



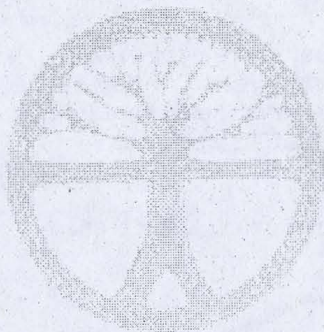
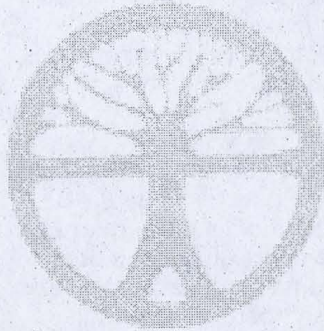
**Ecology
Action
Centre**

Annual Report

2005-2006



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co-chair's message

Action is in the house!

Any leadership position within the EAC should be assumed with great pride, some trepidation, but mostly trust and confidence. Pride, because EAC is one of the finest environmental organizations in the country. Trepidation, because we are humbled by the collective talent of our outstanding staff, volunteers, members and supporters, and because we follow in the rather large footsteps of our predecessors. And trust and confidence, because the talented and passionate personalities that make up EAC give assurance that we will continue to be strong leaders in environmental education and the protection of nature on which we all depend.

As we celebrate our 35th anniversary we should take a moment to recognize and commend the founders, members, staff and directors who have inspired and guided EAC over the years. EAC has evolved into an incredible organization built on a foundation of credibility, responsibility, and perseverance. The alternative organizational model under which we function is making a difference. The descriptions and successes of EAC projects outlined in this report demonstrate how environmental sustainability and livelihoods can co-exist, and how the diversity of our interests can stimulate action required to give nature a voice. After all, we are all a part of nature.

Although the focus of EAC is Nova Scotia it is useful to situate our work in a larger context. For example, Statistics Canada data shows the economic contribution of the non-profit sector to be 8.6% of the national economy when volunteer labour is included. Note that this contribution is more than 11 times that of the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, over 4 times larger than agriculture and over twice the value of mining, oil and gas extraction industries. EAC is no longer a small organization. We now have 25 full-time staff (with benefits!), a membership of more than 850 (and getting larger all the time), a remarkable volunteer base and a budget exceeding the million dollar mark. It is also helpful to observe that the challenges we face are remarkably similar in other organizations. More than 52% of non-profit and voluntary organizations report having problems with planning for the future, difficulty retaining volunteers, obtaining board members, and challenges to providing the public (and members) with the benefits and potential they have to offer. Despite these challenges it has been proven that the determination of those involved with EAC is focused on integrating sustainability in our core processes, as well into human enterprise resistant to change.

We also enter our 36th year of operation on a concrete foundation. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the House Committee we can begin to live by our values and demonstrate to others the importance of conservation. In the 19th century John Ruskin, an artist and Chair of fine arts at Oxford University, wrote: "Building a city fit for people to live in means *remedial action in the houses that we have*; and the building of more...kept in proportion to their streams... with a belt of beautiful garden and orchard round the walls, so that from any part of the city...might be reachable in a few minutes' walk." The decision to work with what was available in the renovation of our new home will, we believe, resonate clearly with all Nova Scotians that living more sustainably is a real option.

The future of EAC is rooted in the people whose stories are found within the reports, projects, and committees found throughout this report; we have much to celebrate from the past year. Our home is your home and we hope you will join us in celebrating our successes. We can all be proud to be a part of an organization that lives its values and will continue to represent a voice for nature well into the future.

Respectfully submitted by: Daniel Rainham, Jennifer Graham and Tarah Wright, Co-Chairs

board of directors

EAC BOARD: June 2005 – June 2006

Jennifer Graham – Co-Chair (Appointed June 2002 to June 2006)
Daniel Rainham – Co-Chair (Appointed January 2005)
Tarah Wright – Co-Chair (Appointed October 2005 to June 2006)
Nancy Wright – Secretary (Appointed June 2005)
Brian Aird – Interim Treasurer (Appointed January 2005)
Wayne Groszko (Appointed June 2005 to February 2006)
Yvette Michaud (Appointed June 2004 to June 2006)
Jayne Roma (Appointed December 2002)
Sue McKinney (Appointed June 2002 to June 2006)
Simon Melrose (Appointed December 2005 – interim)
Michelle Campbell (Appointed June 2005)
Luc Cayer (Appointed December 2005 – interim)
Caley MacLennan (Appointed June 2005)
Anne Pryde (Appointed January 2005)
Michael Furlong (Appointed January 2005)
Andree MacKay (Appointed December 2005 – interim)
Blake Wright (Appointed December 2005 – interim)
Judith Cabrita (June 2005 to May 2006)

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.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As I grapple with what to highlight about the last year in a few short paragraphs, I look around my new office and feel good, really good. I feel good about our green building; that we, who talk a lot, are walking the talk. In our former rental space, about the most we could do to express our values was to use single sided paper in the printer and turn down the heat at night. Now, we have control over all decisions from the solar panels on the roof to the silicate based paints on the walls. I feel good that we have made the right financial decision for the Centre and its members; but do ask us about our capital campaign. I feel good that hardworking staff and volunteers have a beautiful and comfortable office space, such an improvement on the cramped quarters that we worked out of for 35 years. Finally, I feel good that we did it, all 200 or so volunteers, staff, tradespeople, and funders. It was painful at times, but we did it.

What to tell you about the rest of the year. At the same time we bought, renovated and moved into a new and green building, we kept on doing our other work, the work that you as members and supporters want us to do. EAC working with many partners, had successes, on the ground and on the water. Here's a collage: universities adopt a student transit pass, more local food and organic food in stores, more community gardens in Halifax, more students walking and biking to school, a commitment to an independent review of forestry practices, improvements in affordable energy and energy efficiency programs, Sable Island Station protected, legislation regulating ATVs passed, a saltmarsh successfully restored, the first-ever national scientific review of the impacts of dragging and other achievements that staff and volunteers will remind me of when they read this.

It is crucial to celebrate our successes and to feel good about the work we do and the difference we make. At the same time, it is equally crucial to step outside of the Centre (big C and little c) and see clearly what is going on in Nova Scotia and some of the challenges that Nova Scotians are confronting, particularly in rural areas. While preparing this report, I got a letter from a member on the South Shore who felt completely dispirited by the state of environmental affairs in the Province, particularly in her fight against a proposed quarry on her doorstep. What she asked, were we doing?

Yes, there is lots left to do. EAC is full of plans. We want to see solar panels multiply on roofs across the Province, clearcutting replaced by selective cutting, a healthy public transit system across Nova Scotia, and most importantly a change in the way we think and treat nature and by extension each other in this Province. We have done a lot in the last year and will do a lot more this year. We can do it because of the people involved in EAC. For me the best part of this job is the people, the people I work with now and the amazing people that I haven't yet met but will walk through the door this year.

Thanks to everyone who over the last year has contributed to EAC's mandate: A society in Nova Scotia that respects and protects nature and provides environmentally and economically sustainable solutions for its citizens.

Mark Butler
Managing Director

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

PROJECT: EAC OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP

Coordinator's: Heather McKibbon, Jesse Joice

Funded by: EAC, Canadian Volunteer Initiatives

Description: Membership fees and donations allow EAC to provide an independent voice in support of Nova Scotia's environment and communities. Contributions and support provided through volunteer efforts are invaluable to the function of the Centre. As such, we continue to seek new members and volunteers to support our endeavours. The Outreach and Membership Committee strives to keep members and the public informed of the Centre's work and opportunities to be involved.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Established a volunteer program for administrative volunteers, created a volunteer database, improved volunteer communication and recruitment.
- Implemented a volunteer appreciation strategy.
- Increased membership by 100 members. We currently have approximately 850 members - the most ever in EAC's history!
- Increased membership fees for the first time in since 1997.
- Enhanced display materials and planned new communication materials.
- Improved BTI provincial distribution.
- Established routine 'Membershipathons' (calling nights) and improved the membership profile amongst staff and board.
- Assisted with new and old fundraising strategy such as Native Tree Spree, Pesticide-Free Christmas Tree, Capital and Bequest campaigns.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Forming stronger partnerships with community partners such as health professionals and wilderness enthusiast groups.
- Launch 35 ways to adopt Nova Scotia.
- Establish September as membership month.
- Organize a fall canvass within Halifax.
- Establish ambassadors throughout the province who can assist with EAC outreach.
- Research funding opportunities for volunteer and outreach capacity building.

