



## ENEWS MAY 2010

### LTABC UPDATE:

Join the Board of Directors for Light refreshments and Appetizers June 10<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Land Trust Alliance of B.C.'s new office at 301A-1195 Esquimalt Rd, Victoria, and meet our new Executive Director Paul McNair.

After 13 years under the leadership of Sheila Harrington, LTABC is welcoming its second Executive Director, Paul McNair. Paul joins LTABC after a career as an Executive Director and fundraiser for number of non-profit agencies from the local to national level. Over the coming months, Paul will be meeting the members and supporters of LTABC, and learning about the work we do, while bringing a unique and valuable perspective to the organization.

Sheila is happily stepping back from the ED position to take a part-time position as Program Director. She is looking forward to continuing her long relationship with the B.C. land trust community, while having more time to spend at her new home on Lasqueti Island.

We would be pleased if you would join us. Please RSVP to [Sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:Sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca)

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**Living Carbon Investments Ltd. is now a registered company.** LTABC's new Enterprise to amalgamate conservation and restoration projects, measure and register their carbon storage and sequestration, and broker the carbon credits has now been officially registered. The first Pilot Project will be its first order of business, which includes several land trust projects across BC. There are continuing opportunities to bring forward ideas for projects. Contact [bpenn@saltspring.ca](mailto:bpenn@saltspring.ca) Coming soon [livingcarbon.ca](http://livingcarbon.ca)

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Third Assessment Report, over the next 50 years approximately 100 billion metric tons of carbon could be sequestered through forest preservation, tree planting and improved agricultural management, offsetting 10% to 20% of the world's projected fossil fuel emissions.

### CONSERVATION NEWS

**B.C. Expands Parks and Conservancies** The B.C. government introduced legislation that will establish seven new "Class A" provincial parks and one new conservancy, as well as make land additions to 12

existing provincial parks, Environment Minister Barry Penner announced April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
[http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2009-2013/2010ENV0022-000476.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2010ENV0022-000476.htm)

**Greenways Loop: The Jubilee Connector** Campbell River's Council has endorsed the southern portion of the Greenways Loop, the Jubilee Connector, to be implemented and managed by Greenways Land Trust. This 2.5km trail will link the Rotary Seawalk with the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands along Jubilee Parkway creating a 25km greenway around Campbell River. Construction is projected to start May 2010. This project will employ displaced forestry workers, offer recreation and alternative forms of transportation to residents, as well as reduce invasive plants and increase tourism offerings.  
[www.greenwaystrust.ca](http://www.greenwaystrust.ca)

**Okanagan - Oliver area - 80 acres to be conserved:** *When Bruce Brownstein and Linda Sheehy-Brownstein moved from Vancouver to the Okanagan at the end of 2007 it was its beauty and the landscape that brought them here.* They purchased 80 acres of land in the rural hills west of Oliver, and have decided to leave 97 per cent of it undeveloped. The only buildings on the property are their house and guesthouse, the High Chaparral Guest House. On Earth Day – April 22 – the Land Conservancy of B.C. South Okanagan-Similkameen Stewardship Program recognized Bruce and Linda for their decision to conserve their land. They signed a stewardship agreement to voluntarily steward and manage the natural grasslands and open forest the High Chaparral Guest House sits on.

**Conservation Partners Working to Restore the Okanagan River** - The Nature Trust of BC and Ducks Unlimited Canada along with partners of the BC Trust for Public Lands and Habitat Stewardship Program are pleased to announce that 2.25 hectares on the banks of the Okanagan River near Oliver have been conserved as part of a restoration plan to restore original oxbows to the river. All parties wish to express their appreciation to the Schafer family. Additional funding for this initiative was leveraged through the Natural Areas Conservation Program, a Government of Canada partnership that secures ecologically sensitive lands in partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**Savary Island Land Trust (SILT) raised \$50,000 in two days** to help the Nature Trust appeal a court order subdividing the sensitive dune ecosystem which threatens the ecological integrity of the parcel and the Island. This is the last wilderness on Savary Island and home to one of the best examples of a coastal dune ecosystem in Canada. This parcel has been part of an effort by the Nature Trust and partners to secure this area for several years. Find out how you can help, and read the next Kingfisher to find out how SILT raised this amount in so short a time - Kim Klein thank you!

