



**Environmental Health Foundation of Canada  
2018 Newsletter**

*Contributions from Pamela Scharfe, Chair and Tim Roark, Treasurer*

**Introduction:**

The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC) is the charitable, research and education arm of CIPHI. This report is submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees and satisfies the annual reporting requirements of Section 5A of CIPHI By-Law No. 10.

The Board of Trustees of the EHFC is comprised of the following who are appointed in accordance with the Board Regulations:

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| Pamela Scharfe (ON), Chair         | Fran Gelder (ON)       |
| Klaus Seeger (ON), Vice-Chair      | Melissa MacDonald (NS) |
| Jacquelin Schnider (AB), Secretary | Lena Parker (AB)       |
| Tim Roark (BC), Treasurer          | Laurie Pike (NS)       |
| Duncan Ellison (ON)                | Ralph Stanley (ON)     |

**Honourary Board Chair:** Dr. David Jones

**New Trustees that joined the EHFC Board in 2017 are:**



**LENA PARKER, AB**



**LAURIE PIKE, NS**



**FRAN GELDER, ON**

The Board's Governance Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of a Trustee Recruitment, Education and Retention plan. The Board Regulations allows for up to 15 Trustees and it is a goal of the Board to fill the current five vacancies by 2019 and would like to see CPHI(C) representation from British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, PEI and NL as well as relevant industry.



## **Strategic Plan (2016-2018):**

**Vision:** The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada supports environmental public health education and research through collaboration, connection, and recognition with internal and external partners.

**Mission:** To operate as the independent charitable organization of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors dedicated to advancing environmental public health protection in Canada and internationally through the development and support of public education, research and the development of aid projects.

### **Goals:**

- Sponsor individuals and groups through educational activities aimed at reducing hazards to the public.
- Support research regarding environmental public health issues.
- Provide awards and bursaries to CIPHI members and students.
- Encourage and support persons entering the field of environmental public health.
- Increase public awareness of environmental public health issues, concerns and hazards.
- Collaborate with other agencies, charities and individuals having similar missions and goals.
- Carry out fund raising activities; receive and manage financial gifts, donations, legacies, bequests and endowments from all sources, to be used to further the mission of the Foundation.

### **Strategic Directions:**

The following strategic directions were developed along with key initiatives to guide the work of the Board of Trustees:

- Setting Priorities & Improving Processes
- Enhance & Strengthen the Capacity of the Organization
- Clear, Consistent & Compelling Communications
- Pursuing Collaborations
- Measuring Success

The Board will be reviewing and evaluating the 2016-2018 strategic plan at its annual face-to-face meeting in September 2018 to assist in the development of the 2019-2021 plan.

In 2017, the Board of Trustees restructured the work of the Foundation into two committees to manage the workload of this volunteer Board:

- (1) **Advancement Committee:** purpose is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to funding and external awareness, including providing advice on fundraising, securing individual and corporate donors, communications, and marketing.



- (2) **Governance Committee:** purpose is to ensure that the board fulfills its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities through adequate governance policy development; Trustee recruitment strategies, training programs; monitoring of board activities; and evaluation of board members performance.

**Financials:**

On behalf of the Board of Trustee I would like to acknowledge the generous donations in 2017 from:

- The following CIPHI Branches:
  - BC
  - AB
  - SK
  - MB
  - NB
  - NS-PEI
  - NL
- The BC CIPHI Branch and the Vancouver Health Authority Conference Committee for the creation of the silent auction with proceeds to the EHFC and to the very generous delegates who raised a total of \$3,504;
- The Van Alstyne Family for their generosity in creating and funding the new Clifford E. Van Alstyne Communication Award;
- NSF International, Hedgerow Software Ltd., Lowry & Associates Ltd., the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health and Duncan Ellison (sponsor of the CWWA Award) for their continuing support of their annual awards;
- EHFC Board Trustees;
- Individual CIPHI members; and
- Friends of the Foundation.

Without this financial support, the Foundation would not be able to sustain the work of the CIPHI membership's charity.

The majority of the EHFC funds are held in endowment as most of the awards were created as a permanent funds and self-directed donations to these awards are invested to ensure the award funds retain their value in perpetuity. These annual awards are funded through the interest generated by the endowment.