PROJECT: WEBSITE MANAGEMENT

Project Coordinator: Emma Boardman

Funded by: EAC Core

Description: The website is an essential communication and outreach tool for all EAC projects and committees. In January 2006, EAC hired a part-time coordinator to oversee improvements and updates to the website, as well as manage the EAC committee listservs. New content has been added, news items, press releases, and events are now being posted on a regular basis. Consistency between committee pages has been improved, and will continue to improve. In the future, a website committee may form to assess the EAC's website needs and decide on a possible re-design to better suit our growing needs.

Submitted by Heather McKibbon

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BETWEEN THE ISSUES (BTI)

Description: Between the Issues is EAC's quarterly publication, distributed to members, public libraries, elected officials and available for pick up at locations across the province. Back issues are available for download on the EAC's website.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities: In the past year and half, we have increase circulation from 2500 to 5000. The redesign completed in 2005 has been a success! We continue to work on the details, to make the publication informative about to the EAC's activities and in educating the public on environmental issues in Nova Scotia and beyond. The BTI committee has been strengthened over the year, and EAC staff have contributed at an unprecedented rate. Advertising revenues continue to increase, with average revenue of \$1,190.00 / issue. We continue to strive to reach our goal of 100% recycled paper, and have switched to BroMoc

Print which is slated to become the first Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) printer in Atlantic Canada. The magazine is printed with vegetable based inks. We have added four more pages since our redesign, and at least two issues per year will be 24 pages.

Plans / Next Steps:

In the coming year, we hope to further delegate Between the Issues production to Committee members and ensure staff support, as BTI continues to be an important education tool for the Centre. We welcome feedback and suggestions from our members and supporters, and are always looking for writers, especially with regards to environmental issues in your area. We plan to continue to expand our distribution and ensure that BTI is a sustainable project for the Centre.

Submitted by: Susanna Fuller

35th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Special Projects:

PROJECT: FERN LANE STREET FESTIVAL

Project Coordinators: Tarah Wright and 35th Anniversary Committee

Funded by: Ecology Action Centre

Description: This event is to celebrate our 35th Anniversary as a community and invite local residents and merchants to join in the party. The event will have the feel of a fair feel to it with a large tent, games, entertainment, and food. Each Issues Committee will contribute to the event.

PROJECT: 1920's SOIREE

Project Coordinator: Gina Patterson and 35th Anniversary Committee

Funded by: Self-funded

Description: This event is scheduled to take place Sept 29, 2006 at the Garrison Brewery. The theme will be 1920's and guests will enjoy

cocktails, canapes and dancing. Guests are invited to arrive in period costume or creative black tie.

PROJECT: EAC PARADE OF LIGHTS

Project Coordinator: Daniel Rainham and 35th Anniversary Committee

Funded by: Private donations

Description: The goal is to have the only human-powered float in the Parade of Lights for 2006. A local welder has donated his time and our committee is working on the design.

GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

-Developed 35th Anniversary webpage
-Worked with Issues Committee's to develop 35th Anniversary events in honour of each committee.

Submitted by: Tarah Wright

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HOME COMMITTEE

Description: The Home Committee was established in 2003 with a mandate to locate a suitable permanent home for the EAC. This initial goal was achieved in July of 2005, when the EAC purchased a new home in Halifax's North End at 2705 Fern Lane. For the first time in our 35 year history, we had a place to call our own.

At that point the Home Committee took on a new set of objectives, primarily to plan and implement the renovation of Fern Lane property; coordinate with the Move and Capital Campaign Committees with respect to fundraising materials, donations, and moving to the new space; as well, the HC is responsible for long term planning, maintenance and upkeep of the building.

Our new home was anxiously awaited. When we bought the building, staff and volunteers rejoiced at the prospect of offices where the lunch room no longer served as the board room as well as offices for four or five project staff. With this step the EAC embarked on a remarkable journey.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities: In the nine months following the purchase of the building, and with the marvelous efforts and dedication of many volunteers, staff, trades people, donors and supporters, the Home Committee worked to transform our building into the first working demonstration of green office renovation in Nova Scotia. We owe our success to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and supporters, and the superhuman efforts of our Home Coordinator, Susanna Fuller. To date, 150 volunteers have contributed over 4,000 hours of volunteer labour to our new home.

Along the way we made valuable connections in our community; we uncovered a huge public need for information and support around ecological building options; we began to see the urgency of advocating for change in the building

industry; we fashioned an office space that is a delight to work in and visit; and we created a space where we can "walk the talk."

Our new home has many exciting features: solar panels on the roof, a waterless urinal, walls made of clay and straw, details reused from the original home, shelving made from sustainably harvested wood, and much, much more. We are very proud of what we have achieved. We are particularly pleased that while the average renovation in Halifax today costs around \$120 per square foot, we accomplished an innovative, green renovation for only \$60 per square foot.

Our efforts received extensive media coverage including a piece on CBC's Maritime Magazine, a series of articles in the Halifax Herald, and an ATV piece highlighting our bike-trailer supported move from Argyle Street. Already this new space is raising our profile and allowing us to reach and educate more people than ever before.

Furthermore, the new space is changing the EAC office environment for the better. Inspiring us to continue to celebrate - in our wonderful new lunch room, in the most beautiful board room you could imagine, and in our fresh and sunny offices. We encourage you to visit us and join in the celebration!

Plans /Next Steps: Now that the main renovations and move have been completed, the Home Committee will be focusing our efforts on the maintenance and improvement of the building with an eye to future project ideas such as a green roof and a grey water collection system. The Home Committee is now working to capture and share the many lessons we learned - on our website, through guided and self-guided tours of the space, and in our project work.

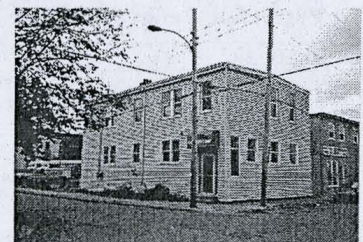
Submitted by: Maggy Burns



Demolition time!
Photo: EAC



Tearing things up!
Photo: EAC



Home sweet home!
Photo: EAC

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Like every other aspect of EAC this past year, moneywise, it was an incredible one. EAC had a strong financial year, with gross revenues of more than one million dollars. There were more projects on the go, more volunteers involved, and more staff on the payroll than ever before. And to top it all off, we bought and renovated our new home, Fern Lane. The EAC has prepared audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006. Our audit was completed by Grant Thornton LLP and the financial statements have been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors. Financial statements and notes are included in Appendix A.

Following are the financial highlights:

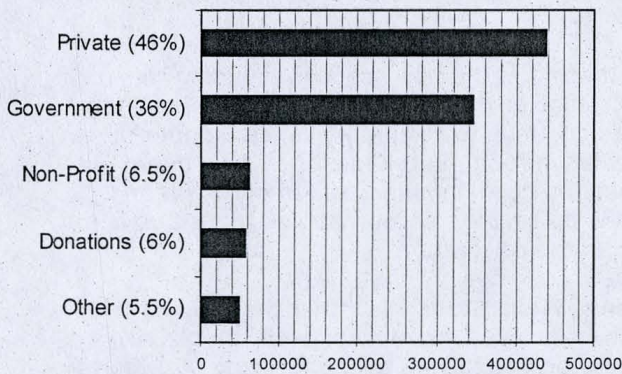
- EAC finished the 05/06 fiscal year with a surplus of \$5,351. Almost all revenue line items were stronger than originally expected, the largest increase coming from dmin fees. This stronger position allowed

the EAC to approve several new spending items that were not included in the budget at the beginning of the year. These included an increase in the Managing Director hours and the introduction of benefits for staff.

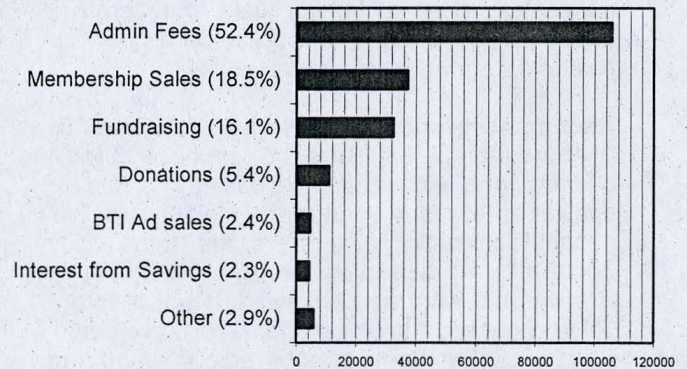
- Total revenue for EAC core operations was \$202,068. See the chart below for a breakdown of these revenues.
- Project revenues totaled \$952,126 for the year; an increase of 27% over the previous year. See below for a breakdown of the EAC's sources of project funding.
- The stronger financial position also made for a good year to purchase and renovate Fern Lane. See the table below for the purchase and renovation costs (as of Mar 31/06) and how both were financed.

