



2012 Annual Report Celebrating CELA



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CELA works towards protecting human health and our environment by seeking justice for those harmed by pollution or poor environmental decision-making, and by changing policies to prevent such problems in the first place. Since 1970, CELA has used legal tools, undertaken groundbreaking research and conducted public interest advocacy to increase environmental protection and safeguard communities. As a specialty clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario, we strive to help those lacking the resources to take on big polluters or grapple with complex environmental threats.

GOALS

- To provide equitable access to justice to those otherwise unable to afford representation for their environmental problems.
- To advocate for comprehensive laws, standards and policies that will protect and enhance public health and environmental quality in Ontario and throughout Canada.
- To increase public participation in environmental decision-making.
- To work with the public and public interest groups to foster long-term sustainable solutions to environmental concerns and resource use.
- To prevent harm to human and ecosystem health through application of precautionary measures.

In accomplishing all of these objectives, primary recognition is given to CELA's mandate to assist low-income people and disadvantaged communities.

WELCOME!

I am delighted to present CELA's 2012 annual report, which highlights some of our many achievements. This year, our staff and board members refined several strategic goals to ensure CELA's actions and advocacy continue fulfilling our primary mandate as a legal aid clinic under the guidance of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO). We are proud of our mandate and the work we have accomplished as an environmental law clinic. Likewise, our efforts have only been magnified by collaborating with CELA's sister clinics across Ontario to achieve the broader LAO objectives of access to justice.

To support our ongoing strategic planning, we rebranded our organization with a dynamic new logo that captures the breadth of CELA's efforts to protect our air and water and promote safe, renewable energy. It also conveys our focus on healthy indoor spaces that can be powered by affordable energy without exposure to toxic substances. Our new *Equity, Justice, Health* tagline also helps convey our important strategic objectives to the public.

This report reflects the expertise of our highly professional and hard working staff. Our daily work includes representing clients in litigation that is often complex, answering many requests for summary advice, and conducting legal, policy, and scientific research. We also run multiple law reform campaigns to strengthen laws and regulations for our clients and the public. These law reform efforts include and are supported by extensive public legal education and outreach activities across Ontario.

It is an honour and a privilege to work for CELA and with our colleagues in other LAO clinics, the private bar, and environmental, public health, medical and social justice organizations.



In reporting on a single year, we inevitably look forward to the results of our work. We hope that future generations will be proud of the stronger laws and regulations that have been adopted to protect our precious air and water and create a fairer and more just country. They don't deserve any less.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. McClenaghan'.

Theresa McClenaghan
Executive Director

LITIGATION & HEARINGS

As part of our mandate to provide access to justice and increase public participation in environmental decision-making, CELA assists clients across Ontario in challenging legal policies and activities that harm their communities:

- We appealed landfill closure conditions to the Environmental Review Tribunal under the *Environmental Bill of Rights* on behalf of residents living beside the Richmond Landfill near Napanee, Ontario.
- CELA intervened in the Ontario Court of Appeal regarding the proper interpretation of the *Environmental Protection Act* in *R. v. Castonguay*, arguing that this interpretation involves a consideration of the common law as well as the precautionary principle.
- CELA represented public interest intervenors in the first Board of Review of a substance (Siloxane D5) under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*.
- In relation to a challenge to the *Green Energy Act* before a World Trade Organization panel, we jointly submitted an *amicus curia* brief with other ENGOs.

