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Jonathan McGillivray (Chair of the Board) and Sarah Van Exan (Executive Director)



WITH EACH PASSING YEAR, THE NEED TO BUILD ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP IN CANADIAN POLITICS MULTIPLIES ALONGSIDE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.



That's a line we've used before in communications to our supporters, but it merits some reflection. The impacts of climate change are unfolding in Canada and around the globe at an alarming pace. At GreenPAC, 2023 was the first year the Director of our Parliamentary Internship for the Environment program had to issue regular extreme weather warnings to our interns, advising them to work from home as Ottawa faced unsafe air quality levels from wildfire smoke (experienced across much of Canada) and multiple tornado alerts.

Millions more Canadians felt the direct impacts of climate change in 2023. That should translate into higher expectations of our elected representatives to demonstrate leadership and accelerate durable policy solutions that support climate stability.

On the other hand, however, a variety of factors distract, disaffect, and limit both Canadians and our political leaders. The affordability crisis is stretching pocketbooks. Trust in our politicians and political institutions is in decline. Growing polarization and ideological politics reduce cross-party collaboration

and, as a result, lead to fewer policy solutions that will withstand elections. It is no surprise that this fails to inspire children and youth, many of whom already feel real mental and social health impacts of maturing in a pandemic and **are experiencing climate anxiety and distress at concerning rates.**

This challenge reinforces the critical importance of our work at GreenPAC. The runway for climate change solutions is short. We need to do everything we can to make sure our political systems and processes, and the leaders within them, work with the greatest possible ambition toward equitable, sustainable change.

This fiscal year, we were proud to continue and grow that effort by expanding the Parliamentary Internship Environment to **10 exceptional youth leaders** who added essential environmental capacity on the Hill and developed the skills needed to be transformative changemakers. We brought together **hundreds of advocates, experts, and political leaders across parties** for dialogue and educational programming on environmental politics. We convened online and in-person workshops with youth from across the country

as part of our third annual FLIP Summit to explore their vision of environmental leadership, inspire meaningful engagement in politics and elevate their competencies as environmental changemakers. We formed a **national Youth Advisory Council** that is bringing vital perspectives and fresh ideas to our work. And, once again, we checked in with GreenPAC's endorsees to find out how they've been using their time to champion the environment and remind them that Canadians expect leadership.

NEW DIRECTIONS

The past year for GreenPAC has been marked by some major undertakings that have been quietly taking shape behind the scenes.

GreenPAC played an instrumental role in founding **Environmental Leadership Canada (ELC)**, a new Canadian charity committed to building a fresh wave of environmental leaders and boosting the capacity of everyday Canadians who care about the environment to engage in our democracy and hold elected officials accountable. In Fall 2023, ELC took the reins on GreenPAC's educational, capacity-building initiatives, like the Parliamentary Internship for the Environment (PIE), 100 Debates on the Environment, Every Day Advocates, and our FLIP events (for Future Leaders in Politics). GreenPAC remains a critical partner in these initiatives.

We'd like to take a moment to recognize our team — this was a huge undertaking for every staff member over and above their regular responsibilities and programming commitments.

We have also been busy readying a new program for launch — the **Municipal Climate Internship (MCI)**, delivered in partnership with ELC. MCI will boost the capacity of rural municipalities to take climate action and invest in the development of young community climate leaders by placing them in the offices of local municipalities where they will gain first-hand experience and knowledge in municipal climate issues, solutions, and local decision-making processes. It is the only Canadian municipal internship program with a climate focus and among the only political internship programs for youth.

In its pilot year (beginning in January 2024), MCI will place three interns in three host municipalities in southeastern Ontario. We plan to be operating in at least three provinces or territories by Year 3.

We look ahead to FY24 with enthusiasm, optimism, and gratitude to everyone who engaged in our work this year — our donors, sponsors, volunteers, program participants, the Parliamentarians who hosted our interns, our growing intern alumni network, and followers. Thank you for helping us make the environment a driving force in Canadian politics. Your support and our accomplishments are inseparable.

JONATHAN MCGILLIVRAY
& **SARAH VAN EXAN**

EVENTS



Pat Dalzell (Head of Corporate Affairs, Bruce Power)
at Breakfast on the Hill 2022.

