

Wascana *Centre*

A place for you!

2009-10 ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2009 - MARCH 31, 2010

Wascana Centre Authority

2009 – 2010 Board of Directors

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

Minister Bill Hutchinson
Rod Sieffert
Laura Ross
Sam Richardson
Wayne Clifton

Appointed by resolution of the City of Regina:

Mayor Pat Fiacco
Councillor Mike O'Donnell
Councillor Louis Browne*
Councillor Michael Fougere*

Appointed by the Governors of the University of Regina:

Dr. Vianne Timmons
Dale Schoffer
Nelson Wagner

Secretary to the Board: Bernadette McIntyre

A special thank you to Wascana Centre Authority retiring Board Member Councillor Louis Browne, who served on the Board for three years. His keen interest in conservation issues and his contribution to the Finance and Audit Committee will be missed. Welcome to Councillor Michael Fougere, whose previous experience on the Board will be a great asset to Wascana Centre as it progresses through many changes and challenges.

Management Staff

Chief Executive Officer:	Bernadette McIntyre
Director of Administration:	Vivian Lund
Director of Operations:	Ken Dockham
Manager of Maintenance:	Larry Clay
Manager of Engineering:	Jeff Herle
Manager of Human Resources:	Ranae MacKenzie*
Acting Manager of Human Resources:	Cheryl Barber*
Manager of Horticulture & Forestry:	D'Arcy Schenk
Manager of Community Relations:	Carissa Robb
Assistant Manager of Maintenance:	Nelson Quevillon
Administrative Support Coordinator:	Jenifer Huber

* Denotes part year

Vision ... To be a place of recreation and beauty for all to enjoy throughout the seasons – the pride of Saskatchewan.

Values ... Caring, Integrity, Teamwork, Innovation

CEO Report

Wascana Centre Authority enjoyed a successful year, with many changes and interesting projects initiated. The City of Regina sustaining capital of \$600,000 funded the upgrades to Candy Cane Park, a greatly needed renewal to ensure a safe and fun place to play. The Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RIInC) provided a total of \$567,000 from the Federal and Provincial Governments to construct the Broad Street pedestrian bridge and trails. The National Trails Coalition (NTC) also provided \$122,000 toward this wonderful project. RIInC funding totaling \$380,000 was granted to complete the Candy Cane play area and to completely renew the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre's accessible and therapeutic play area. Wascana Centre staff and all our patrons thank the three levels

of government and the NTC for their much needed support for infrastructure renewal.

The dedicated staff at Wascana Centre worked very hard throughout the year to maintain the beauty and safety of the Centre for everyone to enjoy. Innovative ideas, teamwork and caring enable the staff to maintain the park with limited resources and work on funded projects. Thank you for your contributions.

Wascana Centre Authority was deeply saddened by the passing of Joe Moran – "Mr. Wascana". He is truly the creator of the beauty enjoyed by millions. We are indebted to him forever and dedicate this Annual Report to his remarkable legacy.

M. Bernadette McIntyre

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Leave a Legacy

Heartfelt thanks to the Forbes Foundation for its generous donation of \$200,000.

The Forbes Foundation represents the philanthropic interests of G. Murray and Edna Forbes, long time Regina residents who supported and promoted their community over many years. Murray and his sister Atholl had a lifelong association with Wascana Park; their childhood home was on Regina Avenue on the south bank of Wascana Creek. Atholl continued making this her home for many years after Murray married Edna Smith and built a new home adjacent to the creek on Cameron Street. Murray graduated in law from the University of Saskatchewan, served overseas until 1945 and practised law thereafter in southeast Saskatchewan. He was a pioneer in Saskatchewan oil development being secretary and holder of share number 1 of Canadian Devonian Petroleum. Murray served as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench from 1962 to 1991. The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation and the people of southern Saskatchewan are now reaping the benefits of his shrewdness and hard work.

Atholl was a graduate in Home Economics from the University of Manitoba and served for many years as Head Dietician

at the Regina General Hospital. She and sister-in-law Edna were strong supporters of the Regina arts community. Upon her passing Atholl bequeathed the bulk of her estate to the Forbes Foundation. Edna is now resident at a Regina nursing home.

Murray was proud of his Scottish heritage and a strong believer in getting value for his money. His decisions were characteristically very well considered. His choice to establish the Forbes charitable foundation within the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation was no exception. Those responsible for administering the disposition of his legacy have no doubt that he would have agreed that this donation was money well spent and not in violation of the best Scottish principles.

