



The Laurie Lawson Outdoor Educational Centre.



Northumberland Land Trust

Annual Report 2016

Committed to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County, our mandate is to establish, maintain and manage protected areas. This annual report highlights our goals and achievements for 2015/2016 including our administrative and financial information.

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Board of Directors

The Northumberland Land Trust (NLT) operates under the direction of a volunteer board of directors, drawn from across the County. For this 2015/2016 annual report there were 9 board members working under the leadership of President John Geale. The current members of the Board of Directors are: John Geale, Joan Chalovich, Whitney Lake, George Gordon, Janette Johnston, Jim McGrath, Bill Newell, Bill Crowley, and Miriam Mutton. For profiles of the individual board members please refer to our website, www.NLTrust.ca under the “about us” tab.

Achieving our Mission

The Northumberland Land Trust is committed to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County. This board of directors is pleased to announce that it has accomplished its mandate to establish, maintain and manage protected areas in 2015/2016 by seeking out opportunities for new property acquisitions as well as providing continued stewardship for our existing properties. This board has raised public appreciation of the Trust, acquired and sustained valuable volunteers, is building new and collaborative partnerships and fundraising for monies necessary to ensure continued sustainability. The board during the period of this annual report launched its new and improved website.

President’s report by John Geale



John Geale

We have come to the end of another successful year for the Northumberland Land Trust (NLT). Members have been kept up to date on the details of the Trust’s activities through our quarterly newsletter, but there are a few events that I would like to highlight:

- We saw the official opening of the Chub Point Nature Reserve; thanks to Peter Dalglish for the use of the Grafton Village Inn for our gathering after the visit to the property;
- Three more files for additional potential acquisitions have been opened;
- Last fall’s silent auction and gala dinner at Dalewood Golf Club included an interesting presentation by J. B. Jaboor from the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre;
- Our speaker series continued to attract increasing numbers of interested members and non-members alike;
- In mid-April we conducted a prescribed burn on half of the old agricultural field at the Pelton Nature Reserve, protecting the best of the trees that we planted a few years ago; thanks to Bill Newell for organizing this;
- Our Stewardship Committee continued our program of invasive species control, installed more nest boxes for a total of 13 including one for Wood Ducks, created and maintained trails, sowed seeds of prairie plant species, planted many trees, improved our signage, and worked on some fence maintenance;

- We changed our website for easier access, friendlier navigation, and a more attractive appearance; much work needs to be done to bring the site fully up to speed, but we continue to work away at it;
- Our collaboration with the Credit for Product program at Fleming College resulted in a basic biological inventory and a workable management plan for the Chub Point Nature Reserve for very little cost;
- With the help of generous funding from the Cobourg Rotary Club we are well into species-at-risk surveys, for which we have contracted tonight's speaker, John Urquhart;
- We are also working with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance to investigate bat species-at-risk on the McEwen Nature Reserve;
- This year's Wallace Birdathon was carried out under a completely new format; thanks to Margaret Bain, Roger Frost, David Geale, Doug McRae and Ben Walters for their help with this important fund-raiser;
- The 2nd Annual Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative wildlife walk took place at our McEwen Nature Reserve; thanks to Elizabeth Kellogg for leading this event;

At this time next year, I hope to be able to report:

- that we have acquired at least one more new property, which we hope will be donated as an eco-gift;
- that our financial position is still sound;
- that we have been able to document at-risk species on several properties; this will open the door to other funding opportunities through both the federal and provincial governments as well as NGOs such as OLTA and the Nature Conservancy of Canada;
- that our Stewardship Team has essentially eliminated the current crop of Scots pines, that we have made significant progress in control of other invasive species and that we conducted another successful prescribed burn at the Pelton Nature Reserve, and that many of our nest boxes welcomed new tenants in the spring of 2016;
- that we have continued to increase our membership.

