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News from the forefront of conservation in Nova Scotia

*Happy New Year, from all of us at the Nature Trust!*

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*We wish you a happy and nature-filled 2018, and we thank you for all you do to protect special places here in Nova Scotia and to keep them wild, forever.*

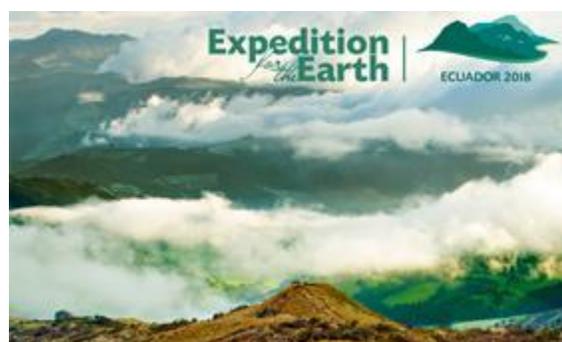
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*If you want to do more for nature this year, we can help! See below for some unique opportunities to get involved.*



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Join the Team for a Once in a Lifetime

## 2017 Conservation Report

We love what we do! What a pleasure it is to work together with our supporters, volunteers and partners to conserve the best of Nova Scotia's incredible natural areas.

We've got some very exciting plans for 2018, but first we hope you'll join us in celebrating some highlights from what we accomplished together in 2017!

[Read our Executive Director's 2017 Conservation Report.](#)



### Introducing Our Newest Guardians of the Land

We are excited to announce that Helga Guderley and John Himmelman have joined our **Guardians of the Land** program! Our **Guardians of the Land** are a group of leadership supporters who recognize the importance of ongoing support to guarantee the sustainability of the conservation work we do, and who also recognize the importance of providing unrestricted funds to ensure we are able to address the areas of greatest need.

If you are interested in joining our **Guardians of the Land** program please contact Barbara at [Barbara@nsnt.ca](mailto:Barbara@nsnt.ca).



### Thank You Jake Arsenault and Creative Urban Timber

New graduate and entrepreneur Jake

## Adventure!

Register today, to join Expedition for the Earth to Ecuador in September 2018! Join the team of six adventurers who have already signed up for this once in a lifetime adventure!

This incredible opportunity will take you to one of the world's biodiversity hotspots where you will explore the Amazon, cloud forests and Andean peaks of Ecuador. The trek will be expertly guided by internationally renowned mountaineer Wally Berg of [Berg Adventures International](#).

Registration Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>!

[Read on for more details...](#)



### Join Us for an Expedition for the Earth Info Night!

Looking for more information, have questions you'd like answered or want to learn more about the places you will visit? Join us February 21<sup>st</sup> for an **Expedition for the Earth Information Night!**

We'll take you on a visual journey to Ecuador. Hear firsthand stories from Barbara Haley our Philanthropy Facilitator who has lived, worked and travelled in Ecuador.

You will also hear from a past- Expedition participant on how they accomplished their fundraising goal. Don't miss this chance to find out more about this once-in a lifetime adventure!

Please RSVP to Maggie by calling [902-425-5263](tel:902-425-5263) or emailing [expedition@nsnt.ca](mailto:expedition@nsnt.ca).



Arsenault is helping to save nature in Nova Scotia, by donating a portion of the sales from his business, Creative Urban Timber, to the Nature Trust.

The Nature Trust is grateful for, and inspired by, Jake's support for our conservation work! The diverse and creative ways that people give back to nature in Nova Scotia is encouraging, and support from businesses like Jake's will help to ensure our beautiful province continues to have wild places like it does today, well into the future.

[Read more about Jake's story.](#)



### **Help Shape the Future of the 100 Wild Islands**

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust and Nova Scotia Environment are seeking community input that will help guide the ongoing management and use of the 100 Wild Islands and the Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area.

Following up from the October 2017 Community Open House, please join us for an information session about the Wild Islands. Come and hear what we've learned and share your stories about the islands, and your ideas for their future.

[Read on for full details.](#)

### **The Nature Trust Invites You to a Special Presentation**

On the afternoon of Wednesday February 21, we will partner with [Glenn Stewardson](#) to host two presentations on how to save taxes in estate planning.

This is an opportunity to learn how:

- To minimize or even eliminate taxes on your estate
- To avoid double taxation on your "red" retirement accounts
- To bypass pay upfront capital gains taxes when selling your investments
- To convert assets into an income you can't outlive and leave a lasting legacy
- Our government wants you to save taxes and leave more to your estate

If you are interested in receiving more information about this presentation, please contact Barbara Haley at [902-579-9977](tel:902-579-9977) or email her at [barbara@nsnt.ca](mailto:barbara@nsnt.ca).