



Wascana Centre

A place for you!

2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2012 - MARCH 31, 2013



Wascana Centre Authority

Board of Directors 2012 – 2013

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We look forward to your guidance and advice.

Management Staff

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* 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

Chair's Message



I would like to say what an honour it has been for me to serve as Chair of the Wascana Centre Authority Board of Directors over the past year.

My first official day as Chair – April 1, 2012 – began with a special celebration in Wascana Centre in honour of the 50th anniversary of Wascana Centre's creation. That day was a fitting start to the year, because over the next 12 months, Wascana Centre was the location of many community events, including Canada Day celebrations, the centennial of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, the SaskPower Dragon Boat Festival, and even an organized snow shoe race!

Wascana Centre truly lives up to its motto – “A place for you!” – because throughout the year it touches the lives of everyone in our community. Whether you walk or jog in its beautiful surroundings, have a picnic with your family and friends on the shore of Wascana Lake during the summer, attend events at the Conexus Arts Centre, or even work within Wascana Centre as I do at the University of Regina, you cannot help but think how fortunate we are to have this resource at the centre of our city.

The legacy began in 1962, when Wascana Centre was created by a far-sighted act of the Saskatchewan Legislature for “the development of the seat of Government, the enlargement of educational, research and development opportunities, the advancement of the cultural arts, the improvement of recreational facilities and the conservation of the environment.” Fifty years later, Wascana Centre is still fulfilling this mandate through the work of its dedicated employees and the support of everyone in our community.

We are all stewards of that legacy, and for that reason, in 2012 we launched our Wascana, a 50-year visioning project that is using public input to shape the future of Wascana Centre. I look forward to seeing the results of this initiative in the months and years to come, as our community works together to preserve and enhance Wascana Centre for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vianne Timmons".

Dr. Vianne Timmons
President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Regina



CEO Message

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ascana Centre Authority's 50th anniversary festivities officially began on April 1, 2012, exactly 50 years to the day that the Legislation was proclaimed and the Authority was created. An open house was held at Wascana Place with over 500 people of all ages in attendance. There were tours, lectures, children's activities, balloons, cake and the dedication of a commemorative plaque. It was truly a celebration of the vision that was initiated in 1905 by Premier Walter Scott and is now a legacy to the Saskatchewan people.

The celebrations continued throughout 2012 with staff festivities, a greenhouse open house in May, a pancake breakfast at the Wings over Wascana Nature Festival, guided garden tours, complimentary lake boat tours June through September, and displays at many community and "Park" events. The public and staff embraced and engaged in the celebrations and learned about the history of Wascana Centre and its value to the community.

The prestigious Saskatchewan Legislative Building celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012 and as a result of the two significant anniversaries the Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Regina and Wascana Centre Authority partnered to complete a major refurbishment of the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens. This significant project was designed and coordinated by Ken Dockham, Director of Operations and Landscape Architect for Wascana Centre. On August 12, 2012, the Gardens were reopened with much fanfare. The Lt Governor, the RCMP Musical Ride troupe, an Honour Guard and thousands of spectators watched as the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens were reopened to much acclaim.

Then came winter with a 100 year record snowfall, Wascana Centre staff worked 24/7 keeping the Centre accessible despite frigid temperatures and never ending snow to clear and move. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff who worked on anniversary celebrations, conservation initiatives, administration, stewardship of the land year round and especially this year all those on the snow crews. Well Done!

Wascana Centre is committed to caring for our most important asset, our employees. During the past year the Authority has supported its core values by bringing a greater focus to safety. The management team was restructured to include a Manager of Safety and the overall Safety program was modernized. These updates were rolled out late in the year through staff meetings and training sessions, which will be ongoing. A reduction in injuries has resulted already, as well as improved identification and mitigation of possible hazards for visitors.

Thank you goes to all those who support Wascana Centre Authority and its programs. Special appreciation is extended to our continuing corporate partners – the Friends of Wascana March, Queen City Marathon, Affinity Credit Union and The G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation. Your support is invaluable.

On October 6, 2011, Wascana Centre Authority's Board of Directors 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 of Directors is overseeing the Review, which is progressing on time and within budget. Initial results indicate there is an infrastructure deficit and that the public love Wascana Centre and want to preserve its legacy into the future.

Thank you to the volunteer Board of Directors for their guidance, expertise and vision. Heartfelt appreciation to the management team and staff for all the hard work, dedication and openness to all the changes they are experiencing. Wascana Centre is a priceless legacy that as a team we steward and value for all of you.