Submitted by: Carla Vandenberg & Brian Aird

Sources of Project Funding



Sources of EAC Core Funding



Fern Lane Purchase Costs		Financing for Purchase	
Purchase	\$150,000	Mortgage	\$ 97,500
HST on purchase	\$ 6,750	Savings (bequest)	\$ 65,103
Closing costs & taxes	\$ 5,853		
Total	\$162,603	Total	\$162,603
Fern Lane Renovations (as of Mar 31/06)		Financing for Renovations (as of Mar 31/06)	
Items capitalized	\$102,569	Balance from bequest	\$ 19,897
Items expensed	\$ 11,336	Loan	\$ 50,000
		Dept of Energy	\$ 25,000
		Capital Campaign	\$ 23,282
Total	\$ 113, 905	Total	\$ 118,179

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Description: In conjunction with the purchase of our first home, the EAC launched its first ever Capital Campaign this year. Our current goal is to raise the funds needed for the renovations to the new Fern Lane property. To do this, the Capital Campaign Committee will raise \$140,000, as well as establish a more permanent committee to raise funds to meet the longer-term financial needs of Fern Lane.

Recent Accomplishments and

Activities: The EAC was fortunate to secure a low-interest loan from one of our members which helped fund the renovations to our new home while the Capital Campaign got underway. Progress on fundraising was almost instantaneous as the success of our new venture inspired a number of generous initial donations. To date the campaign has raised \$30,000. The dedicated group of campaign volunteers has been hard at work developing a vision, creating materials, delivering "friends of Fern Lane" home tours, and meeting with potential donors. We also have the assistance of the EAC 35th Anniversary Events Coordinator, Gina Patterson, whose skills have contributed to developing and implementing the tours.

Next Steps: We are working to raise the remaining \$110,000 for the home renovation during 2006. We are helping to coordinate the 35th Anniversary Soiree on September 29th which will be a fundraiser for our Capital Campaign.

Ways You Can Help: The capital campaign has four tiers of major donors: Roof Level Donors (\$35,000+), Wall Level Donors (\$10,000 - \$34,999), Door Level Donors (\$3,500 - \$9,999) and Window Level Donors (\$1,000 - \$3,499). We are encouraging those interested in supporting our campaign to consider pledging over three years. We also welcome other contributions such as: smaller donations, time, ideas, furniture, and labour.

Special thanks:

The Home and Capital Campaign committees would like to offer a special thank you to those whose financial support is making Fern Lane possible:

Nova Scotia Department of Energy
O'Malley Family
Margaret Hubbard Family Foundation

These suppliers and tradespeople have provided materials and services:

Shaw Brick
CGC Drywall
David Prior of Veridity
Sherwin Williams
Eco-House Paint
Russell Malay
Rod Malay
Kim Thompson
Caley MacLellan

We would also like to express our gratitude to the many individuals who have made donations to our Capital Campaign.

Thank you all!

Submitted by: Maggy Burns

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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

GARDEN PARTY and AUCTION

The Garden Party is one of the EAC's most anticipated and financially significant fundraisers of the year. Volunteers begin to meet in early January and solicit donations from a wide array of supporters from local businesses, as well as hospitality, tours, and products from throughout the province. The effort pays off. By springtime, they have accumulated hundreds of goods and services, and each year the Garden Party raises more funds for the EAC than the year before. Volunteers are already thinking of how to exceed this amount in 2006 to support the great work that the Centre does.

In addition to its fundraising success, the Garden Party is regularly attended by members who look forward to the event's social elements. Action begins at 1:00 p.m., encouraging casual gathering, reconnecting with old friends, and enjoying refreshments and live music. The Garden Party attracts several non-EAC members, providing an informal, inviting setting for citizens to learn more about the Centre's activities. The Membership Committee sets up a table at the auction, and aims to meet or exceed their targets for new members.

- The Auction took place on Sunday June 5, 2005, with approximately 150 number of people in attendance
- The Auction raised a net profit of \$16,565 to support the EAC's core operations.

Major Sponsors:

P'lovers, Shaw Brick, Credit Union Atlantic, Halifax Herald, Nova Scotia Potter's Guild, Assante Wealth Management, Stephen Patterson, Just Us Coffee, Avon Emporium, Lakeland Plant World, Ski Tuonela, Joe Biderman

Landscaping Design, Hometite Services, Flight of Fancy, Halifax Osteopathic Health Centre, TREWORKS, Taylor Made Security, Edmonds Landscaping.

Submitted by: Hanita Koblents

CHEMICAL-FREE CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN

- Pick-up Day was a hit despite the first major storm in the history of the campaign! As a result, the day got off to a bit of a late start, but most customers still managed to dig themselves out and were eventually able to make it to Pier 20 for their tree.
- Everett Tanner of Shubenacadie and George Post of Pictou County once again supplied our chemical-free trees. Sheldon Rafuse of New Ross supplied the wreath boughs.
- The 2005 campaign was very successful and realized a net profit of \$5,442 to support the EAC's core operations. This was in part due to an increase in tree prices as well as an overall increase in sales.

Submitted by: Jayne Roma

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NATIVE TREE SPREE

- Native tree spree aims to educate the public about the importance of native species in Nova Scotia. This is carried out through promotional displays and providing materials upon purchase of an EAC native tree.
- Trees are provided at cost by Ron Scott of Helio Tree Nursery.

- Promotional booths were located at the Halifax Shopping Centre, MicMac Mall, Garden Party, Annual General Meeting, Farmers Market, and Great Ocean Foods.
- The 2005 campaign was a trial campaign and netted a profit of \$933.

Submitted by: Heather McKibbin

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Developed EAC Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers.
- Updated Personnel Policy to clarify personnel review procedures, procedures for wage increases, and procedures for taking disciplinary action.
- Currently developing policy on pay equity and standards for EAC employees.
- Developed a "Vitality Schedule" of events in order to boost morale amongst the staff.

- Organized facilitated session with professional facilitator to welcome staff to the new Fern Lane home, as well as focus on how staff will conduct themselves in the new space.
- Developed procedure for standardization of contract forms to ensure consistency with the Personnel Policy and draft Code of Conduct for the EAC.
- Developed a job description template.

Submitted by: Tarah Wright

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COASTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (CIC)

Special Projects:

PROJECT: RECONNECTING THE COAST

Project Coordinator: Sean Weseloh
McKeane (Feb 05 – April 06)

Funded by: McLean Foundation,
Salamander Foundation, Henry P. Kendall
Foundation

Description: "Reconnecting the Coast" is a program of education and action for improved protection and management of Nova Scotia's coasts. The Reconnecting the Coast initiative encourages and support is improved coastal governance, works with government and regulatory agencies to implement integrated management, engages local people in coastal protection, and supports and connects community groups addressing coastal issues in their areas.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Led a four month research project examining the role of municipalities in coastal planning along the South Shore of NS. This research was complemented in April 2006 by a second research project for the Eastern Shore titled "Planning around watercourses: Demonstrating design and policy for Nova Scotia" CIC was the lead community partner in this initiative as well.
- Held two strategic planning and capacity building sessions (Sept and Oct 2005) to prioritize coastal campaign activities for the next 12 months.
- Developed "Navigating the maze: A citizen's guide to coastal action in Nova Scotia". This handbook explains the jurisdictions involved in coastal area management and how communities can take action in their region.

- Co-chaired the Ocean Management Research Network national conference workshop on "Tourism and Coastal Development" in Ottawa (Oct. 2005).
- Worked with the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia, to successfully prevent the District Municipality of Barrington from revising a bylaw to allow coastal wetland zones to be opened for cottage and house development.
- Worked with NS Tourism, Culture and Heritage / Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia as part of the Sustainable Coastal Strategy Committee. This work endorsed by the Provincial Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage and the creation of the Sustainable Marketable Assets Related to Tourism (SMART) working group (Mar. 2006).

