

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Active in Oak Bay since 2010, the ***Friends of Uplands Park*** provides excellent service to the community and District of Oak Bay, upholding its Mission to provide opportunities for stewardship, education and inspiration in Uplands Park and other natural areas in Oak Bay.

Friends of Uplands Park on current **email list**: 682

PUBLIC AND SCHOOL EDUCATION AND RESTORATION EVENTS

This year we held **169 Events** including:

- 10 birding walks
- 9 public outreach/educational events
- 117 school program events in Oak Bay Parks (plus 14 more in classrooms to prepare)
- 3 community group education events
- 28 public restoration events
- 2 community group invasive removal events

Event Participants:

Public educational events above:	1,074 people
School events:	2,587 students
Public restoration events	308 people
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	3,969 people

Events such as *Tide Pools*, the *Royal BC Museum programs* and *Tree Appreciation Day* attract many people from the community. A large number of participants are children who come with their families or as part of youth organizations such as Scouts and Guides. Not only do they learn about the plants, animals and ecosystems of Oak Bay, but they also become active caretakers of Uplands Park and contribute to our **naturehood**.

STEERING COMMITTEE HOURS

Over 100 hours of volunteering and meetings

SOCIAL MEDIA: Our website, *friendsofuplandspark.org*, with 33 posts in 2018, is managed by Kathleen Matthews along with Facebook. We currently have 236 followers on Facebook with 6002 views in 2018, and most followers "share" our information with others.

EDUCATION HOURS

Administration by Education Coordinator	387.5 hours
Teaching:	257.5 hours

RESTORATION HOURS

Administration by Botanist Coordinator	246.5 hours
Public volunteer restoration:	596.5 hours
School Restoration events: (Uplands, Trafalgar, Anderson Hill)	2269 hours

This extensive volunteer restoration work, which includes removing invasive plants and planting native species, complements and supports the work carried out by Oak Bay Parks Services staff and contractors employed with federal funding from the **Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP)**. Oak Bay has received this federal grant for several years. In 2016, the District of Oak Bay signed a **three-year contribution agreement** under this program to fund continuing ecological restoration work in Uplands Park.

An important contributing factor to the success of the HSP application was the high level of community support, coordinated by *FOUP* (Margaret Lidkea), in the form of volunteer hours to remove invasive plants and deliver outreach programs directed at increasing awareness of the park's rare ecosystems and endangered species.

Other Activities of Friends of Uplands Park:

Besides the extensive volunteer habitat restoration work and public education programs described above, *Friends of Upland Park* have also devoted expertise and energy to:

- Documenting rare or at-risk plant species in the park (now 24 species);
- Collaborating with other organizations (e.g. Habitat Acquisition Trust; Nature Conservancy of Canada, Parks Canada, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Victoria Green Team,) working to protect the Garry Oak ecosystem and associated species-at-risk;
- Working with the Georgia Strait Alliance to create public programs that protect the rocky marine foreshore and encourage respect from the public;
- Developing brochures to inform the public about the extremely rare Garry oak maritime meadows and rare plants on Cattle Point and about appropriate behavior to help protect the area;
- Support for Oak Bay's public consultation toward development of an Urban Forest Strategy and management plans for natural areas;

- Leading regular birding walks (with some 200 participants during the year) to educate the public about the extensive variety of bird-life in the Park and its adjacent marine environment, as well as promoting signage to protect nesting birds in season.
- Developing, evaluating and improving school and public programs in Uplands Park and other natural areas in Oak Bay.

FRIENDS OF UPLANDS PARK SOCIETY created in October 2018

BOARD: Margaret Lidkea, President
 Wylie Thomas, Vice-President
 Matt Fairbarns, Treasurer
 Rick Marshall, Secretary

The Steering Committee is the current voting membership of the Society.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Margaret Lidkea, Chair, School Programs
 Chris Hyde-Lay, Manager of Oak Bay Parks Services, ex-officio liaison
 Cathy Savage, Treasurer
 Elizabeth Garrett, Assistant Treasurer
 Anna Graham, Secretary and Programs
 Wylie Thomas, Restoration Specialist, HSP Manager
 Matt Fairbarns, Biologist and Restoration Specialist, Trafalgar Park School
 Programs
 Ron Carter, Arborist and Urban Forest Specialist
 Chris Garrett, Marine Environment Specialist
 Rick Marshall, Community Association of Oak Bay Liaison
 Jacques Sirois (FRGSC), Naturalist and Marine Bird Specialist

Other Organizers:

Kathleen Matthews, Photographer & Social Media Manager
 Geoffrey Newell, FOUP Birding Leader
 David Newell, Assistant Birder

2018 FOUP EVENTS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

photos by Wylie Thomas, Margaret Lidkea, Ron Carter, Kathleen Matthews

BIRDING in Uplands Park with Geoffrey Newell – last Saturday of each month. There were about 180 species of birds, with 84 species on the Christmas Bird Count. Rare birds were Pine Bunting (First sighting south of Alaska), Snow bunting, Northern mockingbird, American redstart, Least flycatcher, /dusky flycatcher, Say's phoebe, Gray catbird, Bank swallow, Little gull, Rough-legged hawk, Broad-winged hawk, Western kingbird, Lazuli bunting, Red-eyed vireo, Brown pelican, Palm warbler, Common redpoll, White-winged crossbill, Townsend solitaire, Eared grebe, Black scoter.

10 Bird walks with 200 participants



Pine Bunting photo by Maury Swoveland

February 17 Oak Bay Community Volunteer Fair

Elizabeth Garrett and Cathy Savage

2 volunteers for 4 hours

about 10 new members added to Friends

**March 7 7 to 7:45pm Oak Bay Parks Recreation and Culture Commission
presentation by Wylie Thomas and Margaret Lidkea**

March 17 St. Patrick's Day is Green In Uplands Park 1-3pm

*Family program with a ramble through the park on a scavenger hunt looking for green things, followed by creating a St. Patrick's Day "chia pet". Margaret Lidkea & Anna Graham

26 participants

2 volunteer leaders for 4 hours volunteering

April 29 Volunteers in the Camas 12 to 4pm



Partnering with the Greater Victoria Green Team FOUP provided a celebration for all those who volunteer in the Greater Victoria natural area parks. This was mainly organized by Margaret Lidkea and Amanda Evans. Wylie Thomas and Matt Fairbarns led camas walks. Music was provided by Ron Carter and the Bald Eagles. Food and prizes were donated by many local businesses, including 40 large pizzas from Dominoes and \$200 of food from Thrifty's. Other groups that had displays included Parks Canada, CRD Bowker Creek Initiative, Oak Bay Community Artists, Orca Whale Awareness, Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary and Oak Bay Heritage.

300 participants

17 volunteers for 70 hours including walks

May 29 TIDE POOL SCHOOL

at Cattle Point 2 hrs

Families were introduced to the intertidal rocky marine shore. Nets and containers were used to collect specimens and have them identified by 5 experts including Octavio Cruz, Vanessa Clark, Stephanie Weinstein, Cathy Savage and Margaret Lidkea.

