

**Southern Alberta Chapter
2012 Annual General Meeting
September 10, 2012
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

***Kahanoff Conference Centre
Suite 200, 1202 Centre Street SE
Calgary, Alberta***



AGENDA

- Review and approval 2011 AGM minutes
- Review and approval of 2012 audited financial statements
- Re-appointment of auditors for 2013 fiscal period
- Election of the Board of Directors
- Chapter update – Anne-Marie Syslak and Sarah Elmeligi

****Presentation****

Guest Presenter: Gordon Stenhouse



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The combined efforts & contributions of all people: Members, Volunteers, Donors, Partners and Staff are critical to our mandate!



Anne-Marie Syslak,
Executive Director



Sarah Elmeligi,
Senior Conservation Planner



Kate Semrau,
Communications Coordinator



Claire Sakowski,
Education Programmer



Jenn Casciani,
Education Coordinator



Kelsey Envik
Office and Fund Administrator



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Edita Sakarova,
Bookkeeper



Alex Mowat,
Lead Hiking Guide



Julie Walker,
Hiking Guide



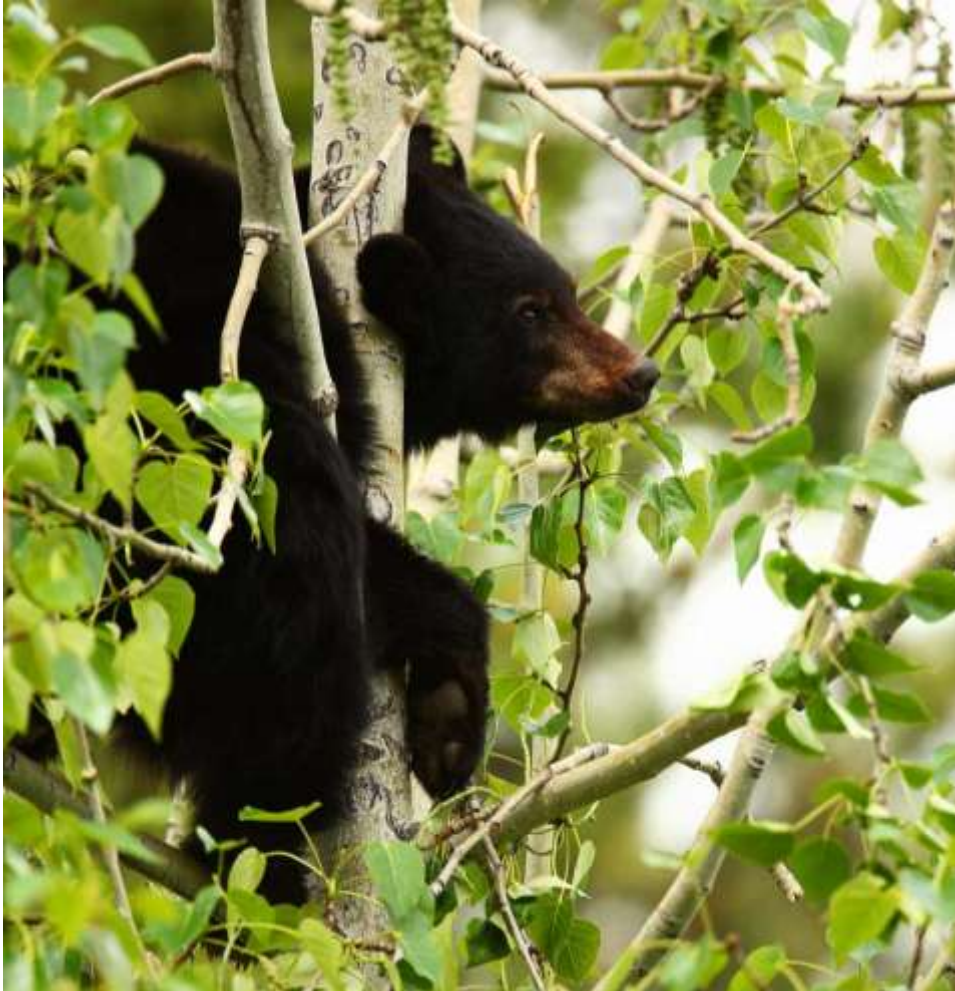
Wade Prpich,
Fund Developer



Laura Kiff,
Conservation Student



CPAWS VOLUNTEERS



A special thanks to the many dedicated and passionate volunteers who give their time and energy towards helping CPAWS Southern Alberta preserve and protect the wild places and animals of this region!