It has been a pleasure working with the Board of Directors this past year, and I would like to thank them all for their cheerful and willing contributions. In particular, Jim McGrath has found a way to manage a busy law practice and still make himself available when we have needed legal expertise. He is stepping aside from the Board this year, but I want him to know how valuable his advice has been over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their ongoing support. If you have ideas or suggestions that the Board should consider, please do not hesitate to contact any of us. And if you would like to become more active or volunteer to help in any way, we'd be delighted to hear from you. I hope to see you at some of our events over the summer, the next two of which are on June 15 (McEwen) and 18 (Pelton).

Achieving our mandate requires successful fundraising strategies. The total monies raised in 2016 were \$39,557.01 from seven different sources.

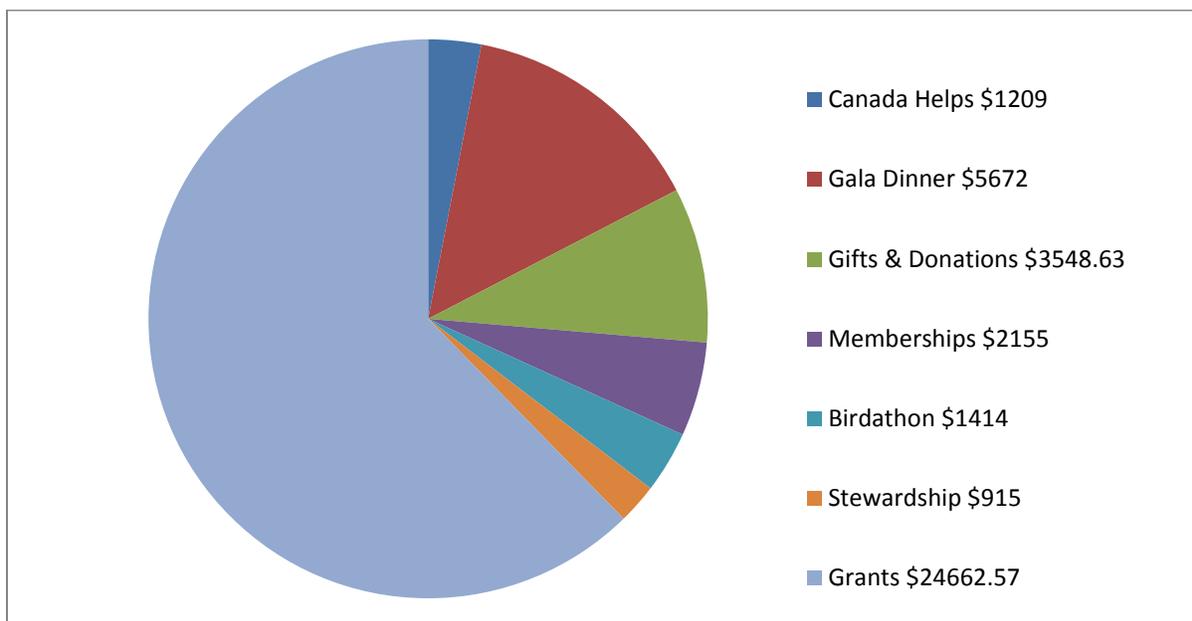


Figure 1: Total monies raised in 2015-please note that Canada Helps includes money targeted to the other areas.



The Northumberland Land Trust raises funds through our partnership with **Canada Helps**. Their mission is to promote easy and accessible charitable giving in Canada. They are a non-profit organization designed to benefit Canadian donors, charities and corporations. In 2015 the NLT raised \$1209.81 through Canada Helps. Please take a look at our website connection to Canada Helps through this link. <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/cash-donation/>



A successful **Silent Auction and Gala Dinner** was held on Wednesday October 21, 2015 at Dalewood Golf Club. Compliments were received on the food, the cookies and candies as well as the decorations. The speaker from the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre was interesting and the posters, models and live turtles were wonderful. The Arcadian Duo entertained us while we bid on 30 silent auction items. 75 people were in attendance at the event, up 20% from previous years. A committee has been struck comprised of Tish Godfrey, Doug Galt and Whitney Lake with plans already in progress for our 2016 Gala. Save the date **October 26, 2016!**