103 participants

5 volunteers for 12 hours

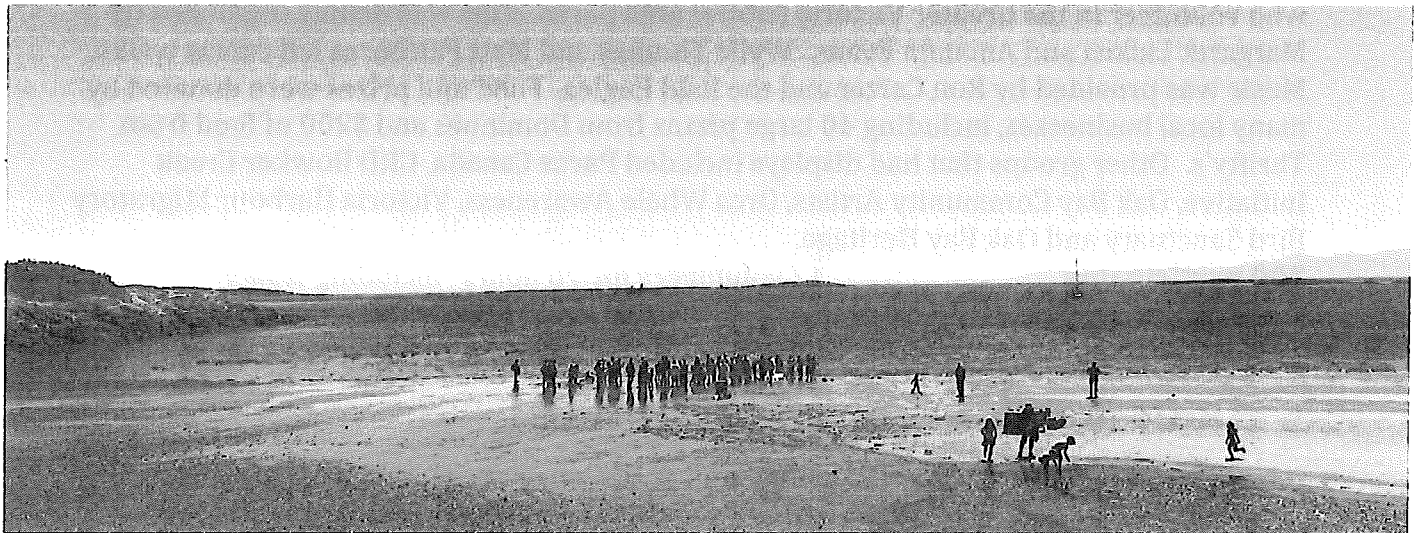
**June 16 IN-SEINE SAILFINS,
SHRIMPS AND SEA SLUGS!**

Willows Beach Seine Net event. FOUP partnered with the **Royal BC Museum** research staff and their Fieldtrippers series.

2 hours Experts and participants collected specimens with nets and containers provided by FOUP, and then they watched, identified and released them.

71 participants

2 volunteers for 4 hours



July 14 **TIDE POOL SCHOOL** at Cattle Point - 2 hours

FOUP partnered with the **Georgia Strait Alliance** to create a more educational intertidal program that increased the awareness and respect of participants for the marine foreshore ecosystem.

93 participants

15 volunteers for 25 hours

August 12 **TIDE POOL SCHOOL** at Kitty Islet

FOUP partnered with the **Georgia Strait Alliance** to create a more educational intertidal program that increased the awareness and respect of participants for the marine foreshore ecosystem.

160 participants

15 volunteers for 25 hours

October 24 **HEALTHY TREES, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - Public Seminar**

Windsor Park - 2 hours

4 Presenters focused on 4 areas of why Healthy Trees are essential to the Oak Bay Community. Chris Hyde-Lay talked about the Oak Bay Urban Forest. Wylie Thomas presented the Restoration of Uplands Park, the Habitat Stewardship Plan and the challenges of an urban park. Ron Carter emphasized the importance of trees and the urban forest to the infrastructure of Oak Bay and recommended the Green Infrastructure Solution. Paul Allison of VIHA demonstrated the relationship between trees and human health, focusing on personal therapeutic immersion and on practical



applications in the medical, educational and workplace.

51 participants

3 volunteers for 6 hours

4 presenters for 2 hours total

November 4 10 to 12

TREE APPRECIATION DAY - 2 hours



Dorset Avenue near Musgrave

Oak Bay Parks and FOUP involved families in planting 8 Garry Oak Trees, several wildflowers at their base, and scattering seeds. Children enjoyed the tree climbing equipment with Louis. Chris Hyde-Lay, Chris Paul, Iain Macleod fielded many questions. Ron Carter led a group on a neighbourhood tree walk and Wylie Thomas led a group around Uplands Park focusing on the areas where Oak Bay Parks has removed invasive trees. Willows School families were invited to visit the Willows' Grandparent Garry Oak Tree with Margaret Lidkea to see the Garry oak meadow that the students are creating under a 250 year old Garry Oak tree. (This area was plowed to create part of Uplands Farm in the 1800's.) Families removed invasive ivy and Daphne and also planted native species with their kids. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the refreshments.

60 participants

3 FOUP presenters/display for 3 hours total

10 Birding Events and 9 Public Events/Meetings (OB Parks Commission meeting not included)

TOTAL PARTICIPATION AT 19 PUBLIC EVENTS 1074 people

PUBLIC RESTORATION INVASIVE REMOVAL, PLANTING

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 1 to 3pm **GARRY OAK MEADOW MARATHON – FOUP's NO IVY LEAGUE**
TU 4 ivy



University of Victoria students from
Lara Lauzon's classes.

FOUP joined the **Nature Conservancy of Canada** in their GO Meadow Marathon to encourage volunteers to help restore Garry Oak areas in parks in South Vancouver Island. Volunteers were entered into a draw for donated prizes.

