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LTABC News

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April 1-3rd in Victoria BC**



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Hi {FIRST_NAME|LTABC Supporter},

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the LTABC Conservation Assistance Fund (CAF) grants. Funded by Environment Canada, these grants were given to chosen member organizations with a current project that could benefit from a grant to cover appraisal, baseline survey, or legal registration costs. This year Fraser Valley Conservancy, Habitat Acquisition Trust, Islands Trust and Valhalla Foundation received CAF grants.

Last Chance - don't forget to register for this year's [LTABC Seminar Series](#) held April 1st through 3rd at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria, BC by March 25th. Covering topics like Conservation Finance, Climate Change and Conserving Nature, and Communicating Conservation, this year's program promises to be one of the best line-up yet! For further details visit www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca.



Sincerely,
Paul McNair
Executive Director

Conservation News

Cowichan Community Land Trust Looks to Fund Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre - The Cowichan Estuary Interpretive Nature Centre (Phase 1) will include both outdoor and indoor elements. Outdoor signage and information offerings will lead visitors through the park to a raised and covered viewing platform



Board Bio



Bill Wagner

Bill Wagner is a retired member of the Law Society of British Columbia and is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and Dalhousie University. He has been a director of the [North Okanagan Parks & Natural Area Trust](#) since its inception and is a past member of the steering committee of the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP). Bill enjoys seeing natural areas being protected, likes to travel, is frequently seen with a book, tries to bird (novice) and is always happy when he is at the cabin in the South Cariboo.



Carol Hall

Carol Hall, M.Sc., MPP., has worked on land conservation and environmental issues in

with a telescope for observing birds and other wildlife, and with a more detailed informational kiosk, with interactive aspects, below. Nearby we will locate a renovated portable classroom with interactive displays and material for the general public and enough indoor space to accommodate a school class during the school year. The portable classroom will be clad with a beautiful mural designed by a local artist to fit with the natural surroundings. CCLT is currently applying to the Westcoast Community Adjustment Program and the Island Coastal Economic Trust for grants to begin construction. If we are successful, these will bring a great deal of money into the community. However, we need to raise 10% of our budget by March 18th, so your donation or pledge is needed right now. To give or learn more, click [here](#).



New Minister of the Environment - Dr. Terry Lake, MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson, was appointed Minister of the Environment by new premier Christy Clark. Terry is a veterinarian by profession and served as the Mayor of the City of Kamloops from 2005-2008 and as a city councillor from 2002-2005, a time when Kamloops reached record employment and construction and was recognized for service to residents by the National Quality Institute. E-mail: terry.lake.mla@leg.bc.ca Office: East Annex Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4 Constituency: 618-B Tranquille Road Kamloops, BC V2B 3H6 Phone: 250 356-3078 or 250 554-5413. Read more [here](#).

South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program celebrates 10th anniversary and launches strategic planning project

- The SOSCP was established ten years ago when a handful of organizations realized that the future of this unique area of British Columbia's landscape, known for biological richness and rarity, was clearly at risk. For the past ten years, the SOSCP has served as a legitimate and unique initiative to achieve numerous successes towards shared biodiversity conservation. SOSCP has made a significant difference to this landscape and successes are cause for celebration. Plans are underway for festivities in June. Read more [here](#).

NCC's BC Region welcomes a new Regional Vice President

The British Columbia Region Board of Directors and staff are pleased to welcome Linda Hannah as Regional Vice President. "Linda Hannah is a natural leader," says BC Board Chair Douglas Hayhurst. "She is well-suited to steer the BC Region as we work together with British Columbians to conserve the natural spaces of this province." Read more [here](#).

and environmental issues in North America and southern Africa for over fifteen years. Among her current projects, she is consultant to Parks Canada to compile materials and develop case studies for an IUCN-WCPA best practice guideline on ecological restoration in protected areas. Prior to moving to Canada, Hall was the founding Executive Director of the Russell Piscataquog River Watershed Foundation, a private foundation established to protect lands in northern New England. In starting the Foundation, Carol built the grants program and in two years secured more than \$8 million in matching donations and grants working closely with government, businesses, and NGOs. Previously, Carol led dozens of land protection projects for the US-based Trust for Public Land. Carol holds a Master of Environmental and Natural Resources Economics with distinction from the University College London, UK, and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University. In her spare time she enjoys learning piano, cross country skiing and hiking with her husband David and dog Xai Xai.

*Thank you to Bill,
Carol and all of our
hardworking board
members!*

Funding Deadlines

New ITF Director of Local Planning Services - The Islands Trust has appointed David Marlor as the new Director of Local Planning Services, a senior position in the organization and one that supervises professional planning staff in three offices. Read more [here](#).

Connecting Online Advocacy and Fundraising - Online advocacy leads to better fundraising rates, say Blackbaud and M+R Strategies in this new report. Read it [here](#).

