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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization ALGOMA HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 905 ASHMUN STREET City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 SAULT STE. MARIE, MI 49783	D Employer identification number 38-3055079
			E Telephone number (705) 649-4081
			F Group Exemption Number . . . ▶
			G Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

I Website: ▶ WWW.ALGOMAHIGHLANDCONSERVANCY.ORG

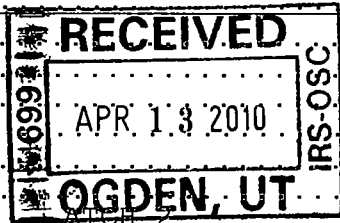
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . ▶ \$ 200,424.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	200,120.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income ATCH 1	4	304.
	5 a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5 b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5 c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6 a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
6 b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
6 c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7 b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
7 c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	200,424.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,468.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ _____)	16	297,883.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	299,351.	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-98,927.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	99,970.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	1,043.



Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments ATCH 3	103,356.	2,794.
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25	Total assets	103,356.	2,794.
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ ATCH 4)	3,386.	1,751.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	99,970.	1,043.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N.		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0 . , section 4912 ▶ 0 . , section 4955 ▶ 0 .		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0 .		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0 .		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ MI,		
42 a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ KAREN STREICH Telephone no ▶ 705-949-9017 Located at ▶ ATTACHMENT 5 ZIP + 4 ▶ POS 1E0		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign county ▶		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **0**

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000 **0**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: *Karen Ann Stretch* Date: *March 27, 2010*
 Type or print name and title: *KAREN ANN STRETCH, TREASURER*

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: *David G. Saunders* Date: *03/26/2010* Check if self-employed:
 Preparer's identifying number (See instructions): *P00239889*
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: *BDO CANADA LLP* EIN: *98-0127206*
747 QUEEN STREET EAST, P.O. BOX 1109 SAULT STE MARIE CA ONTARI Phone no: *705-945-0990*

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc; 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Percentage, and Unit. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2009; 15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3 % support test - 2009; b 33 1/3 % support test - 2008; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2009; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2008; 18 Private foundation.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	625.	365	73,101	30,827.	200,120	305,038
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	625.	365	73,101	30,827	200,120	305,038.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						305,038

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	625	365	73,101	30,827	200,120	305,038.
10 a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	625.	365.	73,101	30,827	200,120	305,038
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100.00 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	0.00 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.00 %

- 19 a 33 1/3 % support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►
- b 33 1/3 % support tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990EZ, PART I - INVESTMENT INCOME

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
INTEREST INCOME	304.
TOTAL	<u>304.</u>

ATTACHMENT 2

FORM 990EZ, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

BANK CHARGES AND INTEREST	62.
POSTAGE FESS	180.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN	-14,772.
DONATION - ALGOMA HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY (CANADA)	312,413.
TOTAL	<u>297,883.</u>

ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990EZ, PART II - CASH, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>
CASH	103,356.	2,794.
TOTALS	<u>103,356.</u>	<u>2,794.</u>

ATTACHMENT 4

FORM 990EZ, PART II - TOTAL LIABILITIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,750.	1,751.
DUE TO ALGOMA HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY (CANADA)	1,636.	
TOTALS	<u>3,386.</u>	<u>1,751.</u>

FORM 990EZ, PART V, LINE 42A - LOCATION OF BOOKS

R.R. #1, 324 KIRBY ROAD GOULAIS RIVER
ONTARIO CANADA

Statement Made To And A Part
Of Form 990 (Part III)
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Algoma Highlands Conservancy
383055079

Statement Of Program Service

The Algoma Highlands Conservancy (AHC) has as an objective the acquisition and management of lands in the vicinity of King Mountain, north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, for the purposes of conservation, silent recreation, ecological restoration and ecological education. Acquisitions may take the form of outright purchase, either property or conservation easements, or the receipt of donations.

The AHC accepts donations from private individuals. Since its inception in 1992-93, over 400 people have donated to the AHC, some a number of times. In addition to the donors, the "clients" of the AHC also include visitors to the properties. These include students from Lake Superior State University, Algoma University and Sault College (100+ per year), participants at local conferences and workshops (50-100 per year), hikers (100+) and cross-country skiers (several hundred).

The AHC does not issue a newsletter, but donors and other interested individuals are kept up-to-date on Conservancy activities with regular mail-outs and through our web site (www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org). The AHC also produces posters, interpretive signs, news releases and other promotional materials.

Since its establishment, the AHC has purchased 2 pieces of property and acquired an easement on a third. These are: 1) Norm's Cabin, a 1 acre property with a cabin on Bone Lake; 2) the Robertson Lake Cliffs, a 303 acre property in Vankoughnet Township; and 3) a 282 acre property adjacent to Stokely Creek Lodge in Vankoughnet Township (easement). The purchase of Norm's Cabin was made possible by private donations. The Robertson Lake Cliffs property was purchased using a grant from the EJLB foundation. The AHC has also received grants from EJLB to write a Business Plan, from the North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation to write a Master Plan, and from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to produce interpretive signs for the Robertson Lake Cliffs. Donations from individual donors are currently being used to pay expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of existing properties and to investigate the potential for future acquisitions.

The AHC is governed by a Board of Directors (list attached). The Bylaws permit up to 16 Board members, but the Conservancy currently operates with a Board of 11-12. All Board positions are voluntary and board members receive no remuneration, other than the re-imbursment of out-of-pocket expenses associated with attending Board meetings. The Board meetings are usually held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario or Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, but Board members are from all over Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. The AHC

has no employees, but we occasionally contract an individual to assist with mail-outs and other office work. The AHC's major expenses are for communicating with donors (e.g., postage, stationary, office supplies, etc.).

The Algoma Highlands Conservancy is a bi-national organization, incorporated both in the U.S.A (Michigan) and Canada (Ontario). The AHC is a member of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, the Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership and the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. The AHC collaborates with Lake Superior State University, the Canadian Forest Service, Little Traverse Bay Conservancy, Friends of Gros Cap and Nature Conservancy Canada on a project-by-project basis, but no Memoranda of Understanding or other formal mechanisms exist. Although these project partnerships are made possible in part by shared donors and board members, no formal sharing of membership is involved.

The AHC benefits from associations members have with other entities. For example, Stokely Creek Lodge provides meeting space at no charge and reduced rates for accommodation of Board members attending meetings at the Lodge. Meetings are held at Lake Superior State University and the Canadian Forest Service at no charge, because of the involvement of employees with the organization, and as a public service.

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