



# Bay Area Restoration Council

## 2000-2001 ANNUAL REPORT

Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) is at the centre of efforts to restore and protect the ecosystem health of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. BARC is the only community organization consistently providing this service to the Bay Area. It is effective because of its active public awareness programming, close contact with all levels of government, and conscientious networking with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP) stakeholders. Advice has been freely provided by professionals, scientists and other organizations interested in the social, economic and environmental future of the Bay.



## 2000/2001 Directors

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Janette Brenner  
David Butler  
Dr. Brian McCarry  
Craig McGinlay  
Dr. Joseph Minor  
Jo-Anne Rzadki  
Dr. Mark Sproule-Jones, *President*  
William Stafford, *Treasurer*  
Jim Thoms, *Vice President*  
Dr. Roland Weiler

## Staff

Marilyn Baxter, Manager  
Stacey Cherwaty, Youth Intern  
(until March 2001)  
Laura Pergentile, Summer Student

## Out - Going Directors

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Joseph Cooke, Zoë Green, Nadine Morrison,  
Dr. James Quinn

*Elections took place at the Annual General Meeting on May 24, 2000*



*Minister Sheila Copps is greeted by Mark Sproule-Jones at BARC's Community Workshop.*

## Purposes

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- ◆ To promote, monitor and assess the implementation of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan.
- ◆ To assure protection and appreciation of the Hamilton Harbour ecosystem.
- ◆ To assess the public's perception of the environmental status of the Hamilton Harbour area.
- ◆ To promote and develop related public information and education programs to heighten public awareness.
- ◆ To co-ordinate the activities of the Bay Area Restoration Council with those of other organizations, societies and individuals with complementary objectives.
- ◆ To provide advice and make representations to the relevant government bodies in support of environmental protection and restoration plans for the Hamilton Harbour watershed.

As a registered charity, BARC can receive gifts and donations and use them to further its objectives.

### BARC Recognition Award Recipients

*Joseph Cooke  
Carrie Daniels  
Zoë Green  
Nadine Morrison  
Jim Quinn  
Kathy Trotter*

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*"This year we celebrated the historic new agreement between the City of Hamilton and The Hamilton Harbour Commissioners on port lands and uses."*

Mark Sproule-Jones, BARC President

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# Communication

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On March 3, 2001 nearly 200 people attended BARC's Annual Community Workshop "Recreation & Re-Creation: Revitalizing Hamilton Harbour" at CCIW. Mayor MacIsaac, Burlington, and Mayor Wade, Hamilton, spoke to the future of the Harbour. Heritage Minister Sheila Copps congratulated the City and the Harbour Commissioners for reaching an historic agreement. The participants contributed their opinions and suggestions at the In and On the Harbour, Shoreline Activities and Culture & Development sessions.

Membership meetings bring pressing issues to the public. In September, a panel addressed the "Safety of Ground Water". In November, BARC hosted an all Hamilton Mayors' Candidate's debate. In addition, the "Creation of Hamilton Harbour Waterfront Trail" slide show was given at the Annual General Meeting.

BARC's Annual Implementation Award was presented to Dofasco for the exemplary improvements to direct discharges to the harbour, advances in wastewater processes and reduced air emissions through their Environmental Management Agreement (EMA).

BARC's quarterly newsletter "Bringing Back the Bay" up-dates members, politicians and the general public on BARC activities and RAP issues. It is also available on BARC's web site. Thanks goes to the newsletter editor, Jason Thorne.

Hundreds of requests for general information are answered each year. Requests for interviews, presentations, tours and displays are accommodated by BARC staff and volunteers. An extensive resource library located in the office contains hundreds of documents and reports related to all aspects of the Great Lakes and Hamilton Harbour clean-up efforts. It is used primarily by McMaster students.