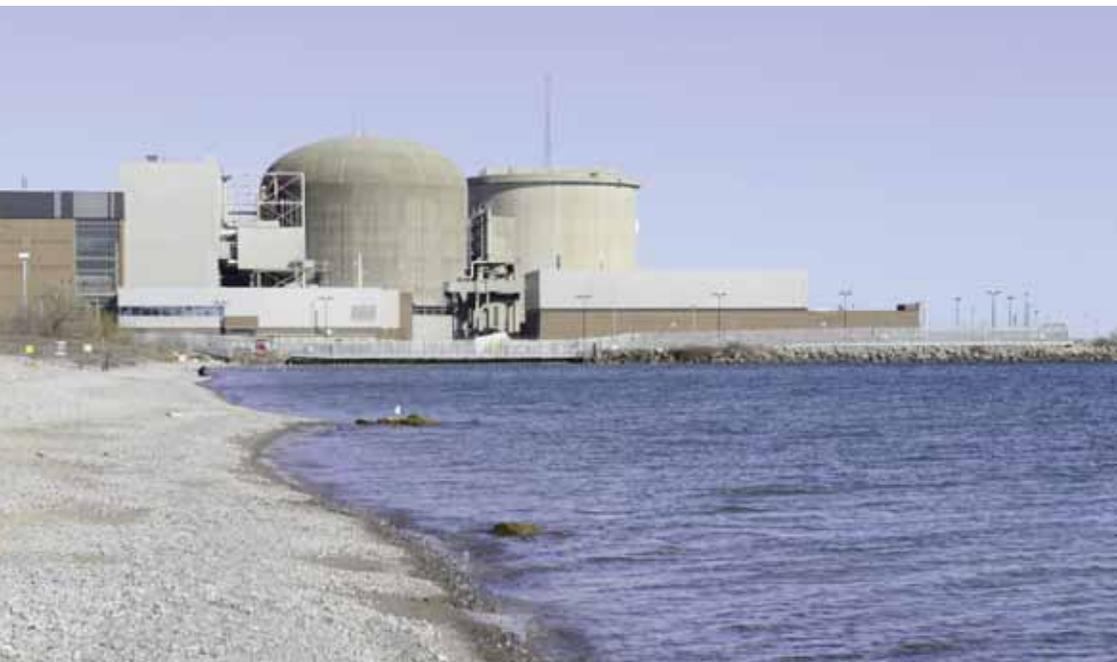
- CELA counsel made detailed submissions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding serious legacy contamination arising from the Hyde Park hazardous waste landfill in Niagara Falls, New York. Raising concerns on behalf of binational public interest groups through Great Lakes United, CELA noted the potential impact on downstream Ontario communities in respect of the EPA's proposal to take the Hyde Park site off the Superfund National Priorities List.

In addition to these cases and a considerable focus on nuclear issues this year, our staff provided valuable assistance and advice to residents and citizen groups in diverse Ontario communities such as Peterborough, Melancton, Brant and Durham on important issues related to land use, threats to drinking water, agricultural land and disputes over aggregate extraction.

Litigation & Hearings Focused on Reducing Nuclear Risks

From uranium mining to spent reactor fuel, the entire nuclear fuel chain creates wastes that are highly toxic and last for thousands of years. As the 2011 disaster at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant showed the world, nuclear technology can be spectacularly disastrous and harmful to ecosystem and human health. In 1992, CELA was a founding member of the Campaign for Nuclear Phase-out. Now 20 years later, our lawyers are involved in multiple casework files representing citizens groups focused on the dangers of nuclear energy.

CELA counsel worked on two judicial review applications dealing with the environmental assessment and site preparation licence for a proposal by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to build new nuclear reactors at the Darlington site. We are also



assisting local residents by participating and advising ENGOs and the public about a forthcoming hearing before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) that will consider an OPG proposal to refurbish and continue to operate four existing nuclear reactors at the Darlington site. CELA will focus particularly on issues in respect of emergency planning and preparedness.

Another judicial review application focused on the Bruce Power proposal to ship radioactively contaminated steam generators from Owen Sound through the Great Lakes to Sweden for recycling. This application was withdrawn in 2012 due to “mootness” once the relevant licences expired and the federal government repealed the environmental assessment law at issue in the legal proceedings.

Our organization also received funding from a federal Environmental Assessment panel to hire expert assistance in reviewing the OPG proposal for underground storage of low and intermediate radioactive waste in a Deep Geologic Repository at the Bruce nuclear complex next to Lake Huron.

LAW REFORM

General Summary Advice

For over 40 years, CELA has been at the forefront of legal research and advocacy to strengthen provincial and national environmental laws and policies. Our law reform work seeks new or improved environmental regulations, and must also confront efforts to roll back progressive environmental policies caused by deregulation, influential provisions in trade agreements or government budget cuts that undermine effective implementation.

