

# Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, BARC!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Join us in celebrating.

During the advent of any milestone we tend to become retrospective. Over the past 20 years BARC has seen many faces, all of whom have made an impact in cleaning up the Bay.

From the smallest, wide eyed with wonder, child to our most experienced community members, from small business to big business and from city council to Federal Government, BARC owes its thanks. Without all these faces through the years BARC would not have been able to continue on its path fulfilling its mandate every step of the way.

The harbour has seen a huge facelift over the past 20 years, making it much more accessible—especially to our little slimy, green, furry and feathered friends. We have a lush walkway, the carp barrier is both fascinating and functional, the beaches are beautiful and the water quality is continuing to climb. A more diverse community is being encouraged and welcomed to enjoy it as well.

We have made wonderful friends along the way, establishing good connections and connecting them in turn with each other.

BARC has also been introspective this year. We are creating a new and challenging strategic plan, including goals that we can sink our teeth into with the same zeal as our fore runners. Our board is being restructured and will include employees to facilitate these goals...not a small task.

Look for our new kiosk on the pier. It will have lots of information and, hopefully, good conversation will abound. This being one of our many accomplishments this year; along with encouraging the powers that be a step closer to getting shovels in the water at Randle Reef. All this and much more contributed to us getting the Earth Day Canada Hometown Heroes award. Let's continue bringing back the Bay together and get that much closer to delisting. We're looking forward to a bright future.

YAH, BARC!



Debra  
McBride  
President

# A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## We (Still) Have a Dream

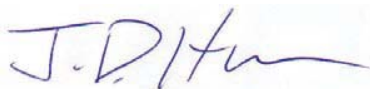
In today's "attention deficit" society, tsunamis, earthquakes and reactor melt-downs are headlines one week, and forgotten the next. Our ability to focus on one topic for more than a few minutes is compromised by interruptions from all kinds of electronic devices.

How, in such a world, can we keep attention focused on the restoration of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed for over 20 years? As one reporter asked "Where's the news?" Do we mimic organizations that "grand-stand" to get attention, regularly tossing issues into the public forum in a negative way? We think not.

Do we just quietly attend meetings and avoid criticizing delays in Harbour progress? We think not. Can we balance celebrating successes with pointing out areas for improvement for all of us involved with Hamilton Harbour? Will we make some people uncomfortable? We hope so!

Our approach to collaborating on Hamilton Harbour might be like an extended family. We have occasional squabbles, but we are focused on the same overall goal. It is OK to suggest ways for family members to improve, knowing we'll all rally together when needed to make important things happen for our Harbour. We'll also "call a spade a spade". For example, now that it's clear that we'll miss the 2015 delisting target date, let's point that out and work to mitigate further slippage.

BARC walks a narrow path in trying to pursue the optimal course to maximize Harbour progress. We're currently reviewing our strategy with input from many parties to see if we need a course correction. Please share your thoughts on how we can improve. Then join us in thanking the many people who have contributed so much for 20 years. Happy birthday, BARC!



Jim Hudson  
Executive Director



# CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY:

In the past fiscal year, BARC has worked harder than ever to reach out to all members of our community through public events and activities. Listed below are a few highlights:

## Our **PUBLIC EVENTS:**

- History Night '*Waterlife*' showing with Q&A with Pat Chow-Fraser.
- Annual General Meeting, with a sneak peak at our *2009 Toward Safe Harbours Report* on community outreach
- Spring Workshop '*Invasive Species in Hamilton Harbour/Burlington Bay*'
- First Annual Multicultural Waterfest
- BARC's 'Welcome to Canada' series on Hamilton Harbour
- *Wine & Cheese, Silent Auction*

## Our **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

- Hamilton Harbour RAP and committees work
- Hamilton Waterfront Trust's Fishing Derby
- Earth Day Tree Planting
- URBAN bio-monitoring assessment
- Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
- Children's Waterfest
- Earth Day Hamilton-Burlington's Eco-festival
- OpenStreets Hamilton

## Awards of Dedication and Distinction

Each year, BARC recognizes groups and individuals who have made a positive impact in our Harbour.

### Special Recognition Award

We are happy to acknowledge the initiative and stellar effort of **Bill Stoddard**. Bill has been a long-term supporter of the bay and its watershed. Bill stepped up to the challenge of hosting BARC's first friend-raiser in his community in Aldershot. He was an exceptionally friendly and generous host—and the event was an overwhelming success!

### BARC Lifetime Achievement Awards

This year, with our 20th anniversary, we have the great pleasure of honouring two people who have been dedicated to the Harbour and the work of BARC since it's inception:

#### Ken Hall

Without Ken's generosity of time and spirit, BARC may have never gotten past being a committee. With his energy and guidance, he worked tirelessly for BARC in the early days to assure the organization would be sustainable in the long-run.

#### Anne Redish

As the first president of BARC, Anne was one of the driving forces to work toward the remediation of Randle Reef. She was a tireless contributor to the RAP from its inception and took the lead in chairing the RAP forum.

To this day they both continue to be a great support and inspiration for the organization as we go forward.

# PROGRAM UPDATE

When BARC was formed 20 years ago, did anyone envision it having such a strong educational program component?