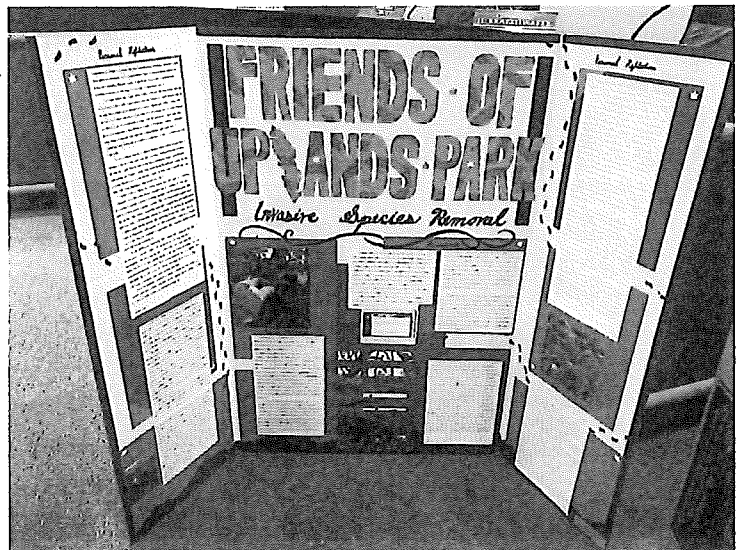
44 participants for 80 hours

March 4, 11, 18, 25 1 to 3 pm

NO IVY LEAGUE

TU4 Ivy

20 participants for 40 hours



April 8, 15, May 6, 1 to 3pm **CARPET BURWEED CRAWL**

TU1 and 94

20 participants for 40.25 hours

May 15 5th Garry Oak Scouts Ivy removal TU 4 ivy

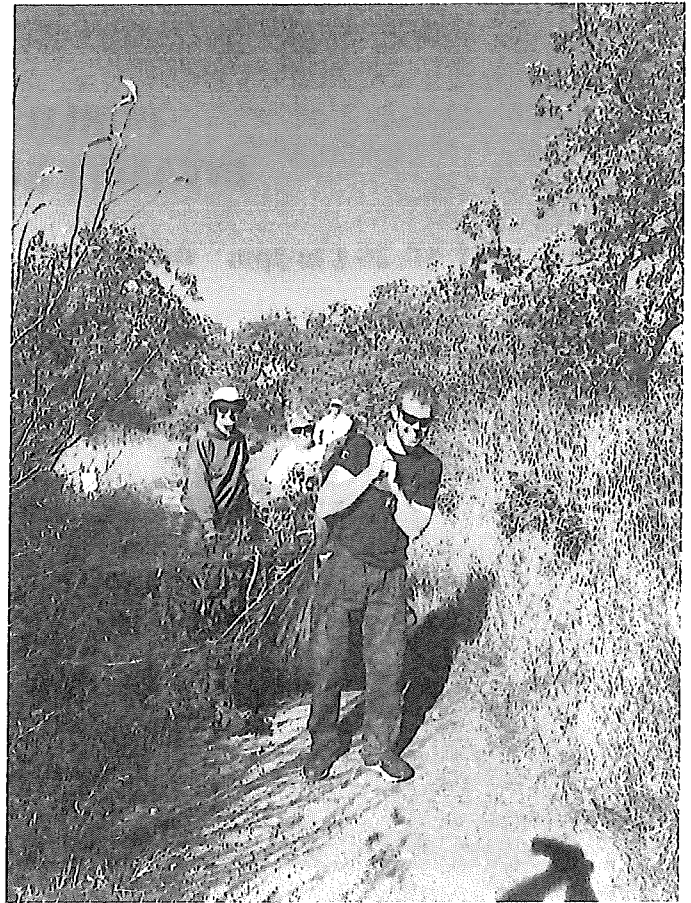
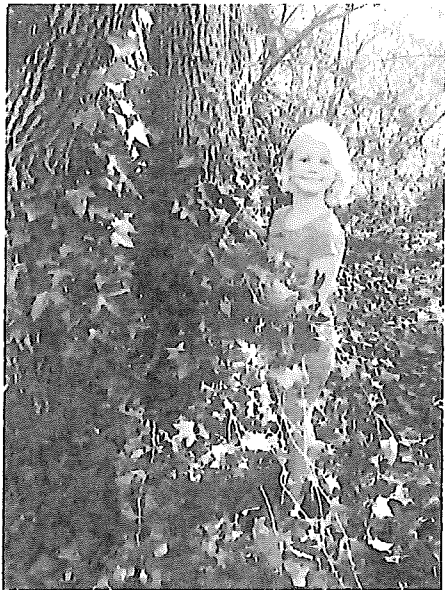
12 participants for 24 hours

July 15 Crow Garlic Removal TU 62
Central meadow 6 participants for 12
hours

September 1 CISV Peace Bus Cross
Canada TU 4 ivy
17 participants for 34 hours

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30
Oct 7 21, 28 and Nov 4, 11, 18, 25
NO IVY LEAGUE 1 TO 3pm
 Mostly ivy in TU 4 but other areas
 for Daphne, privet
 Planting in TU 41/40 (8hrs)
43 participants for 86 hours

Oct 13, 14 THE GREAT RIP OFF in
Uplands Park 1 to 4pm



Annual event to remove invasive plants; 3 Volunteers for
 set up and info table

Ivy TU 85 – 25 people for 38.5 hours
 Daphne TU 27 – 43 people for 117 hours
Total participants 71 for 153.5 hours

October 20 9:45 to 1pm GREATER
VICTORIA GREEN TEAM partner day
30 participants for 90 hours

November 4 10 to 12pm
OAK BAY TREE APPRECIATION DAY
– Restoration only

Tree planting and wildflowers
 15 people for 12 hours
 Willows families removing ivy,
 Daphne and planting: 20 people for 12 hours
Total 35 participants for 24 hours



Dec 2 1 to 3pm

PLANTING NATIVE SPECIES



Native plants were put in the degraded old gorse site, TU 69 AMD 12 plants in entrance area TU 21 and appropriate 2018 seeds, collected from Uplands Park, were scattered.

7 participants for 13 hours

**Native species planted by volunteers: 360 grasses, sedges and forbs
28 shrubs**

Individual hours: Margaret, Wylie, Ron 88.5 hours (does not include public events)

Total: 308 participants for 596.75 hours

It takes a whole community to create a healthy Naturehood

2018 SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS*

SCHOOL PROGRAMS were Restoration based and non- restoration

UPLANDS PARK Willows and other schools	70
TRAFALGAR PARK Restoration - Margaret Jenkins School:	29
ANDERSON HILL: 7 restoration + 1 tide pool in Dec	8
UPLANDS PARK: 5 University of Victoria International Program	<u>10</u>
TOTAL CLASSES IN THE PARKS	117

Over 2,500 students

Willows School 2 days of making seed bombs with 14 classes before park visits

Teaching time was 257.75 hours with Margaret, Matt and Wylie.

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Apr 30, May 1, May 9 Girl Guides:
Sparks & Brownies in Uplands Park
learning about wildflowers.

**Total 3 groups with 45
participants for 4 hours**

RESTORATION

Restoration Programs involve an
educational walk in the Garry Oak
Ecosystem and a restoration
component, invasive plant removal
and/or native species planting.
Other programs include Wild About
Flowers, First Nation's Grocery Store
and Tide Pool School.



Trafalgar Park restoration:	725	participants for	1450	hours.
Anderson Hill restoration:	96	participants for	88.5	hours
Uplands Park UVic students	50	participants for	80	hours
Uplands Park K to Gr 12 students	1069	participants for	652.5	hours
Total School Restoration:	1740	participants	2270	hours

UPLANDS PARK planting by
Willows school classes in the area
under the Willows Grandparent
Garry Oak tree.

Over 500 plants and hundreds of
seeds



TRAFALGAR PARK planting by Margaret Jenkins students – over 700 plants and
hundreds of seeds



Monty Holding, chair
Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission
Oak Bay, British Columbia

26 February 2019

re: Dog-free area year-round at the south end of Willows Beach (Bowker Reef area).

Dear Mr. Holding and other members of the Commission,

Recent conflicts and screaming matches between dog owners and birdwatchers at "Bowker Reef" has prompted me to contact you.

