



**Wascana
Centre**

A place for you!

**2011-12 ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2011 - MARCH 31, 2012**

Wascana Centre Authority

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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

Chairman's Message

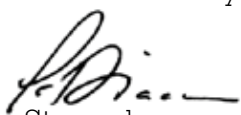
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s Chair of the Wascana Centre Authority Board of Directors and as Mayor of Regina, I want to thank CEO Bernadette McIntyre, her management team and all the hard-working, dedicated staff of Wascana Centre for their commitment to keeping Regina's crown jewel looking its best and accessible to thousands of visitors every year.

Like the rest of the city, Wascana Centre has undergone significant positive change in its recent history. The Big Dig was the first in a series of major work undertaken to ensure the parks viability for residents today and well into the future. Amenities like the new Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge are creating greater linkages and opportunities for everyone to enjoy the park even more. The renewal of the Candy Cane Park playground and the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre's accessible and therapeutic playground give families more opportunity to share in a healthy, active lifestyle.

The Authority is now embarking on a long-term visioning process charting the future of Wascana Centre. This is a monumental journey but one that will shape Wascana Centre for future generations. The foundation laid with the work already done provides a solid base to meet the future needs of visitors to the park and the greater community. I'm confident the path set forward will create a strategic direction for Wascana Centre that will leave a legacy for many years to come as our community continues to grow.

I want to extend my appreciation to the Board of Directors for their dedication and contributions to Wascana Centre Authority. Your time and expertise provide valuable guidance to the operation of the Centre.



Sincerely,
Pat Fiocco, Mayor



Photo credit: Greg Johnson



Fiocco Family



Grandpa Pat and Leena Fiocco

Photo credit: Lindsey Hoemson



Leena, Melissa and Matt Fiocco

CEO Report 2011-12

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Wascana Centre staff, partners and customers all experienced an eventful year. There was record snow fall that had crews busy with snow removal through to April 2011 and then came the floods. Wascana Centre staff with wonderful assistance from the Regina Rowing Club and Wascana Racing Canoe Club volunteers prepared sand bag barricades in the lower marina area to protect the boat houses and the Canada Games Centre from the rising flood waters. The water rose to high levels twice and part way a third time after the barricade was removed. Wascana Centre staff were extremely busy throughout the entire 2,300 acres making repairs and cleaning up after the flood waters receded. This work continued through to early July. Thank you very much for the terrific work.



Affinity Credit Union was welcomed into Wascana Centre's growing group of sponsor/partners in July 2011, as a multi-year sponsor of our "Park Courtesies" program which includes the implementation of recycling throughout the park. Over 5,000 park courtesies brochures were circulated to running/walking groups and the general public and courtesy reminder stencils were placed throughout the trail system. The initiatives have been well received by the public.

Friends of Wascana March and Farm Credit Canada partnered with Wascana Centre to fund the enhancement of the Waterfowl Display Ponds that reopened May 2, 2012. The continued support financially and in-kind is appreciated and significantly contributes to our conservation mandate and to the quality of the school tours hosted by Wascana Centre staff.

Wascana Centre's Board of Directors began discussions with the funding partners in spring 2011 to initiate a comprehensive review of Wascana Centre's infrastructure and its vision for decades to come. On October 6, 2011 the Board and its three major partners; the Province of Saskatchewan, City of Regina and University of Regina launched Wascana Centre's Comprehensive Review – The Vision for the Next 50 Years and Beyond. The Strategic Planning Committee of the Board is overseeing the Review, which is engaging independent professional consultants to assess all elements of the infrastructure, complete public consultations regarding a vision for the future and to develop an appropriate institutional design, governance structure and sustainable funding model. The Review is currently on schedule and within budget, with completion planned for 2013.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Mayor Pat Fiacco for his dedicated service on Wascana Centre's Authority's Board of Directors. For the past five years he has served as the dynamic and passionate Chair of the Board. Pat, thank you for all you have accomplished.

Once again the astute guidance from the Board of Directors, the dedication of the management team and the hard work of the staff have resulted in Wascana Centre being a place of recreation and beauty for all to enjoy throughout the seasons – truly a place for you.

M. Bernadette McIntyre
Chief Executive Officer

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Revitalizing a sanctuary for birds and people!

Since its opening in 1971, the Waterfowl Park Display Ponds have served Regina residents and visitors as a place to observe and feed waterfowl up close. It is within the sanctuary that Wascana Centre's captive waterfowl flock resides for the summer months, often hatching and raising their young. It has been the opportunity to experience these sorts of wonders that have drawn hundreds of school children to the ponds each year. Here they can see a female Snow Goose tending to her nest, or a Mallard hen basking in the sun with her brood of ducklings, or even see a pelican swallow a fish whole!

