

# ANNUAL REPORT

ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST  
RESEARCH GROUP OF  
PETERBOROUGH



2021-2022



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# About Us

## MISSION STATEMENT

OPIRG Peterborough 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/Nogojwanong 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 projects included:**

Assessing Queer Needs in Peterborough-Nogojwanong by Romy Hansen with the TCRC

The Sale of PDI: Impacts of Privatization by Gerald Hardy & Biget Ulutas with the TCRC

How Racialized International Students Experience Racism in Peterborough by Theresa Manuma Saver, BSW



**Are you a racialized international student living in Peterborough?**

Hello, my name is Theresa. I am a fourth year social work student at Trent University. I am currently doing placement with OPIRG Peterborough. My research will explore how racialized international students experience racism in Peterborough.



I am inviting racialized international post-secondary students to share their experience with racism in Peterborough by participating in a 20-30 minute survey.

**If you are interested in participating, please contact me at [theressasaver@trentu.ca](mailto:theressasaver@trentu.ca)**

This is an anonymous study and all your feedback is confidential.

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**Trent Undergraduate Survey to Assess Queer Needs in Peterborough-Nogojwanong**

**Are you a Queer person living in Peterborough/Nogojwanong? We would love to hear from you!**

Take a quick survey to help us assess the available organizations. This research will allow these organizations to better provide for Queer communities.



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**Click the link in our bio to take the survey!**

# Working Groups

**Trent Queer Collective** - is Trent University's and the Peterborough/ Nogojiwanong Community's Marginalized Gender Sexual Romantic Identities Group. The TQC is about building and strengthening an active queer community at Trent and in the Peterborough area. TQC strives to build and strengthen an active, visible and inclusive Queer community at Trent University and in the wider Peterborough area by connecting people to each other, to supportive networks, to information resources, and to Queer media. We seek to provide support and promote acceptance through the creation of safe social spaces that are free of judgment and prejudice against any group or individual. The Trent Queer Collective encourages and celebrates diversity, equality, positivity, understanding, inclusivity and fun.

**Instagram: @trentqueercollective**

**BLM Nogojiwanong** - was re-formed in the Summer of 2020 and became a working group with OPIRG Peterborough in December of 2020. The group has hosted events such as a screening of the film Race, Resistance, & Revolutions, & a Black-Minded Circle: Community Picnic & Performances.

**Instagram @blmnogoptbo**

**Website: [www.blmnogo.ca](http://www.blmnogo.ca)**



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# Working Groups

**The Free Market Working Group** - is a program for all Trent University students and Peterborough community members to access clothing, books, and small household items for free. The Free Market exists to create a consistent, reliable space for the Peterborough/ Nogojiwanong community to access resources of clothes and books in an accessible, non-oppressive space. It exists to subvert capitalism and nurture sustainability, waste reduction, and environmental awareness.

**Email:** [opirgfreemarket@gmail.com](mailto:opirgfreemarket@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** @PTBOFreeMarket

**Amnesty International** - is a worldwide non-profit organization that advocates the protection of human rights. We want to bring this club to Trent, to create a strong sense of community, and to make change through conducting fundraisers, productive discussions, events that are impactful to our greater good. Our vision for the Trent U chapter is to focus on bringing forth the many relevant social issues, universal human rights violations, and to bring public awareness on issues around us. We are a 100% student-run chapter that will organize events, campaigns, and discussions to engage students, faculty members, and alumni.

**Instagram:** @amnestyinternationaltu



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# 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.

Due to Covid-19 and the subsequent decrease of in-person community events, our Green Dishes program was non-operational but has since relaunched in the summer of 2022.

You can find the order form on our website at [www.opirgptbo.ca/programs/green-dishes/](http://www.opirgptbo.ca/programs/green-dishes/)





# 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.

The Free Market has returned as a program of OPIRG Peterborough and is working towards hosting more community pop-ups and giveaways on a regular basis.

