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***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Since 1996, the Greenways Land Trust has coordinated the efforts of hundreds of volunteers to improve the environment for Campbell River's residents and visitors. We play key roles managing local natural areas like the 500-hectare Beaver Lodge Forest Lands, the Haig-Brown Heritage Property, the Kingfisher Creek property and the Baikie Island Reserve in the Campbell River estuary. Annual events like Broom Bash, Oceans' Day, Beaver Lodge Appreciation Day and Rivers' Day engage the public and promote ecological and recreational greenways in the community.

With our stream keeper partners, we work to protect vital fish and bird habitat throughout the community. We work with the City of Campbell River to reduce the environmental impact of development projects and to promote the maintenance and creation of ecological and recreational greenways.

Thanks to our staff and volunteers, we can take pride in our many successes.

Our streams and wetlands are important to fish for spawning, rearing, feed and water quality. We must protect them. In coming years, we will work with streamkeepers to enhance habitats for salmon and other species. We will encourage the city to improve and expand recreational greenways and we will work with landowners and our partners to preserve sensitive lands.

This is our role. I hope you will join us.

*Richard Hamilton - President*

## ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The Greenways Land Trust (GLT) works to enhance the community through the creation, protection, and management of greenways. The society is run by a volunteer board of 7 dedicated members; we had 2 part time and 1 seasonal staff in 2008. GLT was involved with 10 funded projects this year, including stewardship and mapping projects, children's education programs, and stream restoration activities. In 2008, GLT attended one workshop. We are involved in community planning, and provided comments on 24 planning applications. GLT takes an active role in the community; throughout the year, directors and staff attended regular meetings of 12 local groups and organizations. GLT promoted the society and other groups' endeavors at 8 public events, 1 fund-raising event, 4 sponsorships, 4 public property maintenance, and 6 guided hikes. As well, in 2008 GLT maintained stewardship agreements on two properties: Haig-Brown Heritage property and the Beaver Lodge Forest Land (BLFL). This year GLT volunteers donated 288 hours to BLFL and 244 hours to Haig-Brown property. The GLT gratefully recognizes the support of 49 sponsors

## ***INTRODUCTION***

The Greenways Land Trust is a charitable organization that was established in 1996, in order to address the community's expressed desire to preserve greenspace and develop a pedestrian trail network. The Land Trust's founding members included staff from the District of Campbell River, the Ministry of Forests, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as well as volunteers from local businesses, stream stewardship groups, academics, and community-minded individuals.

The mission of the Greenways Land Trust is to enhance the community through the creation and management of greenways networks, based on principles of stream and land stewardship and development, within public and private property partnerships.

The goals of the organization are:

- To work with the City of Campbell River, community stewardship groups, and landowners to plan and develop a Greenways Habitat Corridor System.
- To act as a community resource centre on issues of land and stream stewardship.
- To act as an agency to accept and manage environmentally sensitive land.

The area of interest covered by the Greenways Land Trust is from the Oyster River to Chatham Point and from the height of land on Vancouver Island to the mainland coast.

The information contained in this annual report covers the twelve-month period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

This report describes the profile of the organization during this time, and summarizes the projects and activities completed. Further information is always available from our office.

***ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE***

Greenways Land Trust is a non-profit society (S36048) with charitable status (888992534 RR0001). A volunteer board of directors is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year. The Board of Directors in January 2008 consisted of the following members:

President: Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester  
Past president: Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired  
Vice President: Richard Hamilton, retired school teacher  
Treasurer: Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests  
Secretary: Lesley Fell – Customer Service Agent  
Director: Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist - NavCanada  
Director: Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship's Technician

At the AGM held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the following Board of Directors was elected:

President: Richard Hamilton, retired school teacher  
Vice President: Bob Dice, Engineering Program Supervisor – Ministry of Forests  
Treasurer/Secretary: Barb Phipps, retired school teacher  
Director/Past president: Ron Burrell, Registered Professional Forester  
Director: Jerry Fletcher, Aquaculture Technician - Semi-Retired  
Director: Barry Ross, First Mate and Ship's Technician  
Director: Stan Goodrich, Retired School Psychologist

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following part time staff during 2008:

Cathy Skalk, Book-Keeper (Jan – Dec 2008)  
Drew MacLennan, summer student (full-time May – August, 2008)  
Erin Pierce, Operations Manager (Jan – Dec 2008)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of **42** individual members in 2008.

