



Ottawa Valley Wild Bird Care Centre

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Ottawa Valley Wild Bird Care Centre Annual Report 2019

Mission

Our mission is to assess, treat, and rehabilitate injured, ill, or orphaned wild birds for the purpose of releasing them back into their natural habitat. We also provide the public with information on bird intervention, safe handling techniques, and avian injury prevention. Our education programs are directed to people of all ages regarding the natural history, conservation, and rehabilitation of wild birds through off-site presentations.

Chair's Message

I would like to thank all of our donors who have contributed to both our ongoing operations and our new building. Thank you for your support! Having no ongoing funding from governments or other organizations, donor support enables us to keep our lights on and save thousands of birds' lives each year.

Over the years, our donors have been indeed generous, and our future will greatly depend on their ongoing support.

2019 was an exciting year for the Centre. In 2019, we saw the finalization of the land purchase for our new facility, and our plans began to take shape. We also diversified our board by welcoming three new talented and highly motivated individuals to our board at our Annual General Meeting held on November 30, 2019.

Then in 2020, the pandemic struck, and our lives changed dramatically. As a precaution, all volunteer shifts were cancelled, and new safety protocols were put into place to deal with bird admissions. The education program was limited by the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic since in-person programs were cancelled. However, online presentations are in the works and should be available in the new year.

This year, nonprofit organizations across North America have lost billions of dollars due to declines in donations, an inability to move ahead with their

fundraising plans and the ongoing effects of Covid-19 on their day to day operations. Our new fundraiser this year, the Wild Bird Walk raised over \$36,000 Thanks to this, and the support of our donors, the Centre is holding its own so far. We are proud to have such generous donors!

Launching our Building Campaign to raise \$1.7M on May 14, 2019, we now stand at over 61% of our goal, with over \$1M raised/pledged thus far.

Although we introduced a weekly newsletter, actual readership waned over 2019. As a result of surveying our readers in the spring of 2020, we have adjusted our communication approach and began working on new content.

The Board remains steadfast in its commitment to building the new Centre as soon as possible. Having been involved in a similar project in the past, I anticipated a few bumps and delays, but I certainly did not anticipate that a global pandemic would have such a profound impact on the process.

Sadly, pandemic-related issues were not the only ones causing problems for the Centre. This year, the Board was compelled to engage legal counsel at significant cost, in order to protect the Centre and its mission.

In the 2019 year, the Centre took in approximately 3200 individual birds, comprising 143 different species. This year, from January 1, 2020 to December 3, 2020, the number of bird admissions skyrocketed with a 31% increase, to over 4200 individual birds (158 species), with 167 birds still in care. Since we lack outdoor flight areas at our current location, we often relied on other facilities to take some of our birds to complete their rehabilitation.

I commend the staff, Executive Director, Mireille Goguen, Kelly Reid and Jennifer Bushie and all the other part-time staff and summer students for doing a tremendous job in taking swift action in their response to the pandemic in order to ensure all the birds received the care they required. I also commend the Board for stepping up to tackle whatever was necessary to keep things going.

What a display of remarkable team spirit and collaboration all for the sake of the birds!

Juliette Marczuk, Chair

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Future Vision



Rendering of the Building

The need for the Centre's services is expected to increase as the surrounding urban areas grow. Faced with the challenges of an aging, overcrowded building, with no option to expand, renovate or add outdoor aviaries, the Board of Directors made the decision to purchase a property on which to build a new, permanent avian advanced care facility.

Integrating triage and treatment areas, indoor recovery rooms and outdoor aviaries, the new facility will greatly improve the working conditions for staff and enhance recovery times for the birds receiving care. The new Centre has been designed for ease of maintenance, energy-efficiency, and provides plenty of room to accommodate the different species more comfortably. It will also feature an education/visitor centre with interactive displays for the public to learn more about birds, their habitats, threats, and how to be better stewards of the environment.

With the drawings and reports completed, the required submissions for the site plan control application were made to the City of Ottawa. Due to delays caused by Covid-19, the process is moving at a much slower pace than normal. Most commercial projects have been significantly delayed and ours is no exception.

We received feedback from the City planners and our team of professionals is working on the next step. The development process cycle is complex and typically takes a number of months to complete before site plan approval is granted and building permits can be issued.

The well has been drilled on the property and the water test results were reported to be very good. Construction is expected to begin when the final permits have been issued and sufficient funding is in place. At the moment, the estimated timeline for completing is some time in the fall/winter of 2021.