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



# Highlights

## February 2022

- **Omission & Exclusion of Black People in Canada's Past: Canadian Enslavement & Participation in the Trans-Atlantic Black Slave Trade** w/ Dr. Wilburn Hayden
- **Trent Undergraduate Survey to Assess Queer Needs in Peterborough-Nogojiwanong**



## March 2022

- **Land & Life: Indigenous Knowledge & Environmental Justice**
  - **Chemical Valley, Water, Pollution, & Health** w/ Vanessa Gray
  - **Water, Health, & Traditional Foods** w/ Deyowidron't Morrow
  - **Land & Language** w/ Dawn Martin
- **Research Presentation: How Racialized International Students Experience Racism in Peterborough**



## April 2022

# Highlights



## May 2022

- **Hired a Programming Coordinator** through funding from Canada Summer Jobs

## June & July 2022

- **Relaunched Green Dishes Program**
- **An Indigenous Abolitionist Study Group** provided by Toronto Abolitionist Convergence
  - **Laws of the Land**
  - **The Impositions of Settler Law**
  - **The Police**
  - **Colonial Incarceration**
  - **Abolishing Social Work / Restoring Relations of Care**
- **Hired a Special Events Coordinator** through funding from Canada Summer Jobs
- **Cancel Canada Day Solidarity Phone Zap & Letter Writing Event**



## August 2021

- **Call for submissions for Annual OPIRG DisOrientation Week**



# Highlights

## September 2022

In September we held our annual **DISORIENTATION WEEK** which included 18 events in collaboration with many groups and organizations including:

- **Mythbusters: Challenging Narratives and Stereotypes of Sexual Violence and Trafficking w/ KSAC**
- **Alternatives to Violence – Mini Workshop w/ AVP**
- **Zines as Radical Information Sharing w/ KWIC & CWTP**
- **Male Leadership On Campus w/ KSAC**
- **Collective Divestment w/ KWIC & Sustainable Trent**
- **Race, Resistance, and Revolutions: A Film Retrospective w/ BLM Nogojiwanong**
- **Farm to Table Tour w/ The Seasoned Spoon & TVG**
- **Our Bodies? The Handmaid's Tale in 2022 w/ TUPS**
- **Virtual GAYme Night w/ Trans Peer Outreach**



# Highlights



## DisOrientation Week 2022 continued

- **Grow with Us! Tie Dye Event and Tour of the Trent Apiary, Vegetable Garden, and Market Garden** w/ TVG, Trent Apiary, & Trent Experimental Farm
- **Dismantling Settler Colonialism & Whiteness**
- **Take Back The Night: Rising Strong Together** w/ KSAC & Nijkiwendidaa
- **Seed to Salsa** w/ TVP & Trent Student Seed Savers
- **Community Picnic & Open Mic with Sarah Lewis** w/ CRRC, Diverse Nature Collective, & CWTP
- **Movie Night & Post-Film Discussion** w/ Reframe, CRRC, CWTP, & Diverse Nature Collective
- **OPIRG Free Market Giveaway & Vegan BBQ** w/ friends from FNB & Take-Out Poetry
- **Mutual Aid, Dual Power Economics, & Ecologies of Solidarity** w/ Community Fridge Ptbo & FNB
- **Warrior Women OPIRG Film Screening & Discussion** w/ Cinema Politica



# Highlights

## October 2022

- **Hiring Special Events Coordinator , Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, Program Coordinator (TWSP), & Special Events Coordinator (TIP)**
- **Winter Clothing Drive w/ Trent International**



## November 2022

- **Prison Expansion Workshop w/ Escaping Tomorrow's Cage**



## December 2022

- **OPIRG Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Night**

## January 2023

- **The Relationship Between Land Theft & Disability, Disease, & Chronic Illness w/ Dr. Lynn Gehl**
- **Free Market Giveaway & Swap**





# Sponsorships

**In addition to research, programming, and events, OPIRG Peterborough has increased our sponsorship budget line for this year, and have contributed funds toward the following:**

- ASL & LSQ Interpretation for Students for Consent Culture Canada
- START at Trent Orange T-Shirt Day
- Friends of Morrow Park
- The Wheels Came Off Art Project
- Inwendaamin Oki: How We Are Related to the Land
- ReFrame Film Festival
- Nogojiwanong Solidarity with Wet'suwe'ten Nation
- International Womens Day with KWIC
- Peterborough Community Medicine Garden
- Black History Month Care Packages
- Trent Apiary
- #BlackOnTheBruce Event
- Odoobii Watershed Stewards
- Creek Walk & Watershed Project
- Afrocentric Awareness Network of Peterborough Event
- Camp Fyrefly Green Dishes Donation