Plans / Next steps:

- Involvement in Municipal plan outreach. CIC has been directly solicited by members of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to assist with coastal management capacity building at the municipal level through the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia.
- Focusing on encouraging necessary policy review to protect sensitive coastal habitat. Wetlands protection legislation and the NS Beaches Act will be our campaign focus over the next 12 months.
- Expansion of the stakeholders involved in the Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia.

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PROJECT: SALT MARSH AND TIDAL BARRIERS

Project Coordinator: Cory Aldous (with support from Sean Weseloh McKeane)

Funded by: Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP); Evergreen Foundation, Department of Transportation and Public Works

Description: This project is an extension of the successful salt marsh restoration project at Cheverie Creek. CIC is extremely pleased that due to our efforts over the last five years, the original culvert was replaced with a larger opening in December 2005. The tidal barriers project involved producing information materials about the impacts of tidal barriers on Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon. Community outreach and presentations to schools, and local groups. We also continued to work with the local community at Cheverie Creek on interpretative signage and education displays.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Hosted a community meeting in Oct. 2005 bringing together representatives of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and local community interests. Developed and maintained an information kiosk at a local general store, and coordinated salt marsh education programs with the local elementary school.
- Replaced the 1.5m wide wooden culvert at Cheverie creek with a 9m wide aluminum culvert which restores close to full tidal flushing to the salt marsh. This is the culmination of our work at Cheverie Creek and will lead to the regeneration of over 30 hectares of salt marsh and vastly improve fish and wildlife habitat for this regionally important marsh.
- Received the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment

Visionary Group Award for our work on salt marsh restoration.

- Completed a project identifying priority salt marsh restoration sites and conducting focused outreach around mitigating barriers to endangered Inner Bay of Fundy Salmon. In this project we produced five tidal barriers fact sheets, an information tabloid, and a brochure which were all endorsed by Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Plans / Next steps:

- Although the project is complete, the EAC will continue to work with the local community at Cheverie Creek to support their environmental education efforts.
- Provide support for community planning of a boardwalk / interpretation area at the marsh.
- Culvert opening celebration planned for this spring / summer.
- Salt marsh Restoration Workshop planned for Fall 2006 with funds from the Gulf of Maine Council Action grants.

PROJECT: FULL PANEL REVIEW OF DIGBY NECK QUARRY

Project Coordinator: Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mark Tekamp

Funded by: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Description: Received to participate in the panel review of the impacts of a proposed basalt quarry on digby with a focus on the possibility of ships transporting the aggregate of possibly introducing non-native marine species.

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PROJECT: Halifax Harbour Watershed Coalition

Funding: Environment Canada's Environmental Damages Fund (project officially completed as of Mar 2005)

Description: The purpose of this project was to engage local groups in activities around the Halifax Harbour Watershed. This was accomplished through a series of small grants to local partners to take on various education and research activities.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Formation of the Halifax Harbour Watershed Coalition, a not-for-profit organization bringing together stakeholders concerned with the Halifax Harbour watershed.

Plans/Next Steps:

Most project activities were completed in the 2004/2005 calendar year; however, a few project reports will be completed shortly.

Submitted by: Sean Weseloh McKeane



Coastline community in NS
Photo: EAC



Martanique Beach Clean up.
Photo: EAC



Salt Marsh sampling.
Mummychug anyone?
Photo: EAC

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ENERGY ISSUES COMMITTEE (EIC)

Project Coordinator: Brendan Haley
Funded by: Henry P. Kendall Foundation, Energy Issues Committee funds, Environment Canada, Nova Scotia Department of Energy, Climate Action Network

Description: The Energy Issues Committee (EIC) focuses on promoting energy efficiency and green, renewable energy in Nova Scotia. The committee answers public inquiries, participates in public forums, and acts a voice on climate change and energy issues in the media.

During the past year, the committee has focused on building capacity for action on energy and climate change issues throughout Atlantic Canada. During the fall of '05, the EAC coordinated the creation of an action plan for the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition.

The dedication and hard work of committee volunteers is integral to remaining at the forefront of ever-increasing discussions around energy sustainability.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Developed Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition five year action plan, focused on economic development.
- Actively participated in the 2005 NSPI Rate Case Hearing before the Utility and Review Board (UARB) regarding changes to rates and regulations. The EAC requested separate hearings on Demand Side Management (DSM). The request was granted, creating an opportunity for augmenting independently run energy efficiency programs in the province.
- Actively participated in the NSPI Air Emissions Strategy Hearing before the NSUARB. The EAC has drawn attention to local air quality issues in

the vicinity of Nova Scotia Power Inc's Trenton Generating Station.

- Collaborated with the Wilderness Issues Committee on the issue of biomass harvesting, including formal meetings with NDP and Liberal Natural Resources critics.
- Promoted the importance of low-income energy efficiency as a member of the Affordable Energy Coalition.
 - The EAC authored a Report-Card on the province's Keep the Heat energy rebate program.
 - The EAC sponsored a forum on low-income energy efficiency during the Montreal Climate Change Conference.
 - The EAC acted as spokesperson for a variety of media events and op-eds.
- Received funding from Environment Canada to develop tours of the EAC's new office showcasing sustainable energy practices and individual changes in behaviour.
- Received funding from the NS Department of Energy to conduct an inventory and promote solar homes.
- Participated in the St. John's Conference of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP)
- Authored the Climate Action Report Card for Nova Scotia, presented before the NEG/ECP Conference and at the Montreal Climate Change Conference.
- Wrote climate change and energy section of Nova Scotia's Alternative Budget.

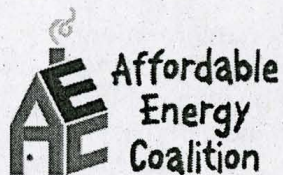
Plans/Next Steps:

- Participation in 2006 NSPI DSM hearing in front of the UARB. We will work to augment NSPI's proposed investments six fold, to put Nova Scotia on par with other regional efforts and to ensure DSM programs are independently run.

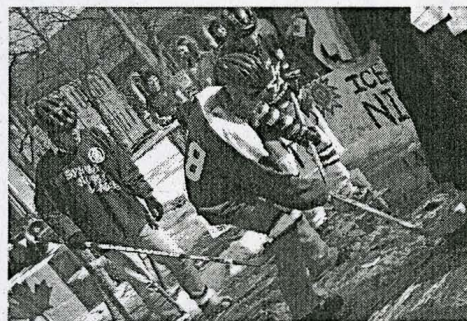
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- Work with the residents of Trenton to ensure NSPI Trenton unit #5 is retired by 2010 to dramatically improve local air quality via participation before the UARB and other avenues.
- Continued development of the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition.
- Work to implement the vision of the Premiers Advisory Council on Innovation and the Opportunities for Sustainable Prosperity 'environmental economy' recommendations through networking and working to develop a provincial sustainable energy working group.
- Work with the NS Department of Energy, Environment Canada and others to create a renewable energy resource centre at the EAC, the first project will be the target Laundromats, motels, and investment property owners to install solar hot water systems (proposal submitted to Environment Canada).
- Work with Green Power Labs Inc. to undertake a solar suitability and economic affordability survey within Halifax (proposal submitted to Infrastructure Canada).
- Engage committee members in showcasing the EAC's new eco-home.

Submitted by: Jeff Brown and Brendan Haley



The EAC has joined 17 anti-poverty groups in the Affordable Energy Coalition. Photo: EAC



EAC Members Participating in a Save Hockey - Fight Climate Change Demo on the anniversary of the Kyoto Protocol.

Photo: Margo Gesser



The EAC coordinated the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition. Photo: EAC

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FOOD ACTION COMMITTEE (FAC)

Special Projects:

PROJECT: HELIOTRUST

Project Coordinator: Jennifer Scott

Funded by: October Hill Foundation, HRSDC, and private donations, NS Federation of Agriculture

Description: HelioTrusts mandate is to conserve farm land, resources, and knowledge. HelioTrust was formed in 2003 to:

- Facilitate conservation of farmland for farming and diversified farm landscapes for conservation of biodiversity;
- Conserve heritage bread wheat varieties;
- Develop educational materials and rural-urban linkages supportive of ecological agriculture; and to
- Host the Farmer-Mentor Project – an initiative to celebrate, record and demonstrate important farm knowledge.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities

- With the help of many partners, demonstrated the agronomic and commercial significance of two varieties of **Heritage Wheat-Acadia and Red Fife**, responding to the need of Maritime organic farmers for bread wheat varieties that are suited to this climate and to organic growing conditions.
- Held a variety of workshops and events this past year including conversion of diesel engines for used vegetable oil; hand mowing with a scythe; herbal medicine preparations; trail blazing days; grape and apple days; and horse logging.
- **The Farmer Mentor Program** has compiled an archive of interviews, video and audio material from 17 experienced farmers. This year the interviews were edited into a beautiful text for a book that soon will be published.
- Hosted the second annual **Harvest Festival**, a celebration of local food and the many individuals who work hard to feed Nova Scotians. Thanks to the many food producers, musicians, performers, volunteers and Julia Kemp (Coordinator) for the successful event!