Gifts and Donations are received by the Northumberland Land Trust throughout the year. It is important to develop a meaningful and rewarding charitable plan that reflects your values, traditions and experiences. Giving to the Northumberland Land trust can be both meaningful and rewarding and is easily done by mailing a cheque to the Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4 or by visiting our website <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/cash-donation/> all gifts above \$20 receive a charitable receipt. The Northumberland Land Trust has a comprehensive recognition program recognizing its supporters in print and

online. Of course if you wish your membership or donation to remain anonymous, this is acknowledged and respected at the time of your contribution. This year we have added PayPal as an option on our website.

Membership in the Northumberland Land Trust provides access to the newsletter, coming events and updates on Trust activities, as well as knowing you are part of a community of dedicated individuals preserving lands of special interest in the County. Membership provides voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and a receipt to claim as a tax deduction. Our total membership 58 by the end of 2014, this improved to 61 in 2015 and we are proud to announce a further increase to 63 memberships so far in 2016. You can renew your membership in person at the Annual General Meeting, by mail, or on-line.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS can be found on our website: <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/renew-membership/>

Information can also be mailed to the Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4

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The Wallace Birdathon is a favourite fundraising event for the Northumberland Land Trust. It raises funds to support its stewardship mandate while staying connected to the lands of the County and its wildlife. Inspired by Charlie and Norma Wallace, the Birdathon raised \$1414 in 2015 through the sponsorship of Roger Frost who recorded 137 species in 24 hours across Northumberland County.

A new format took shape in 2016. Five of our best local birders, Margaret Bain (LLOEC), Roger Frost (Leckey), David Geale (Pelton), Doug McRae (Chub Point), and Ben Walters (McEwen) each explored one of the Northumberland Land Trust's five Nature Reserves in the hopes of seeing as many different species of birds as possible. Members of public who donated to the Birdathon were encouraged to record a best guess as to the total number of bird species the birders identified to win a prize.

If you have not yet contributed to this effort but would like to do so in support of our stewardship activities please mail a cheque to the Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4 or visit our website <http://nltrust.ca/how-you-can-help/wallace-birdathon/>.

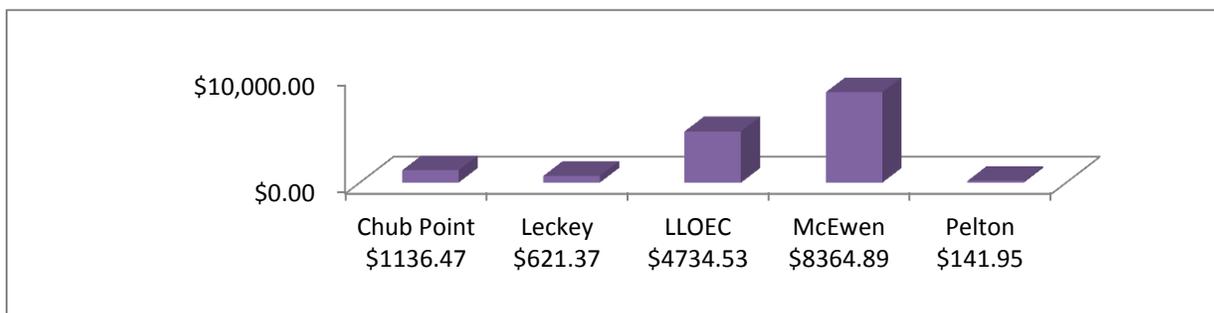
Grants & Stewardship Activities for 2015/2016 included a grant from the Trans Canada Pipe Lines – \$5,000 for McEwen Burn & DSV Spraying and from the Toronto-Dominion Bank Friends of the Environment – \$2268.54 directed to the LLOEC. From the GRCA for tree planting at the LLOEC a grant of \$297.50, and from OLTA we received a grant of \$7395.00 for the McEwen burn and Species at Risk survey (SAR). The OLTA provided a matched donation of \$1000 towards our Defense Fund. We also received a one-time payment of \$7451.13 from the Northumberland Stewardship Committee. NLT directors apply for funding from various agencies as they are announced. Spraying for DSV and burn expenses will be a continuous expenses and NLT will continue to fund these expenditures to the extent that we are able to do so, Any excess funds specified for stewardship for any one year are retained in our restricted account.

