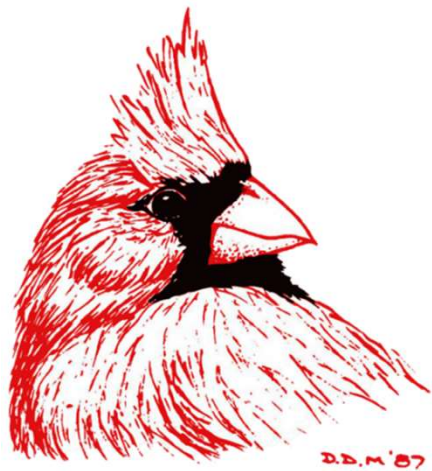


**2025**  
**Annual General**  
**Meeting**



**Nature London**

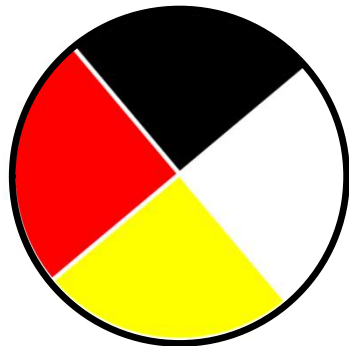
To preserve and enjoy nature

# Land Acknowledgement

Nature London recognizes that the area in which we gather, work and live is located within the traditional territories of the Attawandaron, Lunaapeewak and Haudenosaunec peoples who have long-standing relationship with this region of SWO.

The City of London is party to the London Township Treaty of 1796 and the Longwoods Treaty of 1819.

We thank the Indigenous people's commitment and relationship with the land and waters, for knowing that our ongoing survival is connected to the land.



# Call to Order & Quorum

## Call to Order

Thirty (30) members are required for quorum.

# Agenda

Call to Order & Quorum

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Annual Report

Financial Report

Election of Directors

Confirmation of Appointees

Other Business

Adjournment

# Minutes of the 2024 AGM

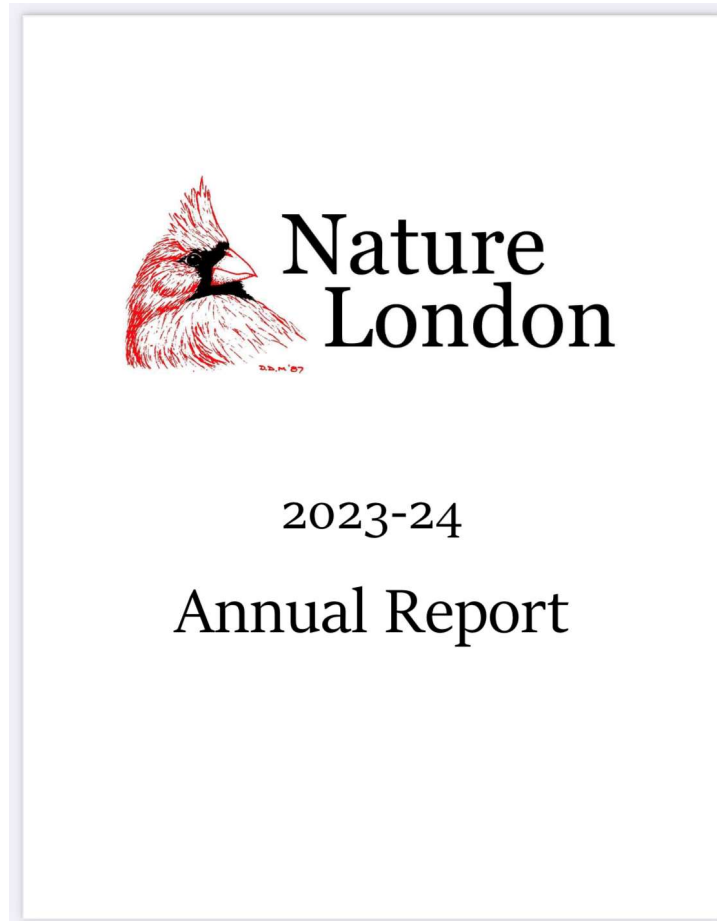
The minutes of the 2024 AGM were posted to the Nature London website in advance of the meeting.

## Motion

That the minutes of the February 16, 2024 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented

# 2023-4 Annual Report

The complete report is posted on our website.



# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

from A to Y

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Archives - 9 tasks undertaken
- ▶ Awards - 1
- ▶ Awards Banquet
- ▶ Bird Friendly London - 7 activities
- ▶ Birding Wing - 3 meetings



# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Book Donations - \$312.50
- ▶ *The Cardinal* - 4 issues, 160 pp.
- ▶ Cedarcroft - New Managers and Learnings

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Chimney Swifts - 197 Visits
- ▶ CBC - 83 species by 156 obs.
- ▶ CAC - City Hall Updates,  
Actions and Advocacy with ON
- ▶ Eco-Grants - \$15,000 to 5 orgs

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ E-News - 615 subscribers in 2024. 24 E-Newsletters
- ▶ Email - [info@naturelondon.ca](mailto:info@naturelondon.ca)
- ▶ Facebook - 1,100 followers
- ▶ Field Trips - 40

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ NAGs - 140 guides on consignment
- ▶ Image Database - Now 16,000+
- ▶ Indoor meetings - 7- Mix of Virtual and Hybrid

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ LEN - over 40 member groups
- ▶ Manual Secretary - Manual #4 updated
- ▶ Membership - 464 representing at least 791 individual members
- ▶ Nature in the City relaunched
- ▶ Ontario Nature - Carolinian West meetings and Advocacy with NL

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Osprey Monitoring - 15 Active Nests -23 fledged
- ▶ Refreshments restarted
- ▶ Saunders Library - Adult 6 titles x 4-8 and Children's 5 titles x 4
- ▶ TTLT - New Reserves/Acquisitions  
Conservation Easement Agreements

# 2023-24 Annual Report Highlights

- ▶ Urban League - nearly 40 members
- ▶ Volunteers - 40 named positions / teams
- ▶ Website - 2500+ hits per month!
- ▶ YouTube - NL and Nature in the City presentations

# Financial Report 2023-2024

Lesley Pergau

Treasurer



# Financial Report

The unaudited Financial Statements to August 31, 2024, are posted on our website:

| Balance Sheet (\$) |                |                |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                    | 2023/24        | 2022/23        |
| Assets             | 280,050        | 140,389        |
| Liabilities        | 7,048          | 3,086          |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  | <b>273,002</b> | <b>137,303</b> |

- ▶ *Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly the financial position of Nature London as of August 31, 2024*
  - ▶ Davis Martindale, LLP
- ▶ The Board allocated \$15,000 for an Eco-Grants Program in 2023/2024.

**NATURE LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**(UNAUDITED)**  
**AS AT AUGUST 31, 2024**

|   | <b>ASSETS</b>     |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2023</b>       |
|   |                   | (note 5)          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                       |                   |                   |
| Cash  | \$ 54,012         | \$ 29,517         |
| Short-term investments (note 3)             | 165,965           | 51,379            |
| Government remittances receivable           | 1,574             | 822               |
| Inventory                                   | 2,600             | 3,566             |
| Prepaid expenses                            | <u>2,774</u>      | <u>1,980</u>      |
|   | 226,925           | 87,264            |
| <b>Community Bond</b>                       | 5,000             | 5,000             |
| <b>Nature London Fund</b> (note 4)          | 25,000            | 25,000            |
| <b>Land</b>                                 | <u>23,125</u>     | <u>23,125</u>     |
|   | <u>\$ 280,050</u> | <u>\$ 140,389</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b> |                   |                   |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                  |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities    | \$ 5,001          | \$ -              |
| Deferred revenue                            | <u>2,047</u>      | <u>3,086</u>      |
|   | 7,048             | 3,086             |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                           |                   |                   |
| Capital reserve fund                        | 23,125            | 23,125            |
| General reserve fund                        | 73,390            | 73,390            |
| Operating fund                              | <u>176,487</u>    | <u>40,788</u>     |
|   | <u>273,002</u>    | <u>137,303</u>    |
|   | <u>\$ 280,050</u> | <u>\$ 140,389</u> |

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Signed by:  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director

*The attached Review Engagement Report and notes  
 form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.*



