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CALEDON HILLS CLUB

Annual General Meeting Package
April 14, 2024





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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CALEDON HILLS BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club (CHBTC) will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024, by way of an in-person meeting at the Caledon Ski Club West Lodge, 17431 Mississauga Road, commencing at 1:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

Motion #1 - To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members held on April 2, 2023.

Motion #2 - To elect as directors of the CHBTC those recommended individuals listed to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

- Heidi Bischof
- Louise Carberry
- Sally Cohen
- Colleen Darrell
- Roopa Dindigal
- Lynn Dobson
- Bob Ferguson
- Gurjinder Gill
- Ana Goncalves
- Sandra Green
- Gary Hall
- Nellie Leal
- Rob Martin
- Janice McClelland

Diane McKenzie
Heather Murch
Marilyn Ross (ex officio member as past president)

Note:

- The 2024-2025 Nominating Team was comprised of Sandra Green (Club President), Marilyn Ross (Past President), Lynn Dobson (Membership & Volunteer Director), Andree Zeritsch (Treasurer), and Janice McClelland (Director-at-Large).
- The Nominating Team assessed candidates to fill three roles: Treasurer, Fundraising Director, and Director-at-Large.
- A Call for Nominations was published on the BTC website, CHBTC website, Caledon Comment Spring Edition, and Cal E-News February, March, and April Editions.
- As part of the 2024-2025 nominations process, the CHBTC Board of Directors endorsed the candidacy of the Recommended Nominees Standing For Election.

Thank you to Andree Zeritsch and Linda Vezina, outgoing Board Members, for their many years of dedication and service to the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club.

REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON MEETING

Registration for the 2024 Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club In-person AGM will occur upon arrival at the Caledon Ski Club West Lodge meeting location.

Note:

- Member's first name, last name, and membership number will be confirmed upon registration.
- Members will be given a voting card (one per membership number).

VOTING

Ways to vote:

1. At the Meeting, or
2. Use the online link only if you are NOT able to attend the in-person meeting.

All online votes must be received by 11:59 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Note:

- Members who are attending the in-person Meeting should NOT vote online.
- If Members vote online and then attend the Meeting, their submitted online vote will become void, and they should vote during the Meeting.
- Only one person per membership number is permitted to vote.

- Write unsure for your membership number if you have forgotten it.

Voting Link: <https://forms.gle/YDo2vYHJ3tC6syQs6>

For online voting assistance, please contact info@caledonbrucetrail.org.

QUESTIONS

Members are invited to submit questions in advance of the Meeting to Sandy Green at info@caledonbrucetrail.org.

CHBTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 AT 1:45 pm

Welcome - Sandra Green, President

Land Acknowledgment - Sandra Green

Approval of the April 2, 2023 General Meeting Minutes - Sally Cohen, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Andree Zeritsch, Treasurer

Impact Report - Sandra Green

Thank You to 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Approval of Recommended Nominees Standing for Election - Elizabeth Ganong

Adjournment

Minutes
Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Caledon Village Place

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) started at 1:30 pm.

Welcome by Marilyn Ross.

Land Acknowledgement read by Sandra Green.

Approval of agenda. Motion by Marilyn Ross. Seconded by Diane McKenzie.

Approval of minutes from 2022 AGM. Motion made by Sally Cohen.
Seconded by David Lamb.

Treasurer's Report

Andree Zeritsch

Andree Zeritsch reported an amazing year financially. \$26,000 was sent to the BTC, \$10,000 more than budgeted. Lifetime donations for the CHBTC are \$263,000. Tuesday Hikers have donated \$18,000 to date to the BTC.

Approval of 2023-24 budget. Motion by Andree Zeritsch. Seconded by Elizabeth Staite.

President's Report

Marilyn Ross

Marilyn thanked the CHBTC Board members who are stepping down. Kristina Zeromskiene-Cal-E-news, Elizabeth Ganong-Student Hiking Program Director, Danielle Koren-Social Media and Bruce Trail Day Director, Peter Leeney-Member at Large.

Vice President's Report

Sandy Green

As circulated.

Bruce Trail Club Director's Report

Heidi Bischof

As circulated.

Hike Director's Report

Rob Martin

As circulated.

Rob thanked Peter Leeney, Mohammed Shafiq and Doris Harper for their Tuesday Hike leadership.

Trail Maintenance Director's Report

Heather Murch

As circulated.

Membership and Volunteer Director's Report. Lynn Dobson
As circulated.

Landowner Relations Director's Report Louise Carberry
As circulated.

Land Steward Director's Report Gary Hall
As circulated.

The number of Biodiversity Facebook page followers is growing. Now up to 153. Gary Hall encouraged people to come out to Land Steward activities and learn about apps such as i-Naturalist, Merlin, what3words, etc.

Fundraising Director's Report Linda Vezina
As circulated.

Linda Vezina has scheduled October 22nd in the afternoon for a film screening at the Bookshelf Cinema in Guelph.

Director at Large Janice McClelland
As circulated.

Janice McClelland thanked her Side Trail Stories committee, consisting of David Lamb, Helen Billing, Louise Carberry and Diane McKenzie and invited additional volunteers to join the group.

Voting for Board of Directors:

Judy Leeney presented the 2023-24 Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors slate. Motion by Judy Leeney to nominate the slate for the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors in 2023-24. Seconded by Jean Kerins.

2023-24 Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors

Heidi Bischof	Nellie Leal
Louise Carberry	Rob Martin
Sally Cohen	Janice McClelland
Lynn Dobson	Diane McKenzie
Bob Ferguson	Heather Murch
Sandra Green	Linda Vezina
Gary Hall	Andree Zeritsch

Presentation: "The Bruce Trail Conservancy: Conservation in Action" by Adam Brylowski, BTC Conservation and Trail Manager.

Closing: 3:15 pm

Submitted by Sally Cohen
Secretary-Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
April 4, 2023

Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Impact Report Greetings

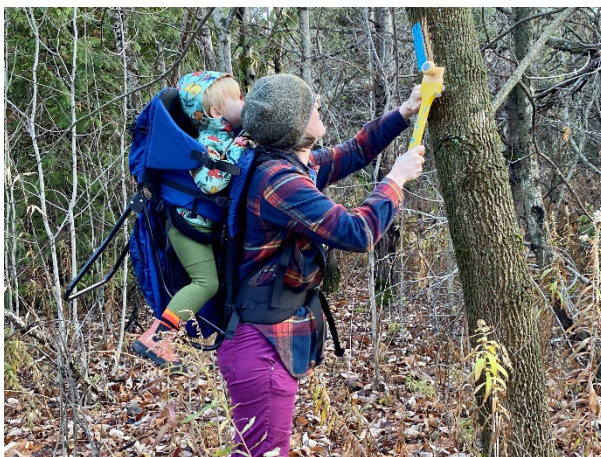
“Let’s keep the momentum going” became a motto for 2023-2024. As members of the Board, we observed a growing excitement and interest in Club activities post-pandemic. We found that people were looking for ways to further connect with nature, get their bodies moving, and protect and care for the natural areas where they had found peace and joy in a time of uncertainty.



After thoughtful consideration, we came up with plans to:

- engage others through more and varied hiking opportunities, trail maintenance and development work parties, and land restoration projects
- welcome the community to well-planned events and invest time and effort to develop new partnerships
- inspire participation and action by enhancing our communication
- foster strong ties with BTC staff using their resources and expertise to help grow our Club and look after the land.

