclusion of community feed-in tariffs in the province’s renewable electricity plan.
- Participated in the Nova Scotia Wind Energy Education Advisory Committee. As one of the activities of this committee, EAC helped coordinate a process with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to grant funding to a municipality in Nova Scotia to create a proactive wind energy plan within the municipality. The chosen municipality will go ahead with this planning work in 2010.
- Participated as a key stakeholder in the Wheeler Report provincial renewable electricity consultation process which laid the groundwork for the province’s renewable electricity plan which includes provisions for community feed-in tariffs and net metering to encourage small-scale renewable energy developments.

- Continued to engage and advocate for best practices in provincial demand side management activities for energy efficiency and conservation through the Program Development Working Group & Low Income Sub-Group at Nova Scotia Power.
- Hosted a debate on Energy and Climate Change during the provincial election as well as a four-evening film series leading up to the day of Climate Action in October.
- Successfully completed 10 energy opportunities reports and energy master plans for 10 community owned and operated buildings in rural Nova Scotia through our Building Energy Efficiency Project. The audits were carried out by NS Community College students, faculty and EAC staff in a collaborative effort to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency, train green collar workers and develop demonstration sites of energy efficiency retrofits.



## 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

**Food Miles:** Marla MacLeod, Jennifer Scott

**Urban Garden:** Garity Chapman, Carey Jernigan

### Highlights

- Conducted over 25 Food Miles educational presentations this year to a wide range of groups.
- Participated in the documentary “Turning a Green Leaf”, which aired on CBC Television’s Land and Sea.
- Participated in the “People’s Food Policy Project”, a national, grassroots initiative to develop a food policy for Canada.
- Piloted a program called “Homegrown Field to Table Workshops”, connecting the food we love to grow with the food we love to eat through paired gardening and cooking classes at community centres around HRM.
- Worked with HRM staff to create a community garden application process for residents to garden on municipally owned lands and to examine how HRM and the Urban Garden Project

can work together to build urban agriculture.

- Produced “Putting Food in Our Communities and Community in Our Food”, a report on urban agriculture both here in Halifax and abroad, looking at what is happening currently and what could be built upon in the future.
- Ran the “Good Seed Program”, collecting donated and recycled garden materials to distribute to community groups and individuals who would like to start a garden but lack the funds or materials to do so.
- Held the sixth “Musicians for Farmers” event that attracted over 200 people for an evening of local food and music.
- Reprinted the ever popular Eating By the Seasons cookbook (750 copies) for the fourth time. It continues to sell well.
- Launched the Seasonal Gourmet column in Between the Issues.
- Organized, in conjunction with the Marine Issues Committee, an IncrEDIBLE community supper with guest speaker Chef Michael Howell and a sold-out 50 person crowd.
- Signed up 17 members to our Halifax Landshare Project, an initiative to help match gardeners with available backyards.



## Marine Issues Committee

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

### Projects

**Marine Conservation:** Susanna Fuller

**Marine Planning and Community Conservation:** Shannon Arnold

**Marine Researcher:** Sadie Beaton

**Sustainable Seafood:** Rob Johnson, Sadie Beaton

**Sustainable Fisheries:** Alexandra Curtis

**Tidal Power Researcher:** Yousef Mehedei

**Sable Island:** Mark Butler

### Highlights

- Ensured a strong conservation voice was present in province-wide public consultations on establishing a new offshore Marine Protected Area, including the collection of comments from 160 individuals.

