

CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 21st Annual General Meeting of the
Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on January 25th 2017

The following summarizes the accomplishments of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society during the past year of operation. This is presented to the membership as our annual report.

- Best of Banff Film Festival for the 20th year. A sellout crowd. Over \$2,300 contributed to the endowment.
- 18th Annual Greenway run/walk held. Over \$400 from this event contributed to the endowment. Many thanks due to Dick, Karen and Roger for keeping this going.
- The Mad Moose Marathon held for the 10th year, \$100 donated to the endowment.
- Buy-a-Meter program continues to grow. The endowment is now over \$80,000 and this past year gave a return of over \$3,400 to our annual maintenance. Thanks to Dick for his never ending enthusiasm.
- UNBC hazard tree assessment completed on the UNBC lands and many trees removed.
- Caledonia Nordic Ski Club is working to amalgamate all the various pieces of land they currently use. We have been providing input to ensure the integrity of the Greenway continues.
- New winter route signs installed around big dip in Greenway.
- The Greenway was mowed from Blue Spruce to UNBC to Otway. Many hazard trees were also removed. Thanks to regular contractors Ken Hannah, Rob Slavik and sons for completing this work.
- An application to the City was made to change the zoning of land adjacent to the Kimball Road access to the Greenway. The Society made representation at the rezoning meeting to ensure public access was not impacted.
- The issue of the Lheidli T'enneh treaty took time in 2016. Several meetings were held to discuss items surrounding the Greenway and the proposed Treaty lands. This will be ongoing in 2017.
- There were several wind events this past year that resulted in many trees coming down. Unfortunately this will be the norm in the years ahead due to dead pine and just the large number of mature trees in the Greenway.
- Greenway winter grooming continued this past year and has been positively received with a noticeable increase in winter use from skiers, snowshoe use and runners.
- The Pit House has seen a large number of visitors including school groups.
- It is encouraging to observe the increased use the Greenway is receiving especially in the UNBC/FFTW/Blue Spruce areas.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$595,000.
- The issue of dog use on the Greenway has been raised. There have been reports of various user conflicts in the UNBC-FFTW section. This needs to be addressed.
- Finally many thanks to the regular volunteers who over the last year have been out to keep the trail clear of the windfalls and other debris.

Appreciation is due UNBC for continuing to look after the regular maintenance of the garbage containers and snow removal at the UNBC parking and Greenway access area.

In closing, once again, I would like to acknowledge the support of all the directors of the Greenway Society, without your contribution none of this would have been possible.

Chair Robin Draper

January 25th 2017