If you have visited the online Bruce Trail Conservancy’s Hike Schedule, you will know that hikes from each of the nine BTC Clubs are highlighted in different colours. A core group of very motivated Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club hike leaders, along with several newly certified ones, led numerous hikes over the year, adding lots of Caledon Hills green to the calendar.



Trail volunteers bonded as they toiled to build two side trails and 1.5 kilometres of future main Trail in the new Akela and Scouters Heather and Ross Hamlin Nature Reserve at Riverside Woods. A wooded pathway north of Hwy 9 now provides a safer and more enjoyable experience for hikers thanks to our volunteers. Our team of sawyers grew by two and were kept busy carefully felling mostly ash trees away from the trail. A shared approach to grass-cutting made the arduous task “fun.” Recently, our Trail Maintenance and Development Leadership

Team devised an ambitious 2024 priority plan requiring many volunteer hours.

Restoration and care of our BTC protected properties are reasons for more celebration. Together, our land stewards, members of our Biodiversity Team, BTC staff, and work party volunteers made gains in mitigating the spread of invasive species through many spring, summer, and fall work parties. The installation of seven boot brushes will also be beneficial.

In 2023, the Club donated \$10,000 to the BTC donor match program for Riverside Woods in June, and an additional \$13,000 was given to the Conservancy in December. These contributions were mainly due to our highly supported fundraising events and programs throughout the year. The Family and Friends Prediction Hike, Theatre Orangeville Community Giveback, Fall Colours E2E, and Film Screening Fundraiser profited by mostly sold-out crowds. A spirit of giving was evident in the success of our Gift Basket Raffle, Winter Market & Christmas Tree Sales, Trail Angel Donations, Tuesday Hikers Loonie Fund, Branded Merchandise Sales, and the constant demand for our coveted, uniquely beautiful badges.

Events like our Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque, Bruce Trail Day, Finishing Touches and Grand Opening of Riverside Woods, craft workshops, Winter Social and 60th Anniversary launch created opportunities for our members and friends to gather and have a great time with one another. Outreach volunteers met and chatted with hundreds of enthusiastic and interested people at Unifor's Earth Day Celebration, Make Mono Shine, Caledon Day, Mono Bi-centennial Celebration, July 1st at the Hockley Valley parking lot, and Orangeville Christmas Market.



Welcoming partnerships with youth organizations was a highlight. We hosted several family hikes for local Scout groups and presented at two events. Sixty teens and their leaders from the 557 Lorne Scots Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Brampton participated in our Fall Colours E2E. We also partnered with the Dufferin WILD Outside Youth Leadership group, offering guided hikes and opportunities to learn more about Biodiversity. Introducing students from James Bolton Public School to the Bruce Trail and hiking was delightful. Their curiosity and

wonder of nature are inspiring and remind us that there is work to be done to protect our natural areas now and for future generations.

To keep our members informed and reach out beyond, we pumped up our social media presence by increasing the frequency of our posts. Members can now count on receiving the Cal E-News monthly to keep them informed of upcoming Club events. Meaningful quarterly Caledon Comments continue to keep us in the know about Club happenings and interesting nature topics. The Club's up-to-date website is appealing and user-friendly.

We are grateful for our ongoing positive relationships with BTC staff and our counterparts from the other clubs. Presidents, Landowner Relation Directors, Land Steward Directors, Trail Development & Maintenance Directors, Hike Directors, Treasurers, and Membership & Volunteer Directors regularly meet to collaborate and learn from one another. We have representatives on the BTC Land Acquisition Committee and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee. The assistance we receive from BTC staff on restoration and conservation projects, with trail changes, community outreach, and communication, is valued. We are better for our involvement with BTC workshops on Truth and Reconciliation, Trans Inclusion, and Biodiversity.



I feel blessed to work alongside the very dedicated and talented directors and support volunteers of our Board, Helen Billing, Heidi Bischof, Louise Carberry, Sally Cohen, Colleen Darrell, Roopa Dindigal, Lynn Dobson, Bob Ferguson, Ron Gray, Dave Guzda, Gary Hall, Jean Kerins, Nellie Leal, David Lloyd, Rob Martin, John Maxwell, Janice McClelland, Diane McKenzie, Dave Moule, Heather Murch, Louis Porter, Marilyn Ross, Elizabeth Staite, Linda Vezina, Dave Wiffen, and Andree Zeritsch. Cheers to our longstanding volunteers and the abundance of new ones who helped out this past year. Thank you to our outstanding members and

generous landowners for their constant support of the mission.

In preparation for our Club's 60th Anniversary, I read past Caledon Comments and Commemorative Anniversary books. I am in AWE of the stories of dedicated, conservation-passionate, and forward-thinking volunteers who, through the years, have connected people with nature in so many ways. It is our turn to continue this tradition and earnestly accept our responsibility to "preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever".

Sandra Green, Club President/2024



BTC Director Heidi Bischof

Each of the Bruce Trail Conservancy's nine Clubs recommends a member to sit on the BTC's 19-member board. The BTC board is responsible for the overall governance of the organization, including oversight of Management and the effective stewardship of BTC financial resources. In general, its responsibilities are strategic in nature and focus on decisions that affect BTC's relationships and long-term sustainability, and recognize that operational decisions and activities are the responsibility of BTC Management.



Marsha Russell, Leah Myers & Heidi Bischof

As a member of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors and also a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy Board of Directors, the Club's BTC Director is able to provide insight on the implications for the Club of issues deliberated by the BTC Board.

In 2023:

- The Conservancy had six regularly scheduled and several ad hoc Board Meetings, the AGM, and numerous committee meetings.
- The Board worked towards clarifying roles and responsibilities for club-nominated BTC directors; and
- The BTC Board's approval secured two properties in the Caledon Hills section.

As a member of the BTC Board, there are opportunities for Directors to support the broader organization through involvement in its committees. Since September 2021, I have been the Finance Co-Chair of the Finance & Risk Committee. The role of this committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by monitoring: 1) the overall systems of internal controls and risk mitigation procedures; 2) the integrity of the financial statements of the BTC; and 3) BTC compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Heidi Bischof /March 2024

Landowner Relations Director Louise Carberry

Connecting With Owners:

- All landowners were contacted last year in person or by mail with our calendar and written update.
- One landowner contacted us in the spring, complaining of people foraging on their property. Additional signage was installed to prevent this in the future.
- One new landowner has consented to a trail on their property in the future.

New Trail Reroute:

- The new trail guide was printed prior to the completion of the reroute on the north side of Hwy. 9 at Airport Road. Hikers still need to use Hwy. 9 on the south side.



Purchases:

- A large property was purchased in Mono. It is North of 5 Sideroad, between the 1st and 2nd line. Side trails are located on this property and are depicted on a map in the large parking area accessed from the 1st line, Mono. BTC preserved land is indicated in the Trail Guide; however, the trails were completed after the guide was printed.
- A second property north of the 7th line, Mono, containing the main trail, was purchased and is now secured.

Landowner Relations Committee:

This committee has been re-established to provide guidance and support to all club directors in this role, with plans to meet quarterly to facilitate communication between the Clubs and staff at the BTC. All landowner information will be stored in the Raiser's Edge database in the future.

Louise Carberry/March 2024

Land Steward Director Gary Hall

Invasive Species Management:

- Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, we were able to continue our aggressive assault on invasive species. We held six garlic mustard work parties and four dog-strangling vine work parties. We were joined by the BTC biologists for two sessions to help eradicate honeysuckle, buckthorn, and autumn olive on Tall Timbers, Gosling Forest, Mathilde's Way, and Canning's Falls.
- On April 23, 2023, a group of enthusiastic volunteers from Definity Financial helped with the removal of buckthorn from the Quarryside Nature Reserve.

