

Annual Report

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2018-2019

About Us

MISSION STATEMENT

OPIRG works to create and sustain student and community-based engagement through research, education and action on social justice and environmental issues; challenging oppression in all its forms; and using consensus-based decision-making in a non-hierarchical and accessible setting.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Employment, placement, and volunteer opportunities
- Sponsorship for community events and projects
- Training on consensus decision making and anti-oppression
- Our Green Dishes and Free Market programs
- Events, workshops, campaigns and much more!



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Research

Established in 1976, OPIRG Peterborough works each year to provide a space and resources for Peterborough/Nogojiwanong and Trent community members to work on programs, awareness-raising events, workshops, and research focusing on social and environmental justice issues.

This year, our research project is: Reducing Burn Out for Volunteer Board of Directors.

Working Groups

FEMINIST BOOK CLUB

Our mission is to provide a support network for people who identify as feminists to learn about and discuss feminism and assist each other to apply helpful feminist ideas gleaned from research and discussions into our own lives. The purpose of the group would ultimately be to better the lives of the people within the book club as well as those within their communities, as applicable, through feminist education, and the development of critical thought and the benefits of group support.

We meet regularly to learn more about feminism and support each other in overcoming the harmful effects of patriarchy in our own lives. We focus on the themes of historical feminism, contemporary feminism, intersectionality, rape culture, purity culture, feminist issues in the media, and feminist issues in the government.

Programs

GREEN DISHES

Green Dishes is a waste-reduction project designed to eliminate the need for disposable dishes at community and campus events in the Peterborough/Nogojiwanong area. It is a dish-lending program which enables organizations and individuals to borrow large quantities of reusable dishes for a small price.

Some of the groups/events that have used the service this year:

- Trent Radio
- Trent University Indigenous Studies
- Kawartha Sexual Assault Center
- The Community Race Relations Committee
- Reframe Festival
- Reconciliation Gathering
- Trent Community Movements Conference
- Resource Fair
- The Arthur
- GreenUp



Programs

FREE MARKET

This program was started by the initiative of a small group of Trent students in 2005, who wanted to promote the values of reusing and recycling over discarding and “re-consuming”. By opening the Free Market ‘store’, they were able to serve the environmental purpose of reducing waste materials through reuse, and the social justice purpose of providing free goods to those who need them. We also have included textile recycling to our program!

The Free Market is located on the first floor of Sadleir House by the OPIRG Peterborough office. The Free Market is usually open Tuesday to Thursday 10am-2pm. This year we also had the Free Market open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm during the second semester.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who make these programs possible!



Highlights



March 2018

In March we took part in Waste Reduction Week by tabling in the Student Center with items from our Free Market. We also held our last AGM on March 23rd.

April 2018

On April 20th we had the Annual Free Market Giveaway.

May 2018

We painted the office!



June 2018

We took part in 100in1Day Peterborough with the Trent Queer Collective by hosting a tie-dye party. There was also an OPIRG Provincial Congress that we attended to do some strategic planning at the provincial level.

July 2018

In July we had two student contract positions hired through Canada Summer jobs and also held a board retreat at the end of the month for current board and staff members.



August 2018

As we prepared for the new school year, we also held another Free Market Giveaway, a Quality of Life Tea event, a Place for Everyone Housing Forum, and an Expanding Allies event. We also offered the Green Dishes program for free this month!

September 2018

In September we held our annual DISORIENTATION WEEK which included over 20 events in collaboration with many groups and organizations including:

- Radio on the Lawn
- Localizing the Economy
- Campus Farm to Table Tour
- Feminist Book Club Kick Off
- Workers Rights Workshop
- Music in the Workers Solidarity Movement
- Spoken Word for Introverts Workshop
- Minimalist Living Workshop
- Trent Film Society Presents Dazed and Confused
- Peterborough Poverty Walk
- Whose University is it? Documentary Screening
- Cards Against the Patriarchy
- Back to School Volleyball game with TUNA
- Community Food Justice Workshop
- SAD Fest II
- Vegan BBQ and Free Market Giveaway
- Anti-War Activism
- Poetry Slam & Open Mic
- Failure of the Charity Model Discussion
- Green Industry and Climate Change Discussion
- Responsible Business Discussion



We also took part in Clubs and Groups day and the Volunteer Fair!

October 2018

At the beginning of October we held an open volunteer orientation.

November 2018

OPIRG Peterborough took part in Waste Reduction Day by bringing some of our Free Market items. We also collaborated with Trent International to put together a Winter Clothing Drive for international students.