*Comments on public access issues were received at BARC's Community Workshop on March 3, 2001.*



*Marilyn Baxter and Dave Butler presented a Recognition Award to Carrie Daniels, RBG.*

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***BARC's capacity was greatly enhanced by Stacey Cherwaty, Special Projects Coordinator. This one year Youth Internship position was co-sponsored by Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada***

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# Activities

The completion of Hamilton Harbour Waterfront Trail from Bayfront Park to Princess Point was the premier millennium project for the City of Hamilton. BARC involved over 600 keen citizen volunteers who planted 13,000 native trees, plants and shrubs along the trail in the spring. The quality of the work was exceptional, and the pride of accomplishment was tremendous. BARC is now known as the organization to contact for volunteer projects along the waterfront. Due to a wet spring and the efforts put into the trail planting, the Marsh Volunteer Program was scaled back.

A public information meeting was hosted by BARC for the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth on the Region's "Harbour Water Quality Strategic Plan". As well, BARC administered the registration for the State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference (SOLEC 2000) held in Hamilton in October.

BARC supports the following community programs: Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program, which contacts and encourages landowners to become stewards of the natural heritage of their land; and WATER Stream Stewards, which teaches high school students water quality testing methods, assisting the community to determine the health of local streams.

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## BARC's Work Is Awarded

**Action 2020 Sustainability Recognition Award**

**SOLEC 2000 Acknowledgment Letter**

**City of Hamilton Certificate of Recognition**

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## How We Celebrated The Trail

***We planted trees and flowers, it only took a few hours.***

***All together we pitched in, the situation was win-win.***

*....excerpted from a poem by Margie Goold, volunteer.*

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*A new BARC display was created by Laura Pergentile, summer student.*



*Over 600 volunteers planted 13,000 trees and shrubs along the Hamilton Harbour Waterfront Trail*



*A family affair - helping out at the Hamilton Harbour Waterfront Trail*



*Grade 3 students in Mrs. Sindrey's class at Seneca P.S. gather around their successful Mini Marsh.*



*Tom McGuire (centre) accepts the BARC Implementation Award on behalf of Dofasco Inc. from Jim Thoms and Zoë Green.*



*Community volunteers returned in the Fall to weed, prune and admire the growth of the plants along the trail.*

## Educational Programs

The program offered to our four local District School Boards by BARC in conjunction with the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), was revised by the Education Committee and became the "Classroom Mini Marsh Program". Teachers attended a workshop where the goals, progress and obstacles to Hamilton Harbour restoration were presented. Two hundred kits, consisting of a basin, gravel, marsh plant root stock, an information manual and a snail were distributed in April at no cost to the schools. The students planted and nurtured their miniature marsh while learning about the ecology of Cootes Paradise.

The Yellow Fish Road Storm Drain Marking Program reminds homeowners not to put hazardous materials down the drain as the contaminants end up in Hamilton Harbour. Three youth groups painted yellow fish on the road beside the storm drains this year.

## Monitoring Activities

The Toward Safe Harbours report tracks the implementation of the RAP recommendations by collecting data and comments from over 35 Hamilton Harbour stakeholders including government, industry, educational institutions, community agencies and groups. The 2000 report has a focus on non-point source pollution.

BARC has strong links to the Hamilton Harbour RAP process through membership on the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT), the RAP Forum, and several steering committees. BARC also communicates the principles, goals and objectives set out by the RAP through letters, presentations and meetings to local politicians and government staff. Current issues of concern are planning public waterfront access, contaminated sediment removal, and municipal wastewater treatment and collection.

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The Mini Marsh Program was a great experience. Since we couldn't go see the real thing, it brought the marsh alive to us!

Trina Webber,  
Janet Lee P. S. Teacher

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# Bay Area Restoration Council

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

### Estimated for the Year ended March 31, 2001

#### RECEIPTS

Environment Canada Agreement	\$61,620
All Other Federal Gov. Income	21,877
Corporate Donations	7,775
Donations	3,570
Grants	8,200
Interest	2,258
Membership Fees	4,410
Other	5,950
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$115,660</u></b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Accounting		\$1,342
Conference, Fees, Travel		1,873
Telephone		1,017
Insurance		1,485
Office		6,446
Project Supplies		
Committees	\$1,070	
Contracts	1,248	
Newsletter	8,439	
Public Awareness	6,981	
Programs	6,334	
WATER	<u>4,160</u>	
Project Total		28,232
Wages		<u>72,315</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b><u>\$112,964</u></b>

