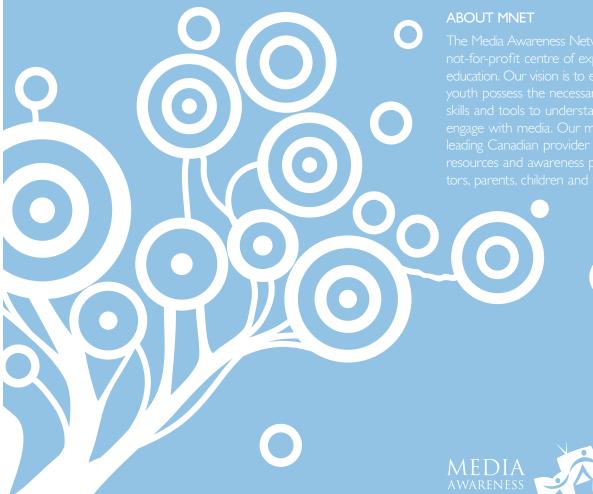


Annual Report 2007







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Chair's Message

This has been an exciting year of achievement and growth at MNet.

As Canada's internationally recognized centre of expertise in media education, MNet is a national treasure, playing a meaningful role in ensuring the well-being and healthy development of children. It is heartening to see a growing public awareness that being media literate is more essential than ever within the borderless, new media environment. MNet answers the call to manage content and safety issues particularly in the realm of unmediated and unregulated media, while inspiring young people to learn, shape and navigate wisely within the digital media world.

MNet's programs are rooted in Canadian values and culture, linked to public policy and are supported by original research. The majority (80%) of our resources are a public asset, available through our Web site to urban, rural, remote, northern and Aboriginal communities. MNet's 4,000 page site is the world's largest repository of free media education resources, in both official languages.

Continuing to move forward on our three-year strategic course first implemented in 2006, the MNet team focused on three pillars—education, awareness and sustainable growth—and our activities this year supported each of these.

MNet's success and growth in 2007 is the result of hard work and commitment from a number of sources. As Acting Executive Director, Cathy Wing did a superb job at the helm, not only keeping MNet on course but leading her team to achieve ambitious goals that had been set. On behalf of the Board, I thank her very much for her stewardship and commitment. Our gratitude

and appreciation go as well to MNet's excellent Staff for their dedication and strong performance.

In January 2008, we announced a new leadership model: Our new Co-Executive Directors, Cathy Wing and Jane Tallim possess an ideal combination of skills, experience and expertise to guide MNet. Congratulations to each. We welcome Jane—MNet's former and highly respected Director of Education—who returns to the organization after two years in the educational and child welfare sector. I have no doubt that 2008 will be another bright year for MNet under Jane and Cathy's leadership.

MNet would not have realized its many successes without our first-rate Board members who come from private, public, corporate and educational sectors. Thanks to each of them for their efforts and commitment to strengthening and guiding the organization.

I would like to pay tribute to and express personal thanks to the dedicated and extremely capable members of the Executive Committee: Jane Macnaughton (Vice-Chair), Jay Thomson (Vice-Chair), Barry Chapman (Treasurer), Wendy Newman (Member-at-Large) and Arlette Lefebvre (Member-at-Large). They are a 'dream team' who invest many hours of time and energy outside the demands of their day jobs to ensure that MNet thrives.

In 2007 we said good-bye to our outgoing Chair Wendy Newman—but not farewell. In a typically generous gesture, Wendy agreed to remain on the Executive Committee. On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and MNet Staff, we extend heartfelt thanks to Wendy and express deep appreciation for her continuing efforts on behalf of the organization.

Finally, kudos and thanks go to our valued Sponsors, whose cash and in-kind contributions are MNet's life blood. Each makes a unique contribution to the organization and we salute the corporate leadership and vision of those who invest in our young people by supporting MNet.