The EHFC 2017 Financial Statement was approved by the EHFC Board Appointed Auditors, and the annual submission has been forwarded to the Canada Revenue Agency, Charities Directorate for their approval. The financial resources of the Foundation at **December 31, 2017**, including investments totaled **\$160,810**, which represents a **\$9,881** increase in revenue compared to the 2016-year end.



**2017 Financial Statement  
(Compared to 2016)**

REVENUE			EXPENDITURES		
Donations			Expenses		
	2017	2016		2017	2016
<i>Restricted</i>	10,825	8,725	Scholarships/Awards	11,049	8,250
<i>Not Restricted</i>	2,676	5,681	Direct Project Expenses	1,005	3,085
Other	0	0			
<i>Direct from Donor</i>	10,902	7,782	<b>Management &amp; Operations</b>		
<i>Via a Registered Charity</i>	153	0	Ads & Promotion	1,339	263
Interest	5,276	86	Mtgs & Financial Services	1,385	2,957
			Office supplies/expenses	904	858
			Honorarium	500	500
<b>Sales</b>			Bank, credit card, PayPal	57	27
Temp Safe Product Profit	2,067	6,030	Misc. Operating expenses	19	940
			Travel & Vehicle Expenses	1,399	1,334
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$31,899</b>	<b>\$28,304</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$17,657</b>	<b>\$18,214</b>

**Meetings:**

The Board of Trustees held their 2017 annual general meeting on November 5, 2017, and conducted teleconference meetings on March 27, 2018, June 27, 2018 and a meeting is schedule in August.

The 2018 EHFC Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and as Chair I would like to extend an invitation to all CIPHI members to attend. An AGM meeting notice including the time and location will be issued via the CIPHI listserv, EHFC Twitter account and via the EHFC Facebook page.

**Awards:**

- **Canadian Water & Wastewater Association Safe Water Award:** the 2017 recipient was **Jean Pierre Couture** (QC).
- **Clifford Van Alstyne Communications Award:** the 2017 award was shared by two recipients – **Dennis Persaud**, Peel Public Health (ON) and **Rylan Yade**, Sudbury & District Health Unit (ON).
- **Dr. R. Neil Lowry Recreational Water Award:** the 2017 recipient was **Angela Whalen**, Vancouver Coastal Health (BC).
- **EHFC Continuing Education Award:** the 2017 recipient was **Danny Martin**, Peel Public Health (ON).
- **Lilli Ann Zahara Award:** the 2017 recipient was **Ramien Sereshk**, Halton Region Public Health (ON).



- **Hedgerow Software Ltd Leadership in Environmental Health Award:** the 2017 recipient was **Michell Martin**, Middlesex-London (ON).
- **NSF International Food Safety Award:** in 2017 the award was shared by two recipients - Kara Flannigan, Algoma Public Health (ON) and Becky Hester, York Region Public Health (ON)

### **Clifford Van Alstyne Communications Award**

In 2017, the Board of Trustees were pleased to partner with Clifford Van Alstyne CPHI(C)'s family in the creation of an award to recognize excellence in communications. This award was created by Cliff's family to recognize and honour his distinguished career and his contribution to our public health inspection profession.

The criteria for the award was established by Cliff and his family prior to his passing to recognize and honour once a year a CPHI(C) recipient who displays commitment, involvement or innovation in the field of environmental public health, with a focus on communication in all its forms. Cliff was a strong advocate for communication, be it educating business owners, members of the public, education using social media or maintaining an informative CIPHI Branch newsletter.



**Photo above:** *Cliff's son Craig, daughter Tyla, wife Harriet, EHFC Trustees Pamela Scharfe & Tim Roark*

The EHFC Award Review Panel in consultation with Cliff's family chose two very worthy CPHI(C)s to be the first recipients of this award. Cliff's wife and two of his children attended the 2017 National AEC Awards Luncheon to participate in the official announcement of this new EHFC award.

**Dennis Persaud, Peel Public Health and Rylan Yade, Sudbury & District Health Unit** were the first recipients of the Clifford Van Alstyne Communication award.