**NATURE LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

|   | <b>Operating<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Capital<br/>Reserve<br/>Fund</b> | <b>General<br/>Reserve<br/>Fund</b> | <b>2024<br/>Total</b> | <b>2023<br/>Total<br/>(note 5)</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Balance, Beginning of Year</b>       | \$ 40,788                 | \$ 23,125                           | \$ 73,390                           | \$ 137,303            | \$ 132,669                         |
| Excess of revenues<br>over expenditures | <u>135,699</u>            | <u>-</u>                            | <u>-</u>                            | <u>-</u>              | <u>4,634</u>                       |
| <b>Balance, End of Year</b>             | <u>\$ 176,487</u>         | <u>\$ 23,125</u>                    | <u>\$ 73,390</u>                    | <u>\$ 273,002</u>     | <u>\$ 137,303</u>                  |

**NATURE LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

|   | 2024              | 2023<br>(note 5) |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                             |                   |                  |
| Donations                                   | \$ 153,998        | \$ 17,003        |
| Indoor programs                             | 5,311             | -                |
| Investment income                           | 6,434             | 2,295            |
| Memberships                                 | 15,340            | 13,880           |
| Miscellaneous                               | -                 | 256              |
| Sales                                       | 2,608             | 4,117            |
|   | <u>183,691</u>    | <u>37,551</u>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                   |                  |
| Administration                              | 10,139            | 7,652            |
| Affiliation fees                            | 973               | 948              |
| Birding wing meetings                       | 961               | 1,304            |
| Cardinal                                    | 4,844             | 4,569            |
| Cedarcroft                                  | 1,835             | 755              |
| Christmas banquet                           | 4,631             | -                |
| Donations                                   | 17,550            | 16,340           |
| Meetings                                    | 1,769             | 1,349            |
| Professional fees                           | 5,000             | -                |
| Projects                                    | 290               | -                |
|   | <u>47,992</u>     | <u>32,917</u>    |
| <b>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</b> | <u>\$ 135,699</u> | <u>\$ 4,634</u>  |

# Financial Report – Eco-Grants

| Organization                    | Project Name                                | Amount Funded   |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Thames Talbot Land Trust        | Native Seeds for Restoration                | \$3,200         |
| ReForest London                 | Classroom to Canopy                         | \$3,000         |
| London Environmental Network    | Tiny Forest: Greening Western Fair District | \$3,000         |
| Growing Chefs!                  | Growing Community Food Forest               | \$3,900         |
| Elmwood Ave Presbyterian Church | Elmwood Anniversary Pollinator Garden       | \$1,900         |
|                                 |   |                 |
|                                 |   |                 |
|                                 | <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$15,000</b> |

# Financial Report

| \$                       | 2023/24        |  | 2022/23      |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| Revenues                 | 183,691        |  | 37,551       |
| Total expenses           | 47,992         |  | 32,917       |
| <b>Revenue /Expenses</b> | <b>135,699</b> |  | <b>4,634</b> |

- Revenues for 2023-24 include two bequests totaling \$130,000

# Financial Report

| <b>Donations/Affiliations (\$)</b> | <b>2023-24</b> |  | <b>2022/23</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| TTLT                               | 550            |  | 500            |
| Carolinian Canada                  | 290            |  | 0              |
| WE Library                         | 1,000          |  | 1,000          |
| ON Nature                          | 248            |  | 248            |
| PILLAR                             | 75             |  | 0              |
| London Environmental Network       | 50             |  | 50             |
| Urban League                       | 100            |  | 200            |
| Other                              | 1,500          |  | 75             |
|                                    |                |  |                |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>3,813</b>   |  | <b>2,073</b>   |
|                                    |                |  |                |



# Financial Report – Cash Flows

|  | 2024      | 2023     |
|--|-----------|----------|
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>      |           |          |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures             | \$135,699 | \$4,634  |
| Changes in non-cash working capital:             |           |          |
| Inventory  | 966       | 1,355    |
| Prepaid expenses                                 | -793      | 213      |
| Government remittances receivable                | -753      | 110      |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities         | 4,999     | 1,191    |
| Deferred revenue                                 | -1,038    | 1,276    |
|  | 3,381     | 4,145    |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b> | 139,080   | 8,779    |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>      | -114,585  | -32,470  |
| Increase in short-term investments               | 24,495    | -23,691  |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>           | 29,517    | 53,208   |
| <b>Cash, Beginning of Year</b>                   |           |          |
| <b>Cash, End of Year</b>                         | \$54,012  | \$29,517 |



Financial  
Report

Any Questions?

