

Highlights

Équiterre and the Poznan negotiations

The 14th United Nations Climate Change Conference was held last December in Poznan, Poland, where Équiterre's Steven Guilbeault and Hugo Séguin took part in negotiations aimed at ensuring the imminent adoption of a new international framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.


 The logo for the Poznan 2008 climate conference, featuring the word "POZNAN" in green capital letters and the year "2008" in a colorful, stylized font with leaves.


Analysis of the Pesticide Management Code

Équiterre and the David Suzuki Foundation reported on the impact of Québec's Pesticide Management Code two years after its implementation and set out a number of recommendations for various levels of government and other horticulture industry stakeholders.

Creation of the Laure Waridel bursary

Équiterre and the Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins have joined forces to create the Laure Waridel Bursary. This is their way of recognizing the outstanding contribution of Équiterre's co-founder to the advancement of environmental and social issues as promoted by the organization, while encouraging students' sense of social entrepreneurship.



Founding of the Coalition for Food Sovereignty

Équiterre and dozens of other organizations have joined forces to work on local, national and international levels to promote the right of communities to "feed our people first."

Youngsters introduced to responsible food supply

Équiterre has published an educational kit called *Soup's On!* for elementary and high school classes in Québec, which initiates young people to food supply issues, from field to plate.





Study on Ville-Marie borough practices

Just as its Sustainability Consulting Services was being put into place, Équiterre was asked to carry out an environmental audit for the downtown Montréal Ville-Marie borough. The contract, which ends in 2009, will give Équiterre the opportunity to draw up a number of recommendations that will help improve environmental and sustainable development practices in the city core.

Trailbreaker project

Équiterre has opposed the Enbridge company project to transport oil to Québec from the Alberta tar sands by pipeline. More than 200,000 barrels of oil would be sent to Québec every day.



Modernizing Québec agriculture

The Pronovost Commission on the future of Québec's agriculture and agri-food industry tabled its report in 2008. In the wake of the implementation of its recommendations, Équiterre worked with the advisory committee developing strategies for diversifying production and creating short distribution channels.

Défi Climat campaign

The 25,000 participants have made a commitment to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by more than 26,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year, the equivalent of the annual consumption of nearly 6,500 vehicles.



Steven Guilbeault and chansonnier Richard Séguin's Slam écolo

On August 10, Équiterre's spokesperson whipped up a crowd of 50,000 who gathered for the Terre planète bleue show, part of the Francofolies de Montréal festival. Chanteuse Diane Dufresne and Québec biologist, oceanographer and film-maker Jean Lemire kicked off the show, which was headlined by a number of movers and shakers in Québec music and environmental circles working together to raise awareness about saving our planet. Our slammer's performance was declared one of the hits of the show.

CSA : 25 new farms and 33,000 partners

The Community-Supported Agriculture network was again very popular with farmers and families alike.

**Une banane de bonne nouvelle**

To announce the arrival of fair-trade bananas in Québec, Équiterre produced and broadcast an online animated short that turned out to be extremely popular.

2008 Transportation Cocktail Contest

Équiterre made inroads into the universe of new media with this campaign to raise awareness of sustainable transportation that reached 100,000 citizens. Take a look at the winning photos and videos!



Message from Brigitte Lepage

Chair of the Board of Directors

“Members attending the 2008 Annual General Meeting expressed a desire for Équiterre to expand its area of influence to include organizations and decision-makers, while continuing to work with citizens.

As a result, the Board of Directors adopted a Strategic planning for the next four years. The planning structures this new dimension of Équiterre’s mission.

Many actions and projects are already part of this more global approach.

The *Soup’s On!* project, among others, brings local farms together with health and educational institutions so that they can develop healthy and sustainable food programs.

We also published a report on Québec’s *Pesticides Management Code* in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation. It targets federal, provincial and municipal political decision-makers as well as lawn & gardening businesses and individuals. It presents recommendations to develop gardening and horticultural practices that respect our environment and health, in Québec and across Canada.

Équiterre also created a consulting service this year to put its expertise to work supporting cities and organizations in their sustainable-development initiatives. Since then, we have worked with Montréal’s Ville-Marie borough, the Yellow Pages Group and the Desjardins Group on projects that will affect thousands of employees, citizens and individuals.

Even though Équiterre incorporates a wider range of partners, individuals remain its overriding concern. It is constantly rethinking its relationship with its members, especially those who want to carry out Équiterre’s mission in their community. It hopes to be even more involved directly with citizens in the coming year.

Through its actions, Équiterre will continue to promote change at the local, national and international levels to move toward practices that support fair trade and respect our environment and health.”

Message from Sidney Ribaux

General Coordinator

“Équiterre’s 2008-2012 Strategic planning, adopted by the Board of Directors in March, confirms that we must focus our actions on two major areas: climate change and food. Concrete steps have already been taken in this direction.

Steven Guilbault is part of a select group of activists who have been following the evolution of one of these issues closely ever since the first United Nations’ Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany, in 1995. His appointment as Deputy Executive Coordinator is testimony to the importance of this file for Équiterre as he explains in this report.

Food has been another key issue since Équiterre’s foundation. Many people are aware of our work because of the Community Supported Agriculture network and our campaigns promoting fair trade. Of course, Équiterre will continue to have a direct impact on community food choices. To achieve this, Équiterre, the Confédération des syndicats nationaux, the Fédération des coopératives d’alimentation and the Union des producteurs agricoles founded the Food Sovereignty Coalition, which will promote buying local, ecological production and fair trade practices across Canada and internationally.

As for our own organization, the Board of Directors wanted to ensure that Équiterre would keep its loyal and gifted employees while attracting a new generation that includes both young talent and experienced professionals, and so our human resources policy has been revised to make it one of the best in our sector. Équiterre has also continued to be the driving force behind the Centre for Sustainable Development. The Centre will greatly improve the working conditions of Équiterre’s employees and volunteers while serving as a powerful educational tool.

The black cloud of economic crisis looms as 2009 begins. Équiterre, however, is still in an excellent position, especially financially, to implement its strategic plan. The diversification of Équiterre’s funding will, in fact, prove to be an asset in riding out the current recession.

In conclusion, I would like to tip my hat to the Board of Directors, which during the 2008 Annual General Meeting created the *Laure Waridel Bursary* to stimulate a sense of social entrepreneurship in students. It honours one of Équiterre’s co-founders, who launched the free trade campaign while still a student herself.”



Message from Steven Guilbeault

Deputy Executive Coordinator

“This past year has seen a lot of developments on the climate change issue.

We know that the climate is deteriorating even faster than scientists predicted in their 2007 report, that the polar ice cap is melting before our very eyes, that global warming is accelerating and that we have a lot less time to address the problem than we thought. Many governments are taking these observations very seriously.

The economic crisis has pushed several countries to take a completely new approach towards their economic development. Japan, for example, plans to develop its green-business sector to the tune of \$1 trillion, providing employment for 2.2 million people, while South Korea has also adopted a \$36-billion green plan that is expected to create 140,000 jobs within a year. That’s equivalent to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty’s entire 2009 budget!

Here in Canada, a contradictory situation exists. On one hand, we have a population that is increasingly aware about climate change. This is particularly evident in Québec, where the Transportation Cocktail Contest and Défi Climat, both co-organized by Equiterre, have motivated tens of thousands of citizens to take action and to find sustainable ways to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

On the other hand, while the public stepped up to the plate, the Canadian government incurred the wrath of the international community at the United Nations Climate Conference in Poznan, Poland, last December because of its obstinacy and outdated positions! Back home, federal policies are resulting in a disinvestment in renewable energy sources, such as wind power, while millions of dollars are being thrown at oil companies and the nuclear lobby under the guise of “green” measures.

In December 2009, Copenhagen will hold the largest environmental conference since Kyoto. New GHG reduction goals, among other measures, will be defined. While the U.S., under Barack Obama, Europe, China and the rest of the international community are ready to forge historical agreements to combat climate change, Canada’s position will more likely resemble the fossils of long-extinct dinosaurs. But it’s not over yet. Equiterre, along with other organizations, continues to intervene at all levels to shape our government’s course of action. And we will be vigilant, until and at Copenhagen, and beyond.”