Law reform often takes several years and encompasses consultation about overarching policy, detailed legislative and regulatory drafting as well as the finer points of implementing new or revised laws and regulations. CELA’s law reform work in 2012 was no exception to this broad range of activities. The depth of experience of our staff is a tremendous asset. We often lead law reform campaigns in collaboration with public interest organizations and

other legal aid clinics. And we always do so to advance the interests of vulnerable communities.



Anti-SLAPP Law Needed in Ontario

Our litigation and law reform efforts intersect to challenge Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs), wherein lawsuits are used by large businesses to stifle public debate and limit criticism. Since a provincial commitment was made in 2010 for anti-SLAPP legislation, CELA has continued to raise the urgent need for a provincial law preventing SLAPPs to ensure that public participation and citizens’ rights are taken into account in environmental decision-making.

Land Use Planning

In 2012, we provided advice and input on the five-year review of Ontario’s Provincial Policy Statement governing land use under the *Planning Act*, and raised key land use planning issues in response to the provincial review of the *Aggregate Resources Act*. A grant from the Metcalfe Foundation helped us expand our law reform work related to land use issues by supporting collaborative efforts with Sustain Ontario to develop a model bill for an Ontario Local Food Act.



Great Lakes Protection

Our additional law reform efforts focused on responding to consultations on Ontario's Great Lakes Protection Act, introduced as Bill 100 this year. CELA worked with diverse organizations to respond to this bill so that it could truly live up to its stated dual purpose of creating opportunities for individuals and communities to be part of the process of protecting and restoring the ecological health of the Great Lakes Basin. This year also saw CELA continue its 25-year legacy of advocating for effective protection of the Great Lakes in the U.S.–Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Our staff provided advice and collaborated with groups around the basin on the new U.S.–Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and urged Ontario to fulfill its obligations under the the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources. Agreement between states and provinces that deal with large water takings, removals and diversions.

Source Water Protection

Thanks to a Law Foundation of Ontario grant this year, our source water protection work continued with the development of a two-year project with Pays Plat First Nation. In this exciting initiative, we will work with the Pays Plat community to create a model approach to source water protection on First Nations territories.

We hope that the model will eventually be replicated across Canada. At the national level, we also provided a submission to the second proposed federal First Nations Safe Drinking Water Act.

Affordable Green Energy

CELA continued its law reform work on energy policy issues by working on our long-standing initiatives with the Low Income Energy Network. We continue to advocate for low income energy conservation and calling for an energy rate assistance program. In a major project that includes energy policy and land use planning, CELA worked with a number of partners including the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development on a project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The resulting report, *Live Where You Go: Encouraging location-efficient development in Ontario*, outlined key policies that would improve quality of life and reduce vehicle use through location efficient development. We also provided recommendations on liability issues related to the National Energy Board on the Arctic drilling review.

Federal Budget Bills and International Agreements

National level policies directly affect our Ontario clients and the public at large. This year, dramatic changes to federal environmental laws included the Bill C-38 omnibus budget law. CELA provided analysis and detailed responses to this bill, which weakened environmental protection under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Fisheries Act* and the *Species at Risk Act*. A second omnibus budget law (Bill C-45) was recently introduced which proposes sweeping changes to these statutes and the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*.

Continuing our long-standing leadership in addressing trade and environmental issues, CELA analyzed and provided advice, submissions and parliamentary testimony on the implications for Canada's environmental laws from the Canada and European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, the Canada and India Free Trade Agreement, the Canada and Jordan Free Trade

Agreement, and the Canada and China Foreign Investment Protection Agreement. These international trade agreements have major implications for domestic Canadian governments considering the implementation of strong and progressive environmental protection regulations.

This year also marked the Rio+20 international negotiations on global sustainability. In preparation, CELA conducted a national workshop for Canada's leading environmental organizations that resulted in a consensus statement of Canadian ENGOs. The statement urged the Canadian government delegation to play a positive role in the Rio+20 negotiations by reaffirming the precautionary principle and other goals established in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development.

Review of Environmental Bill of Rights

CELA partnered with several local, regional and provincial groups to make submissions to Ontario's Ministry of the Environment in relation to the ongoing governmental review of the province's *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR). This review was prompted by CELA lawyers who filed a formal Application for Review of the EBR. It is anticipated that the review outcome will strengthen the legal tools in the EBR that protect the environment, facilitate public participation in decision-making and ensure governmental accountability.

