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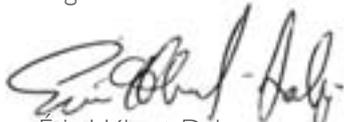
Letter from the National Executive Director

I am proud to report that between April 2008 and March 2009, CPAWS' leadership in Canada's conservation movement led to some spectacular gains. In 2005, when CPAWS' national Board of Trustees adopted the target of keeping at least 50% of Canada's public land and water, wild, many people claimed it was overly ambitious. Rarely do you hear that comment today.

In 2008, the premiers of our country's two largest provinces—Ontario and Québec—both committed to protecting at least 50% of their northern boreal forests. This exciting development shows that our work to promote this national vision is having an impact on decision-makers.

Across the country, CPAWS achieves conservation gains by working with industry, all levels of government, Aboriginal communities, scientists and the public. Our strength comes from having 13 chapters with strong local roots and a shared vision for Canada's great wild spaces. Members, donors and foundations that have supported CPAWS over the years know that they get great value for their contributions—many new green spots on the map and additional acres protected year after year.

It is a real pleasure to have taken the helm as the National Executive Director in April 2009. My predecessor, Anne Lévesque, was a tireless and energetic conservationist and CPAWS is a stronger organisation for her leadership.



Eric Hébert-Daly





BOREAL WOODLAND CARIBOU,
SLATE ISLANDS, ONTARIO

CPAWS is protecting Canada's Boreal Forest



Janet Sumner is CPAWS-Wildlands League's executive director. Her work experience has touched on a wide range of environmental concerns, from energy use and climate change to waste reduction and treatment. Janet is currently completing her MA in Environment and Management with Royal Roads University.



Patrick Nadeau became CPAWS' Quebec's Boreal Conservation Coordinator in 2008. Armed with a Masters in Forestry from UBC, Patrick is turning his skill and passion for forest conservation into his avocation by taking on the lead role on conservation and policy issues at CPAWS Québec in 2009.

ONTARIO COMMITS TO NORTHERN BOREAL PROTECTION

A major highlight in 2008 was the stunning announcement by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty that his government would protect at least 225,000 km² or over half of the province's northern Boreal Forest. CPAWS-Wildlands League chapter, based in Toronto, played a key role in achieving this remarkable step forward for wilderness conservation. Now the chapter is continuing to speak out in support of a far north planning act that will ensure conservation and First Nations' rights are given priority.

QUEBEC SIGNS ON FOR LARGE SCALE PROTECTION TOO

Staff and volunteers with the CPAWS' Quebec chapter also played a pivotal role in gaining a commitment from Premier Jean Charest in the fall 2008 election campaign that, if re-elected, he would protect at least half of his province's northern Boreal forest. Charest did win the election, and now CPAWS Quebec is hard at work to make major gains in new protected Boreal areas.

OVER 10,000 PEOPLE SUPPORT CARIBOU AND YOU CAMPAIGN

Across Canada, CPAWS gained over 10,000 signatures in 2008 in support of our campaign to protect the at-risk Boreal woodland caribou - whose habitat is the most carbon-rich Boreal forests and wetlands left in Canada. We continue to lead a national campaign for speedier federal action under the federal Species At Risk Act to protect this iconic Boreal species, at www.caribouandyou.ca.



FLATHEAD RIVER VALLEY, BC.

CPAWS is active in conserving the Yellowstone to Yukon wildlife corridor

EDUCATING CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

CPAWS' Southern Alberta chapter based in Calgary won the 2008 Alberta Emerald Award for the high quality of its in-school presentations, guided hikes and teacher training programs, where kids get turned on to conservation through such engaging themes as grizzly bear ecology.

PROTECTING ALBERTA'S ENDANGERED CARIBOU

CPAWS' Northern Alberta chapter's work to protect the highly endangered Little Smoky woodland caribou herd was featured on National Geographic TV in 2009, when filmmaker Aaron Goodman joined Helene Walsh, the chapter's Boreal Conservation Director, to get the story.