Team

Équiterre brings together dynamic people with extensive and well-established expertise and diverse skills. In addition to its approximately 40 employees, the organization counts on many volunteers, student interns, members, supporters, donors and friends.

As of December 31, 2008, the organization included 3,561 members from all regions of Québec, consisting of 3,512 individuals and 47 companies. To this are added 229 donors (110 individuals and 119 organizations).

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held April 30, 2008, with 107 members in attendance. Participants elected four new members to the Board of Directors, which met six times in 2008.

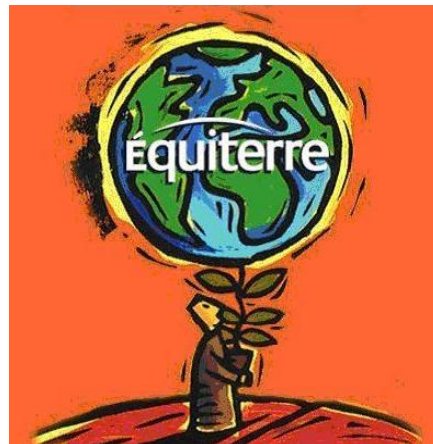
Mission, Vision and Historical Background

Mission

Équiterre helps build a social movement by encouraging individuals, organizations and governments to make ecological and equitable choices, in a spirit of solidarity.

Vision

By 2020, Équiterre, through its local, regional, provincial, national, and international actions, will have :



- ❖ contributed to making Quebec a model and exemplary society where:
 - sustainable development and a socially just economy will have their place in society and where the state will play a major social and economic role;
 - citizens and organizations will be actors of change by undertaking ecological and socially just actions;
- ❖ contributed to making Quebec and Canada nations where legislation and policies promote sustainable development and social justice and lead to positive and tangible impacts on the environment, society, and the quality of life for citizens;
- ❖ contributed to increasing , on an international level, the development of more just, equitable, and eco-friendly economic and commercial exchanges, primarily with regard to agricultural products;
- ❖ contributed to bringing together environmental, social, and economical stakeholder in matters of ecology, sustainable development, and a socially-just economy.

More specifically, the actions which Équiterre plans to undertake by 2020 will contribute to:

- ❖ food sovereignty of nations promoting more just and equitable economic and commercial exchanges;
- ❖ a more diversified ecological agriculture;

- ❖ increased responsible consumption, which will favour local and ecological buying, reuse and recycling as well as reduce waste;
- ❖ the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- ❖ an increase in active and public transportation;
- ❖ reduced energy consumption, in particular through energy efficiency measures in buildings;
- ❖ an increase of the number of buildings that respect ecological and sustainable construction and renovation principles.

Historical Background

Équiterre's origins date back to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following the Summit, several participants who shared a vision of sustainable development grounded in environmental and social values, decided to found Équiterre in 1993 and implement concrete solutions.

In 1995, Équiterre was incorporated as a non-profit organization--originally under the name Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development (A SEED). One year later, it obtained its charitable organization status from the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Québec and, in 1998, adopted the name "Équiterre."

Today, Équiterre possesses a wealth of expertise and a rich portfolio of projects, and enjoys the dedication of the many individuals who joined over the course of the years. It now concentrates its actions around four programmes -Ecological Agriculture, Fair Trade, Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Transportation-; and two campaigns -Climate Changeand Responsible Consumption.

Human Resources

Équiterre's employees come from fields as diverse as environment, international development, political science, law, communications, anthropology, agronomy, engineering, administration and accounting. This range of disciplines allows Équiterre to lead large-scale actions that are in line with the objectives set out in its 2008-2012 strategic plan.

Employees



1. Steven Guilbeault 2. Geneviève Prévost 3. Hugo Séguin
 4. Guillaume Schieber 5. Geneviève Grossenbacher 6. Claudia Hamelin
 7. Jocelyn Darou 8. Sébastien Rioux 9. Danie Beauboeuf
 10. Isabelle Joncas 11. Michelle Robichaud 12. Philippe Morel
 13. Yolande Moreau 14. Suzie Tighe 15. Isabelle Richer
 16. Marc-Antoine Tanguay-Lauzière 17. Amélie Ferland
 18. Sidney Ribaux 19. François Boulanger 20. Fanny Lasselin
 21. Doris Hamelin 22. Émilie Forget 23. Geneviève Gosselin
 24. Marilyne Simard 25. Claire Ruhlmann 26. Lova Ramanitrarivo
 27. Marie-Ève Roy 28. Éveline Trudel-Fugère.

Not on the picture: Romulus Plesa, Nadine Bachand, Murielle Vrins, Claudia Hamelin, Halima Elkahatabi, Ann Lévesque, Jean-François Nolet, Mélissa Mayer, Sylvain Ouellet, Thomas Duchaine, Aurélie Bernier, Krystel Papineau, Nancy Paradis, Valérie Tremblaya and Jean-Frédéric Lemay.

Interns

Équiterre's mission includes transferring skills and encouraging active citizen involvement. Équiterre welcomed 29 student interns from Québec and France this year into its various programs and will continue its partnership with the higher education community to enhance student training and give them a grounding in projects with that have a real impact.

Équiterre would like to sincerely thank its 2008 interns :

Cherryl André De La Porte, Nathalie Batraverse, Karoline Bergeron, Marie-Josée Bernard, Timothée Bindi, Karine Boily, Catherine Caron, Yoann Chagnaud, Marie Clerc, Jean-François Dallaire, Maude Derome, Maïté Dion-Larouche, Laurence Dubuc-Valentine, Jessica Fahey, Katerine Fortin-Lacasse, Djénane Gaspard, Dany Gaudreault, Lawrence Hagg, Diane Huges, Najat Lamzaghi, Kristoffer Laurin-Racicot, Jiashen Li, Bruno Marcotte, Karine Maurais, Émilie Paquin, Guillaume Proust and Carolina Ramirez.

Volunteers

The contribution of the 110 volunteers who played a major role in actions taken by Équiterre in 2008 is priceless. Équiterre would like to convey its deep gratitude for their commitment to communicating the values of environmentalism, fairness and responsibility during events, exhibits and conferences in various regions of Québec. Équiterre also relies on the valued support of volunteer action groups in the regions.

Speakers



Up, from left to right: Gilles Labrune, Geneviève Grossenbacher, Marie-Andrée Devynck, Antoine Thomasset-Laperrière, Doris Hamelin, François Pelletier, Hugo Séguin and François Boulanger.
Center, from left to right: Claire Ruhlmann, Marilyne Simard, Lova Ramanitrarivo and Caroline Mailloux.
Down, from left to right: Amélie Ferland and Émilie Forget.

Not on the picture: Maïté Dion-Larouche, Laurence Fauteux, Sidney Ribaux, Steven Guilbeault, Nadine Bachand, Ann

Lévesque, Andréanne Leclerc-Marceau, Nicolas Boisclair, Édith Smeesters, Chantal Havard, Norman Lévesque, Alain De Guise and Jean-Frédéric Lemay.

Board of directors



Elected by Équiterre members during the Annual General meeting, the Board of Directors sets the organization's major strategic directions. In 2008, the Board welcomed four new members and met six times to, among other things, adopt Équiterre's new human resources policy and 2008-2012 Strategic planning.

Brigitte Lepage – President

(bottom centre of the picture)
Brigitte Lepage is founder of Équiterre's first action group, the Mauricie Action Group. Ms Lepage has been a member of the Équiterre board of directors since February 2007. With a

bachelor's degree in literature and a diploma in education, she began her career as president of the Conseil permanent de la jeunesse. In 1995, she launched System Technologies for Industry Inc., a company active in industrial data processing. There she has been responsible for administrative management and human resources and today concentrates on business development. The company has three branches: one in Trois-Rivières, one in the United States, and one in Brazil. Aside from her involvement with Équiterre, Ms Lepage sits on the board of the Société de développement du centre-ville de Trois-Rivières.