SPEAKER SERIES COMMITTEE REPORT by Bill Crowley

In 2015/2016 our speaker series saw tremendous growth. Starting on November 19th, 2015 Rick Beaver of Alderville First Nation, recognized internationally as an artist and biologist, shared his passion for the Black Oak Savanna and the tall grass prairie habitat it provides. Next on January 21st, 2016 Joe Crowley presented an introduction to the reptiles and amphibians of Northumberland with an overview of the threats that they face. The final evening of the 2015/2016 season saw the duo of Ken Towle and Bill Newell discussing one of the greatest threats to biodiversity in Northumberland County, invasive species. All three evening were held at the Cobourg Community Centre but extraordinary good attendance meant that we have outgrown the space at that venue. Moving forward the 2016/2017 Speaker Series is embracing a collaborative partnership with members of the Lone pine Marsh and changing its location to accommodate higher attendance.

Achieving our mandate to establish new properties to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County.

The Northumberland Land Trust currently holds secure 447 acres of land in Northumberland County. Part of our responsibility to these protected areas including paying property taxes, planting seedlings, removing invasive species, sustaining a network of well-maintained trails, and signage. The total property expenses in



2015 were \$14,999.21 divided between our five nature reserves.

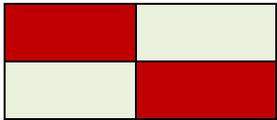
Figure 2: The total stewardship expenses in 2015.

Leckey Nature Reserve – Steward Bill Newell: 177 acre Conservation Easement in Cramahe Township, Part of lots 28 and 29, concession 9, Township of Cramahe.

The Leckey Nature Reserve saw the usual Scots pine and dog-strangling vine removal continue, as well as trail clearing. The Scots pine is largely gone from the site, although regrettably the same cannot yet be said for the dog-strangling vine. Our thanks to Alison and Martin for their ongoing support.

Pelton Nature Reserve – Steward Russell Lake: Alnwick/Haldimand, adjacent to Peter's Woods Provincial Park.

The usual monitoring and trash clean up occurred on the Pelton Nature Reserve. A red pine thinning operation took place in the fall of 2015. Rather than fell the trees, they were girdled. This will allow the remaining trees to have more space to expand as the girdled trees expire. A firebreak was disked up in the fall in preparation for a spring 2016 prescribed burn in the 8 acre field at the northwest corner of the property. The site is a good one for prairie restoration works. The field was divided into 4 equal sections, the idea being



that 2 diagonally opposite ones would be burned in any one year. That would leave the

unburned site to repopulate the burn site with any species which may have suffered declines as a result of the burn. Most prairie species are well adapted to withstand fire. This spring we burned the northwest and southeast quadrants. Our herpetologist placed cover boards at the Pelton Nature Reserve in 3 different places. They, as well as the nearby wetland, will be monitored for species-at-risk reptiles and amphibians.



McEwen Nature Reserve-Steward John Geale: 100 acres in Hope Township donated by the McEwen family to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and transferred to the Northumberland Land Trust

Lands and Forests Consulting carried out a prescribed burn in the north field to encourage prairie regeneration. A variety of prairie plant seeds were sown immediately post-burn as part of the restoration effort. The site has several indicator species occurring on it now and with continued

work should develop into a workable piece of tall grass prairie.

A dozen bluebird/tree swallow nest boxes and one wood duck nest box have been erected. Chickadees, bluebirds, and tree swallows all fledged young from them in 2015. By the spring of 2016, house wrens were

using 2 boxes, bluebirds were using at least one, and most of the rest were occupied by tree swallows. The wood ducks have not yet discovered the nest box provided for them. Most of the Scots pine has been cut from the site but monitoring and cutting regenerating Scots pine is ongoing. Dog-strangling vine control is ongoing. The west, north, and most of the east property boundaries have been signed.

