



CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

www.cranbrookhillgreenway.bc.ca

CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 24th Annual General Meeting of the
Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on January 28th 2020

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 24th year. Sellout crowd. \$2,000 transferred to the endowment.
- 21st Annual Greenway run/walk held. Over \$700 from this event to the endowment. Many thanks due to Dick and Coco Joe for keeping this going.
- The Mad Moose Marathon held for the 12th year.
- Buy-a-Meter program continues to grow. The endowment is now over \$94,000. A return of over \$3,000 to our annual maintenance. Thanks to Dick for his never ending enthusiasm.
- The Society continues to receive an annual donation from two family funds within the Prince George Community Foundation namely Backhouse and Voneugen.
- We finalized an agreement with the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club covering the last 3km of the northern end of the Greenway. This area is now covered by the CNSC modified tenure. We have been providing input to ensure the integrity of the Greenway continues.
- The Greenway was mowed from Blue Spruce to UNBC to Otway. Many hazard trees were also removed. A start was made on additional brushing to remove the growth that the annual mowing cannot reach. This will continue for a couple of years. Thanks to regular contractors Rob Slavik and family for completing this work.
- 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, fat bikes 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/FFTW/Blue Spruce areas.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$648,000
- There was a fair amount of maintenance this past year to boardwalks, a bridge replacement and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve sight lines etc.
- The Prince George Cycling Club purchased a single track groomer for winter use. Sections of the Greenway have been groomed by the PGCC as they access the single track trails. This has been positively received.
- Art Eickmeyer and Laurie Packman continue to maintain a large number of single track trails within the Greenway. Although not part of the Greenway responsibility their contribution is much appreciated and enjoyed by many users.
- There was a little damage this past year from motorized use but it could be worse!
- 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. I would especially mention Ralph Tyson who regularly cuts out windfall in the UNBC/Blue Spruce/FFTW area, your effort is very much appreciated.

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 28th 2020