



BAY AREA RESTORATION COUNCIL

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2001-2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Bay Area Restoration Council is a confederation of community stakeholders devoted to revitalizing Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. It is effective because of its active public awareness programming, conscientious networking with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan stakeholders. Advice has been freely provided to BARC by professionals, scientists and other organizations interested in the social, economic and environmental future of the bay. BARC provides a balanced voice on harbour issues.



2001/2002 Directors

Linda Axford
Janette Brenner, Vice President
David Butler
Dr. Brian McCarry, Treasurer
Dr. Joseph Minor
Jo-Anne Rzadki
Dr. Mark Sproule-Jones
William Stafford
(resigned December 2001)
Jim Thoms, President
Roland Weiler

Staff

Marilyn Baxter, Manager
Naomi Smith, Intern
(until March 2002)
Sacha Jackson, Summer Student
Justin Pierre, Summer Student

Out - Going Directors

Craig McGinlay
Elections took place at the Annual General Meeting on May 24, 2001



Founding Directors Mark Sproule-Jones, Ken Hall, Anne Redish, and Hugh Eisler (and Gil Simmons) were recognized on BARC's 10th Anniversary.

Purposes

- ◆ 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

*Stacey Cherwaty
John DeSoete
Craig McGinlay
Lyll Rudderham*

"Hamilton Harbour is a vital component of the Bay Area communities. It stands out not only as working harbour but also as a great place to enjoy recreational opportunities like fishing, boating and seeing local wildlife. However, our civic reputation will be tainted until the harbour's contamination problem is resolved."

Jim Thoms, President

Communication

BARC is looking forward to increasing public awareness of BARC and issues important to the revitalization of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. In the first year of a two-year communications strategy program funded by The Ontario Trillium Foundation, BARC has completed important preparatory work. Quorum Communications was hired to provide BARC with extensive advice and direction. With a new focus on communications, the Board of Directors developed and approved guidelines for strategies and tactics to respond to environmental issues relevant to Hamilton Harbour. Key communication tools will include a high quality web page and a brochure, both to be launched in June 2002. New programs will evolve and develop incrementally.

Over 200 people attended BARC's Annual Community Workshop "State of the Bay: Hamilton Harbour's Past, Present and Future" on March 2, 2002 at CCIW. Guest speaker Kelvin Rogers, Cayuhoga RAP Coordinator, related the "From Fire to Fame" success story – how Cleveland Ohio became a top tourist destination after the shoreline was revitalized. Mayor Wade of Hamilton spoke of the importance of working together towards change and Councillor Rick Craven of Burlington reviewed the city's ongoing efforts to improve the state of the harbour and the environment. Three con-current sessions followed, providing a forum for communication and debate on the themes of Harbour Water Quality, Habitat Restoration, and Impacts on Recreation.

On September 15, 2001, Jim Thoms, President, John Hall, RAP Coordinator, Anne Redish, RAP Forum Chair, and several key stakeholders met with our elected officials representing three levels of government. The politicians were brought up to date on key issues including Hamilton's wastewater quality strategic plan and Randle Reef contaminated sediment. Support for these key initiatives was solicited.

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 go to Jason Thorne, Editor.



Jim Thoms and Dave Butler display BARC's grant certificate from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



Speaker Kelvin Rogers, Councillor Rick Craven, Mayor Bob Wade, and BARC President Jim Thoms at BARC's Community Workshop, held in Burlington.

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



Activities

Hamilton's Earth Day event took place on April 22, 2001 at Bayfront Park. About 500 people planted 1300 native trees, bushes and perennials and thanks to a wet spring, the plant survival rate was 99%. BARC, The City of Hamilton, Suncor, and Earth Day Hamilton worked together to provide a truly successful, fun event - to be repeated in 2002. In addition, three small group volunteer planting days provided assistance to the Royal Botanical Gardens' efforts to restore marsh habitat. Volunteers also pruned, planted and weeded a section of the West Harbour Waterfront Trail in the fall. These activities encouraged community awareness and enabled participation in the restoration of the natural environment.

Membership meetings bring local issues to the public. In May, Chris Murray informed us of the steps leading to the City of Hamilton's Environmental Management System. In September, we heard from Fred Eisenberger, Chair of the Hamilton Port Authority. In November, BARC hosted a water levels information session by the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study Board.

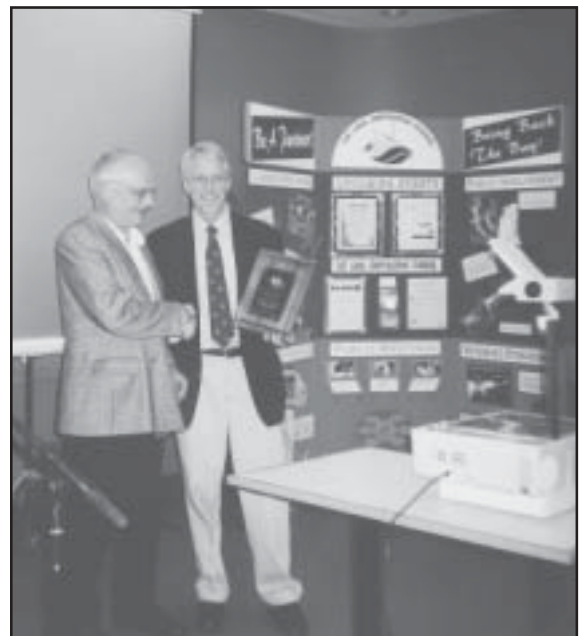
In cooperation with Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA), a full-day "Bring Back the Bay" Bus Tour of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed is offered to the local convention market. HCA promotes the tour, and BARC guides are available to lead the tour. In addition, BARC offers the 1/2 day "Restored Shores" tour. Both include a guided hike along the West Harbour Waterfront Trail and a visit to Cootes Paradise.