- Released a report with WWF and CPAWS-NS on the current marine protection coverage in Nova Scotia – only 0.56 percent – to highlight the urgent need for action by the provincial and federal governments to implement a network of marine protected areas.
- Continued our work with the Deep Seas Conservation Coalition, advocating for protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems from destructive fishing practices on the high seas. We achieved the first fisheries closures to protect sponges in international waters.
- Launched our large pelagics campaign to reform the Atlantic Canadian Swordfish Longline Fishery, which catches 100,000 sharks per year as well as sea turtles, juvenile tunas and swordfish.
- Published “Local Seafood Direct Marketing: Emerging Trends for Small-scale Fishers in Nova Scotia”, a report based on five months of qualitative research.
- Built on our past work as the east coast partner of SeaChoice and participated in several sustainable seafood events such as Nova Scotia’s first Catch! Seafood Festival, Oceans Day, Mahone Bay Mussel Fest, Atlantic Eco-Expo and our IncrEDIBLE Community Chowder Supper, launched the SeaChoice Sushi Card and assisted with the launch [www.yourchoicehalifax.ca](http://www.yourchoicehalifax.ca) - an independent website profiling restaurants with sustainable seafood menu options.
- Continued to build our media presence in various outlets including fisheries publication The Navigator, Coastal Community News, The Coast, The Chronicle-Herald, Bite and the newsletter of the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia.
- Continued our work as active stakeholders in all Atlantic Canada fishery assessments for Marine Stewardship Council certifications.
- Engaged volunteers and the public in our outreach events which included a panel discussion on marine invasive species for International Biodiversity Day events, screening of End of the Line, SeaChange, and organized a regional workshop on fish habitat protection.
- Welcomed the announcement that “Sable Island could become a national park” made by the federal and provincial governments in January 2010.
- Participated in the science review and joined the fishing industry in calling publicly for an extension of the moratorium on petroleum activities on Georges Bank, as an active member of the NoRigs 3 Coalition.

## Transportation Issues Committee

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

### Projects

**TRAX:** Corey Clamp, Laena Garrison, Mike Johnstone, Lisa Kretz, Mark Lasanowski, Jennifer Powley, Jennifer Scott, Teresa Thomas

**Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS):** Janet Barlow, Cheyenne Dickinson, Amy Henry-Morgan, Maryanne Nduati

**Bike Again:** Volunteer-run

## Highlights

- Trained, through ten schools and organizations, over 700 children and youth in active transportation safety skills through the “Making Tracks” program.
- Launched the Pace Car program with six new schools/communities and with 710 new Pace Car drivers and 371 Pace Car Deputies at three schools.
- Inspired about 115 schools/groups (25,000 students) to participate in “Walk to School Month” in October 2009 and more than 150 to participate in “Winter Walk Day” in February 2010.
- Recruited two new schools to participate in ‘School Travel Planning’.
- Encouraged more than 45 schools (7,500 students) to participate in “WOW - We Often Walk (or Wheel)”.
- Hosted (with the Halifax Cycling Coalition) a “Changing Gears: Increasing Young People Cycling in NS” workshop for stakeholder groups and assisted the Glace Bay Youth Action Committee in its “Youth In Action” project.
- Promoted the “Child- and Youth-Friendly Land-Use and Transport Planning Guidelines” for Nova Scotia.
- Conceived and implemented the “Canadians Idleless” program, which resulted in an idling restriction by-law going before council in Antigonish and developed an idling reduction toolbox for the province and for municipalities.
- Developed the “Seniors On Board” training manual, in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association, to encourage older adults to use public transportation and community-based transportation.
- Developed the “Municipalities for Green Mobility” toolkit to aid municipalities in integrating sustainable transportation into their community plans.
- Secured funding for and kick-started the third consecutive year of the Green Mobility Capital Grant Program.
- Attained Dalhousie University Continuing Medical Education accreditation for presentations on the built environment and health by the Association of Doctors for the Advancement of Physically-active Transportation.
- Developed the Goods Miles project to increase public awareness about the greenhouse gas emissions caused by the transportation of the goods we buy.
- Hosted over 1,000 visits to the BikeAgain! workshop and loaned out over 100 refurbished bikes.





## 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

**Forestry:** Jamie Simpson

**Wilderness & Public Lands:** Raymond Plourde,  
Kermit deGooyer

**Standing Tall Research:** Caitlyn Chappell, Daniel Charbonneau,  
Jennifer Organ

### Highlights

- Helped secure Wilderness Area designation of Ship Harbour Long Lake (147 km<sup>2</sup>), our flagship wilderness on the Eastern Shore.
- Completed the Colin Stewart Forest Forum process for protected areas. Including a commitment from the provincial government to use the Forum's proposal as a cornerstone in their strategy to legally protect over 1800 km<sup>2</sup> of Nova Scotia wilderness by 2015.
- Helped secure logging and harvesting moratoria for several hundred square kilometres of forests negotiated with three large forestry companies, pending legal protection.
- Successfully advocated for over 560 km<sup>2</sup> of industrial timberlands to be acquired by the Province, mostly for conservation, through an unprecedented \$75 million land acquisition initiative.
- Secured a commitment from Minister of Natural Resources to stop whole-tree harvesting on both private and public lands.
- Influenced the contents of an extremely positive report released from the Natural Resources Strategy Review, calling for a fundamental shift in natural resource management, and a restructuring of the Department of Natural Resources. Key recommendations include: clearcutting and herbicides by permit only, ban on whole-tree harvesting and a new Biodiversity Act.
- Issued a report on use of herbicides, which found that herbicides are not necessary to ensure adequate regeneration of commercial species.