Less Chemicals, Better Health

A major focus of CELA's law reform work is the regulation of toxic substances including air and water pollution, consumer products and resulting indoor exposures, as well as pesticide use. Along with efforts to improve the provincial approvals process for industrial air pollution and the implementation of Ontario's *Toxics Reduction Act*, we directed considerable law reform efforts at the federal level, where primary jurisdiction rests to regulate chemicals and negotiate necessary international treaties.

We provided extensive input and advice on chemicals management issues to the federal government by participating in stakeholder advisory committees

related to regulation of chemicals and pesticides, and by responding to consultations about the assessment and management of individual chemicals or batches of chemicals within the federal Chemicals Management Plan (CMP). CELA also submitted several petitions to the Commissioner on the Environment and Sustainable Development, Office of the Auditor General, concerning effective implementation of the CMP. We continue to seek progress on long-standing commitments to regulate well-known hazards such as brominated flame retardants and other highly toxic substances, via domestic regulation and to ensure a national implementation plan for Canada's commitments under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. We also responded to Canada's position in negotiating a United Nations legally binding instrument on mercury.



This year, extensive media coverage focused on Canada's continued mining of asbestos in Quebec, including federal and provincial subsidies and the federal refusal to support the listing of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention, a treaty that ensures prior informed consent when highly dangerous substances are exported. Significant progress occurred when the newly-elected Quebec government cancelled a loan guarantee and the federal government announced that it would no longer oppose asbestos listing in Annex III. CELA was closely involved in collaborative efforts with health and labour groups and families of asbestos victims to raise awareness about the risks and seek full prohibition of all asbestos use, manufacture, improper disposal, and export in and from Canada.



Ontario residents are justifiably proud of having the most progressive law in North America banning the needless or "cosmetic" use of pesticides. Since the early 1990s, CELA has played a central role in efforts that resulted in this law, via numerous summary advice files, followed by client representation in the Supreme Court of Canada, years of work supporting municipal bylaws and the passage of Ontario's law. As a result, CELA staff members are routinely asked to assist groups in other provinces seeking to enact similar municipal bylaws or similar provincial statutes.

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To support our law reform efforts that often come from identifying needs for our clients and summary advice requests, CELA conducts extensive public legal education activities to improve access to justice.

In 2012, CELA staff reached diverse audiences, ranging from citizens groups and service providers to lawyers and professional associations on a range of topics such as the *Toxics Reduction Act*, Right to Know bylaws, a proposed federal First Nations Safe Drinking Water Act, the *Ontario Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act*, the proposed Great Lakes Protection Act, children's environmental health, environmental health and law, First Nations' environmental health, asbestos exports and relevant regulatory requirements, nuclear fuel cycle regulation, energy retrofits, the Darlington litigation, and training on environmental public participation rights. CELA lawyers also continued to edit the Canadian Environmental Law Reports.

Our public legal education work is often supported by additional funding sources which allow us to exceed our outreach and community development objectives and activities. With funding from the Law Foundation of Ontario, for example, CELA and the Environmental Health Institute of Canada concluded our three-year "Making the Links" project in Ontario communities such as Cornwall, Kenora, Windsor, Sarnia, Brantford and Hamilton. CELA will continue to work with these communities as they develop and implement plans and policies on air approvals, cumulative impacts, right to know, safe local food and environmental justice.

The LAO Poverty Law Innovation Fund also supported a project where we worked with other clinics and partners to offer a Speakers' School in Sarnia to train workers in advocacy and educate them about environmental laws and occupational legal rights.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation supported the Canadian Partnership for Children’s Health and Environment (CPCHE) on a CELA-led two-year project to address the nexus between environmental health issues and energy conservation retrofits. Our resulting “Renovate Right” outreach materials were well received by multiple stakeholders. The stakeholders agreed to assist in broad distribution of a brochure translated into seven languages. Alongside a broader CPCHE public education campaign funded by the Ontario government, these materials greatly extend CELA’s ability to reach the public with important messages about reducing exposure to toxic substances.