Encroachments:

- There were no major property encroachments this year. Two issues from last year at Mathilde's Way and Caledon Mountain Springs have been successfully resolved.

Boot Brush Stations:



- Thanks to Norm Randle and Fred Nix, we were able to install five new boot brush stations at the following locations: Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve, Riverside Woods, Humber Heights, Griffith Ravine, and Hockley Valley Nature Reserve. Funds for these new stations were provided by Baffin Boots Canada.

Nature Walks:

- Our Biodiversity Committee organized another interesting season of nature walks. Themes included: spring ephemerals, ferns, birding, and entomology,

Biodiversity Facebook Page:

- Our Biodiversity Facebook Page now has 169 members



New Properties:

- The BTC added the Akela and Scouters Heather and Ross Hamlin Nature Reserve at Riverside Woods and Twin Waters. Twin Waters is located between Mathilde's Way and the seventh line of Mono.

Retiring Land Stewards:

- We thank Ron Porter for his many years as the Land Steward for the Songbird Nature Reserve and welcome Rosemary McArthur and Warren Utting.

Bird Boxes:

- Four new bird boxes were installed this year at Riverside Woods. The bird box activity at our Bruce Trail Day proved to be very popular. Ten new boxes were built and will be ready to install this spring.

Seed Orchard:

- In September, a group of volunteers joined BTC staff to plant a seed orchard at Riverside Woods. The purpose of the seed orchard is to generate seeds of native trees, shrubs and grasses that can be planted on BTC properties throughout the Caledon section.



Tree Plantings:

- We have two tree planting work parties coming up. The first one will be held on April 21st at Mathilde's Way. Native shrubs will be planted to replace invasive shrubs removed from the property last fall. The second work party will be held at the Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve. Volunteers will join staff from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Area to plant four hundred bare root trees to create a diverse forested corridor along a stream to increase biodiversity and help shade the stream to maintain high-quality cold-water habitat for fish species such as brook trout.

Gary Hall/March 2024

Trail Maintenance Director Heather Murch

The CHBTC has over 71 km of main trail and 44 km of side trails. The wonderful trail is inspected and maintained by a dedicated team of volunteers, including 34 Trail Captains, 4 Quadrant Leaders and the Trail Maintenance Director. There are also nine experienced and certified Sawyers who fell/clear larger trees along the section. We are also fortunate to have a list of enthusiastic volunteers who help with work parties and special events.



Our Trail Captains are responsible for monitoring the trail and ensuring the treadway remains clear and safe. They cut grass, trim branches, remove smaller trees from the trail, paint blazes, maintain signs and pick up litter. If a fallen or hazardous tree is more than a Trail Captain can manage, the Club's Sawyers are brought in to safely bring the tree to the ground or remove it from the treadway. Sadly, due to the ash borer, the removal of damaged and dangerous ash trees is an ongoing concern. Due to windstorms, hundreds of trees had to be felled or cleared from the trail from mid-December to mid-January alone.

BTC purchased 214.3 acres of land south of Hockley Road in 2023. Last fall, two new side trails, the Uplands Side Trail (1.2km) and the Goodyear Memorial Side Trail (2.2km), were located, built and opened on the land which has been named Akela & Scouters Heather & Ross Hamlin Nature Reserve at Riverside Woods.

As well, the trail has been moved off of the north side of Highway 9, making it safer and more enjoyable for hikers.

We are grateful to the dozens of volunteers who bring their time and passion to maintain the trail. They are skilled and knowledgeable, and we wouldn't have a safe trail without them.

A big thank you to each and every member of our trail team.

Heather Murch/2024

Hike Director Rob Martin

Review of 2023

The number and variety of our hike offerings continued to improve throughout 2023, and that trend continues so far and with what has been planned for 2024.

- Sandy Green's *Frosty Five* series continued last winter with the added incentive this winter of earning the new "60 for the 60th Anniversary" badge
 - the *Discovery* badge series was offered
 - new *Nature Seekers* and *Just For Fun* series were introduced as alternative styles of hikes
- Nancy Mooney's BTC clubs E2E series continued with hikes provided to cover the Sydenham and Dufferin Hi-Land Sections
 - 2024 will see Nancy complete the full Bruce Trail E2E with hikes in the Beaver Valley, Caledon Hills, and finally the Niagara Sections by October
- The Biodiversity Committee continued their popular *Nature Walks* series with themed hikes on various flora and fauna, often featuring expert guides
- The *Prediction Hike* fundraiser, this time held in May, was another resounding success, as was the *Fall Colours End-to-End*, which is always well subscribed to by the public
- Janice McClelland continued her popular *Forest Bathing* hikes periodically
- new hike leader Dan Revington offered an historically-themed hike on the Horseshoe Curve Train Wreck of 1907
 - Janice also provided hikes featuring historical facts in the area of her hikes
- I have recently been surveying our hike leaders list to ascertain their "status" with the club. This task is ongoing.



First Aid and Certified Hike Leader Courses

- a Canadian Red Cross First Aid course was held on February 25th and 26th, 2023, at Caledon Village Place
 - 15 people participated, 14 of whom were Caledon Hills BTC members
- a Certified Hike Leader course through Hike Ontario was held on April 4th & 11th, 2023 (Zoom sessions), followed by an outdoor, in-person session on April 15th
 - registrations reached the maximum allowed of 12, again with a majority of participants from our club
 - some of those new hike leaders have begun offering hikes for our club

BTC Hike Schedule/Calendar

- periodic updates to this online tool took place throughout 2023, with the majority providing more control for hike leaders in how they submit and manage their hikes

Tuesday Hikers

- due to the online waiver/registration process for organized hikes, I can't provide some summary statistics of the program as I've done in the past
- our hike leaders make sure there is a hike almost every Tuesday throughout the year, and they are offered a huge thank you for their commitment
- it is also nice to see that more leaders, including some of our new ones, are submitting *Tuesday Hikes*, which is easing the load on our core of Tuesday leaders
- there are currently 273 hikers on the *Tuesday Hikers* contact list
 - there continues to be several new faces appearing over the past year
- the Loonie Fund donations amounted to \$729.60 for the year. A very big thank you, as usual to our generous hikers



Take a look at the BTC Hike Schedule/Calendar to see the variety of hikes and hike series available throughout 2024 to celebrate our club's 60th Anniversary!

Rob Martin

Fundraising Director Linda Vezina



2023 was another successful year for fundraising in the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club. In total, our fundraising committee contributed over **\$12,000** to the Bruce Trail Conservancy!

2023 Fundraising Highlights:

- Total Fundraising Revenue
\$12,442
- Total Fundraising Expenses
\$ 5,052
- Net Revenue
\$ 7,390

Successes over the past year:

- ❖ *Inspire Generosity - Fund ambitious conservation progress.*
- ❖ *Support People and Culture - Engage members and create ways for people to interact that will reach diverse audiences.*
- ❖ *Strengthen and deliver an excellent volunteer experience and make volunteering accessible and enjoyable for all.*
 - Winter Market and Christmas Tree Sales at Hockleycrest enjoyed another successful year and raised over \$8,600 in Revenue for the BTC.
 - Winter Social Fundraising Raffle was a huge success, raising over \$1,500 for the BTC and contributing to the first-ever profitable Winter Social.
 - 4th Annual Grinch Workshop attracted over 24 Volunteers and raised approximately \$1,500 for the BTC.
 - Film Screening of the *Elder-In-The-Making* at the Bookshelf in Guelph attracted over 50 people and raised over \$3,000 for the BTC.
 - Theatre Orangeville's Community Give Back Night to watch the performance of *The New Canadian Curling Club*, coupled with a pre-show Dinner at the *Bluebird Café*, was well attended and generated \$2,000 in revenue for the BTC.