M. Bernadette McIntyre
Chief Executive Officer



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WCA Management 1980s.



WCA Management 2012.

Conservation of the Environment

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he Wascana Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program completed its 3rd season of research this summer in the Habitat Conservation Area (HCA). 546 individual birds, of 35 species were captured, banded and released in only six days, spread out over the summer months. Since the program began in 2010, 1332 birds of 41 species have been captured. This project will provide population fluctuations for the many species of songbirds that use Wascana Marsh to raise their young in. Thus far, the data shows that 25 species are confirmed breeding within the HCA every year, with an additional 10 confirmed breeding in the HCA in some of those years. This demonstrates the importance of Wascana Marsh and the HCA to bird conservation in Regina.

Highlighting Wascana Centre Authority's ability to think eco-friendly and innovatively, WCA partnered with Friends of Wascana Marsh on a new project utilizing goats to graze caragana in the Habitat Conservation Area. On August 18-21, 40 goats demonstrated they were an effective way to help control the invasive shrub species caragana that has encroached on what remains of the remnant native prairie patch in the HCA. The pilot project was a success, as the goats did a good job of damaging the caragana and the public response was incredibly positive. Over 150 people came down to see the goats in action during a two hour period on the Saturday of grazing and media coverage was extensive. Watch for the goats return in 2013!

The Wascana Junior Naturalist program continues to connect Regina youth with nature for the 4th year now. 207 spots have been made available over eight seasons and have all been filled by enthusiastic participants. One of the children's favourite is our CSI: Animal Crimes session. The Junior Naturalists must use their observation and identification skills to figure out what happened and what animals were involved! You won't find anything this interesting on tv...

Wascana's Canada Goose management program is having the desired results of reducing the Canada Goose population to a more natural level during the summer months. The multi-pronged program included public education, banding, egg oiling, translocation (goose roundup) and exclusion fencing. The overall nest density has dropped from a high of 603 nests within Wascana Centre in 2005 to 430 nests in 2012, representing a 29% decrease. 393 new Canada Geese were banded in 2012, bringing our total number of birds banded since 2009 to 2699. A total of 406 geese were translocated during Goose Roundup to Cumberland Lake on June 28th.

In addition to continued Waterfowl Park Display Pond upgrades, the Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival, school group tours, and much more, Wascana Centre's naturalist had a busy year!



Ambush bug on black-eyed susan in habitat conservation area.