WE CONVENE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS WITH POLITICIANS, EXPERTS, AND CANADIANS ABOUT HOW TO MAKE POLITICS WORK FOR THE PLANET. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR EVENTS FROM THE **2022/23 SEASON**.

BREAKFAST ON THE HILL 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

Special Guests: Valérie Courtois (Director, Indigenous Leadership Initiative), MP Julie Dabrusin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change), The Hon. Joyce Murray (then-Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard), MP Dan Mazier (Dauphin—Swan River—Neepawa), Soomin Han (Youth Climate Lab, Programs Lead & Alumni of the Parliamentary Internship for the Environment)

Breakfast on the Hill is an annual event that brings together Senators and MPs from all political parties with companies, associations, youth, and others who care about making positive environmental change.



WORKSHOP: CANADA'S FEDERAL BUDGET & HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 2022

Special Guests: Andrew Van Iterson (Manager of the Green Budget Coalition)

Part of our Every Day Advocates program, this event helped attendees understand the budget process and showed them how they could advocate for the environment in Budget 2023.

UNPACKING PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

FEBRUARY 2023

Special Guests: (Clockwise from top-left) Lynn Jones (Community, Labour & Environmental Activist), Lenore Zann (Former MPP & MP), Tyjana Connolly (Every Day Advocates Program Coordinator) MP Richard Cannings (MP for South Okanagan—West Kootenay, BC)

Drawing on their experiences working to introduce and advance environmental and environmental justice Private Members' Bills, panelists provided insight into the process, benefits and challenges of PMBs, and how advocates and MPs can work effectively together to increase their likelihood of success as tools for change.

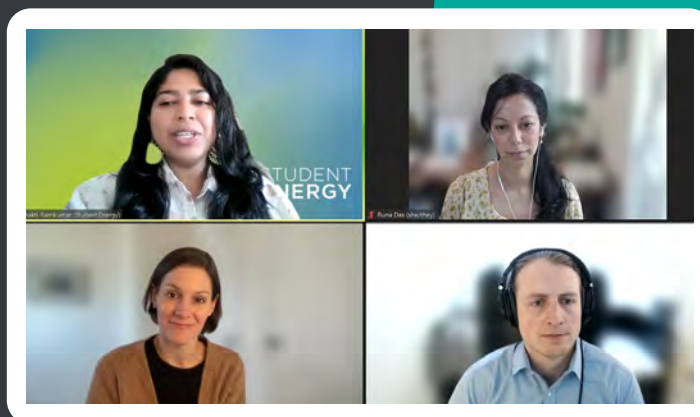


#BUDGET2023: ANALYSIS & IMPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS IN CANADA

MARCH 2023

Special Guests: (Clockwise from top-left) Shakti Ramkumar (Director of Communications & Policy, Student Energy), Dr. Runa Das (Associate Professor in the College of Interdisciplinary Studies at Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC.), Hadrian Mertins-Kirkwood (Senior Researcher at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives) and Marisa Beck (Clean Growth Director, Canadian Climate Institute)

Taking place shortly after its release, our panelists took a look at whether and how Budget 2023 moved the needle for the environment and lived up to the expectations of environmental advocates and civil society.



FLIP SUMMIT FUTURE LEADERS IN POLITICS



“ THE WORKSHOP OPENED MY EYES NOT JUST TO THE POWER OF PERSONAL NARRATIVES IN POLITICS, BUT ALSO TO THE MYRIAD WAYS ONE CAN BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE.

- Sophia Arellano
Letters for Leadership Participant and ELC Youth Advisory Council Member

