



CITIZENS *for* PUBLIC JUSTICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Poised on the brink of a federal election

The election was clearly a dominant theme in 2005. Canada started the year with a minority Liberal government. We went to the brink when Justice Gomery released the first results of his investigation into the sponsorship program, and Paul Martin promised to call an election within 30 days of the final report. We were on the edge again in May, but two key MPs upheld the fragile government. By the end of the year we were into the real thing.

CPJ spoke to the concerns of citizens in the April *Ola!* email:

Word is that Canadians are not so much irate or scandalized as demoralized about politics, with low expectations. We're lumping all the parties in together as culpable of wrongdoing. We now expect betrayal from all.

How does the notion of public justice find hope and space for dialogue in the events of 2005? When the election was finally called, CPJ prepared its second election bulletin in as many years. We called it *Embracing a Politics of Hopeful Citizenship* because:

Public justice ... asks us to truly struggle together, despite our social, political, ideological and religious differences, to find policies that satisfy the calls of justice and shalom.

Budgeting for justice

Despite the tenuous nature of the federal government this year, budget-making, parliamentary committees and policy review continued. CPJ staff were committed to

engaging the work of this government.

CPJ's 2005 budget brief was entitled *To Welcome the Stranger: A Public Justice Perspective on Budget Making*. We expanded the focus of the pre-budget hearings beyond a narrow interest in productivity and increased standard of living. We proposed a variety of policy directions, including automatic landing for protected persons, living wages, labour market integration for new immigrants, long-term affordable housing and continuing to build a national early learning and child care program. Policy analysts Greg deGroot-Maggetti and Chris Pullenayegem again promoted the automatic landing solution for integrating refugees, and called for further study on issues surrounding family reunification when they appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

Liveable minimum wages

CPJ addressed the federal labour code. Our brief *Setting the Standard* uses public justice principles and human rights standards to call for a *liveable* minimum wage and for effective enforcement of the labour code so that all workers receive the protection of law.

Technology links active citizens

It's great to be able to link you to information and other initiatives. In March we invited you to indicate your support to *Make Poverty History*. In November you could send an e-postcard to elected leaders calling for action on child and family poverty. In May CPJ encouraged and published an exchange of opinions about

the upcoming British Columbia election. Some quick facts, information and links related to electoral reform and to all 45 registered political parties helped our BC supporters bone up before their provincial election.

Speaking of technology, we were proud to launch our updated website this year (www.cpj.ca). It has a whole new look, lots of great material and a wonderful search capability. Now you can even donate through the site!

Berger inspires AGM

Just as the business of government continues regardless, so the business of CPJ continues. At our annual meeting in Vancouver, we were inspired by Justice Tom Berger's speech:

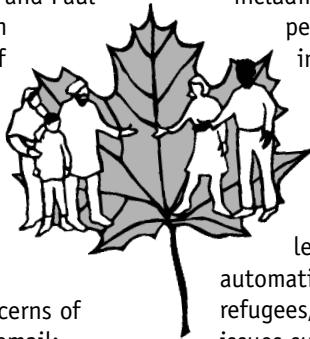
I think diversity has become the essence of the Canadian experience and it is our strength. It's not a weakness... We believe in being a good citizen of the world... this ...is my ideal of Canada.

It doesn't mean we that live up to it all the time, but it's something to which we aspire.

Special Catalysts

We again published four varied issues of *the Catalyst*, including an issue to celebrate the 100th birth-

days of both Alberta and Saskatchewan and a special issue to launch *Welcome the Stranger: Becoming Neighbours*. We won five Canadian Church Press awards this year for our 2004 publications, including an award for general excellence in the newsletter category.



Policy analysts Chris Pullenayegem and Greg deGroot-Maggetti

Thank you for your support.

Generous donations in 2005 allowed CPJ to continue its work and reduce its debt by more than \$27,000 by the end of the year. Faithful supporters have encouraged and sustained our work over the years and we are grateful. We hope to fully clear the remaining administrative items and debt in 2006.

CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

2005 Financial Statements*

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash	\$49,004	\$98,433
Accounts Receivable	\$1,000	\$1,030
Prepaid Expenses	–	\$1,125
Total Assets	\$50,004	\$100,588
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$3,694	\$21,264
Notes Payable	\$36,750	\$83,500
Deferred Revenue	–	\$17,000
Due to CJL Foundation	\$30,192	\$26,901
Total Liabilities	\$70,636	\$148,665
Fund Balance	–\$20,632	–\$48,077
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$50,004	\$100,588

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND EQUITY

Year ended December 31, 2005

	Actual 2005	Budget 2005	Actual 2004	Budget 2006
Receipts				
Memberships	\$47,950	\$51,000	\$51,550	–
Donations	\$107,843	\$93,000	\$110,564	\$26,000
Grants	\$62,000	\$49,500	\$80,000	–
Other	\$6,128	\$6,700	\$6,216	–
Total	\$223,921	\$200,200	\$248,330	\$26,000
Disbursements				
Salaries & Benefits	\$100,703	\$100,500	\$135,016	–
Occupancy	\$21,060	\$20,900	\$25,683	–
Administration	\$15,130	\$11,800	\$16,724	\$4,200
Fundraising	\$4,017	\$4,700	\$7,028	\$1,000
Advocacy	\$12,978	\$13,400	\$11,100	–
Communications	\$42,588	\$30,700	\$44,234	–
Total	\$196,476	\$182,000	\$239,785	\$5,200
Excess receipts/disbursements	\$27,445	\$18,200	\$8,545	\$20,800
Fund equity (deficit), beginning	–\$48,077	–\$48,077	–\$56,622	–\$20,632
Fund equity (deficit), end	–\$20,632	–\$29,877	–\$48,077	–

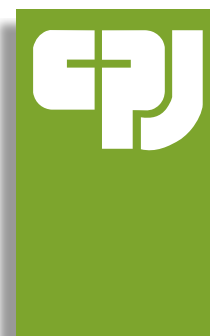
*Audited statements with notes are available upon request.

Maintaining the mission in organizational change

As board and staff look back on all that made us distinctive this year and throughout the four decades of our history, we see that *promoting public justice in Canada* continues to be key. After much research and discussion, and with the help of new guidelines from Canada Revenue Agency, we concluded that our public justice mission can continue effectively within a fully charitable organization.

Thus, this non-profit's final act in 2005 was to give to our charitable sister organization, the CJL Foundation, permission to use the name *Citizens for Public Justice*. All that remains for the "old CPJ" is to tidy up some administration and to clear the remaining debt.

Look to *CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice* for our continuing work.



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