BARC supports the following community programs: The 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, to enable the community to determine the health of local streams.

BARC's Annual Implementation Award was presented to McMaster University for its immense contributions and research activities on the Hamilton Harbour and Cootes Paradise marsh restoration projects. McMaster also generously provides BARC with office and resource library space in the Life Science Building.



Comments on habitat restoration were received at BARC's Community Workshop.



Jim Thoms presents the annual BARC Implementation Award to McMaster University, accepted by Peter Sutherland.

BARC's 10th Anniversary was celebrated in September. Past Presidents and founding Directors were recognized at a BBQ held at the waterfront.



The Mini Marsh program promotes wetland ecology in the classroom.

Educational Programs

The popular Classroom Mini Marsh Program was offered to the four local District School Boards. Teachers attended a workshop where the goals, progress and obstacles to Hamilton Harbour restoration were presented. In co-operation with the Royal Botanical Gardens, two hundred kits were distributed in April at no cost to the schools. Each kit consisted of a basin, gravel, marsh plant rootstock, and a snail. The students planted and nurtured their miniature marsh while learning about the ecology of Cootes Paradise.

Monitoring Activities

The Toward Safe Havours publication summarizes the state of Hamilton Harbour and our many stakeholder's efforts to implement the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The new report card style, with attractive graphics and handy size will enable wide distribution. It provides a quick summary of existing conditions and trends, concluding that significant progress has been achieved to date, and at the half way point, harbour restoration is within the community's reach. The 2002 Report Card will be a part of BARC's continuing efforts to engage the public's interest in "Bringing Back the Bay".

BARC has strong links to the Hamilton Harbour RAP process through membership on the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT), the RAP Forum, the Randle Reef Project Advisory Group and several steering committees. BARC supports the principles, goals and objectives set out by the RAP through letters, presentations and meetings to local politicians, senior levels of government and the International Joint Commission.



The volunteer's role in the in the creation of the Waterfront Trail is recognized in BARC's traiside interpretive sign.

BARC's aim is to be a credible, competent, authoritative and well-balanced voice, speaking out on behalf of the bay.



Two participants take a well-deserved break during the Earth Day tree planting at Bayfront Park.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

Estimated for the Year ended March 31, 2002

RECEIPTS

Environment Canada Agreement	\$62,430
All Other Federal Gov. Income	16,287
Corporate Donations	9,350
Donations	3,779
Grants	57,620
Interest	1,275
Membership Fees	5,250
Other	2,335
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$158,326</u>

EXPENDITURES

Accounting		\$1,342
Conference, Fees, Travel		2,082
Telephone		697
Insurance		594
Office		8,478
Project Supplies		
Committees	\$452	
Contracts	685	
Newsletter	8,759	
Public Awareness	4,921	
Programs	51,680	
WATER	<u>5,159</u>	
Project Totals		71,656
Wages		<u>73,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$158,349</u>
NET SURPLUS		<u><u>(\$23)</u></u>

Balance Sheet As at March 31, 2002

ASSETS		
Current Account		\$33,873
GIC Investment		30,000
Accounts Receivable		20,180
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$84,053</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		\$ 1,110
Accrued Liabilities		750
SURPLUS		
Opening Balance		\$82,217
Add: Current Surplus (deficit)		<u>(23)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURLPUS		<u>\$84,053</u>

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 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, ecology, government, recreational groups and private citizens. Membership has grown nearly 10% to 260 members including about 60 organizations.

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Bay Area parks provide year-round access to the harbour waterfront.

2001-2002 Funders, Donors and Supporters

The Bay Area Restoration Council is grateful for significant funding from Environment Canada and The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Contributions & Grants

- City of Hamilton
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Human Resources Development Canada
- The Ontario Trillium Foundation
- TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

In-Kind Donations

- Beckett Lowden Read Chartered Accountants
- City of Hamilton
- Conservation Halton
- Hamilton Harbour RAP Office
- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- McMaster University
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Spirit of Nature Photography Group

Donations

\$1000 and more

- Columbian Chemical Canada Ltd.
- Dofasco Inc.
- Dundas Rotary Club

\$100 and more

- Draka Elevator Products
- Religious Society of Friends
- United Water Canada
- Valley City Ltd.
- VFT Inc.
- Visionscapes Landscape

Individuals

Gordon Askwith	Doug Cuthbert	Alison Healing	F.J. Pearce	Bill Stoddart
Rex Barger	Leo DeLoyde	Margo Kirkpatrick	Larry Pogue	John Taylor
Warren Beacham	Harold Dickert	Scott Koblyk	Eric Price	Jim Thoms
Sylvia Bowerbank	John Evans	Tom Kott	Anne Redish	John Vogt
Farrell Boyce	Andrew Fevez	Edwin Litt	Peter Rice	Jacqueline Wakefield
Alex Brooks-Joiner	John Gaul	Ray Lowes	Keith Rodgers	J.G. Wakefield
Gerry Byers	David & Judy	Jim Macdonald	Greg Rolak	Jean Wells
Mr. & Mrs. Cannon	Goodings	John Manisto	Ingrid Schuster	Jean Wheeler
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