This wonderful donation will refurbish and re-name areas within Wascana Place as the Edna Forbes Lady Slipper Courtyard and Lecture Theatre, the G. Murray Forbes Boardroom and the Atholl Forbes Lounge. It will also build a play area at the Wascana Lake Marina. The new play structures will add a unique element to an already popular location. This is the largest donation to date to a single charity by the Forbes Foundation. It is hoped that it will be of material help and maintain the Centre as the jewel of Regina.

Mr. Wascana!

Joe (Patrick Joseph) Moran was known as, simply, Mr. Wascana!

There was no questioning the vision and passion that Joe, Wascana Centre Authority's second Executive Director, had for the Centre, and for him it was truly a labor of love and lifelong commitment. He was synonymous with Wascana and an eloquent spokesman for all it represents.

Living on the grounds directly behind Saskatchewan's capital as the Provincial Horticulturalist, Joe answered "his calling" in 1962 to enhance the Authority's new administration as its Horticultural Director. He was asked to focus his 'green' knowledge and skills on what was predicted would become a world class park environment. Not long after his initiation and with some significant landscape projects under his belt and his high landscape maintenance standards implemented, Joe boldly declared the Centre as the green oasis of the prairies – as it's still touted today by a more than appreciative public.

Joe wasted little time in putting his signature on Wascana Centre, rising to the Authority's top position in 1966 on the departure of the Authority's first Executive Director, A. K. Gillmore.

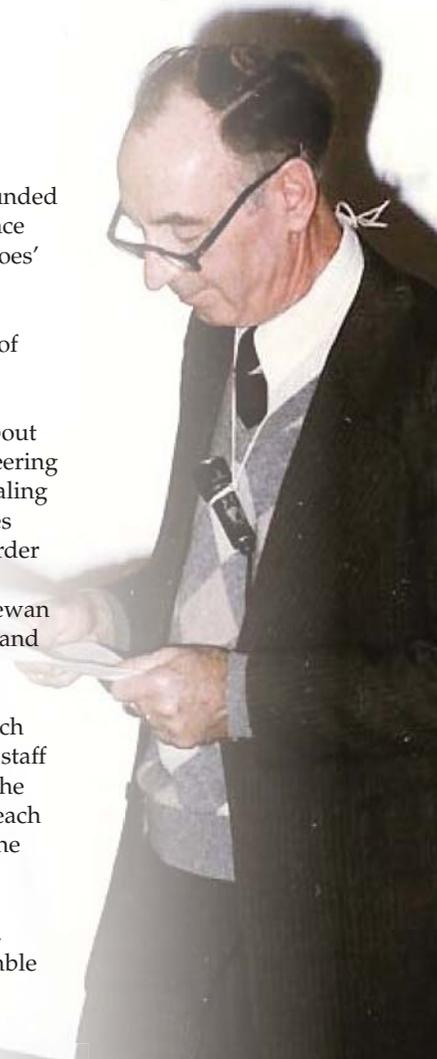
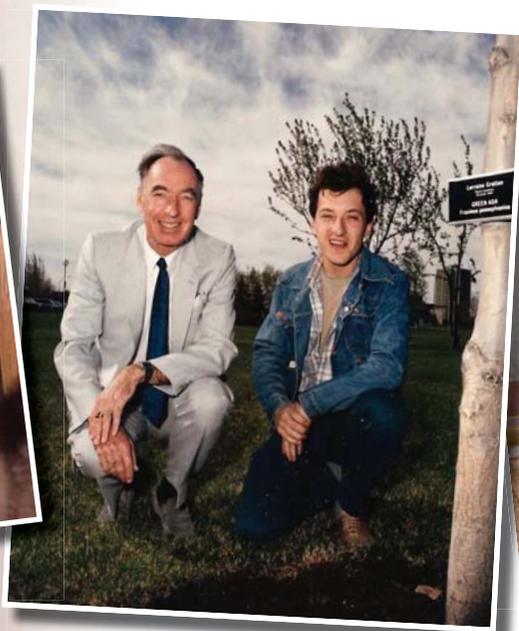
These were the formative years of the Centre, when the Authority's master plan, prescribed as a 100 year development plan, became more like a 25 year plan under Joe's guidance. Each field success quickly spawned another, then another, and the public was thrilled with what the Centre was becoming and how the five mandated purposes of the Centre were being facilitated.