Basin Residents Encouraged to Continue "Shaping Our Future Together" - In order to continue the momentum fostered by participants at the 2010 Columbia Basin Symposium, Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is inviting Basin residents - those who attended the event and those who didn't - to review the summary reports and videos of the Symposium sessions, now available at www.cbt.org/2010symposium.

Okanagan Guide to Development in Sensitive Areas - The SOSCP has partnered with the Real Estate Foundation, Habitat Stewardship Program and local municipalities to fund a shared environmental planner. Anna McIndoe worked with planners and staff from the municipalities of Summerland, Oliver and Keremeos to produce A Guide to Development in Sensitive Areas that is specific to each local government. Read it [here](#).

Community Sustainability Snapshot: 2010 Survey Results from Local Governments by Fresh Outlook Foundation - Results of the survey — conducted by the foundation in conjunction with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Columbia Basin Trust, and Smart Planning for Communities (a partnership program of the Fraser Basin Council) — reflect local governments' sustainability challenges and successes, and internal and external barriers to sustainability. Findings also indicate the need for improved communication about sustainability between and among all levels of government and key stakeholders, including the public. Read the full report [here](#).

New Environment Canada Website Status of Birds in Canada 2010 - Environment Canada has launched the "Status of Bird in Canada" website. The present version only has a hundred or so species in it, but more will be added over the next year. The site endeavours to present the best data sets used to monitor each species (e.g. Breeding Bird Survey, Christmas Bird Count, migration monitoring networks, etc.) and come up with a status of how each species has fared over the past 40 years. Each account has text on population trends and monitoring and conservation/management issues, as well as population trend graphs and maps. Check it out [here](#).

**The CTK Foundation's
2011 Heart and Soul Grant
Award Program, March 28 -**

Over \$25,000 in grants supporting registered nonprofits, charities and voluntary organizations of all sizes in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Registered nonprofits, charities and voluntary organizations are invited to celebrate and reflect upon their work in communities around the world. Gather your staff, clients or volunteers and write a short poem about your mission. The most inspiring poem will be selected by an international panel of independent artist and producers and turned into an original song.

**Real Estate Foundation
Student Bursaries, 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 enterprise orientation sessions. Workshops are in Vancouver (March 15), Squamish (March 17), Victoria (March 22)

New RDN park to open soon - Nanoose Bay's Moorecroft lands have now been transferred over to the Regional District of Nanaimo and will become a regional park for the public to enjoy, but not quite yet. The RDN purchased the property from the B.C. Conference of the United Church of Canada for 4.8 million with a conservation covenant to protect over 90 per cent of the land base. The Nature Trust of BC is currently running a campaign to contribute up to \$500,000 to help with the acquisition and upgrade work that needs to be done. Get the full story [here](#).

FVC's Conserving Biodiversity & Creating Partnerships - The Fraser Valley Conservancy is pleased to release this document which presents a need for a strategy that outlines preservation, conservation and restoration measures to protect biodiversity in the Fraser Valley. This document describes opportunities for various existing conservation efforts to be synchronized and how current gaps in data can be filled. Read the document [here](#).

Kids give Carr's lily field a makeover - Students at South Park Elementary have been doing more than planting trees in a corner of their Douglas Street schoolyard -they've been digging into the history of their James Bay community. With the help of workers from the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria school district, and guidance from the Habitat Acquisition Trust, the students are creating a native species garden in an area known to have been favoured by one of James Bay's most famous residents -Emily Carr. Get the full story [here](#).



Gifts boost charity: Membership drive targets first 50 people to sign as new members - Free membership is being offered for one of Powell River's newest charities. Malaspina Land Conservancy Society (MLCS) has received a gift from a generous member who has pledged to sponsor the first 50 new members of the society for one year. The gift is provided to increase public recognition of MLCS and involve more people in its development. MLCS was formed to assist private land owners, whether individuals, industry or businesses, with decisions relating to the preservation and conservation of their land. "We do this by holding an interest in the land," said MLCS President Janet Alred. An interest could take the shape of ownership, or a conservation covenant that is placed on a specific area of the property. Get the full story [here](#).

Victoria farmer working to bring back buzz of native bees - Alarmed at honeybee colony losses that reached 80 to 100 per cent last spring on Vancouver Island, a Victoria farmer is abuzz over a program she says will boost native bee populations that

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).

could replace the threatened honeybee. Working with the Victoria-based land trust, The Land Conservancy, as an agricultural program assistant, Nathalie Chambers is leading the just-launched Pollinator Enhancement Program. The provincewide plan aims to improve conditions for native bees so that farmers are not as dependent on the honeybee, the dominant pollinator, originating in the Mediterranean area and brought to B.C. in 1858. Read more [here](#).



