



*A VISION FOR
THE FUTURE*



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Katimavik Supporters,

The 2014-2015 fiscal year was marked by the transfer for renewal of the Éco-stage program to the Secrétariat à la Jeunesse du gouvernement du Québec, in partnership with the Albertan Rupertsland Institute for the development of the Canadian Youth Leadership Program, and a new program aimed at Aboriginal youth in transition (AYIT).

Our efforts to emphasize the need and effectiveness of the Katimavik Éco-stage Program resulted in the announcement of the renewal by the Quebec government this past September. In spite of a reduction of 25% to our usual funding, 31 Eco-volunteers were able to work with 30 organizations from four regions in

Québec, as well as participate in the development of collective projects which made a significant impact in the host communities. Katimavik is very satisfied with the results of the programs, which are detailed in the present report, and which we wish to see renewed in 2015.

Thanks to our partnership with the Rupertsland Institute, young Alberta Métis were able to benefit from the unique Katimavik expertise, experiencing an enriching and structured voluntary service in the Peterborough community of Ontario. In addition to voluntary work 4 days/week, the young participants of the Canadian Youth Leadership Program had the opportunity to attend a course given by the Department

of Aboriginal Studies at Trent University. The program, which took place from the end of August to the end of December, was a huge success.

/// 2015-2016 will be a crucial year for Katimavik. Our priorities are the development of a new program aimed at Aboriginal youth in transition (AYIT), the renewal of our two existing programs, as well as the development of new financial partnerships. We will continue to be very active on social media in order to inform, listen to and support our community of past volunteers, partners, employees and friends who remind us on a daily basis how much their experience with Katimavik has continued to

influence their lives.

For the past 38 years Katimavik's mission has been to prepare young Canadians to become responsible citizens who can bring about positive change in their lives and their communities. This year, 15,000 hours of voluntary service have been added to the Katimavik meter. All of these successes, whether large or small, encourage us to look ahead and to continue on our journey to prove Katimavik is here to stay.

Roman Oryschuk

» REPORT ON OUR PROGRAMS

» ÉCO-STAGE

« This adventure is enriching in experiences and in learning, but most of all it makes me feel **my actions have value and they contribute to the community.** »

- Myriam St-Pierre

Katimavik Eco-volunteer | Frelighsburg Farmer's Market

Entirely financed by the Secrétariat à la jeunesse du Québec, Eco-stage is under the umbrella of Katimavik Youth Services. The program aims to encourage participants to become socially engaged and to reflect on environmental issues by offering them stimulating life and work experiences.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: AT THE HEART OF ECO-STAGE

Volunteer service constitutes the basis for Eco-stage, like all Katimavik programs offered since 1977. Four days per week during a three month period Eco-volunteers are involved in a project with environmental components and develop skills which will encourage them to build ecologically sound and sustainable communities.

« During my Eco-stage service I learned almost all there is to know about composting, from chemical processes to distribution methods, as well as how to encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to participate. Thanks to Katimavik I familiarized myself with a method which lets us **reduce our ecological footprint and which is a step towards a greener future.** »

- Gaëlle Bailon-Poujol

Katimavik Eco-volunteer at MRC Rimouski-Neigette

Thanks to Éco-stage **I participated in the planting of 3000 trees!** I prepared the site, outlined the plans and supervised the volunteers. I even developed my first landscaping plan. I could not have had a better experience.

- Michelle Addy

Katimavik Éco-volunteer at l'Association forestière des deux rives (Québec)



COLLECTIVE PROJECTS: TOGETHER FOR GREENER COMMUNITIES

One day per week, the eco-volunteers meet and develop, as a team, a project which corresponds to their interests and which fills a need which was earlier identified in partnership with one or more local organizations. These initiatives allow the host community to benefit from a project run by motivated young people, with direct benefits and the possibility to continue forward.

Our project resulted in making the No Circulares vignettes more accessible in all of the MRC Rimouski-Neigette area, and in **sensitizing the population to paper waste.**

- Gaëlle Baïlon-Poujol

Katimavik Éco-volunteer at MRC Rimouski-Neigette

The creation of a collective activity gave us the opportunity to **develop and manage all aspects of a project:** planning, distribution of tasks, promotion and execution of the project.

Since the activity will be restarted by volunteers in the coming years, we hope our project will **continue to have an impact on a number of people.**

- The Quebec Eco-volunteer team

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF ECO-STAGE COLLECTIVE PROJECTS IN 2014-2015:

- » 200 used goods were traded during the Big Christmas Exchange, an event organized just before the Christmas holidays in order to make CEGEP students from Limoilou more aware about mass consumerism.
- » More than 70 flower and vegetable planters & pots now beautify the balconies and yards of four senior residences in Rimouski.
- » Tomatoes, zucchini and herbs now grow in the urban community garden in the Faubourg St Jean in Quebec.
- » 200 people were made aware of the biodiversity in urban areas thanks to an information kiosk at the Frontenac Market in Montreal.