Moving On – Thank You!

The combined efforts & contributions of these people over the years have helped to make CPAWS the organization it is today.



Lindsay Allan



Sarah Pasemko



David Walker

FINANCES



**THE CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY (CPAWS)
SOUTHERN ALBERTA CHAPTER**

Statement of financial position

As at March 31, 2012, with comparative figures as at March 31, 2011

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	273,668	152,100
Due from CPAWS National (Note 4)	84,996	59,158
Accounts receivable	42,564	77,852
Goods and services tax recoverable	3,153	3,425
Inventory	6,486	8,221
Prepaid expenses	3,153	3,317
	<u>414,020</u>	<u>304,073</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	6,350	5,367
	<u>420,370</u>	<u>309,440</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,435	25,723
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	266,091	204,962
	<u>287,526</u>	<u>230,685</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	132,844	78,755
	<u>420,370</u>	<u>309,440</u>

LEASE COMMITMENT (Note 9)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors



Director



Director

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Statement of operations and changes in net assets

For the year ended March 31, 2012, with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2011

	2012	2011
REVENUE		
Government	61,899	45,481
Foundations	186,617	173,074
Individuals	67,055	71,352
Corporations	93,424	81,351
Casino	46,388	46,082
Events	4,726	9,465
Products and services	22,769	35,986
Royalties	94	470
	482,972	463,261
EXPENSES		
Amortization	3,144	4,830
Audit	6,500	5,500
Bank charges	987	812
Consulting	44,842	93,042
National office administration fees	21,155	18,391
Office rent and administration	50,297	49,335
Outreach and member services	2,558	643
Product purchases	1,735	2,367
Professional development	1,513	2,235
Professional fees	-	11,321
Salaries and employee benefits (Note 7)	276,081	184,985
Special events	9,715	2,783
Travel, meals and entertainment	10,356	6,580
	428,884	382,824
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	54,088	80,437
EXCESS - Beginning of year	78,755	(1,682)
NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY) - End of year	132,844	78,755

**THE CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY (CPAWS)
SOUTHERN ALBERTA CHAPTER**

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended March 31, 2012, with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2011

	2012	2011
Cash provided from (used in):		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	54,088	80,437
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	3,144	4,830
	57,233	85,267
Net changes in non-cash working capital balances:		
Due from CPAWS National	(25,838)	(43,356)
Accounts receivable	35,288	(64,393)
Goods and services tax recoverable	272	2,709
Inventory	1,735	1,819
Prepaid expenses	164	(1,576)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,287)	737
Deferred contributions	61,129	15,455
	68,463	(88,605)
	125,696	(3,338)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(4,128)	(1,820)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	121,568	(5,158)
CASH - Beginning of period	152,100	157,258
CASH - End of period	273,668	152,100



