

# Message from the President

Marie Fanjoy



**With trail and waterways use** at an all-time high, the pandemic highlighted the importance of our outdoor recreational assets and reinforced the significance of Brant Waterways' mission and mandate to enhance, restore and protect our waterways and adjacent lands.

The past year has been both an exciting and challenging time for Brant Waterways. The impact of the pandemic continued to affect our ability to raise funds and many of the community initiatives that we help fund, such as the annual Children's Water Festival and annual spring tree plantings, were not able to take place. The BWF Board put its energy into planning for the future and in late spring we finalized our updated Strategic Plan. This Plan helped inform a new Operational Plan and together, these two important documents will help guide the organization through to 2024.

Five major goals and objectives encompass the BWF Strategic Plan:

- Fundraising
- Granting
- Advocacy and Community Awareness
- Partnership Development
- Capacity Building

The latter half of 2021 saw a flurry of activity starting off in July with the launch of our first annual Summer Photo Contest. Building on a new Instagram account, the photo contest was successful in engaging the public at large and increasing awareness of the organization. The photos received were incredible and portrayed the beauty of our local waterways and trails. This

new initiative fit perfectly with our goal of increasing community awareness. Other fall activities included three community 'pop-up' events and the formation of a website sub-committee to develop a more functional Brant Waterways website. Being optimistic, plans for our annual May fundraiser got underway.

The year ended with a huge boost to our TIRA (Trail Improvement & River Access) fundraising initiative.

In December 2021, in recognition of their 100th anniversary of service in Brantford and Brant County, Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon LLP pledged \$100,000 to the campaign! Much of the funds are earmarked for the Newport Bridge River Access Project, scheduled for construction in 2022.



*Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon LLP announced their \$100,000 leadership gift with a presentation. From left: Partner Stephanie Hermans, Partner Jay Hitchon, BWF President Marie Fanjoy, TIRA Chair Duncan Ross, Partner Dennis Touesnard.*

We are excited as we continue to collaborate with our community partners including the County of

Brant, City of Brantford and Six Nations of the Grand River to deliver our TIRA projects that will ensure our three communities enjoy the health and wellness benefits of our world-class outdoor recreational assets now and for generations to come.

It has been my profound honour to be President of Brant Waterways over the past year and to work with such a dedicated and energetic Board of Directors, and our Board Coordinator, Barbara Wright. Thank you to our many individual and corporate donors – we could not do what we do without your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Fanjoy  
President, Brant Waterways Foundation

# Promoting community awareness of Brant Waterways

**While the pandemic continued to impact** events and activities throughout 2021, by the summer Brant Waterways' Directors were eager to begin addressing the goals and objectives identified in the new strategic plan. The Board's first focus was on raising community awareness by engaging people in safe, enjoyable activities:

- **The Summer Photo Contest** significantly boosted our social media following, introduced the Foundation to new demographics, and showcased the beauty of our natural resources as well as the talents of the photographers.



- **Three outdoor “pop-up” community events** (September 18th at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead; October 2nd at Glenhyrst Gardens and October 23rd at Penman's Dam in Paris) provided a chance to connect in person with individuals and families. The events featured refreshments, give-aways, prize draws, kids' games and activities, and our “canoe” photo booth.

*Winning photo contest entries were also on display at the pop-up events. Pictured at left: Bassam Elsandi's third-place entry in the Landscape & Nature category.*

## Thank You to our donors and supporters

**Brant Waterways Foundation** is fortunate to have the generous support of individuals and organizations who share our vision for our local Grand River watershed and the important projects identified in our TIRA (Trail Improvement & River Access) campaign. These projects will promote health and well-being through connections to our waterways and natural resources.

In addition to contributions from our TIRA donors, we are deeply grateful for several other financial gifts received in 2021 including those from the **Stephen Smith and Dorothy Woltz Foundation, The Roger and Edith Davis Foundation**, donations from Friends of Brant Waterways, gifts in memory/honour of loved ones, and contributions made online through CanadaHelps and the PayPal Giving Fund.

In December 2021 we were the grateful recipient of a \$3,000 grant from the **Brant Community Foundation**. The funds will be applied toward the costs of a new website, to be completed in 2022.

Donations of all amounts are welcome, appreciated and eligible for charitable tax donation receipts. For more information visit [www.brantwaterways.ca](http://www.brantwaterways.ca) or contact us: [info@brantwaterways.ca](mailto:info@brantwaterways.ca); 519-770-6000.