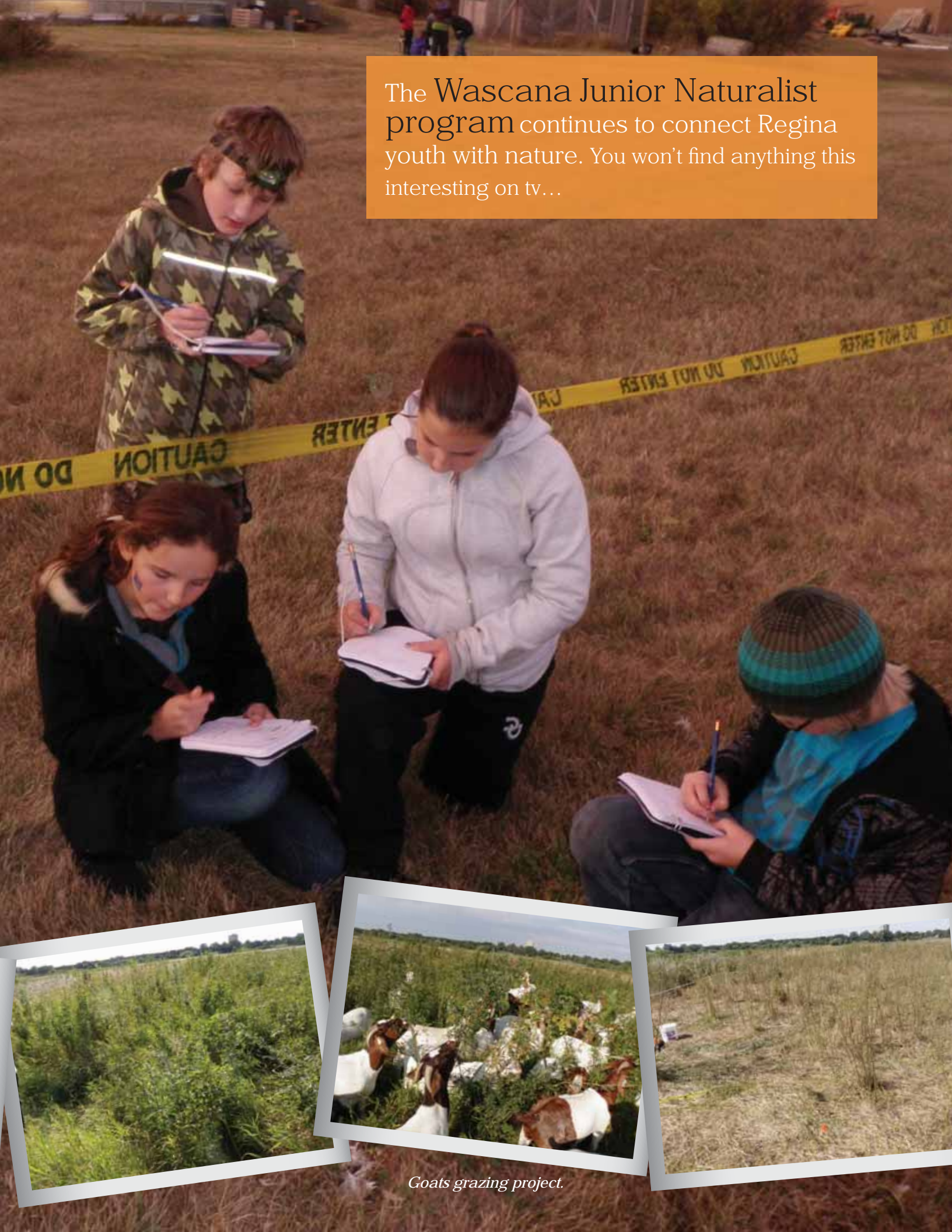


Banding red-winged blackbird during Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival.



Pair of Gadwall in front of school group pond dipping in HCA.

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Goats grazing project.

WCA Retirees



KEN DOCKHAM

Joe Moran hired Ken over 39 years ago. A young, enthusiastic American landscape architect ready to make his creative mark on the world and Wascana Centre was the perfect venue. He turned out to be quite promising and went on to complete his Masters of Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois with an average of 98.75%. It must have paid off as he was promoted to Director of Operations permanently on March 25, 1994.

Ken is indeed a very talented and creative designer – you need only look around the Centre. Two recent major projects Ken designed include the Broad Street Pedestrian Bridge and The Queen Elizabeth II Gardens refurbishment. These are amazing enhancements that serve the people of Regina and Saskatchewan. Ken received many awards during his distinguished career including a Fellowship in the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects in 2006.

Ken your contributions to Wascana Centre are unmatched, congratulations on

your retirement from Wascana Centre Authority and thank you for all your creative efforts and diligence. We wish you a healthy and happy retirement.

GARY CHAMBERLIN

As Wascana Centre Authority celebrates 50 years, Gary celebrates 42 years working with the Authority – amazing!

Gary worked for Wascana Centre Authority at a time that saw an incredible amount of construction and development.





He's worked for, with or supervised hundreds of staff members in his 42 years at Wascana.

He either supervised or ran: Development staff, night shift snow removal staff and the ever complex Campus Area for most of his years.

It's an incredible skill that Gary had to be able to get the most out of his staff. From the early years when it was tough to keep everyone busy to the later years when it was hard to get all the work done with the limited staff. Gary always seemed to find a way to do it and always had good suggestions.

He can now kick back and enjoy being a grandfather and relax at home in Rouleau without having to worry about getting into work and braving nasty weather to do so.

Gary enjoy your retirement. You will be missed.

BO RASMUSSEN

Bo was hired in May 1973 as a Park Assistant and quickly progressed his career in the area of forestry.

Bo became one of our best, well respected supervisors in Wascana Centre. He is dedicated to the urban forest and the protection of the trees and shrubs that everyone cherishes. He was respected by all who worked with him and showed leadership on a daily basis. He was very approachable and helpful. His confidence, empathy and technical skills were always apparent.

Bo has a strong sense of family, caring deeply for his wife and three children. He has a big heart that will be missed by everyone.



50th Anniversary Celebrations



2012 was a monumental year for Wascana Centre Authority (WCA) as this was the 50th year since our official inception as a separate independent body. On April 1, 1962 an Act of Legislation was proclaimed *The Wascana Centre Act*, thereby creating Wascana Centre Authority.

WCA is an integral part of the Regina community and home to the most recognized and important provincial building, the Saskatchewan Legislative Building. *The Act* was set in place to ensure that the important parkland surrounding the Legislative Building, centred in the heart of Regina, was protected and beautified so that generations to come would be able to enjoy the space as a free and encompassing land. In 2012 we celebrated the vision of these early provincial and municipal leaders.

