



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

With a mission to protect and restore the biological diversity of British Columbia for present and future generations through action and education, TLC Members and donors facilitated an action-packed year of conservation.



Photo credit Karen Iwachow

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TLC envisions a future where the biological diversity of B.C., including areas of scientific, historical, cultural, scenic and compatible outdoor recreational value, are protected for the benefit of current and future generations.



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## FULL CIRCLE

This past year has been incredibly fruitful at TLC. Together we protected an acreage in Central Saanich with a new conservation covenant, purchased property in the Clearwater River Valley to save a wildlife corridor, launched an educational program, and ended the fiscal year with a significant surplus. This calendar year also marks the end of Briony Penn's term on TLC's Board of Directors. A writer, researcher, broadcaster, journalist, lecturer, artist, and founding TLC Member, Briony has raised funds, fought for countless conservation projects, and was your champion throughout the restructuring process. Briony has stood for donors and the protection of properties, and stewarded TLC to a sustainable future. To recognize her for more than 20 years of contributions to the conservation movement, TLC's Board of Directors and I have created the *Briony Penn Endowment Fund* at the Victoria Foundation to support educational programming at TLC. As Briony completes her final term, I encourage you to join me in recognizing her decades of service.

On behalf of TLC's Board of Directors, thank you for your generosity and continued support of our land trust. The last three years as Chair have been truly rewarding and I look forward to what we will accomplish together in the year to come.

Frances Sloan Sainas  
Board Chair

*The photo above features Briony at TLC's 2019 Deertrails Naturalist Program in the Clearwater River Valley.*

# AROUND THE PROVINCE

As a land trust with a provincially reaching mandate to protect biological diversity, TLC's work takes staff and volunteers to exciting locations across B.C. in our conservation efforts. During the 2018/2019 fiscal year we visited partners and properties as far south as Metchosin in the west and Trail in the east, north to Clearwater and throughout the Okanagan and Kootenays. We witnessed fireflies dancing in Clearwater, a coyote trotting through Manning Park, and elk galloping across Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area. We were honoured to meet with TLC Members, donors, volunteers and partners at every stop including the Wells Gray Wilderness Society, representatives from the Penticton Indian Band at Max Lake, and brilliant B.C. naturalists including Ian Cruickshank and Juliet Pendray at TLC's Passport to Nature events.

Our 12 Passport to Nature events this fiscal year featured restoration work on our covenants including combatting invasive periwinkle at Ayum Creek with the Greater Victoria Green Team, an introduction to nature photography, mushroom, moss, lichen, and bird identification walks, and a tour of Abkhazi Garden. Whether you've attended all of our Passport to Nature events or are looking forward to your first visit to a TLC property near you, I hope to see you in the field soon! Thank you for your continued support in protecting B.C.'s biological diversity.

Cathy Armstrong  
Executive Director

*The photo below was taken overlooking TLC's conservation covenant on Valhalla Mile, an important wildlife travel corridor for grizzly, wolverine and cougar. It was wonderful to witness the Interior Cedar Hemlock forests of the Columbia region last June.*



# YEAR IN REVIEW

Designed to get you outdoors, those who want to explore the wild outdoors, experience new things and meet like-minded people, TLC's Passport to Nature Program was launched in 2018. The second edition of the Passport to Nature was published at the beginning of 2019 and featured an expanded program with 13 FREE events including opportunities for TLC Members and the public to visit the Clearwater Wetlands and Wildlife Corridor and conservation partners' facilities including Nanaimo & Area Land Trust's Native Plant Nursery.

From May 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019, 358 volunteers donated 4,273 hours to supporting the organization's mandate. This included the removal of 49 m<sup>3</sup> of invasive species, 4,590 m<sup>2</sup> of habitat restored, welcoming more than 10,000 visitors to Abkhazi Garden, and helping monitor TLC's portfolio of 12,903 acres. Volunteers are TLC's ambassadors; whether in Clearwater, Trail, or Victoria, if you're visiting a TLC site you are likely witnessing the expertise of these dedicated and hard-working individuals.

MAY



TLC Members and volunteers began the fiscal year with a Broom Bash at Maltby Lake with the Greater Victoria Green Team.

JUNE



Staff headed out on a roadtrip around the province to visit TLC partners, properties and covenants in all corners of B.C.

SEPT



TLC's portfolio grew by another 10 acres as members and donors successfully protected a wildlife corridor in Clearwater.

DEC



The Pugh family and the District of Central Saanich joined TLC in protecting 1.4 acres of Coastal Douglas-fir with a TLC covenant.

MARCH



TLC's 2019 Passport to Nature, featuring 13 FREE events to get members outdoors, begins with a fully registered Lichen ID Walk.