Please consider a new bylaw banning dogs year-round at the south end of Willows Beach, from the end of Bowker Ave. to Bowker Creek estuary. Like you did at Kitty Islet, another good and popular birding site, a few years ago.

This area is one of the best birding sites in Greater Victoria with rare birds and substantial numbers of birds occurring regularly. See the live bird list for this site with 153 species as of today Feb. 26 at <https://ebird.org/canada/hotspot/L1298602>

This is out of 270 species for all of Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary, which includes this area.

The birds are attracted by the nearby Bowker Creek estuary and its freshwater, where they often drink, the small rocky islets with seaweed and the large and productive tidal flats.

The number (100s, 1000s in the past) and diversity of birds using this area, particularly in winter, is still often surprising despite constant human and dog disturbance. This area, below the high-water mark, is technically within Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where in theory loose cats and dogs are prohibited.

This natural area is huge asset for Oak Bay and will likely get better as the Bowker Creek Initiative and its 100-year restoration plan unfolds.

I have met birdwatchers from all of Vancouver Island and the mainland at this location, as well as birdwatching classes and tours.

Yours truly,



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Migratory Bird Sanctuaries of the Capital Region

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The capital region is in the heart of the Salish Sea, one of Canada's best wintering areas for migratory birds. It is also on the Pacific Flyway, a migratory bird highway that millions of birds use heading north or south on their annual migrations. Originally established to control hunting, our three regional Migratory Bird Sanctuaries - Victoria Harbour, Shoal Harbour and Esquimalt Lagoon - provide important habitat for wintering, migrating, nesting, summering and moulting birds, and are home to an exceptional range of other urban wildlife.

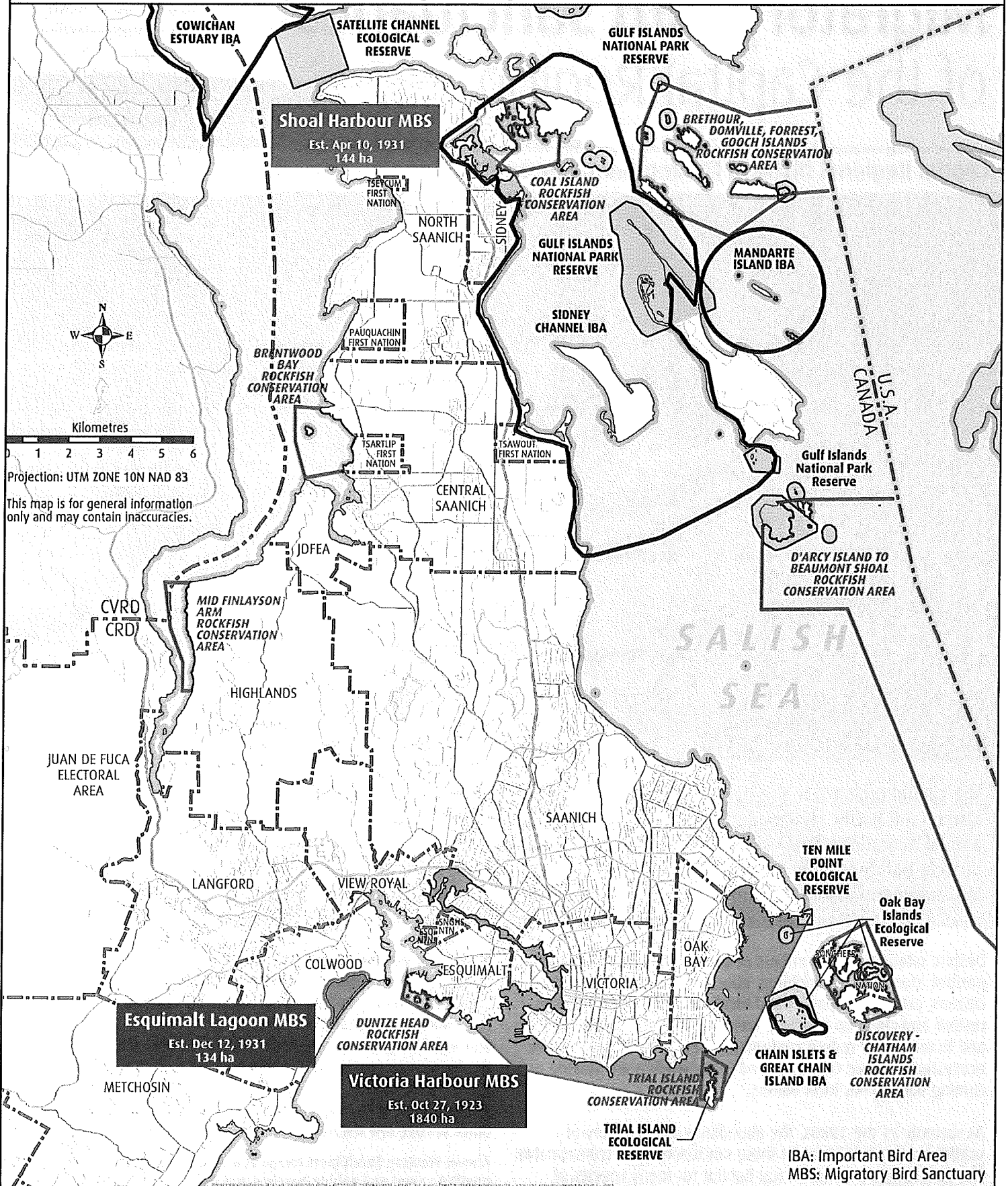
Despite relatively low numbers of birds compared to the past, a positive story is now unfolding. Efforts by conservation groups, citizens, private companies and local government partners to restore and clean up beaches, creeks and other waterways and to remove or reduce contaminants entering these sensitive ecosystems ensure that birds and other wildlife are staying or coming back to our local waters.

As recently as the 1980s, the abundance and diversity of wildlife now seen in and near these sanctuaries were unimaginable. The sanctuaries provide critical habitat for many species of coastal and marine plants and animals, including several federally designated Species at Risk. They are home to dozens of rare plants, such as Victoria's Owl-clover, Macoun's Meadowfoam

and Fleshy Jaumea, as well as the now-rare Garry Oak forest and its associated ecosystems. Several species of whales (Orca, Gray, Humpback, Minke) and other marine mammals (Pacific Harbour Seal, Northern Elephant Seal, Steller and California Sea Lions; River and Sea Otters) occur regularly in and near the sanctuaries. One of the foundation species for the marine food web of the Salish Sea is the Pacific Herring, now showing signs of recovery after decades of overfishing. If herring stocks continue to recover, the birds and other wildlife will follow.

Above: Western Sandpipers forage in a variety of habitats including mudflats, sand and pebble beaches and even rocky shores. In late summer and early fall, fair numbers of this common migrant travel through the area in small flocks, often mixing with Least Sandpipers.