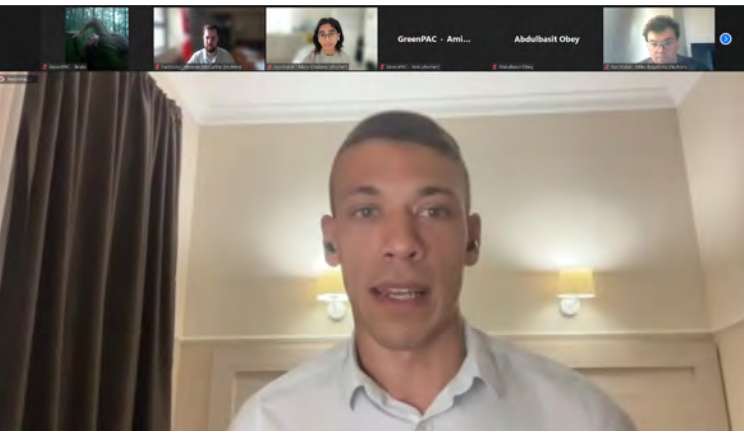
The third annual FLIP Summit, hosted through PIE, was deconstructed into three creative sessions throughout the spring of 2023. **This year's summit theme aimed to shift the narrative around youth involvement in politics.** Workshops, panel discussions, keynote presentations, and collaborative visioning exercises, including our first in-person FLIP workshop, examined topics like the role of youth councils, effective advocacy letter writing, and personal branding and storytelling. **All provided rich opportunities for learning, networking, and leadership development.** These sessions, attended by 60-100 registrants each, facilitated engagement with young leaders nationwide, encouraging their active participation in environmental politics and producing a joint Youth Statement on Environmental Leadership in Politics.

As in past years, FLIP was delivered with extensive collaboration. This year's partners included Ecology Ottawa, Environtastic (University of Ottawa), Youth Climate Lab, the Canadian Council for Youth Prosperity, and Sustainable Youth Canada.

Through practical, skill-building, and JEDI-led content, **participants deepened their understanding of environmental and political systems.** Youth leaders in Ottawa learned about the importance of communicating a political message with personal stories to reach across the divide and speak to climate anxieties. Youth speakers like Skw'akw'as Dunstan-Moore discussed their experiences within youth advisory councils, including tokenization in some decision-making spaces, a too-common reality echoed through session participants' feedback. In our Letters for Leadership workshop, guest speakers and Youth Climate Lab's letter-writing techniques empowered and catalyzed youth to advocate effectively for their perspectives and the kind of environmental leadership they expect.

Thanks to our PIE funders (see pg. 11) for making FLIP possible. A special thanks to **The Emerald Foundation** for supporting FLIP's goals and other GreenPAC work this year to engage youth and uplift their voices in environmental politics.

FLIP SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS



Jonathan Pedneault (Deputy Leader, Green Party of Canada) at Letters for Leadership



MPP Joel Harden (Ottawa Centre) addressing attendees



Panel discussion with Camilla Stanley (Year FLIP alumnus) and Kelsey Lane (2023 PIE intern)

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

MPP Chandra Pasma (Ottawa West-Nepean), Soomin Han (Programs Lead, Youth Climate Lab), Arthur Thuot (StoryCorp), and our Youth Councils to Environmental Action panelists Abhay Singh Sachal, Annie Martel, Haruka Aoyama, Skw'akw'as (Sunshine) Dunstan-Moore, and Shir Gruber.



I REALLY ENJOYED THE BREAKOUT ROOMS! HEARING ABOUT THE INTERNS' PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THEIR OWN ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES HELPED INFORM ME OF THE EXTENT OF MY OWN AUTONOMY POLITICALLY, FOR EXAMPLE LEARNING THAT OFFICES ACTUALLY GO THROUGH THE LETTERS SENT TO THEM!

- Emily Putnam
Letters for Leadership Participant



PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP *for the* ENVIRONMENT



PIE Interns with MP Yasir Naqvi (Ottawa Centre)

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THE DAY-TO-DAY EXPERIENCE OF BEING IN THE PROGRAM FOR ME IS SO EXCITING. I ALWAYS WANTED TO WORK IN OTTAWA AND BE EXACTLY HERE ON THE HILL, ENGAGING IN DEBATES ON COMMITTEES AND SOAKING UP ALL THE DIALOGUES AROUND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN REAL TIME.

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- Kelsey Lane (she/her)

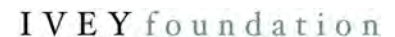


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- Sophia Lindfield (she/her)



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GREENPAC'S PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM IN TURTLE ISLAND AND CANADA. YOU'LL GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF CANADIAN POLITICS AND MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS. YOU WILL EXCHANGE IDEAS, SPUR FURTHER ACTION, MAKE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, AND, HOPEFULLY, GET A GOOD JOB BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE.

