



CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on
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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.

- There has been a noticeable increase in the use of the Greenway. On many weekends and during the week the UNBC Greenway parking lot is filled to capacity.
- The Greenway was mowed from Blue Spruce to UNBC to Otway. Many hazard trees were also removed. Brushing to remove the growth that the annual mowing cannot reach continued. This will continue for a couple of years. Thanks to regular contractors Rob Slavik and family for completing this work.
- The main maintenance project this year was the rebuilding of the access road to the Greenway parking area at UNBC. The lead on this project was UNBC, as it is on their land, and we donated \$20,000 to the total costs.
- 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.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$678,000.
- There was a fair amount of regular maintenance this past year to boardwalks, and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve improve ditching.
- 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.
- New signs have been developed to install along the Greenway indicating when you are entering UNBC property.
- Best of Banff Film Festival not held and it was decided after sponsoring the event for 24 years to offer the hosting opportunity to the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society.
- Annual Greenway run/walk not held.
- The Mad Moose Marathon was not held.
- There were no funds received from our endowment this past year due to the economy.
- 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 year, your efforts are 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 Greenway parking area.

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