We also added considerable content to our online library of factsheets and frequently asked questions including more public information about environmental health topics such as asbestos, radon and drinking water. Video content was added to our website, including clips of media coverage and a highly successful video about children’s environmental health, launched by our CPCHE partners. Special mention also goes to CELA’s work with our environmental health partners wherein CELA staff produced an educational video about toxic substances in cosmetics that won first prize in an international on-line competition.

With funding assistance from Health Canada, another CPCHE project enabled CELA to provide workshops for service providers from First Nations communities across Canada. Working alongside our CPCHE partners also furthered CELA’s outreach work in publicizing the research and policy implications of a major initiative led by CELA that investigated the evidence of associations between early exposures and chronic disease; work that will inform the environmental health agenda for years to come.

In the past we have translated some of our materials into French. With support from Legal Aid Ontario (LAO), we were able to expand our reach this year by providing public environmental legal rights education to French-speaking communities across Ontario. With support of the LAO translation fund and by utilizing the services of MCIS, CELA translated key materials into a variety of languages including the clinic brochure, major media releases and toolkit materials. As the fabric of Canada changes, we hope that making our information available in multiple languages will increase our ability to help others.



Audited Financial Statements – 2011-2012

BALANCE SHEET

	Clinic	CELA Client Litigation Fund	Other	March 31 2012	March 31 2011	April 1 2010
ASSETS						
Current						
Cash	\$ 2,857	\$ 279,685	\$ 199,976	\$ 482,518	\$ 739,825	\$ 409,548
Grants and accounts receivable	2,023	5,348	17,251	24,622	59,171	106,579
GST recoverable	20,831	-	9,858	30,689	23,415	7,153
Due from Clinic	-	-	-	-	-	2,267
Due from Litigation and Other	1,272	-	9,817	11,089	1,993	-
Prepaid expenses	11,982	-	-	11,982	15,180	15,880
	<u>38,965</u>	<u>285,033</u>	<u>236,902</u>	<u>560,900</u>	<u>839,584</u>	<u>541,427</u>
Lease deposit, due May 31, 2014	11,640	-	-	11,640	10,508	10,508
Capital assets	-	-	-	-	341	486
	<u>\$ 50,605</u>	<u>\$ 285,033</u>	<u>\$ 236,902</u>	<u>\$ 572,540</u>	<u>\$ 850,433</u>	<u>\$ 552,421</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current						
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,068	\$ 6,243
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	30,190	-	22,051	52,241	170,246	96,506
Government remittances payable	-	1,061	-	1,061	1,312	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	55,944	55,944	166,370	147,045
Due to Clinic	-	117	342	459	1,993	-
Due to Other	9,817	-	813	10,630	-	2,267
	<u>40,007</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>79,150</u>	<u>120,335</u>	<u>342,989</u>	<u>252,061</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>10,598</u>	<u>283,855</u>	<u>157,752</u>	<u>452,205</u>	<u>507,444</u>	<u>300,360</u>
	<u>\$ 50,605</u>	<u>\$ 285,033</u>	<u>\$ 236,902</u>	<u>\$ 572,540</u>	<u>\$ 850,433</u>	<u>\$ 552,421</u>

Note: This information is a condensed financial statement consistent with and derived from the audited financial statements of the Canadian Environmental Law Association as at March 31, 2012. Audited financial statements were prepared by Chaplin and Co. Chartered Accountants, in accordance with the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and who expressed an unqualified opinion on these financial statements in their report dated June 25, 2012. To obtain a better understanding of the organization's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year in question, the condensed financial statements should be read in light of the relevant audited financial statements, which are available upon request.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

