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January 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|LTABC Supporter},
Registration for the popular
[LTABC Annual Seminar Series](#) is officially open!



Join us for three full days of exciting and educational workshops, presentations and networking in Victoria, BC at the Harbour Towers Hotel.

Register by February 11 for a chance to win 2 night's accommodation in a one bedroom suite at the Harbour Towers. Early Bird rates will be given to those who register by March 1.

We are looking forward to a great turnout this year. Please register today by downloading the Seminar Series Program on our website at www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 250-477-4766.

Sincerely,
Paul McNair
Executive Director

Conservation News

Video contest for a cause: Your creative efforts could win you up to \$10,000 as part of a campaign to save Mary Lake - If you create a short video before then that can inspire friends and family to purchase a virtual square metre of land at Mary Lake for \$10, you'll be eligible to win a prize of up to \$10,000 provided by an anonymous sponsor. Contestants can register at savemarylake.com, upload their videos to their YouTube accounts and submit a link. The top 10 entries



Board Bio



Adam Taylor, Victoria, BC -

As Executive Director of [Habitat Acquisition Trust \(HAT\)](#) in Victoria, Adam oversees day-to-day operations of the HAT office. He joined HAT early last year after working as a Naturalist and manager for many years at Nature Houses on southern Vancouver Island. Adam has a passion for environmental education and community engagement, and a wealth of experience working with youth in outdoor settings. Adam is currently the Vice-Chair of the LTABC board.



Hugh Westheuser, Kelowna, BC

Hugh was born and raised in rural Ontario. After High School he joined the RCMP in 1956, training at Regina and Ottawa. He would spend the next 30 years in various communities, in BC doing a variety of police including commanding police detachments of up to 50 personnel; then 5 more years in the Canadian Arctic and a 6 months secondment to the United Nations for police work in Namibia Africa, during that countries transition to a democratic autonomous country. He is married and

viewed on the campaign's YouTube channel will become finalists. The grand prize is \$1,000, plus \$1 for each \$100 donated in January, to a maximum of \$10,000. Second prize is \$300. Third prize is \$100.

Read the whole story [here](#) or donate to the campaign at savemarylake.com.



NALT's efforts refocused on Nanaimo River - Whether it's turning on the tap, taking a summer swim or fishing along its shores, the Nanaimo River is a key aspect to life in Nanaimo. And the Nanaimo and Area Land Trust says the river isn't sufficiently protected. It is creating a long-term strategy to help protect the river and the watershed. Learn more [here](#).

Ecosystem Restoration Website Launched - The Rocky

Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program has launched a website that makes hundreds of East Kootenay rangeland studies, reports, maps and air photos widely available for the first time. The project was made possible through support from Columbia Basin Trust's Environmental Initiatives Program. The website's online library contains over 300 current and historical documents—from a fragment of an 1894 map to 2010 reports—making it the most comprehensive collection of material gathered on East Kootenay grassland and open forest ecosystems. The site also features restoration program news, current and planned projects and long-term strategic plans. Check it out [here](#).

Government of Canada's Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the Species at Risk Act: Terrestrial Species

— As part of its strategy for protecting wildlife species at risk, the Government of Canada proclaimed the Species at Risk Act (SARA) on June 5, 2003. You are invited to submit comments on the potential impacts of amending the List of Wildlife Species at Risk according to these COSEWIC status assessments. Your



comments will be considered and will inform the Minister's recommendation to Cabinet. Please provide remarks by February 4, 2011 for species under a normal consultation process and by February 4, 2012 for species under an extended consultation process. For more information, visit [here](#).

Introducing the ActionH2O Water Sustainability Charter - The

POLIS Water Sustainability Project has developed a Water Sustainability Charter and WaterSmart Toolkit for communities across Canada. The charter aims to contribute to the global effort to mitigate our looming water crisis by providing a stepping-off point for the development of community water visions that

has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Retiring in 1991, he was invited to join the [Central Okanagan Land Trust](#) as a representative of the local Naturalist community. He is still on the Board of Directors of that organization, which includes 15 years as President. Hugh has been a life-long naturalist; canoeist; photographer and loves to travel with a particular passion for northern wilderness canoe trips. He has led most of these trips in all parts of Arctic Canada for over 35 years. In 2006 Hugh joined LTABC as a Board Director.

Thank you to Adam, Hugh and all of our hardworking board members!

