



2010-11 ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2010 - MARCH 31, 2011



Wascana
Centre

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Wascana Centre Authority

Board of Directors 2010 – 2011

Appointed by the Lieutenant
Governor in Council
(Five Directors):

Minister Bill Hutchinson*
Wayne Clifton
Ron Dedman*
Al Nicholson*
Sam Richardson*
Laura Ross*
Rod Sieffert
Christine Tell*

Appointed by resolution of the
City of Regina
(Three Directors):

Mayor Pat Fiacco
Councillor Mike O'Donnell
Councillor Michael Fougere

Appointed by the Governors of
the University of Regina
(Three Directors):

Dr. Vianne Timmons
Dale Schoffer
Nelson Wagner

Secretary to the Board:
Bernadette McIntyre

A special thank you to Wascana
Centre Authority retiring
Board Members Bill Hutchinson,
Laura Ross, and Sam
Richardson. Your contributions
are appreciated. Welcome to
Christine Tell, Ron Dedman and
Al Nicolson. We look forward to
your guidance and advice.

Management Staff

Chief Executive Officer:
Bernadette McIntyre

Director of Administration:
Vivian Lund*

Chief Financial Officer
Rachel Ratch*

Director of Operations:
Ken Dockham

Manager of Maintenance:
Larry Clay*

Manager of Engineering:
Jeff Herle

Manager of Human Resources:
Ranae McKenzie

Manager of Horticulture &
Forestry: D'Arcy Schenk

Manager of Community
Relations: Carissa Robb

Acting Manager & Supervisor 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

Chairman's Message

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s Chair of the Wascana Centre Authority Board of Directors and as Mayor of Regina, I commend the dedicated Wascana Centre employees for keeping the park beautiful and accessible to the thousands of people during every season. This was a particularly difficult task given this year's funding and weather challenges.

Wascana Centre truly is the jewel in Regina's crown and enjoyed by so many. I extend my sincere thanks to the Federal and Provincial governments who with the City of Regina provided support under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RIInC). This funding resulted in the construction of the Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge, the renewal for the Candy Cane Park playground and the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre's accessible and therapeutic playground. These are terrific examples of what we can accomplish when we work together.

I also 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.



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The ScotiaBank Prairie Pond Hockey Challenge tournament champions.



The Saskatchewan Credit Unions Queen City Marathon finish line.



The luminary display at the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life.

CEO Report

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ascana Centre Authority completed and opened two playground projects and the Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge during a year of many weather and funding challenges. Thanks to funding from the City of Regina and from the Federal and Provincial governments through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC), the Candy Cane park playground was refurbished and opened in late August. RInC funding combined with the tremendous efforts of Laura Stark, Carmen Danyluk and Meghan Cross and many volunteers, the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre's fully accessible and therapeutic playground was refurbished and opened in mid September. A National Trails Coalition grant combined with RInC funding and City of Regina support resulted in the completion and opening of the Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge and trail on September 14, 2011. Wascana Centre staff and all our patrons thank the three levels of government and the NTC for their much needed support for infrastructure renewal, which is being enjoyed by thousands.

The Forbes Foundation play area in the lower marina was completed and opened in July 2011, with many of the Forbes family and friends in attendance. The very generous donation from the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation made the playground a reality and funded much needed upgrades to Wascana Place.

The Friends of Wascana Marsh continue to support Wascana Centre financially and through the production of the wonderful "Wings Over Wascana" nature festival. Wascana Centre's natural habitat is a little known gem in the middle of our fair City. Thanks to the "Friends" for working diligently to enhance that profile.

The dedicated staff and Board Members at Wascana Centre work very hard throughout the year to maintain the beauty and safety of the Centre for everyone to enjoy. Innovative ideas, teamwork and a caring attitude enable the staff to maintain the park with limited resources and work on funded projects. Your contributions are greatly appreciated – thank you.

M. Bernadette McIntyre
CEO



The Wascana Centre Authority forestry crew.

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The natural side of Wascana Centre

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Escaping into nature, while remaining in the middle of Regina is one of the attributes of Wascana Centre, one of which the Wascana Junior Naturalist program took advantage of all year! During the fall and spring sessions 46 Junior Naturalists met in Wascana Centre bi-weekly to band birds, catch bugs, learn about voles, mice and shrews and so much more.

At a time when today's youth are becoming increasingly disconnected from the natural environment around them, this program aims to provide an opportunity to connect with nature. Our focus is to bring like-minded children together to learn the simple joys of nature and offer the chance to discover nature right in Wascana Centre. The program continues to grow in popularity and success and receives many compliments that it offers a wonderful counter balance to the competitive nature of other youth programs.

Another way Wascana Centre Authority recognized the importance of the natural side of Wascana in 2010 was the establishment of a Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survival (MAPS) banding station in the Habitat Conservation Area. In only 6 days spread throughout June to August, Wascana's park Naturalist, along with a crew of volunteers, captured and banded 332 birds of 26 species of marsh songbirds in Wascana Marsh! This program will continue to monitor these bird populations in the years to come.



Dipping for minnows.

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Yellow warbler.



Wascana Junior Naturalists bird watching.



Wascana Junior Naturalists checking out a garter snake.

A group of children, mostly boys, are gathered in a field of tall grass at night. They are using flashlights to illuminate the ground. Some children are looking at the ground, while others are holding flashlights. The scene is dark, with the only light coming from the flashlights. The children are wearing various jackets and hoodies, suggesting a cool night. The grass is tall and thin, and the overall atmosphere is one of a night-time field excursion or scavenger hunt.

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devoted to the
development
of the seat of government,
the enlargement of
educational, research
and development
opportunities, the
advancement of cultural
arts, the improvement of
recreational facilities and
the conservation of the
environment.

