2025 Current EAC Board of Directors

Christina Macdonald – Co-Chair Helga Guderley – Co-Chair Roland Evborokhai – Treasurer Michael Sime – Secretary (appointed February 2024)

Andrea Argueta – Member at Large (resigned November 2024)
Louis Joe Bernard - Member at Large
Dawn Burstall – Member at Large
Rhiannon Davies - Member at Large
Alyda Faber – Member at Large
Dan Rutabingwa Gakire – Member at Large (On leave as of March 2025)
Laurette Geldenhuys – Member at Large
Grant MacDonald – Member at Large
Keith MacMaster – Member at Large
Virginia Olsen – Secretary (until February 2024)
Milka Pietikainen - Member at Large
Curtis Whiley - Member at Large
Zahra Williams - Member at Large

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Departing Board of Directors - Sept 2025

Rhiannon Davies Christina Macdonald Keith MacMaster Michael Sime

2025 Ecology Action Centre Board Nominations



Scott Biggar (he/him) is a sustainability professional currently based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Scott has been living in Halifax for nearly two decades. While studying at Dalhousie University, he earned a BA in Creative Writing and later a Masters in Resource and Environmental Management (MREM). Scott's career grew between Halifax and Toronto, working in business development for CarbonCure Technologies, Marine Renewables Canada, and CanACRE.

Scott is currently employed as Director of Development at Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), a Danish-based private equity firm that deploys capital globally across renewable energy assets. His role focuses primarily on a portfolio of onshore wind energy projects in Central New York, which he began developing in 2019 while employed with Natural Forces in Halifax.

Outside of work, he is an avid cyclist and a musician with an active studio practice. He is a strong advocate for the arts in Halifax – you'll regularly find him attending concerts, festivals, art openings, and theatre performances throughout the city.



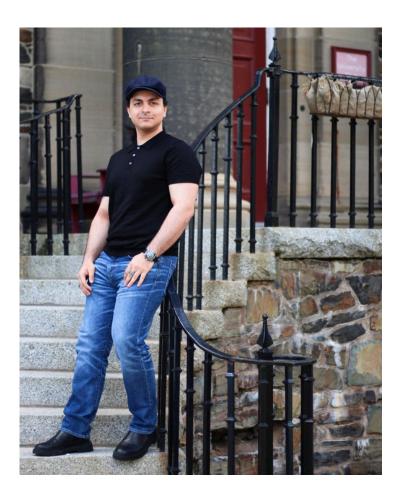
Natasha Burgess was born and raised in Dartmouth and grew up in a family of entrepreneurs. Her formative years were spent traveling and later, seeing her Father dive deeply into the world of recycling, an industry the family is still involved with 20 years later. Early on, this impacted the way she viewed sustainability and the impact we were having on our beautiful planet. Two children later, the urgency and passion for the outdoors and protecting its beauty continues to grow.

Professionally, Natasha has worked at both the provincial and national levels of Sport for over 18 years including working as a full time snowboard coach for 7 of those. Now in the final stretch of her MBA in Leadership, she's passionate about driving positive change in sport, the community she resides in and beyond.

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Ben Grieder (he/him) grew up in the Annapolis Valley but now calls Dartmouth his home. Ben used to work as an Energy Coordinator at the Ecology Action Centre but has recently claimed the title of "Captain Energy" for various EAC fundraising events. Ben's professional experience has been in environmental advocacy, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission accounting and policy analysis over the last 10 years. Ben is passionate about energy efficiency and renewable energy, and how these concepts are incorporated into existing buildings. Ben is also a regular bicycle commuter, with a keen interest in how municipalities can move people (not just cars) safely and efficiently. Ben is an avid gardner, hiker and beach enthusiast and he is excited to share his energy, enthusiasm and hope for an environmentally sustainable future.



Henry Phoenix (he/him) is a governance, finance, and community engagement professional based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. With a background in economics, finance, sustainability, and organizational governance, Henry brings experience across nonprofit leadership, financial operations, and community engagement. He is passionate about building more environmentally conscious systems, and has worked in both institutional and grassroots spaces to advance that mission.

He thrives in roles that bring people together to solve complex challenges. He has worked with diverse teams and stakeholders to bring ideas into action, bridging perspectives across sectors to achieve common goals. Whether leading, supporting, or collaborating, Henry values approaches that are inclusive, solutions-focused, and grounded in shared purpose.

Outside of his professional and advocacy roles, he enjoys spending time in nature, from the beach to hiking trails, as well as practicing archery and staying active at the gym. Volunteer work is an important part of his life, and he is always looking for ways to contribute to and stay connected with communities across Nova Scotia.

He is honoured to join the Board of the Ecology Action Centre and looks forward to working alongside fellow members to help build a more sustainable future for all Nova Scotians.