Over the last four decades the Display Ponds have evolved continually as new upgrades have been made. In 2011, Wascana Centre Authority, along with the Friends of Wascana Marsh and Farm Credit Canada's Spirit Fund continued to improve the ponds for the birds and people who cherish this area. With donations of \$6,000 from each the Friends and FCC, and a matching contribution from WCA, a number of improvements were made to the Ponds. Nine new interpretive signs were designed and installed along the pathway to teach visitors about the resident bird species found within the sanctuary during the summer. The pathway itself was upgraded to an all-weather path to allow for wheelchair access even in the rain. A new irrigation system and two semi-loads of sod were installed to ensure the captive flock has a good buffet to choose from. In addition, new shrubs and mulch were placed in the existing tree beds to continue to green the area and provide habitat for the birds.

Wascana Centre Authority staff, led by Park Naturalist Jared Clarke, and a great set of volunteers put in many hours to make these improvements possible. We are grateful to them. As well, a big thank you to our funding partners for being the catalyst for this project. There are more improvements to be made in the upcoming year but the Ponds are looking great!

Make sure to stop by and enjoy an evening stroll in the Waterfowl Park Display Ponds and learn more about this sanctuary. You will be amazed at just how many people will be there as well. We just ask you bring something healthy for the birds to eat like lettuce or grain... instead of bread.



Bilingual Interpretive Signage



Canadian Geese



Snow Geese

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Volunteers and Staff – Planting and Sodding

2011 & 2012 Wascana Centre Donations



Corporate Partners:

Affinity Credit Union
Farm Credit Canada
Friends of Wascana Marsh
South Saskatchewan Community
Foundation Inc.
The G. Murray and Edna Forbes
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Park Champions:

Paul Hartman and Martha McIntyre
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Richard and Bernadette McIntyre
Stuart and Jocelyn McIntyre
Jacqui Shumiatcher
United Way of Regina

Park Patrons:

Ken and Louise Arndt
John Boan
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Fred and Alice Wihak

Park Contributors:

Building Owners and Managers
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Selo Gardens Seniors Club
Dale Schoffer
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Park Supporters:

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Tree Sponsorships:

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City of Regina
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University of Regina
Trans Canada Trail Association
Community Initiatives Fund

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Thank you Affinity Credit Union



Park Courtesies



Thank you Molson Canada



Partners Planting for the Future

Wascana Centre Authority Financial Highlights

Please see www.wascana.ca for complete audited financial statements.

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31 2012

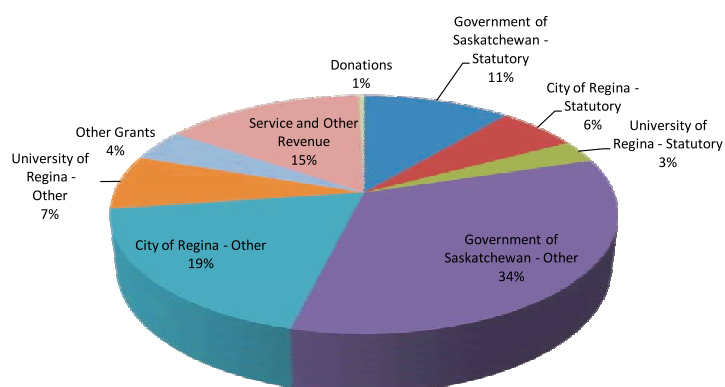
Assets	
Current Assets	\$ 2,731,642
Capital Assets	\$ 3,275,074
	<u>\$ 6,006,716</u>
Liabilities and Equity	
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,044,150
Deferred capital contributions	\$ 441,958
Equity	\$ 3,520,608
	<u>\$ 6,006,716</u>

Summarized Operating Statement For the year ended March 31 2012

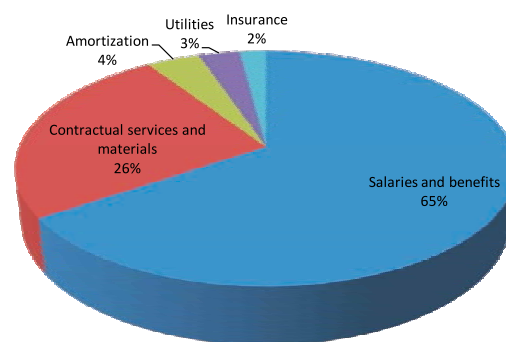
Grants	\$ 5,925,076
Service and Other Revenue	1,058,748
Donations	27,558
	<u>\$ 7,011,382</u>
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,565,799
Contractual services and materials	1,772,232
Amortization	284,899
Utilities	222,157
Insurance	140,273
	<u>\$ 6,985,360</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 26,022</u>

