



CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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CHAIR'S REPORT

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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. In addition brushing continued to remove the growth that the annual mowing cannot reach. This will continue as an ongoing requirement. 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, spruce and the large number of mature trees in the Greenway.
- Updated tenure map showing the Greenway received from government.
- Greenway groomed once in the winter under not ideal conditions.
- Approached by an individual who wanted to update the Greenway mapping and make it available digitally, waiting for further information.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$680,000.
- There was a fair amount of regular maintenance this past year to boardwalks, and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve improve ditching.
- New signs have been developed to install along the Greenway indicating entering or leaving UNBC property. It is anticipated these will be installed this coming spring.
- The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club has made an application for additional tenure south of their current tenure. The area applied for includes a section of the Greenway. If approved we will need to work with CNSC to develop an agreement regarding plans for the area covered by the Greenway tenure.
- Our maintenance endowment with the Prince George Community Foundation continues to provide annual income for the Greenway maintenance.
- A challenge. How do we get some new young blood into the Greenway Society. This is an item we must address over the coming year. Your thoughts and ideas would be most welcome.
- 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.