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## ***PROJECTS***

### ***New Projects***

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2008. Project names listed are the same as those on the application for funding. Brief descriptions follow, in alphabetical order:

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**Project Name:** *Baikie Island Kiosks*

**Description:** Construct, prefabricate and install kiosks on Baikie Island

**Funding approved:** \$4945.00

**Product:** two kiosks constructed and installed

**Funding agency:** Quinsam Hatchery, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**Duration / Status:** Complete Spring 2008

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**Project Name:** *Bingo Hall Affiliation – Gaming Funds*

**Description:** Bingo Affiliation grant for operating expenses of GLT

**Products:** This grant pays for the part-time Operations Manager salary, office bills, etc

**Funding approved:** \$27,000 per year for three year (\$81,000)

**Funding agency:** BC Gaming Association

**Duration / Status:** Fall 2011

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**Project Name:** *Earth Day 2008*

**Description:** The “Broom Bash” event was coordinated and implemented for the Haig Brown Property on April 19, 2008.

**Products:** Over 35 volunteers (100 volunteer hrs) removed Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, and garbage from the Haig-Brown Property along the Campbell River Rd.

**Funding approved:** \$1000

**Funding agency:** Starbucks “Make your Mark” Program

**Duration / Status:** Complete Spring 2008.

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**Project Name:** *Greenways Gallop*

**Description:** 5km Fun Run through the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands organized in partnership with GLT and Shorersrunners

**Product:** Registration fees put towards upgrading ERT and McIvor Trail

**Funding approved:** \$1550

**Funding agency:** general public registration fees

**Duration / Status:** Complete Summer 2008.

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**Project Name:** *Haig-Brown Kids Camp*

**Description:** Haig-Brown Kids Camp runs for six weeks (July-Aug) and takes place on the Haig-Brown property. This camp provides unique opportunities for children to focus on salmon habitat and the larger picture: the interactions between humans, nature and the conservation of salmon habitat.

**Product:** Children develop an appreciation of local ecology and skills to practice at home to become a good watershed steward

**Funding approved:** \$4,014.50

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**Funding agency:** DFO Public in Participation (\$2000), Campbell River Salmon Foundation (\$514.50), Pacific Salmon Foundation (\$2,615.00)(declined), (\$1500) Blue Water Grant RBC, Motz Foundation (\$1980)(declined), Afternoon Rotary (\$652.00)(declined)  
**Duration / Status:** Complete Summer 2008.

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**Project Name:** *Haig-Brown Stewardship Project*

**Description:** To construct information kiosks to increase public awareness of stream stewardship on the Haig-Brown property.

**Product:** Two kiosks installed on the Haig-Brown property including interpretive signage

**Funding approved:** \$2,960.00

**Funding agency:** Pacific Salmon Foundation

**Duration / Status:** Complete Fall 2008/Spring 2009

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**Project Name:** *Public Involvement Program 2008-07*

**Description:** Funds were distributed to local stewardship groups for a variety of projects, including stream restoration, fish fences, watershed assessment, administration and technical support for watershed enhancement.

**Product:** Various. Inquire at GLT office for details

**Funding approved:** \$22,000 – 90% received in 2008

**Funding agency:** Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**Duration / Status:** Ongoing. Completion date March 2009

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**Project Name:** *Resource Centre Upgrades*

**Description:** upgrade computer capacity of stewardship resource centre

**Funding approved:** \$2469.46

**Product:** Computers, monitors and software

**Funding agency:** Starchuck Memorial Fund (\$649.00), Day Break Rotary of CR(\$1320.46), Campbell River Salmon Foundation (\$4956.18)(declined), Nav Canada (\$500)

**Duration / Status:** Complete Spring 2008

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**Project Name:** *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2008)*

**Description:** Drew MacLennan was re-hired as a summer student to fill the Conservation Project Assistant; main responsibility to assist the Operations Manager in daily activities

**Product:** Various, website creation

**Funding approved:** base wage HRSDC, wage top-up and MERC's from PIP

**Funding agency:** Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Public Involvement Program

**Duration / Status:** Complete Summer 2008

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**Project Name:** *Trees for Tomorrow*

