



# CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented during the 25th year of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society in May 2021  
(no AGM was held, this report with financial statement sent to members)

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 not held due to COVID.
- 21st Annual Greenway run/walk not held due to COVID.
- The Mad Moose Marathon was not held due to COVID.
- Due to COVID there has been a noticeable increase in the use of the Greenway. On many weekends and during the week the UNBC Greenway parking lot was filled to capacity. 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.
- 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 major 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 for skiing was done in Jan/Feb/March but not the fall. Snowpack was low.
- There was trail grooming by the bike club with their snow dog groomer, this was favourably received.
- The Pit House continues to be used by school groups however it is in need of repairs to the structure, UNBC is looking after this.
- There was some exploratory work undertaken by the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club for possible additional ski trails in the Greenway tenure at the northern end adjacent to the Ski club tenure and east of Catherine Road. Due to concerns from residents of the area and conflict with some ski club member points of view the proposal is not being pursued at this time.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$650,000.
- This year we completed an updated map of the various Greenway tenures.
- There was a fair amount of maintenance this past year to boardwalks, and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve sight lines.
- In cooperation with property owners we installed additional private property signs at the northern end of the Greenway.
- Various individuals 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 and Rob Waldner who keeps the northern end go the Greenway free of windfalls during the winter month, 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

May 8th 2021