



CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on
Thursday January 30th 2025

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.

- Use of the Greenway continues to show an annual increase. 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.
- Greenway groomed by local Hill residents a few times in the winter under not ideal conditions.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project we have had expenditures of over \$685,000.
- There was a fair amount of regular maintenance this past year to boardwalks, and also some minor earth works undertaken to improve improve ditching.
- In the coming years the boardwalks will need more maintenance. They have been in place for over 25 years.
- Signs had been developed to install along the Greenway indicating entering or leaving UNBC property. This past year they were installed in several locations.
- The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club application for additional tenure south of their current tenure which included a section of the Greenway was not approved.
- Our maintenance endowment with the Prince George Community Foundation continues to provide annual income for the Greenway maintenance and is supplemented each year by funds from the Dick Voneugen and John Backhouse Family Funds which is very much appreciated.
- 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.

Chair

Robin Draper

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