Marie-Claude Grignon – Secretary (top left of the picture)

A lawyer and member of the Ordre des conseillers en ressources humaines et en relations industrielles agréés du Québec, Ms. Grignon received a master's degree in industrial relations from Université Laval in 2000. She presently works as a legal counsellor with an expert tribunal. After having received a training at the International Labor Organization, she worked in Paris at an institute specialized in labour relations and human resources management. Marie-Claude serves as a volunteer in many non-profit organizations, such as Amnesty International, Lawyers Without Borders Quebec, Monde équitable, and Assistance d'enfants en difficulté (AED). She is interested in particular in labour issues related to fair trade and has initiated an environmental committee in her professional setting.

Craig Ryan – Treasurer (top centre of the picture)

Mr. Ryan has been working for the public good for twenty years. He worked in the Canadian Parliament, the Canadian Ministry (Environment Canada and CIDA), as well as in developing countries on projects concerning environmental policies and the fight against poverty. He is currently working for a government financial corporation dedicated to small and medium-sized businesses where he specializes on governance, transparency, and accountability—primordial challenges for NGOs as well as for governments and businesses. For that organization he is also in charge of developing a social responsibility plan. Mr. Ryan has a bachelor's degree in political science, a master's degree in international relations, and a master's degree in public administration.

Chantal Blouin – Board Member (not on the picture)

Researcher at Institut Nord-Sud since the year 2000, Ms. Blouin's main interests concern the impact of international trade and business agreements, in particular WTO agreements, on developing countries and the reduction of poverty. Since 2003, she has been working in collaboration with the World Health Organization on the impact of trade on healthcare systems and the health of populations in developing countries. Ms. Blouin completed her studies in political science at the University of Toronto and Université Laval.

Amélie Ferland – Board Member (bottom left of the picture)

Holder of a bachelors in communications and public relations from the Université du Québec à Montréal, Amélie Ferland also studied education at the Université de Sherbrooke. Her marked interest for projects related to social education and her competency in environmental communication have allowed her to collaborate with the planning and deployment of many major awareness-raising campaigns. In her professional engagements as in her private life, she tries to have a sustainable, positive impact on the environment and society. Biking and walking are her means of transport throughout the year.

Clément Guimond – Board Member (bottom right of the picture)

Clément Guimond is a born collective entrepreneur. Prior to becoming General Coordinator of the Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins de Québec in 1986, he took part in each step of building this formidable business cooperative. He directs a team of 80 employees. Several bold projects, such as Cirque de Soleil, owe their existence to his ability to listen to the needs of promoters of collective entrepreneurship in Quebec as well as to his creative and innovative spirit as a

banker who shares their aims. Under his inspiration and thanks to his connections in Quebec and abroad, Caisse populaire Desjardins has become a unique crossroads, bringing together a number of organizations and individuals whose practices breathe new life into finance and the economy.

Lucie Rioux – Board Member (top right of the picture)

Lucie Rioux is the owner of Ferme Logi-Bio, one of the farms of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. She feels that the CSA network should be represented on the board of Équiterre, in particular in order to ensure the proper management of resources. Her farm responds to the needs of consumers to eat healthy, organic food that was produced in harmony with nature. Lucie Rioux is convinced that everyone has a large role to play in sustainable and equitable development. She is greatly inspired by the Équiterre way of sensitizing and educating people about the environment and for developing a feeling of social belonging.

Alain Webster – Board Member (not on the picture)

Vice provost for administration and sustainable development at the Université de Sherbrooke, Alain Webster is responsible for the sustainable development policy and its action plan as well as the university's sustainable transportation strategy. As a professor, Webster has a university education in ecology and economics. His main fields of research include the use of economic tools in climate change management. He teaches environmental economics and climate change at the Centre universitaire de formation en environnement and the faculty of administration at the Université de Sherbrooke.

Amélie Laframboise – Board Member (not on the picture)

Amélie Laframboise, a member of the Ordre des comptables en management accrédités du Québec (certified management accountants) with a master's degree in environmental management, specializes in investment. She now works at Fondation CSN investment fund in the field of environmental technologies investment, where she has helped set up many sustainable development projects in the last few years. She is also involved in the administration of organizations active in environmental issues, such as the Association pour la prévention de la contamination de l'air et du sol (Québec section of the Air and Waste Management Association) and the Groupe uni des éducateurs-naturalistes et professionnels en environnement (GUEPE). Amélie has supported Équiterre for more than three years by promoting funding activities, and adds her valuable support to other projects as well.

Équiterre's Volunteer Action Groups

Although the Équiterre head office is in Montréal, many volunteers from across Québec devote hundreds of hours to helping spread the organization's social and environmental values. In late 2008, Équiterre's Board of Directors officially recognized these groups and created a position of Action Groups Leader to support the groups and help them develop.

Québec City Volunteer Action Group

The Québec City Volunteer Action Group organized information booths at several events, particularly on Earth Day and at the Foire du commerce équitable (fair trade show). Public symposiums were organized to provoke thinking about issues as diverse as energy self-sufficiency, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and fair trade. On the picture: Booth at the Earth Day event (Québec City). From left to right: Johanne Lavallée, Pierre-Alexandre Papillon, Vincent Lagacé and Mathieu Turgeon.



Mauricie Volunteer Action Group

The Mauricie Volunteer Action Group celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2008. Through symposiums on community-supported agriculture and booths at major events such as *Expo Habitat Mauricie* (Mauricie home show) and the *Délices d'automne* cultural celebration, the group continued its work of raising the awareness of the people in Mauricie about local, fair and responsible buying.

Projects

Équiterre was more active than ever in 2008. The adoption of its 2008-2012 Strategic planning was certainly one of the high points of the year. This plan focuses on action in two sectors: food and climate. Équiterre will therefore continue over the coming years to develop projects that will raise the awareness of citizens, decision-makers and organizations of values and practices that are more environmentally friendly, fair and unifying.

Équiterre is also spearheading the design and development of the Centre for Sustainable Development, a cornerstone of our strategy to inform people about more sustainable construction and renovation practices. This enormous project, more than a simple building, will provide a home for sustainable development in Montréal.

Finally, Équiterre is maintaining its presence in the media and continuing to be involved in public debate.

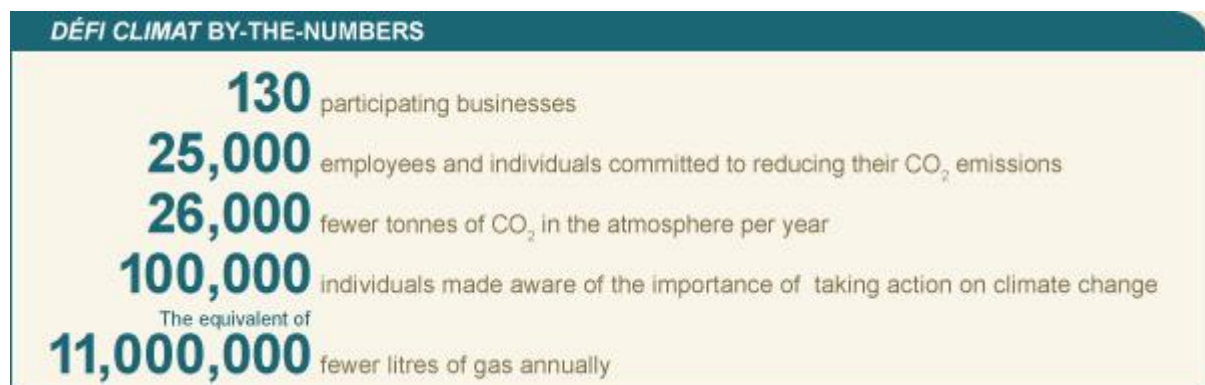
Climate change

The gathering in Poznan, Poland, marked the beginning of the home stretch for international negotiations to establish new greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2013-2020 (post-Kyoto period). Recent scientific observations show that global warming is following our most pessimistic scenario. The urgency for action no longer needs to be demonstrated. Équiterre is engaged in building awareness in Québec, Canada and around the world to help behaviours change... faster than the climate does.