#### NET SURPLUS

**\$2,696**

### Balance Sheet As at March 31, 2001

#### ASSETS

Current Account	\$35,576
GIC Investment	30,195
Accounts Receivable	17,600
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>\$83,371</u></u></b>

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 229
Accrued Liabilities	750

#### SURPLUS

Opening Balance	\$79,696
Add: Current Surplus	2,696
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; SURPLUS</b>	<b><u><u>\$83,371</u></u></b>

BARC financial statements are reviewed by Beckett, Lowden, Read Chartered Accountants.  
Complete records may be obtained by contacting the office.

Note: This statement does not include gifts in-kind.

# Team Work \_\_\_\_\_

Bay Area Restoration Council offers the community many different ways to get involved in the harbour restoration efforts, including joining one of the committees listed below:

- ◆ Access and Watershed
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Monitoring / Implementation Report
- ◆ Public Awareness
- ◆ Watershed Action Towards Environmental Responsibility (WATER)
- ◆ Watershed Stewardship

The tremendous support provided by the volunteer committee members is greatly appreciated.

***BARC members represent a varied cross-section of our community, from industry, government, recreational groups and private citizens. Membership has grown 10%, to 240 members including about 60 organizations.***

# Bay Area Restoration Council \_\_\_\_\_

**Marilyn Baxter, *Manager***

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John Hall, M.C.I.P., R.P.P., assumed the position of RAP Coordinator in June. His leadership abilities and previous experience as Fish & Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project Manager are a welcome addition to the Hamilton Harbour RAP.

## BARC Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Charitable Registration No. 89293 6584 RR0001*

Membership Fee  \$25.00

Donation  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cheques should be  
made payable to:*

**Bay Area Restoration Council**



# 2000-2001 Funders, Donors and Supporters\_\_\_\_\_

The Bay Area Restoration Council is grateful to Environment Canada for its significant funding of BARC's activities.

## Contributions & Grants In-Kind Donations\_\_\_\_\_

- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Hamilton Community Foundation
- Human Resources Development Canada
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Region of Hamilton-Wentworth

- Beckett Lowden Read Chartered Accountants
- City of Hamilton
- Conservation Halton
- Hamilton Harbour RAP Office
- Hamilton Region Conservation Authority
- McMaster University
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Sheridan College

## Donations\_\_\_\_\_

### \$1000 and more

- Columbian Chemical Canada Ltd.
- Dofasco Inc.
- Tree Canada Foundation/MRS

### \$100 and more

- Ainsle Wood Environment Committee
- Association Sportsman Club
- Azurix North America
- Hamilton Naturalists' Club
- Robbinex Inc.
- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.
- United Water Canada
- VFT Inc.
- Visionscapes

## Individuals\_\_\_\_\_

Gordon Askwith	Keith Fehr Heckley	Glenn Leeming	Lawrence Pogue	J. D. Thoms
Julie Bergshoeff	James Holder	Ed Litt	Eric Price	Jason Thorne
Stan Bujnowski	John Gaul	R. N. Lowes	William Randall	John Vogt
Konrad Brenner	David Goodings	James Macdonald	Peter Rice	J .G. Wakefield
Alex Brooks-Joiner	David Groves	John Mannisto	Keith Rodgers	Roland Weiler
Gerald Byers	Murray Greenfield	Danielle Marchese	Manfred Rudolph	Jean Wheeler
Joseph Cooke	Kenneth Hall	A. J. Maunder	Ingrid Schuster	
Robert Crockford	Alison Healing	Gordon McNulty	Mark Sproule-Jones	
Tina DiClemente	Allan Jones	Jocelyn Neysmith	John Taylor	
Ernst Dunston	David Kerr	John Ormond	Glen & Cheryl	
Hugh Eisler	Scott Koblyk	Frank Pearce	Tinson	

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***“Bringing PEOPLE Back to the Bay”***