# Financial Statements

Ontario Public Interest  
Research Group - Peterborough  
Financial Information  
August 31, 2022

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**Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough  
Balance Sheet**

<u>August 31</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 165,163	\$ 135,729
Accounts receivable	7,910	5,915
Prepaid expenses	1,147	1,069
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	174,220	142,713
<b>Capital Assets</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,399	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 175,619	\$ 142,713
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<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,051	\$ 9,198
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	165,568	133,515
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	\$ 175,619	\$ 142,713
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**Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough  
Statement of Operating Fund**

<u>For the year ended August 31</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund Balance - beginning of the year	\$ 133,515	\$ 94,992
Net Income	<u>32,053</u>	<u>38,523</u>
Fund Balance - end of the year	<u>\$ 165,568</u>	<u>\$ 133,515</u>

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

<u>For the year ended August 31</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 141,764</b>	<b>\$ 141,065</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotion	234	1,250
Amortization	155	-
Appreciation - volunteer and staff	529	573
Bank charges and interest	23	181
Insurance	2,647	1,237
Occupancy costs	1,960	1,960
Office expense	6,782	2,173
Professional fees	1,620	1,072
Programming expenses	10,014	6,826
Salaries, wages and benefits	79,004	81,156
Telephone	609	1,810
Travel, training and workshops	6,134	4,304
	<u>109,711</u>	<u>102,542</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,053</b>	<b>\$ 38,523</b>

# 2020-2021 OPIRG AGM Meeting Minutes

## OPIRG-Peterborough Annual General Meeting – Minutes: January 28, 2022

**Present: Voting Members;** Robert Gibson (BOD), Addison Clermont (BOD), Jenn MacDonald (BOD), Natalie Holley, Richard Chappell, Christine Young, Kaitlyn Adam, Heidi Sidky (BOD), Simon Zhu, Phoenix Armstrong, Sutton Hanna, Shaela Abbott-McLeod, Theresa Manuma, Sahar Afroz, Kelsey Roote, Kavya Chandra, Sreeja Jonnalagadda **Non-voting members;** Nicola Koyanagi (OPIRG Coordinator), Sam MacAndrew (CRO), Rachele Gottardi, Des Mathews, Crystal S.

**Location:** Online via Zoom

### Land acknowledgment

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:09PM this day 28 of January 2022. Let it be known that 14 full-time student members, 3 levy paying members, and 5 non-members were present with a total number of voting members at 17.

### Introductions

### AGM Agenda approved

### Presentation of OPIRG Peterborough 2021 AGM Minutes



**Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM:** Addison Clermont makes a motion to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes. Sutton Hanna seconds that motion. Consensus is reached with 0 abstentions. Time 7:14 PM.

**Annual report:** Nicola gives an overview of OPIRG Research, Working Groups, and events in 2021. Motion to approve the annual report. Annual report approved.

**Financial statement and budget:** Addison presents the September 2020 - August 2021 financial statement and the budget versus actual statement for September 2020 - present. (See full report attached). Motion to approve the Financial Review by Kaitlyn, seconded by Phoenix. Financial Review approved.

**Edits to by-laws:** Nicola explains there are no changes/edits to by-laws.

**Board Resignations:** Nicola announced the resignation of Heidi Sidky, Angela Connors, and Mohamed Farah.

**Board of Director nominee presentations:** Robert Gibson and Kenzi Noble are introduced by Sam MacAndrew (CRO) as candidates for positions on the Board of Directors. All candidates present themselves.

**Call for Board Elections:** Sam MacAndrew (CRO) calls a secret virtual ballot for board elections. At this time, 16 voting members remain, Voting process completed.

**Results:** Robert Gibson and Kenzi Noble are elected.

**The OPIRG-Peterborough board as of January 28, 2022**

**includes:** Robert Gibson, Addison Clermont, Jenn MacDonald, Mikayla Livingston, Kenzi Noble. With 2 of the 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors filled, 1 vacancy remains open for the 2021-2022 OPIRG Peterborough Board.

**Motion to Destroy Ballots:** A motion was made by Addison Clermont to destroy the ballots. Motion passed, ballots destroyed at 7:47PM.

**Adjournment:** Sam MacAndrew (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. Addison Clermont motions to adjourn the OPIRG AGM. Sahar Afroz seconds the motion

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:50PM