In Québec and Canada

Défi Climat: Citizens and Businesses United

Équiterre was one of the architects of this unprecedented movement of Montrealers to combat climate change. Involving nearly 130 businesses and organizations, the Climate Challenge campaign has prompted more than 100,000 workers to change their behaviour and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Twenty-five thousand people committed to do something for the planet, relieving the atmosphere of the equivalent of more than 26,000 tons of CO₂ every year!



Trailbreaker, the Battle Against Petroleum Obtained from Tar Sands

The petroleum development of tar sands is criticized for the environmental damage it inflicts, including massive emissions of greenhouse gases. Motivated by historically high prices for a barrel of oil, the Enbridge energy company has created the Trailbreaker project,

which would incorporate Québec into the tar sands oil distribution and refining chain—an absurd idea in the current climate situation.

Équiterre and its environmental partners have rallied citizens and informed political decision-makers in Québec and Canada to prevent the Trailbreaker project from being approved. Équiterre believes this struggle is part of a more global vision to reduce oil dependency, a major issue in the coming years in the battle to stop climate change.

International**14th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poznan (COP14)**

What targets and greenhouse gas reduction methods will nations around the world implement in the years 2013 to 2020? From December 1 to 12, in Poznan, Poland, delegates from 190 nations and groups of nations set the stage for negotiations for a post-Kyoto accord in 2009. Various lobbies with diverse interests—sometimes conflicting with appeals from the scientific community—take an active part in these meetings, which is why the action taken during the event by hundreds of environmental organizations is so important.

Two representatives from Équiterre took part in negotiations at COP14 (which stands for 14th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), where Europe raised the bar for greenhouse gas reduction; China, Brazil and other emerging economies demonstrated a sincere desire to confront the problem; and the delegates from Canada... displayed a stubbornness that is increasingly alienating the country and earned it the title "fossil of the year" for its regressive positions. In association with other environmental organizations, Équiterre intends to rally all necessary resources for the Copenhagen conference in December 2009 so that Canada and the rest of the world can fulfil humanity's hopes and agree on unconditional targets for greenhouse gas reduction.

Global Campaign on Climate

Created in 2007 by Équiterre, the Montréal-based Secrétariat international de mobilisation sur le climat brings together national and international NGOs. An Executive Director was appointed in 2008 and financial support was acquired from major European foundations so that it could broaden its mission to inform and enlist citizens around the world. The group especially supports awareness campaigns in many countries where resources are inadequate, such as India, Poland, Brazil and Japan.

Ecological Agriculture

Faced with the major challenges affecting agriculture in Québec and around the world, Équiterre has strengthened its commitment to developing local and ecological agriculture as well as short distribution channels. Équiterre is also a champion of food sovereignty, which ensures a population's food security, the vitality of rural environments and citizens' health. In 2008, Équiterre continued to develop projects to rally citizens and politicians alike around the issue of sustainable agriculture and horticulture that, first and foremost, meet human needs.



Food Sovereignty

On November 24, 2008, Équiterre joined with dozens of other organizations in Québec and the rest of Canada to found the Coalition pour la souveraineté alimentaire (Coalition for Food Sovereignty). Combining forces like this will provide a concerted effort to develop agricultural and commercial regulations on a national and international scale to promote "agricultural exceptionalism" and the right of all peoples to food sovereignty.

The Coalition will defend the right of peoples to define their own food and agricultural policies, to protect and regulate agricultural production and national exchanges so as to achieve sustainable development objectives, to determine the degree of food autonomy they want and to eliminate "dumping" in their marketplace. Food sovereignty does not conflict with commerce as long as the latter comes after the right of people to local, healthy and ecological farming and food production, carried out in ethical conditions that respect the right of all partners to decent working conditions and pay.

Soup's On!

From the farm straight to schools and health institutions

Soup's On!, an Équiterre initiative for responsible food supply to institutions, is an innovative project that brings education and health institutions together with local farmers growing vegetables in an environmentally friendly way. The goal is to

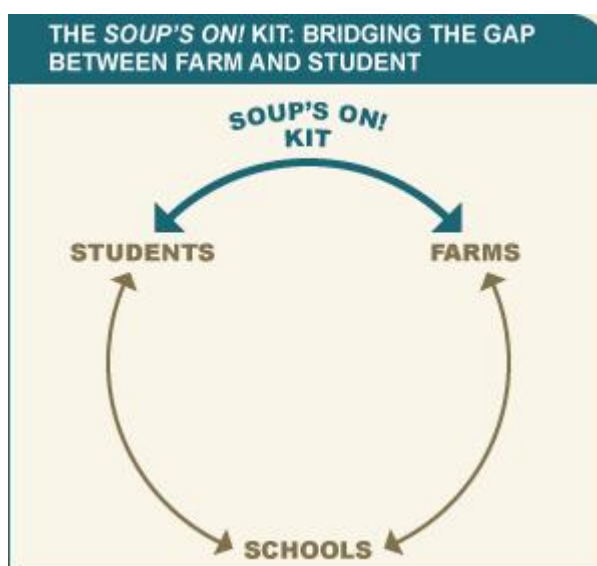


supply vulnerable people—children, teens and the sick—with the healthiest and most nutritious food possible, while at the same time supporting Québec farms. In addition to the supply chain, the *Soup's On!* project also includes an educational element that consists of workshops, a *Soup's On!* learning kit, farm visits and more. And with the help of an advisory committee made up of representatives from several organizations and ministries, it is developing community solutions to promote responsible institutional food supplies in Québec.

GROWTH OF THE SOUP'S ON! PROJECT				
	Day-care centres	Institutions	Farms	Areas affected
2007	34	9	6	2
2008	40	9	12	5
Growth	+ 17%	—	+ 100%	+ 150%

Launching the *Soup's On!* School Kit

Available since October 2008—after a year of development and verification by teachers—this handy multidisciplinary kit offers some 15 hands-on educational activities to help educators guide elementary and high school students in exploring responsible food supply. Health, the environment and the sustainability of local farms are the focus of the kit's themes. Once educated about food production and distribution issues, students will be better equipped to make informed food choices and become agents for change.





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Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA)

The CSA network is a win-win situation connecting citizen-partners with farms. Families pre-purchase a share of their farmer's harvest. They are then guaranteed a supply of fresh, high-quality vegetables or meats produced in an environmentally friendly way. As for farmers, they can count on a

guaranteed income at the start of the season.

The network welcomed 25 new farms in 2008, allowing more than 33,000 citizen-partners to receive vegetable baskets.

Fallout from the Pronovost Commission report

2008 marked a year of change for Québec agriculture. The much-awaited report of the Commission sur l'avenir de l'agriculture et de l'agroalimentaire québécois (parliamentary committee on the future of Québec's agriculture and agri-food industry) was released February 12. It made recommendations that closely match the proposals suggested by Équiterre during the committee hearings. The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec has established an advisory committee to develop strategies for diversification and short distribution channels. With 12 years of experience in CSA to its credit, Équiterre was invited to play a major role in the committee's work.

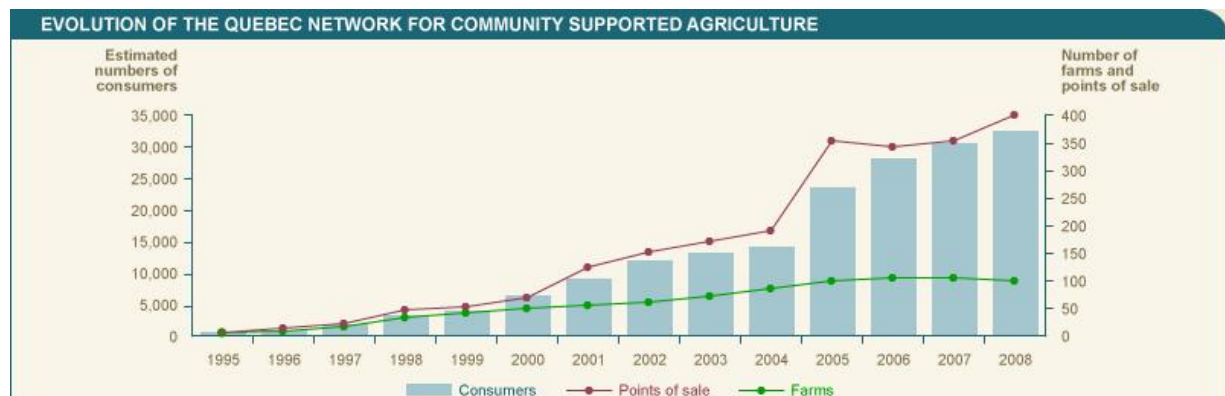
Équiterre was also invited to sit on the board of directors of Filière biologique du Québec, an association of representatives of the organic farming products industry. The association promotes organic designation in Québec, among other things.