Funding Deadlines

[Walmart-Evergreen Green Grants, January 31](#) - A community greening program sponsored by Walmart and led by Evergreen, provides funds of up to \$10,000 to community groups working on restoration and stewardship of local ecosystems.

[Home Depot-Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grants, February 11](#) - For community groups to cover the costs of tools, building projects, native plants and trees, and other expenses in support of environmental stewardship projects. Amount: \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$12,000 plus \$2,000 in Home Depot gift cards.

[Mountain Equipment Coop - Community Contribution Grants, March 10](#) -

address local management challenges. The Charter is part of the ongoing ActionH2O campaign to help local organizations develop effective new conservation and efficiency-based water governance techniques. ActionH2O is a joint effort between the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and the Sierra Club of Canada. It is supported by the RBC Blue Water Project. For more information, click [here](#).

Poll: Freshwater is BC's most precious resource - Ninety-four percent of British Columbians say they want protection of nature, wildlife and species made a top priority in new provincial water rules, according to a poll released today. Nine in ten British Columbians say fresh water is our most precious resource. The McAllister Opinion Research poll, commissioned by the Vancouver Foundation and WWF-Canada, reports that nine in ten citizens, (91 percent) say fresh water is BC's most precious resource, while 86 per cent say fresh water is "extremely important" to the prosperity and quality of life in the province. Read more [here](#).

Opportunity to comment on a new water sustainability Act for BC - The BC Government is exploring ways to modernize the Water Act to respond to the new challenges including dealing with population growth, land and resource development and climate change. A proposed new Water Sustainability Act is expected to be introduced into the legislature in 2012. The Provincial Government is interested in your views and encourages comments on any aspect of this proposal. Read the act or get more info [here](#).

Landowners on Lasqueti Island and its associated Local Trust Area islands can now reduce their annual property taxes by up to 65% by protecting the natural features on their property with a conservation covenant - Read more about the Islands Trust's NAPTEP program expansion to Lasqueti [here](#).

Ecovillage takes on green burial project: Rest in nature and Become part of the land - The ability to scatter the ashes of your loved one is a green choice you may soon have in a serene spot close to home, according to Brandy Gallagher, OUR Ecovillage's outgoing executive director. The co-op is working on a project, which will include the availability of such a service on their 25-acre Shawnigan-area property. Partnering with the Land Conservancy of BC, the co-op hopes to be the first in Canada that does scattering of cremated remains with the carbon offset of food or forestry. Learn more [here](#).

The Next Generation of Canadian Giving: A study on the multichannel preferences and charitable habits of Generation Y, Generation X, Baby Boomers and Civics - In August 2010, Convio launched an inter-generational survey of 1,500 Canadian

Applications for Land Acquisition, Capacity Building, Research, Advocacy and Education, and Access support are accepted twice a year: March 10 and September 10. Product Donation applications are accepted anytime.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation Endangered Species Fund, March 15 - The Endangered Species Fund provides researchers with funding for research on species at risk in Canada. Projects must address marine or freshwater species at risk in Canada particularly those designated by COSEWIC as at-risk or data deficient. The fund will focus primarily on aquatic and marine species. It will also consider projects addressing iconic, terrestrial species at risk.

Nature Conservancy of Canada's Natural Areas Conservation Fund, April 1 - Please be advised that the Nature Conservancy of Canada will be accepting applications from "Other Qualified Organizations" for the Natural Areas Conservation Fund. Please read more details about the application guidelines and process [here](#).

enterprising non-profits, May 26 - The next grant deadline is May 26, 2011, so if you haven't attended a workshop, which is required before applying, sign up for one of our spring social

donors and asked them more than 50 questions on the ways they interact with charities and other non-profit organizations. They explored giving patterns, behaviours and preferences. This report summarizes their responses. It's no secret that the fundraising landscape is rapidly changing. Donor acquisition rates have fallen, there are fewer available acquisition lists, and donor expectations with regard to fundraising efficiencies has put pressure on fundraisers to do more with less. Clearly, the art and science of fundraising has to adapt. But how? Download the report [here](#).

