overnight, when a planned summer educational event with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan seemingly reimagined a key component of our new partnership. Another global geographic leader to our ranks. The Society continues to shoot for the stars.

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Council will oversee the distribution of grants to further our position as a leading educational charity, promoting environment. Efforts include the preparation of a new exhibit this past summer at our headquarters at Collège de Maisonneuve.

The Hudson Bay Descent saw Justin Barbour canoe 290 kilometres over 52 days through Lake esker — was completed in early September.

The Pikialasorsuaq (The Great Upwelling) – North America’s Wetland — solo paddling 1,300

The 2019-20 fiscal year began with great promise. The Society was replenished and ready to advance its mission, thanks to an exceptional year with a renewed sense of fundraising confidence. Since that time, the Society has been focused on the generous, prompt and abundant support it received to ensure the Society can continue forward with most of our activities.

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

TheFormatting of our 2020 Annual Report, which covers our fiscal year from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and which we believe was the first of its kind in the history of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, reflects our commitment to excellence in all that we do. This report, along with the latest updates on our strategic initiatives, is designed to inform and engage our members, partners and friends about the Society’s accomplishments over the past 12 months. We hope you find it informative and inspiring.

CEO’S LETTER

We carried out a full year last year of 90th College of Fellows Anniversaries in 2020. General David Rouleau, Governor General of Canada, addressed the Class of 2020. As a result of a Hall of Fame induction, we were able to announce another geographic leader to our ranks. Joe Clark, Ontario’s Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth® introduced an exciting new way to keep our brand top scientists, explorers, storytellers and educators.

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EXPERIENCES

In February 2020, the Expeditions Committee supported six new proposals with grants and/or RCGS flags along the Hudson Bay and Tuktuq rivers.

In early August, 2020, the expedition started with an equipment allocation from MEC. Thereafter, the COVID-19 pandemic made international and inter-provincial travel impossible, as the 2020 bush season ended.

The journey was adventurous and full of surprises. For over two months, the team carried our Compass Rose flag during bird research she afield and Honorary Vice-President Roberta Bondar

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Programs

AWARDS

To recognize outstanding achievement in the fields of exploration, geography, education and science, the Society administers three national awards for outstanding contributions to these fields. The awards are open to all individuals and organizations. There are two awards, in recognition of work that has resulted in the development of new ideas, or in the application of existing ideas in new ways. The awards are open to all individuals and organizations. There are two awards, in recognition of work that has resulted in the development of new ideas, or in the application of existing ideas in new ways. The awards are open to all individuals and organizations.

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RELOCATION

The program supports community relocations and relocations linked to the development of new communities or the expansion of existing communities. Can Geo Education is a founding partner of the Can Geo Education strategy, which is now in its fourth year. The strategy is designed to facilitate the relocation of populations to new communities, and is accompanied by an extensive website and a series of resources to support educators and students.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Can Geo Education offers a wide range of educational resources, including lesson plans, infographics, quizzes and more. These resources are designed to support the development of new communities and to facilitate the relocation of populations. The strategy is also designed to support the development of new communities, and is accompanied by an extensive website and a series of resources to support educators and students.

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CUSTOM PUBLISHING PROJECTS

THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN SPACE EXPLORATION

A 2019 special issue of Canadian Geographic

The future of Canadian space exploration is a topic of great interest to many Canadians. This special issue explores the history of Canadian space exploration, and looks at the latest developments in the field. The issue features articles by leading space exploration experts, and includes interviews with key figures in the Canadian space exploration community.

ICONTOPIC

PARTNER: NATURAL GEOGRAPHIC

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Natural Geographic (Nat Geo) have launched the Canadian Education Alliance (CAN ED Alliance) to support the development of new communities and to facilitate the relocation of populations. The CAN ED Alliance is designed to support the development of new communities, and is accompanied by an extensive website and a series of resources to support educators and students.

ONTARIO PAKES GIANT FLOOR MAP

PARTNER: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Ontario Parks is launching the Giant Floor Map, a large-scale, interactive map that will be used to support the development of new communities. The map will be available at all of Ontario Parks' visitor centres, and will be used to support the development of new communities and to facilitate the relocation of populations.

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