When I joined BARC in 2007, staff had yet to be trained for Stream of Dreams, and Adopt-a-Creek was in its infancy. Our 'Don't Feed Waterfowl' campaign followed in 2008. BARC now delivers three programs to school children and engages adult volunteers in marsh and tree plantings, stream cleanups and beach protection. Each year demand for our programs increases. The results are visible in the community through painted storm drains, school murals, cleaner creeks and interesting signage.

Yellow Fish Road™, in partnership with Trout Unlimited Canada, continues to be popular. BARC delivered this program 12 times this past year. Approximately 255 classes took part in Classroom Mini Marsh, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Stream of Dreams kept us busy with four schools and 1660 students participating in 2010. The resulting 'fish fences' are a wonderful way to spread the word about the importance of protecting our water resources.

Adopt-a-Creek was very successful this past year. With the help of eager volunteers we sampled previously-adopted segments, and expanded to segments of Spencer and Coldwater creeks. We also formed an alliance with clubs at McMaster University to decrease litter along Coldwater Creek, which runs alongside McMaster parking lots.

Despite deep mud and beating sun, volunteers were not deterred from Marsh Planting. In five planting events we planted over 2875 cattails in Cootes Paradise!

Aside from regular programming this year, BARC also delivered activities at the Hamilton Children's Water Festival and the Hamilton Fishing Derby. One can only imagine where the future will take us!



Kelly Pike,  
Program Manager



# WORKING TOGETHER

BARC would like to thank all the volunteers, members, sponsors and partners who make BARC's efforts possible. Without the support of these individuals, companies and organizations, BARC would not be able to do the hard work of 'bringing back the Bay'.

## FUNDERS – 2010/11

ArcelorMittal Dofasco

ArcelorMittal/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Burlington Community Foundation

The City of Hamilton

The CUMIS Group Limited

Environment Canada

Federal Marine Terminals

Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association

Hamilton Port Authority

Human Resources & Skills Development Canada

Lloyd's Register

Metcalf Foundation

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*Executive Director*

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*Program Manager*

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*Diversity Coordinator*

**Tom Wiercioch & Megan Clark**

*2010 Summer Interns*

# FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2010/2011

	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Environment Canada	75,620	71,000
Ontario Trillium Foundation Grants	53,900	79,750
Designated Grants	44,600	9,953
Corporate Donations	35,205	11,980
Environment Diversity Program	20,117	2,223
Fundraising	15,813	6,618
Ontario Ministry of the Environment	13,700	10,000
Donations	11,622	13,231
Contracts/Other Revenue	8,200	10,800
Good To Great	5,650	-
Student employment program	2,460	3,990
Other Revenue	2,032	523
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 288,919</b>	<b>\$ 220,068</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Office	17,043	29,833
Payroll	183,968	159,835
Projects	48,871	29,688
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 249,882</b>	<b>\$ 219,356</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>\$ 39,037</b>	<b>\$ 712</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank	109,168	93,737
Accounts Receivable	10,540	-
GST/HST Receivable	2,430	597
GIC Investments	50,738	50,499
Prepaid expenses	-	2,041
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 172,876</b>	<b>\$ 146,874</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	4,919	2,954
Deferred Revenue	70,000	85,000
	\$ 74,919	\$ 87,954
<b>ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 97,957</b>	<b>\$ 58,920</b>
	<b>\$ 172,876</b>	<b>\$ 146,874</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>		
Opening Balance	58,920	58,208
Excess revenues over expenses	39,037	712
<b>ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 97,957</b>	<b>\$ 58,920</b>

"Twenty years is a long time to shine a light on something. Passion fades, excitement fizzles, eagerness to volunteer drifts away. BARC, be proud of what you have accomplished and what you have become. The Hamilton Harbour RAP process has been stronger because of BARC and frankly many other RAPs only wish they had the public support we have here. Apparently platinum is the gift for a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but BARC has an asset more valuable already—its members. Take a moment. Remember why you have a connection to BARC. Then do something to honour that connection: make a donation, send a birthday/thank you card to BARC, attend a workshop, or volunteer your time. Spark up your excitement and keep supporting BARC!"

**Kristin M. O'Connor**  
*Researcher/Report Writer*  
*Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan*

"The Bay Area Restoration Council and our Bay Area Implementation Team are the right hand and left hand of the Remedial Action Plan. The strength of BARC is people talking to people. BARC's participation with government and industry allows our citizens to directly participate in bringing back the bay."

**John Hall**  
*RAP Coordinator*  
*Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan*

"Over the 20 years that BARC has been evolving it has become one of the most prominent environmental organizations in the Head of the Lake Region. Governments, foundations and most importantly the citizens of the area have expressed their respect and trust for the leadership, guidance, and involvement that BARC has provided in identifying and promoting the key issues necessary to help advance the Remedial Action Plan for Hamilton Harbour."

**Ken Hall**  
*Director of Giant's Rib Discovery Centre*

# You Can Make a Difference!

Help us clean up our Harbour, watershed and beaches. There is so much you can do!

- Become a member of BARC - it's free!
- Adopt-a-Creek in your neighbourhood.
- Sponsor an educational program for children.
- Share your concern for the Harbour with your elected officials
- Enjoy an event along the waterfront.
- Help us plan community events.
- Make a donation to BARC.
- Volunteer for a shoreline clean-up or marsh planting.
- Join BARC at its annual wine & cheese silent auction.
- Enjoy some quality time by the bay.



*Together, We're  
Bringing Back the Bay!*



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