**Description:** Cooperative program for GLT to assist and plant trees in degraded SD 72 properties.

**Funding approved:** \$5350

**Funding agency:** BC Government – Tree for Tomorrow

**Duration / Status:** pending notification

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***Ongoing Projects*****Project Name:** *Discovery Coast Stewards***Description:** An association of local stewardship groups, collectively known as the Discovery Coast Stewards, requested that the GLT administer funds raised by the groups for the purposes of stream stewardship activities.**Products:** Project reports.**Funding secured:** \$4,770.74**Funding agency:** Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities.**Duration / Status:** not accessed since 2005

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**Project Name:** *Oyster Bay Wetlands***Description:** In 2001, the Oyster Bay Group requested that the GLT administer the funds collected by the group, originally for the purposes of the acquisition of 640 acres of land owned by Weyerhaeuser. As of December 2003, a private investment company is purchasing the land for housing development. The funds raised by the community will be used to protect areas of the property that will not be developed, either by conservation covenant or acquisition.**Funding GLT continues to administer for OBW:** \$2095**Funding agency:** Private donors**Duration / Status:** On-going

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**Project Name:** *Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Management (BLFL)***Description:** The GLT is working with the Ministry of Forests, Beaver Lodge Trust Committee, District of Campbell River, and North Island College to manage the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands. GLT performed trail maintenance, graffiti removal, trail assessment, financial management, signage, equipment investment, local school relations and education for volunteer work, negotiate a community-based management structure for the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands, and methods to achieve that goal.**Products:** Ongoing.**Funding approved:** \$20,864.67**Funding agency:** Salvage harvest (\$25,000 invested), Friends of Beaver Lodge**Duration / Status:** Ongoing

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***PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – UP-DATE THIS SECTION***

In 2008, the Greenways Land Trust continued to explore a number of organizational development strategies in an endeavor to move towards self-sustainability. GPS, GIS, and ecological inventory services were contracted out for projects being completed by stewardship groups, government agencies, businesses, and individuals. Products such as maps, watershed trail brochures have been marketed on a small scale at community events and on an individual basis.

***TRAINING/ WORKSHOPS –***

**Event:** *Living Green Workshop, Comox Valley*

**Date:** March 3-4th

**Details:** One GLT volunteer attended the March 3<sup>rd</sup> full-day workshop. One GLT staff member attended the March 4th workshop in Courtenay.

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## ***COMMUNITY PLANNING***

The Greenways Land Trust commented on a variety of planning processes. Greenways Land Trust staff or Board members were members of or regular attendees at meetings of the following groups or organizations: Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Development Advisory Committee, Concerned Citizens of Coal Bed Methane, Haig-Brown Centennial Committee, Stewardship Council, Elk Falls Community Advisory Committee, Community in Bloom Committee, Campbell River Environmental Committee and Campbell River Salmon Foundation Committee.

## ***PUBLIC OUTREACH AND FUND-RAISING***

The Greenways Land Trust promoted the work of our organization and others at a variety of public or invited events, which are listed below in chronological order.

**Event:** Campbell River Salmon Foundation Dinner

**Date:** March 24 2008

**Details:** GLT organized 30 volunteers for a total of 148 hr over three days to help host the Campbell River Salmon fund-raising dinner.

**Event:** Earth Day Broom Bash

**Date:** April 19 2008

**Details:** GLT hosted 38 volunteers for over 100 hours to remove invasive plants from the Haig-Brown Property

**Event:** Guided Hike: “How Forests Grow”

**Date:** April 26, 2008 – Roy Myers – Simms Creek Steward

**Details:** The GLT led a walk in BLFL describing how a forest grows, ecosystem dynamics, and beaver impacts on the forests. 11 people attended this walk

**Event:** Greenways Gallop

**Date:** May 10, 2008

**Details:** 12 GLT volunteers donated 40 hours to help organize this 5km Fun Run in the BLFL. Over 100 participants registered.

**Event:** *Oceans Day*

**Date:** June 7, 2008

**Details:** GLT staff and volunteers participated in a celebration of Oceans Day. The Stewardship display included the interactive watershed model, which again proved to be a big hit with the crowd.

**Event:** Guided Hike “Elk Falls”

**Date:** June 22rd – Ron Burrell – GLT Director

**Details:** 1 person attended

**Event:** BLFL Appreciation Day

**Date:** June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

**Details:** GLT hosted an appreciation day in the BLFL to encourage the public to pitch-in and help keep the trails maintained.