**Bridgette Clarkston titles new Seaweed Genus = Salishia.** Clarkston, 29-year-old UNB doctoral student from Comox, plans to name her new genus Salishia, after Salish Sea, the alternate name proposed for the waters of the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, where the new genus of seaweed species is found. Though still rare, according to Clarkston, new species discoveries such as these are made increasingly easy to verify thanks to initiatives like the Barcode of Life project led by researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario.

#### **Okanagan Basin Water Board: Okanagan Supply & Demand Project Phase 2 Report Published**

The results of Phase 2, which examined 15 different growth and climate change scenarios, show a need for more careful management and choices on development, the future of agriculture, and environmental protection. Overall, the results of the scenarios do not point to a sudden, dramatic decline in water availability. Risks of water shortages for human use and environmental needs are increasing, but it is possible to compensate for many of the consequences through land-use planning, careful water management, and by reducing demand.

[http://www.obwb.ca/fileadmin/docs/100326\\_key\\_findings.pdf](http://www.obwb.ca/fileadmin/docs/100326_key_findings.pdf)

**CRD Parks denies off-road vehicle use in regional parks:** After having brought the idea of accommodating off-road vehicle use onto the table in the past several weeks, the Capital Regional

District parks committee has decisively taken the issue off the table. After strong public reactions against the idea, and efforts by both Victoria's Habitat Acquisition Trust and The Land Conservancy of BC a unanimous vote on April 21 reaffirms the committee's desire to keep CRD parks free from motorized vehicles. CRD Parks committee chair Christopher Causton and Juan De Fuca Electoral Area regional director Mike Hicks have agreed to work together in finding some suitable property where the off-road, ATV, dirt bike crowd can enjoy their hobby.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

**Oil Spill news:** From the Centre for Biological Diversity (US) *Even as the BP spill gushes millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the agency tasked with overseeing offshore drilling is continuing to exempt dangerous new drilling operations from environmental review. Since the BP oil-rig explosion on April 20, an investigation has revealed that the U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service has approved 27 new offshore drilling plans as of May 7 -- 26 of those under the same environmental-review exemption used to approve the ill-fated Deepwater Horizon project.*

**BUT the good news is:** California's Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has withdrawn his support for a plan to expand oil exploration off the state's coast. He said the spill in the Gulf of Mexico had changed his mind about the safety of oil platforms in the Pacific Ocean. But he said after seeing television pictures of the Gulf of Mexico spill he asked himself: "Why would we want to take that kind of risk?"

### ACTION ITEMS:

**Get Out Migration:** A crowd of up to 7,000 people gathered on the lawn of the B.C. legislature on May 8. The main migration was accomplished by hundreds of walkers over a 500-kilometre route from northern Vancouver Island to Victoria in the south. It was spearheaded by Alexandra Morton, a scientist who has been fighting for two decades the ongoing impact on wild salmon of open-net fish farms situated along the B.C. coast. Morton and her loyal supporters had been walking since April 23 in the Get Out Migration. They walked in groups like swimming salmon, migrating down the island and bringing the message that they wanted the open-net fish farms to "get out" to anyone who would listen and join in. The walk and rally included hundreds of First Nations people, who depend on salmon for their livelihoods, and politicians like Fin Donnelly, the MP for New Westminster-Coquitlam, who has just tabled a private member's bill to move the fish farms to closed containment. For more on the walk: <http://www.straight.com/article-324132/vancouver/celia-brauer-get-out-migration-shows-people-care-about-saving-wild-salmon> For more info on fish farms: [www.salmonaresacred.org](http://www.salmonaresacred.org)

**Site C Dam – BC Sea webinar:** Reserve your Webinar seat at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/148440938> Reactions and opinions have been flowing as rapidly as the Peace River following the recent BC government's announcement that it would press ahead with the \$6.6 billion Site C hydro dam, a few kilometres southwest of Fort St. John. BC Hydro has laid out its case in favour of the project

[http://www.bchydro.com/planning\\_regulatory/site\\_c/site\\_c\\_an\\_option/what\\_is\\_site\\_c.html](http://www.bchydro.com/planning_regulatory/site_c/site_c_an_option/what_is_site_c.html)

In this webinar Ken Forest of the [Peace Valley Environment Association](http://www.peacevalleyenvironment.org) will present PVEA's case for the preservation of the Peace Valley. Tom Hackney and Guy Dauncey of the BC Sustainable Energy Association will present their thoughts on BC Hydro's power generation plans, and explore whether, for the same investment, wind energy might not supply more power with less environmental cost. For more information on the BC Sustainable Energy Association BCSEA Office [info@bcsea.org](mailto:info@bcsea.org)

**Coal is a significant source of global warming -** Four new coal mines are being proposed for BC:

- In the Comox Valley on lands between Denman and Campbell River ([www.theravenproject.ca](http://www.theravenproject.ca) and [www.complianceenergy.com](http://www.complianceenergy.com));
- In the Peace Region ([www.firstcoal.com](http://www.firstcoal.com));

- An open pit mine at Lodgepole, south of Fernie ([www.clinemining.com](http://www.clinemining.com));
- At Mount Klappan in northwest of BC, near the sacred headwaters of the Stikine, Nass and Skeena rivers.