Plans/Next Steps

- Organizing the 3rd annual **Harvest Festival** on September 10, 2006 in Victoria Park Halifax.
- Holding **Open Farm Days** in May to October. *Red Fox* is a working organic farm with orchards, berries, gardens, greenhouses, livestock, pastures, wetland and woodland trails.
- An **Endowment Fund** has been initiated for conservation of more working farm lands.
- Construction of a new passive solar house at the *Red Fox* site.
- Completed The **Farmer-Mentor** book and video.

PROJECT: URBAN GARDEN MENTORS PROJECT

Project Coordinator: Japji Anna Bas

Funded by: New Horizons Canada and in-kind contributions

Description: The Urban Garden Mentors Project matched seniors with gardening experience, with interested volunteers and youth wanting to learn about urban food production. This intergenerational, multicultural project drew on the wisdom of older adults and the enthusiasm of young people in a grassroots community development project. Gardening sites included St. George's YouthNet, Spencer House and two private sites.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

Over 100 individuals were involved in this exciting project with huge attendance at both the inaugural launch party and harvest party at the end of the season. Individual skills were built, friendships were made, and many youth who do not normally have access to such abundant fresh herbs and vegetables were able to grow, prepare and consume delicious foods.

Plans/Next Steps: A new Coordinator for 2006 has been hired (Kyla Milne) and a gardening site at St. George's YouthNet has been secured, with other sites to be confirmed soon. Twenty volunteers are already on board to help with this year's project.

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PROJECT: LOCAL ECONOMY TRADING SYSTEM (LETS)

Funded by: Membership Fees, Private Donations, Service Fees (Salties), Grants

Description: LETS is a not-for-profit community-run barter network where members trade using a local currency (Salties) in exchange for goods and services. Benefits of membership include being able to trade goods and services that you cannot be traded in the job market; enriching your life without spending cash; keeping business (and food) in the local community; not to mention meeting new people at our fantastic potlucks!

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

Hosted "35 Days, 35 Trades" Festival- over 100 people turned out to learn new skills, find out about LETS, swap some clothes and eat good food.

Next Steps: LETS is always looking to increase its membership, check out www.halifaxlets.com for more information!

PROJECT: FOOD POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Description: A committee focused on researching institutional food policies and connecting with other food organizations

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Organized and attended a four-series workshop hosted by Rural Communities Impacting Policy (RCIP) Project (Dalhousie). RCIP offered workshops to increase the capacity of community groups to influence policy.
- Participated in the international 'Ban Terminator Campaign'. This campaign sought to educate the public around Terminator Seed Technology- where seeds are rendered sterile after a single season. Members held several information booths, presented the movie *Seeds of Change*, hosted a talk by Dr. Av Singh (organics

specialist), and presented at an International Development Studies Conference. Added 132 signatures to Ban Terminator petition and over 150 'Ban Terminator' signed postcards and mailed to the Prime Minister were collected.

- On March 24, 2006 the moratorium on Terminator Technology was upheld in the Canadian government and efforts to undermine the international ban were denied.

Plans/Next Steps: Intend to distribute other food related groups with hopes of building a network to influence policy to create a more food secure province.

GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Hosted booths at the Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network (ACORN) Annual Conference, Spryfield's Seedy Saturday and the Alternative Christmas Mall.
- Produced and sold 300 Seasonal Cookbooks.
- Created a social marketing survey to investigate why consumers purchase the foods they do.
- Developed the "Food Miles Report and Place-Map". Dana Sipos, a Dalhousie Intern, took on a project calculating the distances traveled by food in our grocery stores.
- Hosted two well-attended showings of the *Future of Food* (a movie about genetic modification of food crops).
- Sold "Red Wiggler" worm compost.
- Jen Ford was featured on ATV's Breakfast Television promoting local food and the Harvest Festival.
- Presented at the "Make PEI GMO -Free" hearings in Charlottetown, PEI, before the Standing Committee on Forestry, Agriculture, and the Environment.

Submitted by: Becca Green



Vegetables being sold by Roseway Farm, Harvest Festival '05.
Photo: Julia Kemp



Zuppa Circus at Harvest Festival '05.
Photo: Dave Cipinski



FAC Potluck, November '05
Photo: Johanna Nesbitt

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MARINE ISSUES COMMITTEE (MIC)

Special Projects:

PROJECT: SABLE ISLAND

Project Coordinator(s): Robin Musselman, Zoe Lucas, Mark Butler

Funding by: EJLB Foundation, World Wildlife Foundation, private donations

Description: MIC works to ensure permanent long-term funding for the Sable Island Research Station and an appropriate statute to regulate activities on the Island that protects its ecological and cultural heritage.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Reviewed potential protected area designations applicable to Sable Island.
- Participated in quarterly Sable Island Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SIASC) and got the federal government to reveal their plans for funding and protected area designation.
- Held the 2nd Annual Halifax Sable Island Information Session (Feb 2006).
- Provided thirteen illustrated talks to public schools, universities and naturalist groups.

Plans/Next steps:

- As the federal government seeks funding for Sable Island Station, we will provide input into these proposals through our continued involvement in the SISAC.
- Hold public information events in Halifax and Ottawa.

PROJECT: BIO-INVADER BUSTERS (Project Complete)

Project Coordinator(s): Lara Gibson and Gretchen Fitzgerald

Funded by: EcoAction (Environment Canada)

Description: Outreach to recreational boaters regarding awareness of invasive species and best practices to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Successful outreach to recreational boaters.
- Received extensive media coverage, including the cover of *The Daily News*.
- Production of a report summarizing our findings.

PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Project Coordinator(s): Mark Butler, Beth Elias, Susanna Fuller

Funded by: J.M. Kaplan Fund, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, EJLB Foundation, Henry P. Kendall Foundation and individual donors and volunteers.

Description: The sustainable fisheries project work to advance ecosystem-based management both in Canadian waters and on the high seas with an emphasis on minimizing the impacts of dragging or trawling on habitat.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- 'Dragged' a dragger net from Halifax to Parliament Hill (Oct 2005).
- Presented to House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries; the resulting report (Nov 2005). Recommended 'freezing the footprint' and favouring less destructive gears.
- Participated in a national science review on the impacts of bottom dragging.
- After meeting with EAC, Minister Loyola Hearn states 'Dragging damages stocks and habitat' in media.

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Plans/Next steps:

- Working with fisheries managers and industry to implement results of science review with a focus on zoning.
- Encourage Canada to support a moratorium on dragging.

PROJECT: INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

Project Coordinator(s): Mark Butler

Funded by: Henry P. Kendall Foundation

Description: The EAC is an active participant in the development and implementation of an integrated management plan for the Eastern Scotian Shelf (ESSIM).

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Zoning has been adopted as a management tool within ESSIM.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans released cold-water coral Management Plan.
- Participated as active Member of the ESSIM Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Gully MPA committee.

Plans/Next steps:

- Organize the 2nd Marine Summit with local ENGOS, June 2006.
- Promote the swift adoption and implementation of the ESSIM Management Plan.

PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

Project Coordinator(s): Sadie Beaton

Funded by: Henry P. Kendall Foundation, HRSD Canada, EJLB Foundation

Description: The Seafood Campaign aims to change the purchasing choices of seafood buyers thereby rewarding those who fish in a more sustainable manner.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Produced and distributed 'sustainable seafood' cards.
- Sold delicious bottom hook and line caught haddock fillets and spicy fishburgers at the EAC's Annual Harvest Festival.
- Promoted retailers, providing sustainably caught fish.

Plans/Next steps:

- Spring/Summer 2006, M.B.A intern will implement a marketing strategy plan for the local and national sustainable seafood campaign.