Thank you to all Bruce Trail members and friends who supported these events!

Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers who made this fundraising possible!

With all the amazing 60th Anniversary events in the works or being planned, 2024 is shaping up to be an even better year for us.

2024 Fundraising Events in Planning:

- Theatre Orangeville's Community Give Back Night performance of *The Darktown Strutters Ball* and a pre-show Dinner at the Barley Vine Café - April 24th.
Nearly sold out! BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
- Film Screening at the Bookshelf Cinema, Guelph – Date TBD in late Spring or early Summer.
- Grand River Cruise, Luncheon and Pre-Cruise Hike – Date TBD in September.
- Haliburton Sculpture Forest Nature Walk – Date TBD in October.
- Craft Workshop to make Grinch Trees and Friendship Soup – Nov 22nd
- Santa's Workshop to make Christmas Planters and Wreaths – Nov 23rd
- Winter Social & Raffle – Nov 24th
- Winter Marketplace & Christmas Tree Sales – Nov 30th – Dec 15th

Linda Vezina/March 2024

Membership and Volunteer Director Lynn Dobson

The past year has been a busy one, with exciting land acquisitions for the Caledon section. Club volunteers participated in community outreach events, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, specialized hikes – like the Prediction Hike, the annual End to End of our section, customized hikes for youth, and scout groups. Involving the next generation of hikers has been rewarding for volunteers, and clearing trails, along with planting on new properties, is always exciting and rewarding.



Anytime our Volunteers have an opportunity to provide hikers with information about the trail, facilitate taking more trails off the road, educate on invasive species and gather large groups of hikers to enjoy the trail – they are a happy, fulfilled group! It is amazing to watch the support that Volunteers give new hikers who are challenging themselves with greater distances or more frequent hikes, and all those individuals who are supported along the way by a trail angel, hike leader, trail maintenance and land steward volunteers. Everyone has to start somewhere, and it is great to see that the Club volunteers are inclusive, welcoming and eager to share their knowledge with new volunteers and hikers.



Volunteers consistently respond to requests for assistance, enabling the Club to thrive and accomplish so much – all while in good company for an important cause! The Board is so grateful and appreciative of the willingness of Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Volunteers to step up and embrace opportunities to support the work of the Conservancy in preserving the ribbon of wilderness for everyone forever.

Volunteers are key to the success of the Conservancy, and Members are quick to recognize that without volunteers, the Membership experience would be completely different! Membership provides financial, philosophical, and community support to the Club and Conservancy. Not all Members can volunteer, but you can count on Members being quick to recognize and thank Volunteers for their efforts.

We are very grateful the Membership also consistently comes out and supports events held by the Club – whether on the trail, in a community Centre or at the exciting donor appreciation and grand opening event at the Riverside property. Attendance at events has increased significantly over the last few years, and we could not be happier that Members and Volunteers

are coming together, building friendships and making new acquaintances with a shared passion for the Bruce Trail.

In 2023, Club Volunteers were recognized and celebrated for their years of volunteer service. The 2023 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognized the following Volunteers and Members:

Alan Billing – 35 years	Helen Billing – 20 years
Laurence Christie – 35 years	Rob Martin – 10 years
Louise Porter – 10 years	Andree Zeritsch – 10 years

The Club presents awards each year, and in 2023, the following individuals were recognized:

The Barry Westhouse Award – Gord Witty
Laurence Christie Biodiversity – Bill Murray
Isabel East Award – Colleen Darrell
CHBTC Ribbon of Wilderness – Peter Leeney



SAVE THE DATE – Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, Sunday, June 2, 2024 Alton Legion

Thank you to all Members and Volunteers for supporting CHBTC BTC. It is a pleasure to work with you, meet you and spend time on the trail. Lynn Dobson, Membership and Volunteer Director

Lynn Dobson/March 2024

Events Director Nellie Leal



My first year on the board for the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club was filled with treasured new experiences, making new friends, and much learning. In my role, I focus on coordinating events that are well received by our members, with the goal of increasing member participation in our events.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On April 2, 2023, our club hosted approximately 70 members and guests at our AGM held at Caledon Village

Place in Caledon East. The day started with a morning hike on the Bruce Trail, followed by lunch and social time and the annual general meeting business and elections.

For the first time, we had a catered lunch. We asked members to make a lunch reservation, and 66 members did so. We also had a few members who came after lunch to attend the AGM business and speaker presentation. It was encouraging to see that our members were open to a new idea for lunch, and the feedback received was positive. It was a wonderful event with great ambiance, friends connecting or making new friends, good food, and an informative presentation by our guest speaker, Adam Brylowski, Bruce Trail Conservancy, Manager of Conservation and Trail.

Winter Social

The Winter Social was held on December 3, 2023, at Caledon East Community Complex. As we launched our 60th Anniversary celebrations, the club invited members and friends to come together for a day of hiking, hot catered lunch, entertainment and friendship. The response was excellent, with 118 lunch reservations. This compares to 66 reservations for the 2023 AGM, a tremendous increase. Members are supporting the catered lunch. And moving to a larger venue was a timely decision made by the board.



The day started with a leisurely hike around the Town of Caledon and nearby trails. Afterwards, a delicious hot lunch was served, for which positive feedback was gratefully received.

From live music to a live skit production celebrating 60 years of hiking, the hall was alive with energy, laughter, friends reconnecting, and new connections being made. A great vibe! And copious amounts of coffee and tea being enjoyed!

Through the planning committee's efforts, many members and volunteers, the Winter Social/60th Anniversary Launch was a wonderful success and a very enjoyable day! My grateful appreciation to all involved.

Nellie Leal/March 2024

Caledon Comment Editor, Jean Kerins

The Caledon Comment was first published in February, 1965. The first page is reproduced below, and it was also included in the recent 60th Anniversary Spring Edition of the newsletter. I recommend you take a moment to read it, and also take note of the handwriting at the top of the page “Return to RL” which tells us that the original of this page belonged to Ray Lowes, one of the original founders of the Bruce Trail.



At one time, the Caledon Comment was the primary method of communication between the club board and all the members. Readers relied on the Caledon Comment to find out about hike offerings and to learn about how they could participate in club events. Production must have been quite laborious as well. How times have changed! However, even with all the modern technology, in 2024 only two or three of the nine clubs still produce a newsletter. Most have switched to monthly online publications which are a timely method of communication. Social media and the club and BTC websites are all rapid sources of information as well. Each club has thought long and hard about whether or not to continue publishing a newsletter, and the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club is no different. We are pleased that the Caledon Comment has survived until our 60th anniversary.

The newsletter’s longevity is in large part due to the very supportive team of contributors that make our newsletter the vibrant product that it is. There is a steady stream of interesting articles provided by a group of contributors who share a passion for the club and all its activities. Without these contributors the newsletter would likely have lost its relevance long ago. But written contributions to the newsletter don’t tell the whole story. A team of volunteers is behind each edition. To begin the process, Louise Porter, Advertising Coordinator, sources advertisers. Andree Zeritsch, Club Treasurer, sends out the advertising invoices and collects the revenue. Helen Billing, our Club Archivist, is always a great source for pictures which makes the newsletter so much more interesting. Once the newsletter has been “created” (using the Publisher program) it heads off to Joan Richard (retired Board Member) who provides incredible proofreading services. The final version is sent to Mono Arts Graphic Design in Orangeville, who print 200 hard copies. (In 2005 the standard print run was 1150 copies. In 2019 it had dropped to 650 copies and now we only print 200 copies). The electronic version is sent to about 1100 subscribers. About a week later Diane McKenzie, Director at Large, picks up the printed copies of the newsletter and takes them home for labelling and sorting as required by Canada Post. Special sorting ensures we get a reduced mailing rate. Once sorted, Diane makes a final trip to the post office to mail the newsletters. The electronic version arrives by email about two weeks earlier than the printed version, and every picture and every page of the electronic version is in colour! If you haven’t already done so, please

consider subscribing to the electronic version to help us save on printing and postage costs and so you can enjoy every page in full colour! Lastly, I am always on the hunt for articles that would be of interest to our members. All your ideas are welcome.