Through a generous grant from the Cobourg Rotary Club the NLT was able to contract a herpetologist in the fall of 2015 to do a species at risk inventory. Cover boards – sheets of used metal and plywood, about 2 X 4 feet each – were placed in groups of 5 or 6 at five locations on the property. The boards will be lifted several times over the summer of 2016 to see if they are being used as cover by milk snakes and hopefully eastern hognosed snakes.

The Chub Point Nature Reserve-Steward Ted Nasmith: 17 acres of wet woodland south of Grafton.

The Chub Point Nature Reserve is our newest acquisition. It is a wet woodland complete with many vernal pools located on the northeast corner of Station St. and Lakeshore Rd in Grafton. There was a sign unveiling ceremony in September, followed by refreshments at the Grafton Village Inn, and our herpetologist has done some investigations there. As well, a team of Sir Sandford Fleming students conducted a survey where they identified and plotted the locations of invasive plant species over the winter of 2015-16. The stewardship volunteers used this information to remove some of the European buckthorn from the site. Our thanks to those students for a good job that included providing us with a management plan for the site.



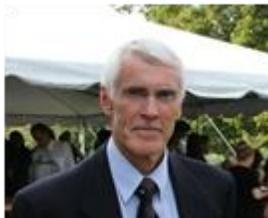
Laurie Lawson-Steward Mark Rupke: The Outdoor Education Centre is a 100 acre woodlot at 8000 Telephone Road. It is a wonderfully diverse area with a Coldwater creek, vernal pools, Riparian Zone forest, Mature Forest, and early successional forest.



At the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre 250 European buckthorn trees have been eliminated and 150 white spruce seedlings and 4 larger trees (compliments of Ontario Hydro) were planted. In addition, 41 basswood and yellow birch saplings as well as about 200 spring beauties and starflowers, from a woodlot about to be destroyed, were transplanted. Thanks to some students 400 garlic mustard plants were pulled up and removed. In the past year over 2500 students and almost 600 teachers from local schools were able to enjoy a day of outdoor studies at the Centre and many other local visitors used the trails for walking.

NOMINATION REPORT TO THE 2016 AGM

Nominations to the Board of Directors (these four nominees have accepted the nomination) to be elected for a three year term:



John Geale

John Geale joined the Land Trust Board in 2008 and currently serves as Board President. John retired from Trinity College School where he taught mathematics, science and geography, as well as coached cross-country running and Nordic skiing. After spending three years in New Zealand he returned to the area and has been supporting the efforts of the Northumberland Land Trust both as a board member and a property steward.

Between 1965 and 2002 John attended the University of Toronto completing a B.Sc. in biology. During this time he also spent five months as a scuba-diving biological research assistant in the high arctic, a winter as a ski-bum in the Kananaskis Valley in Alberta, a cowboy on an Alberta foothills ranch, a year teaching in Whitehorse, a sabbatical spent studying mathematics and biology at the University of Guelph, and a year on exchange to Australia. While teaching John also spent many summers in the Canadian arctic working for the National Museum of Natural History and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

In retirement, John is an active birder. He helps with local Christmas and summer bird counts, conducts marsh surveys for birds and amphibians, and surveys eight lakes by canoe each summer to collect data on Common Loon breeding success. He has also visited over 40 countries on birding trips. When not birding, his interests include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping, badminton, electoral reform and keeping his firewood pile ready for next winter.

John's wife, Dorothy, is a veterinarian with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Their son lived in Cusco, Peru for 10 years, and guides birding tours in many South American countries. Their daughter is currently teaching mathematics, science and physical education in Vancouver.

All of his travels and love of outdoor activities have convinced John that increasing human population will continue to put pressure on natural spaces. He believes that the only way to protect such spaces is through preservation by organizations such as our Northumberland Land Trust.