PROJECT: COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF BEPCO EXPLORATORY WELL

Project coordinator: Gretchen Fitzgerald and Christie Dyer

Funder: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

PROJECT: COASTLINES NATURAL HISTORY COLUMN

Project coordinator: John Brazner

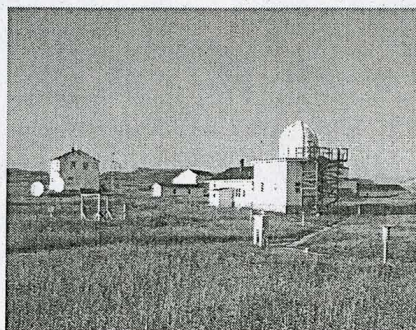
Funder: NS Habitat Conservation Fund

Description: A natural history column which appeared in weekly newspapers around Nova Scotia. The column is also one of the more popular items on our website.

Submitted by: Mark Butler



Dragger net on Parliament Hill, October 2005. Photo: EAC



Sable Island Station. Photo: Zoe Lucas



Ottawa corals and sponges knocked down by 150 lb steel rollers. Photo: EAC

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TRANSPORTATION ISSUES COMMITTEE (TIC)

Special Projects:

PROJECT: TRAX

Project Staff: Stephanie Sodero, Laena Garrison, Rebecca O'Brien, Jeremy Murphy, Philana Dollin, Peter Zimmer, Aliza Weller.

Funded By: NS Department of Energy, NS Health Promotion and Protection, EcoAction Fund (Environment Canada), Federal House Order, Mountain Equipment Coop, Go for Green.

Description: TRAX works to promote sustainable transportation in NS. Our goals are to increase the number of people who use transit, carpool, walk, or bike for transportation. In 2005, TRAX undertook a strategy session which was invaluable in identifying priority areas. As a result of the session, TRAX is focusing more on policy and infrastructure and less on education.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Researched potential for a workplace transit pass program in Halifax Reg. Municipality.
- Organized 6th annual Canadian Commuter Challenge
- Helped launch HRM's new Metro Link service.
- Actively participated on HRM's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC).
- Helped launch HRM's first Cycling Map and organized a panel decision on the health benefits of cycling for Bike Week.
- Researched legal issues in HRM associated with rollerblading and skateboarding.
- Participated on HRM's Implementation Working Group—a multi-stakeholder committee responsible for providing input on the HRM Regional Plan.

- Received over 30 media spots.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Initiate an EcoPASS Project
- research Transit funding needs in NS
- Promote carpool.ca TRAX on-line carpool matching service.
- Expand the health mandate of TIC with support of ADAPT (Association of Doctors for the Advancement of Physical Transportation) with an aim to increase investment in active transportation infrastructure.
- Compile status report on HRM's Cycling plan.
- Build support for regular street opening events.

PROJECT: ACTIVE and SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Project Coordinators: Janet Barlow (ASRTS), Diana Prosser-Lewis (Making Tracks)

Funded by: NS Department of Health Promotion and Protection, IWK Health Centre Foundation, Transport Canada and Clean Air Champions.

Description: Active and Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) encourages the use of active modes of transportation to and from school such as walking, cycling, and other environmentally-friendly transportation modes. It is a national program of Go for Green coordinated in NS by the EAC in partnership with the NS Health Promotion and Protection.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Reached almost 1,000 students in eight junior and senior high schools with an active transportation presentation by athletes with Clean Air Champions

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- Consulted with over 12 elementary schools on walking, traffic and safety issues.
- Ran the most successful International Walk to School Week yet with 137 NS schools participating (involving over 30,000 students).
- Held an ASRTS injury prevention workshop for the Colchester/East Hants area.
- Started the Making Tracks project researching the barriers to students walking and biking to school and working with six pilot schools across the province.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Increase schools participating in Walk to School Week by ten percent.
- Finish the Making Tracks project to increase active transportation to school.
- Pursue developing a provincial school program for pedestrian and cycling safety.

PROJECT: BIKE AGAIN

Project Coordinators: Scott McPhee, Susanna Fuller

Funded by: Resource Recovery Fund Board, individual donations of cash and materials for bicycles

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Maintained core volunteer base of six persons with 10-20 additional volunteers totalling more than 870 volunteer hours.
- Provided assistance for the annual HRM Police Bicycle Auction.
- Continued basic program of helping people repair bicycles. 24 bicycles repaired in 2005-6.
- Accepted donations of used bicycles.
- Provided a preventative bicycle maintenance course.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Continue to strengthen and re-focus the Bike Again program on education including bicycle repair, maintenance and safety.
- Develop a new communications strategy to strengthen volunteer work base.

PROJECT: STEER CLEAN

Project Coordinator: Maggy Burns
Funded by: Environment Canada, Resource Recovery Fund Board, NS Department of Environment and Labour, HRM Metro Transit, Hillcrest VW, East Coast Outfitters, Aerobics First, National Car Rental, YMCA, Canadian Tire, Vespa Halifax, Maritime Auto Salvage and Covey's Auto Recyclers.

Description: The EAC's Steer Clean Program offers rewards to car owners willing to recycle their older, high-polluting vehicles. Through an innovative mix of incentives and education Steer Clean works with citizens to improve air quality for all Nova Scotians.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Officially launched program in July 2005. Since then we have approved more than 100 pre-1995 vehicles for recycling.
- Hosted the Let's Drive Green Vehicle Emissions Testing Clinic (Aug 2005).
- Worked with NS Youth Conservation Corps students to promote sustainable vehicle use through information sessions at gas stations and demonstrations at public events (Summer 2005).
- Added two new incentive packages to our suite of choices for vehicle owners interested in retiring their old cars.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Working to create a program that is sustainable in the long term.
- Continuing to educate the public on how to make environmentally responsible transportation choices.

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- Marketing the program widely and continuing to provide high-standard auto recycling and sustainable transportation incentives for old car owners.
- Spring 2006.
- Participated in and provided support to HRM's Bike Week festivities from June 3 to 10, 2006.

Submitted by: Daniel Rainham

GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Created new subcommittee looking at new car sharing initiatives.
- Hosted a hugely successful Street Opening event on a sunny day in



Students of École Stella-Maris in Meteghan, Digby County, participated in the "Marchons vers l'école" by walking at least 15 minutes a day all week long Photo: Ecole Stella-Maris



Old vehicle being crushed at the Steer clean Program Launch in July '05. Photo: Margo Gesser



Sports heroes bow their heads at the possible "death of hockey" game in support of Canada's Kyoto commitments. Photo: Margo Gesser

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URBAN ISSUES COMMITTEE (UIC)

Special Project

PROJECT: PESTICIDE BYLAW PROJECT

Project Coordinator: Gregor MacAskill

Project Assessors: Mark Beasy, Nicole Gibeau, Marla MacLeod

Roster staff: Andrew Brown, Leigh-Anne Outhouse, Sarah Mercier, Alex Goss, Andrea Flowers, Caroline Canning, Philana Dollin, Erica Johnson

Funded by: Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM)

Description: The Pesticide By-law project team administers the municipal pesticide by-law education and inspection programs.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- 80% fewer pesticide permits granted in 2005 compared to 2004. In 2004 we received approximately 3360 permit applications of which approximately 2700 were approved. In 2005, we received approximately 1500 permit applications of which approximately 600 were approved. The reduction was largely as a result of an educational campaign on alternative methods for treating chinch bug.
- Launched a database of pesticide-free properties in order to promote sustainable lawn and garden maintenance and to provide a forum for sharing landscaping tips.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Working with stores and garden centres to reduce or remove restricted products sold in their establishments.
- Expanding education programs.

- Conducting compost topdressing trials to promote increased soil depth and quality.

GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Held regularly scheduled monthly meetings with good to excellent attendance.
- Members provided feedback on the proposal to build a pair of high rise towers on the site of former Tex Park garage in downtown Halifax.
- Member Corey Toews wrote EAC's Committee Feedback Report to draft 2 of the Proposed Regional Plan for HRM.
- Contributed to the City Hall/Province House Public Lands Study.
- Previous Chair Dave Aalders resigned and a new interim Chair, Judy Coockey, was appointed.
- With funding from Transport Canada, UIC and TRAX commissioned Dalhousie planning student Marta Downarowicz to conduct a study on sidewalk cafés in HRM.

Plans/next steps:

- A small amount of funding made available by TRAX will go towards developing project proposals with the hopes of creating the position of Urban Issues Coordinator.
- Outreach and recruitment drive at the EAC street party in July, 2006.

