



BEYOND BORDERS
AU-DELÀ DES FRONTIÈRES
ECPAT CANADA
CANADA'S GLOBAL VOICE AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee and his wife Anita honour the founding volunteer team of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada

2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD SUBMITTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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It has been a great honour to have served as President of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada after co-founding this now national, bilingual grassroots NGO in 1996 with activist lawyer Mark Erik Hecht.

Although Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada started with just Mark and myself, we were soon joined in the work to protect children and bring about legal reform by volunteers from across Canada. Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada is now recognized as a powerful voice for children who have been sexually exploited at home and abroad. We are part of an international network of like-minded activist organizations called ECPAT International. ECPAT International is based in Bangkok, Thailand and is active in 77 countries worldwide.

We carry out our mandate, in both official languages, supported by a dedicated network of activists with skills including law, business, social work and education. It is because of these dedicated volunteers that we have been successful in many initiatives such as increasing the legal age of consent from 14 to 16, establishing a national sex offender registry, and creating the Beyond Borders Media Awards and Symposium. We also carry out awareness programs such as our Man-to-Man/Homme à Homme campaign. We work extensively on corporate social responsibility initiatives with WestJet, Transat A.T. and the Air Canada Foundation and are the Canadian representative of The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism.

As I retire from Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada, I am thrilled that one of our most dedicated volunteers, Darlene Newton, has been chosen by the board to be the incoming President. As last year's co-chair of the Media Awards and Symposium, Darlene proved to be a dedicated leader and advocate. Darlene has extensive professional skills in the travel and tourism profession as the agency and multi-branch manager for Thomas Cook, Marlin Travel and the Transat Travel Group. She currently sits on the Advisory council for ACTA Manitoba and is a past board member of Big Sisters and past co-chair of Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Community Health Advisory Council. Presently, Darlene is a career counsellor at Robertson College. I am confident that working with our national volunteer team and pro bono lawyers, Darlene will continue the important and ground-breaking work of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada which has impacted the lives of countless survivors across the country.

Respectfully submitted, April 13, 2015 by



Rosalind Prober, C.M.
President
Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada



Rosalind Prober



Darlene Newton

Following are the highlights from the past year:

PRO BONO LEGAL WORK BY BEYOND BORDERS LEGAL TEAM

David Matas - ECPAT International Board

2014 was the last of David's three years as a director on the Board of Directors of ECPAT International, representing the North America region.

Polygamy/Child Sexual Exploitation

David wrote a report on this issue for Beyond Borders and intervened on our behalf in the BC constitutional reference supporting the position that the anti-polygamy law was constitutional. The BC Supreme Court in November 2011 upheld the anti-polygamy law to be constitutional and prosecutions have now ensued. Charges were laid for polygamy against Winston Blackmore and James Oler from the community of Bountiful, BC in August 2014. The accused appeared first in court on October 7 in Creston. Proceedings were adjourned for the accused to obtain counsel.



David Matas

Child Pornography

In January 2000, on behalf of Beyond Borders and others, David used the case of John Robin Sharpe to argue for the constitutionality of child pornography law. The Court held that the law was constitutional but carved out certain exemptions, one of which was private use. The case of Barabash and Rollison questioned the scope of that exemption. Barabash and Rollison had in their private possession videos of themselves having sex with two children which the police discovered on raiding the Barabash premises. David appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada in December 2014 for Beyond Borders and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, arguing that the private use exemption set out in the case of Sharpe was not broad enough to exempt from prosecution pornography which involved exploitation of children or harm to children. There is still no decision in this case.

Mark Erik Hecht

In 2014, Mark Erik Hecht, Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada's Senior Legal Counsel, continued his work on corporate social responsibility and child protection in partnership with the organization's private sector allies including Air Canada, West Jet and Transat A.T. and continued to offer on-going training and support on child sex tourism issues. Mark, along with a group of dedicated volunteers, orchestrated the production and launch of a Beyond Borders promotional video on Air Canada Television ("Child Sexual Exploitation is Not a Game"). This video compliments the public service announcements that were produced previously and are now shown on most Air Canada flights from North America. During this period, Mark also supervised a former Intern from Canadian Lawyer's Abroad, Kara Moen, in maintaining the @Beyond_CSR Twitter feed.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mark Erik Hecht

During the summer 2014, Mark worked with a new intern from Canadian Lawyer's Abroad, Whitney Donnelly, on the updating of all the fact sheets on the Beyond Borders' website. Mark and Whitney also prepared a country report on CSEC for the 6th ECPAT International Assembly in Paris, France and continued the research and writing of the legal position paper series to be launched in 2015.

