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To Healthy Waterways

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About Brant Waterways Foundation

Established in 1988, Brant Waterways is a charitable Foundation that provides funding assistance for projects that preserve, protect, restore and improve the natural resources of the Grand River and its related bodies of water and adjacent lands within the historical boundary of Brant County.

Brant Waterways:

- Encourages and fosters understanding and awareness of the natural and heritage values of the water resources
- Promotes and assists projects that provide public amenities related to such water resources and thereby enhance the quality of life
- Assists in the provision of health and recreational programs and facilities related to waterways



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Thirty years is a significant milestone for any organization but for Brant Waterways Foundation, our 30th anniversary year was especially celebratory and eventful!

Once again, our Foundation lived up to its promise of “connecting people to healthy waterways” by funding and championing projects such as the Children’s Water Festival, tree planting activities and environmental clean-up/remediation projects.

Meanwhile, after considerable research, review and consultation with community partners, our TIRA (Trail Improvement & River Access) initiative was unveiled, beginning with an ambitious fundraising goal to support important projects that will increase access to world-class outdoor recreational opportunities while protecting natural ecosystems. The timing is perfect: what better way to celebrate the accomplishments of the past 30 years than by taking action to ensure the benefits of our waterways and trails are available for current and future generations?!

TIRA’s progress took a significant leap forward with the magnanimous support of lead donors Paul and Margot Williamson and as we closed out this anniversary year, additional commitments from our Board of Directors, as well as several individual and corporate donors, positioned us for further success in 2019.

I’m so proud to be a member of a remarkable team of people who contributed to the establishment and growth of Brant Waterways Foundation over the past three decades. I look forward to exciting developments while continuing to support the great work of the Foundation – including serving as Chair during the completion of the TIRA campaign.

To the Board of Directors, thank you for your time, energy and ongoing dedication to our mandate. Thanks also to Colleen Stolp for expertly guiding us through our milestone year and to Mary Palka for managing the initial phase of the TIRA campaign. Finally, sincere thanks to you – our qualified members, friends, benefactors and partners – for your invaluable support and for joining us as we “stand up for the great outdoors!”

Duncan Ross, President

Message from the President

Duncan Ross



In Memoriam

The Brant Waterways community was saddened by the passing of three former Directors in 2018.

Peter Hexamer (1944-2018) was a founding member of Brant Waterways Foundation and a steadfast champion of the work and goals of the Foundation. Peter officially retired from the Board in 2017 and was awarded the distinction of Honorary Director in June of 2018.

Vyrt Sisson (1933-2018) and Terry Bateson (1945-2018) were also long-time, enthusiastic Foundation Directors.

The legacy Peter, Vyrt and Terry leave will serve as an inspiration to current and future Board members as we embark on the next 30 years in our Foundation’s history.



Message from the Executive Director Colleen Stolp

I am sure the Board of Directors will agree that 2018 was a year of change, challenge and progress! Executive Director Mary MacKeigan departed in the spring to pursue new opportunities but not before completing the planning phase of the TIRA initiative. I was asked to return to Waterways and assist in this transition and to maintain the forward momentum of TIRA.

With guidance from Mary Palka as Campaign Manager, we developed a detailed plan and assembled the Campaign Team, consisting of the Board of Directors and enhanced by additional volunteers who are committed to the success of our fundraising goal.

Meanwhile the usual Foundation work continued including a review of the Board's administrative requirements, the redefinition of the staff role and search for a "Board Administrator." Barb Wright joined Brant Waterways in January 2019 and enthusiastically turned her attention to Foundation events and activities.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors. I am always in awe of the vast skill set, expertise and commitment these volunteers offer the Foundation. As we embark on a new year, we find the organization to be in very capable hands! Onward...

Colleen Stolp, Interim Executive Director

2018 was marked by significant activity and developments on the TIRA campaign front including a community forum in Paris, ongoing consultation with stakeholders, the identification of potential projects, the formation of committees, the design and production of campaign literature and promotional material and the delivery of training/orientation sessions on campaign best practices. With systems and supports in place, Brant Waterways' Directors moved onto the "quiet phase" of the campaign involving the cultivation of prospective donors and partners to contribute to the ambitious \$1 million fundraising goal.

By late fall, local philanthropists Paul and Margot Williamson announced their \$100,000 commitment to TIRA! We are grateful for Paul and Margot's generous and visionary support and we are committed to building on this strong momentum as we work toward the successful completion of the campaign.

GWTN Trailhead Symposium **\$5,000**

With financial help from Brant Waterways, the Grand Watershed Trails Network, in conjunction with the Ontario Trails Council, hosted a symposium to engage and educate Grand Watershed trail builders, user groups, land owners and other stakeholders and promote opportunities to build partnerships.

High School Tree Planting Day **\$10,000**

Brant Waterways Foundation is a long-time supporter of the Brant Tree Coalition's Earth Week activities. On April 25, 2018 local high school students took part in a hands-on environmental remediation project involving the planting of 7,000 native trees and herbaceous plugs and the creation of pollinator meadows.

