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MISSION

“TO STRENGTHEN
ECOLOGICAL
STEWARDSHIP IN BC
BY PROVIDING
TECHNICAL,
EDUCATIONAL AND
CAPACITY
RESOURCES AND
FOSTERING
PARTNERSHIPS
AMONG
ORGANIZATIONS,
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GOVERNMENTS AND
THE PRIVATE
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*Facilitating collaborative
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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

This past year has seen the re-emergence of the Stewardship Centre as an active and key organization in strengthening the work of stewards and stewardship organizations across BC. Through the strategic use of our Board Members' and staff experiences and strengths, valuable partnering, and many hours of hard work, 2012-13 was a year of foundation building and core strengthening for SCBC. In successfully overcoming a variety of challenges this past year, the SCBC has emerged with a stronger strategic direction, outreach capacity from local to national levels, and high quality programs, all allowing us to live our mission fully. It's been a busy, productive year, and congratulations are in order for all the time and effort by our wonderful Executive Director, volunteer Board and Committee members, committed contractors, and partners that have been pivotal to our success. We're looking forward to a bright year ahead as we continue to support the work of stewards and stewardship organizations spanning BC!

- Liana Ayach & Peter Abrams, Co-Chairs

2012-2013 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Green Shores Coastal Development Rating System Pilot project launched
- New Stewardship Practices technical documents underway with multi-stakeholder consultative process for the Species at Risk Primer www.speciesatrisk.bc.ca
- Partnership with University of Victoria to develop an Environmental Stewardship Community of Practice
- Greening Shorelines, Enhancing Resilience: An evaluation of the effectiveness of Green Shores approaches to coastal development project begun with funding from NRCan
- New partnerships and technical Advisory Committees established, increasing SCBC's outreach and collaborative capacity
- New SCBC website launched with updated format and features www.stewardshipcentrebcc.ca
- SCBC Board of Directors held a strategic planning retreat to map out future directions that include an updated governance structure and increased capacity reach to our network of national, regional and local organizations

STEWARDSHIP CENTRE AT WORK 2012-2013

TRANSBOUNDARY PROJECTS

The Islands Trust: Green Shores for Homes Project is currently underway and is working in partnership with US stakeholders on the development of a credit rating system and development-rating document for Green Shores for Homes. Work includes:

- ❖ Workshops for Island Trust Trustees & Staff;
- ❖ Community Workshops;
- ❖ Shoreline Inventory & Mapping;
- ❖ Public Education.

Completion of this project is anticipated in the spring of 2014.



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Planning is underway for an Environmental Stewardship Community of Practice 2-day workshop in October 2013. The workshop, a collaborative effort with the University of Victoria's Restoration of Natural Systems Program, will focus on establishing the groundwork for fostering collaborative and effective stewardship practices with the aim to:

- improve community engagement in stewardship
- provide a mechanism for better mobilizing the science of environmental stewardship
- allow for continuous updates on new research in stewardship
- offer a platform for debate to reach agreement on appropriate actions

We would like to acknowledge financial support from the Social Sciences Humanities Research Council and in-kind support from the University of Victoria, Institute of Environmental Learning, Environment Canada and the BC Ministry of Environment for this project.

THE STEWARDSHIP WORKS! PROGRAM

Volunteer organizations are the heart, hands and legs of conservation and stewardship across British Columbia and yet core funding to engage, support and recognize these volunteers is not integral to funders' project-based grants. The StewardshipWorks! program aims to build capacity within the stewardship community through the use of core funding. StewardshipWorks! has been exploring the impacts of providing long-term, reliable small core funding grants to stewardship and conservation organizations throughout BC. Through a 3-year pilot project (2008-2011), it has been found that this new model affords freedom for groups to fulfill their missions and ensures accountability to the funders who believe in them. In 2012-2013, the SCBC produced the Final Report called: *Stewardship Works! A Core Funding Program for Stewardship and Conservation Organizations in British Columbia: Evaluation Summary Report (2012)*. Funding and in-kind support was provided for the Stewardship Works! pilot project by the Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program and the BC Ministry of Environment.



GREEN SHORES PROGRAM

SCBC's Green Shores program has been active in the implementation of various projects this past year. An updated Green Shores program website is also in the works, improving our communications and outreach in the name of "soft shore" management.