Financial Overview

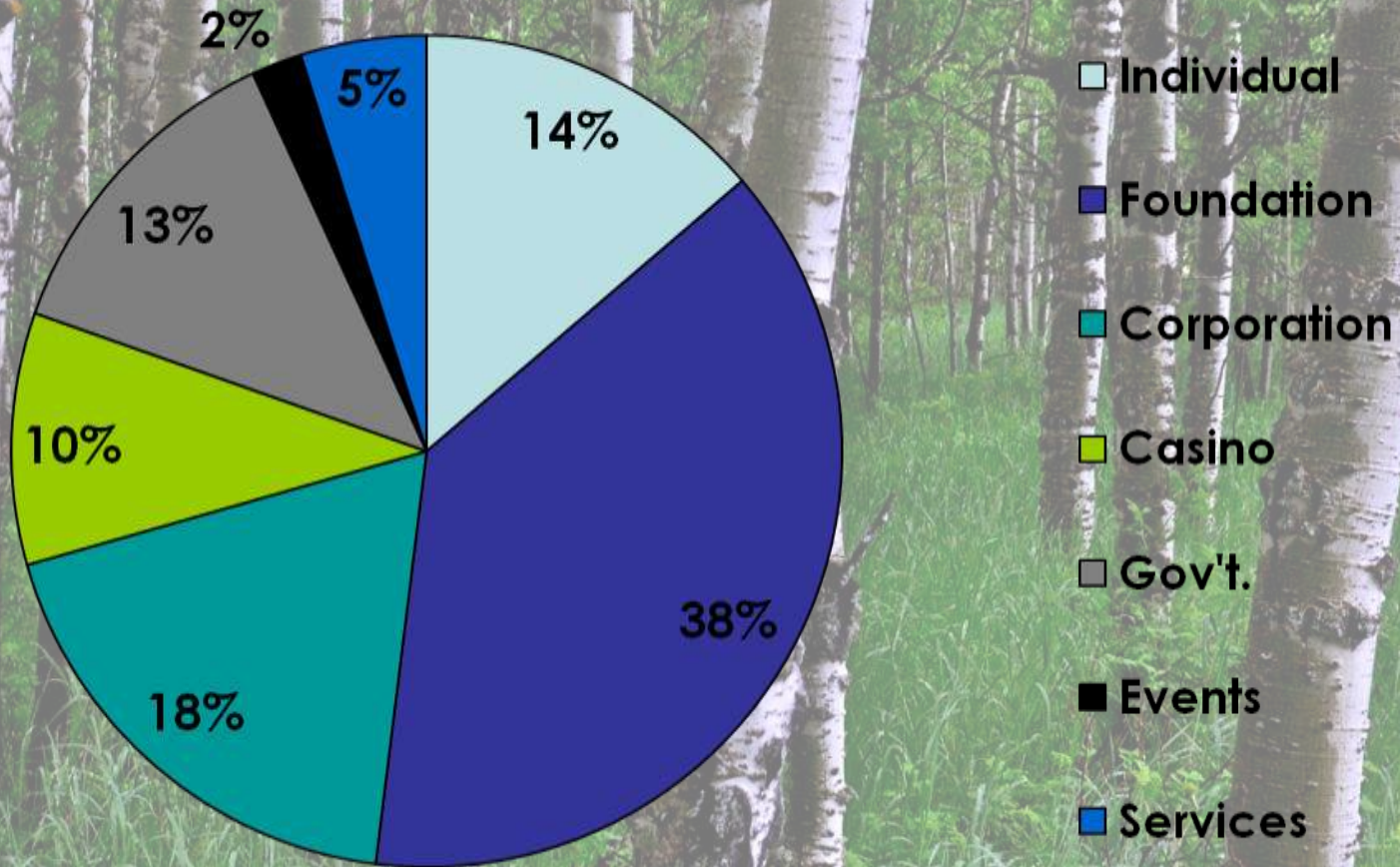
- Revenues exceeded expenses by \$54k.
- Net asset position of \$133k provides the organization with a financial safety net.
- Auditors delivered the standard audit opinion for a not-for-profit organization for fiscal 2012.
- Have break even results for the first five months of 2013 fiscal period.



