

Summer & Fall 2017

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# LANDLINES



News from the forefront of conservation in Nova Scotia

## ***Wow! It's been a busy summer and fall!***

*We've had a lot of fun this summer and fall, getting outside to explore and steward special places across the province. And we've been working hard too - securing and celebrating some important new conservation lands, protected in partnership with generous Nova Scotian families and supporters like you. Thanks very much to all the friends who have joined us in conserving Nova Scotia's special places, by giving so generously, by volunteering, by participating in our events, and by helping to spread the word.*

*Read on to find out what we've been up to during the past few months, and to learn about upcoming opportunities to get involved in our work.*

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### **An Earth Day Gift: A New Freshwater Refuge for Wildlife**

In celebration of Earth Day, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust announced new conservation lands on Hog Lake in Queen's County, Nova Scotia. A haven for wetland-dependent wildlife including a family of nesting loons, the property also has potential habitat for the nationally endangered Blanding's Turtle and Eastern Ribbonsnake.

We're very grateful to land donor Peter Freeman, who grew up enjoying the wilds of Hog Lake and the surrounding forests and wetlands, from his nearby family cottage.

[Read the full story.](#)



### **Fulfilling a Conservation Dream in Cape Breton**

On Oct. 25th, we announced the protection of two new conservation lands on the Bras d'Or Lake, in Cape Breton. Generously donated by Alastair Saunders and Chris Corston, the new conservation lands build on a mosaic of Nature Trust protected areas in Cape Breton preserving rare island and coastal habitats, wetlands and oldgrowth forests. The land gift also fulfils a mother's dream, keeping a treasured piece of family land wild, forever.

[Read the full story.](#)



### **The Sobey Family Donates Land on the St. Mary's River**

At a special public celebration in Sherbrooke on Saturday August 12th, we celebrated the donation of a 30 acre property on the St. Mary's River by David and Faye Sobey. The property provides critical habitat for a diversity of wildlife, including endangered species, and it is also steeped in memories for the Sobey family who have been visiting this part of the river for over 80 years.

Our sincere thanks goes out to the Sobey family for entrusting us with a treasured piece of property on this much-loved river. The new property adds to our existing network of protected properties along the river, which now encompasses nearly 800 acres of important forest and wetland habitats.

[Read the full story.](#)



### **So Much Fun Connecting with Nature!**

We've had a lot of fun getting outside with you this spring, summer and fall! It's been a real pleasure introducing Nova Scotians and visitors to some of our conservation lands, the species that live there, and the reasons that we're working to keep them wild, forever. Thank you so very much to everyone who joined us to make this year's **Connecting with Nature** series of events so special.

See lots of pictures from our adventures on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

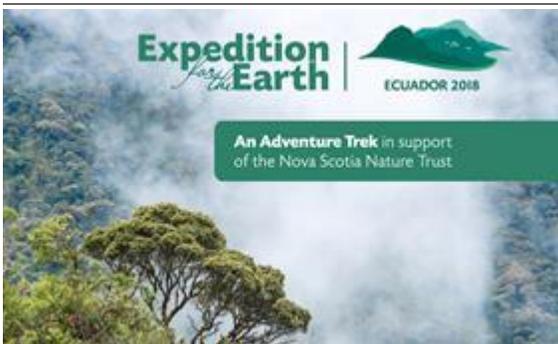
We have one more event scheduled for this coming winter - a moonlit snowshoe hike at the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve. Stay tuned for more details when the snow



### Ecological Restoration at Hemeons Head

This summer, with the help of some enthusiastic volunteers, we undertook an ecological restoration project on the Hemeons Head Conservation Lands in Shelburne County. This protected area provides critical habitat for migratory shorebirds and a number of at-risk species, along with a variety of recreational opportunities and beautiful shoreline vistas, and we want to ensure that its diverse habitats are kept in good condition.

[Read more about what we've done so far](#), and please be in touch if you would like to help! Contact John Paterson, Stewardship Coordinator, at [john@nsnt.ca](mailto:john@nsnt.ca).



### Expedition for the Earth: Ecuador 2018

We're very excited to announce that our next Expedition for the Earth, in the fall of 2018, will be to stunning and ecologically rich Ecuador. This eight day trip will see expeditioners exploring three very different nature reserves, encompassing rainforests, vast freshwater lakes, and towering volcanoes.

We're once again partnering with Wally Berg and [Berg Adventures International](#) to give participants the chance to explore some of the world's most extraordinary natural spaces while raising funds and awareness to support conservation here at home.

Stay tuned to [www.expeditionfortheearth.ca](http://www.expeditionfortheearth.ca) for updates, and feel free to contact Maggie Sutherland, [maggie@nsnt.ca](mailto:maggie@nsnt.ca), for more details.

starts to fly!

### Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

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### Big Dreams for Nature's House

On Sept. 22, we hosted an open house to welcome neighbours and friends to visit our new home in Dartmouth. Over the coming weeks and months, we have many upgrades and improvements planned for our house, with the intention that the house (Nature's House) and the garden (Nature's Garden) will be a model of sustainability for home and small business owners.

And if you're a HRM District 5 ([Dartmouth Centre](#)) you can help! Residents in District 5 have an exciting opportunity to determine which projects in their community will receive funding through the Municipal Participatory Budget Process, and our Nature's House project will be on your ballot!

The Community Vote happens tomorrow, Tuesday November 7th. There are no age restrictions, and children are also invited to participate in the vote.

- Findlay Community Centre  
November 7, 6:00-8:15pm (drop-in)

Please help us to spread the word by sending this message to friends and family in District 5 who might be interested in participating in the vote!



### Thank You, Peter Wright!

Our sincere thanks to Peter Wright who, in June of this year, retired from the Nature Trust's Board of Directors after seven years of service. Peter's hard work as a board member, as board President for three years, and as a member of key committees including our strategic planning committee, has been much appreciated. Peter was honoured at this year's Annual General Meeting for his generosity and commitment to forwarding private land conservation in Nova Scotia.

As volunteer Property Guardians, Peter and his son are also valued members of our stewardship team.

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### Welcome New Board Members

This summer and fall, we were fortunate to welcome six new board members to our team, and we are pleased to introduce them to you:

**Rick Emberley** (Nature Trust President) has been a leading marketing communications and research expert for over 25 years, and is senior counsel at the M5 Group. He founded Bristol Communications and Boomerswork.ca. He is well known for his specialty research work in the area of political, public opinion and public policy where he has consulted to over 50 public sector and not-for-profit organizations. Rick has served on and led many community organizations, boards and campaigns including the Discovery Centre, NSCAD University, and the Greater Halifax Partnership.

**Hari Balasubramanian** has an extensive background in conservation around the globe, through work with Conservation International, and subsequently his own company, Eoadvisors. Hari has helped guide environmental conservation and economic development projects in over 45 countries. He brings expertise in long-term financing for protected areas, corporate social responsibility, philanthropy and impact investing.

**Sherman Boates** has long been a valued advisor, partner and friend to the Nature Trust. He is the Wildlife Manager for



### Thank You for Making our 20th Annual Dinner and Auction a Success!

A big Thank You to everyone who supported our 20th Annual Dinner and Auction, making it our our biggest dinner yet!

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of new and old friends alike. With over 400 people in attendance, what a pleasure it was to have the opportunity to share news from the past year! And it was a thrill to travel to some of the world's most incredible wild spaces with Brian Keating, our guest speaker.

Together we raised \$55,000 in support of our work protecting Nova Scotia's unique natural legacy. Thank you!

Thank you also to all of the raffle and silent auction donors who contributed so generously.

And a big thank you goes out to the volunteer dinner committee, who work all year round to make this event happen!

**Dinner and Auction Planning Committee:** Jocelyn MacIsaac (Committee Chair), Blaine Carter, Janice Cunningham, Colin Duggan, Magali Grégoire, Megan Little, Tera-Lynn Parker, Alana Respondek, Linda Tremblay, Richard Vinson, Beverley White

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Biodiversity with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and an assistant Biology Professor at Acadia. He is active in many conservation advisory and working groups both provincially and nationally, including the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre.

**Keith MacIntyre** is a tax partner with Grant Thornton LLP and the firm's former national tax leader. He is a graduate of Saint Francis Xavier, a Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation and a chartered professional accountant. Keith has served on various boards, including the Boys and Girls Club of Nova Scotia, Canadian Association of Family Enterprise, and Cole harbor Minor Hockey. He is avid outdoorsman and the proud father of two children focussing their education and careers in the environmental sector. His family and travels have impressed upon him the importance of conservation to preserve Nova Scotia's natural legacy.

**Ken MacLean** is Vice President and General Counsel for the Municipal Group of Companies. He has served on numerous community boards, including as Past Chair of Shelter Nova Scotia and the New Start Society, and Board member with the Regional Residential Services Society. Ken enjoys being in the outdoors with his young family and was introduced to the Nature Trust when the Municipal Group became a major supporter for our 100 Wild Islands campaign.

**Whipple Smith** was one of our fantastic 100 Wild Islands campaign team members. She has already been working hard over the past three years raising funds and new friends for the Nature Trust, and she has volunteered with land conservation organizations for the past 20 years. An environmental engineer by profession, she has lived and worked across much of Canada and has a wealth of environmental and conservation knowledge and experience.

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**Thank You, WindanSea!**

We're so excited to be partnering with [Windansea Whaleboat Sailing Tours](#), who are offering a unique, environmentally sensitive, sailing experiences in the 100 Wild Islands, and donating a portion of their proceeds to help keep the islands wild forever.

Our work would not be possible without our visionary and dedicated partners, and we're so grateful to WindanSea for their support!

Book your 2018 tour today, and help protect the 100 Wild Islands!

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