The goal of the year of celebrations was to recognize the importance of WCA to the community and install a

sense of pride in the residents and staff with respect to our remarkable urban oasis. Many events and activities were planned to highlight the 50th anniversary. Our theme was "Celebrating the Vision".



It all began with a reception on January 5 to launch our logo and announce our plans. Every piece of Wascana equipment including trucks, backhoes, lawnmowers, etc. as well as every piece of mail, invoice and email featured the 50th anniversary logo.

The community was informed through regular radio broadcasts, numerous

speaking engagements, and by participating in many third party park events. There was a dedicated 50th anniversary page on our web-site, we re-launched our facebook page and started tweeting.

A special eight page LeaderPost supplement that highlighted Wascana Centre history, people and features was published on March 31, 2012. At the same time we printed, with the LeaderPost, an additional eight page supplement that listed every Wascana Centre Authority employee that had ever been hired to work for the park. This very special piece was available only to current and past employees or by special request.

Our employees were also treated in many more ways as we recognized our 50th year. All year-round staff and volunteer board and committee members received a jacket with the 50th logo embroidered; all staff received 50th hats; cake and coffee were served at a staff-





only birthday party; we had a staff day where everyone worked together then enjoyed a wiener roast and posed for a group picture. The group picture was then distributed at another staff event – a ball tournament and barbeque.

Through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and staff we did make great advancements towards our goal. We see greater interest in our park and in our programs. More people understand what Wascana Centre is and support what Wascana Centre Authority does.

1 At Wascana Centre's Annual Reception in January, we announced our 50th Birthday plans and revealed our 50th Birthday logo. Numerous historic photos displayed in the room helped to invoke reminiscing.

2 A Winter Festival weekend was held on February 11 & 12 with the Prairie Pond Hockey

Challenge and Wascana IceCycle as the keystone activities. Additional activities included a photo opportunity with a cut-out, a publicity hockey game of mascots versus WCA, snow shoeing, public skating on the lake and horse and wagon rides. This weekend began the 50-day countdown to our 50th birthday on April 1.

3 In the week leading up to the semi-annual Regina Federation of Artists Art Show & Sale in March (and again in November) a 50th anniversary Artist in Residence promotion took place. The public were invited to Wascana Place to view and interact with the artists who were on-site, working on their pieces.

4 The WCA 50th Birthday Party took place on Sunday, April 1st at Wascana Place. A day full of activities focussing on the uniqueness of Wascana Centre took place including seed planting, guided nature tour, CSI nature

investigation, lectures, gallery tours, public chime ringing, book signings, colouring contest, photo album viewing, mascot visit, plaque unveiling, official speeches of recognition, and birthday cake cutting.

5 On April 2, a private birthday party was held for WCA employees who also enjoyed celebratory cake.

6 On May 2, we celebrated the Grand Re-opening of the Waterfowl Park Display Ponds with colleagues, volunteers, public, media and the first goslings of the season that hatched that day. Visitors were given bags of seed to feed the birds.

7 We decorated a 50th themed table for the MacKenzie Art Gallery's annual Art in Bloom event.

8 At the Wings Over Wascana Nature Festival on May 11 & 12, we hosted a 50th Pancake Breakfast.



9 Between the May long weekend and the September long weekend, complimentary guided boat tours were offered on every Friday and Sunday afternoons. Participants were given a historic account of Wascana by the boat operators and enjoyed sharing their own stories as well. The tours were open to anyone and everyone and were very popular.

10 Wascana Centre's Greenhouse opened its doors to the public, hosting free tours on May 25 & 26. It was a treat enjoyed by all who attended as it is a working greenhouse and not usually open to public viewing.

11 On May 29, Wascana staff sailed over to Willow Island for a work bee, group picture and wiener roast.

12 The Summer Solstice Soiree was held on June 21 and Wascana Place hosted a

sold out crowd! The fundraising evening included silent and live auctions, served wine & hors d'oeuvres, and a great jazz trio.

13 As part of the Canada Day celebrations in Wascana Centre on July 1, the Regina Mascots (led by our very own Digger the Dog) participated in a Canada Day Mascot Challenge.

14 A display highlighting our first 50 years was set up at the Queen City Ex's "Down Memory Lane" in August.

15 The Grand Re-opening of the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens on August 12 was a huge success! There were RCMP horses & parade, formal speeches, a ribbon cutting by the Lieutenant Governor and garden tours.

