

# Congratulations Bill!

TLC founder and Executive Director Bill Turner has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada. This is our country's highest award for lifetime achievement. It was announced in August by the Governor General of Canada.

"It is Bill's dynamic leadership, his drive, his integrity and his vision that has enabled TLC to thrive and grow so quickly. He is truly deserving of this recognition and those of us who are fortunate to work with him are extremely proud of his accomplishments. British Columbia is a better place because of Bill's efforts."

- Murray Rankin, on behalf of everyone at TLC.



Murray Gough

## The Financial Picture

Despite the many financial challenges that TLC faces every day – there's never enough resources to do all the things we have to do – TLC has once again been able to come through the past year in a reasonably good position. During the fiscal year ending in 2005, we were able to raise almost \$5.8 million in cash for our conservation work, and another \$719k in land donations. Our assets (mostly land) have increased by \$1.8 million, and we were also able to pay \$1.7 million off the principal of our existing mortgages.

At right is a summary of our financial activities during the year. Charts 1 and 2 show where our money comes from and how we spend it. These figures are drawn from the audited financial statements. A full version of these statements is available on our website or by request.

Chart 1: Expenditures

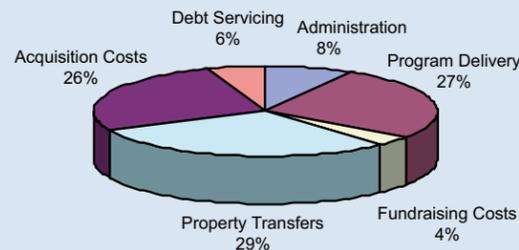
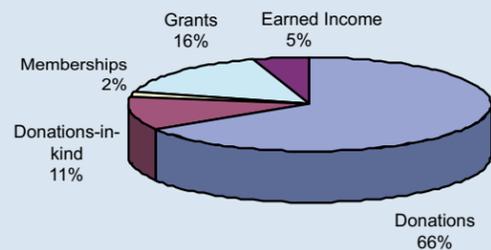


Chart 1: Sources of Revenue



To date, TLC has raised \$30 million for our conservation work. We have been able to leverage another \$50 million, leading to the protection of 150 properties, covering 100,000 acres,

### Summary of Financial Statements

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	2005 (000's)	2004 (000's)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	170	430
Investments	0	15
Capital Assets	17,433	15,366
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17,603</b>	<b>15,811</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Current & other liabilities	3,298	2,641
Long-term debt	2,551	2,833
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,849</b>	<b>5,474</b>

<b>FUND BALANCES (equity)</b>	<b>11,754</b>	<b>10,337</b>
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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

##### REVENUE

Memberships	133	98
Donations	5,015	3,990
Grants	1,010	1,086
Other income	327	224
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>5,398</b>

##### EXPENSES

Operations	2,540	2,073
Debt servicing	369	261
Property transfers	1,922	1,293
Fundraising	237	173
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP.</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>3,800</b>

Surplus invested in land	1,417	1,598
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Fund balances, start of yr	10,337	8,740
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#### STATUS OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Vancouver Foundation	
Margarete Tumbach Agricultural Fund	\$12,000
The Land Conservancy Fund	\$16,000
Victoria Foundation	
Ours Forever Fund	\$126,000
The Land Conservancy Fund	\$28,000