**Event:** Guided Hike “Kingfisher Creek”

**Date:** June 22<sup>rd</sup> – Sandra Milligan – GLT Volunteer

**Details:** 8 attended

**Event:** Salmon Symposium Display

**Date:** Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Details:** GLT volunteers manned a booth at the open house and managed a silent auction for the weekend

**Event:** Willow Creek

**Date:** Sept 8, 2008

**Details:** Approximately 12 people joined Chuck DeSorcy for a interpretive tour of Willow Creek

**Event:** *Haig – Brown Festival and Rivers Day*

**Date:** September 28, 2008

**Details:** GLT set up a display at the festival on the Haig-Brown Property. The events were well attended, with much interest from the public in the displays.

**Event:** *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

**Date:** Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Details:** The GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community, and one group of volunteers collected multiple loads of trash Nunns Creek Park.

**Event:** *Guided Hike: Riverside Walk*

**Date:** Sept 19, 2008

**Details:** Christine Scott led and interpretive tour in Elk Falls Park

**Event:** *Guided Hike: Riverside Walk*

**Date:** Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Details:** Christine Scott led and interpretive tour along the Campbell River

## ***LAND PROTECTION***

The Greenways Land Trust follows the Land Trust Alliance of BC's "Land Trust Standards and Practices," which can be viewed at <http://landtrustalliance.bc.ca/public/product.htm#Standards>.

The Board of Directors remains active in the consideration of potential conservation covenants or land acquisitions around the community. The GLT currently participates in the management of the Beaver Lodge Forest Trust Lands, Haig-Brown Property and the Campbell River Estuary.

## ***ACKNOWLEDGMENTS***

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2008, as listed under their respective projects. In addition, we wish to acknowledge the substantial support of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Gaming funds provide support for all of our programs.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - continued**

GLT has the privilege to continue our work into 2008 only due to our dedicated members, supporters and volunteers. We want to thank each and every generous individual, organization, and company who has chosen to contribute to GLT in the past year. We are very grateful for your continued support!

GLT Supporters in 2008:

<b>AFTEC Services</b>	<b>Healthyways Natural Food Market</b>
<b>Beaver Lodge Trust Committee</b>	<b>Human Resources and Social Development Canada</b>
<b>Bingo Patrons Of Chance Campbell River</b>	<b>Ministry of Forests</b>
<b>Brian Doherty and Company</b>	<b>Moeller and Company</b>
<b>Browns Bay Marina</b>	<b>Mountain Equipment Coop</b>
<b>Campbell River Community Network</b>	<b>Museum at Campbell River</b>
<b>Campbell River Daily Paper</b>	<b>Nature Conservancy of Canada</b>
<b>Campbell River Gaming Association and Chances Bingo Patrons</b>	<b>Nav Canada</b>
<b>Campbell River Mirror</b>	<b>Noon Hour Rotary Club</b>
<b>Campbell River Salmon Foundation</b>	<b>Nunns Creek Stewards</b>
<b>Campbell River TV</b>	<b>Outward Bound Canada</b>
<b>Campbell River Volunteer Centre</b>	<b>Oyster Bay Streamkeepers</b>
<b>Coastal Community Credit Union</b>	<b>Pacific Salmon Foundation</b>
<b>Christine Scott</b>	<b>Quinsam Hatchery</b>
<b>City of Campbell River</b>	<b>RiverCorp</b>
<b>Claire Trevena</b>	<b>SD 72</b>
<b>Courier Islander</b>	<b>Simms Creek Stewards</b>
<b>Daybreak Rotary Club</b>	<b>Shell Canada</b>
<b>Department of Fisheries and Oceans</b>	<b>Shorerunners</b>
<b>Digital Orchard</b>	<b>Starchuck Memorial Fund</b>
<b>GLT Members and Volunteers</b>	<b>Starbucks Coffee</b>
<b>Haig-Brown Centenary Committee</b>	<b>Storie Creek Streamkeepers</b>
<b>Haig-Brown Festival Committee</b>	<b>Thrifty Foods</b>
<b>Haig-Brown Institute</b>	<b>Willow Creek Watershed Society</b>
	<b>97.3 The Eagle</b>