Submitted by: Lachlan Barber, Judy Coockey and Marla MacLeod

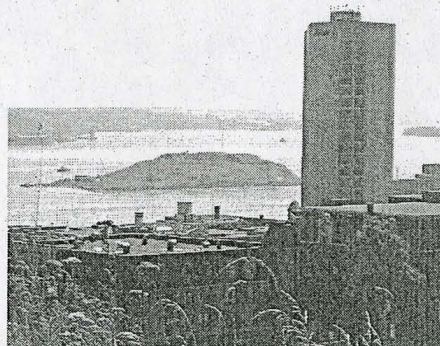


Photo: Lachlan Barber

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WILDERNESS ISSUES COMMITTEE (WIC)

Special Projects:

PROJECT: STANDING TALL CAMPAIGN

Project Coordinators: Minga O'Brien and Joanne Cook

Funded by: The Ivey Foundation, EJLB Foundation, the Marguerite Hubbard Charitable Foundation, Atlantic Council for International Cooperation/Canadian International Development Agency, independent donors.

Description: Standing Tall forestry campaign aims for a gradual and feasible shift in forestry practices from clearcutting to uneven-aged and lower impact management to maintain and restore our Acadian forest ecosystems. Standing Tall promotes balanced and fair opportunities for public input into forest policy development.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Produced major report and recommendations on the provincial Forest Sustainability Regulations, in association with the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association; many technical recommendations endorsed by Department of Natural Resources' Forest Technical Advisory Committee.
- Established uneven-aged forest management now a "hot topic" (NS DNR spokesperson, at recent Woodlot Owners Conference).
- Gained provincial agreement for the use of independent facilitators in consultations toward new NS Forest Strategy.
- Created a new website (www.novascotiaforests.ca), Forest Alert email list, fact sheet on the forest sector, primer on the Acadian Forest and the Standing Tall campaign.
- Created a coalition of groups for environmentally responsible forestry, with almost 20 members to date.
- Flagged use of forest biomass for energy as new and potentially serious issue; hired researcher.
- Carried out extensive outreach and communications, including display, presentations and meetings with municipal councils, conservation and naturalist NGOs, aboriginal interests, Regional Development Authorities, fishing and hunting groups,

Nova Forest Alliance, and conferences of forest industry, professional foresters and woodlot owners.

- Participated on Forest Stewardship Council, Canada's Maritime Steering Committee review of FSC Maritime Standard (Pat Canning and Fred Harrington).
- Board seats on NS Woodlot Owners and Operators Association, Association for Sustainable Forestry, upcoming Management Committee representation, Nova Forest Alliance.
- Research and backgrounders on herbicide use in Nova Scotia, public consultations, legal implications of mill closures in terms of Crown land leases and licenses, riparian-dependent wildlife, comparison of forest regulations in other provinces, biomass energy.
- Began organizing Acadian Forest conference with NGO, government, academic, model forest partners; hired coordinator.
- Media coverage, included radio features, Atlantic Forestry Review articles, features in community newspapers and provincial dailies, op-eds, letters to the editor.

Plans/Next Steps:

- Continue advocacy for broad, third party public consultations on forestry practices, coalition-building, biomass studies, organizing Acadian Forest Conference.
- Coordinate development of detailed briefs for input into Natural Resources biodiversity and forest strategies.
- Review of government studies on forests.
- Encourage forest industry adoption of FSC certification.

PROJECT: NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC LANDS CAMPAIGN

Project Coordinators: Raymond Plourde and Kermit deGooyer.

Funded by: The George Cedric Metcalf Foundation, Sage Foundation, Gaia Singers, Nova Forest Alliance, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Patagonia, individual donors.

Description: The NS Public Lands Campaign is focused on obtaining more and better wilderness and wildlife conservation in Nova Scotia with an emphasis on protecting publicly-

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owned Crown land wilderness areas. The EAC WC continues to lead the 50 groups who make up the NS Public Lands Coalition to advance those goals.

Recent Accomplishments and Activities:

- Advocated for and successfully obtained new legislation to control the growing environmental damage caused by All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs). Oversaw the passing of Bill 275 to amend the Off-Highway Vehicles Acts. New rules include a ban on ATVs in parks, wilderness areas, nature reserves, streams, wetlands and beaches.
- Initiated and participated in ongoing direct discussions with major forestry companies on wilderness conservation and improving practices.
- Participated in a provincial review of Wildlife Sanctuaries. Vigorously opposed the de-listing of several important Sanctuaries including Liscomb, Chignecto, Waverly and Blandford. Promoted upgrading of these areas to full protection status.
- Released a comprehensive Wilderness Study supporting protection of the proposed Ship Harbour Long Lake wilderness areas.
- Successfully advocated for the designation of the proposed Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area as a regional park.

Also defended the area against a proposed four-lane highway.

- Actively participated in the development of Halifax Regional Municipality's 25-year "Regional Plan" planning process. Vigorously promoted wilderness and "green space" conservation as well as overall adoption of plan. Instrumental in obtaining new parks, wildlife corridors and increased buffer zones around wetlands and watercourses.
- Participated in the Chebucto Peninsula Community Stewardship Land Use Planning Group, provided input to a potential Endangered Mainland Moose Recovery Plan and to the management planning process for Kejimikujik National Park.
- Conducted a series of nature hikes to three threatened "hotspot" wilderness areas on public (Crown) land: Herring Cove Backlands, Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes and Nictaux River.

Plans/Next Steps:

In 2006-07 we will continue to focus our efforts on obtaining legal protection for important wilderness areas in NS, including key "hotspot" areas such as Ship Harbour Long Lake, Humes River, Nictaux River and Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes.

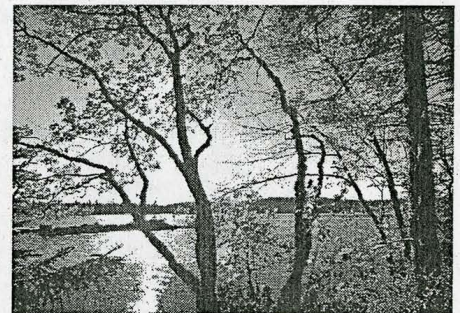
Submitted by: John Brazner, Joanne Cook, Mike Furlong, Raymond Plourde and Clare Robinson



*ATVs and Argo riders enjoying a day tearing up streams and wetlands in Nova Scotia. EAC was instrumental in obtaining a new legal ban on this sort of activity.
Photo: EAC*



*Rutted clearcut in Queens County; enough is enough, says EAC's Standing Tall campaign.
Photo: EAC*



*Ship Harbour Long Lake on the Eastern Shore is one of several key "hotspots" EAC is campaigning for permanent protection.
Photo: EAC*

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Auditors' Report

To the Directors and Members of Ecology Action Centre

We have audited the balance sheet of **Ecology Action Centre** as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations, surplus and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Centre's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the **Ecology Action Centre** derives revenue from the general public in the form of donations, memberships, and projects, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Centre and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the statement of operations.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Ecology Action Centre** as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations, change in its surplus and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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Ecology Action Centre Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31	2006	2005
Fundraising revenue		
Membership and donations	\$ 51,275	\$ 43,812
Auction (net of expenses of \$2,776; 2005 - \$2,496)	16,565	13,552
Christmas trees (net of expenses \$7,391; 2005 - \$5,495)	6,375	4,064
Miscellaneous	2,537	1,086
Other revenue		
Interest on savings	4,449	3,388
	<u>81,201</u>	<u>65,902</u>
Projects		
Project revenues	922,376	570,811
Project expenditures (Note 5)	(922,376)	(570,811)
Miscellaneous projects (net of expenses of \$Nil; 2005 - \$34)	-	(9)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(9)</u>
Between the issues (Page 9)	<u>(15,770)</u>	<u>(5,578)</u>
Net revenue before operating expenses	<u>65,431</u>	<u>60,315</u>
Operating expenses		
Advertising	173	100
Depreciation	1,728	1,936
Donations, gifts, project contributions	-	5,186
Equipment lease	2,333	1,609
Insurance	6,520	3,531
Interest and bank charges	2,548	1,908
Membership and workshop dues	684	812
Miscellaneous (HST)	3,586	3,101
Office	10,679	8,927
Power & water utilities	763	-
Professional fees	8,762	7,895
Property financing	5,572	-
Property taxes & maintenance	2,831	-
Recovery of office expenses	(105,940)	(62,543)
Repairs and maintenance	7,691	-
Rent	18,550	18,600
Staff wages & benefits	89,708	65,691
Telephone	3,112	2,823
Training & seminars	780	-
	<u>60,080</u>	<u>59,576</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ <u>5,351</u>	\$ <u>739</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Ecology Action Centre Statement of Surplus

