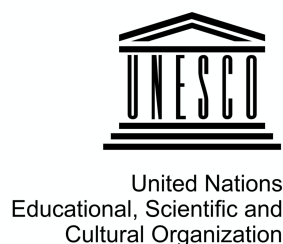


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## The Biosphere Beacon

### Fall 2021

Welcome to our quarterly Beacon <<First Name>>!

We are thrilled to officially present our beautiful new logo and our updated name, the Long Point Biosphere Region. We've replaced 'Reserve' with 'Region' in order to signal to residents and visitors that the Biosphere is more than just "Long Point". In fact, comprised of the core, buffer and transition zones, the boundaries of the Long Point Biosphere Region encompass all of Norfolk County!

The water in our logo represents not only Lake Erie, but the vast wetlands so vital to our ecology. The sandhill crane in flight is a recognizable feature throughout the region. We added the typha marsh and prairie grasses, and incorporated native tree species like eastern hemlock, eastern white Pine and maple.

**We hope you enjoy our new look, and most of all, the bountiful nature within our boundaries!**

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## HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank our Directors and staff for working diligently this past year to advance the principles of the UNESCO Biosphere program: biodiversity conservation; economic development that is socio-culturally and environmentally sustainable; research, monitoring and education; and knowledge sharing.

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Canadian Network, and secondly, securing financial support from our federal government. We have been successful! In September of this year UNESCO announced Howe Sound, which is located immediately northwest of Vancouver, as the 19th Biosphere Region in Canada, one of 727 Biosphere Regions in 131 Countries around the world. Our federal government has recognized that financially supporting Biosphere Regions is a cost-effective means to accomplish biodiversity conservation and advance sustainability practices in Canada.

I would like to thank our retiring Directors – Graham Ferguson, Amanda Houze, and Elaine Ho for their services. Your contributions were valuable and much appreciated. I would also like to thank Rick Levick for his meaningful contributions while serving as President.

None of our activities would have been possible without the financial support of our funders, including Environment Canada and Climate Change, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Nature Canada, and the Bradstreet Family Foundation. We thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Craig, President, LPBR

## UPDATES FROM OUR COMMITTEES

### BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION:

In addition to the Save the Turtles project, the Research and Conservation Committee has been busy with many more initiatives. Led by the Long Point Biosphere Region, Ontario's Priority Place working group collaborated to create, produce and distribute 45,000 newspaper inserts about why this special region is a Priority Place, and what that means to us.

[Read the insert here](#)

### CLIMATE ACTION:

The goal of the Climate Action Committee is to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change locally. On September 24th, a group of volunteers, led by Climate Action Committee member Cathy Salvatore, organized an event in Powell Park in Port Dover as part of the Global Day of Climate Action.

[Read the Simcoe Reformer Article](#)

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING:

this funding (described below), the LPBR has maintained its commitment to sharing knowledge and connecting more people with nature by creating alternative technology-based programming.

[View the first video- Amazing Trails](#)

[Listen to the In-Sync with Nature Podcast Series](#)

[Check out the Lessons In A Backpack](#)

### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:**

The Amazing Places program is a national sustainable tourism initiative that promotes significant ecological features for residents and visitors to explore, and inspires a commitment to conservation. We have many Amazing Places in our Biosphere region across Norfolk County, whom we continue to engage with our GoAmazing initiative. An expansion of this program is in progress thanks to the Community Building Fund, another grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

[View the first video- Amazing Trails](#)

## **EVENTS**

### **9th Annual Research and Conservation Conference**

On November 5, 2021 we hosted our 9th Annual Research and Conservation Conference. Eight accomplished presenters showcased their conservation research within the unique ecosystems of the Long Point Biosphere Region.

[Click here to view the replay of the conference](#)

### **Wandering Wednesdays**

NatureHood is about connecting Canadians to nearby nature through interpretive walks. Every Wednesday, Cynthia, our Nature Educator, invites you on a free hike somewhere within the Biosphere region.

[Click here to get the details](#)



## NEWS

### Two OTF Grant helps the LPBR with programming despite COVID-19

#### OTF RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FUND GRANT

On Saturday September 25th, the Long Point Biosphere, along with members and guests, celebrated the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant contribution of \$55,500. OTF's generous funding is helping the Long Point Biosphere Region rebuild and recover from impacts of COVID-19 by enabling our team to digitize face-to-face nature programming through podcasts, videos, and downloadable content, so that we can continue bringing nature to teachers, families, and the public.

Local MPP Toby Barrett and Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) volunteer Roderick Walker were on hand to congratulate the LPBR and hear more about how this new digital content is already helping people unite with nature.





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### Community Building Fund by OTF

The Long Point Biosphere is pleased to announce funding of \$48,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Government of Ontario. This funding will support our Sustainable Communities programming.

Please welcome 3 new Directors to  
the Long Point Biosphere

Board of Directors:

- Jeff Pickersgill, Ontario Parks
- Stephanie Giles, ALUS Norfolk
- Gary Anderson, NovaMutual



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