Coastal Development Rating System (CDRS) Demonstration and Training Project

This pilot project, begun in the fall of 2012, is undertaking the certification of three (3) coastal developments culminating in a Green Shores Rating (Bronze, Silver or Gold) for each. The Squamish Oceanfront Development (mixed use); Vancouver Island University Deep Bay Marine Station (institution); and Vancouver Parks Board Jericho Beach restoration (parks) will be assessed by contracted Green Shores assessor teams. Outreach and training activities are planned for municipal and shoreline professionals as well as homeowners and stewardship organizations in the fall of 2013 for the Metro Vancouver area and on Vancouver Island. Case studies will be developed that highlight use of the CDRS tool as well as best practices for coastal development. Results will be featured on an updated Green Shores program website (www.greenshores.ca) and in planned workshops.

We would like to acknowledge financial support from the Real Estate Foundation of BC and in-kind support from the Environment Canada, the BC Ministry of Environment, the Green Shores Technical Working Group, the Islands Trust, and Archipelago Marine Ltd for this project.



Green Shores for Homes

SCBC is an active participant in the Green Shores for Homes (GSH) project through participation in the GSH Steering Committee. GSH is an adaptation of SCBC's Green Shores Coastal Development Rating System - adapted for single-family homes for both freshwater and marine shorelines. A draft guide has been completed and outreach for Washington area and Islands Trust communities and professionals is next on the work plan. There is considerable interest in a BC/Alberta program for GSH as it is deemed a needed technical resource for Western Canada. SCBC is providing in-kind support for this project - a project funded through a grant to the City from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Greening Shorelines, Enhancing Resilience: An evaluation of the effectiveness of Green Shores

This project, begun in November 2012, will complete comparative research into the application of various Green Shores program type “soft shore” methods versus traditional “hard” approaches of coastal design using an evaluation framework and case studies. It is hoped that the results of this research will lead to support for policy recommendations made to BC’s Flood Protection Program as well as use in local government land use management applications. In the Fall of 2013, workshops will be hosted in the Metro Vancouver area & Vancouver Island; sharing project results to coastal professionals, local government and community stewardship groups.

Financial support from Natural Resources Canada and the Real Estate Foundation of BC is gratefully acknowledged as well as in-kind support from the Environment Canada; the BC Ministry of Environment, the Green Shores Technical Working Group, and many local governments for this project.

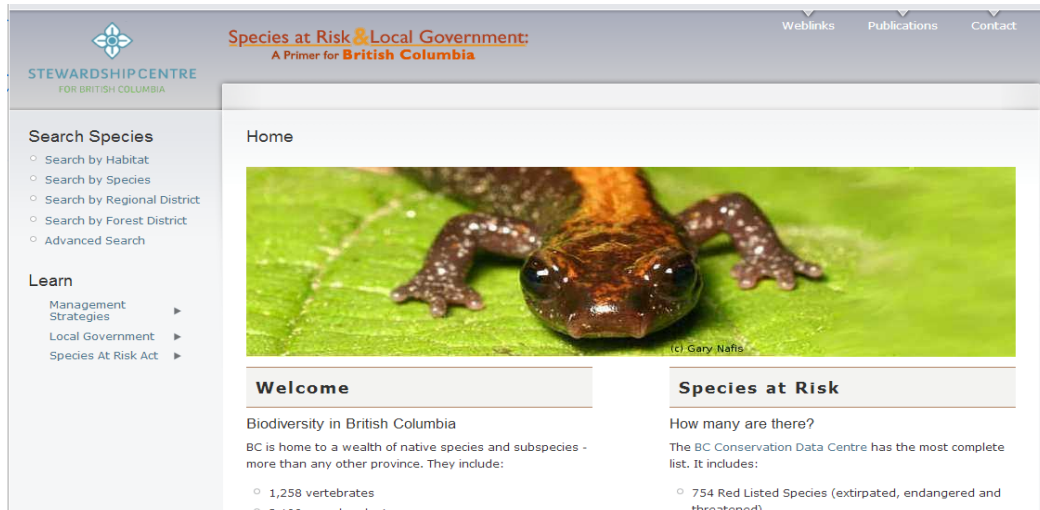


Administering and managing multi-year projects dedicated to achieving on-the-ground stewardship across BC and beyond!

OUTREACH

- The 2013 Communications Plan update focuses on regular contact with our network.
- Our main SCBC website was updated and migrated to our own domain
- We are compiling distribution lists to deliver newsletter updates to all our partner organizations and supporters, increasing our network
- Projects were introduced upon many occasions by presenting to community stewards, non-governmental organizations, businesses, local and provincial government
- Green Shores, Species at Risk and the Community of Practice are gearing up for fall workshops, a significant outreach effort for the Stewardship Centre. Planning of topics, agendas and registration will occur over the summer.
- Efforts to reach stewardship partners and practitioners regarding these projects will continue to be a focus for the coming year.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: SPECIES AT RISK PRIMER PROGRAM



SCBC's Species at Risk (SAR) Primer program, www.speciesatrisk.bc.ca, was first developed in 2007 with funding from Environment Canada and originated from the PhD studies of Dr. Mike Pearson at the University of British Columbia. The SAR Primer program, including the online tool, partnerships, outreach and education; is intended to facilitate research and learning about species at risk in British Columbia. It provides basic biological and distribution information in lay terms and easy access to more detailed information from the Conservation Data Centre (CDC) along with other sources. This interactive web-tool lists the presence of species at risk by regional district and municipality, providing a context for the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and emphasizing the benefits and methods of integrating species at risk information into land use planning. It is a useful tool for local governments, landowners and those involved in land use decision-making.