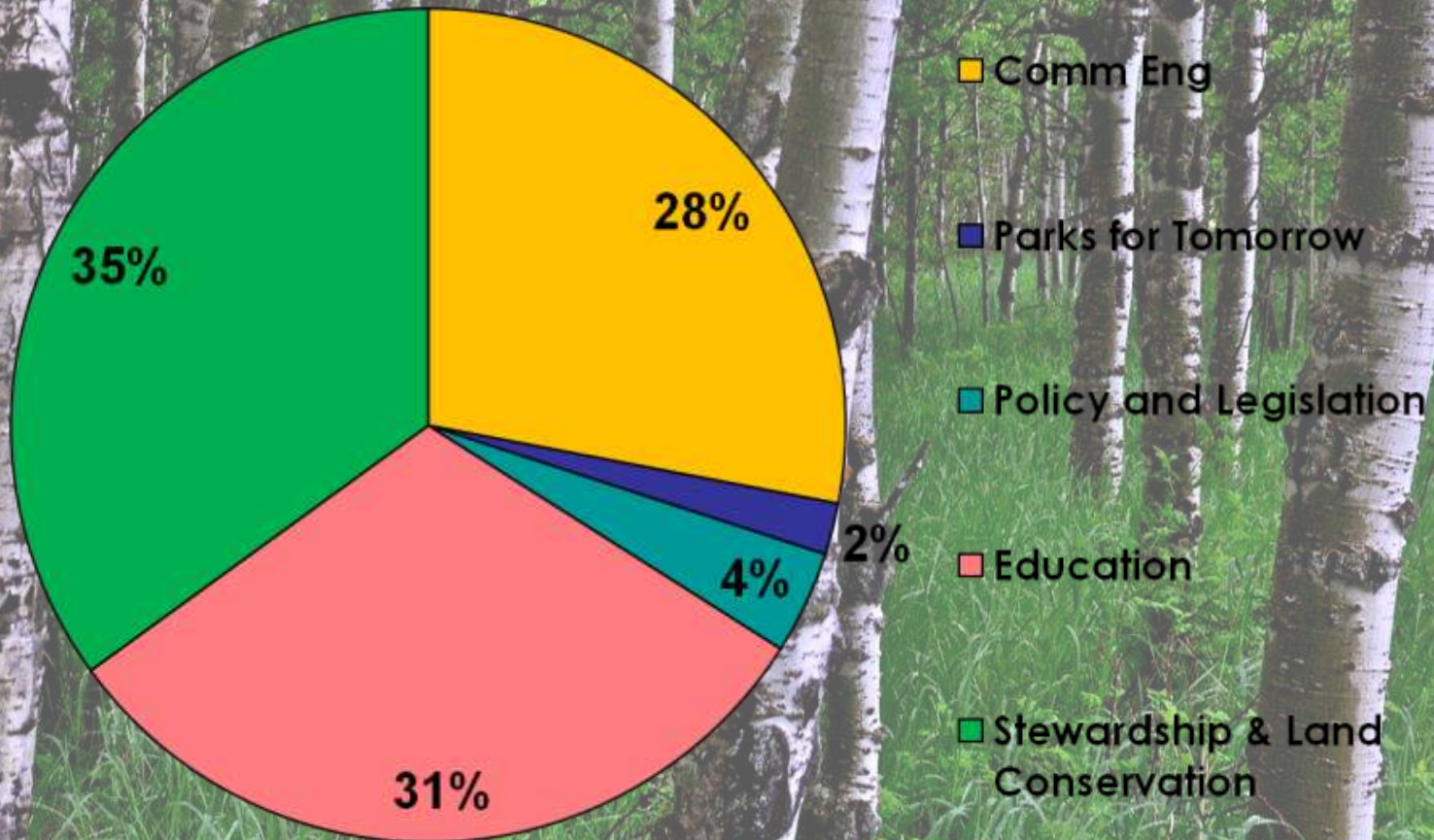
Financial Outlook

- Continuing cautiousness over donor funding base erosion in current economic climate.
- Tempered by strong balance sheet.
- Reappointment of Buchanan Barry LLP as auditors for 2013 fiscal year recommended.