This year, we were extremely fortunate to make great strides toward our goal of more stable financial footing as we received funding from tangible benefits packages associated with three broadcast company-related transactions. Special thanks go to BCE (\$700,000), CanWest Media (\$500,000) and CTVglobemedia (\$I million) for their continued investments and on-going support.

In the same breath, we are grateful to the CRTC, led by Konrad von Finckenstein, for its encouragement and for continuing to recognize the important role MNet plays within our broadcasting system.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Chair of this first-rate organization whose services and resources respond effectively to public demands for tools to ensure children and young people—our media creators and leaders of tomorrow—understand the media, and are empowered to use them wisely.

Sarah Crawford Vice-President Public Affairs

Vice-President Public Affairs CTVglobemedia

Executive Director's Message

In looking for a word to describe the past year, I think only "whirlwind" would do it justice. It has been a busy, creative and fulfilling time for the organization as it has emerged from a period of transition, strengthened by new funding sources and a new team of committed and creative professionals. We finished 2007 invigorated by what we have accomplished and excited about the opportunities of the coming year and beyond.

What has been most gratifying for us throughout this period has been the daily affirmation that the hard work that has gone into building Media Awareness Network over the past 13 years, has resulted in a highly respected organization with a stellar reputation among its stakeholder groups.

2007 MILESTONES

We had several major accomplishments and milestones to be proud of this past year:

We joined with the Canadian Teachers' Federation in hosting Canada's second annual National Media Week in November. The week was a resounding success, bringing together national partners and sponsors in support of media literacy activities in communities across the country. New province-wide licences for our Internet literacy programs in Alberta and Ontario put these resources into two-thirds of Canada's schools and faculties of education.

MNet has five licensed programs which are designed as professional development (PD) for teachers and librarians, one for in-class use with secondary students and one for parent education. They are:

- Exploring Media & Race and Deconstructing Online Hate PD workshops,
- Web Awareness Workshop Series: Kids for Sale, Fact or Folly, Cyber Bullying, Growing With the Net, Safe Passage PD workshops,
- Reality Check! Evaluating online information student module, and
- > Parenting the Net Generation parent workshop.
- We launched a new interactive Frenchlanguage tutorial—Devenir e-Parent—which has received praise, both at home and internationally, for its innovative approach to Internet safety.

We secured funding from the Inukshuk
Fund which will enable us to bring our
critical thinking approach to Internet issues
into Canadian classrooms with a multi-media
tutorial for elementary students.

OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Strong partnerships have been the key to our success from the start. During the past year our partners in the education sector—from national organizations through to individual teachers—have made immense contributions to the development and promotion of our resources and programs. Their feedback has directed the creation of easy-to-use, accessible media education resources. They have kept us informed of their classroom activities and have reported from the frontlines how their students are responding to and using our materials.

In addition, partnerships with the Canadian Home and School Federation and provincial parent organizations helped us to reach Canadian parents—a very difficult demographic to engage—with our Internet safety workshops and online tutorials.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD

None of our achievements over the past year would have been possible without the support of our exceptional Board of Directors. It has been an enormous privilege for me to work with this extraordinary group of people who volunteer their valuable time and expertise to guide this organization and act as its ambassadors.



Chair Wendy Newman stepped down in 2007. Wendy's dedication and commitment have been of great benefit to our organization and to me personally. Thank you Wendy.

We are honoured that long-time board member and media education champion Sarah Crawford has stepped into Wendy's shoes to become our new Chair. Sarah's leadership in the television industry on important social issues including diversity and equity, coupled with her passion for our vision and mission, make her an outstanding choice to lead the Board.

LOOKING AHEAD

In an increasingly complex media world, education is the most effective tool we have to maximize the benefits of media for our children and youth. We believe the educated mind is the best filter. Teaching critical thinking about media supports children's healthy development while at the same time preserves freedom of expression. This balanced approach, which respects Canadian values, is one which MNet will continue to advocate for:

We look forward to working with our Partners, Sponsors and Board of Directors in the coming year to further our mutual goal of educating and empowering Canadian children and youth to be critical users of all media.