Regional Migratory Bird Sanctuaries



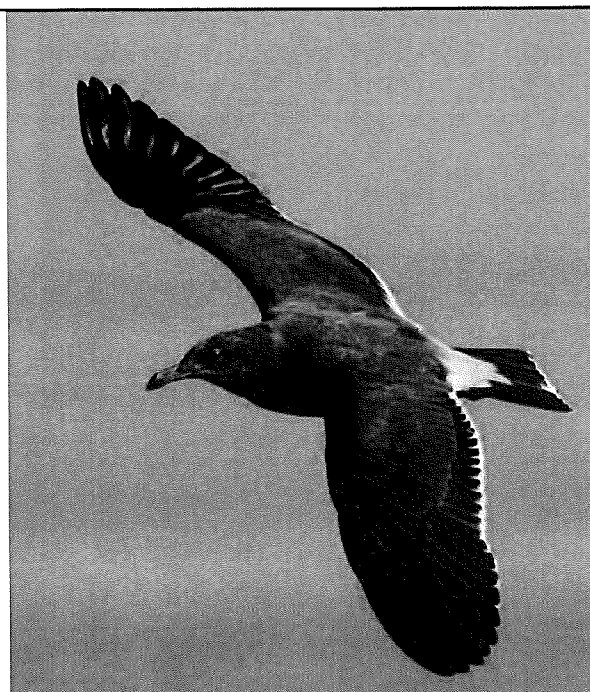
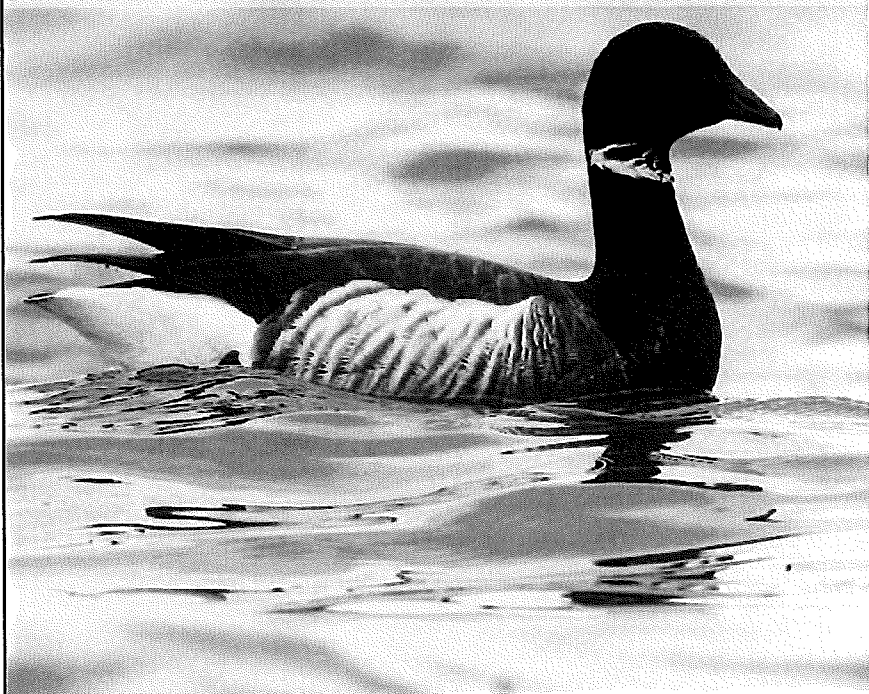
The outstanding opportunities to experience nature and exceptional urban wildlife prompted Nature Canada to designate the 3 regional sanctuaries as NatureHoods in 2015



naturehood
A NATURE CANADA INITIATIVE
VICTORIA HARBOUR, ESQUIMALT, AND SHOAL HARBOUR
LOCAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES A NATURE CANADA INITIATIVE



The Pacific Black Brant, a small sea goose, is a fairly common spring migrant, often seen feeding on nearshore seaweed and eelgrass. Now a rare winter resident, Brant were common in winter 100 years ago, and were a favourite Christmas meal. A desire to rein in market hunting of birds, particularly Brant, in the 1920s and 1930s, led to the establishment of our three bird sanctuaries soon after the signing of the Migratory Bird Convention with the USA in 1916.



Victoria Harbour, Esquimalt Lagoon and Shoal Harbour are the only MBSs in Canada where the Heermann's Gull is found regularly. From July to October, hundreds of these seasonal visitors from Mexico's Sea of Cortez can often be seen feeding on schools of Pacific Herring and Pacific Sand Lance.

Protecting Migratory Birds

Bird conservationists, scientists and law makers in Canada and the USA made history on Aug 16, 1916, by signing the *Migratory Birds Convention* to protect the continent's bird populations which had already plummeted drastically from over-hunting for meat and feathers. This was one of the world's first international treaties on wildlife conservation and over the years it has helped to keep many species from the edge of extinction.

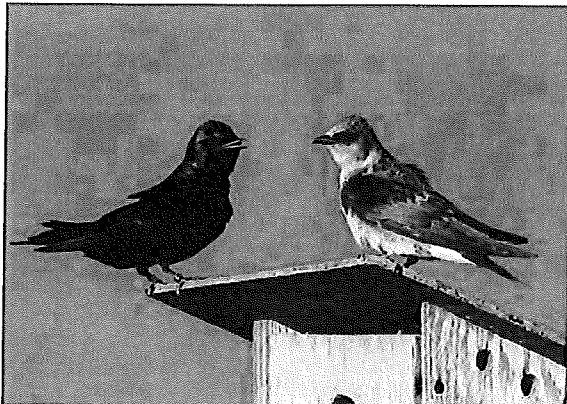
In 1917, Canada implemented the Convention through the *Migratory Bird Convention Act*; its purpose is to protect and conserve migratory birds, their eggs and nests. Within designated Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBS), hunting or disturbing migratory birds is prohibited, as is allowing dogs and cats to run at large. Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) of Environment and Climate Change Canada is responsible for the protection and conservation of migratory birds, their eggs and nests within all MBSs. The Act and its associated regulations contain few habitat protection provisions, other than protecting the nests of migratory birds. Management of habitat within MBSs falls to the landowner: CWS if on federal lands; chief game officer if on provincial lands; and the individual property owner if on municipal or private lands.

Within our three urban MBSs, much important habitat has been degraded or lost, yet they still provide important roosting, nesting and foraging habitat for thousands of migratory and resident birds as well as other wildlife. Local efforts to protect and improve habitat and water quality have contributed to the return of birds and wildlife to our local waters.

Celebrate the urban MBSs in the capital region and join efforts to protect migratory birds and their habitat.

Did you know?

- The capital region is home to the three oldest of BC's seven Migratory Bird Sanctuaries. Currently there are 92 in all of Canada.
- The capital region is one of the best places in Canada to experience wildlife in an urban environment. From huge marine mammals like Humpback Whales, Orcas and Steller Sea Lions, to small birds like the Marbled Murrelet and Anna's Hummingbird, it's all here!
- Bald Eagles and other birds including hawks, owls, vultures, crows, jays, pelicans and cormorants were considered "pests" when the Migratory Birds Convention was signed by the federal government in 1916. These birds came under official provincial government protection in later years.
- Several non-native subspecies of Canada Geese, introduced to southwest BC, are degrading rare plant habitat in coastal meadows, tidal marshes and eelgrass beds. In the capital region, Canada Geese are now resident and abundant, impacting other wildlife and creating new wildlife management challenges.