Bill Crowley

Bill Crowley was born and educated in Winnipeg, where he studied math, chemistry and physics but majored in economics. A competitor in Track and field Bill raced his way to win the ½ mile Canadian championship. His career as a meteorologist took him from teaching pilots in Portage la Prairie to the headquarters of the Atmospheric Environment Service in Toronto where Bill worked for over 25 years.

Bill's father grew Gladiolus a skill that Bill embraced growing and showing his own Gladiolus and eventually becoming the President of the North America Gladiolus Council. His love of growing flowers continued to flourish after moving to Port Hope where he expanded his interest to photographing wild flowers. Bill joined the Field Botanists of Ontario and quickly became active on the executive. Respected by his

peers Bill was elected to positions of Vice President and then President of the Field Botanists of Ontario. Bill has been an active member of the willow beach field naturalists for 20 years, and through that association Bill served first as the appointed member to the Northumberland Land Trust by the Willow Beach Field Naturalists before being nominated separately to the Board of the NLT. Our successful Speaker Series, of which Bill is chair, has grown as a major community outreach under his leadership.

An avid photographer, and member of five camera clubs, Bill shows his photography and continues to cherish the wildflower garden at his home.



Robert Fishlock is an environmental lawyer and senior legal counsel with the Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office, an agency of the Government of Canada charged with the cleanup of historic low level radioactive waste in the communities of Port Hope and Port Granby, Ontario. Up until 2012, he was a partner with the national law firm of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, where he practiced for over 27 years in all

aspects of environmental law, particularly with respect to the regulation of industrial activities and the protection of air, water and land resources. Robert and his wife reside in the historic community of Port Hope, where Robert was born and raised. He is currently the president of the Northumberland-Peterborough South federal Green Party EDA; a member of the Board of Directors of Ontario Nature, formerly known as the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, and Community Power Northumberland Cooperative, which has developed a number of solar energy projects.



Jane McGrath is a retired nurse, mother of four and grandmother of 4. As far back as she can remember Jane enjoyed gardening, hiking, bird watching and generally preferred being outside the house rather than in it. In the distant past she has taken several correspondence courses from the University of Waterloo in Environmental Studies curious to learn more about the workings of our natural world.

Happily, this outlook has been passed to my 4 children; with two entering the field of biology. Jane would like to join the Board of the Northumberland Land Trust to be a part of an ongoing effort to maintain lands as they now appear, for the use and study of future generations; to create a legacy, a green pathway toward our descendants.

Directors continuing with two years remaining of a three year term:

Joan Chalovich, George Gordon, Miriam Mutton

Directors continuing with one year remaining of a three year term:

Janette Johnson, Bill Newell, Whitney Lake

Please take this opportunity to consider a position as a board member with the Northumberland Land Trust. Our meetings are held monthly on Tuesday evenings in Cobourg. Board members donate an average of 2-6 hours a month to the successful operations of the organization. There are a variety of challenging and rewarding positions you could fill. Join us at Board meeting or approach a member of the board for more information.

Fundraising Income - not rctd

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| <i>Birdathon Cash</i> | <i>54.00</i> |
| <i>Gala Dinner Tickets</i> | <i>2,305.00</i> |
| <i>Silent Auction</i> | <i>967.00</i> |
| <i>Total Fundraising Income - not rctd</i> | <i>\$3,326.00</i> |
| <i>Grants</i> | <i>\$24,662.57</i> |
| <i>Total Income</i> | <i>39,557.01</i> |

Expense

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| <i>Advertising and Promotion</i> | <i>222.12</i> |
| <i>Annual Meeting</i> | <i>462.23</i> |
| <i>Bank Service Charges</i> | <i>59.25</i> |
| <i>Dues & Fees</i> | <i>1,812.00</i> |
| <i>Gala Dinner Expenses</i> | <i>2,488.40</i> |
| <i>Lecture Series Expense</i> | <i>867.24</i> |
| <i>Liability Insurance</i> | <i>1,551.96</i> |
| <i>NewsLetter Expense</i> | <i>1,420.34</i> |
| <i>Office Expenses</i> | <i>677.90</i> |
| <i>Professional Fees</i> | <i>2,142.76</i> |