16 In August, two guided tours of the newly renovated Queen Elizabeth II Gardens were offered to the general public.

17 On September 1, WCA took part in the Dragon Boat Festival with an activity fun zone for kids that included skipping rope, hula hooping, and drawing with sidewalk chalk, all with our mascot.

18 At the Wonders of Wascana Photo Scavenger Hunt on September 22, we partnered with RSM and sent teams all over Wascana Centre to locate the 'hidden gems' of Wascana!

19 On November 20, a staff reunion tea was held at Wascana Place for all past and current employees of Wascana Centre Authority. The afternoon was full of stories, laughter and trips down memory lane.

20 The year closed with our last event, a reception on November 29. That evening we also lit a Christmas tree on Broad Street and lined the walk up to Wascana Place with alternating blue and white lights.



Celebrating the Vision



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2012 & 2013 Wascana Centre Donations



Corporate Partners:

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Wascana Centre Authority Financial Highlights

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

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31 2013

Assets	
Current Assets	\$ 2,013,124
Capital Assets	<u>3,991,810</u>
	<u>\$ 6,004,934</u>
Liabilities and Equity	
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,746,535
Deferred capital contributions	874,941
Equity	<u>3,383,458</u>
	<u>\$ 6,004,934</u>

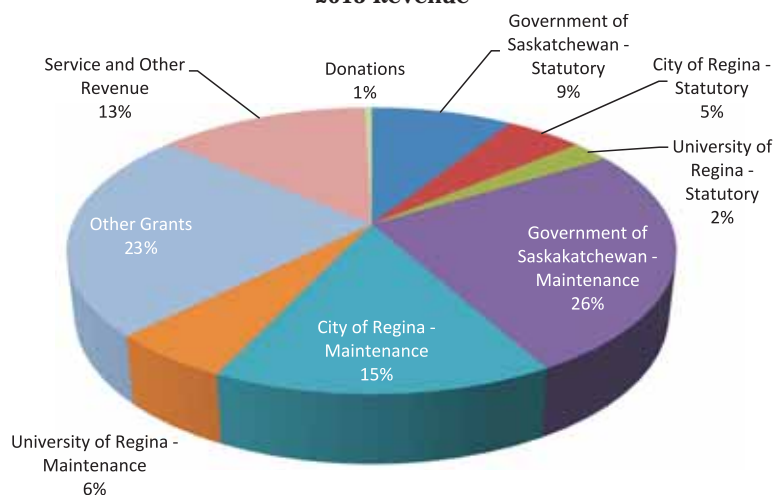
Summarized Operating Statement

For the year ended March 31 2013

Grants	\$ 7,516,258
Service and Other Revenue	1,170,728
Donations	<u>29,133</u>
	8,716,119
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,601,488
Contractual services and materials	3,556,115
Amortization	326,532
Utilities	263,614
Insurance	<u>105,520</u>
	8,853,269
Net Income (Loss) for the year	<u>\$ (137,150)</u>

During the 2012-13 WCA used unrestricted net assets to maintain status quo services as operating grants did not increase. Completion of the major Queen Elizabeth II Gardens improvements and most of the Comprehensive Review resulted in lower accruals for receivables and payables. As depicted in the graphs, Statutory funding for WCA only comprises 16% (2012- 20%) of total revenues with the majority of operations being funded through special purpose grants or service revenues. The Gardens improvements and Review resulted in proportionally higher contractual services and materials for the year, but if these two projects are excluded expenditure proportions are consistent with prior years.

2013 Revenue



2013 Expenditures

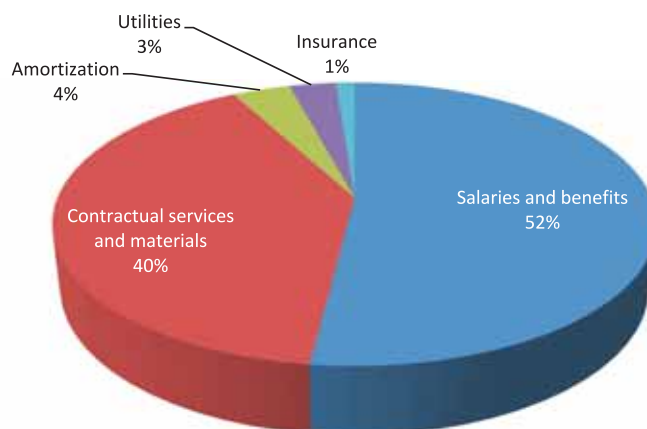




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