



# CRANBROOK HILL GREENWAY SOCIETY

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Presented at the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society on  
Thursday January 22nd 2026

The following summarizes the accomplishments of the Cranbrook Hill Greenway Society during the past year of operation. This is presented to the membership as the 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. All km markers were reseated in new holders. All boardwalks were repaired as required. 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 trail groomed by local Cranbrook Hill residents a few times in the winter.
- One of our founding Directors, Dick Voneugen, died this past year. Dick's left a substantial legacy to the Greenway endowment which will show rewards for many years to come.
- Since the inception of the Greenway project there has been total expenditures of over \$703,000.
- In the coming years the boardwalks will need more maintenance. They have been in place for over 26 years.
- 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 ongoing challenge. How do we get some new young blood into the Greenway Society. This is an item we must address over the coming years. 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 of the Greenway free of windfalls during the year, their efforts are very much appreciated.
- The Greenway web site will require updating to keep up with technology changes.

Appreciation is due UNBC for continuing to look after the regular maintenance of the garbage containers, access road grading 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 their contribution none of this would have been possible.

This is also the end of my term as Chair and it has been a very rewarding experience. With a new Chair perhaps new direction and or changes for the Greenway vision. Only time will tell!

Chair

Robin Draper

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