	Clinic	CELA Client Litigation Fund	Other	Year ended March 31	
				2012	2011
REVENUE					
Legal Aid Ontario	\$1,255,057	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,255,057	\$ 1,228,815
Legal Aid Ontario indirect payments	16,982	-	-	16,982	4,964
Grants	-	-	299,468	299,468	295,222
Cost/recoveries and rewards	-	-	-	-	151,697
Honouraria	-	-	4,150	4,150	4,329
Interest and other income	190	1,323	2,545	4,058	2,473
Royalties	-	-	9,605	9,605	-
Disbursement recoveries	-	14	-	14	17,765
	<u>1,272,229</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>315,768</u>	<u>1,589,334</u>	<u>1,705,265</u>
EXPENSES					
Amortization	-	-	341	341	145
Anniversary celebration	-	-	-	-	4,250
Communications, printing and distribution	22,138	-	30,924	53,062	35,882
Contract services	-	-	156,186	156,186	145,419
Equipment	11,567	-	-	11,567	9,232
Indirect payments	16,982	-	-	16,982	4,964
Library purchases	10,308	-	-	10,308	14,607
Occupancy	143,812	-	2,200	146,012	139,650
Office and General	35,214	-	8,920	44,134	49,749
Professional development	7,963	-	-	7,963	6,976
Professional dues	11,356	-	-	11,356	9,636
Professional fees	6,945	-	2,619	9,564	9,225
Salaries and benefits	1,032,691	-	97,864	1,130,555	1,046,643
Travel	20,613	-	25,030	45,643	21,464
	<u>1,319,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,964</u>	<u>1,644,573</u>	<u>1,498,181</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue) for the year	(47,380)	1,337	(9,196)	(55,239)	207,084
Net assets, beginning of year	9,508	282,518	215,418	507,444	300,360
Transfer between funds	48,470	-	(48,470)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 10,598</u>	<u>\$ 283,855</u>	<u>\$ 157,752</u>	<u>\$ 452,205</u>	<u>\$ 507,444</u>

THANK YOU!

CELA is grateful for the support of our dedicated staff, board members and volunteers. We deeply appreciate the assistance and good relationships we enjoy with our clients and the many groups and individuals we collaborate with each year.

CELA Core Staff

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Thanks To Vicki Barron

CELA extends a very special thanks to our outgoing Treasurer Vicki Barron. Her oversight of CELA's financials, along with her cheerful and enthusiastic manner, have made her an invaluable asset to our organization. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best.

Volunteers:

Moiz Baig

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Key Partners and Partnerships

Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario
Ban Asbestos Canada
Campaign for Nuclear Phaseout
Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Canadian Environmental Network
Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment
Centre for Environmental Health Equity
Centre for Social Innovation
Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment
Community Legal Assistance Sarnia
Ecojustice
Environmental and Occupational Carcinogens Stakeholder Group of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society
Environmental Defence
Environmental Health Institute of Canada

Freshwater Future
Great Lakes Compact/Agreement Coalition
Great Lakes United
International POPS Elimination Network
Legal Aid Ontario
Low Income Energy Network
Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc.
McMaster Institute of Environment and Health
Making the Links Research Group
Ontario Environment Network
Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups
National Wildlife Federation
Northwatch
Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition
Toronto Environmental Alliance
Water Guardians Network
Wilfrid Laurier University

Funders

We extend an extra special thanks to our funders who make our work possible. In addition to our core funding support from Legal Aid Ontario, CELA staff and contract staff have worked for many of our partner organizations. We have also obtained generous project grants from several private foundations as well as some government agencies. This additional funding support, beyond that provided by Legal Aid Ontario, dramatically extends CELA's ability to conduct law reform and public legal education in Ontario and across Canada.

City of Toronto
Environment Canada
Health Canada
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
Law Foundation of Ontario
Legal Aid Ontario

Ontario Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance
Ontario College of Family Physicians
Ontario Ministry of Environment
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development
Salamander Foundation



Michelle's Prize Scholarship Fund in Honour of Michelle Swenarchuk



Thanks to all who donated to our scholarship honouring the life work of Michelle Swenarchuk, former Executive Director of CELA who passed away in 2008. Friends and colleagues of Michelle contributed over \$21,000 to the scholarship fund. Thanks also to the Michelle's Prize Fundraising Committee comprised of Toby Vigod, Laurell Ritchie, Scott Sinclair, Lauren Alcorn and John Lang. Honorary Co-Chairs are Ursula Franklin and Vandana Shiva.

A total of six scholarships will be awarded through York University and the University of Saskatchewan in 2012, 2013 and 2014 to students specializing in environmental studies and environmental law. Later this academic year, the University of Saskatchewan will announce its first recipient of the "Michelle's Prize" scholarship.



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