The Authority's three participating parties recognized and supported the need for the growth of the Centre and thus funded capital improvements and landscape and service maintenance obligations accordingly. During periods of economic lows, Joe's favorite expression to the partners was 'fund it or fold it!' Most of what the public sees today is a result of work done during this period. Accordingly, Joe's reputation – and that of Wascana Centre – grew exponentially.

But, it wasn't all about greening the park. It was as much about building the Centre on excellent design, architecture, engineering and art. Joe quickly learned the language and his skill in dealing with proponents, design consultants, and review committees became legend. These attributes led to Joe's receiving the Order Of Canada, Honorary Fellowship in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Honorary Membership in the Saskatchewan Association and Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, and many other public service citations.

Joe ended his official Wascana career in 1987 but kept in touch with his 'family' of employees. He was an honored guest at staff functions, whenever his calendar wasn't full. In retirement, he balanced a plethora of educational and volunteer pursuits, each allowing him to keep checking off the many items on what he called his '100 list'.

In February, 2010 we sadly lost Joe at the age of 85 to cancer. However we celebrate the legacy of Mr. Wascana and a humble but remarkable man.



Wascana Events

Wascana Centre is home to hundreds of events and special gatherings each year. In 2009/2010 our popularity continued to grow as we witnessed an increase in total events in the Centre of 19 registered activities and in the Lady Slipper Courtyard alone an increase of about 20%.

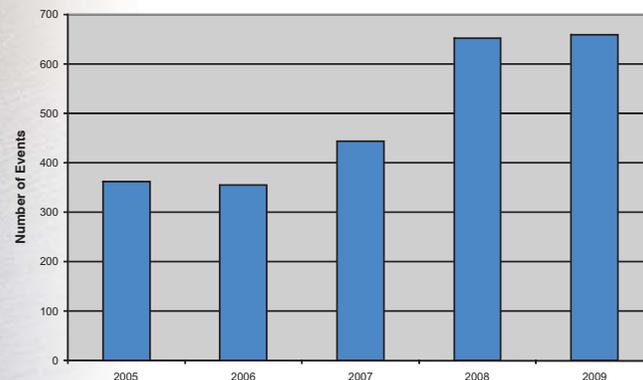
At the beginning of the fiscal year, Wascana Centre Authority introduced a new event booking process and fee for use system. This allowed all events to be reviewed in the same manner and be subject to the same rules and conditions. It provided options to all events, in some cases, acting as a reminder checklist. The new process facilitated the means of obtaining approvals for special requests and allowed for easier coordination of the multitude of events. Event organizers were not detracted from using the Centre and in fact applications were received for several new large events to take place in Wascana in 2010 including the annual Easter Seals relay, the YMCA Urban Challenge, and two new cultural festivals – a Latin one in July and a Ukrainian one in September.

A recollection of one of our 2009 special events is in picture here. This was a cross over between our ever popular sponsor a tree or bench program and a park event. Hemophilia Saskatchewan sponsored a tree that would recognize those affected by the tainted blood tragedy and allow a lifetime recognition symbol be in place for all to remember for years to come.

The tree and bench sponsorships continue to be a strong program in Wascana. It is a meaningful way to recognize a special accomplishment or event, or to memorialize someone who has passed on.

For more information on sponsoring or on the events in Wascana, visit www.wascana.ca or call 306-522-3661.

Wascana Events



Wascana Centre Authority

AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE MEMBERS

The accompanying summarized statements of financial position and operations are derived from the complete financial statements of Wascana Centre Authority as at March 31, 2010, and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 19, 2010. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Regina, Canada
May 19, 2010

Virtus Group LLP
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Chartered Accountants

Condensed Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

Assets	2010	2009
Current assets:		
Cash and term deposits	\$ 1,665,848	\$ 878,718
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	378,573	49,635
	2,044,421	928,353
Property, plant and equipment	3,246,818	3,159,732
	<u>\$ 5,291,239</u>	<u>\$ 4,088,085</u>