SAVING THE LAST WILD RIVER IN CANADA'S SOUTHERN ROCKIES

In the Flathead River Valley west of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, CPAWS is working with other conservation organizations to protect this cradle for more wildflower and plant species than anywhere else in Canada, and a haven for grizzlies and other large carnivores.

Anne-Marie Syslak has worked in the environmental education field for the past fourteen years and enjoys teaching about nature and ecological issues through her creative lessons. She directs the education program out of the Calgary office of CPAWS Southern Alberta.

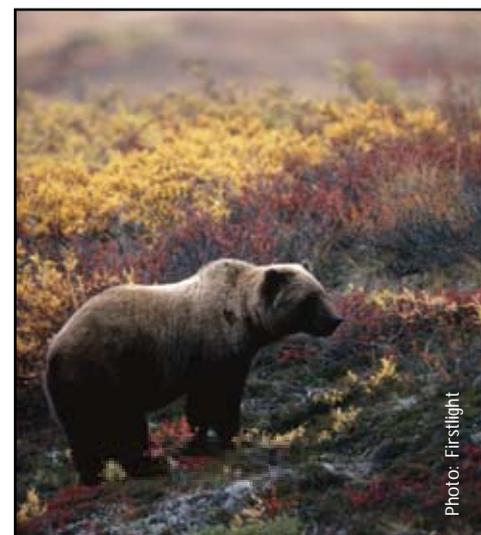




Photo: Ashley Hockenberry

CANADIAN LYNX

CPAWS is conserving Canada's Eastern Woodlands



Chris Miller, CPAWS' conservation specialist, is a strong advocate for wilderness protection in Nova Scotia. He works to expand the province's

protected areas system and improve forestry practices. Chris is an NSERC scholar with a Ph.D. from the University of Waterloo, and is a part-time faculty member in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University.



A native New Brunswicker, **Roberta Clowater** is using her Masters in Environmental Studies from Waterloo University and her deep love of her province

to lead CPAWS' effort to protect Canada's Eastern Woodlands.

NOVA SCOTIA DESIGNATES NEW WILDERNESS PRESERVES

In Nova Scotia, CPAWS played a key role in gaining a commitment from the provincial government in 2008 to protect 12% of its wilderness. CPAWS identified such special places as Blue Mountain, Birch Cove Lakes and the Ship Harbour Long Lake areas as prime candidates for protection. The Nova Scotia chapter also celebrated its success in creating the Chignecto Isthmus Wilderness Area, an important corridor for wildlife such as moose that use this narrow neck of land to move between the forests of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S RESTIGOUCHE IN OUR SITES

CPAWS New Brunswick welcomed that province's announcement of 30 new Protected Natural Areas in 2008, while also calling for larger-scale action in the future to safeguard New Brunswick's remaining unprotected wilderness. Now the chapter is focused on gaining protection for at least 100,000 hectares of the spectacular Restigouche watershed - a haven of wild forests and rivers where salmon still thrive.

RESTIGOUCHE ►





Photo: Natasha Moine

NEPTUNE ON PARLIAMENT HILL



With 18 years of experience and a thoughtful approach, Sabine Jessen is CPAWS' National Oceans and Great Freshwater Lakes program manager, and the conservation director for CPAWS- BC. She co-authored the article *Protecting marine biodiversity in Canada: Adaptation options in the face of climate change*, which appeared in the journal *Biodiversity* in 2008.



On the east coast, CPAWS Nova Scotia's Ashley Sprague, Marine Conservation Coordinator, is documenting local fishermen's recollections of the bounty of the sea, to capture firsthand knowledge of the changes happening in our ocean ecosystems.

CPAWS is speaking out for Canada's threatened ocean ecosystems

WELCOMING A NEW MARINE PROTECTED AREA

In 2008, CPAWS celebrated the formal safeguarding of Bowie Seamount as Canada's newest marine protected area. This special underwater mountain, 180 kilometres east of Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), is a marine oasis on Canada's Pacific coast.