Upcoming Events

ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR PAPERS: 8th Annual Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team Research Colloquium, February 11, Victoria - To allow those planning or conducting research and restoration pertinent to Garry oak ecosystems to make a brief presentation of their study/ies; to prompt discussion and encourage coordination among agencies; and to facilitate research and its application to the conservation of Garry oak and associated ecosystems. Presentations are 10-15 minutes each, followed by a brief question period. Presentation abstracts will be compiled into a Proceedings document, to be distributed (via email only) following the Colloquium. Note that persons unable to attend may also submit an abstract for inclusion in the Proceedings. Those wishing to present are required to register by Friday, January 21st. Attendance is free, although pre-registration is required to assist in our planning for the day. For more information, or to register, click [here](#).



Are your fundraising practices compliant? Are you a registered charity? Are you planning a fundraising event or campaign? Would you like to learn more about the Canada Revenue Agency's Guidance on Fundraising by Registered Charities? Join us for an in-person workshop where you can learn more about the tools and learning resources available to help you comply with the Canada Revenue Agency's Guidance on Fundraising. Apply the practices and guidelines to your next fundraising campaign, event or even your existing fundraising practices. To find a workshop in your area this month, visit [here](#).

Gaia College - Registrations for Winter and Spring courses are in full swing, and it looks like most courses will be full again - we're just thrilled by the rapidly growing interest in organic practices. So please be sure to register quickly if you have your heart set on a particular course! All details and registration information can be found at <http://www.gaiacollege.ca>.

Invitation to West Coast Environmental Law's Dialogue for

enterprise orientation sessions. Workshops are in Vancouver (March 15), Squamish (March 17), Victoria (March 22), Campbell River (March 24), Trail (April 11), Cranbrook (April 13), Vernon (April 18), Revelstoke (April 20), Smithers (April 26), Vanderhoof (April 27), Williams Lake (April 29) and Fort St. John (May 3).

Legal Innovation Series: Law Reform for Nature, Climate and Communities dialogue event, February 16th, Vancouver -

Please join us as an audience participant at a dialogue to explore how BC's laws and policies about land use should evolve in light of climate change. Please note that space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, click [here](#).

The Cowichan Land Trust has some great courses and workshops being offered this February and March:

February 5 & 6: Streamkeepers Course - This will be held in the Cowichan Station area on Kelvin and Glenora Creeks and the Koksilah River. For more information about the streamkeepers course and how to register, click [here](#).

February 19 & 20: Bioengineering workshop - The venue is to be announced. For more information about the bioengineering workshop and how to register, click [here](#).

March 5 & 6: In-stream restoration workshop - The venue is to be announced. For more information about the in-stream restoration workshop and how to register, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Executive Director, The Canadian Land Trust Alliance (CLTA), Ottawa, ON - CLTA is a national not-for-profit organization, dedicated to promoting private land conservation and strengthening the land trust movement nationally through communication, education and the development of innovative partnerships. We seek a dynamic Executive Director to lead our evolving Alliance in achieving its mission and objectives. Reporting to a volunteer Board of Directors, the Executive Director will have accountability for the management of the organization and strategic and creative leadership of the programs. The Executive Director plays a central role in fundraising and liaising with all stakeholders including members, volunteers, partners, funders, corporations and government. Bilingualism is required as is the ability to effectively manage the website, social media etc. in support of the organization. This is an opportunity to be a part of a growing organization and to play an active role in advancing land conservation in Canada. A full job description may be found at www.clta.ca. Please forward resumes to ntnb1@bellaliant.net by February 11, 2011.

Chief Executive Officer, TWN Wind Power Inc, North Vancouver, BC - TWN Renewable Energy Ltd. is a business corporation wholly owned by the Tsleil Waututh First Nation (TWN), one of four Salish communities in the Vancouver area of BC. The First Nation owns real estate properties, tourism and recreation businesses and is now seeking to aggressively expand into the renewable energy sector. The TWN will hire an enthusiastic, experienced and energetic leader who will be

responsible for growing and directing the renewable energy company, seeking new business opportunities, planning and directing corporate operations including budget planning, staff management and labour relations, working collaboratively with TWN staff, representing the corporation within the renewable energy community and executing company specified objectives and policies. Closes January 31, 2011. Get more information [here](#).

Columbia Basin Trust, Request for Qualified Applicants: For Consulting Services, BC - CBT is inviting interested individuals or firms to submit responses describing their expertise and experience in performing one or more types of the following consulting services: Policy, Planning and Program Development, Financial and Business Management, Information Technology, Communications and Design, Public Engagement and Event Management. Get more information [here](#) by January 31.

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