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# Our Board of Directors



Meg Sears (Chair)

Margaret (Meg) Sears was trained in Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at the University of Toronto, Canada. She worked in energy research, then returned to academia to complete doctoral research in biochemical engineering at McGill University. With skills in scientific analysis and writing, Dr. Sears gained associations with Ottawa research institutes at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute, and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. Some highlights for Dr. Sears include: writing the Medical Perspective on Environmental Sensitivities for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, leading to a policy under the Canadian Human Rights Act; carrying out a scoping review on toxic elements (arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury) with Canadian Institutes for Health Research and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funding; and numerous collaborations with members of the Environmental Health Committee of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. A central interest is the conduct and interpretation of science in environmental health. When she is not working, you'll probably find Meg roaming the outdoors, or "playing in the mud," gardening.



Robin McLeod (Secretary/Treasurer)

Formerly a Chartered Financial Analyst working as an oil and gas analyst in the investment industry, Robin moved to the non-profit sector. Over the years Robin has worked with a number of non-profit organizations including: the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Crazy Canuck Ken Read, organizing legendary fundraising ski races across Canada; Evergreen, transforming flat and boring school grounds into oases of native vegetation and innovative learning environments; Calgary River Valleys as a Communications and Outreach Coordinator; and the Nature Conservancy of Canada, engaging volunteers in conservation stewardship activities throughout Alberta. In her spare time Robin founded S2G, a non-profit society addressing the health of the Elbow River in Calgary, and co-founded and chairs the Coalition for a Healthy Calgary, an organization of scientists, professionals, health practitioners and citizens calling for the elimination of non-essential pesticide use in Calgary's urban environments.



Pauline Cheslock

Pauline Cheslock is currently the Chair of the Windsor Cancer Prevention Coalition (WCPC). Pauline worked with the City of Windsor to pass their Pesticide by-law, which was eventually passed in 2005. Pauline won the Cancer Prevention award in 2006. Pauline is married to Jim and they have two children – Courtney and Brendan and together they all live a very active life. She lost her beloved mother Tina to pancreatic cancer in 2000, with Tina also suffering skin and breast cancer. She is dedicated to providing a healthier environment for her family to benefit from. She lives a chemical free – organic lifestyle and tries to promote this way of life to all around her. She is currently launching an anti-idling campaign in school zones to help protect children from harmful gases.

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Richard St. Denis

Richard St. Denis is a lifetime resident of Windsor, Ontario and works on many environmental issues, committees and programs. Richard currently is an elected delegate to the Unifor Local 444 Environment Standing Committee; as well he is the Fiat-Chrysler Windsor Assembly Plant Joint Workplace Environment Committee Representative. Unifor also has a Cancer Prevention Campaign to help raise awareness among the people we represent. Richard has participated in Cancer Prevention events held in Windsor such as conferences on banning pesticides and looking at alternative fuels. As a delegation at City Council he helped successfully encourage the municipality to stop adding fluoride to Windsor's drinking water. Richard was previously the Lake Erie Region Director for Great Lakes United, a non-profit working on taking care of our Great Lakes. Richard also makes it a priority to educate the next generation on important environmental issues through his employee children's environmental programs, Earth Day and other community supported events.

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Sandra Madray

Sandra Madray is a co-founder of the non-profit, volunteer organization, Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba which focuses on the awareness and acceptance of chemical sensitivities, chemical usage and safe chemical substitution. She is actively involved in pesticides and other environmental issues. She represents Chemical

Sensitivities Manitoba as a founding member of the [Children's Health and Environment Partnership](#) and is a member of the Steering Committee of the [Manitoba Eco-Network](#).

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Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg

Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg PhD, MES, holds a Masters in Environmental Studies (York University) and a PhD (University of Toronto). An education and film consultant, she researches, writes and speaks on environmental health, equality, social, economic and environmental justice, peace and energy issues. She has worked with the *National Film Board*, school boards, non-governmental organizations, health professional and policy groups on these issues. She was principle research consultant and associate producer of the documentary video, [Exposure: Environmental Links to Breast Cancer](#) and researcher/writer of the accompanying guidebook *Taking Action for a Healthy Future*. She has led numerous training trainers workshops using these materials as educational tools. She recently researched and produced [Toxic Trespass](#), a documentary on children's health and the environment as a co production with the National Film Board of Canada and has co-written the accompanying educational resource guide, *Taking Action on Children's Health and the Environment*. She is also Volunteer Education Coordinator of the [Women's Healthy Environments Network](#) (WHEN) and teaches Environmental Health at the University of Toronto. As a grandmother, she stresses the importance of our work for future generations on a healthy peaceful planet.