Finally, Mark continued his efforts for the organization by lobbying for enhanced legislation protecting children from sexual harm. In October 2015, Mark was invited to a small roundtable with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to discuss child sexual exploitation and new technologies. The meeting will help the government set its priorities for the next election.

Jonathan Rosenthal

Jonathan continues to work for justice for the victims of Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh. MacIntosh has been arrested again, this time in Nepal. He has been jailed for having "unnatural sex" with a 9-year-old boy. He met the boy at the St. Xavier's Social Service Centre. Shockingly, this shelter is operated by the Canadian Jesuits. MacIntosh was on a visitor's visa. In Nepal, while shelters are prohibited from allowing persons on such a visa to volunteer, MacIntosh made donations and was allowed to attend the shelter as a volunteer. The Nova Scotia victims of MacIntosh have been sending as much information as possible to the press in Nepal so it is now known that MacIntosh is not just another sex tourist. We are also taking action in Canada by putting pressure on the Nova Scotia government to properly amend their Limitations of Actions Act so that any victim of sexual assault can commence a civil action at any time. The victims of MacIntosh were featured in an almost full page ad funded by Beyond Borders demanding action.



Jonathan Rosenthal

Justin Roberge

Beyond Borders volunteer, lawyer and activist, Justin Roberge carried out media intervention in Quebec again this year. Justin was featured in a documentary on child abuse imagery and in many francophone publications for Au-delà des frontières.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

The Carthage Award

In Rome, in July, David Matas received the Carthage Award for contributing to “the development and dissemination of culture and knowledge in various fields, in the supreme interest of the elevation and promotion of the progress of peoples, the search for truth, freedom, justice and peace and, therefore, of universal brotherhood in the defence of human rights category.”



Sheldon Kennedy

Sheldon Kennedy Receives the Order of Canada

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada nominated Sheldon Kennedy for the Order of Canada for his exceptional work in protecting children from sexual exploitation. Sheldon was the first recipient of the Rosalind Prober Award for Advocacy. Congratulations Sheldon!



Beyond Borders Volunteers

Manitoba Government House Event Honouring our Founding Volunteers

On June 3, 2014, Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee and his wife Anita honoured the volunteer team of Beyond Borders with an elegant reception and dinner at Government House.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Air Canada and Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Partners with the Air Canada Foundation to Launch the First North American In-Flight Videos to Combat Child Sexual Exploitation

Beyond Borders and the Air Canada Foundation partnered in the creation of three new onboard videos that denounce child sexual exploitation while giving voice to exploited children across the globe. Since the beginning of February, Air Canada passengers who access in-flight entertainment may see one of three public service announcements created to help protect children from exploitation by encouraging the reporting of these horrific crimes.

Each of the PSAs depicts a child displaying a bar code on his or her body. As a laser scanner passes over the bar code, it bears a message such as, “Exploited by a sex tourist,” followed by words on the screen that say, “Kids are not commodities. Help stop child sex tourism.”

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada also created a video highlighting the work of Beyond Borders which Air Canada is showing on all its flights worldwide in both languages on their ACTV network for one year which started in 2014.



THE ECPAT INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Seen here with fellow Canadian, Karyn Stone of ECPAT International - our Board members David Matas (Legal), Arly Akerstream (Youth) and Darlene Newton - proudly representing Canada and Beyond Borders/ECPAT Canada at the 6th ECPAT International Assembly in Paris in December, 2014.