YOU'LL GET A METAPHORICAL PHD IN THE CANADIAN POLICY PROCESS BY BEING PART OF IT. I LEARNED HOW TO PREPARE FOR COMMITTEES, HOW TO CONNECT WITH KEY PEOPLE, HOW TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILLS, AND HOW TO GET ANSWERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH WELL-PLACED QUESTIONS.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU FOCUS ON DOING THE PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WILL PLANT THE SEEDS OF A BETTER FUTURE IN YOUR MIND. I RECOMMEND THE PIE FOR EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR PLANET AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

- Mike Bagamery (he/him)



PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Year 5 brought notable successes, including welcoming the largest and most diverse cohort yet, and partnering with 12 Parliamentarians to place 10 exceptional young leaders. 90% of interns identified with one or more equity-seeking groups. This year, PIE also formally introduced a specialized program stream for Indigenous Interns and continued the Sustainable Agriculture stream that was piloted with immense success in Year 4, as well as a themed placement in Climate Finance, a growing area of interest.

PIE Interns at International Women's Day on the Hill



MEET THE 2022-2023 COHORT



**ANA KAREN GARZA
CANALES**
Puslinch, ON



**BENJAMIN LIAO
GORMLEY**
Mississauga, ON



DANIELLE LABRASH
Montreal, QC



KEENAN MCCARTHY
Indigenous Stream
Victoria, BC



KELSEY LANE
Dartmouth, NS



LOGAN BEAUCHAMP
Indigenous Stream
Penhold, AB



MARY GHOLAMI
Sustainable Agriculture Stream
Rimbey, AB



MIKE BAGAMERY
Sustainable Agriculture Stream
Winnipeg, MB



SERENA BAINS
Surrey, BC



SOFIA LINDFIELD
Tantallon, NS

OUR MP & SENATE PARTNERS

MP TERRY BEECH

LIB, Burnaby North—Seymour

Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

THE HON. MICHAEL CHONG

CPC, Wellington—Halton Hills

Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs

MP MIKE MORRICE

Green, Kitchener Centre

MP ELIZABETH MAY

Green, Saanich—Gulf Islands

Green Party co-leader

MP BLAKE DESJARLAIS

NPD, Edmonton—Griesbach

Caucus Vice-chair; Critic - Diversity and Inclusion; Youth; Post-secondary Education

MP ALISTAIR MACGREGOR

NDP, Cowichan—Malahat—Langford

Critic - Food Price Inflation; Agriculture and Food

MP MATTHEW GREEN

NDP, Hamilton Centre

Critic - Ethics; Deputy Critic – Labour

MP PETER SCHIEFKE

LIB, Vaudreuil—Soulanges

Chair of Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

THE HON. JONATHAN WILKINSON

LIB, North Vancouver

Minister of Natural Resources

MP JULIE DABRUSIN

LIB, Toronto—Danforth

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Co-Chair of the All-Party Climate Caucus

MP DAN MAZIER

CPC, Dauphin—Swan River—Neepawa

Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Connectivity

MP NATHANIEL ERSKINE-SMITH

LIB, Beaches—East York

SENATOR MARY COYLE

Independent Senators Group, Nova Scotia

Co-founder of Senators for Climate Solutions



PIE interns also had the unique opportunity to participate in the program's very first inter-jurisdictional learning trip to Queen's Park in Toronto. During the visit, interns engaged in meaningful discussions with MPPs and explored the legislative environment through guided tours. This initiative further enriched their understanding of the broader political landscape, fostering a holistic learning experience beyond the federal level.

The program's influence extended through collaborations with Senators for Climate Solutions and the All-Party Climate Caucus, showcasing interns' impactful contributions in various areas. While the confidential nature of aspects of their work limits

detailed accounts, examples include research for amendments addressing urban-rural divides in agriculture, staffing a Minister at an international forum, writing a supporting passage for a motion on electoral reform, and organizing events, roundtables and workshops on environmental and intersecting topics.