(From [www.bit.ly/bmi75B](http://www.bit.ly/bmi75B)) BC exports over 20 million tonnes of coal a year, mostly to Korea and Japan. Each tonne of coal burnt produces 2.8 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, so BC's exported coal produces 56 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year - that's getting close to BC's entire domestic emissions of 63 million tonnes a year. Our exports of natural gas produce a further 53 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e. Gordon Campbell Room 156, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC, V8V 1X4 Ph: 250 387-1715 Fax: 250 387-0087 Email: [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca)

## RFP's & JOB POSTINGS

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - 2010 INVASIVE PLANT INVENTORYING ON SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND** The Coastal Invasive Plant Committee is currently accepting proposals to conduct invasive plant inventories along BC Ministry of Transportation (MoT), Terasen Gas and BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) rights-of-ways on Southern Vancouver Island this summer. The deadline for proposals is 2:00pm on Friday June 11th, with work activities scheduled to completed between July and November 2010. Please visit our website at: [www.coastalinvasiveplants.com](http://www.coastalinvasiveplants.com) to download the full 'Request for Proposals (RFP)' document. Melissa Noel, Extension and Outreach Coordinator  
Coastal Invasive Plant Committee, Phone: 250.857.2472 [info@coastalinvasiveplants.com](mailto:info@coastalinvasiveplants.com)

### Canada Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Surveys

Skilled birders are needed to run Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes across Canada. Volunteers must have excellent „birding by ear" skills, a reliable vehicle, and be able to survey their route in June or early July for several years. Contact Dick Cannings [dcannings@birdscanada.org](mailto:dcannings@birdscanada.org)

### Eco Events, Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

Last week, the RCEN launched three new online services to help Canadians get involved in local environmental initiatives. Find the most relevant, up-to-date environmental events, jobs and volunteer opportunities at: <http://calendar.rcen.ca/>, <http://jobs.rcen.ca/> and <http://volunteer.rcen.ca/>.

**The Land Conservancy - Penticton, 2 summer student openings:** Based out of Penticton, the Stewardship Technicians will work with TLC Okanagan Nature Conservation Staff on the implementation of landowner contact, outreach, habitat improvement, and land management projects. The work is focused on the stewardship of private lands which have important habitat for species at risk.

**HAT has one Outreach Intern position** available for a full-time returning student - please forward to anyone who might be interested. The application deadline is Friday, May 14

**Job Posting: Outreach Intern** Duration: 14 weeks, starting May 24, 2010 Wage: \$12/hour The Outreach Intern will work on several of HAT's projects including The Cordova Shore Good Neighbours Project and Species at Risk outreach. Duties will involve community education, including direct landowner contact and helping to organise the Conservation Connection Forum. The Outreach Intern will work closely with HAT's Stewardship Team on some projects but will also take the lead organising specific outreach events.

### Order of British Columbia Call for Nominations: Deadline: June 10, 2010 5 p.m. (PST)

The British Columbia Honours and Awards Secretariat is currently accepting nominations for the province's highest honour, the Order of British Columbia. Established in 1989, the Order of B.C. recognizes those people who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of

endeavour that benefits the people of B.C. or elsewhere. It represents the highest form of recognition the province can extend to its citizens. Nomination forms are available by going to [www.protocol.gov.bc.ca](http://www.protocol.gov.bc.ca) and following the link for the Order of British Columbia.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Grasslands Conservation Council: Grasslands Monitoring Manual for BC Ranchers workshops:**  
Penticton (May 11, 2010)\_Cranbrook, BC (May 18, 2010)\_Kamloops (May 28, 2010)\_100 Mile House, BC (June 8, 2010) [www.bcgrasslands.org](http://www.bcgrasslands.org)