#### Honorary Patron

Hon. Iona Campagnolo,  
Lt.-Governor of BC

#### Patrons

Robert & Birgit Bateman  
Dr. Nancy Turner

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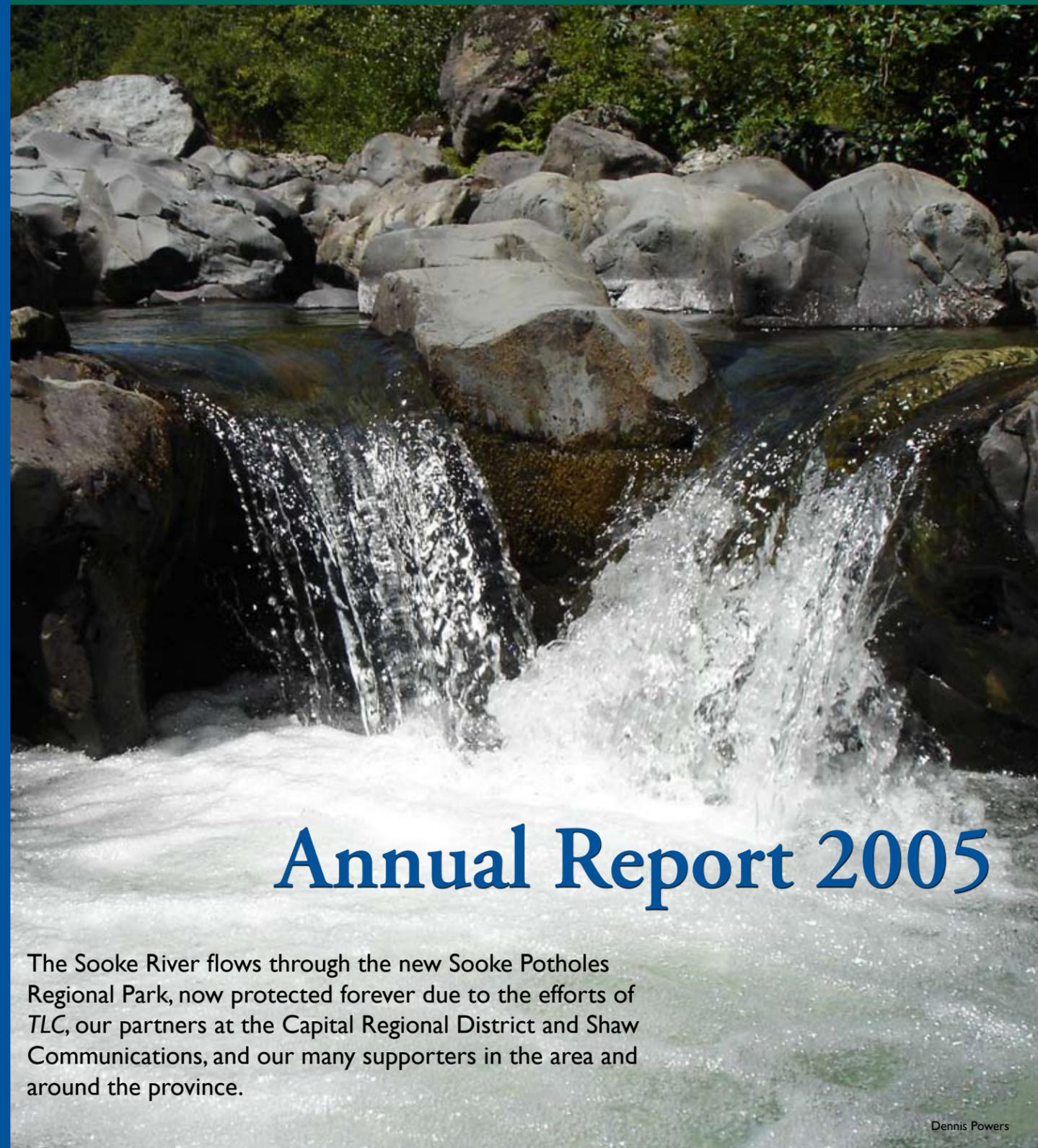
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# TLC The Land Conservancy

Special Places. Forever, for Everyone.



## Annual Report 2005

The Sooke River flows through the new Sooke Potholes Regional Park, now protected forever due to the efforts of TLC, our partners at the Capital Regional District and Shaw Communications, and our many supporters in the area and around the province.

# Special Places. Forever, for Everyone.

## Heritage Legacy Fund Supports Community Projects

The Heritage Legacy Fund – a joint initiative of TLC and the Heritage Society of BC – officially got underway in March, as it began receiving applications to support community projects that will conserve or raise awareness of the province's heritage resources. The fund also benefitted from an additional \$500,000 in supplemental funding provided by the province in April.

Eighteen very worthy projects have been supported so far, with grants ranging from \$384 to \$25,000 and totalling \$250,000. Funding comes from an endowment fund set up with a \$5 million contribution from the Province.

## Conservation Partners Program Growing Like a Weed

Farmers know a good thing when they see it. During the past year, the number of farms participating in our Conservation Partners program has grown from 30 to 51. We are now also beginning to enrol some interior ranchers into the program. The CPP promotes and supports the protection of natural areas on farms and ranches, and provides recognition for these producers through our "butterfly labels".

## Donation of Land Provides Support for Several Projects

TLC received a gift of a property in the Co-mox area as part of the estate of Melda Buchanan, a long-time conservationist and member of TLC. The conditions of the gift were that it was to be protected with a covenant, re-sold and the proceeds put toward the acquisition of ecologically significant properties around the province. Proceeds from the sale of the property have been used toward the Christmas Hill Garry Oak Meadow project in Saanich, the acquisition of the Little Qualicum River Estuary, the protection of the Sooke Potholes, and the acquisition of the Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area. A contribution was also made to TLC's endowment fund to enable us to continue our covenant monitoring work on Melda's property and others. This thoughtful, planned gift truly made a difference and was a fitting legacy to Melda's life work.



An arrangement with the City of Burnaby has been completed for TLC to take on responsibility to look after Baldwin House, a unique 1960's era gem designed and built by architect Arthur Erickson along the shore of Deer Lake.



