

# Message from the President

Stephanie Hermans



**When I first became involved with Brant Waterways Foundation** – more than nine years ago – I was delighted to meet and work with a great group of people who shared my enthusiasm for our beautiful waterways and trails that weave through our local communities. Raising funds for projects that preserve, protect, restore and improve these natural resources has been the Foundation’s mandate for more than 30 years. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our directors, volunteers and supporters, 2019 was especially eventful.

The year began with preparations for the public launch of TIRA (Trail Improvement & River Access) which took place April 4, 2019 featuring an ideal setting (overlooking the Grand River!), inspiring presentations and the debut of our new campaign video. Support for TIRA grew steadily as the year progressed and more donors committed to the goal of promoting healthy communities through connections to world-class outdoor recreational opportunities that respect ecosystems.

Meanwhile, 2019 also marked the completion of the first TIRA-funded project: paving of the scenic and well-utilized Nith River Trail at Lion’s Park in Paris.

Our popular annual spring fundraising dinner was another spirited and successful evening. And once again we were pleased to sponsor two important local initiatives: the Children’s Water Festival and the Brant Tree Coalition’s High School Tree Plant Day.

But even as we take part in long-enjoyed activities and embrace traditions, I’m proud of the Board’s ability to consider new opportunities. In 2019 we explored different ways to fundraise and to connect with the community – both in person and online – and we ended the year with a commitment to review and update our strategic plan in order to remain a strong and viable organization.

Never has that been more important than now: at the time of writing, we are all living in uncertain times. But I’m hopeful that our ability to adapt, coupled with our collective passion for the local Grand River watershed, will ensure the Foundation continues to play a role in “connecting people to healthy waterways!”



**In the spring of 2019** Brant Waterways continued the proud tradition of supporting the Brant Tree Coalition’s High School Tree Plant Day (April 24) and the Children’s Water Festival (May 14-16) with grants of \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Below: Efforts to promote awareness and community engagement included participating in the local ‘Jane’s Walk’ events and hosting an informative walk in downtown Brantford, highlighting our Grand River and trails system.





**An inspiring April evening** at the Dominion Telegraph Event Centre in Paris kicked off the public phase of the TIRA (Trail Improvement & River Access) campaign. Attendees included, from left, Brant County Mayor David Bailey, Brantford Councillor Reg Weaver, lead donor Paul Williamson and TIRA Chair Duncan Ross.

The following eight months were marked by cultivation efforts and expansion of the TIRA “team” of individuals and organizations pledging support for projects such as the paving of the Nith River Trail featuring musical instruments and other sensory elements (see below). Such initiatives will have a positive and enduring impact on the health and well-being of people of all ages.

## TIRA Donations & Pledges

As at December 31, 2019

### LEGACY PARTNER

Paul and Margot Williamson

### HERITAGE CHAMPION

Pinevest Homes Inc.

### WATERSHED GUARDIAN

Millards Chartered Professional Accountants

### TRAIL BLAZER

Brant Aero

Brant Industrial Warehousing

Brant Star Developments Ltd.

G. MacDonald Family Fund

J.H. Young & Sons Ltd.

John Hall & Margot Neill

Harry Leach

MMMC Architects

Kim & Bernard Neziol

Duncan Ross

### PATHFINDER

Dr. Will Bouma

Margaret Fanjoy

Stephanie Hermans

Janis Monture

Reynolds Custom Machine

Brian Smith & Janet Crook

Sheila Turner

Mike Yarek Dodge Chrysler

Ed & Shelly Doucet

Marie Fanjoy & Craig Mann

Macauley White & Muir

Mott Manufacturing

Jeffrey & Catherine Rice

Colleen & John Stolp

Bruce Wells

## 31st Annual Fundraising Dinner

### GOLD

Brant Mutual Insurance Company

### SILVER

Dr. Will Bouma, Optometrist & MPP Brantford-Brant

J.H. Cohoon Engineering Ltd.

Ludlow's Mens Wear

Pinevest Homes Inc.