**Fundamentals of Fund Development with Judy Lightwater** Tuesday, May 18th, 8:30am-4pm  
**Victoria** at Queenswood - 2494 Arbutus Road or **Tuesday June 22nd** 8:30am-4pm **Nanaimo** at Coast Bastion Hotel - 11 Bastion St Cost **\$75.00** includes lunch and participant package. Creative fund development or how to adapt your plan for difficult times is the focus of Judy's workshop. Explore how your organization can build its public profile and build relationships with funders and donors. This session can help you recognize the barriers to effective fund development and plan to overcome those barriers. Diversification of funding sources and building relationships with donors are key elements. At a time when government grants are shrinking, this workshop will help you define the roles of staff and board to maximize revenue generation. You'll learn how to create an effective fund development function. The cost for the session is *only* \$75, including lunch and an extensive materials package.  
[info@cnpm.ca](mailto:info@cnpm.ca)

**Join Local Groups to Celebrate International Day for Biodiversity On Saturday, May 22nd,** participate in a local event to celebrate biodiversity and raise awareness of the 2010 theme of the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB)—*Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation*. RCEN member groups are organising IDB events across the country, in each province and territory.  
<http://www.cen-rce.org/IYB2010/events.html>

**Related:** This week, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity launched its major global assessment report of the Convention: *Global Biodiversity Outlook 3* <http://gbo3.cbd.int/>

**Putting People First Developing and Retaining your Talent** - Vantage Point is hosting this workshop **Friday, May 21, 2010** Are you responsible for staff and volunteer development with little or no human resource management skills or training? Join us for a half-day session to gain the tools to develop and retain all of your organization's talent - both paid and unpaid human resources. Learn a proactive approach to the performance management process - and how this process ties into your organization's overall success. You will implement the concepts during the session with role-plays to practice goal-setting, delivering employee and volunteer feedback. For more information, or to register, visit <http://www.thevantagepoint.ca/content/developing-and-retaining-your-talent-hr-manger-series-module-2>

**Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program and Fraser Assembly** The Fraser Assembly is fast approaching - deadline to register is Friday, May 14th! **May 26-27, 2010** at the Merritt Convention and Civic Centre, in Merritt BC To access the Fraser Assembly online registration <http://www.createsurvey.com/c/77920-kBty0n/>. The *Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program* was created and is managed by the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) and the Fraser Basin Council (FBC), working with the Living Rivers Trust Fund and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fraser Basin Initiative. The vision of the FSWP is, "Healthy salmon populations in functioning watersheds co-existing with thriving communities in the Fraser Basin". We look forward to seeing you in Merritt! For more information, please contact: Lindsay Gardner Program Coordinator  
Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program Fraser Basin Council, 604-488-5367 [lgardner@fraserbasin.bc.ca](mailto:lgardner@fraserbasin.bc.ca)

**May 19-22, SFU Burnaby.** Environmental Education & Communication Conference. [Registration details](http://www.educ.sfu.ca/eecom2010/) <http://www.educ.sfu.ca/eecom2010/>



**Annual Meadowlark Festival, Okanagan BC May 20 - 24 13<sup>th</sup>** Organized by the Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance, the Festival offers over 80 environmental tours and events held under the open sky, which will take people from Canada's unique desert to the alpine meadows high above the Okanagan Lake. Indigenous cultural tours, canoe trips, guided walks, bird watching tours, geology and history tours, art exhibits, hands-on presentations on astronomy, nature photography, green buildings and more, are all designed to be fun and informative for people of all ages and abilities. For more information: <http://www.meadowlarkfestival.bc.ca/>

**The Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network** is helping to celebrate the 1st Annual BC Solar Days on May 28 & 29, 2010. This event coincides with Europe's annual Solar Week and is designed to provide an opportunity for community groups, schools and local government to get involved in the promotion of solar energy as a sustainable and clean alternative energy source. To find out more go to: [www.solarbc.ca/learn/2010-solar-days](http://www.solarbc.ca/learn/2010-solar-days). CBEEN is also hosting a workshop for Educators in Castlegar on May 8, 2010 to help incorporate environmental education into lesson plans in fun and innovative ways. Go to [admin@cbeen.org](mailto:admin@cbeen.org) to sign up!

**2010 Wetlands Institute, Kamloops BC - May 31 - June 6**

Presented by the BC Wildlife Federation, the 2010 Wetlands Institute is now open to participants who are passionate about conserving and restoring wetlands. Download the agenda at <http://www.bcwf.bc.ca/programs/wetlands/documents/Agenda%202010%20WI.pdf>.