CRA Announces that the Charities Listings are now displaying Form T3010-1 - As a result of the new changes affecting charities that were introduced in the 2010 Federal Budget, CRA developed and released on January 18, 2011, a new Form T3010-1, Registered Charity Information Return and also made amendments to Guide T4033-1, Completing the Registered Charity Information Return. For more information concerning the budget changes, please click [here](#).

A Gulf Island land conservancy has raised more than half the funds needed to purchase land for a unique long-stay, nature-study centre on Galiano Island - The centre, a project of the Galiano Conservancy Association, will allow city kids from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to connect with nature through multi-day learning programs. "We already have two million dollars in matching funds committed from the National Areas Conservation Program, contingent on our raising another two million," conservancy coordinator Ken Millard said. "We are making progress on raising our half of the purchase price, and we now need to raise the final \$1.3 million." Get the full story [here](#).

North Pender family's land covenant protects wetlands, forests: Arthur Kikuchi was inspired by his father, a life-long naturalist - A North Pender family has permanently protected their 1.78-hectare property's forest and wetlands with a conservation covenant. Owner and organic farmer Arthur Kikuchi moved to North Pender Island in 2000 because the landscape reminded him of Japan where he grew up, the Islands Trust noted in a news release. When Kikuchi received an inheritance in 2009 from his mother and father, a lifelong naturalist who specialized in the protection of wetlands and forest, he bought additional land on Pender to protect it in its natural state. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

2011 Wetland Education Opportunities Conserving nature's living kidneys in Squamish, Pemberton, and North Vancouver

Wetlandkeepers Workshop is a 2½ day field course providing an introduction to wetland stewardship. Learn about wetland: classification, issues, legalities, assessment, mapping, vegetation and amphibian monitoring techniques. The course offers individuals an opportunity for hands-on practice of wetland conservation skills. Upon course completion participants receive a Wetlandkeepers certificate. Individuals who engage in the workshops are provided with follow up support. Course commences Friday evening and runs both days over the weekend. Thanks to our financial supporters, the course fee for participants is only \$90. The next courses are: Squamish Wetlandkeepers



April 1, 2, and 3, 2011 Pemberton
Wetlandkeepers May 13, 14, and 15, 2011

Puddle Project Workshop is a 1 day workshop in wetland ecology; GPS skills required to locate and map wetlands; and ways to access land-use planning processes to conserve wetlands. Individuals who engage in the workshops are provided with follow up support. Thanks to our financial supporters, the course fee for participants is only \$30. The next course is: North Vancouver Puddle Project June 5, 2011 Learn how to protect your environment! For further information or to register contact the BCWF Wetlands Education Program Coordinator. Register early as space is limited. Please note, to reserve your seat a minimum deposit of \$30 is requested. Neil Fletcher— Wetlands Education Program Coordinator wetlands@bcwf.bc.ca 604-291-9990 ext. 232 or visit www.bcwf.bc.ca.

Why Manhattan is the Greenest City in North America, presented by David Owen, March 17th, Vancouver - There are only a limited number of tickets available. To reserve your tickets, please email [lzanatta@globalcivic.org](mailto:izanatta@globalcivic.org). For more information click [here](#).

Webinar: Social media lessons for nonprofits from the mouths of Canadian donors presented by hjc and Convio, March 22nd, Your Computer - Your nonprofit may already have an official presence on popular social platforms. But, do you really understand what your donors are looking for and how much they value your presence on social media channels? Join hjc and Convio for this online seminar, and find out what donors really want from you and your social media presence. More info is [here](#).

BC Ministry of Natural Resource Operations Presents Coastal Douglas Fir Stewards Workshop, March 22nd Victoria and March 25th Qualicum Beach - Invitation is extended to all land owners, stewardship groups, and everyone interested! Join us for this half-day workshop to raise awareness of the conservation status of the Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystems, promote the concept of ecological integrity, encourage shared stewardship,

present success stories and explore conservation tools. Contact Ann Rahme, Ecosystems Section, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, Nanaimo at Ann.Rahme@gov.bc.ca to register or for more information.

Public Talk "From Wall Lizards to Wolverines" March 25th, Victoria - Dave Fraser will be the guest speaker at this year's annual general meeting of the Friends of the Ecological Reserves. This will be an insightful lecture about the biodiversity of BC, and some of the trends and thinking inside of government. It is a good opportunity to gain insight on conservation from a long time senior government biologist. Dave is a serious fountain of knowledge. Room C-118, David F. Strong Building, University of Victoria; The AGM business meeting will start at 7:30, followed by a presentation by Dave at 8:00.

The Rocky Point Bird Observatory Bird Monitoring and Banding Workshop, March 25th to 27th, Victoria - The 3-day workshop will focus on bird identification, monitoring procedures and techniques, sexing and ageing. Components this year will include owl monitoring and banding demo and an optional session on study skin preparation. The program has been developed for people with little or no bird handling and/or banding experience, but those with intermediate skills will also find the workshop a good way to build knowledge. To register or for more information, email workshop@rpbo.org.