Year 5 was also marked by dynamic challenges. Confronting multifaceted hurdles demanded adaptive and innovative strategies to ensure seamless program continuity. **Extreme weather events and natural disasters in Ottawa, particularly tornado warnings and poor air quality, prompted adjustments** and, at times, a reduction in outdoor activities and coordinating hybrid working models. Simultaneously, divisive movements that took place in Ottawa introduced additional security considerations. Managing the most diverse cohort yet presented the unique challenge of varying equity literacy levels, requiring a thoughtful and inclusive approach. An unexpected MP portfolio shuffle led to the swift realignment of interns to new offices. **Despite these challenges, the PIE program demonstrated resilience and innovation**, with strategies adjusted to uphold high engagement and learning standards, underscoring the program's unwavering commitment to providing interns with a robust and meaningful experience. **Over 10 months, interns participated in 70+ learning sessions**, including fireside chats with sectoral experts, conference and summit attendance, training, workshops, and skill-building activities.



PIE Intern Mary Gholami with Host MP The Hon. Michael Chong.

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CONNECTING WITH FOLKS IN THE COHORT HAS BEEN REALLY HELPFUL.... SAME WITH OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR. SHE'S BEEN REALLY SUPPORTIVE ... ABOUT WHETHER CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTS AFFECT US BASED ON OUR INTERSECTIONALITY, OR FINDING THE SPACE AND TIME TO DO DO A CHECK-IN ONE-ON-ONE AND ASKING IF THERE CAN BE ANY IMPROVEMENTS [WHICH I FOUND] REALLY HELPFUL.

- Serena Bains (they/them)



PIE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Hear from some of our talented program alumni about the impact the Parliamentary Internship for the Environment program had on them and their careers.

Click to hear their stories!



JOSHUA SWIFT



CAMILLA STANLEY



COCO WANG



IT IS HONESTLY A SCARY EXPERIENCE TO START...WORKING IN THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT... JUST YOUR PRESENCE WILL HELP PUSH CHANGE, AND YOU'LL BE OCCUPYING A SPACE THAT OUR ANCESTORS WERE DENIED. MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO EMBRACE THAT INDIGENOUS PRIDE, THAT PRIDE IN YOUR CULTURE...WALK INTO PARLIAMENT WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH AND KNOW THAT YOUR ANCESTORS ARE WATCHING YOU, AND THEY ARE PROUD.

- Logan W. Beauchamp (they/he)



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In the wake of a scorching summer, the extreme heat and destructive wildfires serves as a vivid reminder of the urgent need for climate action and the importance of our work of nurturing a new generation of leaders dedicated to making a positive impact on our environment. In the words of UN Climate Change Secretary Simon Stiell at the 2023 NY Climate Week, “more than ever, we need courage and leadership.”

In today’s world, our program plays a vital role in nurturing this much-needed leadership. Political know-how, understanding, and engagement are crucial for empowering youth to drive change and create a more resilient, sustainable future, and we are deeply committed to providing inclusive, impactful and paid opportunities for young individuals ready to make a difference.

At this bustling intersection of politics, environment, and youth, we take pride in supporting interns throughout not only their professional but their personal journeys – guiding interns on how to have difficult conversations, challenge assumptions, and navigate professional environments. This commitment is especially directed towards individuals with intersecting identities and those from underserved communities, as we are dedicated to establishing a safer and more courageous space for learning about politics and the environment.

Looking ahead, we are steadfast in our commitment to inclusivity, accessibility and ongoing learning. Each year, our program continues to evolve, offering deeper learning opportunities and achieving significant milestones. Launching our stream for Indigenous interns and organizing inter-jurisdictional trips mark just the beginning. I am excited about what the future holds and the contributions PIE can make in creating a more inclusive and welcoming political space for youth from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for the environment.

Our funders, host MPs, Senators and their staff, and supporters have been the cornerstone of our success, and we deeply appreciate your dedication to the future of young environmental leaders.

AMI GAGNÉ



EVERY DAY ADVOCATES

WE CONTINUED TO EMPOWER GRASSROOTS ADVOCATES BY PROVIDING EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESOURCES THROUGH OUR **EVERY DAY ADVOCATES (EDA)** INITIATIVE.