A great season in spite of the rain

Summer 2008 was exceptionally wet, but the great majority of farms in the network were able to continue to produce wonderful vegetables. Hats off to our farmers and their know-how!



Antoine Gendreau-Turmel (a network farmer), illustrated here by Fil, chose to laugh about the extra work caused by the tricky weather (www.filetjulie.com).



CSA, an inspirational endeavour

Équiterre presented its CSA formula in Modena, Italy, where some 1,100 delegates met for the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements' 16th Organic World Congress, from June 16 to 21. Équiterre also participated in the Great Lakes CSA Conference, held November 21 to 23 in Orillia, Ontario.

Even more agronomic support for organic farmers

In 2008, the Agriconseils network recognized Équiterre as a consultancy. Starting in the 2009 season, Équiterre will therefore work on-site with agronomists to help truck-farmers tackle the challenge of managing the production some 30 varieties of vegetables. This support will be appreciated, because Équiterre is welcoming many new farms into the CSA

network.

Ecological Horticulture

Analysis of the Pesticides Management Code

In effect since 2003 and widely applied since 2006, the *Pesticides Management Code* has led to essential advances in the fight against chemical pesticides in Québec by prohibiting the sale and use of several products considered harmful for our health and the environment. In 2008, Équiterre and the David Suzuki Foundation evaluated how the code has been applied. This examination led us to conclude that improvements could be made in applying the code to ensure that it reaches all its objectives. The *Bilan du Code de gestion des pesticides (Pesticide Free? Oui!)* published in March, includes the recommendation that all synthetic pesticides used for esthetic purposes be banned in Québec, and it encourages the rest of Canada to work on developing and adopting a similar regulation, based on a precautionary stance.



Couper l'herbe sous le pied des pesticides

Knowing consumers helps guide their decision-making

In 2008, Équiterre published the results of a Canada-wide study on factors that encourage consumers to choose ornamental horticulture products and services that are healthier for the environment. The study was based on a review of the available literature, a national survey with consumers and interviews with retailers. Above all, the study revealed that ecological horticulture is a sustainable trend that is rapidly growing, and that retailers and citizens alike are responsible for promoting the consumption of products and services that are more environmentally friendly. In order to do this, information on ecological practices must be more widely circulated.



Large retailers took the initiative in 2008 to gradually stop selling synthetic pesticides used for esthetic purposes.

A pesticide-free week



The Week Without Pesticides, already widespread in Europe, was held for the first time in Québec in March 2008. The local Équiterre-sponsored project informed citizens of the risks associated with chemical pesticides and the availability of alternatives that are healthier and environmentally friendly. Promotional activities and talks were held in Québec City and Montréal.

Fair-Trade

Under the fair-trade approach, production and distribution systems are implemented to guarantee just compensation for workers and craftspeople, especially in Southern countries. These men and women, who form co-operatives or democratic associations, are better paid as a result; they, and by extension their communities, enjoy better living conditions. In 2008, Équiterre was involved in major activities to develop fair trade and encourage responsible and ethical buying in Québec.

Quinzaine du commerce équitable

The Quinzaine du commerce équitable, held May 1 to 15 throughout Québec, offered public activities promoting fair-trade products. Équiterre's main contribution was the production of a web page for the Quinzaine displaying a special calendar that listed dozens of activities organized by our partners across Québec. Équiterre was also co-organizer of a fair-trade show in Montréal on May 3. The event took place at the Relais Mont-Royal centre, where more than 1,300 people enjoyed booths, talks, documentaries, workshops and the presence of West African women producing fair-trade shea butter.

Website Animation "Une banane de bonne nouvelle"

To highlight the arrival of the first fair-trade-certified fruit in Québec—and not just any fruit, as the banana is by far the most popular fruit in North America—Équiterre produced an entertaining animated short and uploaded it to the Équiterre site. The animation, "Une banane de bonne nouvelle," was viewed by 14,000 Internet users and smashed all records for per-day visits to the Équiterre website. Fair-trade bananas were also added to the list of products available at fair-trade outlets, also available on the Équiterre site.

Visit to an Organization of Fair-Trade Cacao Producers in the Dominican Republic

In the fall of 2008, Équiterre travelled to the Dominican Republic, the largest exporter of fair-trade cacao in the world. Meeting with these producers accomplished many aims, including :

- ❖ to supplement the fair-trade promotion campaign that will be held in 2009;
- ❖ to analyze and document the benefits and effects of fair trade for producers and their families;
- ❖ to re-evaluate the international development requirements of communities in Southern countries;
- ❖ to develop numerous partnerships with Dominican and Québec organizations working in this region;

- ❖ to create a research initiative on various aspects of fair-trade cacao production and commerce (see "Research" for more information).

A talk on the effects of fair-trade cacao was organized following the on-site research. It was presented for the first time on November 21 as part of the Journées québécoises de la solidarité internationale.

Research

In 2008, Équiterre is laying the foundation for an internal research program. Researcher Jean-Frédéric Lemay, post-doctoral fellow in local and international economic development with a doctorate in anthropology and a master's degree in international relations, has joined the team to develop and set up research activities. A research plan for the agriculture, food and trade programs for 2009-2011 was submitted and, on December 10, 2008, was accepted by the Équiterre Co-ordination Committee.

In the fall, the meeting with fair-trade cacao producers had already generated a research initiative, on the effects of fair trade as part of Millennium Development Goals, as well as on the operation of the producers' organization, female entrepreneurship, local development and food sovereignty.

Ethical Fashion at Mode de vie

In November, 200 people attended this evening to celebrate fashion, glamour and chic, but above all, social and environmental responsibility. Hosted by actress Jacynthe René, the Mode de vie event brought together well-known designers—Marie Saint Pierre, Christian Chenail, Nadya Toto and Mariouche Gagné—to comment on the eco-creations created on site during the evening by six young eco-designers. To raise awareness, Équiterre produced a video of the event, which is accessible on its website. This event was part of a series of activities organized by Équiterre and its partners to promote responsible clothing made of organic, fairly traded, recycled and local materials.

Toolbox

Équiterre has produced a set of action tools that it has grouped together for downloading on a special page of its website. These tools—a poster, a slide show, a fact sheet, a

letter to businesses—can be used by people to support their efforts to raise awareness and involve people around them in promoting fair trade.



Sustainable Transportation

Transportation has a major impact on the environment and on citizens' quality of life. In 2008, Équiterre organized awareness activities to promote the development of active and public transportation. These projects have proven to be crucial, as transportation is the greatest source of greenhouse gases in Québec.

Transportation Cocktail Contest

A contest to raise awareness

The fifth annual contest was held from September 2 to November 12, 2008. Through this Québec-wide event, more than 100,000 people became aware of the advantages of alternative transportation methods over individual cars.

New photo and video section

Citizens were invited to share their photo and video handiwork on the Équiterre site. More than 150 participants from all over Québec answered the call and submitted their images of transportation cocktails. The public and a jury chose three winners.

Winning video - People's Choice: *Vue d'ici* by Élyse Gamache-Belisle

Winning video - Jury's Choice: *Pour que ça roule* by Stéphane Groleau

Winning Photo: *Cocktail Vert* by Raul Dario Acosta



Active in My Neighbourhood

Walking or biking to run errands around the neighbourhood provides many benefits, especially for the environment, health, quality of life and the local economy. The Active in My Neighbourhood campaign encourages citizens, business owners, employers and local decision-makers to take steps in their living environments so that everyone can

enjoy these advantages.

