

**ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020**

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It seems surreal to look back over the last year and consider our successes, given that we are in the midst of a global pandemic as I write this. So much about our world has changed for so many people over the last few months. At the same time, our need to protect the land and ocean around us has never ceased. The pandemic has only further highlighted the connections between the health of the natural world and ourselves. I am proud of the work you are doing alongside us to defend wild lands and waters in British Columbia.

Over the last 12 months, we turned our attention to big, bold protections, charting out an ambitious plan that will take our combined focus and effort to achieve. And thanks to the passionate support of people like you, we are gaining ground in a number of regions. I know you celebrated with us the announcement of a new protected area to safeguard caribou habitat in BC's north, the next step toward creating a National Park Reserve in the South Okanagan-Similkameen, and the growing momentum to create a massive marine protected area off the coast.

At this pivotal moment for nature, the time for small gains and incremental improvements has passed. Thank you for envisioning with us a world where life thrives, and where land, water and air are prioritized over politics and profits. Like you, I truly believe that nature is BC's best hope for a healthy and safe future for us all.

Yours in conservation,

Bruce Passmore
Executive Director
CPAWS-BC



BIG, BOLD CONSERVATION: OUR FOCUS IN 2020 AND BEYOND

We know that it will take an unprecedented effort to turn the tide and prevent further losses to species, lands; and water. Indigenous leaders and scientists tell us that the best way to protect life is to protect the very places that it needs to thrive. Wildlife, fish, and plants need us to defend their homes from industrial development and even from intense recreation activities that bring too many humans into their space.

This is our time to think bigger, to take bold action to defend homes for nature, and thanks to you, progress is already being made. From the deepest, darkest depths of the ocean to alpine lakes and sweeping grasslands, you are lighting the way on a new path for conservation.

Unlikely hotspots of ocean life flourish amidst the dark depths of the open ocean about 80 kilometers off Vancouver Island's West Coast. The deep ocean area known as the Deepsea Oasis contains 40 seamounts (underwater mountains) and 20 hydrothermal vents (fissures in the earth's crust spewing superheated water) where unique plants and animals thrive. The 139,700 square kilometer ocean area was identified as an Area of Interest by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the first step in the creation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) under the Oceans Act.

These deep ocean ecosystems face numerous threats from commercial fishing, shipping, seafloor mining, and oil and gas. CPAWS-BC is working to ensure that the seamounts, hydrothermal vents, and all supported ocean life in the Deepsea Oasis get the long-term, legislated protections they need.

This past year, with your support, we helped the Government of Canada write the draft regulations for this future MPA to ensure strong protections are in place. We also co-hosted events in the community to engage people on the importance of protecting this area. Thanks to you, we will see strong, effective protection for the unique and vulnerable ocean life that thrives in the Deepsea Oasis.

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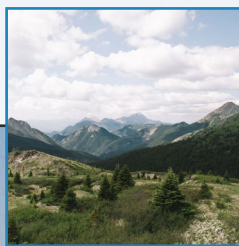
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Grasslands ecosystems, like those found in Syilx territory in the South Okanagan-Similkameen, are one of the most threatened ecosystems in Canada. CPAWS-BC has been working alongside local First Nations and community partners for more than a decade to protect this incredible place. We were delighted to attend the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Indigenous, federal, and provincial governments last July, which marked the next phase of the National Park Reserve establishment process.

Thanks to your support, short-term protections have been put in place to restrict land use and defend nature. Building strong relationships with First Nations, Parks Canada staff, and local partners has allowed us to continue pushing for the strongest, largest park. Together, we will secure the future of these grasslands and the wildlife that rely on them.

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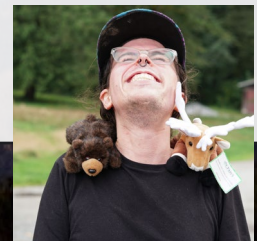
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Every victory is a true team effort. Funders and donors, advocates and action-takers, volunteers and partner organizations, all have a hand in protecting nature across British Columbia. Your support means that our team of expert staff can focus on what they do best: advocating for parks and protected areas that defend wilderness on land and water. The incredible team behind CPAWS-BC is responsible for much of our success, and we are grateful for your faith and trust.



