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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been 40 years since CIELAP began advancing the environmental agenda in Canada by providing detailed and credible research into Canadian laws and policies. CIELAP began this work as one of few voices in policy research to drive environmental sustainability within a legal framework. Since then, many universities and other environmental groups have developed expertise in this area and have helped CIELAP fulfill this mandate.

In 2009-2010 CIELAP has taken a number of steps to remain relevant to the changing environmental and economic landscape that has served it well over the past 40 years. These include:

- 1) Launching a new strategic plan
- 2) Developing an expanded workforce including expertise in fundraising as well as an impressive team of research interns
- 3) Relocating its office to a more cost effective facility
- 4) Developing a semi-virtual work environment to provide additional staffing solutions and flexibility, which includes Carolyn Webb's relocation to Ottawa where she provides CIELAP with a presence in our nation's capital

CIELAP's research has continued to focus on issues that are important to Canadians, such as Maureen Carter-Whitney's co-authoring of the study *Nurturing Fruit and Vegetable Processing in Ontario*, which was featured as a part of the Metcalf Foundation's Food Solutions series. In addition to informing decision-makers through its strong policy research, as is discussed further in this report, CIELAP has provided public awareness by: continuing Green Screens in conjunction with the National film Board and with support from the RBC Blue Water Project; providing numerous public presentations particularly on issues related to local food and Ontario's Greenbelt; and hosting a speaking engagement, sponsored by Ogilvy Renault, on Sustainable Development that featured Bob Willard.

I would like to thank the entire staff, which skilfully welcomed and addressed the many opportunities and challenges they were presented with over the year. In particular I would like to recognize the significant efforts of Thomas Esakin, who embraced his new role as CIELAP's Executive Director and has led the organization with great talent. I also want to recognize and thank all our friends and supporters that have helped us achieve the successes we have had. Without your support CIELAP would not have achieved these results.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the time, effort and support they have given CIELAP over the past 40 years.



Grant Caven
Chair, Board of Directors

ABOUT CIELAP

The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) was founded in 1970 and celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2010. CIELAP is an independent, not-for-profit research and education organization registered as a Canadian Charity.

New Directions

In the fall of 2009 CIELAP undertook a strategic planning process that sought and gained significant involvement and input from a diverse range of stakeholders. We determined that the values guiding our organization are Collaboration, Thoroughness, Connectivity and Community. These values direct our mandate to inform legislative, policy and regulatory outcomes for sustainability at the national and provincial / territorial levels of government in Canada.

Rooted in our past research, grounded in a new focus on Governance for Sustainability, and with an eye to budding global trends, CIELAP has identified the following Research Areas for our new directions:

- Sustainability Strategies (Agenda 21s / Local Agenda 21s)
- Protecting Our Water Resources In Light of Climate Change
- Innovative Approaches to Extended Producer Responsibility
- Sustainable Solutions to Land Use Conflict



SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS 2009-2010

- Book Chapter in Trade Policy and a Globalizing World – Mercury Trade in a Globalizing World
- Discussion Paper on the Sustainable International Management of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment
- Moving Toward a Soft Path Approach? A Case Study of Water Management in Guelph, Ontario
- Enhancing the Flow of Ecological Goods and Services to Society: Key Principles for the Design of Marginal and Ecologically Significant Agricultural Land Retirement Programs in Canada
- Ontario's Greenbelt in an International Context
- Modernizing Environmental Approvals
- Nurturing Fruit and Vegetable Processing in Ontario

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SUSTAINABILITY EVENT WITH BOB WILLARD

On March 31st, 2010 CIELAP and Ogilvy Renault LLP partnered to host an exclusive evening with Bob Willard to discuss growing insights on sustainability. The event was an opportunity for individuals to support CIELAP while networking and exchanging ideas.

Bob Willard is a globally-famous expert and thought leader on the business value of corporate sustainability strategies. He is the author of three books, most recently *The Sustainability Champion's Guide*.

CIELAP, THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA AND RBC BLUE WATER PROJECT: *GREEN SCREENS*



Throughout 2009-2010, CIELAP and the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), supported by the RBC Blue Water Project as lead sponsor, continued to host monthly Green Screens events. Green Screens is an initiative that partners NFB film screenings with CIELAP-coordinated panel discussions to explore the policy implications of issues that come up in the films. Since its launch in April 2007, Green Screens has been going strong, with continued public interest and enthusiasm for the screenings and discussions.

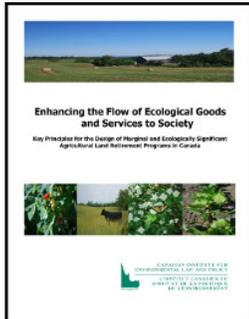
This year, Green Screens showed films on a range of issues pertaining to CIELAP's work including: *Arctic Circle: Battle for the Pole*, *Finding Farley*, *This Land*, *Earth Keepers*, *Earth to Mouth*, *Antarctic Mission: A Window on a Changing Climate*, and *Waterlife*.