Western Purple Martin, the largest swallow in North America, is a Species at Risk (Blue-listed, Vulnerable) in BC. Loss of nesting habitat and competition from introduced bird species led to a steep population decline throughout the 1900s. Thanks to a successful program to install nest boxes on pilings, these birds now nest at several locations in the three sanctuaries.

A small auk and relative of the puffin, the **Marbled Murrelet**, (shown here in winter plumage) occurs year-round. Its preference for nesting on large branches of big trees in coastal old growth forests has led to its threatened population status in Canada due to habitat loss from logging. Look for Murrelets in winter, when these small diving birds can often be seen and heard from seaside walkways.



Help protect birds

- **Keep your cats indoors and your dogs on a leash!** Never let your pets chase or harm birds or other wildlife.
- **It's best not to feed wild birds**, especially with bread. Birds fare best when they forage for their own wild food.
- **Boaters and paddlers:** stay well back from birds and other wildlife. Avoid disturbing birds, especially when they are feeding or nesting. If their behaviour changes as you approach, you're getting too close.
- Leave **natural vegetation** and standing dead wood in your yard to provide safe cover for wildlife.
- **Install nest boxes.** They can augment the natural cavities used for nesting by about one-quarter of our birds.
- **Help reduce collisions**, make windows and glass balcony railings obvious to birds.
- **Avoid using pesticides and synthetic fertilizers** and properly maintain your septic system. This helps prevent contaminants from entering waterways through the storm drain system.

Get involved

Learn more about Migratory Bird Sanctuaries:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada - Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBS) (<https://ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/>)

Join a local birding or conservation group:

- Esquimalt Lagoon Stewardship Initiative (elsi.ca)
- Friends of Shoal Harbour (shoalharbour.com)
- Friends of the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Facebook)
- Gorge Waterway Initiative (gorgewaterway.ca)
- Habitat Acquisition Trust (hat.bc.ca)
- Purple Martin Recovery Team (saveourmartins.org and georgiabasin.ca)
- Victoria Natural History Society (vicnhs.bc.ca)

All bird photos by Stuart Clarke.

Historic

VICTORIA HARBOUR

Migratory Bird Sanctuary (MBS)

A brief factsheet with a map

Our mission: revitalizing a forgotten MBS with valuable wildlife in the heart of the capital region of British Columbia.

The oldest MBS in Pacific Canada, est. Oct. 27, 1923 to control hunting in light of dwindling bird numbers (Brant in particular), still a concern today with many species, for various reasons.

1 of 3 historic, federal MBSs in Greater Victoria, with Shoal Harbour MBS (April 10, 1931) and Esquimalt Lagoon (December 12, 1931).

Part of the Greater Victoria NatureHood (July 12, 2017), highlighting one of the best natural environments in urban Canada and a perfect place to connect with nature in the city.

A new context of urban renewal: decades of deindustrialization, restoration, cleanups, rewilding, with recovery of some species. Remaining challenges: lack of Pacific Herring, invasive Canada Geese, invasive exotic plants, degraded shores, varied water pollution, etc.

28 km long, 1840 hectares of seafront waters, below the high-water mark, next to Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich, Esquimalt & View Royal. Includes a “working harbour”: Victoria Public Harbour. Located in Lekwungen traditional territory: “the place to smoke herring”.

50+ viewpoints: e.g. Gyro Beach, Cattle Point, Kitty Islet, Clover Pt., Ogden Pt. Breakwater, Westsong Walkway, parks on the Gorge Waterway & Portage Inlet, Cuthbert Holmes Park.

Diverse habitat: fast-moving, tidal waters, tidal flats & marshes, a reversible fall in Gorge Narrows, rocky shores, islands, sandy beaches, eelgrass, surfgrass, kelp forests, clam beds, estuaries: Colquitz River, Craigflower Creek, Hospital Cr, Cecelia Cr, Gorge Cr, Bowker Cr.

Coastal waters with forage fish (herring, sandlance, smelt). 2 salmon-bearing streams: Colquitz R., Craigflower Cr. 1 Rockfish Conservation Area around the Trial Islands.

A rare, large maritime meadow on the Trial Islands with 20 rare plants. Small maritime meadows with rare plants and Garry Oak ecosystems on contiguous Cattle Point, Gonzales Pt., Harling Pt., Macaulay Pt., Matson Lands.

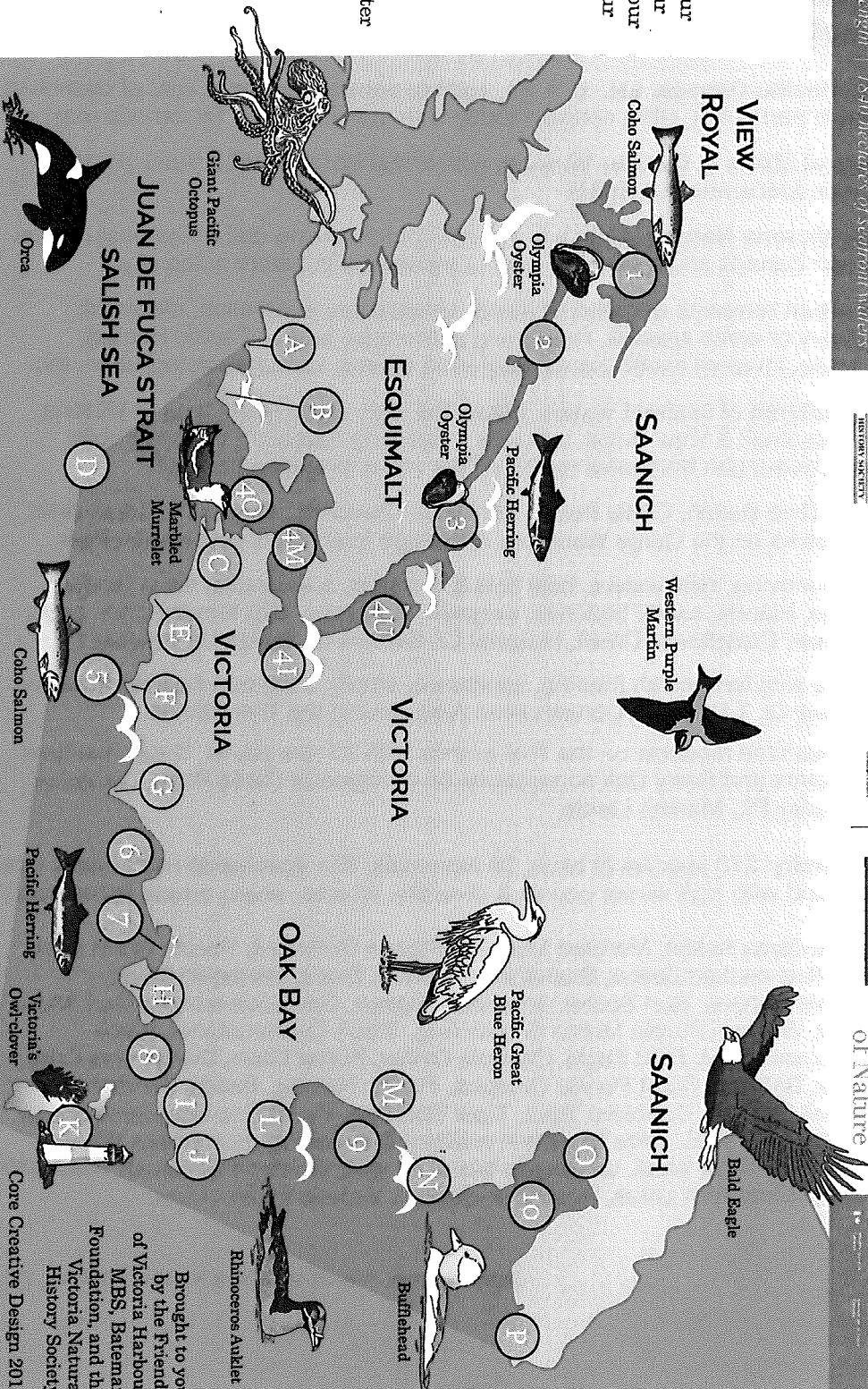
Remarkable biodiversity: 270 species of birds, 28 mammals, 95+ species-at-risk (mostly rare plants). Birds year-round with high winter counts & diversity. Whales, seals, otters, fishes year-round.