Grand River Shoreline Clean-up and Beautification at Chiefswood Park **\$8,771**

In the second phase of a project led by Kayanase, a native plant nursery and ecological restoration company based in Six Nations, participants documented and removed trash along the shoreline at Chiefswood Park, planted native plants and grasses along the park shoreline and planted large caliper specimen trees at various locations throughout the park in an effort to increase its biodiversity.

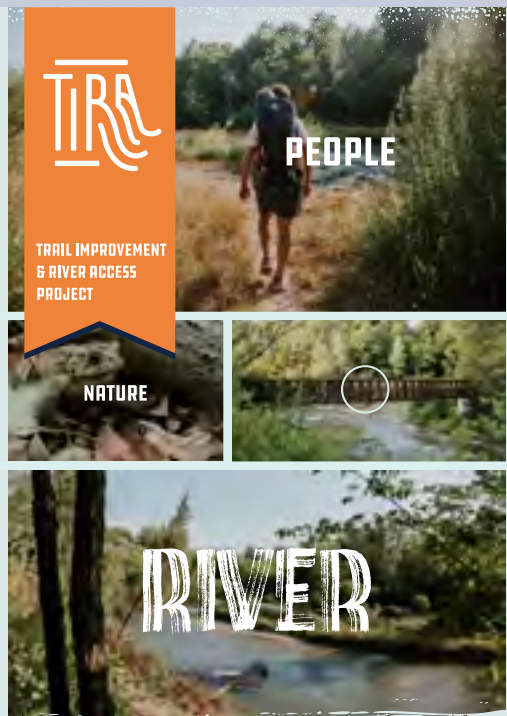
Brant/Brantford Children's Water Festival **\$5,000**

For the past 10 years, Brant Waterways Foundation has been a proud supporter of a three-day event led by the Grand River Conservation Authority. Every year more than 1,300 grade 4 students in Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations of the Grand River learn about the importance of water and water conservation through a series of fun and interactive activities. The goal of the festival is to promote awareness about water so that the children become catalysts for change and good stewards of our natural resources.

Small Project Grants \$5,000 - \$10,000



Photographer: Tom Wilson



**WHAT CAN YOU
GIVE TODAY?**

Please consider getting involved or donating today to help kick off the next wave of transformational projects and become an integral part of the next 30 years of this legacy.

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2018 Donors

In addition to contributions from the sponsors and donors listed at right, several donations were made anonymously.

We also received gifts in memory of:

Terry Bateson
Peter Hexamer
Shirley Wells

30th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction

This premier community event, held Thursday May 17, 2018 at the Brantford Golf and Country Club and featuring explorer/adventurer Adam Shoalts, raised \$32,670! Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the event's success.



Major Gifts, Grants and Requests

County of Brant
Government of Ontario

Major In-Kind Donations

Brant Mutual Insurance Company

TIRA Pledges

Paul and Margot Williamson

30th Annual Fundraising Dinner

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Dan and Mary Radford
Roger and Edith Davis Foundation
Sonoco Canada Corporation • TD Canada Trust
Stephen Smith and Dorothy Woltz Foundation

BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and bank (Note 2)	30,881	8,188
HST receivable	4,473	1,523
Prepaid expenses	3,415	3,561
Current portion of long-term investments	100,000	77,685
	138,769	90,957
Capital Assets (Note 3)	-	2
Long-term Investments (Note 4)	667,217	762,583
	805,986	853,542
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,500	3,499
Government remittances payable	414	569
	3,914	4,068
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	802,072	849,474
	805,986	853,542

Approved on behalf of the Board:

BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31	2018	2017
Revenue		
Donations	36,181	6,449
Event income	55,082	67,518
Investment income	23,866	19,552
Miscellaneous income	9,940	25,096
	125,069	118,615
Expenses		
Amortization	2	7
Administration	16,873	29,189
Dinner/event expenses	28,324	41,657
Insurance	3,402	3,461
Interest and bank charges	200	91
Office, postage and general	4,489	7,406
Professional fees	34,754	4,562
Project grants		
Bike Park project	-	10,000
GRCA	5,000	26,893
Kayanese - Grand River Clean Up	8,771	-
GLGCF - Brant Earth Week	10,000	-
Grand Watershed Trails Network - Symposium	5,000	-
	116,815	123,266
Excess of Revenue over Expenses Before Undernoted Item	8,254	(4,651)
Gain/(Loss) on change in fair value of investments	(55,656)	35,365
Excess of Expenses over Revenue	(47,402)	30,714
Unrestricted Net Assets - Beginning of Year	849,474	818,760
Unrestricted Net Assets - End of Year	802,072	849,474

2018 Financial Statements

For a complete copy of our audited financial statement, please call 519-770-6000.

At Brant Waterways we are passionate about what we do to support projects that preserve, protect, restore and improve the natural resources of the Grand River and its related bodies of water and trails.

We do this for our communities and for our young people who will inherit what we leave behind. But we can't do it alone so we thank our funders and donors for their assistance.

Special thanks to Brant Mutual Insurance who generously provide us with in-kind support.

If you would like to help support our projects please contact us; contributions of any amount are most welcome and appreciated!



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