Cathy Wing

Executive Director



Media Education in Action

NATIONAL MEDIA EDUCATION WEEK, NOVEMBER 5-9, 2007

In 2007, MNet joined with the Canadian Teachers' Federation to coordinate and promote Canada's second annual National Media Education Week—an annual event to support and advance media literacy in Canadian homes, schools and communities. The theme for the week was "e-Parenting"—meaning the active involvement of parents in their children's cyber-activities. To support them in doing so, MNet marked the week by launching its French-language program Devenir e-Parent.

In addition to many smaller school and classroom-based initiatives, several large scale events took place across the country. MNet promoted this week through the National Media Education Week Web site, regular e-mail bulletins, media interviews and articles in 30 educational publications. The week's sponsors were CTVglobemedia (Presenting Sponsor), TELUS, Bell Canada, S-Vox and Régie du Cinéma.

National Media Education Week 2008 takes place November 3-7. The focus for 2008 is on youth and online behaviour, with the theme "Think Critically, Act Ethically."

RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Devenir e-Parent

Launched during National Media Education Week, Devenir e-Parent is a lively and humorous interactive tutorial that helps Francophone parents to better understand their children's online activities. In the tutorial cyber-mom Alice leads visitors through a series of modules that



explain how young people use the Internet for research and to develop online relationships and how they may encounter inappropriate content or be targeted by marketers. As a first-of-its kind resource, *Devenir e-Parent* has received extremely positive feedback from Francophone communities both at home and internationally. The resource was made possible through the financial support of Industry Canada's Francommunautés virtuelle program and Bell Canada. You can access the tutorial at

www.media-awareness.ca/eparent

Parenting the Net Generation Internet awareness workshops

Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) parent education program:

With funding from Bell Canada, MNet and the CHSF partnered for a second year to make *Parenting the Net Generation* workshops available free to every English school council in the country. The program, which saw workshops rolled out in regions across Canada in 2006, continued to educate parents about their children's Internet use throughout the 2007-2008 school year:

TELUS and the Government of Alberta employee education program:

TELUS licensed MNet's *Parenting the Net Generation* workshop in 2007 for use in an Alberta-based employee education program. Information sessions, conducted by MNet in five Alberta cities, were well attended and elicited extensive media coverage, particularly in the larger centres, from TV, radio and print.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

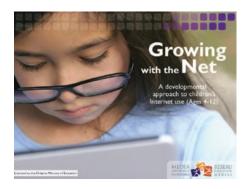
Growing with the Net: A developmental approach to children's Internet use (Ages 4-I2)

Funded by TELUS, Growing with the Net is the newest professional development workshop in MNet's Web Awareness Workshop Series.

Growing with the Net provides a snapshot of children's favourite Internet activities from the perspective of the social and psychological developmental traits that are associated with different ages. The workshop explores how these characteristics may affect the ways in which children interpret and respond to Internet content and situations. The workshop and



facilitator's guide also offer developmentally appropriate education strategies for fostering critical thinking and maximizing positive Internet experiences.



2007 also marked the start in the development of the following new classroom resources to help students think critically about the Internet, and about media representation relating to global development issues.

Media Messages and the Portrayal of Global Issues

Working in partnership with the Canadian Teachers' Federation and with financial support from CIDA, MNet began work on a series of bilingual lessons—Media Messages and the Portrayal of Global Issues—to teach students in Grades 7 to 12 to think critically about media messages that shape perceptions of global issues and the role of media in helping the public understand issues that are faced by developing nations.