During 2011-12 WCA balanced revenues and expenditures, ending the fiscal year with a small surplus. Grant funding reductions that occurred in 2010-11 were restored which allowed operations to return to previous norms. Planning activities and preliminary work for the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens improvements and the Comprehensive Review resulted in higher accruals for receivables, payables, and deferred revenues than in previous years. As depicted in the graphs, Statutory funding for WCA only comprises 20% of total revenues with the majority of operations being funded through special purpose grants or service revenues. Expenditure allocations remain consistent with prior years, the largest proportion being salaries and benefits of staff engaged in maintenance, forestry, horticulture, engineering/construction, community relations, and administration.

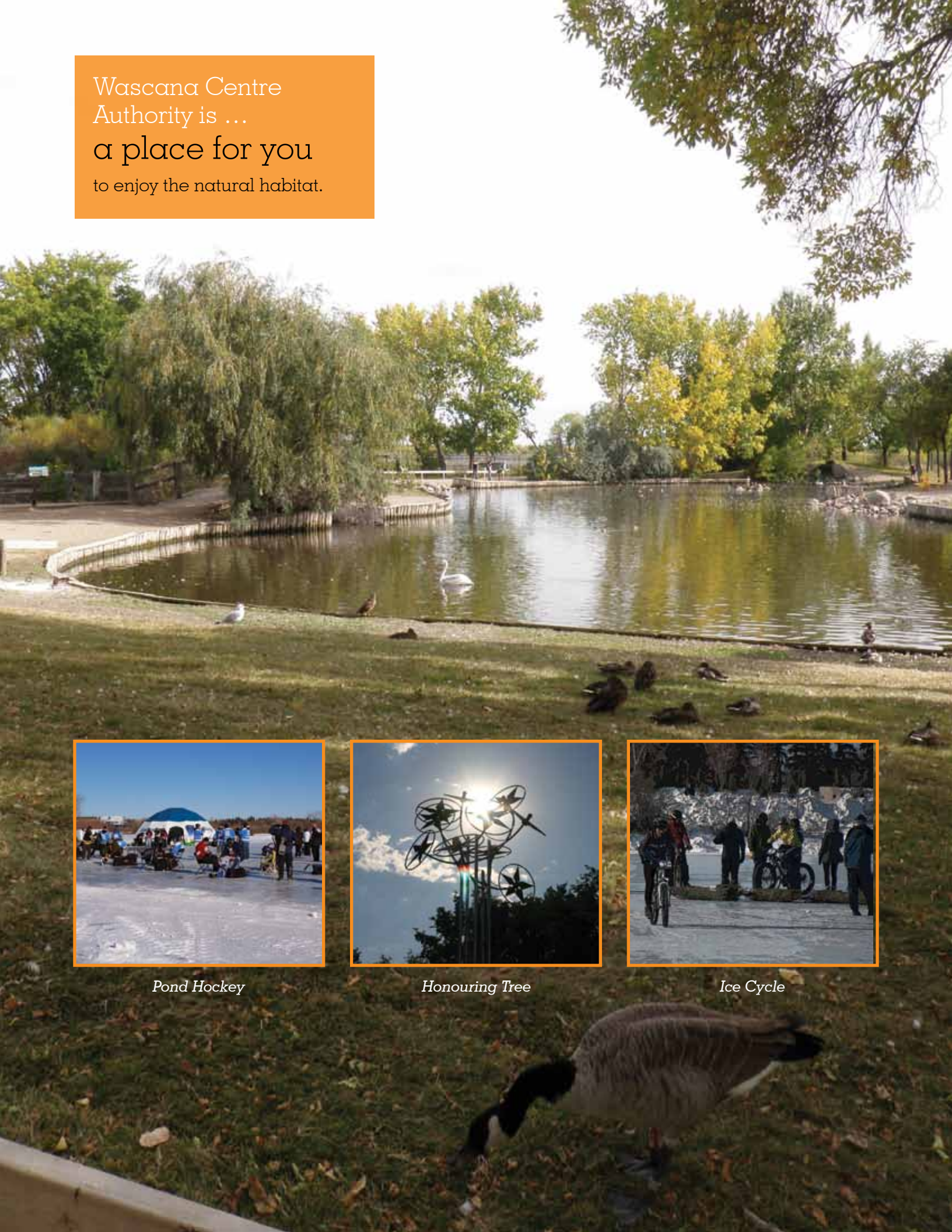
2012 Revenue



2012 Expenditures



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to enjoy the natural habitat.



Pond Hockey



Honouring Tree



Ice Cycle



Wascana Centre Authority

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