Year Ended March 31

2006

2005

	Operating (Deficit) Surplus	Investment In Capital Assets	Total	Total
Surplus, beginning of year	\$ 92,818	\$ 7,808	\$ 100,626	\$ 99,887
Excess of revenues over expenses	5,351	-	5,351	739
Capital asset additions	(273,482)	273,482	-	-
Proceeds of long term debt	147,500	(147,500)	-	-
Repayment of long term debt	(2,621)	2,621	-	-
Depreciation expense	3,543	(3,543)	-	-
Surplus (deficit), end of year	\$ (26,891)	\$ 132,868	\$ 105,977	\$ 100,626

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ecology Action Centre Balance Sheet

March 31 2006 2005

Assets

Current

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 405,984	\$ 469,735
Marketable securities	150	150
Receivables	89,868	78,148
Travel advance	-	500
Prepaid expenses	<u>9,618</u>	<u>21,543</u>
	<u>505,620</u>	<u>570,076</u>

Property and equipment (Note 4)	<u>277,747</u>	<u>7,808</u>
	<u>\$ 783,367</u>	<u>\$ 577,884</u>

Liabilities

Current

Payables and accruals	\$ 38,776	\$ 46,098
Deferred project revenue (Note 5)	439,074	431,160
Current portion of mortgage payable (Note 7)	<u>4,219</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>482,069</u>	<u>477,258</u>

Long-Term

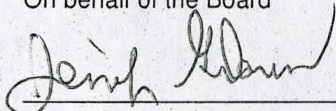
Deferred capital contributions (Note 6)	54,661	-
Mortgage payable (Note 7)	90,660	-
Note payable (Note 8)	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>195,321</u>	<u>-</u>

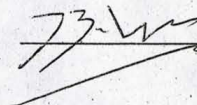
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Surplus (Page 3)	<u>105,977</u>	<u>100,626</u>
	<u>\$ 783,367</u>	<u>\$ 577,884</u>

Commitments (Note 9)

On behalf of the Board

 Director

 Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ecology Action Centre Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31

2006

2005

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Operating		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 5,351	\$ 739
Depreciation	<u>3,543</u>	<u>2,274</u>
	<u>8,894</u>	<u>3,013</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Investments	-	85,000
Receivables	(11,721)	(63,206)
Travel advance	500	(500)
Prepaid expenses	11,925	(21,543)
Payables and accruals	(7,322)	12,919
Deferred revenue	<u>7,914</u>	<u>195,678</u>
	<u>1,296</u>	<u>208,348</u>
	<u>10,190</u>	<u>211,362</u>
Financing		
Proceeds from mortgage	97,500	-
Contributions received for capital assets (net)	54,661	-
Proceeds from promissory note	50,000	-
Repayment of long term debt	<u>(2,621)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>199,540</u>	<u>-</u>
Investing		
Purchase of		
Computer equipment	(6,455)	(4,585)
Furniture and equipment	(3,029)	-
Building	(188,997)	-
Land	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(273,481)</u>	<u>(4,586)</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(63,751)	206,776
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>469,735</u>	<u>262,959</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>405,984</u>	\$ <u>469,735</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ecology Action Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2006

1. Nature of operations

The Ecology Action Centre is a non-profit organization, which aims to increase the appreciation, protection, and enhancement of the environment of Nova Scotia.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at its original cost. Depreciation is recorded on the declining balance basis at the following annual rates:

Furniture and equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%
Building	4%

Equipment purchased on behalf of projects is capitalized only if it will be retained by the Centre at completion of the project. Donated assets are not recorded in the financial statements of the Centre due to difficulties associated with the determination of their fair value.

Contributed services

A number of volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time to the Centre each year. Due to the difficulty of determining the related fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Revenue recognition

All fundraising revenue is recorded in the year that it is received. Project revenue received in advance of related expenditures is deferred and recognized when these expenditures are incurred. Funds received for capital expenditures are deferred and amortized along the same basis as the related assets. Included in project expenditures is an amount charged for administration services and recorded as a recovery of office expenses on the Statement of Operations.

Foreign currency translation

The Centre receives certain project grant revenues in United States dollars. These amounts are translated at the rates prevailing at the time of exchange into Canadian dollars. The Centre does not hold foreign currency and as such, has no foreign currency exposure.

Financial instruments

The Centre's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, receivables and payables and accruals. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying value due to their short term to maturity.

The Centre is exposed to credit risk on the accounts receivable.

Ecology Action Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2006

3. Cash committed to projects	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>405,984</u>	\$ <u>469,735</u>
Cash restricted for projects:		
Transportation	(1,692)	(7,937)
Salt marsh	3,538	(2,141)
Marine issues	68,513	47,188
Wilderness project	121,272	102,670
Energy	21,145	354
Food Action	79,901	188,204
Endowment Fund (Heliotrust)	20,436	20,189
Urban issues	19,889	8,605
General projects	9,995	327
EAC administration	<u>22,969</u>	<u>10,682</u>
	<u>365,966</u>	<u>368,141</u>
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>40,018</u>	\$ <u>101,594</u>

4. Property and equipment			<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Land	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -
Building	188,997	-	188,997	-
Furniture and equipment	30,473	27,482	2,991	502
Computer equipment	<u>25,195</u>	<u>14,436</u>	<u>10,759</u>	<u>7,306</u>
	\$ <u>319,665</u>	\$ <u>41,918</u>	\$ <u>277,747</u>	\$ <u>7,808</u>

No depreciation was recorded on the building in 2006 as the building was not occupied until after year end.

5. Deferred project revenue	<u>Opening Balance - Funding Carried Over</u>	<u>Funding Received During The Year</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Closing Balance - Funding Remaining</u>
Transportation	\$ 38,615	\$ 233,932	\$ 226,737	\$ 45,810
Salt Marsh	2,968	65,404	61,344	7,028
Marine Issues	49,697	139,946	110,318	79,325
Wilderness Project	103,279	221,179	197,711	126,747
Energy	354	74,480	52,498	22,336
Food Action	188,204	50,096	158,237	80,063
Endowment Fund (Heliotrust)	20,189	248	-	20,437
Urban Issues	8,605	89,558	78,274	19,889
General Projects	327	20,959	18,335	2,951
EAC Administration	<u>18,922</u>	<u>34,488</u>	<u>18,922</u>	<u>34,488</u>
	\$ <u>431,160</u>	\$ <u>930,290</u>	\$ <u>922,376</u>	\$ <u>439,074</u>

Ecology Action Centre Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2006

6. Deferred Capital Contributions

	Property	Computer Equipment	Total 2006	Total 2005
Opening balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contribution received	47,576	8,325	55,901	-
Less: amortization	-	(1,240)	(1,240)	-
Ending balance	<u>\$ 47,576</u>	<u>\$ 7,085</u>	<u>\$ 54,661</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

7. Mortgage payable

	2006	2005
Credit Union mortgage, bearing interest at 6.35%, repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$837 to July 31, 2010. As security against the mortgage, the Centre has provided an assignment of land and building a net book value of \$263,997.	\$ 94,879	\$ -
Less: current portion due within one year	<u>4,219</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 90,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Principal repayment requirement over the next five years are as follows:

2007	\$ 4,219
2008	4,492
2009	4,781
2010	5,090
2011	76,248

8. Note payable

	2006	2005
Note payable relating to the purchase of the property, bearing monthly interest at the Credit Union prime rate on the first day of each month, due in full August, 2011.	\$ <u>50,000</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

9. Commitments

The Centre is renting office equipment under a long-term lease expiring in fiscal 2010. The annual rent over the next four years is as follows:

2007	\$ 2,923
2008	2,923
2009	2,923
2010	750

Ecology Action Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

March 31, 2006

10. Income taxes

Ecology Action Centre is a registered charitable organization under the meaning assigned in Section 149 of the Income Tax Act, and as such is exempt from income tax.

Ecology Action Centre
Schedule of Revenue and Expense - Between the Issues

Year Ended March 31

2006

2005

Revenue

Advertising	\$ 4,760	\$ 2,660
Donations	-	-
	<u>4,760</u>	<u>2,660</u>

Expenses

Commissions (advertising sales)	420	-
Graphic design	3,101	2,424
Other	352	119
Postage	1,790	1,237
Printing	<u>14,867</u>	<u>4,458</u>
	<u>20,530</u>	<u>8,238</u>
	\$ <u>(15,770)</u>	\$ <u>(5,578)</u>

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