The campaign is in full swing. Launched in 2006 in Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie borough, it spread to four other neighbourhoods in 2008: Ahuntsic-Cartierville, Lachine, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce and Mercier-Est. Thanks to the drive of our new partners, another 260,000 citizens, along with dozens of local supporters, will become more aware of the issues affecting active transportation and local purchasing.

In 2008, Équiterre developed the Citizen-agents for Change initiative, which provides online tools to support people who want to initiate change in their own living environment.

PARTNERS IN THE ACTIVE IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD CAMPAIGN	
Boroughs participating in the campaign and local partners	
2007	2008
1. Rosemont – La Petite-Patrie Corporation de développement communautaire de Rosemont – La Petite-Patrie	2. Ahuntsic-Cartierville Ahuntsic-Cartierville borough 3. Lachine Groupe de recherche appliquée en macroécologie and Centre local de développement de Lachine 4. Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Corporation de développement communautaire de Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce 5. Mercier-Est Solidarité Mercier-Est

"Libre comme l'air" Bike Tour

The annual Équiterre bicycle tour brings together cyclists of all levels and from all over Québec for one weekend to discover the scenery, the flavours and the craftspeople of the region they are exploring, as well as a multitude of related environmental and social issues. From August 8 to 10, 2008, the Lanaudière region charmed some 200 participants.

The values that marked the course of the 150-kilometre tour :

- ❖ raising awareness of environmental and social problems;
- ❖ promoting the local economy;
- ❖ highlighting the attractions of this area of Québec;
- ❖ forging links among participants and between people from urban and rural areas;
- ❖ developing partnerships with local participants.

TABLE: REGIONS EXPLORED SINCE 2000

Year	Regions
2008	Lanaudière
2007	Mauricie
2006	Bas-Saint-Laurent
2005	Outaouais
2004	Cantons-de-l'Est
2003	Estrie
2002	No activity
2001	Montreal – Québec City, including Sherbrooke
2000	Hull – Québec City, including Montreal and Trois-Rivières



Battle Against the Highway 25 Extension

Équiterre, the Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal and Greenpeace joined forces to try to prevent the Québec government and developers from building the bridge to extend Highway 25. In spite of their efforts to rally supporters and their application for a court injunction, the work was allowed to legally proceed. The government has achieved its goal: to circumvent the environment act and undermine its own plans to fight climate change by allowing an extra 150,000 vehicles to enter Montréal every day.

Energy efficiency and sustainable building

Energy efficiency and sustainable building projects are closely linked to improved housing conditions, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the evolution of construction and renovation policies in Québec. In 2008, Équiterre spearheaded many activities for the public in order to promote and implement energy conservation measures.

Educating



Équiterre was present at Le Montréal du futur exhibition, from March 25 to 31, to educate people about the Centre for sustainable development. A travelling show on sustainable building was created for this event. The exhibit was also used at the Salon national de l'environnement last June 13 to 15, where we were able to reach a total of more than 1,500 visitors.

From March 14 to 23, Équiterre was part of the Montréal National Home Show. This event attracted between 150,000 and 165,000 visitors who were able to find information on energy efficiency at the Équiterre booth.

Training the New Generation



Écologez, the competition

On the morning of March 8, a group of 60 university students from the architecture, design, urban planning and engineering programs met at the École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS) to face a tough challenge: take 24 hours to create a vision of the Biosphere building on Montréal's Île Sainte-Hélène as it might appear in 2017, when it will be 50 years old (it was built for the Expo 67 World's Fair). Seven multidisciplinary teams competed in the third Écologez competition, presenting daring and relevant projects. The competition, organized by Équiterre, ÉTS and the ByTheOwner.com realty website, will help train a new generation that is turned on to green construction.

*Acting***Éconologis**

After 10 years delivering the Éconologis program for the Agence de l'efficacité énergétique du Québec, Équiterre decided to pull out of the program in the spring of 2008. The organization wanted to refocus its activities on the goals of its new strategic plan and let other organizations in the Montréal area take over. In 2008, Équiterre carried out 325 home visits and advised 838 people in Montréal on how to increase the energy efficiency of their apartments.

Rénoclimat

The Rénoclimat program offers owners of existing homes an energy assessment of their home and advice on energy-saving renovations for a small fee. Équiterre is certified to deliver the program in Montréal and Laval, and completed 464 home visits this year. These encounters benefited both the property owners, who saved energy and therefore money, as well as the environment. Many property owners were also able to obtain grants to carry out renovation work.

**Energy efficiency advisory committee**

In May 2008, the Agence de l'efficacité énergétique du Québec updated the "energy efficiency" section of the Code du bâtiment (building code). Équiterre was invited to participate in meeting of an advisory committee that is helping to design new regulations. This work will continue in 2009.



Centre for Sustainable Development

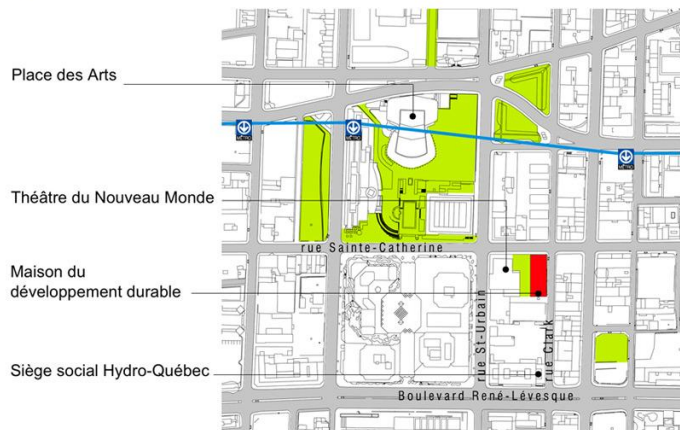
The Centre for Sustainable Development is a non-profit organization comprising eight groups with social and environmental missions. Its goal is to operate a platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building that will serve as a focal point for thinking, education, innovation and meetings on sustainable development in Montréal. Équiterre has taken major steps this year in developing this project. The team has moved forward with the building plans and budget, reached agreements with key financial partners and started designing the building's Interpretation Centre. Construction work will begin in 2009.

Centre for Sustainable Development members:

- ❖ le Centre de la petite enfance Le Petit Réseau inc. (lepetitreseau.com);
- ❖ le Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement (cqde.org);
- ❖ le Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal (cremtl.qc.ca);
- ❖ ENvironnement JEUnesse (enjeu.qc.ca);
- ❖ Équiterre (equiterre.org);
- ❖ Option consommateurs (option-consommateurs.org);
- ❖ le Regroupement des Éco-quartiers (eco-quartiers.org);
- ❖ le Regroupement national des conseils régionaux de l'environnement du Québec (rncreq.org).

Environment and Construction

Carte du site :



Quartier des spectacles and Parc Hydro-Québec

The area surrounding the Centre for Sustainable Development was greatly enhanced in 2008 with the announcement by the City of Montréal and both provincial and federal governments confirming their investment of \$120 million to make the area around Place des Arts a hub for arts and culture in America, called the Quartier des spectacles. Several parks will be created there, including Parc Hydro-Québec, adjacent to the Centre.

Construction plans and budget near completion

Construction plans and budget for the Centre were 70% finalized in 2008. This progress ensures that ground will be broken in 2009.

Sustainable Building Interpretation Centre

With the valued participation of **Design+Communication**, a museum planning and exhibit design firm, the Centre for Sustainable Development set about creating an Interpretation Centre, an educational space at the heart of the Centre. The Sustainable Building Interpretation Centre, cornerstone of the Équiterre sustainable building campaign, aims to accelerate the implementation of more sustainable practices in the construction and renovation industries. Visitors will be invited to discover tangible examples of what a green building is by following an interpretation trail that will criss-cross the Centre.

Partners

In 2008, the Centre for Sustainable Development concluded agreements with prominent partners that are contributing to its financing or have offered their services free of charge to bring the project to fruition.

The Centre for Sustainable Development also gained support from new sponsors in 2008. In addition, the firm **Épisode** joined the project in 2008 to implement a major funding campaign with the goal of raising \$10 million.

Since 2007, the advertising and communication firms **LG2** and **Carat** have been developing and executing the Centre's communications strategies, especially with regard to raising awareness about the project, advertising placement and conducting fundraising with the general public.