# Financial Report

## Motion

That the 2023-2024 Financial Statements be adopted

## Motions for the AGM

- ▶ #1 That the membership ratify the decision of the Board of Directors to retain Davis Martindale to conduct a Review Engagement of the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024

## Motions for the AGM

- ▶ #2 That the members of Nature London resolve that the Corporation waive an external annual audit and review engagement for the year ending August 31, 2025, and that the Financial Statements be internally reviewed in accordance with the procedure recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- ▶ *(this motion requires an 80% approval to carry)*

# Election of Directors

## Retiring Board Members

Gordon Neish      Past President

Lesley Pergau      Treasurer



# Election of Directors

## New Board Candidates

- Ken Cossoy - Treasurer
- Kari Moreland- Director at Large

# Election of Directors 2025-26

| CANDIDATE            | POSITION   |
|----------------------|--|
| Don Taves            | Past-President                                   |
| Jennifer Evans       | President  |
| Brienna French       | <i>Vice-President</i>                            |
| Ken Cossoy           | Treasurer  |
| Cathie Penalagan     | Secretary  |
| Grant Hopcroft       | Director at Large<br>and Chair Finance Committee |
| Darby Alderson       | Director at Large                                |
| Garry<br>Cruickshank | Director at Large                                |
| Stacey Jaczko        | Director at Large                                |
| Matthew<br>Palarchio | Director at Large                                |
| Kari Moreland        | Director at Large                                |
|                      |  |

# Election of Directors

I declare the slate of candidates for the  
2023-24 Nature London Board of  
Directors elected by acclamation.



# Appointees for 2025-2026

## **Object #1: To acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history**

- ▶ Archivists - Winifred & David Wake
- ▶ E-Newsletter Coordinators - Ric & Sandy Symmes
- ▶ Email Coordinators - Ric & Sandy Symmes
- ▶ *The Cardinal* Editorial Committee - John Berry, Susan Berry, Mike Channon, Colleen Kelly, Carrie Long, Ellen Mamandras
- ▶ Image Database - John Berry
- ▶ *Natural Areas Guide* Editor - Mike Channon
- ▶ Facebook Coordinator - Mady Hymowitz
- ▶ Video Manager- Kathleen Holland
- ▶ Webmaster - Glenn Berry

# Appointees for 2025-2026

## **Object #2: To conserve wildlife and protect its natural habitat**

- ▶ **Cedarcroft Manager - Jeff Paul**
- ▶ **Conservation Action Committee Chair - Sandy Levin**
- ▶ **Friends of the Coves Liaison - Bill Maddeford**
- ▶ **Ontario Nature Representative - Carol Agocs**
- ▶ **Thames Talbot Land Trust Liaison - David Wake**
- ▶ **Urban League Representative - Susan Price**
- ▶ **LEN Representative - Susan Price**
- ▶ **Bird Friendly City Representative - Stacey Jaczko**

# Appointees for 2025-2026

**Object #3: To stimulate public interest in and understanding of nature and its protection and preservation**

- ▶ **Field Trips Coordinator - Cathy McCrae**
- ▶ **Indoor Meetings Coordinators - Glenn Berry, Ruth Dickau, Rick Martin**
- ▶ **Nature In The City Coordinator - Kathleen Holland**
- ▶ **Saunders Library Liaison - Pat Tripp**

# Appointees for 2025-2026

**Object #4: To develop and sponsor special interest groups in the various fields of natural history**

- ▶ **Butterfly Count Coordinator - George Prieksaitis**
- ▶ **Birding Wing Meeting Coordinator - Stacey Jaczko**
- ▶ **Chimney Swift Monitoring - Glenn Berry, Susan Berry**
- ▶ **Chimney Swift Outreach Coordinator - Vacant**
- ▶ **Christmas Bird Count Compiler - Pete Read**
- ▶ **Osprey Monitoring Coordinators - Ric & Sandy Symmes**

# Appointees for 2025-2026

## Club Administration

- ▶ AV Technician - Glenn Berry
- ▶ Awards Banquet - Darby Alderson, Pam Fraser, Susan Price, Leslie Rockwell
- ▶ Awards Banquet Prizes Coordinator - *Vacant*
- ▶ Giving Program Coordinator - Grace Edwards
- ▶ Cookie, Coffee & Tea Coordinator - Linda Bristow
- ▶ Manual Secretary - Cathy Quinlan
- ▶ Membership Database Support - Hugh Casbourn
- ▶ Membership Secretary - Gail McNeil
- ▶ Sales Coordinator - Ann Henderson
- ▶ Book Donations Coordinator - Betsy Baldwin
- ▶ Volunteer Coordinator - Bernie VanDenBelt

