

# A BANNER YEAR FOR NEW PROTECTED AREAS

Federal announcements of new parks and marine protected areas for sites CPAWS has been promoting for years marked this as a significant year of gains for Canada's wilderness! We continue to make progress towards our goal of protecting at least half of Canada's land and water forever.

Highlights between April 2007 and March 2008 included the federal announcement of the enormous Thaydene national park and adjacent protected areas in the Northwest Territories, a commitment to create the world's largest freshwater protected area in Lake Superior, and the temporary protection of nearly the entire South Nahanni watershed.

To engage more people in the cause of wilderness protection, we also devoted considerable time to developing an exciting new partnership with Mountain Equipment Co-op, culminating in the Spring 2008 launch of [thebigwild.org](http://thebigwild.org).



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## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



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As the lead conservation organization in the effort to protect the **NWT's entire South Nahanni watershed**, CPAWS celebrated Prime Minister Stephen Harper's August 2007 announcement of the temporary protection of nearly 30,000 km<sup>2</sup> of the Nahanni watershed for the purposes of park expansion. Currently, Nahanni National Park Reserve—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—protects less than 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> of the watershed's approximately 39,000 km<sup>2</sup> area.

CPAWS applauded the November, 2007 federal announcement of the temporary protection of more than **100,000 square kilometers of Boreal forest** in Canada's Northwest Territories from industrial development. These newly protected lands, covering an area almost twice the size of Nova Scotia, marked a new phase in protecting Canada's "big" landscapes.

In March 2008, CPAWS launched the "**Caribou and You**" public engagement campaign to educate people about the need to protect the habitat of at-risk Boreal woodland caribou across Canada.

CPAWS staff also played a lead role in advancing policy discussions domestically and internationally on the importance of accounting for wilderness forests within **climate change** strategies.

## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2007, CPAWS Manitoba and forestry corporation Tembec agreed to a minimum 50-year halt on logging of important woodland caribou habitat on the **east side of Lake Winnipeg**.

After years of promoting conservation within the Interlake region, CPAWS Manitoba also welcomed the province's granting of park reserve status for **Little Limestone Lake** and surrounding lands. This designation is the next step in the long-awaited protection of the amazing colour-changing lake.

Thanks in a large part to work by CPAWS Nova Scotia, the provincial government announced the protection of public lands in the **Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes** Crown area in October 2007.

Following more than a year of hard work, CPAWS (SNAP) Quebec and partners welcomed the Quebec government's May 2007 announcement that it would reverse its decision to sell off part of **Mont Orford National Park**.

CPAWS Ottawa Valley continued its efforts to protect the ecological integrity of **Gatineau Park**, a wilderness park minutes from Ottawa, by releasing a report on its threatened status. The report urged decision-makers to give Gatineau the protection of a national park.

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CPAWS Northern Alberta helped promote greater investment in the province's parks by releasing a report that found Alberta is failing to adequately support its provincial parks network. The report, **The State of the Alberta Parks and Protected Areas**, argued that despite some recent reinvestment, the Alberta Parks Division continues to struggle to meet its primary mandate of preserving Alberta's diverse natural regions.

CPAWS Calgary/Banff provided educational materials to voters during the **2008 provincial election** on wilderness protection issues. "Though it seems so many Albertans are concerned with the environment, we still hear from politicians that they don't believe it will influence the way people vote," said Dave Poulton, former Executive Director of the Calgary/Banff Chapter of CPAWS. "We want to show them otherwise."

CPAWS Saskatchewan saw its work on reviewing scientific research pay off in the release of an environmental report recommending that nearly 40% of the **Great Sand Hills** — a fragile native prairie, including some of the largest active sand dunes in the country—be set aside as an ecological reserve. CPAWS Saskatchewan has been promoting protection of the Great Sand Hills for over a decade.

CPAWS Yukon won Canadian Geographic's Silver Community Award at the **Canadian Environment Awards 2007** gala event. The award recognized CPAWS' "imaginative and far-reaching" conservation work on the Three Rivers project, designed to promote protection of the Wind, Snake and Bonnet Plume Rivers within the Peel watershed. The Three Rivers Project included the Three Rivers Journey; a national group art exhibition; an award-nominated book called *Three Rivers: The Yukon's Great Boreal Wilderness*; and ongoing local efforts to protect this spectacular yet threatened wilderness area.

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The late Professor John Webster Grant, born in Truro, Nova Scotia, was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada and the last editor of its publishing arm, The Ryerson Press. He was a distinguished retired member of the Faculty of Emmanuel College, University of Toronto and the Toronto School of Theology.

His late wife Gwen had a keen interest in the environment and wild life and in the need to establish and maintain national and provincial parks freed from abusive human use and commercial development. As an acknowledgement of this interest, Professor Grant chose to bequeath a portion of his estate to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Bequests like the Grant's help make things happen on the ground for the conservation of wilderness and the wild animals that depend on it. For more information on Legacy Giving, please contact Vicki Dimillo at the Canadian Parks and Wilderness at 1-800-333-9453 ext. 229.

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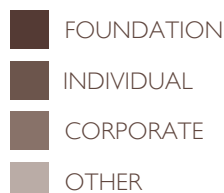
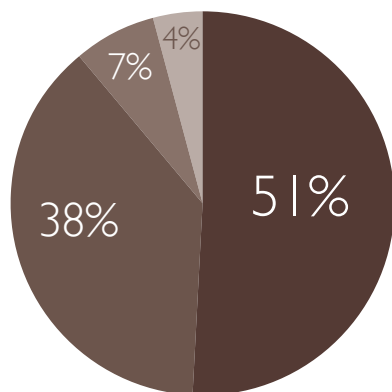
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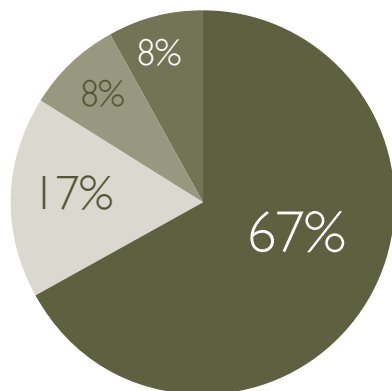


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Revenue: \$3,210,650

### How we use your donation



Expenses: \$3,056,905

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Incorporated without share capital under the laws of Canada

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

**2008**

**2007**

#### Assets

##### Current

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 918,154	\$ 479,745
Accounts receivable	209,616	81,202
Prepaid supplies, expenses and deposits	14,711	15,268
	<b>1,142,481</b>	<b>576,215</b>

Long-term receivable - regional chapters

— 12,136

Capital assets

**187,654** 200,005

**\$ 1,330,135** \$ 788,356

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

##### Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 118,693	\$ 129,939
Deferred contributions	451,803	69,309
Transfers payable to regional chapters	335,009	236,789
Transfers payable to the Foundation	—	67,636
	<b>905,541</b>	<b>503,673</b>
Loan from the Foundation	<b>78,272</b>	<b>92,112</b>
	<b>983,819</b>	<b>595,785</b>

##### Net assets (deficiencies)

Invested in capital assets	<b>187,654</b>	<b>200,005</b>
Reserve fund	<b>96,674</b>	<b>—</b>
Unrestricted net assets (deficiency)	<b>61,988</b>	<b>(7,434)</b>
	<b>346,316</b>	<b>192,571</b>
	<b>\$ 1,330,135</b>	<b>\$ 788,356</b>

For full details, please contact CPAWS.