Jean Kerins, Editor

Return to RL.

C A L E D O N C O M M E N T

Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club Publication

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February, 1965

This newsletter is by way of keeping in touch so that members know, while there has been little activity in the field so far this winter, much is going on behind the scenes both at the Club level and at the Association level. It is also to welcome our many new members.

Looking back

On February 13, 1964, the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club was formed and an executive elected. The section of the Bruce Trail from Terra Cotta north to Highway 9 (about 23 miles) having been previously scouted, was broken down into four sub-sections, each one under a leader.

As the summer progressed, work parties went out regularly and by the end of the season, about 12 miles were completed and the remaining mileage had been closely surveyed. Several snags delayed work on the southern most part, however, and it appears that a new but most promising alternative route may be chosen in the spring. The mileage open from Credit Forks north to Highway 10 is, we feel, most interesting and we recommend members "test" it and report (map attached).

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the gathering on November 7/8 which our Orangeville leader, Max Braithwaite, described in his specially written news release. A copy of this report is attached because it not only describes this week-end but also gives a lot of background information which we think will be of interest to members.

Memberships

The club now has 40 members, including one commercial member.

Programme for 1965

A hike and work schedule will be set up and mailed to all members after the general meeting to be held in March (see announcement below).

We hope to complete the remaining mileage early in the summer and also organise campsite and hostel-type accommodation along the route.

A map with a short history and description of the Caledon Hills section is being prepared for the Bruce Trail Guide Book which the Association hopes will be available in April.

Past President Marilyn Ross

Cal E-News:

Since May 2023, all CHBTC members now receive the monthly online e-news with information and dates for upcoming events. The BTC formats the information sent to them and then sends it out. BTC tracks the interest in this publication, indicating that approximately 73% of the members open it shortly after receiving it.



Trail Angels:

Thank you to seven CHBTC members who volunteer their time to provide drives for those looking for assistance with a ride to the start of their planned hike in the Caledon Section of the Bruce Trail. The majority of those receiving a drive provide a donation to the CHBTC. Approximately 4-5 drives are provided monthly, with the exception of the winter months when there are less requests.

Marilyn Ross/2024

Director at Large Bob Ferguson

Dominion Street Renovations

Background:

For many years, Bruce Trail hikers and Brimstone residents and visitors have traveled along Dominion Street, one of the most picturesque parts of the Caledon Hills section. Dominion Street was carved out of the mid-19th century wilderness to allow access to rock quarries, industrial mills, and a route to the village of Cataract, which housed one of the earliest hydroelectric plants which started operations in the 1890s.

Dominion Street became part of the Main Bruce Trail from the beginning of the Trail in the 1960s. Dominion Street is the only access to the hamlet of Brimstone, a cluster of 20 residences which started as housing for quarry workers and has become a desirable living location. The roadway located on the edge of the Credit River on one side and the Escarpment on the other gradually eroded. Despite several attempts at shoring up the roadway, it became obvious that a more permanent solution was needed for safety and cost reasons.

The Town of Caledon hired consultants to design a permanent, stable and safe solution. Still, the sheer complexity, difficulty, and construction cost caused the renovation project to be delayed multiple times. Finally, about six years ago, following a landslide which blocked the roadway highlighted the urgency to rebuild Dominion Street.

The Town of Caledon, working with stakeholders, including the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, developed a workable plan and obtained the needed funding. The reconstruction project is set to start in April of 2023 and continue for three years. The work includes widening the Dominion Street bridge and building a retaining wall along portions of the street while widening and leveling the roadway. To accommodate the work and to ensure the safety of hikers and residents, the Bruce Trail along Dominion Street has been temporarily closed.

Current Status:

The main trail was rerouted around the Forks of the Credit and along McLaren Road and Puckering Lane. A significant work effort was conducted in 2023 to reroute and change the blazes, showing changes to the main and side trails.

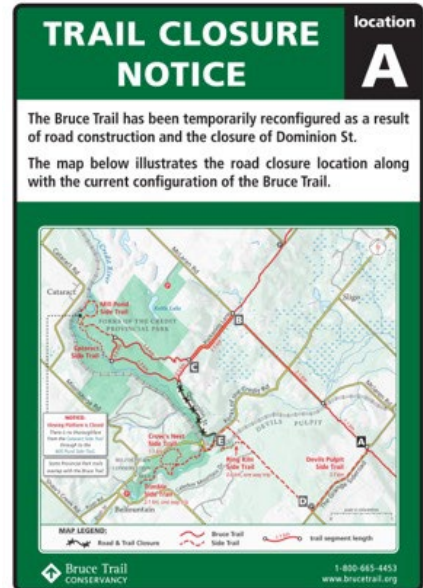
Construction started in mid-2023 and progress has been slower than expected with complications while installing three large retaining walls to shore up the roadway and prevent further erosion of the road and river bank.

The retaining walls are expected to be completed by mid-July 2024 leading to the start of widening and repairing the roadway itself. The following year (2025) is expected to complete a major renovation to the Dominion Street bridge overlooking the Forks of the Credit.

I will be reporting regularly to the Board on the progress of construction.

Here is a map showing the revised routing of the main trail and side trails through the Forks of the Credit area.

Bob Ferguson/2024



Director at Large Janice McClelland

Part of my role on the CHBTC Board of Directors is to coordinate our Side Trail Stories Committee. Our goal is to put together stories that describe the origin of the names of the CHBTC Side Trails. Hikers can access the stories out on the Side Trails via a QR code that is posted on the Side Trail sign.

Not only does the QR code potentially add awareness and value to the hiking experience, but the Stories help us preserve the Club's collective

history and knowledge. You can also access these Side Trail Stories directly on our CHBTC website, caledonbrucetrail.org, by clicking on Hiking and selecting Side Trail Stories from the drop-down menu.



So far, we have posted stories for 8 of our Side Trails:

- Cam Snell Side Trail
- Darcy's Side Trail
- Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail
- Glacier Valley Side Trail
- Hemlock Ridge Side Trail
- Isabel East Side Trail
- Ring Kiln Side Trail
- Tom East Side Trail

The first point of reference (whether from the QR code in the field or directly accessing the Club website) is a brief synopsis that answers the question, "Why is it Called?". We have endeavoured to keep the synopsis brief because the hiker will want to have only a quick look at the information displayed on their cell phone - that the primary experience is being out in nature on the Trail. At the bottom of each synopsis is a link that can take the reader to a fuller story and photo(s) if selected.

Over the last year, we completed installing the QR codes in the field on all 7 of the above Side Trails - (the Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail is currently incorporated in the Main Trail, so, in this case, there is no Side Trail sign upon which to place a QR code.)