Cyber Bullying: Encouraging Ethical Online Behaviour

Cyber bullying is an issue that teachers and school administrators are scrambling to address. To help them do this, MNet partnered with the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the Red Cross RespectEd Program and McGill University to develop a national education program to counter online bullying. Funded by the Government of Canada, this bilingual program includes six classroom-ready lesson plans to help students in Grades 5 to 12 to think critically about the ethical and legal implications of online bullying and the importance of respectful and positive online communications.

Passport to the Internet Interactive Student Tutorial

MNet received funding in 2007 from the Inukshuk Fund to develop a Web-based e-learning tool for the classroom. The *Passport to the Internet* program will include a multimedia tutorial for students in Grades 4 to 8, with a guide and online evaluation tools for teachers. The bilingual program, which will be launched during National Media Education Week in November 2008, will ensure students have the appropriate critical thinking skills to make their online experiences positive and enriching.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Co-Co's AdverSmarts: Exploring Online Marketing

With increasing concerns about food marketing to children, Co-Co's AdverSmarts is a timely resource that helps children think critically about immersive food marketing environments on the Internet. Developed with financial support from TELUS and CANARIE Inc., this engaging e-learning module for primary students teaches them the "tricks of the trade" used by marketers in branded online playgrounds. Co-Co's AdverSmarts includes a parent and teacher backgrounder with information about online marketing techniques aimed at children. To play the Co-Co game visit: www.media-awareness.ca/english/games

MyMedia Student Podcast Contest

MyMedia is a contest which challenges young Canadians, in Grades 7 to 12, to create a video podcast on media representation. Supported by the MyMedia Web site and a teacher toolkit, the contest provides an opportunity for educators to engage youth in media production while satisfying curricular outcomes for media literacy. In 2007, two schools shared first place honours: St. Joseph's School in Ottawa and Shaughnessy Park School in Winnipeg. Both entries impressed us with their strong messaging about young people confronting stereotyping and racism. To view the podcasts visit: www.mediaeducationweek.ca/mymedia



OUTREACH

Licensing

Media Awareness Network's professional development programs for media education and Internet literacy are available through a licensing arrangement to provincial and territorial departments of education, library systems, school districts and boards, post-secondary institutions, and individual schools. MNet currently has three licensed programs for adults comprising I4 workshops in English and French. The revenue from these licences is critical to the annual update of the resources and the licensing activities are pivotal to MNet's relationship building in these sectors.

2007 proved to be a banner year with our Web Awareness Workshop Series and in-class resource Reality Check! Evaluating Online Information licensed for the first time by the Ontario Ministry of Education for all publicly funded schools, licensed native band schools and publicly funded post-secondary faculties of education in Ontario. In addition, Alberta Education licensed the Web Awareness Workshop Series for all provincial K-12 schools.

MNet can proudly say that its licensed resources are now in two-thirds of all schools in Canada representing every province and territory, 18 of the 20 largest school districts in the country, two-thirds of all the post-secondary faculties of education in Canada as well as three provincial/territorial library systems, and two large urban library systems covering a combined population of over 5.6 million.

SHARING OUR EXPERTISE

Task Forces/Advisory Groups

In 2007 MNet staff lent their expertise to the following international and national task groups and advisory committees:

- Justice Canada's Combating Internet Hate in Canada Task Group
- Health Canada's National Drug Prevention Advisory Committee
- PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network), Cyber Bullying Working Group
- EU Kids Online International Advisory Panel
- University of Toronto, Faculty of Social Work,
 Cyber Risk Working Group

Conferences

MNet's expertise is frequently sought by international, national, provincial/territorial and regional organizations from a wide variety of sectors to speak on topics relating to media education and Internet literacy. In 2007, MNet staff attended over 33 engagements speaking to a cumulative audience of approximately 4,000 people.