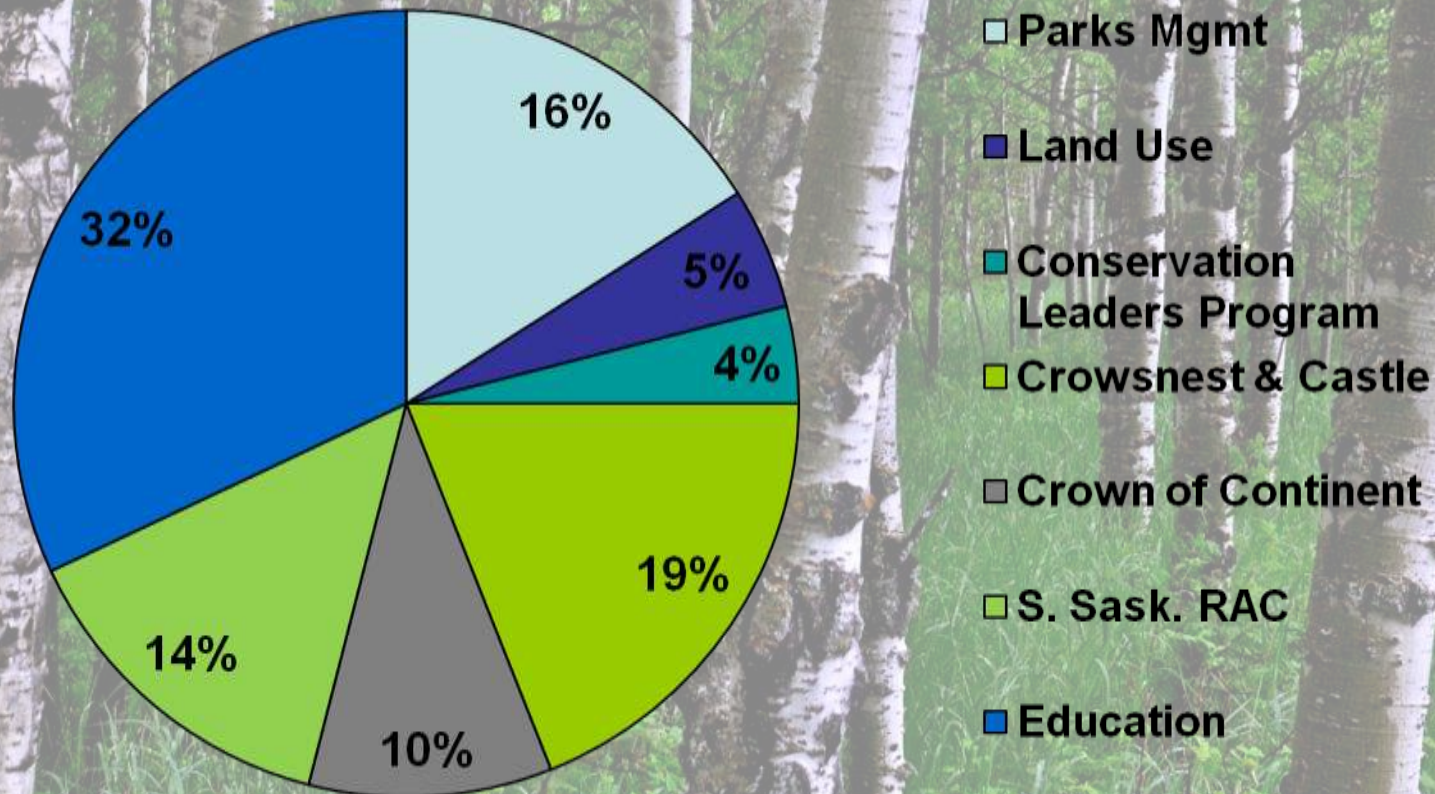
Revenue – By Source



Designated Revenue by Strategic Plan Program Area



Program Spending by Focus Area





Volunteer Board Candidates



Gord James



David McIntyre



Susan Eaton



Daryl Beatty



Liana McCreddie



Dave Sauchyn



Phil Nykyforuk



Carey Booth

CONSERVATION





CPAWS National Conservation Vision

CPAWS is Canada's voice for wilderness

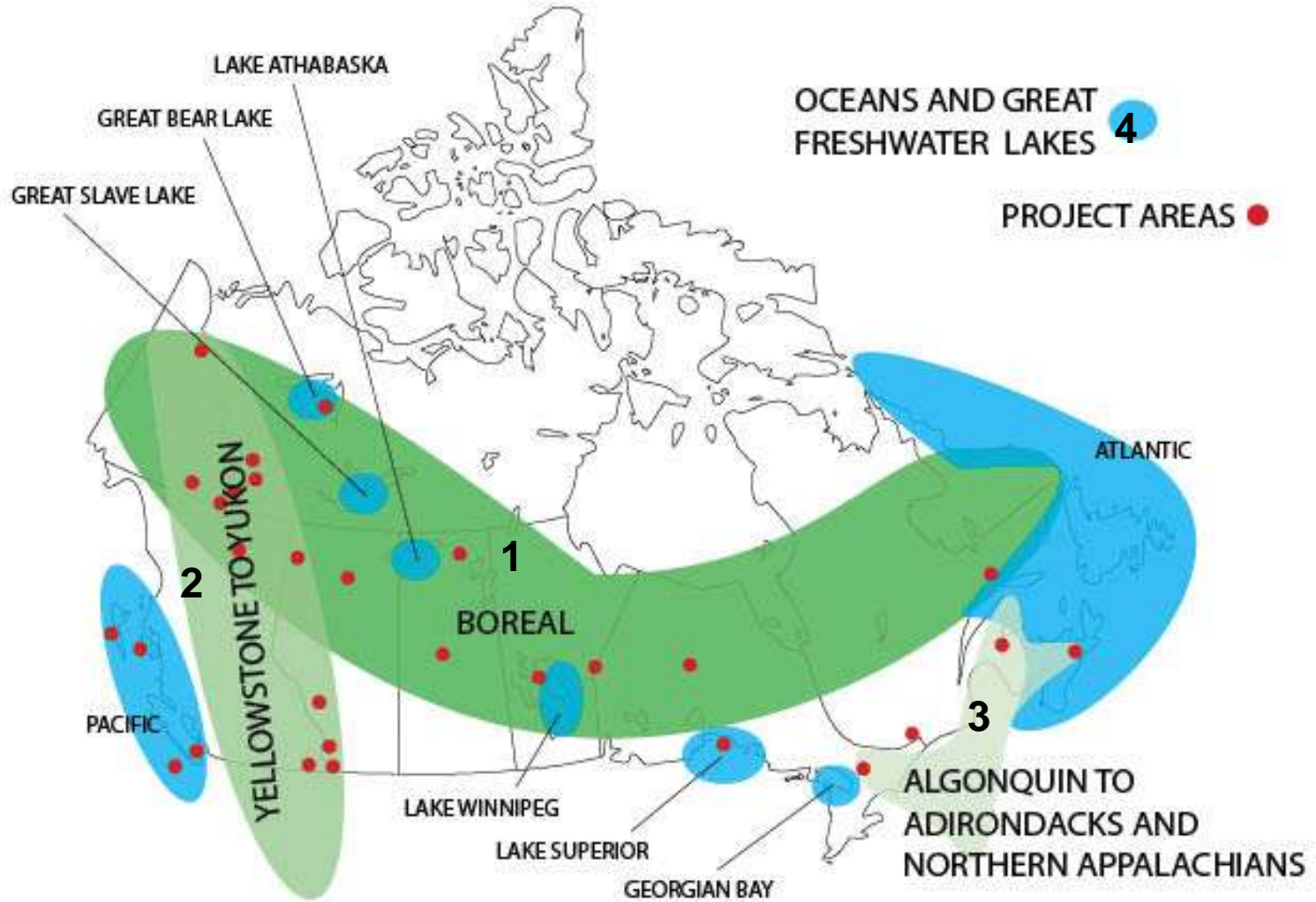
- Set a new and inspiring standard for the conservation of nature
- Protect the tapestry of life in the Canadian landscape and waterscape

At least one-half of Canada's public lands, freshwater and ocean environments will remain permanently wild for the public trust

CPAWS Nationwide - 13 Chapters



Five Nationwide Conservation Programs



5 Parks for Tomorrow



CPAWS National News Updates in 2012

- Grasslands NP in SK expanded - an additional 111 sq km was added. This is critical habitat protected for species at risk like sage grouse and black-tailed prairie dogs.
- Agreement between the Cree Nation and the Quebec Government to create Assinica National Park Reserve, which could become Quebec's second largest provincial park. This translates to 3,193 sq km of intact boreal forest – a key step in protecting critical habitat for the threatened woodland caribou.