Permaculture Design Certificate, March 26th to May 29th, Nanaimo - Permaculture BC connects the most bio-regionally experienced and knowledgeable instructors focusing on theory and hands-on activity for students to graduate with the highest amount of retention, application and inspiration needed to create a positive sustainable future. Learn more [here](#).

2011 RCBC Award Nominations due April 8th - Each year the Recycling Council of BC recognizes the valuable contribution that individuals and organizations make towards the preservation and protection of British Columbia's environment. The 2011 RCBC Environmental Awards will be presented at our 38th Annual Zero Waste Conference on June 9, 2011. RCBC recognizes organization and individuals in 7 categories: non-profit, public sector, private sector, youth, education, journalism, and a special innovator's award. Get more information [here](#).

Dr. Rob Butler guest speaker for Scout Island banquet, April 8th, Williams Lake - Dr. Rob Butler, a well-known BC biologist, will be the guest speaker and Carl MacNaughton, acting land manager for The Nature Trust, will provide a short illustrated presentation on the conservation of lands in B.C. by this organization since 1971. Get more information [here](#).

Giftworks Webinar - Stop Talking to Yourself: How you can start conversations that build awareness, friendships and funding! April 5th, Your Computer

- Feeling stuck? Having trouble finding solutions? Maybe that's because you're just talking to yourself. The best way out? Take the conversation out of your organization! Few things can build nonprofit energy and support as dramatically as getting board members and staff out into the world to ask others what they think about your organization and the challenges you face. Gayle will share practical tips and tested-techniques for creating productive and rewarding conversations. To register or get more information, click [here](#).

TLC Conservation Holiday Bare Necessities: Cowichan River Cabin Outhouse Build, April 15 – 17, Cowichan

- The Land Conservancy's Cowichan Cabin is located on the Cowichan River and is one of our most popular rental cabins. This rustic getaway provides maple shaded summer days and cozy winter nights by the woodstove. Because of the cabin's secluded location there is no running water or electricity. Water is either brought in or provided by rainwater collection. Cooking is done on a propane stovetop and the barbeque on the deck. Washroom facilities consist of a brightly painted outhouse. This outhouse however, has served for many years and it is time for a new one. On this Conservation Holiday, participants will help to build a brand new outhouse and to dig a fresh new hole to place it on. We will be staying in the cabin and there will be plenty of opportunity to explore the property and to learn about TLC's role in helping to protect green space along this important heritage river. Learn more [here](#).

University of Victoria's Restoration Institute 2011, May 27 and 28, Victoria

- The topic of this year's Institute, presented in partnership with the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), is Novel Ecosystems: When and how do we intervene in the new ecological world order? For more information and to register, click [here](#).

2011 Yale Conservation Finance Camp, June 6th to 10th, Yale University

- The course offers the latest information on a wide range of innovative conservation finance tools, including new sources of philanthropic funds, public capital and private investment, as well as a framework for analyzing and packaging them. The camp is focused on useful, hands-on tools for conservation practitioners and board members, foundation leaders, private investors and graduate students. This highly interactive course is limited to 20 participants. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. For further information and a participant application please contact Amy Badner at amy.badner@yale.edu or click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Director of Programs, BCSEA, Closing Date: March 27th , Victoria or Vancouver - The BC Sustainable Energy Association seeks an energetic and creative Director of Programs under an initial 6-month contract, with the potential to become Executive Director of the organization. Reporting to the President and the Executive Committee, the Director of Programs will lead the management, operation, and administration of the BCSEA's programs. She or he will work closely with the Board of Directors in providing leadership for our existing programs and developing new ones. Read more [here](#).

2011 Nature Trust Conservation Crew Positions Available, Closing Date: April 1st, Cranbrook, Nanaimo, Penticton, Surrey - From May through August, The Nature Trust (TNT) will have a crews undertaking habitat enhancement on conservation properties throughout the province. As a crew member, you will be an important part of a small team responsible for implementing a variety of work projects, studies, and routine operational and maintenance activities. Please email a resume and cover letter to Carleton MacNaughton at info@naturetrust.bc.ca.

Head Gardener, TLC The Land Conservancy of British Columbia, Closing Date: April 4th, Lower Mainland - Primarily, the Head Gardener is responsible for the on-going restoration, maintenance and development of several heritage gardens in the Lower Mainland. The main focus is the Eagles Estate Heritage Garden on Deer Lake in Burnaby. The Head Gardener will also undertake maintenance and restoration activities at the Baldwin House, Historic Joy Kogawa House, BC Binning Residence, and other properties as required. This includes preparing annual work plans, schedules and budgets. Find out more [here](#).

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