WRC playground ready for kids

A

large crowd gathered at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre's concourse on September 14 to celebrate the official opening of WRC's new playground. "If you have a vision, goals, objectives and determination, you can do almost anything," said Bernadette McIntyre, chief executive officer of Wascana Centre Authority (WCA).

McIntyre was referring to the accomplishments of Meghan Cross, Carmen Danyluk and Laura Stark – the three young women who spearheaded the project. The three worked tirelessly with people from the Federal and Provincial governments, the Region, WCA, the Hospitals of Regina Foundation, WRC, business and community groups and volunteers over a two-year period to bring a new playground to WRC.

"We couldn't have achieved this amazing project without the network of support that saw this project through to completion," said Danyluk. The multi-coloured play structure is wheelchair accessible and has slides, overhead climbing equipment, balancing elements and features to stimulate the senses. A sidewalk now encircles the courtyard, which increases the exercise area for bicycle and wheelchair users, and a sunshade has been installed over the picnic area, so that it is usable on hot days and comfortable for all ages.

"We wanted the children and families to outnumber the cobwebs on the playground," said Danyluk in explaining why she, Cross and Stark wanted to replace the former playground on the WRC site.

Also speaking at the event were Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sports Minister Bill Hutchinson, City Councillor Louis Browne and Member of Parliament Tom Lukiwski, who predicted that the upgrades "will last for many years into the future."

Investments from the Federal and Provincial governments, the City of Regina, the Canadian Progress Club Regina Centre, several businesses, individuals and volunteers contributed to the project's overall success.

- Courtesy Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region



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Playground donated by the
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Foundation

More Wascana Centre Projects

LEIBEL FIELD

In August of 2009 the City of Regina announced the exciting upgrades to Leibel Field thanks to contributions from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the City of Regina, Regina Minor Football (RMF) and Regina Soccer Association (RSA). Thanks to the great fundraising efforts of the RMF and RSA, City of Regina support and the RInC program this project is now a reality. Throughout the 2010-2011 fiscal year, crews worked on substantial renovations, including the installation of lighting and an all new artificial playing surface. Leibel Field reopened spring 2011, providing increased recreational opportunities that will benefit the whole community. This new facility will extend the season for hundreds of amateur sport players, and while allowing for more use, it will also conserve water, reduce gasoline powered maintenance and the application of herbicides and pesticides. Phase 2 of Leibel Field will include the addition of 500 stadium-style seats, improved concessions and an elevated press box, along with a video display board and score clock. This exciting facility development creates renewed recreational opportunities for all members of the athletic community. Wascana Centre Authority is pleased to be a small part of this terrific collaboration.

CANDY CANE PARK PLAYGROUND

Over the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Wascana Centre Authority, in partnership with the three levels of government upgraded two playgrounds through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program, one at Candy Cane Park and the other at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre (profiled earlier).

First to officially open was the Candy Cane Park playground in August of 2010. Now, new generations of children will enjoy increased opportunities to play and learn in a safe and engaging setting. The 30-year-old Candy Cane playground upgrades include new Canadian Standards Association-approved play features, a more accessible play area, improved drainage systems and improved landscaping. Four fully-accessible play elements are now available at the site, which provides new opportunities for physically-challenged children. The larger number of play features promote increased physical activity for all children, and provides a safe and fun place for families to enjoy in the heart of the city.



BROAD STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE & TRAIL

As a result of the infrastructure funding from the three levels of government and the National Trails Coalition, Regina's favorite trail is completely safe and fully accessible. A new pedestrian bridge and trail diverting pedestrians and cyclists away from vehicle traffic on the Broad Street bridge was officially opened in September of 2010. Wascana Centre Authority constructed a new 38-metre long pedestrian bridge on existing terminal pilings prepared during the Wascana Lake Revitalization project. Upgrades were made to the existing trail on the northwest side of the Broad Street bridge and around the bridge base to reduce soil erosion. The bridge and trail are fully wheelchair accessible meaning everyone can now walk or ride around the whole lake without using roadways. Regina residents and visitors will find a wider, safer and more accessible route around the ever popular Wascana Lake now that the loop around the main lake is complete.



Wascana Centre Authority

2010-11 Financial Results

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members,
Wascana Centre Authority

The accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the summarized statement of financial position as at March 31, 2011, and summarized statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Wascana Centre Authority for the year ended March 31, 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 28, 2011. Those financial statements, and the summarized financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Reading the summarized financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Wascana Centre Authority.

Management's Responsibility for the Summarized Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements including major totals and subtotals from the related complete financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarized financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summarized financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Wascana Centre Authority for the year ended March 31, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

July 6, 2011
Regina, Saskatchewan


Chartered Accountants

Summarized Statement of Financial Position as of March 31

Thousands

	2011	2010
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and term deposits	\$ 1,886	\$ 1,666
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	289	378
	<u>2,175</u>	<u>2,044</u>
Property, plant and equipment	3,056	3,247
	\$ 5,231	\$ 5,291
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 432	\$ 779
Deferred contributions	864	654
	<u>1,296</u>	<u>1,433</u>
Deferred Capital contributions	441	378
Net Assets	3,494	3,480
	\$ 5,231	\$ 5,291

Summarized Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31

Thousands

	2011	2010
Revenue		
Government of Saskatchewan	\$ 3,098	\$ 3,546
City of Regina	1,801	1,650
University of Regina	676	693
Other	911	1,396
	<u>\$ 6,486</u>	<u>\$ 7,285</u>
Expenses		
Park labour, equipment and supplies	\$ 3,837	\$ 4,161
Community Relations and Administration	1,028	1,299
Amortization	358	270
Landscape Construction	1,249	1,253
	<u>\$ 6,472</u>	<u>\$ 6,983</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ 14	\$ 302

For more detailed information, see www.wascana.ca



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