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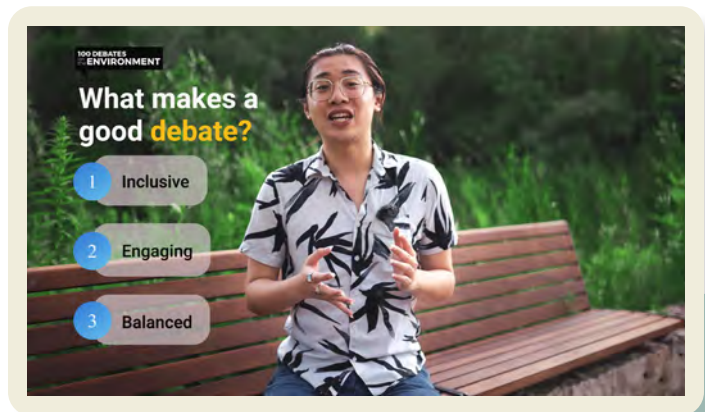


EVERY DAY ADVOCATES

This year we continued to deliver educational events aimed to build the knowledge and capacity of grassroots advocates to interact with our political leaders and systems, like the aforementioned panel that dug into the opportunities and realities of using Private Members' Bills as tools for change. This year we also put a lot of work into new and improved resources and tools that aim to demystify political processes that impact the pace of environmental change. Our new Toolkits like **Budget Basics 101**, **Parliamentary Dynamics & Structures**, and our **Intro to Lobbying** shed light for advocates on how our political system works and how to navigate its realities to advance environmental progress.

We also made big strides to make our reservoir of knowledge on hosting all-candidates' debates in the leadup to elections more accessible and engaging with our new 16-part video series for organizers. These

videos offer quick takes on some of the most critical step-by-step knowledge we've gathered in supporting community organizers across Canada (together with partners like Équiterre) to hold almost 200 debates and townhalls as part of our 100 Debates on the Environment work. These resources are now available in a new [easy-access resource library](#), hosted by our educational partner, Environmental Leadership Canada, with more resources and videos to follow.



Advocacy & Politics

Resources for folks looking to better understand politics and engage in advocacy between elections.

Resource Title	Description	Action
An Introduction to Lobbying for Environmental Advocates	To demystify the complicated, and often intimidating, realm of lobbying for environmental advocates.	VIEW
Parliamentary Dynamics Navigating Partisanship & Party Discipline	Take a look at how partisanship and party discipline can obstruct environmental leadership in Parliament.	VIEW
Parliamentary Structures A Hit Primer for Environmental Advocates	Overview of key processes, divisions of power, and the internal decision-making bodies that affect environmental leadership.	VIEW
Tools of Members of Parliament (MPs) Understanding Levers of Change	Understand the ins and outs of the tools MPs have at their disposal to advance change so that you can more work with them.	VIEW
Federal Budget Basics & Budget Advocacy 101 Understanding Levers of Change	Learn about Canada's federal budget cycle, windows for engagement, and tips for undertaking budget advocacy with MPs.	VIEW

Screenshot from Environmental Leadership Canada's resource library.

ENDORSED ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS



WE ASKED ENDORSEES HOW THEY HAVE **CONTINUED TO CHAMPION THE ENVIRONMENT** THIS PAST YEAR IN PARLIAMENT, IN THEIR RIDING, AND BEHIND THE SCENES.

CHECKING IN

Last year, we checked in with the MPs we endorsed in the 2021 federal election to learn how they are leading for the environment in office, and spotlighted some of their important work in our annual report.

This year, we did it again, asking endorsees about how they have continued to champion the environment this past year in Parliament, in their riding, and behind the scenes.

Their responses gave us cause for optimism – these environmental leaders are working across party lines, seeking innovative solutions, and driving public engagement in tackling some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

The highlights that follow represent only a sample of our endorsees and a snippet of their efforts.

These spotlights do not reflect GreenPAC’s support of any particular laws, policies, petitions or motions (proposed or adopted); as a nonpartisan organization, we do not take policy stances. Instead, we support, celebrate and amplify environmental leadership in all forms across the political spectrum.

Refer to [last year’s annual report](#) for spotlights on some of our best-known endorsees:

MP Elizabeth May (*Green*), the Hon. Michael Chong (*Conservative*), MP Peter Julian (*NDP*), MP Richard Cannings (*NDP*), MP Monique Pauzé (*Bloc Québécois*), MP Julie Dabrusin (*Liberal*) and MP Matthew Green (*NDP*).

