



Ecology Action Centre

# MEMBERSHIP

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# EAC Membership

## Who are we?

The Ecology Action Centre is a member-based environmental charity in Nova Scotia, working on unceded Mi'kmaq territory. We take leadership on critical environmental issues from biodiversity protection to climate change to environmental justice. We are grounded in community and act as a strong voice and watchdog for our environment. We work to catalyze change through policy advocacy, community development and citizen engagement. We take a holistic approach to the environment and our economy to create a just and sustainable society.

## What does it mean to be a member?

Members are the heart of our organization, and have been since our founding in 1971. When you join the EAC, you are adding your voice to thousands of others across Nova Scotia and beyond who are calling for deep and transformative change in our world. Together we are a powerful force!

Being an EAC member means being part of a community of people who care for the earth and our neighbors, and for the well-being of future generations. We learn together, grow together, take action together, and celebrate together. Thank you for being part of our community!



# Why is membership so Important?



## Strength in Numbers

The EAC relies on the collective social power of our membership to be effective in our advocacy work.

Our members represent a sizeable portion of Nova Scotia's population. This strengthens our influence on the provincial level. It lets decision-makers know the public is aware and concerned about environmental issues.

With a healthy and robust membership, we can mobilize citizens to call for progressive action and leadership on crucial environmental issues.

## Keeping our community connected and informed

Membership allows us to connect directly with our community with calls to action, resources and pertinent up-to-date information. As an EAC member, you'll receive our bi-weekly e-newsletter and a subscription to our triannual magazine Ecology and Action. Keep an eye on your mailbox to stay connected!

## Core source of independent funding

Membership donations are a vital source of independent funding which allows EAC to continue to be a strong, autonomous, and principled voice for environmental progress.



Photo by Irwin Barrett



# What are the benefits of being a member?



## Your voice matters here!

- We reach out annually through membership surveys to ask for feedback that often shapes our work.
- Members can vote in our Annual General Meeting and even join our Board!
- We encourage our members to reach out any time with questions, concerns or ideas. We love to hear from you!

## You are part of a caring community

- The climate crisis and other environmental injustices can often feel overwhelming. Many people experience anxiety, apathy, or burnout when thinking of the dire environmental situation we're facing globally. If you've ever felt this way, you are not alone!
- By joining the EAC, you become part of a community of thousands of like-minded people who are committed to supporting one another and working together toward a better future. So please, lean on us and we'll lean on you too, and together we'll build a brighter world.



*"I was a member in the early years, the '70's. It was important then and still is today...EAC seems to hold the hand of Mother Earth as her follower, and as a leader for those who see, or need to see, that we are all connected."*

*-Karen Robinson, EAC member*

## You'll be in the know

- As a member, you have access to a network of resources, data, EAC and community partnership webinars, and expert analysis on local, national and international issues.

## You can channel your activism through EAC

- Volunteerism and citizen engagement are central to how we do our work. There are lots of ways to get involved! You can join an Action Committee, help organize a campaign, do research, write for our magazine, answer the phones, paint signs, or help with administrative tasks.
- Fill out a volunteer profile at [www.ecologyaction.ca/volunteer](http://www.ecologyaction.ca/volunteer) to get bi-weekly updates about the latest opportunities.

## Tax Receipts

- The EAC is a registered non-profit society with charitable status. At the end of each year we send out a receipt for the total amount donated annually so you can claim them on your income tax return.

# Why support monthly?

1. Monthly giving provides the Ecology Action Center with reliable, predictable funding. This helps us look into the future and budget for the needs of our long-term programs.
2. It's the most flexible way to give! You choose an amount that works for you, and can change your donations or suspend them for up to four months in a row at any time, giving you a break from giving whenever you need it.
3. Many people find it easier to give smaller amounts over a longer period of time rather than one large sum all at once.
4. It's greener! It helps cut down on administrative costs and involves less paper processing. Each time someone donates we provide a receipt, input the donor information, and contact annually. When you donate monthly, there is far less of this to do.
5. It's the easiest way to give; No remembering required! Your monthly donation is automatically withdrawn from your account.
- 6. It is simply the best way to support a local organization!**



# About the Ecology Action Centre

## 50 Years of Action

The EAC is Nova Scotia's oldest and largest environmental charity. Since 1971 we've been taking leadership on critical issues ranging from climate change, to biodiversity protection, to environmental justice.

## Our work is generally organized by seven action areas:



### **Built Environment:**

Our Built Environment Team believes in building inclusive and dynamic communities that function in harmony with the natural and social environment. By engaging with issues related to urban planning, building design and construction, we strive for healthy, affordable, and dynamic places to live, work and play.

### **Coastal**

Our Coastal Team works for a future where all coastal systems in Nova Scotia are healthy, valued and protected, and everyone is connected to these unique and crucial ecosystems. They seek to engage the public to offer the knowledge, confidence, and support necessary to take action for our coast!



### **Energy**

Climate change inevitably impacts all of us. Our Energy Team inspires Nova Scotians to prosper in a future that is free of fossil fuels, where energy is used as efficiently as possible. Through education, consultation and advocacy with the public and government, we work for a just transition into a better energy future that leaves no one behind.





## Food

Our Food Team works to build a community around food in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. We're creating spaces where people can connect about food; to learn and share ideas, success stories, solutions and ways to get involved. We work at the individual, community and systemic level to increase access to local, nutritious food.

## Marine

Our Marine Team works locally, nationally and internationally to protect marine ecosystems and advocate for sustainable fisheries, which support vibrant coastal communities and livelihoods.



## Transportation

Our Transportation Team believes in a future where making sustainable transportation decisions is easy. Walking and biking will be safe and convenient, and a culture of active living will exist. Public transit will be accessible, affordable, convenient, interconnected, and reliable. We're working everyday towards that future.

## Wilderness

Our Wilderness Team works to save the terrestrial biodiversity of Nova Scotia. Their advocacy focuses on three areas:

1. Protecting Core Areas as Anchors of Biodiversity;
2. Advocating for Healthy, Connected Working Landscapes;
3. Building a Culture of Nature Appreciation and Engagement.



# A letter from our Director

Dear friend,

Thank you for becoming a member of the Ecology Action Centre! When you become an EAC member you're adding your voice to thousands of others across Mi'kma'ki/Nova Scotia and beyond. In this time of multiple ecological and social crises, working together to shape a positive future is more important than ever.

We are a membership-based organization because we know that it's our connections to each other that make positive change possible. They support us to work for a just, sustainable, and vibrant world – one where our ecosystems are revitalized and restored, communities are resilient and thriving, and no one is left behind.

The EAC has been a leader and a watchdog for environmental issues for over 50 years. Our history is proof that when we work together – even against incredible odds – we make amazing things happen. From creating the first recycling program in Nova Scotia, to stopping what would have been the world's largest nuclear power complex, to helping protect thousands of kilometers of our land and oceans, I'm proud of the impact we've had.

The EAC's successes belong to individuals like you, who are dedicated to the vision of an equitable, sustainable future. It is the passion and commitment of our staff, volunteers, and members that makes all of EAC's work possible.

And now you are a part of that story too! Thank you for standing with us as we continue to build our movement, push for systemic change, and showcase what's possible.

In gratitude and action,

Maggy Burns,  
Executive Director

# Contact Us

**We'd love to hear from you!**

If you have any questions about our annual, sustaining, or gift membership programs, please contact Florence Wallace, our Member Relations Officer:

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