Volunteers John McCuaig and Tessa Shelvey are currently drafting the Side Trail Stories for the Goodyear Memorial and Uplands Side Trails on our Riverside Woods Nature Reserve, and I am drafting the stories for the Griffith Ravine & Peter Beecham Side Trails. Our Club Archivist, Helen Billing, is most helpful in providing historical information from the Club archives. Three of these new Side Trail stories will reference Scout History - an organization that also sees the benefits of helping young people understand nature.



We'd appreciate any additional Committee volunteer to assist in drafting more Side Trail stories. If you have writing skills and are interested in helping, please get in touch with me at janicedon86@gmail.com.

Story building is rewarding - contacting some of our pioneers, learning more about the local area, the history of the Club, geology, etc!

I am also a member of the CHBTC Fundraising Committee and, as such, helped to organize our fundraising film event last October, screening the film *Elder in the Making* at the Bookshelf Cinema in Guelph. Seventy people attended this successful event, and we are now exploring our options to continue the momentum with a similar event in 2024.

This year, I participated in the CHBTC Nominating Committee - a rewarding experience as we fortunately found capable volunteers to fill vacancies on the Club's Board of Directors.

As a Hike Leader, I continue to lead Forest Bathing Hikes - there seems to be a demand for these quiet, peaceful hikes. Since our last AGM, I have led 11 Forest Bathing hikes, including one at Scotsdale Farm, where I was also able to share information regarding the Indigenous village that was located there between 1550- 1580 - more hikes to come!

I am looking forward to seeing you out on the trails and at our Club fundraising events, especially during this 60th anniversary year for the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club!

Janice McClelland/March 2024

Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club 2023 Financial Report

Although our **decrease to fund balance** of \$5,300 for 2023 is \$4,000 more than we budgeted in 2023, we were able to send the Conservancy \$23,700 or an approved \$8,000 over budget contribution. The loss for 2023 is \$1,000 more than the loss for 2022

Revenue for 2023 was \$2,600 over budget. The AGM, Hikes, and the Winter Social were over budget nearly \$8,000. Compared to 2022, Revenue in 2023 is nearly \$11,000 more than last year. The same three categories account for the increase

Expense for 2023 was \$6,700 over budget. Donations to BTC \$8,000, Winter Social \$1,000 and TD&M \$1,600 over budget. All the other categories were slightly under budget. Compared to 2022, 2023 Expenses were nearly \$12,000 higher.

Merchandise costs are a \$1,000 more than in 2022 because we completed expensing the Club Tshirts in 2023.

TD&M accounts for \$6,000 mostly the Riverside Woods trail development; Hike \$3,600 The Winter Social and AGM were \$3,000 higher this year. There was only a zoom AGM in 2022.

Check out the Christmas Market report on page 3! In both 2023 and 2022 we netted in excess of \$4,000! Amazing!


Andrée Zeritsch
Treasurer
31-Dec-23

**Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
 Statement of Operations Summary
 January - December**

	TOTAL				2023 compared to 2022	
	2023	2023 Budget	Variance	%	2022	
REVENUE						
ADVERTISING CALEDON COMMENT	1,825	1,000	(825)	-83%	1,374	(451)
AGM	1,280	200	(1,080)	-540%		(1,280)
BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY	12,240	12,865	625	5%	11,748	(492)
BRUCE TRAIL DAY INCOME	60	300	240	80%		(60)
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	12,442	17,685	5,243	30%	12,235	(207)
HIKE REVENUE	15,448	11,500	(3,948)	-34%	9,241	(6,207)
MERCHANDISE SALES	3,178	2,400	(778)	-32%	3,443	265
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,497	2,000	503	25%	1,847	350
WINTER SOCIAL	3,230	605	(2,625)	-434%	605	(2,625)
TOTAL REVENUE	51,201	48,555	(2,646)	-5%	40,493	(10,708)
EXPENSE						
60TH ANNIVERSARY	100		(100)			(100)
ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY	371	500	129	26%		(371)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	1,419	1,450	31	2%		(1,419)
BRUCE TRAIL DAY	348	500	152	30%	404	56
DONATIONS TO THE BTC	23,730	15,750	(7,980)	-51%	25,937	2,207
EVENT-WINTER SOCIAL	2,515	1,450	(1,065)	-73%	798	(1,717)
FUNDRAISING	5,051	5,100	49	1%	6,051	1,000
HIKE EXPENSE	6,263	6,603	340	5%	2,635	(3,628)
LAND STEWARDSHIP		500	500	100%	564	564
LANDOWNER RELATIONS	83	500	417	83%	161	78
MEETING ROOMS	393	435	42	10%	212	(181)
MERCHANDISE COSTS	3,409	3,450	41	1%	2,213	(1,196)
NEWSLETTER	2,369	3,100	731	24%	2,729	360
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	1,270	1,860	590	32%	668	(602)
SUNDRY	67	500	433	87%		(67)
TRAIL DEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE (TD&M)	7,822	6,200	(1,622)	-26%	1,753	(6,069)
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	1,001	1,500	499	33%	382	(619)
WEB EXPENSE	293	350	58	16%	309	17
TOTAL EXPENSE	56,504	49,748	(6,756)	-14%	44,816	(11,688)
DECREASE TO FUND BALANCE	(5,304)	(1,193)	4,111		(4,323)	981

**Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
 Statement of Financial Position
 As of December 31, 2023**

	Total	
	As of Dec. 31, 2023	As of Dec. 31, 2022
Assets		
Cash	10,168	14,220
Accounts Receivable (A/R)		136
BTC Receivable		100
Cash Box Float	50	50
Merchandise Inventory		1,450
Prepaid Expense	Caledon 2024 283 meetings	426
Total Assets	\$ 10,501	16,382
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		265
BTC HST Payable	11	323
Deferred Revenue	Gosling Student 70 Hiking Grant	70
Total Liabilities	81	658
Fund Balance		
Opening fund balance	15,724	20,046
Decrease to fund balance for the year	(5,304)	(4,322)
Total Fund Balance	10,420	15,724
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 10,501	16,382

	2023			
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Profit as % of Revenue
(Net of HST) Christmas Trees, Wreaths etc	\$ 8,691	4,322	4,369	50%
	2022			
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Profit as % of Revenue
Christmas Trees, Wreaths etc	\$ 7,906	3,215	4,691	59%

2024 Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club BUDGET

Attached please find the detailed Budget (pgs 2,3)

The 2024 Revenue budget of \$68,000 is optimistic that the 60th Anniversary Year is going to be very successful. With Sales of Anniversary badges and T Shirts (\$6,200) and Fundraising activities of \$22,500 (Christmas \$11,000; Orangeville Theatre, Grand River Cruise and the Bookshelf Theatre). Total Revenue is planned to be \$19,500 above the 2023 budget and \$17,000 higher than 2023 Actuals. Since our 50th Anniversary we have raised and donated \$212,000 to the BTC.

The 2024 Expense budget \$71,500 includes a planned donation to the BTC of \$15,750. The bulk of this donation will occur at December 30, 2024 and will be based on the success of the year's activities and cash flow available. The budgeted expenses are \$22,000 higher than the 2023 budget and \$15,000 higher than 2023 expenses. The 60th Anniversary expenses and AGM are planned to cost \$8,700. First Aid and Hike Leader courses are included in the revenue and expense budget. The BTC will cover the costs of the instructors and the attendees costs will be reimbursed if the attendees meet the policy requirements.

With Caledon's life time donation to the BTC reaching \$285,000 (plus \$19,000 for the Tuesday Hikers) the cash and fund balance for the Club shows, over time, the impact of this practice. The January 1st 2024 opening cash and fund balance are \$10,000 and \$10,400 respectively.