Karyn Stone, David Matas, Arly Akerstream, and Darlene Newton



Media Awards Committee



Rosalind Prober, Christine Krahn, and Darlene Newton



The Symposium Panel



Rosalind Prober and Brendan McCabe



Winnipeg Police Chief Devon Clunis and Brendan McCabe

MEDIA AWARDS

Honouring Canadian journalists who have done exceptional work covering the issue of child sexual exploitation in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the 2014 Media Awards were held on November 17. The event continues to grow with 375 people attending. Winning journalists included Barb Pacholik (Regina Leader Post), Isabelle Hachey (La Presse), Stéphane Blais (Radio Canada), Brennan Leffler and Jennifer Tryon (16x9 Global News) and Jennifer Quinn and Robert Cribb (Toronto Star). Montreal aboriginal activist, Waneek Horn-Miller, hosted this year's awards. Air Canada, Air Transat and Westjet were unified as key sponsors of the 2014 event, truly a testimony to the airline industry's voice against child sex tourism.

The Winnipeg Foundation once again contributed to the cost of running this important event held to celebrate International Children's Day.

The Symposium

Titled Generation XXX, The Pornification of our Children, the Symposium brought leading experts from around the world to address the issue of how the easy access of pornography is affecting our children. Moderated by Winnipeg Free Press justice reporter, Mike McIntyre, the expert panel included internet security expert John Carr, a prevention expert Cordelia Anderson a former child victim of easy access, Gabe Deem and Cathy Wing expert in the area of children's use of the Internet.

This year's symposium, sponsored by Stan Newman of RE/MAX, attracted a record amount of media attention including front-page coverage in the Winnipeg Sun, two features in the Winnipeg Free Press and national coverage with the CBC and Radio Canada. To this day, journalists continue to write on the issue of Generation XXX from different perspectives.

The Rosalind Prober Award for Advocacy

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada was thrilled to bestow the first Human Rights Award in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, The Rosalind Prober Award for Advocacy, which was presented to B.C. prosecutor of child sex tourists, Brendan McCabe. Known as one of Canada's foremost experts in prosecuting complicated extraterritorial cases with multiple victims in foreign countries, Brendan was the Crown counsel in Canada's first ground-breaking child sex tourism case, R. v. Donald Bakker. Brendan together with other prosecutors, then successfully defended the constitutional challenge of Canada's child sex tourism law in the multi-jurisdictional case of R v Kenneth Klassen, where Klassen was charged with abusing numerous children in three countries. That case resulted in the longest sentence in Canada to date, 11 years, for child sex tourism.

The Rosalind Prober Award recognizes Canadians who have made a significant contribution towards combatting the sexual victimization of children and youth and is sponsored by Qualico.

Law Enforcement Training

A new addition to the 2014 event was the special session hosted by ECPAT International internet security specialist John Carr and prosecutor Brendan McCabe, providing an educational opportunity for over 50 law enforcement professionals. This event was sponsored by the Government of Manitoba.

BEYOND BORDERS ECPAT CANADA FEATURED IN THE CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada is honoured to be showcased in the CMHR exhibit called “Protecting Rights in Canada”. Focusing on mobilization for legal reform, this gallery is designed to help visitors understand how different legal traditions have helped shape the Canadian legal system and show how individuals and organizations have used this system to better protect human rights.

The exhibit includes three artifacts – a postcard and luggage tag used in Beyond Borders awareness and lobbying campaigns to raise the age of consent and to stop child sex tourism, and a letter from the Parliament of Canada bestowing recognition on Beyond Borders’ important achievement. A text panel explains the story and its importance, and is illustrated by photographs of founders Rosalind Prober and Mark Hecht, and an image of Tracy Persson who rode her bicycle across Canada to deliver a petition in support of raising the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16.



Darlene Newton and the Beyond Borders exhibit

BEYOND BORDERS ECPAT CANADA MAN-TO-MAN CAMPAIGN

Beyond Borders’ “Man-to-Man” campaign was featured in a review of best practices commissioned by ECPAT Luxembourg. The consultants working on this project collected several country-based examples of best practices in getting men involved in helping to prevent child sexual exploitation.

Damon Surzyshyn took Beyond Borders to the race track at Barber Motorsport Park in the Pirelli World Challenge. Damon’s car featured in Beyond Borders branding and brought the Man-to-Man program to over 76 million households on NBC Sportsnet. Damon took his passion and made it political to inspire other men to take up the cause.



Damon Surzyshyn and his Beyond Borders car

OUR TEAM

Thank you to our exceptional team members for all the work you do on behalf of victims of child sexual exploitation. A special thanks to our volunteer team members who contribute hundreds of hours of time to our organization.

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DEVOTION TO SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN EVERYWHERE.**

