



ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT –

President to update

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 8 dedicated members; we had 2 part-time, 1 internship and 1 seasonal staff in 2009. GLT was involved with 12 funded projects this year, including stewardship projects, children’s education programs, and stream restoration activities. In 2009, GLT attended six workshops. We are involved in community planning, and provided comments on 11 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 2009 GLT maintained stewardship agreements on two properties: Haig-Brown Heritage property and the Beaver Lodge Forest Land (BLFL). This year GLT volunteers donated 375 hours to BLFL and 75 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, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

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 2009 consisted of the following members:

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

At the AGM held on June 10th, 2009, 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: Peter Woods, Strathcona Regional District Parks Staff
Director: Bill Reekie, retired Strathcona Regional District Manager
Director: Chuck DeSorcy, Electronics Specialist, Nav Canada

The Greenways Land Trust employed the following part time staff during 2009:

Cathy Skalk, Book-Keeper (Jan – Dec 2009)
Patricia Gooch, summer student (full-time May – August, 2009)
Erin Pierce, Operations Manager (Jan – Dec 2009)
Karly Morgan, Greenways Loop Assistant (Nov 2009 – May 2010)

The Greenways Land Trust was grateful for the support of **67** individual members in 2009.

PROJECTS –

New Projects

The GLT worked on a number of new projects in 2009. Project names listed are the same as those on the application for funding. Brief descriptions follow, in alphabetical order:

<p>1. Project Name: <i>Coastal Community Credit Union – Fundraising Friday</i> Description: Project request to expand our community outreach programs Funding approved: \$750 Funding agency: Coastal Community Credit Union</p>
<p>2. Project Name: <i>Community Partnership Grant</i> Description: Project request to the City of Campbell River to expand our community outreach programs Funding approved: \$0 Funding agency: City of Campbell River (\$5000) declined</p>
<p>3. Project Name: <i>Greenways Gallop</i> Description: 5km Fun Run through the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands (ShoreRunners and GLT) Product: Registration fees put towards upgrading BLFL Funding approved: \$517.76 Funding agency: general public registration fees Duration / Status: Complete Summer 2009.</p>
<p>4. Project Name: <i>Haig-Brown Kids Camp</i> 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 local environment Product: Children develop an appreciation of local ecology and skills Funding approved: \$3540 Funding agency: DFO Public in Participation (\$2000), Campbell River Community Foundation (\$1040), RBC Blue Water Grant (\$500), MEC (\$2950.00) declined, Coastal Community Credit Union Coastal Spirit Fund (\$2000) declined Duration / Status: Complete Summer 2009.</p>
<p>5. Project Name: <i>Public Involvement Program 2009-10</i> 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 2009 Funding agency: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Duration / Status: Ongoing. Completion date March 2010</p>

6. **Project Name:** *Summer Career Placements Program (HRDC SCP 2009)*

Description: Patricia Gooch was 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 2009

7. **Project Name:** *Trees for Tomorrow*

Description: Partnered program with SD 72 to restore a degraded piece of school district property and use as a educational resource

Funding approved: \$4800

Funding agency: Province of BC and Evergreen Foundation

Duration / Status: Projected completion Summer 2010

8. **Project Name:** *Youth Eco Internship Program*

Description: Internship program that focuses on environment and women between the ages 18-30 and unemployed. 6 month internship for a Greenways Loop Project Assistant approved

Funding approved: 6 month salary at \$12/ hr

Funding agency: YMCA, YMCA Canada and the federal government

Ongoing Projects

GLT worked on a number of continuous projects in 2009. Brief descriptions follow, in alphabetical order:

1. **Project Name:** *Area D(Discovery 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: \$4770.74

Funding remaining: \$0

Funding agency: Private and corporate donors, fundraising activities.

2. **Duration 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.

3. **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

4. **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 secured: \$2094.94

Funding remaining: \$0

Duration / Status: accessed throughout the year for applicable projects

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES –

In 2009, 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 –

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1. **Event:** *Trends in Fundraising, Campbell River BC*
Date: April 21st
Details: Operations Manager attended the workshop.
 2. **Event:** *BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Restoration Program, Campbell River BC*
Date: May 28th
Details: Operations Manager attended the workshop.
 3. **Event:** *Develop with Care, Campbell River BC*
Date: March 18th
Details: Operations Manager attended the workshop.
 4. **Event:** *Human Resource Management, Campbell River BC*
Date: Oct 20th
Details: Operations Manager attended the workshop.
 5. **Event:** *Fundraising and Grant Proposal, Campbell River BC*
Date: Oct 27th
Details: Operations Manager attended the workshop.
 6. **Event:** *Non-Profit Bookkeeping, Campbell River BC*
Date: Nov 3rd
Details: Bookkeeper (Cathy Skalk) attended the workshop.

