



### *Mission Statement:*

*Environment North strives to improve and protect the ecological sustainability and socio-economic well being of Northwestern Ontario through leadership, research, partnerships, education, community advocacy, information and community capacity building. We recognize that Environment North's specific actions and activities revolve around respect and shared responsibility for air, water and land - the essentials of all life.*

In 2007:

## Members continued to develop the organisation

- Members of Environment North engaged in a Strategic Planning Session. They developed a new mission statement (above) and a strategic plan to help guide the organisation in the coming years.
- Environment North reestablished its status as a registered charitable organization. Charitable status is of significant benefit to the organization, providing access to funding which is essential in pursuing our mandate and achieving our goals.
- Members began a process to improve the organization's by-laws to make it more open, inclusive and reflective of a grass-roots environmental organization.

## Increased Public Awareness

- Environment North hosted the David Suzuki Tour in Thunder Bay. David Suzuki spoke to an audience of 1500, a full house, at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. He discussed many environmental issues including those with regional impact such as climate change and forestry. Environment North also involved other members of the community in the evening's events. There were special words and performances by First Nations and local musicians, and displays from other local and regional environmental organisations.
- Environment North continues to publish articles in the Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal to bring attention to regional environmental issues. Topics for 2007 include: climate change and the boreal forest, compact fluorescent light bulbs, biofuels and community forestry.

**David Suzuki's  
"if you were Prime  
Minister Tour ..."**



## Public Education



- In February, together with the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists, Environment North presented Climate Change: Solving it Together. This conference was a half-day event hosted by the Environmental Studies program at Confederation College in Thunder Bay. The goal of this conference, attended by 185 people, was to share academic research into impacts and possible community solutions to regional climate change issues.

- In September, together with The Food Security Network and the Lakehead University Student Union, Environment North presented Climate Change: Solving it Together II. The second Climate Change conference was a full day event and included a lunch with local food. Topics included impacts of climate change on forest fires and on Lake Superior and issues surrounding **food** production and transportation. Energy efficient building design and a theatre presentation on individual lifestyles completed the event. Climate Change: Solving it Together II sold out and 235 people attended. As is fitting of a conference on climate change it was designed to be carbon neutral. The production of emissions was minimised by encouraging various measures including rewards for low-carbon transportation and providing local food for lunch. Remaining emissions will be offset with a local renewable energy project.



## Participation in Regional Events and Issues

- For the second time Environment North participated in the Grand Kam Canoe and Kayak Tour, a fundraising event for the Thunder Bay Children's Centre. With funds from the Mountain Equipment Co-op, Environment North was able to help advertise the event via local radio. Environment North was also able to produce a children's activity booklet and increase awareness of the ecology of the river for all ages by creating a large map of the river pointing out areas of ecological and historical interest.
- Also for the second time members of Environment North organized an outdoor clean-up event with the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup initiative.
- Members attended a Pollution Releases session to become informed about the process regarding reporting of pollutants and greenhouse gases to Environment Canada.
- Environment North wrote a letter in support of the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists' concerns regarding proposed development in a wetland area at Pine Bay on the shore of Lake Superior. Awareness of potential detrimental effects of

development has resulted in the local municipality requesting that the developer complete an Environmental Impact Statement.

- Environment North wrote a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper regarding the Lake Superior National Conservation Area.
- Environment North financially supported the establishment of the Environmental Film Network which shows films to the public, for no charge, on various environmental themes.
- Environment North endorsed the Northern Ontario Community Forest Charter

## Additional Funded Projects

- Of particular note is Environment North's partnership with the Anishinabek of the Gitchi Gami, a native environmental advocacy group located on the Fort William First Nation. We were pleased to be able to work with the AGG in securing funding from the Metcalf Foundation, the 7th Generation Fund and YES Employment Services for an internship position to facilitate their efforts to inform and engage the community in environmental protection and conservation efforts.
- With funding assistance from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, a summer intern was hired to assist with a number of Environment North projects.

## Financial Report (2007)

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2007 Budget</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Budget Est.</b>
Gifts from individuals	\$ 100.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 500.00
Gifts from Corporations and businesses	400.00	0.00	200.00
Gifts from other registered charities	0.00	36,354.00	2,000.00
Other fundraising activities	13,500.00	25,294.89	0.00
Government grants or contracts	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Memberships	800.00	1,121.00	1,000.00
Other			500.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 14,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,229.89</b>	<b>\$ 6,700.00</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>			
Charitable programs	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,551.32	\$ 4,000.00
Fundraising/membership activities	2,500.00	2,518.39	2,500.00
Management and administration			
Remuneration and benefits	0.00	19,056.70	16,100.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Accounting and legal services	75.00	70.00	100.00
Other services	300.00	468.20	450.20
Occupancy costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies and equipment	200.00	33.62	50.00
Printing and publications	100.00	90.75	100.00
Other social events	100.00	0.00	100.00
Other disbursements	100.00	157.15	400.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 3,375.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,946.13</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

<b>Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2007</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2007</b>	<b>Dec 31 2008 (Est.)</b>
Total Assets	\$ 3,839.02	\$ 36,122.78	\$ 17,822.78
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 0.00

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