- Published a report comparing clearcutting and selection harvesting techniques. The report concludes that for the forest types studied, selection harvesting techniques can be cost-effective, generate comparable or greater growth and yield, provide comparable or greater employment and result in better regeneration of late-successional forest species.
- Signed an MOU for the creation of a low-impact forestry demonstration project on some 1500 acres of Crown Land near Mooseland. EAC is one of four founding organizations.

## Financial Report

The EAC ended the 2009/2010 fiscal year with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$4,750. The entire surplus was added to the Reserve Fund, which now totals \$40,750.

Recognized revenue increased for core (or operational) activities but for the first time in many years, project funding decreased. It was down by \$313,847 or 22.2% compared to the previous fiscal year. Even though this was somewhat expected, it is worrisome to see project funding decrease. Volunteers and staff continue to work hard, seeking new sources of funding.

Overall, core revenue increased by 5.2% over the previous year. Admin fee revenue declined by 7.9% and now represents 36.3% of total core revenue. Revenues from fundraising, membership and donations grew by 38.2% and represent 49.6% of total core revenue. Having less reliance on admin fee revenue allows the operational part of the organization to continue providing support to staff, committees and volunteers during this period of lower project funding.

Core expenses increased by 6.5% over the previous year. Fundraising expenses increased by \$11,084, mainly driven by the introduction of the new fundraiser, the On Canvass art show. Core staff wages and benefits increased by 7.8%, driven by the hiring of a summer student, higher benefits expenses and more hours for a few positions. Over the last year, Digital nGenuity helped the EAC upgrade and overhaul its computer network. The upgrade cost \$22,830 and was made affordable by a generous donation of \$20,000 from Digital nGenuity.

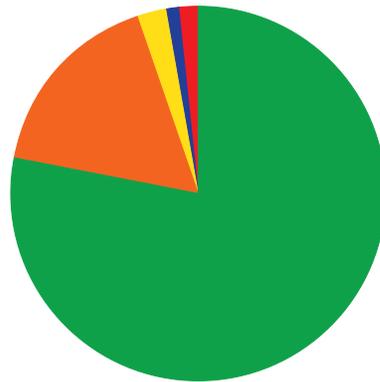
This summary of financial information has been extracted from the Ecology Action Centre's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2010. The audit was completed by Grant Thornton LLP. To obtain copies of the complete audited financial statements, please call our Financial Director at (902) 442-0254.

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



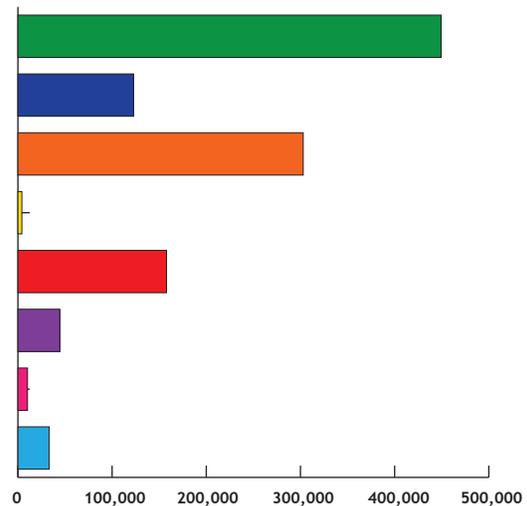
## EAC - Overall Spending 09/10

Project Expenses	78.1%
Core Operations	16.8%
Membership	2.5%
BTI Magazine	1.2%
Fundraising	1.4%