**Conflict Resolution: Practical Strategies for Transformation & Relationship Building** with Julian Griggs and Michelle LeBaron, June 9-13. Hollyhock. Both Julian and Michelle are veteran Hollyhock presenters. **Julian** is certified by the International Association of Facilitators and is widely recognized for his two decades of experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives, working with governments, communities, First Nations, coalitions, and non-profit organizations. [www.dovetailconsulting.com](http://www.dovetailconsulting.com) **Michelle** is an author, a professor of law and director of dispute resolution at the University of British Columbia. Her most recent books include *Bridging Cultural Conflicts: A New Approach for a Changing World* and *Conflict Across Cultures: A Unique Experience of Bridging Differences*. <http://www.law.ubc.ca/faculty/LeBaron/> Contact Hollyhock's registration department: 800-933-6339, x232, [registration@hollyhock.ca](mailto:registration@hollyhock.ca).

**Grasslands Conservation Council Annual General Meeting: Friday, June 11, 2010**

**Location:** Tournament Capital Centre (next to Thompson Rivers University) Members are also invited to partake in our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 12, 2010 (see reverse directions and more information on the AGM, 10 Year Celebration, and other upcoming events. [www.bcgrasslands.org](http://www.bcgrasslands.org) For more information, please call Melissa Ligertwood at 250-374-5787.

**Grasslands Reclamation Workshop** *Understand grassland reclamation & native plant design; Learn how to evaluate your own property.* The course will be taught by landscape designer Leslie Lowe, and Peter Davidson who is the chair of the Rocky Mountain Naturalists. June 12 & 13, 2010 The course will take place at the Clear Sky Meditation and Study Center, in the Bull River valley, near Fort Steele and the trout hatchery. After registering, course participants will be emailed or faxed a map, or otherwise provided with directions. Most of the human activity in the East Kootenay takes place in the grasslands ecosystem. Investing in healthier grasslands means a healthier environment, which makes for returns of healthier communities. The cost for the weekend is \$169, including lunch and refreshments for both days. For the Clear Sky Meditation and Study Center [Clearskycenter.org](http://Clearskycenter.org)

**What you need to know: Meeting your needs through program evaluation - Vancouver June 14.** In this workshop, you will not only learn the foundations of program evaluation, but you will also develop strategies to design and conduct your own evaluations. Further, you will have an opportunity to build program logic model outlining your programs and activities, which is a must for any successful evaluation. ASC Applied Solutions and Consulting (Kelowna) <http://www.asc4solutions.com/ASCWorkshopsProgramEvaluation.html>

***Institute for Conservation Leadership: Vision to Impact Program*** Transform your organization and its impact in this 6-month ICL intensive program. We've combined everything we know about what makes an organization impactful in our top-rated intensive program. The Vision to Impact Program offers an exciting opportunity for executive directors and leadership teams to take a look at their organization as a whole, pinpoint critical issues, and focus everything you do on achieving your aim. Our 2010 Vision to Impact Program begins in June with pre-work and includes a three-day hands-on workshop attended by a team from your organization. September 19-22, 2010 Near Cleveland, followed by personalized consulting and group learning. Contact Stacy Baker [stacy@icl.org](mailto:stacy@icl.org) or Bonnie Haigh [bonnie@icl.org](mailto:bonnie@icl.org) for more information or to apply. **2010-11 Leading from Within Program** Apply Now through August 9, 2010( 9 month intensive program) Discover your unique capacity to lead in this 5-month ICL program of workshops, coaching, and peer learning.

## **TAX & LEGISLATION UPDATE:**

**Submission on Protecting Instream flow for New Water Act:** The Land Trust Alliance of BC and The Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria made a submission to the BC Government, Ministry of Environment on modernizing the Water Act. The full submission is here: <http://landtrustalliance.bc.ca/docs/ELC-LTA%20Submission%20on%20WAM.pdf> In summary, focusing on instream flow needs and water governance, our primary recommendations are that the Province of British Columbia:

- 1) enact statutory requirements for the establishment of instream flows across the province with a baseline requirement that the instream flows are in sufficient quantities to meet ecosystem needs;
- 2) make instream flow standards science-based and vary them in accordance with seasonal fluctuations in timing and flow;
- 3) prioritize instream flows over other water uses;
- 4) regulate groundwater use, and integrate groundwater management with surface water instream flows to manage water supplies as a whole;
- 5) devolve some aspects of water governance and management to a regional or watershed level;
- 6) implement watershed planning, monitoring, and instream flows through devolved governance bodies with enforcement authority; and
- 7) subject watershed-based instream flows and governance to a provincial framework to ensure consistency.