GROUP VOLUNTEERING

As well as their internship and their collective project, the Eco-volunteers are encouraged to get involved as volunteers in eco-citizenship activities in their host community:

- » The Eco-volunteers participated in a communal cleaning effort of the streets and alleyways in the Saint-Roch neighbourhood in Quebec.
- » They helped pick vegetables at the Jardins de la terre, in Quebec city.
- » In the Lower St. Lawrence area, they were of assistance in the major cleanup of the Neigette Falls in order to protect and promote this exceptional site which is often vandalized or left to waste.
- » The Eco-volunteers in Rimouski offered their assistance to a group of citizens to improve the public transportation services.
- » They also distributed compost to the residents to sensitize them about the importance of this activity for the environment.
- » The Eco-volunteers in the National Capital and Lower St. Lawrence regions all helped their "Moisson régionale".

eco 2014 - 2015 stage IN NUMBERS

1 blog (katimavikecostage.tumblr.com, [visit here](#))

4 regions in the province of Quebec (Montréal, Estrie, Québec, Bas St-Laurent)

7 collective projects

30 partnering organizations

31 interns

208 inscriptions

1000+ supporters on
the Katimavik Facebook page ([visit here](#))

13 000+
hours of volunteer service for the protection of the environment and sustainable development
of communities

DECREASE IN FINANCING FOR ECO-STAGE

Financing by the Secrétariat à la jeunesse du Québec was originally proposed for 50 interns to take part in the 2014-2015 Eco-stage program. A 25% decrease in the final amount allotted forced the organization to scale down the project. In spite of requests by a large number of organizations and more than 200 inscriptions, 10 internships had to be canceled in the Montreal area this fall. Also, no internships were offered in the winter of 2015.



Participation in community projects is what I enjoyed most of my experience with Katimavik. As soon as we started to get involved I felt at home. This experience changed my life for the better. I would recommend it to all young people who want to experience something new.

- Sky S.

Volunteer with the *Canadian Youth Leadership Program*

ABORIGINAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION (AYIT)

The partnership with the Rupertsland Institute and the success of the Canadian Youth Leadership Program has shown that the experientially structured apprenticeship experience offered by Katimavik could be adapted to specific clientele.

As well, numerous meetings with young people, Aboriginal representatives, elected officials and professors from the First People's House of Learning from Trent University has lead us to form a hypothesis which could constitute a major development in orientation for the organization : could the expertise developed by Katimavik in the last 40 years be of service to young Aboriginals in Canada, in order to encourage their educational and professional success and facilitate their transition towards a fulfilling adult life and environmental consciousness ? Could this "meeting place" known to have encouraged more than 35,000 young people in their quest to discover who they are through volunteering and group living not continue to serve in many more ways, in its characteristic spirit of discovery, sharing and respect?

Discussions initiated in 2014-2015 with Aboriginal communities will continue during the coming year, with the objective of forming partnerships which can adapt the Katimavik apprenticeship program to the specific needs of their clientele, while involving them in the selection process and if possible, in the financing.

The Canadian Youth Leadership Program is offered in collaboration with the Rupertsland Institute, an organization which offers the possibility of education, employment and training to young Alberta Métis.

The first cohort in the program was comprised of five young Albertans. They lived in Peterborough, Ontario for four months, where they shared a house and were involved full-time as volunteers in community projects. As well as benefiting from the traditional Katimavik apprenticeship, they were able to attend an introductory university course offered by the Aboriginal Studies Department at Trent University.

Katimavik is very happy to continue this partnership and to welcome a new cohort to Peterborough in the fall of 2015. To find out more about this project you can consult the volunteer blog at: katimavikpeterborough.tumblr.com ([visit here](#)).



KATIMAVIK YOUTH SERVICES ///

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
		(unaudited)
REVENUES		
Revenues - Eco-stage Project (appendix A)	321 485	-
Contributions of other organizations	84 729	25 885
Contributions in services from a firm	6 032	5 027
Donations from individuals	5 480	4 365
Donations from firms	4 118	25 000
Other revenues	12	4 293
Contribution received from Katimavik Foundation	-	227 697
Contribution received from Katimavik OPCAN Corporation	-	227 697
Management fees	-	40 000
Total revenues	421 856	959 031
EXPENSES		
Expenses - Eco-stage Project (appendix A)	301 588	-
Salaries and benefits	128 493	252 666
Professional fees	24 203	42 137
Rent	20 629	22 546
Training, recruitment and development	20 751	6 552
Travel expenses	9 999	7 907
Office expenses	9 448	15 137
Food	4 560	3 955
Bad debts	3 274	-
Others	2 735	2 450
Learning program	1 894	1 421
Interests and bank fees	1 146	2 040
Amortization of fixed assets	82	-
Management fees	-	23
Total expenses	528 802	356 834
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(106 946)	602 197



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