Baby Pileated Woodpecker

Summary of Financial Statements

Fiscal Year January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019¹

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2019

ASSETS

	Operating Fund	Building Fund	2019	2018
Cash	351,649	16,909	368,558	459,077
Marketable securities	26,715	482,603	509,318	313,527
Accounts receivable	13,233	550	13,783	-
Inventory	1,133	-	1,133	1,133
HST recoverable	17,252	-	17,252	11,995
Prepaid expenses	6,002	-	6,002	16,960
Due from operating fund	-	65,362	65,362	-

	415,984	565,424	981,408	802,692
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Capital Assets	94,835	349,935	444,770	99,895
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	\$510,819	\$915,359	\$1,426,178	\$902,587
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Liabilities & Net Assets

Current				
Accounts Payable	13,817	38,369	52,186	12,625
Due to building fund	65,362	-	65,362	-
	79,179	38,369	117,548	12,625

NET ASSETS	\$431,640	\$876,990	\$1,308,630	\$889,962
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Operating Revenue & Expenses

	2019	2018
Revenues		
Donations	262,902	251,357
Donations in Kind	45	25,634
Education & Misc.	11,294	3,531
Charities & Qualified Donees	70,013	77,161
Fundraising Income	41,855	4,640
Grants	23,520	41,399
HST Rebate	17,820	12,680
Memberships	2,410	5,990
Planned Giving	47,575	339,037
Seasonal Gift Sales	6,909	7,956
Sponsor a Bird	5,355	8,100
	\$489,698	\$777,485

Expenses

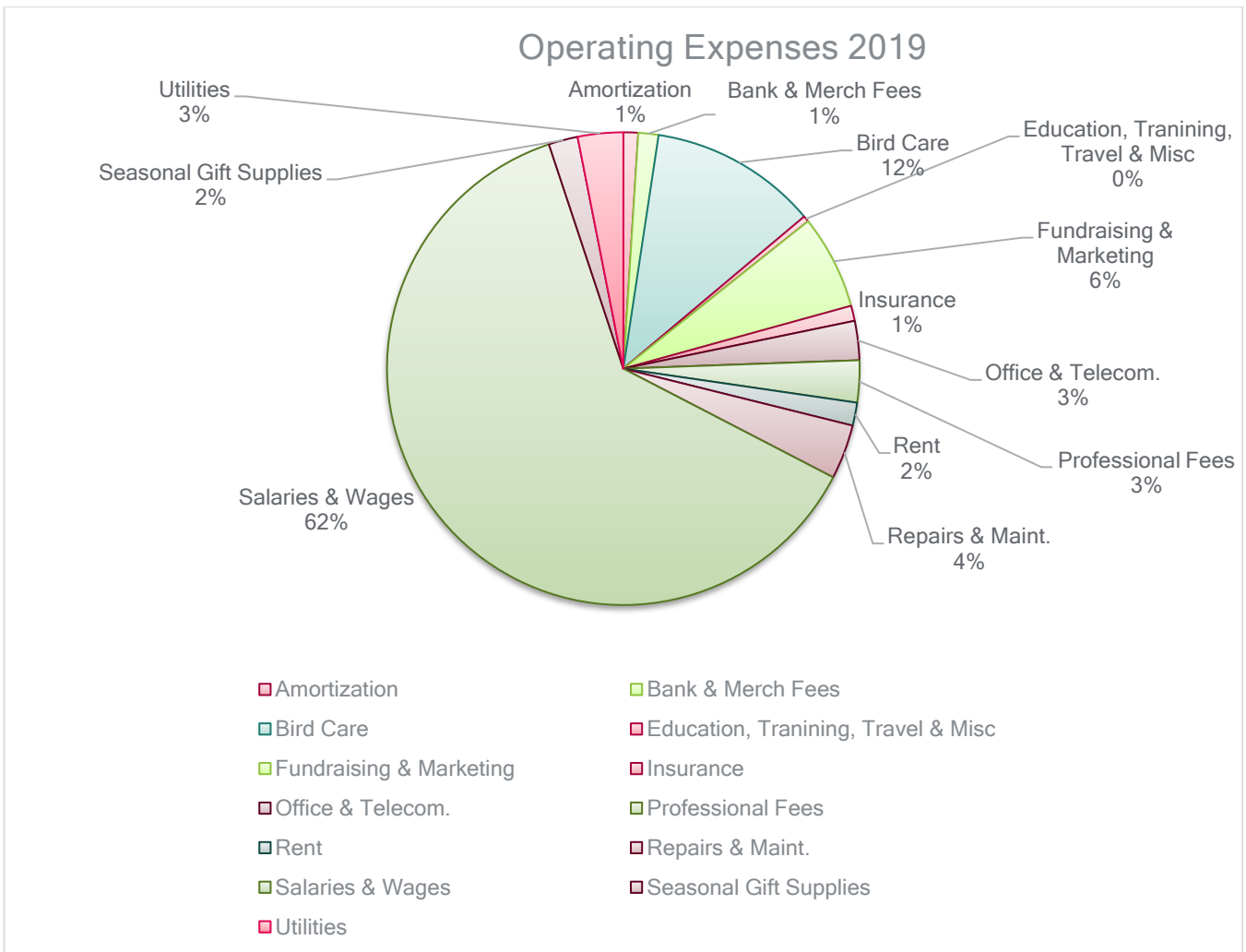
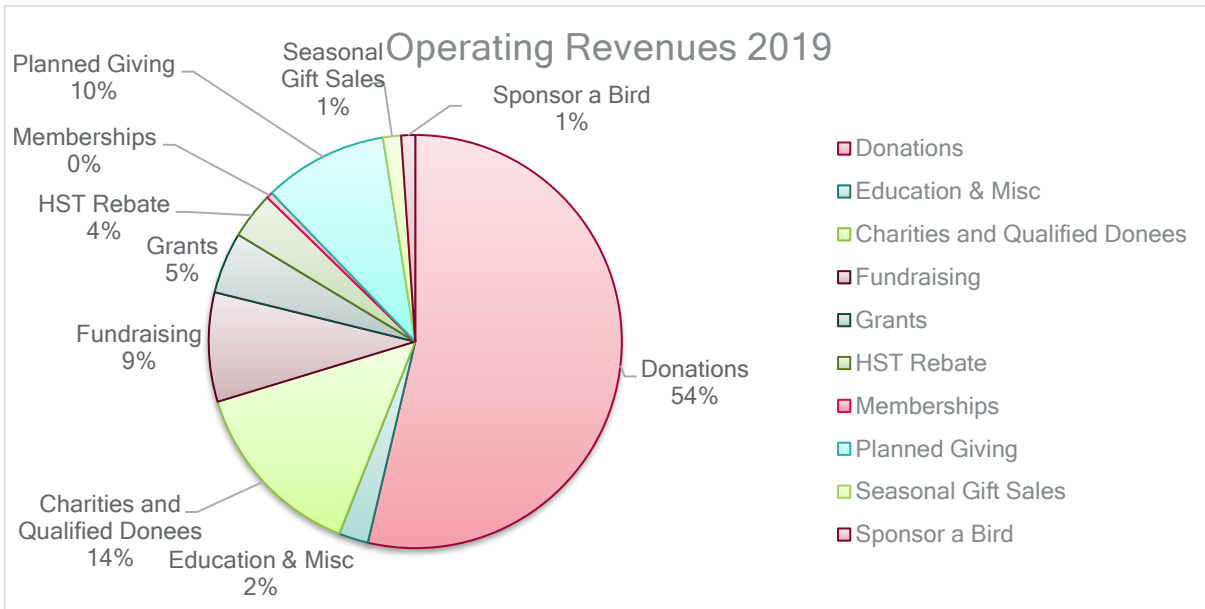
Amortization	5,601	5,345
Bank & Merchant Fees	6,919	3,237
Bird Care Medications & Supplies	57,522	66,948