2023 SPOTLIGHTS

MP DAN ALBAS

Central Okanagan—Similkameen—Nicola, *Conservative*

Though no longer Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, MP Dan Albas has continued to champion environmental leadership in the 44th Parliament and meet with environmental stakeholders. On the House floor, he has drawn attention to issues of illegal dumping in Crown forests, greywater dumping, and exposure to mercury pollution in northern communities, and in Committee, pushed for sound policies on forest management, wildfire mitigation and flood risk mapping. For his constituents, he has been a vocal advocate for ensuring the equity of government policies on electric vehicles, carbon pricing, and single-use plastics. Behind the scenes, MP Albas has helped to expand the membership of the All-Party Climate Caucus that facilitates bipartisan environmental dialogue.



THE HONOURABLE KARINA GOULD

Burlington, *Liberal*

In her role as Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Hon. Karina Gould led on delivering Canada's 2nd Voluntary National Review to the UN High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, which facilitates knowledge sharing and robust climate policymaking internationally. As MP for Burlington, she has actively championed investments to protect green areas in and around her riding, including an ecological corridor pilot project for the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark system. Behind the scenes, MP Gould worked collaboratively with local officials to secure nearly \$400,000 in federal funding for new zero-emissions buses in Burlington; this initiative strategically leveraged partnerships with other municipalities to bring down purchasing costs and accelerate the transition to zero-emissions public transportation.



THE HONOURABLE STEVEN GUILBEAULT

Laurier–Sainte-Marie, *Liberal*

In his role as Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Steven Guilbeault has been a key force in launching Canada's first national comprehensive framework for climate change adaptation and securing billions of dollars in investments for flood-resilient infrastructure and emissions reductions. His leadership made Canada the first G20 country to phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, and helped to broker the ambitious Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at COP15, signed by almost 200 countries. An advocate for tackling environmental racism, he worked to ensure Indigenous leadership in conservation was a major theme of COP15, and more recently, helped facilitate First Nations co-leadership on a working group with the Alberta Government to address tailings leakages in the province.



MP LORI IDLOUT

Nunavut, *NDP*

As Parliament's only representative of Nunavut, MP Lori Idlout brings firsthand knowledge of the catastrophic effects of the climate crisis to her work in Ottawa. In March 2023, she introduced a Private Members Bill to ensure that the legal duty of free, prior and informed consent of Inuit and Indigenous peoples is sought at the acquisition stage of new mining projects, rather than after exploratory rights are issued and significant investments made. In her words, this bill would provide a "pathway for immediate action" to advance Canada's UNDRIP obligations. MP Idlout has also used her time on the House floor to push for policies that reduce Nunavut's reliance on diesel, support the transition to renewables, and reflect and respect the deep knowledge, skills and experiences of Indigenous communities.



MP HEATHER MCPHERSON



Edmonton-Strathcona, *NDP*

MP Heather McPherson (re-)introduced bills to require federal environmental impact assessments for all new coal mines, and to increase the investigative powers of the Canadian Ombudsman for Responsible Enterprise into environmental abuses abroad. Both currently await second reading in the House of Commons. In late 2023, she represented her party in committee sessions to aggressively push for transparency from provincial regulators and industry on the problem of toxic seepage from Alberta tailings ponds. She continues to work with Indigenous communities, scientists, and environmental organizations to end her province's reliance on fossil fuels, halt the release of contaminated water from tailings ponds, and ensure the protection of Wood Buffalo National Park/Peace Athabasca Delta, including by seeking federal funding for Indigenous environmental monitoring projects.

MP MIKE MORRICE

Kitchener Centre, *Green*

MP Mike Morrice increased public engagement in environmental politics by sponsoring climate-related petitions in the House of Commons, maintaining a "climate crisis playlist" on YouTube of his interventions on the House floor, and amplifying his work in the media. He was instrumental in getting a government minister to publicly commit during Question Period to using "all tools available" to protect Ontario's Greenbelt. An advocate for proportional representation to, among other things, ensure more durable and robust climate policymaking, MP Morrice worked across party lines to spearhead, and jointly second, a Private Members Motion on electoral reform, which drew support from NDP, Liberal and Conservative colleagues. His priorities for the coming year include a push to end fossil fuel advertising and to create a windfall tax for oil and gas companies.