CPAWS National News Updates in 2012

- Poplar River First Nation protects portion of MB's Boreal Forest - an area 20 times the size of Lake Winnipeg which is now legally protected from industrial activities.
- New Provincial Park created in Manitoba's Little Limestone Lake.
- Fisher River Cree Nation (FRCN), the Manitoba government, and CPAWS worked together to protect and create Fisher Bay Provincial Park, a new 84,150 hectare provincial park in MB.



CPAWS National News Updates in 2012

- CPAWS wins Gold Medal from Royal Canadian Geographic Society for our joint effort in protecting the Nahanni.
- ON gov't welcomes joint plan to increase the area of woodland caribou habitat off limits to logging from 170,000 hectares to 835,000 hectares. The plan was developed through the CBFA - a joint agreement between forest companies and environmental groups (including CPAWS).
- 2 new wilderness areas announced to protect Nova Scotia's last big wilderness - Chignecto.



Southern Alberta Chapter Conservation Priorities

Four Strategic Plan Program Areas:

1. Land Conservation & Stewardship
2. Influencing Policy & Legislation
3. Education & Community Engagement
4. Parks for Tomorrow



1. Land Conservation & Stewardship

Achievements 2011/12

a) The Castle Special Place

- Continued to work with collaborative group of organizations to oppose logging and support protection of the Castle Special Place.
- Provided background support for media attention around protests and logging commencing in January-February 2012.
- Working with partners, we have succeeded in getting over 100,000 emails and over 1,000 phone calls to the Premier and the Minister of ESRD.
- Met with Minister of ESRD three times to discuss the Castle, participated in a fly-over of the area with the Minister.
- Kept the Castle in local, regional, and National news on TV, radio, and in the newspapers.
- Despite the first year of logging happening, we have remained committed to this campaign and working to stop logging in the future.



Achievements 2010/11 continued...

b) Alberta's grizzly bears

- Working with a collaborative of environmental groups, we continue to implement a strategic provincial grizzly bear campaign.
- Asked for a moratorium on all new road construction in core grizzly bear habitat, succeeded in meeting with Minister to discuss.
- Are working with a private contractor to create a report detailing recommendations to reduce linear disturbance density.

c) Alberta's grasslands:

- Are now members of the Prairie Conservation Forum's Board of Directors
- Completed a research project looking at social needs and perceptions regarding the South Saskatchewan Canyon. This work resulted in a recommendation to protect part of the SSC as a Heritage Rangeland.
- Working to put forward resulting report in the South Saskatchewan Regional Planning process.



2. Influencing Policy & Legislation

Achievements 2011/12

a) The South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

- Completed and submitted our detailed recommendations based on the Advice to Cabinet from the Regional Advisory Council.
 - Main recommendations included creating new protected areas, reforming forestry practices, and more sustainable management of recreational opportunities throughout the region.
- Hosted a series of workshops across the region to engage citizens in the public consultation process.
 - Workshops hosted in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Cowley, Canmore, and Calgary.
 - Total of 100 people attended and close to 250 workbooks were distributed.
 - Another workshop will be held in Turner Valley later this month.
- Have met with various government departments to share CPAWS' recommendations for the SSRP.



What you can do to get involved!

- There will be public consultation processes hosted by the Alberta Government and by CPAWS this fall for the SSRP. Keep eyes on CPAWS website and attend these.
- Write or meet with your MLA and let him/her know what your priorities for your region.
- Spread the word to your friends and family. This is the biggest planning process Alberta has undertaken in decades, it's crucial that all Albertans are engaged.
- Go to the CPAWS map and learn a little more about this region and its areas of importance.
- Volunteer for CPAWS on this project.