Caledon has consistently demonstrated its desire to be one of the 9 hiking clubs that has adopted the Conservancy's mission statement:

"Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever"

Andrée Zeritsch
Treasurer
01-Jan-24

2024 Budget Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

DESCRIPTION		Budget Holder	BUDGET			ACTUAL	
			2024	2023	2022	2023-12-31	2022-12-31
REVENUE							
60th Anniversary (see also AGM)			6,200				
60th Anniversary	Badges	Colleen Darrell	3,000				
60th Anniversary	T-Shirts	Lynn Dobson	3,200				
ADVERTISING		Caledon Comment	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,825	1,374
AGM April (see also 60th Anniversary)			2,750	200	0	1,280	
AGM April	Lunch	Nellie Leal	1,750			675	
AGM April	Silent Auction	Linda Vezina	1,000	200		605	
BTC Transfers			15,930	12,865	12,065	12,240	11,748
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Membership Fees	BTC	9,100	9,800	10,000	9,144	9,630
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Trail Fees	BTC	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,710	1,854
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Life time member	BTC	350	265	265	396	264
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Reimbursement FA Course	BTC	2,260				
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Reimbursement of Hike Ontario	BTC	1,020				
Bruce Trail Conservancy	Snow Plow	BTC	1,500	1,000		990	
Bruce Trail Day			-	300	300	60	
Bruce Trail Day	Food sales		-	300	300	60	
Bruce Trail Day							
Fundraising			22,525	17,685	19,000	12,442	12,235
Fundraising Christmas			10,975	9,935	8,000	8,692	7,906
Fundraising	Christmas Trees-Wreaths -planters- Moule Property	Dave Moule	7,400	6,000	3,000	8,445	6,416
Fundraising	Wreaths Pots	D.McKenzie	1,500	2,000			
Fundraising	Grinch Trees	Linda Vezina	2,075	1,935			1,490
Fundraising	Marketplace		-	-	5,000	247	
Fundraising	Drive In				5,000		
Fundraising	New Venture		-	2,500	2,000		
Fundraising	Theatre- Orangeville	Linda Vezina	2,000	2,000			
Fundraising	Grand River	Linda Vezina	4,800	-			4,329
Fundraising	Theatre -	Linda Vezina	4,750	3,250	4,000	3,751	
Hikes			13,580	11,500	9,460	15,448	9,241
Hikes	E2E	Sandra Green	4,560	4,800	3,600	6,230	3,566
Hikes	Badges	Colleen Darrell	3,000	4,000	3,000	3,693	3,228
Hikes	Hike leader training/FA Course	Rob Martin	2,250		600	1,900	
Hikes	Hike Ontario Course	Rob Martin	1,020				
Hikes	Prediction Hike	Sandy Green	1,500	1,650	1,560	2,000	1,255
Hikes	Trail Angels Donations	Marilyn Ross	500	300		895	505
Hikes	Tuesday Hikers Loonie Fund	Rob Martin	750	750	700	730	687
Merchandise Sales		Colleen Darrell	3,600	2,400	1,000	3,178	3,443
Winter Social			2,550			3,230	
Winter Social	Lunch	Nellie Leal	1,050			1,695	
Winter Social	Raffle	Linda Vezina	1,500	605		1,535	605
Miscellaneous Income				2,000		1,497	1,847
Miscellaneous Income	Other/Sean Roper 2020			2,000		1,497	1,847
Total Revenue			68,135	48,555	43,325	51,201	40,493
EXPENSE							
60th Anniversary (see also AGM Costs)			5,960			100	
60th Anniversary	Historical Displays	Helen Billing	300				
60th Anniversary	Badges	Colleen Darrell	1,100				
60th Anniversary	Stickers	Colleen Darrell	310				
60th Anniversary	T-Shirts	Lynn Dobson	2,100				
60th Anniversary	Earth Day	Marilyn Ross	200				
60th Anniversary	AGM (cake.com meals,thank you gift	Nellie Neal	750				
60th Anniversary	Trail Maintenance Celebration	Sandy Green	200				
60th Anniversary	Sundry	Jean Kerins	1,000			100	
AGM Costs (see also 60th Anniversary)			2,680	1,450	600	1,419	-
AGM Costs	Lunch and refreshments	N.Leal	2,000	500	300	754	
AGM Costs	Speaker	Sandy Green	150	150		150	
AGM Costs	Dish rental	N.Leal		200			
AGM Costs	Music group	Sandy Green	100	-			
AGM Costs	Decorations	N. Leal	200	100	50	116	
AGM Costs	Printing reports	Sandy Green	-	100	100	104	
AGM Costs	Silent auction	L.Vezina	230	200		121	
AGM Costs	Room rentals - Caledon Ski Club	N.Leal	-	200	150	174	
Advertising/Publicity			500	500	500	371	-
Advertising/Publicity	Caledon, Farmers, Hills, misc	Roopa Dindigal	500	500	500	371	
Bruce Trail Day			750	500	500	348	404
Bruce Trail Day	Food and drinks		250	300	300	88	92
Bruce Trail Day	Sundry	Sandy Green	200				
Bruce Trail Day	Park rental/other		300	200	200	260	312
Donations to BTC			15,750	15,750	15,700	23,730	25,937
Donations to BTC	CHBTC donation	CH Board	15,000	15,000	15,000	23,000	25,250
Donations to BTC	Tuesday Hiker Loonie Fund	Rob Martin	750	750	700	730	687