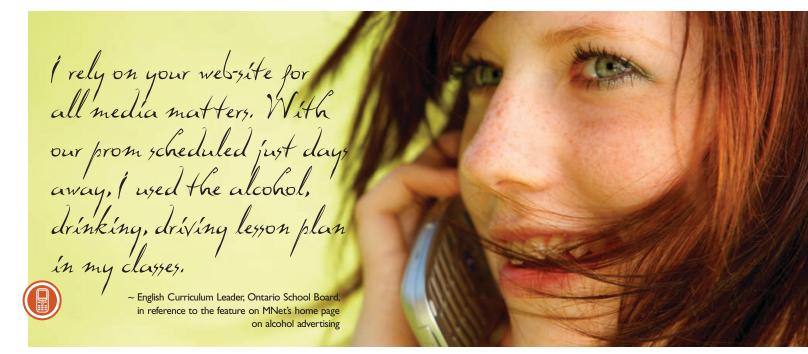
2007 highlights include:

- Internet safety presentations to more than 400 community members through the Internet IOI program with partners from Industry Canada, RCMP and Rogers Ottawa.
- Keynote address and plenary session on cyber bullying to a combined audience of 600 at the "I am Safe": Canada's 3rd National Conference on Bullying.
- Keynote address on Young Canadians in a Wired World research to 500 child development professionals at the Learning Summit on Middle Childhood.
- Workshop session on children's privacy education at the 29th International Conference of Data and Privacy Protection Commissioners hosted by the Office of the Privacy Commissioners of Canada.
- Plenary session at the Hate on the Net –
 Promoting tolerance and non-discrimination
 by means of media education conference
 hosted in Berlin, Germany, by the International
 Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH).

Media Interviews

MNet is recognized by journalists as the Canadian expert on media literacy and issues related to children and young people's media use.





This is reflected in the more than 100 requests received in 2007 for interviews from all levels of media—international, national, regional and local. The most popular topics for media requests in 2007 were: cyber bullying, Internet safety, food marketing to children, consumerism, body image, television for babies, and media violence.

These requests provide MNet with the opportunity to direct traffic to our Web site, promote our resources and programs and provide profile to our Partners and Sponsors.

On the Web

www.media-awareness.ca

More than six million individual users visited the MNet main Web site in 2007 to access our extensive offerings of free media and Internet literacy resources for educators, teacher-librarians, parents, students and researchers.

The *Talk Media* blog, beauty and body image in the media, educational games and media violence were the most accessed pages on our English site. On the French site the most popular pages were the For Teachers page, educational games and the Media Issues section.

More than 700,000 PDFs were downloaded from the site in 2007. The teaching guides for the *CyberPigs* games and the *Young Canadians in a Wired World* Student Survey report were the most downloaded PDF documents.

www.bewebaware.ca

The Be Web Aware Web site, which receives a half a million individual visitors annually, is an authoritative resource for Canadian parents on Internet issues affecting children and youth. It is linked to from more than 1,000 Web sites, including

federal, provincial and local governments, education, police and parent and not-for-profit organizations.

www.mediaeducationweek.ca

This site supports the activities of National Media Education Week. Users can access teacher resources, ideas for getting involved and an events calendar which tracked school- and community-based activities taking place across the country in recognition of the week.



One of MNet's greatest assets is the experience and expertise of its dedicated staff members. In 2007, they were:



Cathy Wing, Acting Executive Director

Roger Coady, Accountant

Judith Donin, Web Manager

Emmanuelle Erny-Newton, Media Education Specialist

Lynn Huxtable, Director, Corporate Affairs

Michael Lawson, Web Manager

Tatiana Nemchin, Executive Assistant

Warren Nightingale, Media Education Specialist

Catherine Peirce, Project Manager



Board of Director, 2007-2008

The participation of Board members who are leaders in their sectors brings to MNet a wide range of expertise and perspectives. They represent MNet's user groups, sponsors and government partners. This composition reflects MNet's unique partnership model and serves to bring the best skill sets to the direction of MNet.

In 2007, MNet extended its thanks to retiring Directors and Observers:

Arturo Duran, Winston Carter, Louise Imbeault, Bill Roberts, Jill Schoolenberg, Ted Whiteland and Deborah Davis.