# Appointees for 2025-2026

## Special Committees

- ▶ **Awards Committee**

Anita Caveney, Gordon Neish, Stacey Jaczko

- ▶ **Eco-Grants Committee**

Carol Agocs, Garry Cruickshank, Jennifer Evans,  
Susan Hall, Lesley Pergau, Lora Yurdakul

- ▶ **Finance Committee**

Garry Cruickshank, Grant Hopcroft, Sandy Levin,  
Ken Cossoy, Bernie VanDenBelt

# NL Nomination Form



## Awards Nomination Form

Nominations must be received by August 25<sup>th</sup>, year of award.

Please email **Saunders, Special Recognition, Suncatcher and Conservation Award** nominations to [awards@naturelondon.ca](mailto:awards@naturelondon.ca).

See the Nature London website for Enviro Hero nomination forms (no deadline).

If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of your nomination within three (3) business days, please email [info@naturelondon.ca](mailto:info@naturelondon.ca).

All awards are subject to the approval of the Nature London Board of Directors.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>NAME OF AWARD</b>  |   |
| <b>NAME OF NOMINEE</b>  |   |
| <b>EMAIL OR PHONE OF NOMINEE</b>  |   |
| <b>NOMINATOR (NOMINATED BY)</b>   |   |
| <b>EMAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR</b>   |   |
| <b>PHONE NUMBER OF NOMINATOR</b>  |   |
| <p>If nomination is approved, are you <b>WILLING TO WRITE THE CITATION?</b><br/> <b>Note:</b> All citations are subject to editing by the Awards Committee.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES      <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>(No citation is required for Suncatcher Awards)</p> |
| <b>DATE SUBMITTED</b>   |   |
| <b>DATE RECEIVED</b><br>(Completed by Awards Committee)   |   |

# Other Business

**CAC Ontario Nature Election  
Resources - Dave Wake  
Any other Business?**





# Conservation Action Committee

Ontario Nature is encouraging all affiliates across the province to

- Help make *the environment* central in the provincial election
- Candidates must hear that we will not stand for continued biodiversity loss and climate inaction

<https://ontarionature.org/>

THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST

**COMMIT TO PROTECT  
30% OF LANDS AND  
WATERS BY 2030**

**#VoteForNature**

Ontario  
Nature 

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- Science indicates we need to protect at least 30% of our lands and waters
- Ontario has protected less than 11%
- Call for candidates to **expand protected areas**, a nature-based solution to climate change and biodiversity loss

THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST

**RESTORE AND ENHANCE  
PROTECTIONS FOR  
SPECIES AT RISK**

**#VoteForNature**



Ontario  
Nature 

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- We are facing an unprecedented and accelerating loss of biodiversity
- Call for your local candidates to restore a science-based approach to protect and recover species at risk.



THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST

**STRENGTHEN NATURAL HERITAGE  
PROTECTIONS IN LAND USE PLANNING**

#VoteForNature

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Ontario  
Nature 

- Reverse changes to provincial planning legislation that weaken environmental protections
- Restore the powers of Conservation Authorities



THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST  
**REVERSE CHANGES THAT  
LIMIT WETLAND PROTECTION**

**#VoteForNature**



- Environmental deregulation has gutted protections of the water, lands and wildlife
- Call for candidates to respect the public voice and represent our collective interest in strong environmental laws and policies.





Nature London  
To preserve and enjoy nature

# What You Can Do

- Consider the issues that matter the most to you
- Find out where your local candidates stand on those issues
- Talk to friends, colleagues, neighbours, family members about importance of *Voting for Nature*
- Ask questions at all-candidates meetings
- Write a letter to the editor
- *Vote*

for the candidate you feel will best protect Ontario's wild species and wild spaces.



## For More Information

- <https://ontarionature.org>
  - Look for the Blog
  - Protect Our Planet: Vote for Nature and Climate Resilience

# Adjournment

- ▶ Motion
- ▶ That the meeting be adjourned.