### TIRA Donations & Pledges

As at December 31, 2021

#### LEGACY PARTNER

Paul and Margot Williamson  
Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon LLP

#### HERITAGE CHAMPION

Pinevest Homes Inc.  
G. MacDonald Family Fund

#### WATERSHED GUARDIAN

Millards Chartered Professional Accountants

#### TRAIL BLAZER

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Brant Industrial Warehousing  
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John Hall & Margot Neill  
Harry Leach  
Mike Yarek Dodge Chrysler  
MMMC Architects  
Kim & Bernard Neziol  
Duncan Ross

#### PATHFINDER

Dr. Will Bouma	Ed & Shelly Doucet
Marie Fanjoy & Craig Mann	Margaret Fanjoy
Stephanie Hermans	Macaulay White & Muir
Mott Manufacturing	Reynolds Custom Machine
Brian Smith & Janet Crook	Colleen & John Stolp
Sheila Turner	Bruce Wells

# 2021 Financial Statements

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



## 2021

### Board of Directors

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**Barbara Wright**  
*Board Coordinator*

#### BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

##### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and bank (Note 2)	544,033	122,602
HST receivable	3,788	9,214
Prepaid expenses	-	3,979
Current portion of long-term investments	-	130,000
	547,821	265,795
<b>Long-term Investments (Note 3)</b>	692,946	749,496
	1,240,767	1,015,291
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,589	8,559
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	1,235,178	1,006,732
	1,240,767	1,015,291

Approved on behalf of the Board:

#### BRANT WATERWAYS FOUNDATION

##### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	112,446	107,469
Investment income	118,862	21,324
Miscellaneous income	3,000	5
	234,308	128,798
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	15,824	13,196
Dinner/event expenses	3,849	873
Insurance	4,198	3,490
Interest and bank charges	127	343
Office, postage and general	2,378	1,942
Professional fees	2,856	9,660
Project grants		
Canoe Kayak Dock Penman's Dam	-	12,000
Brant Sensory Trail	-	15,000
	29,232	56,504
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses Before Undernoted Item</b>	205,076	72,294
Gain/(Loss) on change in fair value of investments	23,370	1,806
	228,446	74,100
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	1,006,732	932,632
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets - End of Year</b>	1,235,178	1,006,732





## *Our Vision*

We envision a community in which everyone benefits from a connection to our healthy waterways and trails, and works collaboratively to protect and preserve our natural resources.

## *Our Mission*

Brant Waterways Foundation seeks to:

Provide funding assistance and advocacy to projects in Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations of the Grand River that enhance, restore, protect and preserve our natural heritage of the Grand River, its waterways and adjacent lands to provide recreational opportunities, a healthy environment and sustainable use.

## *Our Values*

We are defined and motivated by the following values:

- Accountability** We are honest and transparent in all our activities and are accountable to our partners, donors, supporters and the communities we serve.
- Collaboration** We strive to build and strengthen community partnerships in order to share ideas and resources and to better achieve our common goals.
- Inclusivity** We respect the strengths and sentiments of diverse groups and individuals in our local communities and value their efforts in helping further our mandate.
- Guardianship** We are committed stewards of our natural resources and actively work to create positive change that will ensure the protection of the environment.
- Sustainability** We focus on worthwhile, viable projects that will accrue long-term benefits to the community and promote enjoyment of the local Grand River watershed now and for generations to come.

## *Our History and Impact*

Brant Waterways is a charitable non-profit Foundation, established in 1988, whose objective is to provide funding assistance for projects that protect and enhance the Grand River and adjacent lands in Brant County, Brantford and Six Nations of the Grand River.

The Grand River and its major tributaries – the Conestogo, Eramosa, Nith and Speed Rivers – were designated ‘Canadian Heritage Rivers’ in 1994. The designation recognizes the outstanding human heritage values and excellent recreational opportunities along the rivers and encourages the public to enjoy and appreciate them.

Brant Waterways inspired and helped fund the conversion of flood control dikes, abandoned rail lines and other trails into a river-based passive recreational trail system. Natural habitat restoration, tree planting, water and environmental education activities and the development/enhancement of river access points for people to safely experience the river are among the many other initiatives supported.

To date, more than \$5 million has been invested in our local communities, spearheaded by Brant Waterways Foundation’s commitment and efforts in the areas of advocacy, fundraising and collaboration with visionary funding partners.

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