January 2019

In January OPIRG Peterborough collaborated with KWIC, Sadleir House, Peterborough Peace Council, Peterborough and the Kawarthas Council of Canadians, and Just Peace Advocates to host “New Thinking for Post-Oslo Palestine Challenges & Opportunities,” a talk led by human rights lawyer Jonathan Kuttub. OPIRG’s Coordinator also facilitated the Consensus Decision Making and Anti-Oppression workshops. Our organization also took part in Clubs and Groups Day and hosted another volunteer orientation.



SPONSORSHIP:

In addition to research, programming, and events, OPIRG Peterborough also contributed funds toward the following:

- Voicing the Earthbody Workshop
- Colton Boushie Family Fundraiser
- Lynn Gehl Book launch Fundraiser
- Niigaanibatowaad: FrontRunners
- Strike Out Cancer Fundraiser
- Borderless
- Tea & Bannock with TUNA
- ReFrame Film Festival

Financial Review

**Ontario Public Interest Research
Group - Peterborough
Financial Statements
August 31, 2018
Unaudited - See Notice to Reader**

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CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Notice To Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough as at August 31, 2018 and the statements of operating fund and incomes and expenses for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

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Peterborough, Ontario

October 24, 2018

Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough
Statement of Financial Position
Unaudited - See Notice to Reader

August 31	2018	2017
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 68,432	\$ 38,996
Accounts receivable	-	601
Prepaid expenses	1,791	1,715
	\$ 70,223	\$ 41,312
 Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,550	\$ 1,575
Statutory deductions payable	3,045	2,176
	5,595	3,751
Fund Balance	64,628	37,561
	\$ 70,223	\$ 41,312



Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough
Statement of Operating Fund
Unaudited - See Notice to Reader

<u>For the year ended August 31</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Fund Balance - beginning of the year	\$ 37,561	\$ 28,557
Net Income	<u>27,067</u>	<u>9,004</u>
Fund Balance - end of the year	\$ 64,628	\$ 37,561



Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough Statement of Incomes and Expenses

Unaudited - See Notice to Reader

For the year ended August 31

	2018	2017
Revenues	\$ 106,422	\$ 98,192
Operating Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	20	252
Amortization	-	174
Appreciation - volunteer and staff	327	2,019
Bank charges and interest	76	84
Insurance		
Occupancy costs	2,242	1,373
Office expense	1,844	1,845
Professional fees	2,877	3,282
Programming expenses	1,407	1,006
	8,949	6,172
Repairs and maintenance	131	799
Salaries, wages and benefits	57,900	67,704
Telephone	1,038	789
Travel, training and workshops	2,544	3,689
	79,355	89,188
Net Income	\$ 27,067	\$ 9,004



Last Year Meeting Minutes

OPIRG-Peterborough Annual General Meeting – Minutes: March 23, 2018

Present: Sam (OPIRG-Ptbo coordinator, non-voting), Aimee Blyth (CRO), Nicola (current Board member, voting), Robert (Board applicant, voting), Ushra (OPIRG student staff, voting), Molly (TCSA, voting), Eric (non-voting), Emma Langley (current Board member, voting)

Location: Student Space at the Trent Student Centre

Land acknowledgment

Meeting called to order at 3:12pm this day Friday March 23rd, 2018

Introductions

AGM Agenda approved

Approval of minutes from 2017 AGM: Postponed because no one present who was there.

Annual report: Sam gives overview up until the event section. Ushra then gives overview of the “events” section. (See attached for full report).
Motion to approve annual report. Annual report approved.

Financial statement and budget: Emma presents the September 2017- August 2018 financial statement and the budget versus actual statement for September 2017-present. (See full report attached).

Edits to by-laws: Nicola explains edits to by-laws: change to gender-inclusive language (they/them instead of previously she/her); and changed the language from “Chairperson” to “Board Liaison Portfolio” since this represents the language we use

Board Resignations: There are no recent resignations, but Ushra helped to give an overview of resignations that took place over the last year: Farwen, and Crystal

Board of Director nominee presentations: Nicola, Rob, Emma presented themselves.

Call for Board Elections: Aimee called for board elections. Completed voting process.

Results: Nicola, Robert, and Emma all elected.

The OPIRG-Peterborough board as of 3/23/2018 includes: Brendan Campbell, Robert Gibson, Nicola Koyanagi, and Emma Langley. Therefore 3 vacancies remain on the Board for 2017-2018.

Adjournment:

Aimee Blyth (CRO) discharged responsibilities to obtain all of the information about all of the candidates pertaining to their position as Directors announcing that this duty now resides with the staff and volunteers of OPIRG.

Meeting adjourned 4:10pm

