OTCC rehabilitates and conserves Ontario's native turtles and their habitats

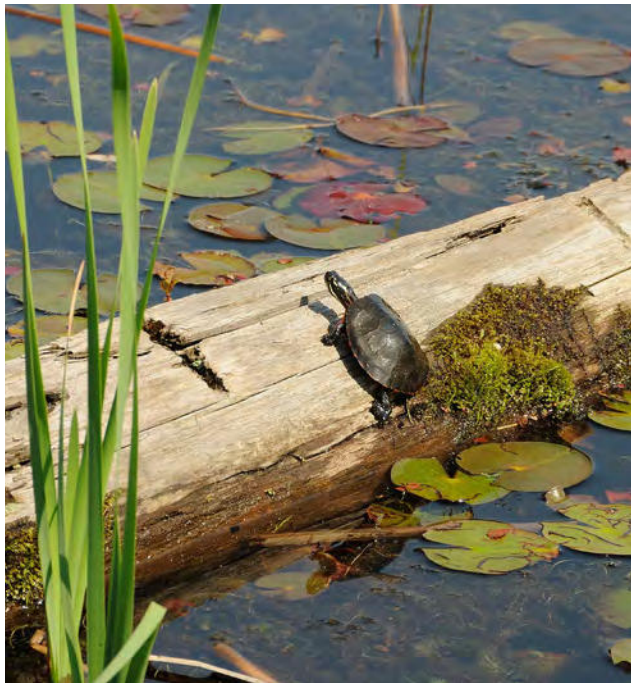
Currently, all eight of Ontario's native turtle species are listed as at-risk at the national level. Our mission is to protect and conserve Ontario's at-risk native turtles and their wetland habitats.

The OTCC's work to rehabilitate injured turtles, head-start hatchlings to replenish populations and engage citizens in stewardship are critical components of a comprehensive action plan to reverse rapidly declining turtle populations.

When planning for the future, plan for a future with turtles in our wetlands

Over 75% of Ontario's wetlands have been lost over the last century and those that remain are fragmented by roads. Turtles have been profoundly affected by these rapid changes in their habitat. Road mortality and habitat loss are the main causes for population declines. Because turtles are slow to mature, and very few make it to adulthood, every turtle saved is vital.

By supporting the OTCC through a planned gift, you can have a long-lasting positive effect on native turtle populations and their habitats.



If you find an injured turtle, call us immediately!

705-741-5000

We need your help

Donations are critical to our ability to continue helping Ontario's turtles. OTCC is a registered charity, and relies on donations for our essential conservation work. Visit **ontarioturtle.ca/donation-options** to find out how to support us financially.

Considering a Legacy Gift?

Please contact us to discuss your options. If you have already named the OTCC in your will, let us know so we can thank you and ensure you are kept up to date with news and information about how your donation will make a difference.

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The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre respectfully acknowledges that it is situated on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations.

The legal name of OTCC is the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre.
Charitable Registration # 85752 4409 RR0001

Planned Giving

Your legacy gift supports Ontario's turtles and wetlands

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Create a lasting legacy for turtle and wetland conservation in Ontario

Planned gifts, also called legacy gifts, allow you to make a significant contribution to the OTCC without affecting your current income

Gift in your Will

A legacy gift in your will can have a tremendous conservation impact for years to come. It may assist in reducing taxes owed by your estate, while supporting your values and beliefs. It also allows you use of your assets during your lifetime. It is revocable should your circumstances change. It is very simple to add a legacy gift to your will, just a few sentences are needed, and the gift can be specific or residual.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity enables you to make a substantial gift to conservation, while maintaining or increasing your after-tax income. An annuity consists of two parts: a gift to the OTCC for which you will receive a tax receipt, and a guaranteed stream of virtually tax-free income for life.

An annuity is very secure, guaranteeing your rate of return and, as a result, the amount of your annual payments, for life. This is an excellent option for donors who are 65 years or older, are conservative investors, and can afford to invest at least $10,000.

Admission of injured turtles to the OTCC has more than doubled over the past few years, requiring a significant increase in resources.

RRSP or RRIF Beneficiary

You can make a charitable gift to the OTCC by naming us as a beneficiary of an RRSP or RRIF. By naming the OTCC as a beneficiary of all or a percentage of the funds, a tax receipt for the value of the gift will be issued to your estate, and the tax credit will offset almost all applicable taxes.

You can make this gift outside your will by naming the OTCC as a beneficiary directly on the form provided by your financial institution. It is easy, confidential and you can always change the beneficiary designation at no cost.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

This is a life income gift that enables you to give today and create immediate tax savings while retaining the income from the donated asset. Throughout your lifetime you will receive income from this living trust but, after a prescribed period of time or upon your death, the remainder trust will pass directly to the OTCC as the named beneficiary.

Charitable remainder trusts are powerful planning tools for people who are 70 years and older and who have made, or are planning to make, a charitable bequest.

Gifts of Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance can be an affordable way to create a considerable future gift for the OTCC. There are a number of strategies that can be implemented to achieve your personal financial goals, while leaving a significant conservation legacy. If you have a fully paid policy that you no longer require, you can donate it, and a charitable tax receipt will be issued for the value of the policy and any continued premium payments.

Another option is to purchase a new policy or transfer an existing one, make the OTCC the owner and beneficiary, and receive a charitable tax receipt for the remaining premium payments.

You could also consider making the OTCC the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy for tax savings in your estate.

Donation of Securities

When you transfer gifts of stocks, bonds, segregated funds or units of mutual funds that are listed on a public stock exchange, you may not pay tax on any capital gain. This may provide you with a tax saving of up to 50 per cent – a much greater tax savings than donating the cash proceeds from the sale of the securities. Donors also qualify for a charitable tax receipt based on the asset's fair market value.

Your generosity will allow us to continue our turtle conservation and rehabilitation work well into the future.