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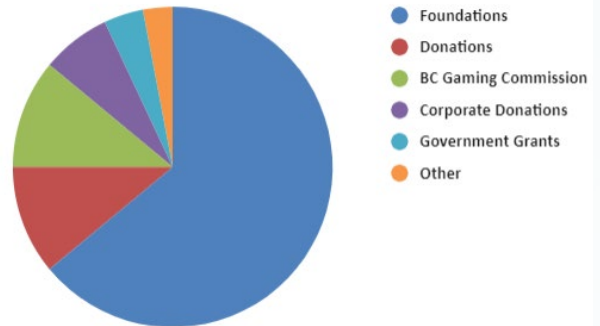
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Statement of Financial Position

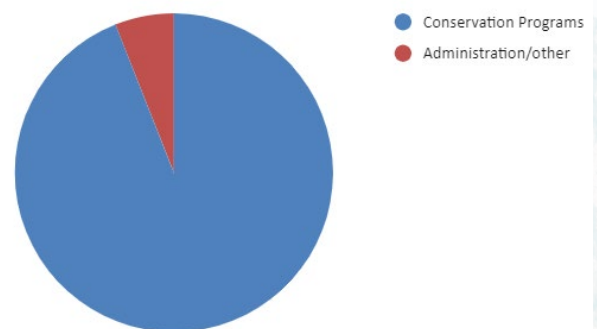
| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 4) | \$ 686,918 | \$ 829,831 |
| Accounts receivable | 53,006 | 177,422 |
| Marketable securities | 319,078 | 157,542 |
| Prepaid expenses | 14,891 | 8,383 |
| | 1,073,893 | 1,173,178 |
| Investments - Restricted (note 5) | 96,000 | 96,000 |
| Capital assets (note 6) | 6,433 | 4,760 |
| | \$ 1,176,326 | \$ 1,273,938 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 54,554 | \$ 99,841 |
| Deferred revenue (note 7) | 519,434 | 680,995 |
| Current portion of obligation under capital lease | 1,080 | 1,080 |
| | 575,068 | 781,916 |
| Deferred capital contributions (note 8) | 6,433 | 4,760 |
| Obligation under capital lease | 2,979 | 4,060 |
| | 584,480 | 790,736 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 270,636 | 182,164 |
| Internally restricted | 321,210 | 301,038 |
| | 591,846 | 483,202 |
| | \$ 1,176,326 | \$ 1,273,938 |

[Full Financial Statements Here](#)

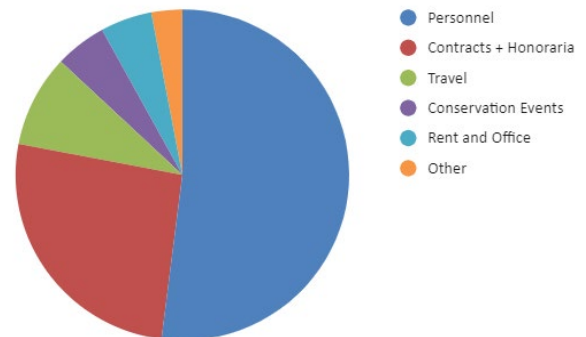
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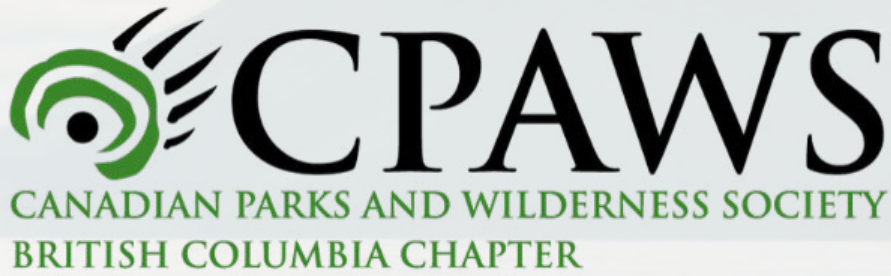


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