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Richard van der Jagt

Dr. Richard van der Jagt (MD, FRCP Internal Medicine and Hematology) is a staff hematologist at the General Hospital in Ottawa. He achieved a BSc (Hon) majoring in pharmacology and physiology at the University of Toronto, and worked in neuroscience prior to medical school. At McMaster University, Dr. van der Jagt studied Medicine and Internal Medicine, as well as Clinical Epidemiology under David Sackett (a founder of clinical epidemiology in Canada, and a terrific role model). Dr. van der Jagt's education was completed with a hematology fellowship at University of Toronto and a stem cell transplant fellowship in Seattle at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. Dr. van der Jagt founded and chaired the Canadian Leukemia Studies Group, ultimately including 22 centers and 503 patients in a randomized CIHR funded study. Since 2002, his clinical practice and research efforts have focused largely on lymphoma and myeloma. All three diseases have been linked to environmental toxins.

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## Volunteers

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Diana Daghofer (Fundraising)

Diana Daghofer is a writer and strategic planner focused on health promotion. She has been an active volunteer all of her life, most recently as a board member of the [Saunders-Matthey Cancer Prevention Coalition](#). She is founding member of the Breast Reconstruction Support Team and a member of [Breast Cancer Action Ottawa](#). After raising a family in Ottawa, Diana is relocating to the fresh air and mountains of British Columbia.

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## Staff

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Bill Thompson

Bill Thompson was an environmental educator at the secondary level before developing environmental education resources for teachers. He was editor for many years and conference chair for the provincial environmental educators association, a voluntary subject association in Ontario. As Director of E3 Ontario, he ran workshops for teachers, and coordinated conferences at the provincial and national level. He graduated from Queen's and it's Faculty of Education with a specialty in Biology and Physical Education. While teaching, he completed his MSc(T) at McMaster University, focusing on water quality issues. He has been aware of connections between the environment and our health through his professional and personal interests.

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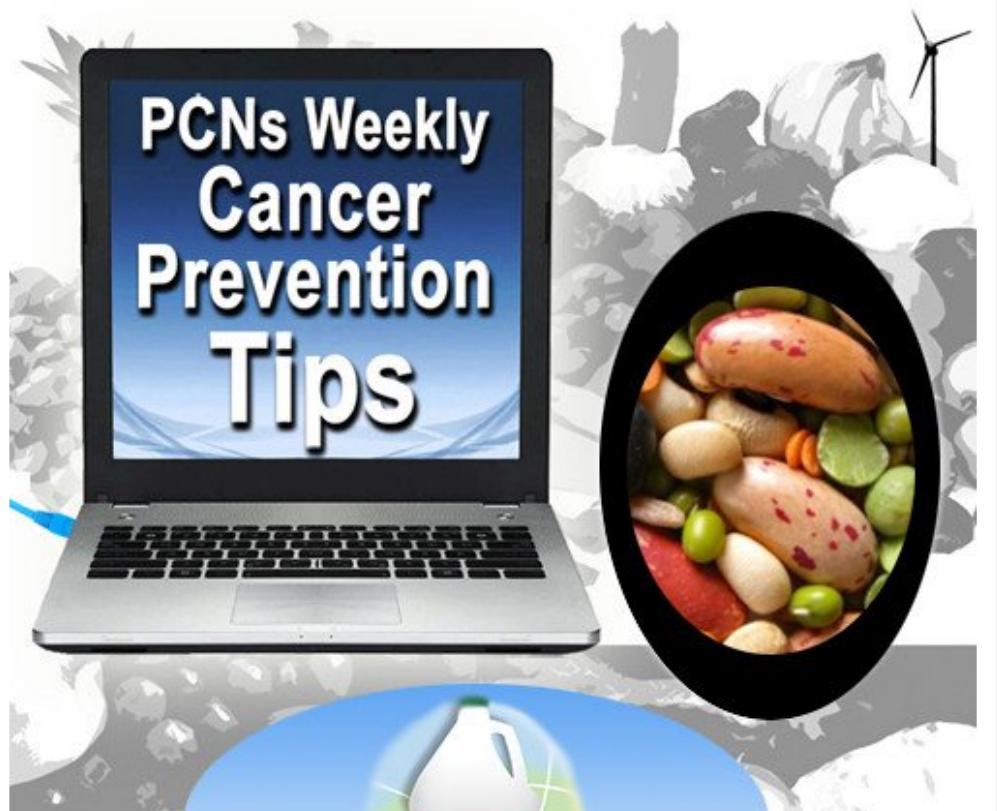
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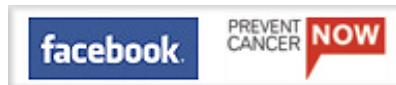
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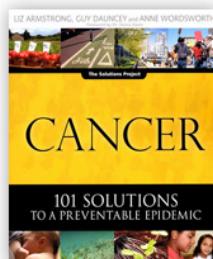
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