2024 Budget Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

DESCRIPTION		Budget Holder	BUDGET			ACTUAL	
			2024	2023	2022	2023-12-31	2022-12-31
Event Costs	All		12,336	6,550	8,230	7,567	6,847
Event Costs	Fundraising		9,683	5,100	7,630	5,052	6,051
Event Costs	Fundraising -Theatre Elora/Grand River	Linda Vezina	3,450	350	1,000	729	2,836
Event Costs	Fundraising -Bookshelf	Linda Vezina	1,000		2,500		
Event Costs	Fundraising New Venture	Linda Vezina		850	2,000		
Event Costs	Fundraising Christmas		5,233	3,900	2,130	4,323	3,215
Event Costs	Fundraising Grinch Trees	Linda Vezina	533	200	1,000	518	585
Event Costs	Fundraising -Christmas Tree/wreath	D.Moule	4,000	3,000	830	3,743	2,589
Event Costs	Fundraising - Christmas Wreaths Planters	D.McKenzie	500	500			
Event Costs	Fundraising -Christmas tree cider expense	Dave Moule	200	200	300	62	41
Event Costs	Winter Social Event		2,653	1,450	600	2,515	796
Event Costs	Winter Social Sundry	Sandy Green	200				
Event Costs	Winter Social -Speaker	Sandy Green	150	150	100	100	100
Event Costs	Winter Social - Raffle items	Linda Vezina	403	250		371	131
Event Costs	Winter Social -Lunch and Refreshments	N.Leal	1,200	500	300	1,838	315
Event Costs	Winter Social -Dish rental/purchase	N.Leal	300	200			
Event Costs	Winter Social -Decorations/Door prize	N.Leal	150	75	50		76
Event Costs	Winter Social -Room rentals	Sally Cohen	250	200	150	206	174
Event Costs	Winter Social -Door prize		-	75			
Hike Expense			13,878	6,603	3,534	6,263	2,635
Hike Expense	E2E Bus Rental/	Sandra Green	1,500	1,000	840	1,177	726
Hike Expense	E2E Checkpoints/Rovers	Sandra Green	790	675	460	588	349
Hike Expense	E2E BTC admin fees 3.5%	Sandra Green	160	168		173	
Hike Expense	E2E 3 day E2E badge	Sandra Green	-	600		901	
Hike Expense	Badges	Colleen Darrell	2,100	700	680	371	725
Hike Expense	Prediction Hike-Badges	Sandra Green	-	300	454	239	208
Hike Expense	Prediction Hike-BTC fees 3.5%	Sandra Green	53	60		62	
Hike Expense	Prediction Hike - Prizes	Sandra Green	50	50		188	
Hike Expense	Prediction Hike-checkpoints	Sandra Green	175	150			
Hike Expense	First Aid Course	Rob Martin	4,510	800	600	2,462	135
Hike Expense	Hike Ontario Course	Rob Martin	2,040				
Hike Expense	Youth Outreach Project	Sandy Green	2,500	2,000	-		
Hike Expense	Waterproof QR Codes	J.McClelland	-	100			
Hike Expense	Safety vests/miscellaneous	Sandy Green	-		500	103	492
Landowner Relations			500	500	500	83	
Landowner Relations	Calendar distribution, miscel	Louise Carberry	500	500	500	83	161
Land Steward Expense			500	500	300	-	564
Land Steward Expense	Biodiversity	Gary Hall	500	500	300		564
Meeting Expenses	6 Board Meetings rental	Sally Moule	465	435	265	393	212
Merchandise Costs	BTC	Colleen Darrell	3,000	3,450	2,500	3,409	2,213
Newsletter Costs			2,360	3,100	3,000	2,369	2,729
Newsletter Costs	Production	A.Zeritsch	1,700	2,000	2,000	1,641	1,858
Newsletter Costs	Distribution	A.Zeritsch	660	1,100	1,000	728	871
Office Administration			1,393	1,860	480	1,267	669
Office Administration	Bank fees/Credit Card fees	Andree Zeritsch	75	250	50	30	34
Office Administration	Office supplies	Andree Zeritsch	300	300	200		
Office Administration	Postage and courier	Andree Zeritsch	75	80	80	368	55
Office Administration	Use of Credit/Debit facility	Andree Zeritsch	300	300		312	
Office Administration	Unrecoverable HST	Andree Zeritsch	-	500	-		191
Office Administration	Quick Books On Line (12 @ \$35)	Andree Zeritsch	488	275	-	412	243
Office Administration	Tourism Road Sign (Airport/7th)	Andree Zeritsch	155	155	150	146	146
Sundry Expenses			800	500	100	67	-
Sundry Expenses	Sundry outreach	Sandy Green	300				
Sundry Expenses	Event Coordinator supplies	N.Leal	300	300	100	67	
Sundry Expenses	Membership Matters	Lynn Dobson	200	200			
Trail Development & Maintenance			8,700	6,200	6,200	7,822	1,753
TD & M	Regular	Heather Murch	5,000	4,000	4,000	5,814	1,128
TD & M	Accessible Trail	Sandy Green	1,000				
TD & M	Snow plowing :5th In;5th SR:Hockley;Riverside	Dave Moule	1,500	1,000	1,000	990	625
TD & M	Equipment purchases	Heather Murch	800	800	800	468	
TD & M	Equipment Maintenance	Heather Murch	400	400	400	550	
Volunteer Recognition/Appreciation			1,600	1,500	450	1,001	382
Volunteer Recognition	Picnic Food,drinks,invitations	Lynn Dobson	700	500	250	553	177
Volunteer Recognition	Picnic Volunteer recognition	Lynn Dobson	500	500	100	124	105
Volunteer Recognition	Picnic park rental/acknowledgement	Lynn Dobson	400	500	100	324	100
Web Expenses/Social Media			380	350	240	293	309
Web Expenses	Social Media	S.Green/C.Darrell	120	120	120		80
Web Expenses	Web and email hosting	D.Guzda	260	230	120	293	229
Total Expense			71,552	49,748	43,099	56,504	44,815
NET INCOME (LOSS)			(3,417)	(1,193)	226	(5,304)	(4,322)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CALEDON HILLS BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

- 1964** February 13: First meeting is held. Philip Gosling is the first Club President.
- 1965** Volume # 1 of the Caledon Comment is issued in February.
- 1966** Membership exceeds 100 people and Tom East becomes Club President.
- 1967** October: The Caledon section is 32 miles long and contains 47 stiles and 11 bridges.
- 1967** October: First organized end-to-end is held.
- 1968** January: Philip Gosling becomes the Club's first and only Honorary Member.
- 1968** Caledon creates first loop trail in the Bruce Trail network.
- 1972** Caledon initiates help for Lion's Head Club and helps in the Peninsula area for the next two decades.
- 1985** Tuesday (Mid-Week) Hikers group starts.
- 1986** Club receives Hike Ontario's Outstanding Contribution Award.
- 1996** Christmas trees are planted at Hockley Crest as a future fundraiser.
- 1996** Club receives the BTA Tom East Award.
- 1997** Club receives the BTA Tom East Award.
- 2002** May: Club website is launched – www.aledonbrucetrail.org
- 2002** Our L'il Cookbook is published.
- 2006** Cal E-News is introduced for the first time.
- 2007** Isabel East, Barry Westhouse and Retiring Trail Captain Awards are established.
- 2007** June 16: First Volunteer Social is held at Belfountain Conservation Area.
- 2007** Club receives BTA Philip and Jean Gosling Award.
- 2007** April: Forty Great Years 1967-2007 is published.
- 2009** September 27: Gosling Volunteer Forest is officially opened.
- 2010** Ross McLean Award is established.
- 2010** Club receives BTC Tom East Award.
- 2011** First Club bylaws are passed.
- 2012** Club donations to the BTC pass \$50,000.
- 2013** Club Facebook page is launched
- 2013** Club receives BTC Philip and Jean Gosling Award and BTC Tom East Award.
- 2014** February 13: Club turns 50!
- 2014 Club receives the BTC Tom East Award.
- 2014 "A Celebration of 50 years 1964-2014" is published.
- 2015 Wildflower series of E2E badges is introduced.
- 2015 Cheltenham Badlands site is temporarily closed.
- 2016 An Instagram account is set up.
- 2017 Club donations to the BTC pass \$100,000.

2019 Biodiversity Committee is established.

2019 Laurence Christie Biodiversity Award is established.

2020 Club membership reaches 1000.

2022 Ribbon of Wilderness Award is introduced.

2023 Club receives the BTC Tom East Award.

2023 Club donations to the BTC pass \$250,000.

2024 February 13 - Club turns 60!



Plan to attend our

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Caledon Ski Club
West Lodge
17431 Mississauga Road,
Caledon

Join us for the full day or take part when you can.

9:00 AM GROUP HIKE

Meet at the West Lodge parking lot for a leisurely two hour group hike to explore the scenic property.

11:00 AM MEET AND GREET

12:00 PM LUNCH

Hot catered lunch for \$25.00, with Chicken Marsala as the main entree, will be served prior to the AGM. Vegetarian and vegan dishes will be decided closer to the date. Non-alcoholic beverages are included. A cash bar will be open. Email your lunch reservation to chbtcevents@gmail.com by March 28th. Please include any dietary restrictions. Payment is to be made by e-Transfer to treasurer@caledonbrucetrail.org. In the message box indicate that the transaction is for the AGM. For other payment options contact the treasurer.

1:45 PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2:30 PM GUEST SPEAKER

We welcome Michael McDonald, Chief Executive Officer of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Silent Auction and Raffle Fundraiser
Live Music by Hikers in Treble



Michael McDonald

AGM agenda and reports will be emailed to members on March 14th.
For more information contact Sandy, info@caledonbrucetrail.org.