Communication

Équiterre has developed a variety of communications tools to disseminate information on its activities and contribute to the advancement of society. Its website, newsletters and media relations activities all help make citizens, organizations and decision-makers aware of the values that sustain its mission. Équiterre also favours in-the-field tools such as booths, conferences, discussion panels and workshops, which were used in 2008 to directly reach more than 125,000 people.

Media Presence

MEDIA PRESENCE IN 2008					
	Press	Radio	Television	Internet	Total
Ecological Agriculture	130	73	29	201	433
Fair Trade	35	16	6	81	138
Energy Efficiency	39	17	8	69	133
Sustainable Transportation	62	83	41	171	357
One Step at a Time	28	6	6	23	63
Climate Change	103	69	24	184	380
Équiterre in general	100	70	24	158	352
Centre for Sustainable Development	15	4	1	13	33
Total	512	338	139	900	1,889

Conference Service

ÉQUITERRE PRESENTATIONS		
Type	Number	Total audience
Booths	61	105,945
Conferences	161	18,851
Discussion panels	8	715
Workshops	7	96
Total	237	125,607

Fundraising

In addition to receiving donations from individuals and businesses and grants from private foundations and government, Équiterre raises funds by organizing benefit events and as the beneficiary of generous initiatives by citizens and organizations.

Équiterre Benefit Events

- ❖ On June 10, the annual benefit supper was held at L'Utopie restaurant in Québec City, under Honorary Chair Pauline D'Amboise, Secretary General of Desjardins Group. Sixty guests savoured a specially created meal using local, organic and fair-trade ingredients.
- ❖ On October 16, World Food Day, a benefit cocktail was held at the Parquet of the Caisse de dépôt et placement headquarters with partner SITQ. Under Honorary Chair Yves-André Gadon, SITQ's Managing Director, Canada, the event brought together more than 150 distinguished guests from the financial, industrial, union and community sectors, who enjoyed a local, organic, fair-trade meal.

Citizen and Organization Initiatives

- ❖ La Bande Magnétik performed four A Kappella concerts during the year at the Lion d'Or club in Montréal. The sold-out shows featuring unaccompanied vocal performances delighted audiences. Twenty-five renowned guest artists joined the group for the performances.
- ❖ Forty-two people attended the Eco Yoga Mala event in Jeanne-Mance Park, Montréal, on September 21. Led by yoga professionals, including Dawn Mauricio, who initiated the project, they took on the challenge of performing 108 "sun salutations" in two and a half hours.
- ❖ Mountaineers Sébastien Carelli and Oury Dal Bianco climbed Mount Denali in Alaska. Vertical Marathon, their personal project and a formidable challenge, calls for them to climb the highest mountain on each continent, with all donations going to Équiterre.

Équiterre would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations :

- ❖ Unitarian Church of Montréal, for the Jazz & Justice concerts
- ❖ UQAM public relations students for their Cycle fashion event
- ❖ Impulsion Danse Productions for the Dansez pour Équiterre contest
- ❖ Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal for the Hubert Reeves conference
- ❖ John Abbott College students for Fashion Grows

Share of Earnings

Two organizations donated part of their earnings to Équiterre :

- ❖ Oöm Ethikwear, a socially responsible clothing line
- ❖ Caba Zone, a maker of reusable bags

Sustainability Consulting Services

Launch of our Sustainability Consulting Services

At the request of several organizations, Équiterre created its Sustainability Consulting Services in 2008.

The new agency accepted several projects and hired qualified resources to carry them out. Among others, Équiterre conducted an environmental appraisal of municipal management in the downtown Montréal Ville-Marie borough and issued recommendations to help the borough become a source of inspiration for sustainable development. In 2008, Équiterre completed the first part of this study, which focused on waste management and snow removal.

Équiterre also participated in developing content for the Yellow Pages directories' Eco Guide. This project will continue in 2009.

News from Desjardins

One year after joining Équiterre's Change the World, one step at a time campaign, Desjardins Group has evaluated the progress of the campaign's 12 commitments. Everything's looking good! Among other initiatives, in 2008 Desjardins extended the concept of sustainable development to its calls for tender, introduced various recovery/recycling programs, including one for cellphones, and started developing an energy-efficiency program for all its buildings.



Desjardins also invited Équiterre to communicate with all of the Group's employees to encourage them to take action and change the world, one step at a time. Let's hear it for Desjardins!

FUNDERS

Government of Quebec

- Agence de l'efficacité énergétique
- Direction de la santé publique de l'Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal
- Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation
- Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale
- Ministère des Relations internationales
- Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune
- Ministère des Transports
- Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs
- Secrétariat à la jeunesse

Government of Canada

- Agence canadienne de développement international
- Agence de la santé publique du Canada (Fonds pour la Santé des populations et Stratégie canadienne sur le diabète)
- Industrie Canada
- Ressources naturelles Canada
- Transports Canada

Private Foundations

- Fondation Ashoka
- La fondation de la famille J.W. McConnell
- Oak Foundation
- Tides Foundation

Organizations and Businesses

- Café Rico
- Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins
- Carrot Cache
- Conseil canadien des ressources humaines de l'industrie de l'environnement
- Conseil pour le développement de l'agriculture du Québec
- Coopérative La Siembra
- Corporation de développement économique et communautaire (Centre-Sud / Plateau Mont-Royal)
- Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable
- Mouvement Desjardins
- Œuvres Marie-Anne-Lavallée
- Société de transport de Montréal

SPONSORS

- 101,5 Radio-Montréal
- ASHRAE Montréal
- Auberge Les Jardins de l'Achillée Millefeuille
- Boulangerie Le Fromentier
- Cascades
- Centre Eaton
- Centre japonais de la photo – Centre Eaton
- Chaussures El Naturalista
- Cidrerie du Verger Gaston
- Club Organic
- Cyberpresse
- Dumoulin Bicyclettes
- Ekorce
- Ferme de la Berceuse
- Ferme Pousse-menu
- Fromagerie du Presbytère
- Fromagerie l'Ancêtre
- Gaétan Bono inc.
- Garçons coiffeurs
- Groupe Pages Jaunes
- Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec
- La Maison du 21^e siècle
- La Presse
- Les Fromagiers de la Table Ronde
- Liberté
- Météomédia
- Minoterie Les Brumes
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Nutri-Oeuf
- Nutrisoya
- Oöm Ethikwear
- Plaisir gourmet
- Réseau de transport de la Capitale
- Rien à cacher
- Satau inc.
- Société de transport de l'Outaouais
- Société d'hypothèques et de logement
- SOS Vélo
- Suco Resto Lounge de l'hôtel Opus
- Taxi Diamond
- Unisoya
- VIA Rail Canada
- Yves Rocher

