

# Wild Impact

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## Logging stopped in the Donut Hole

On Dec. 4 we won a huge victory when the B.C. government finally announced a ban on logging in the unprotected “Donut Hole,” a wilderness area surrounded by Manning and Skagit provincial parks. **Because of you, we’ve been working hard on a logging ban there for 15 years.** Thank you for taking action numerous times to save this area.

Although the logging ban is tree-mendous news, the Donut Hole is not out of the woods yet. Imperial Metals, the mining company whose Mount Polley tailings dam collapsed in 2014 causing the worst tailings spill disaster in Canadian history, also has mining claims here.

**We’ll continue to work alongside our allies to call for Imperials’ mine claims to be extinguished and the area to be protected by the B.C. government, in partnership with First Nations.** Keep an eye on this campaign in 2020 as we work to get Imperial Metals out of these critical headwaters.



## Recognition for Tiny House Warriors

This year we awarded the Eugene Rogers Award for outstanding environmental defence work to the Tiny House Warriors. Kanahus Manuel and her family formed the Tiny House Warriors — **a group of mostly Secwepemc women who have built and placed five tiny houses strategically in the path of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, to assert Secwepemc law and jurisdiction on their land.**

Braving cold winters, hostile neighbours and police violence, the Tiny House Warriors continue to organize in Secwepemc communities in defence of the 180,000 square km of unceded territories against fossil fuel expansion and the threat of an oil spill. **Your support means we have been on the ground in Blue River to witness and support the construction of these houses and stand with the Secwepemc people.** In a time of urgent climate crisis, their action inspires us to continue standing up for what is right. This was the 27th award given out to exceptionally hard-working conservationists.



## Manitoba celebrates 20 years of wild

We've been working together to protect the wild in Manitoba for 20 years — and with your gifts, we've done so much!

Remember when we stopped oil by rail to the town of Churchill? Or way before that, when we got logging out of almost all of our provincial parks? (Don't worry we won't stop until we save Duck Mountain.) **You made our fight and win for protection of Chitek Lake, Hecla/Grindstone, Fisher Bay, Manigotogan and so much more, possible. Thank you!**

You and I both know that in this decade the urgent need for climate action and the worldwide extinction crisis are daunting tasks. Yet we have such an opportunity in Manitoba. We are uniquely positioned to act on climate by protecting country-sized expanses of natural forest and we have an obligation to care for peatlands — the most carbon-rich lands on Earth. Eliminating fossil fuel use and selling our existing hydroelectricity to regions currently powered by fossil fuels are other great examples of such opportunities. The new decade is only the beginning.



## Stepping up wild defence in Ontario

Earlier this fall we launched the Fund for a Wilder Ontario. Deadly provincial government cuts to environmental protection and climate action need quick action. **Donors like you made it possible to step up our resistance by adding to our campaign team and expanding our program work.** We are so grateful you're with us!

Your support means we've been able to ramp up our defence of Catchacoma — Canada's largest known old-growth eastern hemlock forest — with online action and partnerships that will push a reluctant government to protection. We are on the ground in Algonquin Provincial Park ensuring we have the latest research, documentation and mapping needed as the new 2020 park management plan comes up for consultation. **Our goal is an end to logging in provincial parks.** We're raising opposition to the Gazoduc pipeline proposal that would increase fracked gas exports in a time of climate crisis.

And that is your gift's impact in the past two months alone. **Just think what we can accomplish together in 2020.**

Your commitment to protect nature and ensure a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

*Thank you*



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