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: GLT Monthly Board Meeting, Willow Creek Watershed Society, Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Development Advisory Committee, Spirit of BC Committee, Stewardship Council, Elk Falls Community Advisory Committee, Community in Bloom Committee, Campbell River Environmental Committee, John Hart Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting #3, and Campbell River Salmon Foundation Committee.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISING –

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.

1. **Event:** *Watershed Walk – Campbell River*
Date: Feb 21, 2009
Details: GLT volunteer Christine Scott led an interpretive walk along the Campbell River

2. **Event:** *Willow Creek Planting*
Date: March 21 2009
Details: GLT and Willow Creek Watershed Society organized a tree planting with volunteers

3. **Event:** *Campbell River Salmon Foundation Dinner*
Date: March 21 2009
Details: GLT organized 27 volunteers for a total of 88 hr over three days to help host the Campbell River Salmon fund-raising dinner.

4. **Event:** *April Hike Month*
Date: April 2009
Details: GLT in partnership with the Spirit of BC Committee hosted a hike/event every weekend in the month of April.

5. **Event:** *Earth Day Broom Bash*
Date: April 18 2009
Details: GLT hosted 42 volunteers to remove invasive plants from Robron Park – 104.5 volunteer hours

6. **Event:** *Greenways Gallop*
Date: May 9, 2009
Details: 20 volunteers donated 55 hours to help organize this 5km Fun Run in the BLFL. Over 100 participants registered.

7. **Event:** *Bike to Work Week*

Date: May 13th, 2009

Details: GLT staff and volunteers participated in a celebration of Bike to Work Week.

8. **Event:** *Oceans Day*

Date: June 6, 2009

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.

9. **Event:** *Community Cleanup*

Date: July 11th, 2009

Details: GLT partnered with Tim Hortons to clean-up downtown. Over 70 volunteers donated 180 hours.

10. **Event:** *Beaver Lodge Forest Lands Restoration*

Date: Aug 2009

Details: GLT volunteers spent several days in the month of August, creating and deactivating trails in the BLFL. Over 40 hours donated.

11. **Event:** *Watershed Walk – Kingfisher Creek*

Date: Aug 26, 2009

Details: GLT volunteer Sandra Milligan led an interpretive walk through Kingfisher Creek

12. **Event:** *GLT Volunteer Appreciation Bbq*

Date: Sept 19, 2009

Details: GLT organized 27 volunteers for a total of 88 hr over three days to help host the Campbell River Salmon fund-raising dinner.

13. **Event:** *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*

Date: Sept 20, 2009

Details: The GLT promoted the cleanup amongst the stewardship community,

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

Date: September 27, 2009

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.

15. **Event:** *Watershed Walk – Kingfisher Creek*

Date: Sept 27, 2009

Details: GLT volunteer Sandra Milligan led an interpretive walk through Kingfisher Creek for the Haig-Brown Festival

16. **Event:** *Willow Creek Clean-up*

Date: Nov 14th

Details: GLT organized a volunteer clean-up in Willow Creek

LAND PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS –

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS –

The Greenways Land Trust wishes to thank our sponsors in 2009, 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 2009 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 2009:

AFTEC Services	Healthyways Natural Food Market
Active Campbell River	
BC Spirit Committee	
Beaver Lodge Trust Committee	Human Resources and Social Development Canada
Bingo Patrons Of Chance Campbell River	Investors Group
Brian Doherty and Company	Ministry of Forests
Browns Bay Marina	Moeller and Company
Campbell River Community Fund	
Campbell River Community Network	
Campbell River Daily Paper	Museum at Campbell River
Campbell River Gaming Association and Chances Bingo Patrons	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Campbell River Mirror	
Campbell River Salmon Foundation	Noon Hour Rotary Club
Campbell River TV	Nunns Creek Stewards
Campbell River Volunteer Centre	
Coastal Community Credit Union	Oyster Bay Streamkeepers
Community Development Trust - Mallinson	Painters Lodge
Communities in Bloom	Quality Foods
Christine Scott	Quinsam Hatchery
City of Campbell River	RiverCorp
Claire Trevena	SD 72
Courier Islander	Simms Creek Stewards
Daybreak Rotary Club	Shorerunners
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Storie Creek Streamkeepers
Digital Orchard	TD Friends of the Environment
Dolphins Resort	Thrifty Foods
Evergreen Foundation	Tim Hortons
GLT Members and Volunteers	Youth Eco Internship - YWCA
	CR Volunteer Centre
Haig-Brown Festival Committee	Willow Creek Watershed Society
	97.3 The Eagle

99.7 The River