FINANCIAL REPORT



FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	FY23	FY22
Cash	120,552	392,700
Accounts Receivable	44,964	48,855
Prepaid Expenses	3,813	41,061
Investments	0	0
Capital Assets	0	41
TOTAL	169,329	482,657

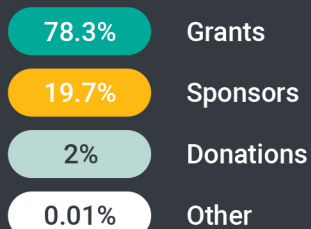
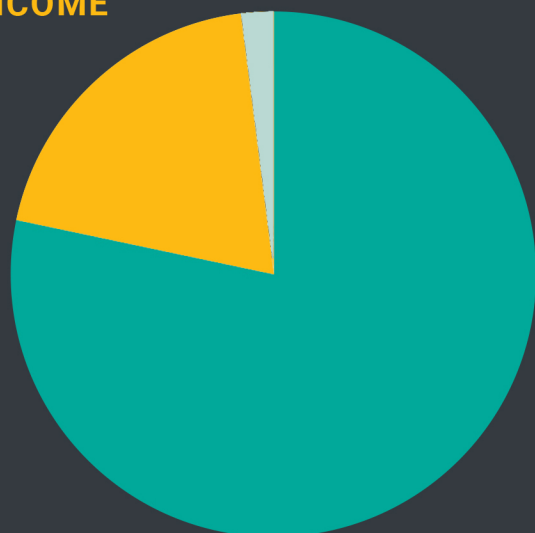
LIABILITIES	FY23	FY22
Accounts Payable	22,772	12,265
Deferred Income	0	294,467
TOTAL	67,772	306,732

NET ASSETS	FY23	FY22
Accumulated Surplus	101,557	175,925
TOTAL	169,329	482,657

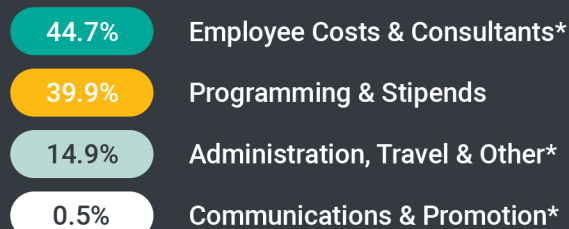
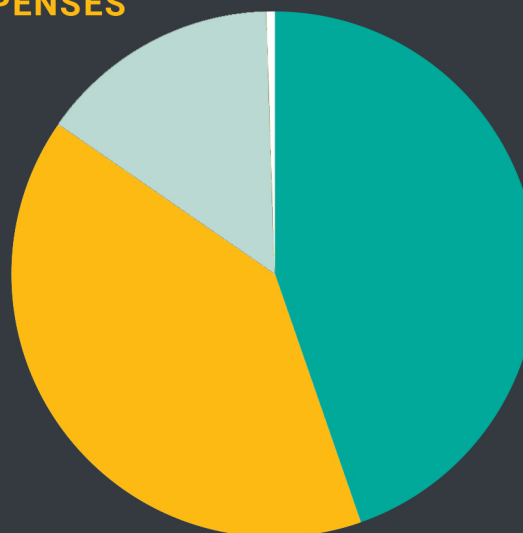
	FY23	FY22
Income	656,898	765,616
Expenses	731,266	734,898
Net Profit/Loss	(74,368)	30,718

Note: The significant decrease in GreenPAC's cash position and deferred revenue at FY23 year-end compared to FY22 is attributable to the start-up of the Centre for Environmental Leadership in Canada (which operates under the name Environmental Leadership Canada or ELC). Grants awarded prior to the start of the new program year (Sep 1, 2023 to Aug 31, 2024) were awarded directly to Environmental Leadership Canada (with the support of GreenPAC). This year, GreenPAC also transferred \$35K in deferred grant revenue and made a \$10K donation to ELC from accumulated savings (i.e. cash that the Board, with the support of program funders, previously earmarked for a Parliamentary Intern emergency fund). Along with other FY23 expenses (e.g. legal services), over 50% of this year's loss is attributable to one-time expenses related to supporting the successful start-up of ELC.

INCOME



EXPENSES



* Includes costs in support of programs