Including Rhinoceros Auklet, Marbled Murrelet, Pigeon Guillemot, Pacific Great Blue Heron, Pacific Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Brandt's Cormorant, Brant, Harlequin Duck, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Surf Scoter, American Wigeon, Glaucous-winged Gull, Mew Gull, Heermann's Gull, Western Purple Martin (5 colonies), Black Oystercatcher, Black Turnstone, Anna's Hummingbird, Bald Eagle, Olympia Oyster, Butter Clam, Dungeness Crab, Kelp Crab, Blood Star, Bat Star, Giant Pacific Octopus, Pacific Herring, Pacific Sandlance, Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, Cutthroat Trout, Tiger Rockfish, Pacific Harbour Seal, Steller Sea Lion, Northern Elephant Seal, Orca (southern resident & transient), Humpback Whale, River Otter (common), Sea Otter (rare), Vancouver Island Ringlet, Golden Paintbrush, Macoun's Meadowfoam, Seaside Birds-foot Lotus, Rosy Owl-clover & Victoria's Owl-clover.

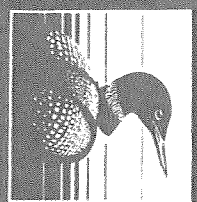
VICTORIA HARBOUR MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

Est. Oct 27th, 1923 | 28 km in length | 1840 hectares of salmon waters

- 1 Portage Inlet
- 2 Gorge Waterway
- 3 Selkirk Water
- 4U Victoria Upper Harbour
- 4I Victoria Inner Harbour
- 4M Victoria Middle Harbour
- 4O Victoria Outer Harbour
- 5 Dallas Waters
- 6 Ross Bay
- 7 Gonzales Bay
- 8 McNeill Bay
- 9 Oak Bay
- 10 Cadboro Bay
- A Macaulay Point
- B McLoughlin Point
- C Ogden Point Breakwater
- D Brochie Ledge
- E Holland Point
- F Finlayson Point
- G Clover Point
- H Harling Point
- I Kitty Islet
- J Gonzales Point
- K Trial Islands
- L Turkey Head
- M Willows Beach
- N Cattle Point
- O Gyro Beach
- P Ten Mile Point



A LOT MORE THAN VICTORIA HARBOUR
A LOT MORE THAN BIRDS



Refuge
d'oiseaux
migrateurs
Bird
Sanctuary

Brought to you
by the Friends
of Victoria Harbour
MBS, Bateman
Foundation, and the
Victoria Natural
History Society.
Core Creative Design 2019

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**
From: **Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture**
Subject: **Wall of Fame Selection Committee**
Date: **March 6, 2019**



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PURPOSE

Each year the community is asked to consider nominating worthy individuals for induction into the Wall of Fame, as per the attached Policy and Procedure. Nominations were once again solicited through an advertising campaign in January and February, and one nomination package has been received.

In 2017 Council direction was to have a sub-committee of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission replace the stand-alone Wall of Fame Selection Committee, and adjudicate submitted nominations. Thus, the Commission needs to establish this sub-committee for 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Wall of Fame Community Recognition Initiative was established in 2010 to honour individuals who have shown extraordinary commitment to the department and the community. Applications are submitted and adjudicated against a set of established criteria (see attached).

Council has agreed that the sub-committee should be comprised of:

- The Council liaison to the Commission;
- The Chair of the Commission; and
- Two representatives from the Commission, selected by the Commission.

Advertising to solicit nominations to the Wall of Fame typically goes out in February. The sub-committee would be expected to review applications and attend 1-2 meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission establish a Wall of Fame Selection Sub-Committee for 2019; and

THAT the sub-committee be comprised of the Council Liaison, the Chair, and two members of the Commission to be selected at the March 6, 2019 Commission meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Herman", is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Ray Herman
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay
Wall of Fame
Community Recognition Policy & Procedures
(Revised October 2011)

I. Purpose

This Wall of Fame Community Recognition initiative is established as a means to honour individuals who have been instrumental in the development of Oak Bay's parks, facilities, and programs and who have exercised extraordinary commitment to the community of Oak Bay or performed voluntary services deemed to have been of great importance to the community.

The Wall of Fame is a permanent tribute displayed in the Social Lounge of the Oak Bay Recreation Centre consisting of a photograph of the inductees alongside a brief description of their contributions.

This policy establishes procedures for the selection of individuals to be recognized, as well as criteria that will guide members of a Selection Committee in recommending names for approval by Municipal Council.

II. Criteria

The following criteria will be considered as guidelines in selecting individuals for this honour:

1. Had a significant impact on the continuation and/or enhancement of established community programs and/or created new opportunities for the community through new facilities or programs;
2. Had a positive impact on the lives of Oak Bay's citizens;
3. Quality and length of community service;
4. Candidate may be living or deceased.

III. Procedure for Nominating and Selecting Individuals to be Honoured

1. Nominations shall be made in writing on an approved nomination form to the office of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
2. All nominations, whether from an individual or an organization, must include the name and address of the submitter. No anonymous nominations will be accepted. All nomination applications must be accompanied by two (2) letters of reference.
3. The Director is responsible for conveying the nominations to the Selection Committee. The Director's office will assure that adequate time is allowed for the Selection Committee to evaluate the nominations.
4. The Selection Committee will be formed on an ad hoc basis with appointment by the Mayor. It shall include two representatives of the Parks and Recreation Commission, two representatives of Municipal Council, and one representative from the general community. A staff member from the Director's office will provide staff assistance to the committee, but will be a non-voting member.