TD Canada Trust

Mary Welsh

### BRONZE

Calbeck Investments Inc.

Clarence Street Dental Group

Cowan Insurance Group

Gates Canada Inc.

Lanca Contracting



**Scaling New Heights** was the theme of the 31st annual fundraising dinner held Thursday May 16, 2019 at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. Guest presenters were Rose Press and Erik Hager, a Brantford couple whose use of the local trails factored in their training and decision to pursue an ambitious goal: completing a 16-day journey to the base camp of Mount Everest!

The evening also included an overview of our own ambitious TIRA adventure, as well as music, food, fun and fellowship. Thanks to our generous sponsors, raffle and silent auction prize donors, and all who attended, net proceeds exceeded \$23,000.



# 2019 Financial Statements

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

## BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and bank (Note 2)	68,354	30,881
HST receivable	10,258	4,473
Prepaid expenses	3,094	3,415
Current portion of long-term investments	92,685	100,000
	174,391	138,769
<b>Long-term Investments (Note 3)</b>	763,671	667,217
	938,062	805,986
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,430	3,500
Government remittances payable	-	414
	5,430	3,914
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	932,632	802,072
	938,062	805,986

Approved on behalf of the Board:

## BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31	2019	2018
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	105,261	36,181
Event income	42,472	55,082
Investment income	25,331	23,866
Miscellaneous income	4,981	9,940
	178,045	125,069
<b>Expenses</b>		
Amortization	-	2
Administration	23,060	16,873
Dinner/event expenses	25,436	28,324
Insurance	3,720	3,402
Interest and bank charges	500	200
Office, postage and general	4,881	4,489
Professional fees	11,837	34,754
Project grants		
Bike Park project	-	5,000
GRCA	15,000	23,771
Brant Cycling Club	10,000	-
TIRA	15,000	-
	109,434	116,815
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses Before Undernoted Item</b>	68,611	8,254
Gain/(Loss) on change in fair value of investments	61,949	(55,656)
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	130,560	(47,402)
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	802,072	849,474
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets - End of Year</b>	932,632	802,072



For several years, Brant Waterways Foundation was fortunate to enjoy the complimentary use of office space in Brant Mutual Insurance's Brantford building. Upon moving out in October 2019 we wanted to express appreciation for this generous in-kind support. Above, Duncan Ross presented a plaque of appreciation to Brant Mutual President and CEO Jeff Barnard (left) on behalf of the Brant Waterways Board and staff.

## Thank you...

In addition to contributions from the sponsors and donors listed on the facing page, Brant Waterways Foundation is deeply grateful for several other financial gifts received in 2019 including those from Foundations (Stephen Smith and Dorothy Woltz, Roger and Edith Davis, Cowan); donations from Friends of TIRA and Brant Waterways; gifts in memory/honour of loved ones; and contributions made online through CanadaHelps.

For more information about Brant Waterways Foundation, or about how you can help support our projects, please contact us. Contributions of all amounts are welcome and most appreciated!

## 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



### Several current and former Brant Waterways Foundation Directors

were present at the grand opening of the Rotary Bike Park on June 15, 2019.

Back row from left: John Hall, Lance Calbeck, Duncan Ross, Joe Cohoon.

Front row from left: Bruce Wells, Will Bouma, Stephanie Hermans.

Brant Waterways contributed toward the \$500,000 project, which has proven to be a highly popular and much enjoyed recreational asset, particularly for local youth.

2019

## Board of Directors

**Stephanie Hermans**  
*President*

**Marie Fanjoy**  
*Vice President*

**Sheila Turner**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

**Eva Andrews**

**Joe Cohoon**

**Sandra Fazari**

**John Hall**

**Brooke Hayward**

**Mike Laracy**

**David Latulippe**

**Brian Smith**

**Bruce Wells**

**Richard Carpenter,**  
*City of Brantford Representative*

**John MacAlpine**  
*County of Brant Representative*

**Janis Monture**  
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