2. Influencing Policy & Legislation

Achievements 2011/12

b) Modernizing forestry along the Eastern Slopes

- In response to several protests regarding forestry practices along the Eastern Slopes, CPAWS SAB has started to take a closer look at forestry policy and regulations
- Project objective is to define how forestry policy and regulation needs to change in order for forestry to be based on ecosystem objectives
- Project results will be presented to Alberta ESRD and be part of CPAWS' recommendations for the SSRP
- Forestry along the Eastern Slopes will be part of our strategic planning discussions. We will look at how we can approach government along with industry to champion our recommendations for best practices



3. Education & Community Engagement

Achievements 2011/12

Education

- Provided 272 in-class visits and 51 guided hikes (total 323 visits) to 4,677 students and their teachers in 56 schools in Calgary and surrounding areas
- Spent four weeks programming in rural Alberta - conducted 88 classroom visits to 962 students in those regions
- Hosted 12 adult workshops, doubling our adult outreach from last year
- Hired an Education Programmer to assist with program and resource development
- Participated in the Alberta Science Conference in Lake Louise, Mayor's Environment Expo, and various teacher conventions
- 60% of classes engaged in the Action Challenge
- We are co-hosting another Conservation Biology course based out of St. Mary's University College this fall. Dave Poulton and Dr. Mary Ann McLean are teaching. Please contact us if you are interested in participating.



Achievements 2011/12 continued...

Outreach

- Hired a full time Communications & Outreach Coordinator
- Participated in or organized 27 outreach events throughout the year, such as the CAWST Youth Summit, Creekfest, Parks Day, and a talk by Douglas Chadwich called “Crossing the Flathead the Wolverine Way”
- Hosted a Wild Soiree last November
- Launched the annual Capture the Wild Photo Contest, deadline for submissions October 19th



Achievements 2011/12 continued...

Communications

- Increased CPAWS social media presence. We are now active on Facebook and twitter and trying to engage a more youthful audience through this medium
- Coordinated the production of two promotional videos, one for our chapter and one for the our education program
- Published 2 editions of the bi-annual Green Notes newsletter

Volunteers

- Recruited a volunteer Volunteer Coordinator
- Engaged volunteers in meaningful projects in the areas of outreach, communications, and conservation
- Established new processes for recruiting, coordinating, and retaining volunteers



4. Parks for Tomorrow

Achievements 2011/12

- Involved in national park committees and processes: Bow Valley Parkway, annual planning forum, Grand Fondo and caribou conservation strategy workshops
- Seasonal closure announced for Bow Valley Parkway
- Responded to proposal and Environmental Assessment for the Brewster Glacier Discovery Walk along the Icefields Parkway.
- Solicited extensive opposition and awareness across the country on this issue. Over 2000 letters were written by CPAWS members. Lots of media was generated. Unfortunately, this massive infrastructure development was approved and is currently under construction



4. Parks for Tomorrow

Achievements 2011/12

- Responded to new recreational guidelines for new activities in Banff NP
- Responded to Parks Canada's caribou conservation strategy for mountain woodland caribou
- Attended the Grizzly Bear Symposium in Banff to decide how to move forward with the Parks Canada and CP commitment to mitigate grizzly bear mortality in Banff along the railway over the next 5 years.
- Created draft comments on the proposed amendment to the Riding Mountain NP (Manitoba) management plan to solicit proposals to re-open the Agassiz ski hill
- Presented at the Canadian Parks Council Leadership Course

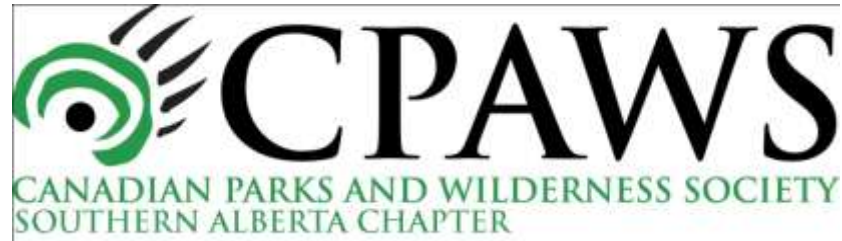


Moving Forward 2012/13

- Conservation Plan to be updated (2013-2016)
- More stringent tracking of political activity
- Moving office location
- Annual national conservation meetings and lobby day in November

Questions?





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Thank You

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