



## Gifts of Publicly Listed Securities

If you are considering making a donation to Ecojustice you can obtain additional tax savings by donating your securities instead of selling them and donating the cash. This is true whether your securities have increased or decreased in value. If you own stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have grown in value, you have a capital gain (and resulting taxes) when you sell them.

Generally, when publicly listed securities are transferred or sold, 50% of the capital gain is included in your taxable income. This is called an income inclusion. Depending on the original cost of acquiring your publicly listed securities, your capital gain could be as much as the full market value of your securities.

Revisions to the Income Tax Act of Canada made in 2006 and 2007 have completely eliminated capital gains tax on gifts of publicly listed securities to registered charities. As a result, if you make a gift of publicly listed securities to a registered charity, like Ecojustice Canada Society, you will avoid paying any capital gains tax. In addition, you will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of your publicly listed securities, which you can use to offset other income tax payable.

**For example:** If you donate publicly listed securities to Ecojustice, bought for \$2,000, that now have a fair market value of \$10,000, based on a combined Federal and Provincial (BC) tax rate of 43.70%, the following tax savings are realized by donating publicly listed securities directly rather than selling them and donating the proceeds:

	DONOR SELLS SECURITIES AND DONATES CASH	DONOR DONATES SECURITIES
Fair market value	\$10,000	\$10,000
Adjusted cost base	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
Capital gain	\$8,000	\$8,000
Income inclusion for capital gain	(\$4,000)	-
Charitable tax receipt	\$10,000	\$10,000
Net receipt (after offsetting capital gain inclusion)	\$6,000	\$10,000
Tax savings at 43.70%	\$2,622	\$4,370
<b>Increased tax savings from donating securities</b>		<b>\$1,748</b>

**Publicly listed securities include:**

Appreciated shares, debt obligations or rights that are listed on a prescribed stock exchange, mutual fund units, or shares and units in a segregated fund trust. There are also special rules for flow-through shares.

**What if you want to make a donation and save on capital gains tax but keep your shares in your portfolio?**

Simply donate the shares to Ecojustice and then buy back the shares on the open market. You would avoid paying capital gains tax on the shares you donated and your new holdings will also have a cost base equal to the current market value of the shares, thereby reducing future capital gain.

**Depreciated securities**

If your shares have decreased in value, you can still benefit by donating them to Ecojustice. In addition to receiving a tax receipt for the fair market value of the shares, donating them will also result in realizing your capital loss. You can then apply the capital loss against any capital gains. The capital loss can be carried back 3 years and forward indefinitely.

**Holding companies**

If you hold publicly listed securities in a private holding company, the company may want to consider donating the shares to Ecojustice. The full, non-taxable capital gain would be added to the capital dividend account where it may be paid out, tax-free, to the company shareholders.

**Exchangeable securities**

Revisions to the Income Tax Act of Canada made in 2008 now allow owners of securities that are not publicly traded but are exchangeable for publicly traded securities to be exempt from tax on the capital gain arising on the exchange, as long as certain conditions are met.

**How do you donate your shares to Ecojustice?**

Simply complete the “Donation of Securities to Ecojustice” form on the next page and send it to your broker or other transfer agent.

**We’re here to help.**

To speak with someone personally and confidentially contact John Keller 1.800.926.7744 ext 241 or [jkeller@ecojustice.ca](mailto:jkeller@ecojustice.ca)

# Gifts of Securities Transfer form

Whether your securities have increased or decreased in value, you can obtain additional tax savings by donating your securities to Ecojustice instead of selling them and donating cash.

## Donor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Donor's Financial Institution Information

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Securities to be Transferred

Name of Security: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ CUSIP/ISN: \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ CUSIP/ISN: \_\_\_\_\_

## Transfer Securities in Kind to:

Receiving Firm: **Raymond James Ltd.**

Dealer/Rep: **9485/9340** FINS#: **T089** DTC: **5076**

CUID: **MSLW** EUROCLEAR#: **91770**

Ecojustice Account Number: **1BA-NK0A-0**

Name of Account: **ECOJUSTICE CANADA SOCIETY**

Charitable Registration Number: **13474 8474 RR0001**

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### Complete and **SIGN** this form.

This information is needed for the transfer, tracking and receipting.

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**Notify your financial advisor** of your intention to make a gift of securities or send this form directly to your investment firm.

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**Send this form to your financial advisor** to authorize them to initiate the transfer on your behalf.

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Ask your advisor to **send a copy of this form to Raymond James** or send it directly to:

**Frank Arnold**

at Raymond James Ltd.

Fax (250) 405-2499

or email it to:

Christine.Edwards@raymondjames.ca

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**Contact Ecojustice** to ensure that your gift is handled smoothly and efficiently:

**John Keller**

Phone: 1-800-926-7744 ext. 241

Fax: (604) 685-7813

jkeller@ecojustice.ca

## Signature

*I understand that I will receive a tax receipt for these securities from Ecojustice Canada Society for the average of the high and low prices on the date these securities are received in the charity's account. These securities have been donated to Ecojustice Canada Society without restriction and can be sold by the charity at their discretion. I authorise this transfer as a charitable donation to Ecojustice Canada Society:*

Signature of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You** for supporting Ecojustice with a gift of securities