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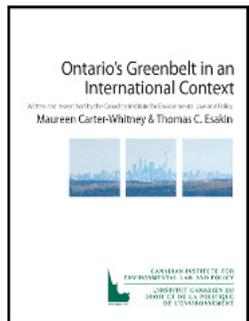
SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO LAND USE CONFLICT

Throughout 2009-2010 CIELAP provided feedback on a number of policy proposals including Ontario Northern Development and Mine's (MNDM's) proposed legislative amendments to *Ontario's Mining Act*. Maureen Carter-Whitney, CIELAP's Research Director, remained a member of the *Brownfields Stakeholder Group*, which was created by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Beginning in Spring 2010, Thomas C. Esakin, CIELAP's Executive Director, has served as an invited member of the *Legal Experts Panel* convened for the purpose of providing advice to the newly established Office of the *Extractive Sector Corporate Social Responsibility Counsellor* in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).



FEBRUARY 2010: CIELAP published *Enhancing the Flow of Ecological Goods and Services to Society: Key Principles for the Design of Marginal and Ecologically Significant Agricultural Land Retirement Programs in Canada*. Authored by Tristan Knight, CIELAP intern and Research Associate, this research examines the potential contribution of payments for retiring and restoring marginal and ecologically significant agricultural land to natural cover (forest, wetland, and grassland). Six case studies from the United States and Canada were selected for evaluation. As well, eight criteria were formulated to evaluate each program and pilot project in terms of ecological, economic, and social considerations.

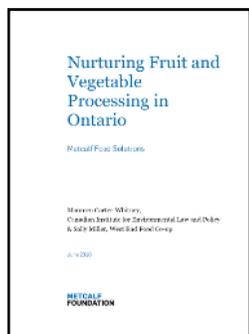
MARCH 2010: CIELAP released *Ontario's Greenbelt in an International Context*. The report looks at the experience of nine other greenbelts around the world and identifies lessons that will help ensure the permanence of Ontario's Greenbelt. It also makes recommendations on sustaining the Greenbelt into the future.



The report emphasizes that provincial and municipal governments should: effectively contain urban sprawl so as to take advantage of opportunities to expand the Greenbelt; and ensure stronger protection for existing environmentally sensitive lands, significant natural features and prime farmlands to maximize the benefits that greenbelts provide, such as clean water and air, fresher food produced near home, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Ontario's Greenbelt in an International Context was released on March 1st at the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation's celebration *Greenbelt at Five Years: Planning for the Future*, which featured a panel discussion to explore the Greenbelt's promise, the opportunities and challenges it faces, and ideas for its future.

APRIL 2010: CIELAP, along with the Canadian Environmental Law Association and Ecojustice, stated their concerns about the Ontario government's proposed *Open for Business Act*. The groups called upon the government to amend the proposed Act so as to leave intact the public notice and comment as well as third party appeal rights under the Environmental Bill of Rights. The groups submitted a detailed analysis, entitled *Modernizing Environmental Approvals*, to the Ontario Ministry of Environment.



JUNE 2010: CIELAP released *Nurturing Fruit and Vegetable Processing in Ontario*, which was co-authored by Maureen Carter-Whitney and Sally Miller, of the West End Food Co-op, as a part of the Metcalfe Foundation's Food Solutions series. CIELAP's paper examines the structural, legislative, economic, and regulatory frameworks that have led to an Ontario food-processing sector that is inadequate for many small and medium-scale farmers.

Recommendations from the series of reports, which are designed to build a healthy, ecological, equitable and financially viable food system for Ontario, include rural entrepreneurship, return of the cannery, city gardens and farms, and community food centres. The intent of these recommendations is to protect rural and urban land for growing food, develop a thriving local food and farming economy, create jobs and infrastructure, and ensure healthier Ontarians demanding locally-produced food.

2010, ONGOING: Maureen Carter-Whitney presented on *Ontario's Greenbelt in an International Context* at the Greenbelt at Five Years event, hosted by the Canadian Urban Institute and Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation (March 1 2010), and also to the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal (June 25 2010). Maureen also presented on *Perspectives on Greenbelts Worldwide* at the National Capital Commission Greenbelt National Visioning Forum in Ottawa (November 25 2009).

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Throughout 2009-2010 CIELAP gave feedback on a number of policy proposals including providing comments on *From Waste to Worth: The Role of Waste Diversion in the Green Economy, A Minister's Report*, and helping to coordinate a joint statement from diverse stakeholders on this consultation regarding Ontario's *Waste Diversion Act, 2002*.

2009: CIELAP contributed a book chapter *Mercury Trade in a Globalizing World*, authored by Satya P. Mohapatra and Anne Mitchell, which was published in *Trade Policy and a Globalizing World*. The chapter discusses why trade in toxic substances, such as mercury, is undesirable and deserves serious attention from national and international leaders.

JULY 2009: CIELAP released its *Discussion Paper on the Sustainable International Management of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment*. This paper explores the range of different perspectives that exist with regard to the sustainable international management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. It examines environmental, economic, social and legal perspectives to provide the background for discussion on how to move forward on this pressing global issue.