Property Expenses

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| <i>Chub Point</i> | <i>648.74</i> |
| <i>Leckey</i> | <i>621.37</i> |
| <i>LLOEC</i> | <i>4,734.53</i> |
| <i>McEwen</i> | <i>8,364.89</i> |
| <i>Total Property Expenses</i> | <i>\$ 14,369.53</i> |

Property Taxes: Chub Point 487.73 Pelton 141.95 Total Property Taxes 629.68

Strategic Planning Expenses 5,283.53

Webinars & Workshop Fees 344.00

Total Expense **\$32,330.94**

Net Ordinary Income 7,226.07

Other Income/Expense:Other Income

In-Kind Donations - Land \$100,000.00

Interest Income 466.91

Other revenue 989.49

Total Other Income **\$101,456.40**

Net Other Income **101,456.40**

Net Income **\$108,682.47**

April 6, 2016 *“Northumberland Land Trust: I have reviewed Northumberland Land Trust year-end Financial Statement as at December 31, 2015 and I have found that they fairly reflect the financial position of the organization and are in good order. Thank you Don Nicholson.”*

BALANCE SHEET-As of 31 December 2015

ASSETS: Current Assets: Chequing/Savings

Chequing Account #6 \$1,685.31

Premium Savings #1 \$2,780.19

Stewardship Restricted 003 \$37,723.65

Member Shares Held #2 \$58.17

Total Chequing/Savings \$42,247.32

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable \$666.07

Total Accounts Receivable \$666.07

Other Current Assets: Short-term investments

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| Term GIC #1 – Stewardship | \$10,225.00 |
| Term GIC #2 - General | \$10,225.00 |
| Term GIC #3 - Legal Defence Fnd | \$1,000.00 |
| Total Short-term investments | \$21,450.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$21,450.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$64,363.39 |
| Fixed Assets: Land | \$517,162.58 |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$517,162.58 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$581,525.97 |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities:Current Liabilities

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Accounts Payable - | 239.94 |
| Total Accounts Payable - | 239.94 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| GST/HST Payable - | 2,038.51 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities - | 2,038.51 |
| Total Current Liabilities - | 2,278.45 |
| Equity: Retained Equity | \$459,922.74 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 15,199.21 |
| Net Income | \$ 108,682.47 |
| Total Equity | \$583,804.42 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | \$581,525.97 |

Communications and outreach activities

The Northumberland Land Trust continues to explore ways to effectively use a range of communication techniques to connect with our stakeholders in meaningful ways.

- ✓ The speaker series generates much public interest with its stimulating talks and will provide further outreach in 2016 through a collaborative relationship with the Lone Pine Marsh.
- ✓ The Gala Dinner attracts new community members and provides fellowship and networking for members
- ✓ This year we re-visited our Facebook page! Please join us on Facebook.
- ✓ The newsletter is either mailed or e-mailed to our membership and local politicians.
- ✓ Our website is regularly up-dated with news and events.
- ✓ Media releases of events of significance are in local newspapers, radio and Northumberlandnews.com
- ✓ Board members could be seen with a booth at various community events like the volunteer fair
- ✓ Enlightening hikes on the properties bring like-minded individuals together to share in the beauty of our natural spaces.
- ✓ Our members attend provincial meetings where they can network with other organizations like the OLTA gathering in held in Rama in October.
- ✓ Distribution of brochures
- ✓ Letters to the town of Cobourg and the Province have been sent on items of significant interest.

Governance

In 2015 we received our Certificate of Continuance from Industry Canada fulfilling our obligation to the "Not for Profit Act". Orland Conservation facilitated a strategic visioning session in 2015 with the report now in the hands of the NLT Board. The Board is currently working towards its targeted goals. One such initiative was the development of a new scoring formula useful in evaluating new properties for acquisition.

The Board Members of the Northumberland Land Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and contributions. Your volunteer support and guidance is critical to our success as we protect significant grasslands, wetlands, forests and water sheds across Northumberland County.

