



2019 Action Bequia CEO Report

Action Bequia had another remarkable and demanding year in 2019. It was one of significant change. Early in the year we made two critical decisions. One was to replace the existing Board with one whose members were 100% local. We did this because we wanted to bias towards local priorities but also because we needed to build a team that was likely to be there 10 years from now. The other change was that we would focus our discretionary resources on the programs that are the essence of Action Bequia. These are the ones that we manage such as the Environment and Recycling Program, Walkways and Trails and Harbour Beautification. The table at the bottom of this report details the impact of this strategy from a financial standpoint.

We feel these changes worked well. We rebuilt the “round the headland” section of the Princess Margaret Trail. Less elegant than the previous effort but much, much more durable. We collected and delivered for recycling, more than 650,000 plastic and metal drink containers. If you think that recycling is a sham, that is inconsistent with the fact that our Mainland recycling partner AIR paid us XCD30,000 for those containers. The glass bottle collection effort has also made a good start. Litter and landfill on Bequia have been significantly reduced by our efforts.

The New Board members have begun to have a significant impact. A perfect example is how one of them (Kenroy Lavia) recently stepped up and built “indestructible” drain covers on the sidewalk opposite Knights after years of collapses and broken promises from others to get the problem fixed. You can see this in one of the pictures below and please take a look when next in the Harbour. Kenroy is also a key figure in our glass recycling effort (building concrete blocks out of the crushed glass).

The challenges in 2020 are significant. We have initiated an almost daily inspection of the Trails and Walkways. The Environment and Recycling program will have a new focus on youth and schools. We have set targets to upgrade our historic efforts to keep litter to a minimum. In addition, we hope to revisit the Harbour drains situation and also develop a plan to stop close to shore anchoring on Princess Margaret Beach, another initiative enabled by a member of the New Board (Barry Providence, Port Officer).

Despite an XCD60,000 deficit in 2019, we are financially stable but are aiming to have a surplus in 2020. As much as ever, we need your help, so please support the Gala, buy raffle tickets, bid for the wonderful auction items and just generally, give us your support.

Thank you.

David Harper
CEO

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2019 in pictures (with some 2011 and 2020 thrown in)

Our New Logo



The new and robust trail to Princess Margaret 2019



Kids that clean up



Sidewalk opposite Knights



Bin set for every Bequia classroom in 2020



Every Day Pick ups



Reminder of The Belmont Walkway in 2012



Our hardworking Sandpit Recycling team



Students rehearsing for the soon to be released Environment Video

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2019 Finances-Action Bequia		
MANAGED PROJECTS and general expenses and general donations		
Project	Expenses	Donations
Environmental and Recycling Program	XCD 203,926.00	XCD 31,480.07
Trails, Walkways and Harbour Gardens (Building, rebuilding and maintenance)	XCD 32,994.00	XCD 14,850.21
Harbour Beautification	XCD 1,200.00	
Gala Net Contribution		XCD 88,756.79
General Fund Donations (not including XCD 5,864 donation to the Bequia Heritage Foundation)		XCD 77,856.68
Misc including Bank and Audit fees, brochures and other Admin costs	XCD 2,824.50	
Total Managed Projects and General Funds	XCD 240,944.50	XCD 212,943.75
DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES: Programs that Action Bequia chose to support {Most of this support was committed before the strategy shift towards Managed Projects, some were as a result of agreements with auction Item donors (like the Bequia Heritage Foundation) and some we just decided were emergencies (like the Bahamas Hurricane Relief and the The World Pediatric project. Financing was from our General Fund		
Project	Expenses	Donations
Bahamas Hurricane Relief	XCD 10,947.00	
Bequia Heritage Foundation From Gala Proceeds)	XCD 5,864.00	
Easter Regatta	XCD 5,332.62	
Hamilton Progressive Org	XCD 3,716.00	
World Pediatric Project	XCD 3,000.00	
Independence Day Regatta	XCD 2,000.00	
Paget Farm Dental Clinic	XCD 1,943.00	
Police Station Repairs	XCD 1,087.00	
New Roots	XCD 1,000.00	
Athletic Meet	XCD 1,000.00	
Voice of the Disabled	XCD 500.00	
Total Discretionary Expenditure	XCD 36,389.62	
PASS THROUGH activity {where Action Bequia has provided the infrastructure for the collection and distribution of funds for (suitable) programs but has no other role}.		
Junior Sailing Academy Bequia	XCD 66,884.00	XCD 66,884.00
Bequia Animal Protection Alliance	XCD 27,992.00	XCD 27,992.00
Hub Collective	XCD 26,846.00	XCD 26,846.96
Bequia Hospital (Friends of)	XCD 26,542.28	XCD 26,542.28
Rotary/NGCDI & Medical Relief	XCD 12,730.00	XCD 12,730.00
Broadway To Bequia	XCD 9,870.00	XCD 9,870.00
Learning Centre	XCD 8,400.00	XCD 8,040.00
Sunshine School	XCD 6,942.00	XCD 6,942.00
Bequia Youth Sailors	XCD 1,335.00	XCD 1,335.00
Total Pass Through	XCD 187,541.28	XCD 187,182.24
Grand Total	XCD 464,875.40	XCD 400,125.99