**Photo Left Above:** Dennis Persaud, Award Recipient, Pamela Scharfe, EHFC Chair, Danny Martin, Award Nominator & Ralph Stanley, EHFC Trustee

**Photo Right Above:** Holly Browne, Program Manager, Rylan Yade, Award Recipient, & Cynthia Peacock-Rocca, Award Nominator

#### **Research Awards:**

#### **Len Hiebert Environmental Health Award**

Fluoridation of Drinking Water: Relevance to Population Health  
**Charles Young**, Cape Breton University

Challenges to Tobacco-Free Canada  
**MD Ahiduzzaan Sharker**, Cape Breton University

DPD-Based Colorimetric Quantification of Free Available Chlorine (FAC) in Flotation Tank Conditions  
**Jeffry H. Ma**<sup>1</sup>, Helen Heacock-River<sup>2</sup>, Frederick Shaw<sup>3</sup>  
British Columbia Institute of Technology

Examining the Safety of Duck Breast Prepared the Sous Vide Method  
**Sara Plain**<sup>1</sup>, Helen Heacock<sup>2</sup>, Lorraine McIntyre<sup>3</sup>  
British Columbia Institute of Technology

**National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) – Ron de Burger Student Award:** This award is for students enrolled in Canadian post-secondary institutions offering a Public Health Inspection (PHI) program or a degree in public health. This award is intended for students of public health to develop awareness and promote critical analysis of environmental health issues by creating a brief evidence review. Up to five (5) awards are made available annually. Successful applicants are awarded a certificate and a cheque in the amount of \$500.



**The 2017 award recipients were:**

- Strategies to Mitigate the Impacts of Extreme Heat Events Among Homeless Populations in BC's Lower Mainland: A Review of Evidence-Based Approaches and Recommendations  
**E Cabantog**  
Simon Fraser University: Master of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health
- *Echinococcus multilocularis* as an emerging public health threat in Canada: A knowledge synthesis and needs assessment  
**E Denstedt**  
University of Guelph: Master of Public Health
- Application of behaviour change theories to food safety education in youth: A scoping review  
**K Diplock**  
University of Waterloo: PhD student, School of Public Health and Health Systems
- Finding Headspace: A Knowledge Synthesis of the Effects of Urban Green Space on Mental Health  
**R Janicki**  
University of Guelph: Master of Public Health

**Products:**

The EHFC still continue to promote and sell TempSafe® educational food safety materials available in magnets, clings, stickers, lapel buttons and large display formats. The EHFC written out at the bottom of the samples below can be replaced with health agency/authority names for a nominal fee. The products are currently available in English, French and Spanish. The Board continues to offer large discounts for orders of 1,500 or more which allows for health agencies/authorities to combine orders to take advantage of the savings. The EHFC receives a small percentage of all sales from the current printer.



**Charity Fund Raising:**



EHFC Board Treasurer, Tim Roark and Board Chair, Pamela Scharfe showing their approval of the very successful silent auction organized by the 2017 National CIPHI AEC Conference Committee.

The very generous delegates raised \$3,504 for the CIPHI's charity. The EHFC Board especially appreciated the efforts of the silent auction organizer Karen Rehbein and her Team for the terrific items that were available to bid on.



The EHFC Board approved a \$5,000 bursary available to students from the six CIPHI accredited schools to attend the 2017 National CIPHI AEC, Richmond, BC.

EHFC Board Chair, Pamela Scharfe is shown with four of the five BCIT students who took advantage of the bursary – C. Cheung, A. Kwong, D. Submuraligh, and D. Lee.

The total amount of conference attendance bursaries in 2017 was \$3,317





The customary kick off to the ON Br Conference is the Annual Golf Tournament held Oct. 1, 2017. The EHFC Board appreciated the opportunity to partner with the conference hosts—Peel Public Health to fund raise \$400 at the event.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “putt off” contest was held to honour the memory of long time Board Trustee and avid golfer Ron de Burger. One of Ron’s son and wife participated in the day & donated a terrific trophy. Many thanks to EHFC Trustees Ralph Stanley & Klaus Seeger who organized this fund-raising event.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

In 2019, the EHFC will be celebrating it’s 30<sup>th</sup> year and the Board will be planning ways to recognize this important anniversary of CIPHI’s charity.

### Communications:

The EHFC 2016 Year in Review newsletter was issued via the CIPHI listserv. The 2017 Year in Review newsletter is planned to be issued this summer. The Board of Trustees also continue to administer a Facebook page and a Twitter account and are exploring creating an Instagram account.

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