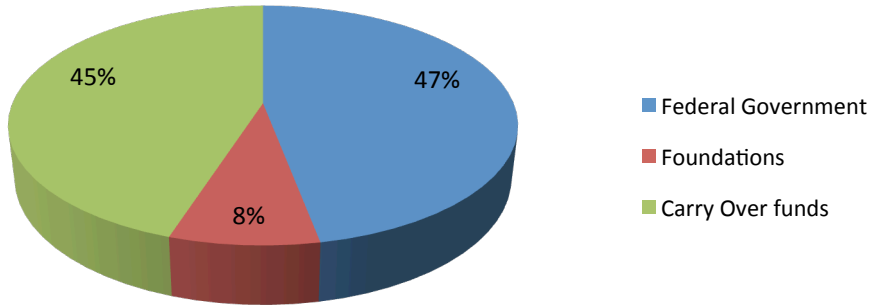


Thanks to funding from the Real Estate Foundation; the Agricultural Environment Initiative; and Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program, the Species at Risk Primer is currently being updated to include multi-species Stewardship Practices. The Stewardship Practices documents will be presented using accessible language on the topics of Road Kill; Domestic Cat Predation; Rock Climbing and Caving; Drainage Maintenance; and Riparian Areas in Settled Landscapes. The documents are undergoing a thorough review process and once finalized, will be on the agenda of workshops in the fall of 2013. These outreach initiatives will lead to a greater audience for the primer as well as demonstrate the utility of the information available as a result of the Species at Risk Primer program.



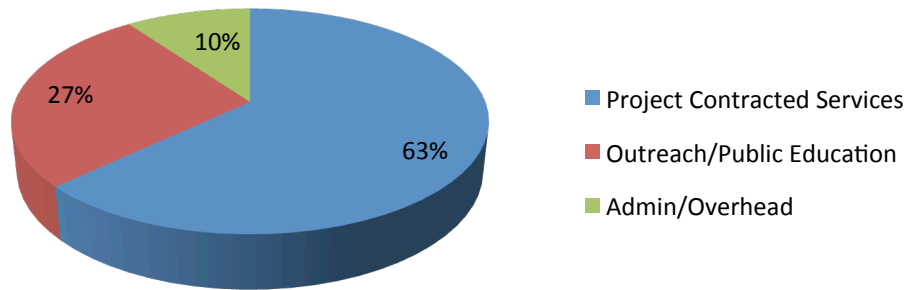
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2012-2013 Revenue



Actual Income: \$120,536.00

2012-2013 Expenses



Actual Expenses: \$100,347.00

2012-2013 SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the following organizations for their Financial Support to SCBC:



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DIRECTOR PROFILE



ANN MARIE KOCH

Ann Marie is a longtime resident of northern Vancouver Island. As the daughter of a weatherman and a gardener, stewardship has always been important. A life in the forest and next to the sea enhanced her passion for nature. She lives in Sointula, BC where she is a member of the Malcolm Island Bird Club and volunteers as a warden for two estuary properties held by Nature Trust. She is also a long-term supporter of the Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre in Port Hardy.

In over 25 years in her professional career, she has worked in a variety of fields, including journalism, research, community planning, local government, fundraising, communication, tourism development, business planning and project management.

She likes to say that her strongest asset is an ability to inspire and motivate individuals and groups to understand, participate and believe in a vision, and to complete projects and initiatives. She focuses on what needs to be done and strives to maximize what can be done under a variety of circumstances. We agree: Annemarie has been on SCBC's Board of Directors since 2006 and has helped steer a steady course as our organization has grown to meet its vision and mandate.

2013-2014 OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, the SCBC is hard at work, building on last year's program successes and embarking on ambitious new projects. In the coming months, project plans are underway in the following program areas:

- ❖ Green Shores for Homes
- ❖ Species at Risk Primer Case Studies
- ❖ Green Shores for Local Government
- ❖ Environmental Stewardship Community of Practice

Supporting community stewards, local landowners and professional practitioners for over 15 years!



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