DRAWING ATTENTION TO NEED FOR FEDERAL ACTION

In Ottawa, CPAWS brought Neptune, the God of the Seas, to Parliament Hill to draw attention to the need for faster implementation by the federal government of Canada's Oceans Plan. The appearance of the ancient sea god marked the April 2008 release of a report by CPAWS on problems plaguing implementation of *Canada's Oceans Act*.

CPAWS is vigilant in defending Canada's parks

LOGGING FINALLY BANNED IN MANITOBA PARKS

Following years of determined effort, CPAWS Manitoba and other provincial conservation organizations celebrated a great step forward in 2008 for their province's parks - thanks to their work, the government finally outlawed industrial activities like logging within 79 of 80 of Manitoba's beautiful wilderness parks.

NAHANNI HEADWATERS CLOSER TO PARK STATUS

In the Northwest Territories, CPAWS helped to convince the federal government to move on protecting about 4,500 km² of land at the headwaters of the Nahanni River. With the Sahtu Dene and Metis, in 2008 the government placed the lands under interim protection, the next major step towards creating Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve.

FIRST STATE OF CANADA'S PARKS REPORT RELEASED

To mark Canada's Parks Day in July 2008, CPAWS released its first-ever review of the state of our parks—gaining widespread media attention for the great progress Canada made in 2008 in expanding our parklands.

A born and bred Manitoban, Ron Thiessen is leading the CPAWS Manitoba chapter's work to protect that province's great natural treasures.



Erica Janes is a northerner by birth. With her educational background in biology, she is working for the CPAWS NWT chapter to advance the protection of the territory's great wild spaces.



RICE RIVER, MANITOBA



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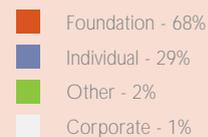
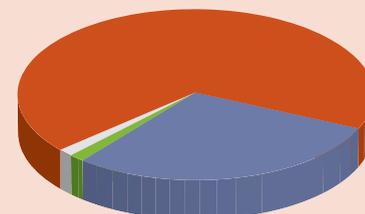


Statement of Financial Position

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Current		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$941,695	\$918,154
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	\$80,771	\$209,616
<i>Prepaid supplies, expenses and deposits</i>	\$15,197	\$14,711
	\$1,037,663	\$1,142,481
Capital assets		
	\$297,918	\$187,654
Subtotal	\$1,335,581	\$1,330,135
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	\$124,907	\$118,639
<i>Deferred contributions</i>	\$449,533	\$451,803
<i>Transfers payable to regional chapters</i>	\$170,396	\$335,099
	\$744,836	\$905,541
Loan from the foundation	--	\$78,278
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	\$112,250	--
Subtotal	\$857,086	\$983,819
NET ASSETS		
<i>Invested in capital assets</i>	\$185,668	\$187,654
<i>Reserve fund</i>	\$200,000	\$96,674
<i>Unrestricted net assets</i>	\$92,827	\$61,698
Subtotal	\$478,495	\$346,316
Total	\$1,335,581	\$1,330,135

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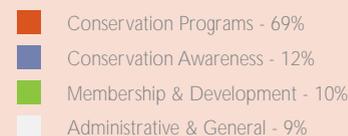
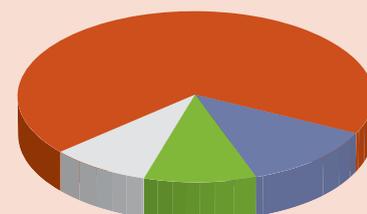




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THE "WILD IN THE STREETS" EVENT MARKS THE
LAUNCH OF THEBIGWILD.ORG.

In May 2008, CPAWS and Mountain Equipment Co-op launched
thebigwild.org—Canada's wilderness protection movement.

Our vision is that Canada will protect at
least half of our country's wilderness.

Over 15,000 people have added their voice in support of the vision,
and the list is growing.



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