¹ As reported on the 2019 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements.

Education & Misc.	1,143	1,431
Fundraising & Marketing	32,231	17,188
Insurance	5,214	4,913
Office	9,926	9,577
Professional Fees (legal/accounting)	14,385	11,429
Rent	7,878	7,671
Repairs & Maintenance	18,692	17,731
Salaries & Wages	312,087	297,271
Seasonal gift supplies	10,014	10,243
Telecommunications	3,496	3,190
Training & Courses	170	2,037
Travel	731	200
Utilities	15,545	15,085
TOTAL Expenses	\$501,014	\$473,496
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations	(\$11,316)	\$303,989
OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
Dividend, Interest, & Gain on sale of marketable securities	2,994	(18,789)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over expenses (Operating fund)	(8,322)	322,778
Building Fund Income		
	2019	2018
Donations	354,621	-
Charities & Qualified Donees	30,000	-
Dividend Income	6,503	-
Gain on sale of securities	28,818	-
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	6,336	-
Interest Income	712	-
	\$426,990	-
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	\$418,668	\$285,200

Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Operating Fund	Building Fund	2019	2018
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	889,962	-	889,962	604,762
Reallocation of operating fund to restricted fund	(450,000)	\$450,000	-	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	(8,322)	426,990	418,668	285,200
NET ASSETS - End of Year	\$431,640	\$876,990	\$1,308,630	\$889,962



Our Donors

We would like to thank all the donors who have contributed so generously to both our general operating fund and our building fund.

As the building is a very special project for us, those who contributed or pledged \$100 or more specifically to the building fund are acknowledged on our website:

<https://wildbirdcarecentre.org/BuildingCampaignDonors.html>