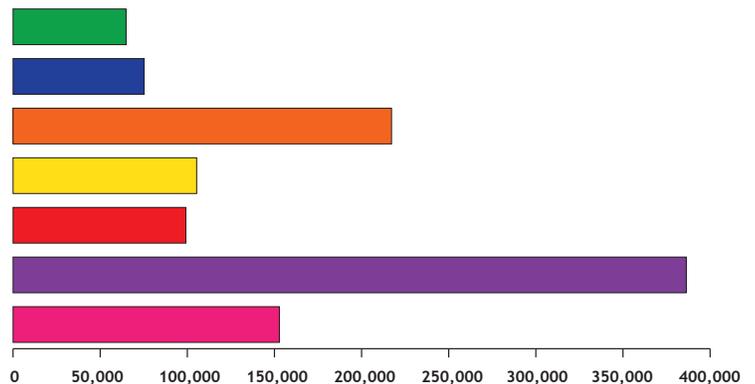
## Project Funding Sources 09/10

Private	39.9%
Federal	10.9%
Provincial	26.9%
HRM	0.4%
Non-Profit Orgs	14.0%
Donations	4.0%
Fundraising	0.9%
Other	3.0%



## Project Funding by Committee 09/10

Built Environment	\$64,852
Coastal	\$75,199
Energy	\$217,200
Food Action	\$105,357
Marine	\$99,196
Transportation	\$386,317
Wilderness	\$152,817





## Statement of Operations

	<u>Yr Ended March 31</u>	
	2010	2009
<b>Revenue</b>		
Fundraising	56,034	39,652
Admin fees on projects	137,560	149,335
Memberships	68,415	57,731
Donations	63,698	38,733
Operating Expense Recoveries	22,572	28,153
BTI revenue	7,850	12,761
Interest on savings	2,965	4,199
Miscellaneous	4,314	202
Grant to EAC core	0	12,000
Capital contribution	15,618	17,463
Project revenue	1,336,492	1,386,492
Project expenses	-1,336,492	-1,386,492
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>379,026</u></b>	<b><u>360,229</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Fundraising events	24,479	13,395
Advertising	0	303
Bad debts	435	755
Bank, credit card & payroll fees	5,216	5,220
Between the Issues	19,696	26,615
Depreciation	18,031	19,824
Equipment lease	4,490	2,980
Insurance	7,174	6,911
Membership	2,158	1,314
Miscellaneous	5,784	4,934
Office	31,197	11,212
Power & water utilities	3,372	3,228
Professional fees	9,095	9,904
Project contributions	12,800	21,307
Property financing	5,256	6,183
Property taxes & maintenance	4,693	11,497
Staff wages & benefits	216,376	200,796
Telephone	2,831	2,773
Training & seminars	369	1,731
Travel	824	468
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>374,276</u></b>	<b><u>351,350</u></b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b><u>4,750</u></b>	<b><u>8,879</u></b>

## Balance Sheet

	<u>Yr Ended March 31</u>	
	2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Cash & cash equivalents	238,600	330,167
Receivables	155,306	241,905
Prepaid expenses	4,212	6,884
	<u>398,118</u>	<u>578,956</u>
Property & equipment	304,374	316,975
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>702,492</u></b>	<b><u>895,931</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Payables & accruals	40,975	32,596
Deferred project revenue	280,267	461,340
Current portion of mortgage payable	76,339	5,090
	<u>397,581</u>	<u>499,026</u>
<i>Long-term</i>		
Deferred capital contributions	148,795	160,708
Mortgage payable	0	76,331
Note payable	8,500	17,000
	<u>554,876</u>	<u>753,065</u>
<i>Surplus</i>		
Operating surplus	36,126	49,020
Investments in capital assets	70,740	57,846
Reserve fund	40,750	36,000
	<u>147,616</u>	<u>142,866</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>702,492</u></b>	<b><u>895,931</u></b>

## Our Funders

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

### Built Environment Committee

Canadian Cancer Society  
Canadian Health & Environmental Resources  
Nova Scotia Department of Environment  
Resource Recovery Fund Board  
Individual donors

### Coastal Issues Committee

Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership  
Bird Studies Canada  
Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse  
Dalhousie University - Marine Affairs Program  
Environmental Canada - Environmental Damages Fund  
Halifax Field Naturalists  
Mountain Equipment Co-op  
Nova Scotia Habitat Conservation Fund  
Nova Scotia Nature Trust  
Sage Environmental Program  
Saint Mary's University - Environmental Studies  
Salamander Foundation  
Service Canada  
Tides Canada Foundation  
Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation  
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### Energy Issues Committee

Conserve Nova Scotia  
Kendall Whaling Museum Trust  
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## 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 “grass roots”.
- 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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