Liabilities and Participating Parties' Net Assets

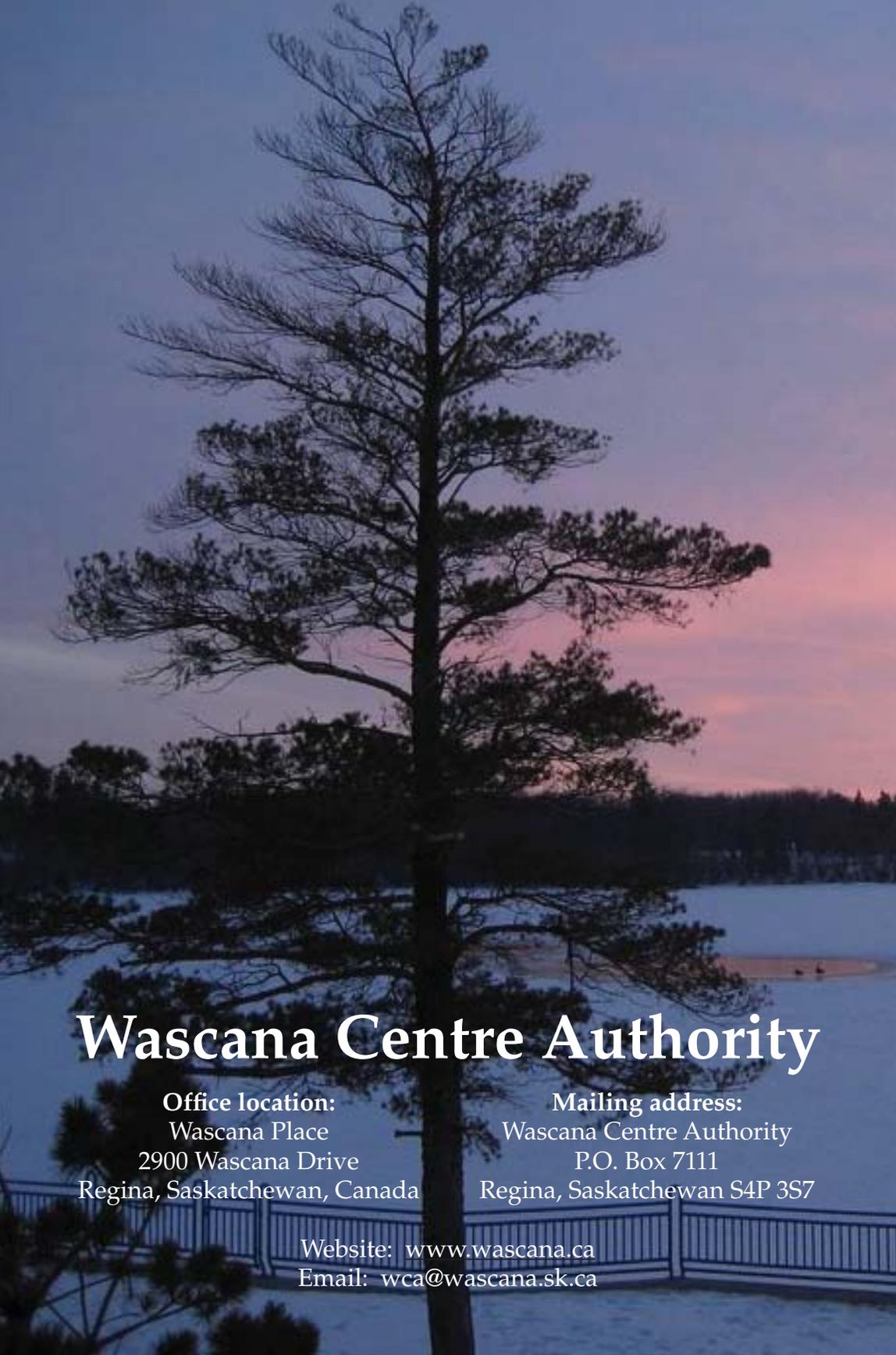
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 777,878	\$ 269,833
Deferred contributions	655,132	209,537
	1,433,010	479,370
Deferred contributions	377,818	430,006
Net assets	3,480,411	3,178,709
	<u>\$ 5,291,239</u>	<u>\$ 4,088,085</u>

Condensed Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2009

	2010	2009
Revenue		
Government of Saskatchewan	2,946,281	2,885,264
Saskatchewan Capital Commission	600,000	600,000
City of Regina	1,650,062	1,556,417
University of Regina	692,680	684,708
Other	1,396,160	301,932
	7,285,183	6,028,321
Expenses		
Park Labour, Supplies and Utilities	2,235,017	2,104,311
Equipment Costs, Employee Benefits and Supervision	1,798,366	1,719,554
Greenhouse, Police, Community Relations and Administration	1,426,812	1,331,467
Amortization	270,280	270,035
Landscape Construction	1,253,006	466,389
	6,983,481	5,891,756
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	301,702	136,565

For more detailed information, see www.wascana.ca



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