APRIL



The campaign to protect Clearwater Ancient Swamp and Wildlife Corridor launches in efforts to mitigate climate change.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	2018/19	2017/18
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$636,542	\$478,299
Cash held in trust	\$30,085	\$25,000
Receivables	\$21,289	\$17,320
Prepays	\$23,876	\$18,931
	\$711,792	\$539,550
Investments	\$129,000	\$129,000
Conservation covenants	\$16,419,224	\$16,413,399
Capital assets	\$9,138,869	\$9,036,185
	\$26,398,885	\$26,118,134
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$73,096	\$79,260
Mortgage payable	-	\$124,644
	\$73,096	\$203,904
Fund Balances		
Invested in covenants	\$16,419,224	\$16,413,399
Invested in capital assets	\$9,130,650	\$8,887,770
Internally restricted	\$104,693	\$116,174
Externally restricted	\$61,390	\$62,972
Unrestricted	\$609,833	\$433,915
	\$26,325,789	\$25,914,230
	\$26,398,885	\$26,118,134

Consolidated Statement of Operations	2018/19	2017/18
Revenue		
Donations	\$744,485	\$402,694
Grants	\$51,255	\$38,627
Memberships	\$143,780	\$155,232
Other income	\$21,990	\$9,239
Donations in-kind	\$108,113	\$67,407
Rental income	\$31,412	\$30,062
	\$1,101,035	\$703,261
Expenses		
Advertising	\$7,605	\$9,830
Amortization	\$16,470	\$10,244
Consulting	\$11,063	\$3,271
Donations	\$55,000	-
Fundraising	\$783	\$1,043
Interest and bank charges	\$4,534	\$6,804
Insurance	\$23,841	\$20,988
Licenses, dues, and fees	\$1,184	\$1,665
Office supplies, printing, postage	\$25,400	\$30,310
Other expenses	\$36,014	\$37,041
Professional fees	\$95,807	\$109,106
Property taxes	\$17,421	\$16,173
Rent and utilities	\$40,633	\$40,186
Repairs and maintenance	\$24,761	\$7,881
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$390,077	\$374,789
Telephone	\$7,472	\$9,975
Transfer to other agencies	\$7,054	\$15,542
Travel	\$8,380	\$6,945
	\$773,499	\$701,793
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other items	\$327,536	\$1,468
Debt extinguishment	\$124,644	-
Transfer of conservation land	(\$40,621)	(\$25,580)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$411,559	(\$24,112)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

This year I am pleased to report that TLC's 2019 audited Financial Statements include a significant surplus. This is largely due to a bequest received near the end of March, just prior to the end of the fiscal year. These funds will be carried forward to begin the 2019/2020 fiscal year in a stronger financial position. TLC's expenses remained fairly similar to prior years.

During the fiscal year TLC members and donors successfully raised \$99,000 to protect 10 acres of sensitive ecosystem adjacent to TLC's Clearwater Wetland and Wildlife Corridor. The value of TLC's portfolio of conservation covenants also increased due to the creation of the Pugh Covenant in Central Saanich. Overall, the total conservation lands and covenants held by TLC as restricted assets increased over the prior year by over \$105,000.

I am also happy to report that TLC's endowment funds held with the Victoria Foundation and Vancouver Foundation increased by \$58,218, to a combined total of \$1,199,357. With the creation of the *Briony Penn Endowment Fund* this year, I hope to report additional financial contributions to the Victoria Foundation in her name, to support environmental educational programming at TLC, in my next year's report.

As always, I would like to thank all TLC members and donors for their continued trust and support.

Lori Roter  
Board Treasurer

*The photo below features participants at the Passport to Nature event at TLC's conservation covenant on Ayum Creek including Board Treasurer Lori Roter (wearing red backpack).*



Photo credit Karen Iwachow



# PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMING



## PASSPORT TO NATURE

The 2018/2019 fiscal year included 12 Passport to Nature events (eight in 2018 and four in 2019). Designed to connect TLC Members, donors and the public with nature, events included restoration on TLC's conservation covenants, a tour of Abkhazi Garden, and walks with experts. Guest presenters comprised of volunteers and partners shared their knowledge of ecosystem health, species identification and hands-on skills. Photo credit Karen Iwachow.

## PUGH COVENANT CREATED

TLC and the District of Central Saanich announced the protection of 1.4 acres within the Coastal Douglas-fir moist maritime biogeoclimatic zone (CDFmm) in December 2018, to be known as the Pugh Covenant. Named for Lorna and Alan Pugh, the covenant was created by their four daughters (Frances, Winona, Gillian, and Geraldine) to ensure that the land, including a small, seasonal creek, remain a healthy ecosystem. Photo credit Andrew MacKinnon.



## CLEARWATER

In September 2018, TLC was pleased to announce that TLC Members and donors had successfully raised the funds to purchase and protect 10 acres of migratory wildlife corridor in Clearwater. The campaign to protect 28 acres of ancient swamp and wildlife corridor adjacent to TLC's existing holdings was subsequently launched in April. Fundraising is ongoing for this parcel of conifer-dominated wetlands and a large patch of old swamp forest. Photo credit Karen Iwachow.



# GET INVOLVED

It is often said that TLC’s volunteers are the heart of our organization, and while this is true, they are also the hands working to remove invasive species from ecologically sensitive ecosystems, the feet leading students through new environments, and the voices imparting wisdom about species identification to newcomers. Whatever your passion, you’ll find a fit with TLC. New volunteers are always welcome to join our gardeners at Abkhazi Garden, venture out for a monitoring hike through TLC’s conservation covenants, learn something new at a Passport to Nature event, or join our Board of Directors.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership is the best way you can support TLC’s vital work, and there are a variety of giving options to meet your needs. Become a TLC Member today at [www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca) or by calling 1-877-485-2422.



## LOOKING FOR MORE?

Searching for how you can get involved with TLC? Visit [www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca) or reach out at anytime to [admin@conservancy.bc.ca](mailto:admin@conservancy.bc.ca) or 250-479-8053.



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