**Charity Law Update - April 2010** From Carters Professional Corporation - Updating Charities and Not-For-Profit Organizations on recent legal developments and risk management considerations. <http://www.carters.ca/pub/update/charity/10/apr10.pdf> Bill C-470 Receives Second Reading (Bill C-470 seeks to impose a salary cap of \$250,000 on any executive or employee of charitable organizations, as well as public and private foundations, failing which the Minister of Revenue will be able to exercise his or her discretion to revoke the charity's registered status. In addition, the Bill would require disclosure of the name, job title and compensation of the five employees receiving the highest compensation at a charity.

**The Parameters of Political Activities for Registered Charities** Jennifer M. Leddy Carter in *Charity Law Bulletin* No. 206, April 28, 2010. The Policy Statement on Political Activities by the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA Policy Statement") affirms that charities may communicate with the public, as well as elected representatives and public officials, on issues of social concern. The CRA Policy Statement also affirms that charities which participate in social policy debates must do so within certain parameters. In setting out the parameters, the Policy Statement draws distinctions between Charitable Purposes and Political Purposes; Charitable Activities and Political Activities; and Permitted Political Activities and Prohibited Political Activities. As will be explained in this Charity Law Bulletin, everything that appears to be "political" is not necessarily political. <http://www.carters.ca/pub/bulletin/charity/2010/chylb206.pdf> To automatically receive the free monthly Charity Law Update, send an email to [info@carters.ca](mailto:info@carters.ca) with "Subscribe" in the subject line.

**Business Activities - Raising Revenue Through Business Activities Without Violating Legal Principles:** Part 3 Donald J. Bourgeois in Charity Law Bulletin No. 204, April 27, 2010. This is the third in a series reviewing business activities and legal principles for charitable and not-for-profit organizations in Canada. In Charity Law Bulletin No. 196, the issue was introduced and focused on charitable organizations. The discussion was continued in Charity Law Bulletin No. 200 with an examination of Canada Revenue Agency's Guidance with respect to business activities. This Charity Law Bulletin will discuss business activities in context of not-for-profit organizations. Read More: [PDF]  
<http://www.carters.ca/pub/bulletin/charity/2010/chylb204.pdf>

**COMMENTS SOUGHT.** Environment Canada is seeking input on the structure of a government-wide strategy that incorporates environmental considerations into policy and program decisions in departments and agencies. Due 12 July 2010  
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/ddsd/default.asp?lang=En&n=F93CD795-1#suggestions>

## **FUNDING DEADLINES:**

**The Rebuilding Nature Grant Program** The Home Depot Canada Foundation and Evergreen are pleased to offer the *Rebuilding Nature Grant Program*. **Applications must be received May 21, 2010.**  
<http://www.evergreen.ca/en/funding/grants/home-depot.sn>

**Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation** Public Conservation Assistance Fund grants **Submissions due May 15.** Download application forms at [www.hctf.ca](http://www.hctf.ca)

**Vancouver Foundation** Grants and Community Initiatives Program: Environment. **Letter of intent are due by July 23.** For the goals and more information [go here](#):

**MEC Community Contributions. Application deadline is September 10, 2010** for applications for Land Acquisition, Capacity Building, Research, Advocacy and Education, and Access.  
[http://www.mec.ca/Main/content\\_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder\\_id=1408474396038943&FOLDER%3C%3EbrowsePath=1408474396038943&bmUID=1203699307979](http://www.mec.ca/Main/content_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder_id=1408474396038943&FOLDER%3C%3EbrowsePath=1408474396038943&bmUID=1203699307979)

**The Funders' Table** This is a new social networking site that provides an on-line platform to connect charities with private, corporate and government funders, and allows funders to collaborate on project evaluations on-line. The goals are to bridge relationships among non-profit groups, philanthropic organizations, government and corporate funders and using Web 2.0 functions, help community groups work collaboratively with these organizations and agencies. <http://www.funderstable.com/>

**June 7 - 9, UBC Vancouver, Institute For Strategic Funding Development**

A CFRE accredited Course on Strategic Grant Proposal Writing. [www.isfdonline.com](http://www.isfdonline.com) 1

**Stewardship Canada Funding Directory** Stewardship Canada (with input from Funding organizations) has compiled this searchable list of organizations that provides funding to stewardship organizations:  
<http://www.stewardshipcanada.ca/funders/index.asp?type=static&page=funderhome.asp>

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