COLLABORATORS AND PARTNERS

- Aide médicale pour la Palestine
- Altura Trading
- Arayuma
- Arrondissement d’Ahuntsic-Cartierville
- Arrondissement de Lachine
- Arrondissement de Rosemont – La Petite-Patrie
- Association québécoise des organismes en coopération internationale
- Association québécoise d’établissements de santé et de services sociaux
- Ateliers Bulles
- Café Nelligan
- Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (SITQ)
- Campanipol
- Carrefour Tiers-Monde
- Cathalétique
- Cégep de Victoriaville
- Centrale des syndicats du Québec – Établissement vert Brundtland
- Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée de Wotton
- Centre de l’environnement
- Centre d’étude et de coopération internationale
- Centre international de solidarité ouvrière
- Centre local de développement de Lachine
- Centre québécois du droit de l’environnement
- Club bio-action
- Commission scolaire de Montréal
- Communauto
- Conacado
- Confédération des syndicats nationaux
- Conférence régionale des élus de Montréal
- Conscience équitable
- Conseil canadien de la gestion d’entreprise agricole
- Conseil des appellations agroalimentaires du Québec
- Conseil régional de l’environnement de Montréal
- Coopérative de solidarité Les Horizons
- Coopérative La Clé des Champs
- Cooproagro
- Coordination des services complémentaires du ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport
- Corporation de développement économique communautaire de Rosemont – La Petite-Patrie
- Corporations de développement économique communautaire de Côte-des-Neige – Notre-Dame-de-Grâce
- CPE La Bottine souriante
- CPE La Maison des amis
- CPE La Tourelle
- CPE Le Manège des tout-petits
- CPE Le Petit Réseau
- CPE Le Pipandor
- CPE Les Soleils de Mékinac
- Défense environnementale
- Delapointe
- Direct Terroir Canada
- Distribution solidaire
- Dix Mille Villages
- Douceur de Géraldine
- Druide
- DuProprio.com
- Éco-coco Québec
- Ecojustice
- École au Pied-de-la-Montagne
- École Buissonnière
- École de technologie supérieure
- École primaire alternative Élan
- École primaire Dollard-des-Ormeaux
- ENvironnement JEUnesse
- Équicosta
- Équita
- Fair Trade Federation (Washington)
- Fédération d’agriculture biologique du Québec
- Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec
- FEM international
- Ferme Cadet-Roussel
- Ferme les Jardins de St-Georges
- FibrEthik
- Fondation canadienne pour le développement durable de l’Afrique
- Fondation David Suzuki
- Forest Ethik
- Fripe-prix Renaissance et Simpli-cité Renaissance
- Glacialis
- Greenpeace Canada
- Groupe de recherche appliqué en macroécologie
- Hôpital Jean-Talon
- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
- Jardin botanique de Montréal
- Jardins d’Ambroisie
- Jour de la Terre
- Kakiri
- Kif Kif Import
- La Ferme aux Hirondelles
- La Gaillarde
- Les Jardins du Petit Tremble
- LG2
- Lilidom
- MC2 Communication Média inc.
- Nature Canada
- New Kind Industry
- Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse
- Option consommateurs
- Plan Nagua
- Planète Monde
- Pollution Probe
- Polyvalente Euclide-Théberge
- Potager André Samson
- Projet 80
- Punku Peru
- Regroupement des éco-quartiers
- Regroupement national des conseils régionaux de l’environnement du Québec
- Réseau Agriconseil
- Respecterre
- Revolver 3
- Santropol
- Saphira
- Service de garde de l’école des Rapides-de-Lachine
- Service de garde de l’école Sainte-Bibiane
- Service de l’organisation scolaire de la Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys
- Sierra Club Canada
- Société de développement environnemental de Rosemont
- Société pour la nature et les parcs du Canada
- Soins corporels l’Herbier
- Solidarité Mercier
- Solidarité rurale du Québec
- The Pembina Institute
- Transfair Canada
- TV5
- Union des producteurs agricoles
- Université de Montréal
- Ville de Québec
- Vivre en ville
- WWF – Fonds mondial pour la nature

REPRESENTATION

Équiterre is a member of the following Coalitions and Committees:

- Agence de l'efficacité énergétique du Québec (Comité consultatif sur la réglementation en efficacité énergétique du bâtiment)
- Coalition contre le prolongement de l'autoroute 25
- Coalition pour la réduction et l'apaisement de la circulation
- Comité aviseur de l'Association canadienne du commerce équitable
- Chantier sur la diversification de l'agriculture et les circuits courts (sur invitation du ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec)
- Comité environnemental du jury du Gala Griffon d'or
- Comité pour la promotion de la souveraineté alimentaire
- Green Budget Coalition
- Revitalisation urbaine intégrée de Mercier-Est
- Secrétariat des organismes environnementaux du Québec
- Sous-comité « Je m'active dans mon quartier » du Comité des partenaires de l'arrondissement Ahuntsic-Cartierville
- Sous-comité « Je m'active dans mon quartier » du Comité transport de Concert'Action Lachine
- Table verte de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

Équiterre is represented on the following boards of directors:

- Agence de l'efficacité énergétique du Québec
- Association des professionnels en gestion philanthropique
- Centre québécois d'action sur les changements climatiques
- Coalition pour la souveraineté alimentaire
- Comité de développement durable de l'ordre des urbanistes du Québec
- Commission consultative économie et environnement de la Ville de Québec
- Conférence régionale des élus de Montréal
- Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Capitale nationale
- FibrEthik
- Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable
- Green Communities Canada
- Réseau action climat Canada
- Réseau action climat international
- Secrétariat à la campagne internationale pour le climat
- Table filière de l'agriculture biologique du Québec
- Vivre en ville

AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the members of
ACTION POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ, L'ÉQUITÉ, L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT
(ASEED), operating under the name « ÉQUITERRE »

The accompanying summarized balance sheet, statement of operations and statement of changes in funds balances are derived from the complete financial statements of ACTION POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ, L'ÉQUITÉ, L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LE DÉVELOPPEMENT (ASEED), operating under the name « ÉQUITERRE » as at December 31st, 2008 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated February 16th, 2009. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements

Gosselin & Associés inc.

Chartered Accountants¹
Montréal, March 31, 2009

¹ By Sébastien Vandal, chartered accountant auditor

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008 (\$)	2007 (\$)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	4,274	253,830
Accounts receivable	510,861	362,908
Prepaid expenses	39,790	73,366
	<u>554,925</u>	<u>690,104</u>
INVESTMENT - CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	274,531	264,900
CAPITAL ASSETS	56,604	57,076
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>886,060</u>	<u>1,012,080</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank loan	10,000	60,000
Accounts payable	236,401	395,323
Deferred revenues	54,780	—
Deferred contributions	189,191	220,552
	<u>490,372</u>	<u>675,875</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	34,553	14,229
RESTRICTED TO THE CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	274,531	264,900
RESTRICTED TO MOVING	30,000	—
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	56,604	57,076
	<u>395,688</u>	<u>336,205</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>886,060</u>	<u>1,012,080</u>

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

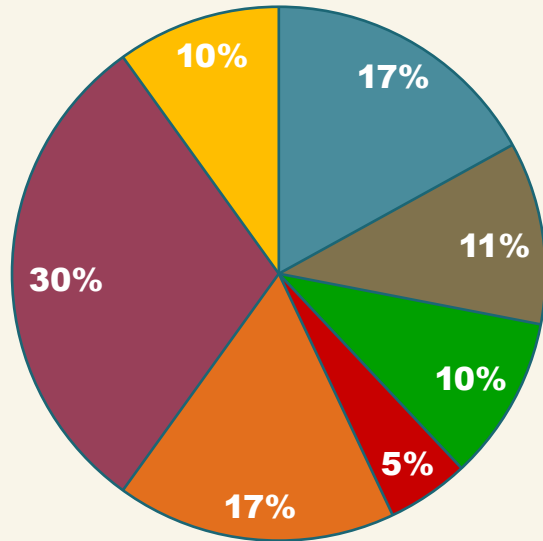
	2008 (\$)	2007 (\$)
REVENUES		
Government contributions		
Government of Quebec	458,265	469,228
Government of Canada	303,203	351,016
Foundations	272,457	610,935
Other contributions	412,488	349,369
Self-financing	1,260,447	1,206,197
Interest	26,543	25,444
	<u>2,733,403</u>	<u>3,012,189</u>
EXPENSES		
Human resources	1,624,778	1,591,621
Administration	250,304	231,973
Activities	798,838	1,188,729
	<u>2,673,920</u>	<u>3,012,323</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>59,483</u>	<u>(134)</u>

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBRE 31, 2008

					2008 (\$)	2007 (\$)
	Unrestricted	Restricted to the Center for Sustainable Development	Restricted to moving	Invested in capital assets	Total	Total
BALANCE AT BEGINNIG	14,229	264,900	–	57,076	336,205	336,339
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	81,655	–	–	(22,172)*	59,483	(134)
Acquisition of capital assets	(21,700)	–	–	21,700	–	–
Internal restrictions	(39,631)	9,631	30,000	–	–	–
BALANCE AT END	34,553	274,531	30,000	56,604	395,688	336,205

* Corresponds to the depreciation of capital assets

REVENUE BREAKDOWN FOR 2008



- Government of Quebec
- Government of Canada
- Foundations
- Other contributions
- Donations and membership dues
- Sales and other revenues
- Special projects contributions

SELF-FINANCING REVENUE HISTORY