MAY 20, 2010: Maureen Carter-Whitney presented on *Waste Diversion and Modernizing MOE Approvals* to the Ontario Bar Association.

PROTECTING OUR WATER RESOURCES IN LIGHT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

JANUARY 2010: CIELAP Policy Researcher Matt Binstock authored *Moving Toward a Soft Path Approach? A Case Study of Water Management in Guelph, Ontario*. This report is a summary of the learning outcomes from his Water Policy Fellowship with the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. It provides an overview of water management policies and practices in the city of Guelph, Ontario, within the broader context of growth pressures on water resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region of Ontario, recent research on water demand management, soft path planning and public opinion polling on water issues.

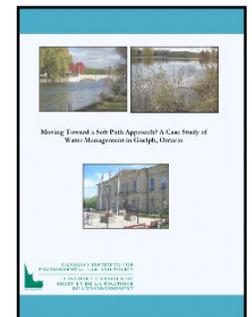
SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

FEBRUARY 2010: CIELAP's Programmes Manager Carolyn Webb was the editor for the paper *Input From Canadian NGOs to the Canadian Delegation to the UN Commission for Sustainable Development 18-19*, a publication compiled as a part of a consultation process conducted by the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN). This paper outlined the aspirations Canadian NGOs have for the 18th session of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD), and discussed the challenges and context surrounding these objectives. NGOs urged the Canadian Government to adopt an approach to CSD that prioritizes the development of effective international approaches to sharing and problem solving.

FEBRUARY 2010: CIELAP's Executive Director Thomas Esakin and CIELAP Research Associates Dr. Hari Gurung and Keren Ross collectively began a process of researching best practices in Sustainable Development Strategies (SDS) and analysing the Government of Canada's departmental SDSs. This process is ongoing through until the Summer 2010, being undertaken with an eye to how these federal strategies and an eventual National SDS in Canada compare when examined alongside international best practices."

MARCH 2010: CIELAP's Executive Director, Thomas Esakin, spoke with University of Toronto students about the environmental sector, sustainability, and working in the field.

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FINANCIALS

CIELAP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 2009-2010

	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,658	\$ 17,735
Accounts receivable	651	21,493
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,196</u>	<u>5,527</u>
	<u>\$33,505</u>	<u>\$ 44,755</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,500	\$ 23,711
Deferred revenue	<u>29,711</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	35,211	26,711
Net assets		
Operating reserve fund	-	\$ 17,000
Unrestricted net assets	<u>(1,706)</u>	<u>1,044</u>
	\$ (1,706)	\$ 18,044
	<u>\$33,505</u>	<u>\$ 44,755</u>
Statement of Revenue and Expenses		
	Year End	Year End
	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Revenue		
Grants and sponsorship	\$ 94,618	\$ 168,139
Government grants	45,436	25,399
Corporate and individual donations	16,143	13,649
Interest	31	1,311
Royalties and other income	<u>28,700</u>	<u>28,400</u>
	<u>184,928</u>	<u>236,898</u>
Expenses		
Communications	7,054	5,571
Direct project expenditures	12,917	36,251
Fundraising	110	542
Insurance	3,780	3,855
Office and General	6,014	3,606
Professional fees	12,020	16,926
Rent	31,721	37,230
Salaries and benefits	<u>131,062</u>	<u>123,826</u>
	<u>204,678</u>	<u>227,807</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue) for the year	<u>(19,750)</u>	<u>\$ 9,091</u>

Auditors' Report

To the directors of
Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and
Policy

We have audited the financial statements of
Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and
Policy as at June 30, 2010 in accordance with
Canadian generally accepted auditing
standards and expressed an unqualified
opinion on these financial statements in our
report dated October 20, 2010.

In our opinion, the information in the
condensed financial statements in this annual
report is consistent with the above-mentioned
financial statements from which they derived.

To obtain a better understanding of the
organization's financial position and the results
of its operations and cash flows for the year in
question, the condensed financial statements
should be read in light of the relevant audited
financial statements.

Chaplin & Co., Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

October 20, 2010

THANK YOU!

We extend our gratitude to those who have given financial support to help advance our mission in 2009-2010.

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Human Resources and Skills
Development Canada
Ontario Ministry of the Environment
National Film Board of Canada
Township of the North Shore

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United Way of Greater Toronto
University of Western Ontario
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CIELAP's supporters at our March 2010 Sustainability Event with Bob Willard

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INTERN PROFILE – NATALIE ANTONOWICZ

In September 2009 Natalie joined CIELAP as a Research and Communications Assistant. Her eight month internship was part of her Environmental Policy and Practice major at the University of Toronto. In the summer of 2010, she continued to work at CIELAP to compile a report about policy impediments to brownfield redevelopment in Ontario.



“As a member of CIELAP's team, I gained exposure to the NGO world and expanded my professional experience beyond academia. I learned about the role of civil society in the policy making process and gained a deeper understanding of the operations of environmental organizations. In addition to being extremely enjoyable, my work at CIELAP has prepared me for a future career in the field of environmental law and policy making and analysis.”

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

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