

# CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the  
Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on January 30th 2018

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 21st year. A sellout crowd. Over \$2,000 contributed to the endowment.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenway run/walk held. Over \$500 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 11th year.
- Buy-a-Meter program continues to grow. The endowment is now over \$88,000 and this past year gave a return of over \$5,200 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. This may be completed in 2018.
- There has been a notable increase in the use of fat tire bikes and we should agree on a suggested policy for this activity to minimize any possible future conflicts.
- 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.
- The wood lot on Cranbrook Hill that the Greenway passes through was logged this past year. Although there was no direct impact on the Greenway trail the atmosphere when accessing the Greenway off Takla Road is different.
- The issue of the Lheidli T'enneh treaty took time in 2017. Several meetings were held to discuss items surrounding the Greenway and the proposed Treaty lands. This will be ongoing in 2018.
- 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 continues to be used by school groups.
- It is encouraging to observe the increased use the Greenway is receiving especially in the UNBC/FFIW/Blue Spruce areas.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$616,000
- There was an incident of major damage to the Greenway access gate at the Blue Spruce end this past September. This was caused by truck that had been stolen in the City. The driver has been charged and is still in custody. We hope there may be some restitution to assist with repairing the gate this spring. There was also a case of spray paint vandalism on the info sign at UNBC which resulted in the sign and glass having to be replaced.
- There was a fair amount of maintenance this past year to boardwalks, bridge and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve sight lines etc.
- 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.