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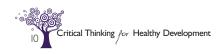
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Research and Project Partners

The following research and project partners made important contributions to the development and promotion of our resources and programs in 2007.

Alberta Association for Media Awareness

Association for Media Literacy

British Columbia Association for Media Education

Canada Gazette

Canadian Association of Media

Education Organizations

Canadian Association of Principals

Canadian educators Brian Lever

and Kevin Osashuk

Canadian Heritage

Canadian Home and School Federation

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

La commission nationale des parents francophones

Canadian Red Cross, RespectEd Program

Canadian Teachers' Federation

CANARIE Inc.

Commission scolaire des Affluents

Dr. Shaheen Shariff, McGill University,

Faculty of Education

English Montreal School Board

Fédération des comités de parents du Québec

Fédération nationale des conseils

scolaires francophones

Government of Canada

Historica and Canadian Encyclopaedia

Industry Canada

lustice Canada

Media Education Project, University of Guelph

La Régie du cinéma du Québec

National Film Board of Canada

Oxfam Canada

PREVNet

Regina School Division

Parents Partenaires en éducation (Ontario)

Fédération provinciale des comités

de parents du Manitoba

Regroupement des parents francophones

du Nouveau-Brunswick

Toronto Catholic District School Board

University of Ottawa

University of Toronto

University of Alberta



Treasurer's Report

The 2007 year was one of many successes. Media Awareness Network (MNet) was able to reduce its deficit from \$229,358 in 2006 to \$50,906 in 2007. Its 2007 revenue was \$672.360 versus \$798,325 in 2006. The reduction in revenue was caused mainly by certain CRTC public benefits coming to an end, resulting in a reduction in benefactors revenue of some \$134,526. The organization increased its contribution revenue from public sector agreements from \$63,537 in 2006 to \$154,042 in 2007. Licensing revenue was down slightly year over year but MNET was able to sign licensing agreements with the Provinces of Alberta and Ontario near the year end. This positions MNet well for the future. Importantly, MNet was named as a beneficiary in three

CRTC transfer-of-control applications in 2007. The benefits are payable over seven years, and will give MNet some long term funding stability. To offset the revenue shortfall, expenses were reduced by approximately \$304,417 in 2007, primarily in the areas of administrative overhead and salaries and benefits.

MNet's Balance Sheet as of December 3I, 2007 continues to be stable with cash in the bank of \$408,885, a Contingency fund of \$77,366 and offsetting accounts payable of only \$16,752. MNet's expenses and cash position are monitored closely and great effort is made to expand its sources of revenue. MNet will not be making any allocation to the Contingency Fund and the Special Projects

Fund this year: These funds are segregated from its general operating funds and the interest is credited to the respective funds.

A full set of audited financial statements is available from the MNet office upon request.

Barry Chapman

Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs Bell Canada



Auditor's Report.

To the Members, Media Awareness Network Canada

We have audited the balance sheet of Media Awareness Network Canada as at December 31, 2007 and the statements of revenue and expenses—operating, net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether

the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 3I, 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required

by the Canada Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, except as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements.

McCay, Duff & Company LLP, Licensed Public Accountants.

Ottawa, Ontario, February 12, 2008.





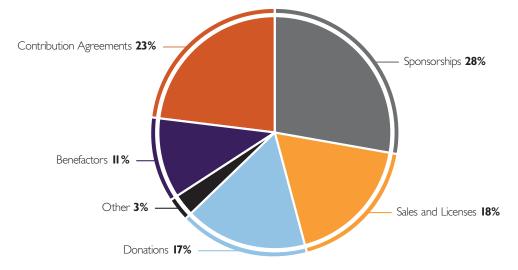
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DECEMBER 3I, 2007

Financial Summary

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2007 Revenues.



2007 Expenditures.