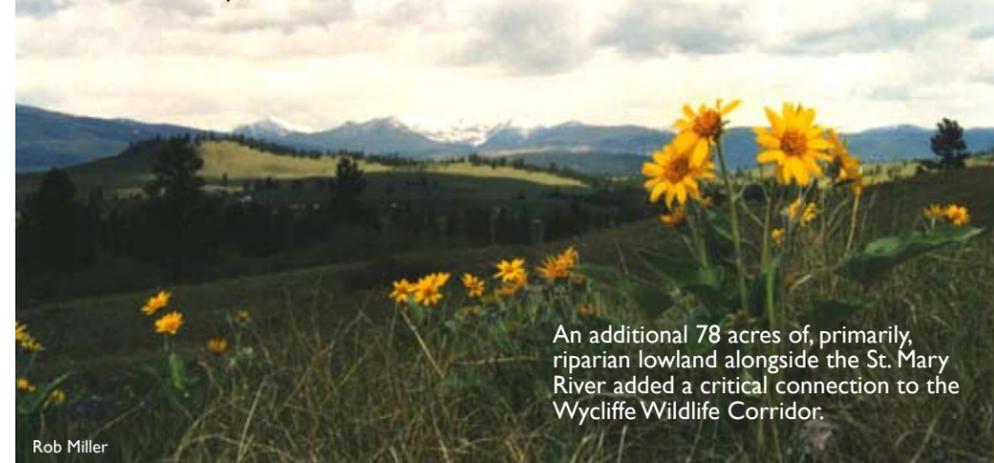
This rare nursing colony of Townsend's big-eared bats has made a home at Keating Farm. This critical roost will be protected through TLC's acquisition of the site.

## Protecting our Natural and Cultural Heritage

Much of our land protection activity during the past year was dominated by our acquisition of the Sooke Potholes property, one of the most complex and high profile projects we've taken on to date. After more than a year of intensive fundraising and even more intensive "behind the scenes" negotiations, we were delighted to get together with our partners, the Capital Regional District, and the community in July to celebrate the official opening of the new Sooke Potholes Regional Park.

Several other projects that we've been working on for some time took major steps forward during the last year, including Eagle Bluff in the Okanagan, the Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor in the East Kootenay and Baldwin House in Burnaby. Some important new projects were started as well, including the purchase of Keating Farm Estate in Koksilah, a donation of a property in the Arrow Lakes region from the estate of Bill Laux, and new acquisitions along the Horsefly Rivier and in the Squamish corridor.

Of course, considerable work continued on our existing properties, with major restorations underway on the Hardy Mountain Doukhobor Village in Grand Forks, Ross Bay Villa and the Selkirk property along the Gorge, both in Victoria. As well, a lot of work is being done to write down the mortgages on properties like Christmas Hill in Victoria, Thwaytes Landing and Codd Wetlands in the Lower Mainland and Wildwood in the Ladysmith area.



Rob Miller



The Shaw Bear gets a big hug of "thanks" from a young visitor at the Sooke Potholes. Shaw Communications made a tremendous donation of \$200,000 to provide the last piece of the funding pie necessary to make this acquisition a reality.

Ducks of all kinds were on show at the Great Penticton Riparian Duck Race



This year it was Craigflower Schoolhouse, and in 2006 Craigflower Manor will turn 150 years old. We will be holding community celebrations to recognize this milestone.



Restoration work on the Gorge Waterway project got underway in earnest this year, with the removal of contaminated fill.

## Restoring our Connection to the Land

One of the most important aspects of TLC's work is the way that we involve people in everything we do. Our approach is not just to protect the land, but to engage as many people as possible in doing so. It is our hope that by involving the public in this way – and especially by involving children – we will be able to increase awareness and understanding, inspiring in them a conservation ethic that will help protect our special places, forever, for everyone.

Through our memberships, public events, volunteer programs, and funding appeals, as well as our ecotourism programs and the opportunity to visit our sites, there are many ways for people to get involved. During the past year, TLC has had a number of successful and high profile activities that have brought many people into contact with us and our work. Some of the highlights include:

- the 150th Anniversary of Craigflower Schoolhouse was celebrated in April in partnership with Craigflower elementary school, and involved hundreds of children and their families.

- the Great Penticton Riparian Duck Race, held in July, in partnership with the En'owkin Centre, gained tremendous profile in the Okanagan region, and brought hundreds more people into contact with TLC and what we do.
- the Sooke Potholes campaign drew over 2600 individual donors, the largest base of support we've had for any of our projects
- the Eco-Activity book, now in its fifth year, was distributed to over 50,000 children around the province, engaging them in activities to learn about species at risk and the habitat those species need to survive.
- over 10,000 people have visited Abkhazi Garden, Craigflower and Wildwood so far this year.
- more people than ever are seeking volunteer opportunities with TLC (we still have many spots to fill).
- our Membership numbers are growing rapidly. In February 2004, we had 2000 members. Today, we have almost 4500.

## A Message from the Chair

During the past year as Chair of TLC's Board of Directors, I've had the privilege of working with a passionate and dedicated group of people who are truly making a difference in our province. Our staff and our many volunteers (including the Board) are working as hard and as fast as they can to build our capacity and to achieve tangible results before any more of our special places are lost.

And our work is paying off! Whether it's the protection of threatened wildlife habitat or improving the quality of life in our communities, TLC is truly having an impact, and is being increasingly recognized as one of the most dynamic and trusted conservation organizations in the the province.

The past year has been eventful and challenging, but also rewarding and successful. Several very important sites have been protected and several more are in process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this such a great year, and invite everyone to continue their support in the coming years.

- Murray Rankin, Chair



SORCO

This immature Saw-whet owl will have a chance at survival after it was injured. Eagle Bluff, the home of the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls, was purchased by TLC this year, and a long term lease provided to SORCO, giving this important wildlife support centre security for the future.