5. Up to three (3) individuals may be inducted into the Wall of Fame in any one year. However, the selection committee may deem it not appropriate to make a recommendation to Council in any given year.
6. Organizations may submit multiple nominations in any one year. However, only one nomination per organization may be selected in any one year.
7. The Selection Committee will consider the criteria outlined above and may prepare a recommendation to Council citing the notable achievements and contributions of the individual.
8. The recommendation(s) received from the Selection Committee, if any, shall be placed on the "In Camera" Council agenda, for final approval.
9. In order to maintain confidentiality, only the names of those selected will be released.
10. Nominees who are eligible for selection, but were not selected, will be kept on file for future consideration for a period of three (3) years. All nomination forms, applicable documentation, and/or photos will become the property of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay and will not be returned to the Nominator unless specifically requested at the time of nomination. Returned nominations will not be automatically included for future consideration.
11. Nominations will be solicited annually through an annual advertising campaign in January and February.

IV. Timeline for Submitting Nominations

- Closing date for nominations is February 28th each year;
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Selection Committee by March 31st each year;
- Recommended nominations will be presented to Municipal Council for approval in April of each year;

V. Recognition - Once approved by Council

The inductees will be publicly recognized in the following ways:

- The inductees will receive recognition on the Wall of Fame, located at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre, consisting of a photograph and concise description of their contributions.
- Inductees and one guest will be invited to the Municipal Volunteer Recognition Dinner held in May. In the event a selected nominee is deceased, two (2) family members will be invited to the Municipal Dinner for recognition.
- If attendance to the Municipal Dinner is not possible, recognition will be done at some other appropriate time, as set by Council.

VI. Exclusions

Current members of Municipal Council or Council appointed boards or committees are not eligible for nomination.

Programs

Aquatics

- On Family Day, Monday February 18th, the pool offered fun for families, including a free Family Day Swim from 6:30-8:30pm. The 3:00-5:00pm Everyone Welcome Swim also offered many activities for all ages and for families to participate in together.
- Over 70 adult, school age, and preschool swimmers are registered in the second 2019 set of Tuesday/Thursday lessons that run from 6:30-8:00pm. They began on Tuesday, February 12th and will run twice a week until Thursday, March 14th.
- The school swim teams from Monterey Middle School, Willows Elementary School, Glenlyon - Norfolk Junior and Senior School, and St. Michael's University will be wrapping up their team swim practices and season by the end of the month.

Community Recreation

Before/Afterschool Care

- The Afterschool Care program at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre has implemented "Intergenerational Programming" with the Kindergarten children and the Oak Bay Lodge. The children walked over to Oak Bay Lodge to read stories and sing songs with a small group of seniors. This project is part of an ongoing initiative to bridge the gap between children and seniors in our community.
- Campus View Afterschool Care had a fantastic out trip to "Boulder House" rock climbing this month, 12 children were carefully guided through the adventure of rock climbing. We are striving to get kids active in new and exciting ways.

Paddington Daycare

- The daycare celebrated Chinese New Year on February 5th and made Chinese food for snacks to celebrate the holiday.
- The daycare is currently doing Kodaly Method of Music with Veronika every second Wednesday afternoon.
- The group went for a tour of the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, February 27th. The children really enjoyed this experience.

Staff Training from Community Recreation

- The Daycare Supervisor attended a workshop on Challenging Behaviours with young children under the age of 5 on Wednesday, February 27th, offered through the Child Care Resource and Referral Centre.
- An auxiliary staff in Paddington Station Daycare is currently in the Early Childhood Educator program through Pacific Rim College to get her ECE.
- The Daycare Supervisor and Licensed Care Programmer will be attending a one day conference in May called "Making Tomorrow" Early Years Conference.

CR Programs and Camps

- Family Fun Festival on Friday, February 15th at Henderson Recreation Centre was a huge success with 163 people in attendance at this event supported by the BC Government for Family Day events. The event had lots activities for everyone including the bouncy castle, obstacle course, basketball shoot-out, hockey, family photo booth, craft station, face paint and more! Plus, there was lots of delicious and healthy food for the families to enjoy provided by Thrifty Foods.

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- Kindie Crafts drop in program on Saturdays continues to be a success and a great option for children who are unable to attend Kindergym on Saturdays because the gym time is full. The \$3 drop in program for children 2-5yrs to enjoy crafts, free play, and circle time ends March 15th.
- Spring Break Camps are very popular this year with most camps already full. Some spaces are still available in Richardson Sports, Byte, Badminton, and Spy vs. Spy but spaces are filling up quickly and are projected to be full by the start of Spring Break. Spring Break runs March 18th to March 29th this year.
- The Baby and Toddler Community Social was held on February 22nd at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre from 10:00-11:30am with about 18 in attendance. Staff are planning to offer some playground socials in the spring as the weather improves.
- A testimonial from one of our patrons enjoying the Youth Badminton and Table Tennis Social:
 - Our son (11) recently began playing badminton and table tennis on Monday evenings at OB Rec (Henderson). It is fabulous, primarily because the instructor, Mario, is engaging and involved. He teaches the kids how to play these two games by playing alongside them. Though it does mean we have to shift our dinner time, it has proven to be well worth it. I encourage all kids to attend. They do have some racquets there that kids can use. We hope to see more Oak Bay kids on Monday evenings! - P.R. a youth Badminton participant.

Culture

ArtsAlive 2019

- There are now 10 confirmed sponsors for ArtsAlive 2019 to support the temporary placement of 10 sculptures in the community.

Acorn Arts Award

- DATE CHANGE: The 2nd Acorn Arts Award will be presented to the Canadian College of the Performing Arts on Thursday, April 4th, 5:00-7:00pm at the CCPA studios on Elgin Street. Guests (including Council, Commission and Public Arts Advisory Committee) will be invited to view an open rehearsal for the upcoming production of West Side Story, followed by a reception.

Spring Studio Tour

- Artist call out has been made with at least 2 new artists taking part. We are looking for emerging/youth artists to take part and possibly use the Youth Centre if there are enough participants. The Arts & Culture Programmer is working with Artist Flo-Elle Watson from the Oak Bay Community Artists Society to recruit youth artists.
- Artists will again be asked if their studio is family-friendly, in effort to broaden the participants in this event.

ArtsAlive Student Activities

- A small student activity booklet has been created to help teachers and students engage with the ArtsAlive public sculptures. The first trial with a grade 4 class at Willows Elementary brought great results with a poetry activity. The Arts & Culture Programmer is working with the Marketing Department to produce PDFs for the website that teachers can download and use on their springtime walking tours.

Fitness

Cardio Equipment Upgrade- Demos

- With the approaching Cardio Equipment upgrade scheduled for July 2019, the fitness department has been busy testing a variety of cardio equipment from suppliers. The Oak Bay Fitness Studio has had the opportunity to try a Matrix Treadmill and Elliptical, a touch screen Precor Treadmill, Octane Mat Trainer and Spirit Elliptical and Treadmill. Patrons are encouraged to try out the cardio equipment and provide their feedback on comment forms.

Indoor Cycling

- Indoor cycling continues to be very popular with our patrons as classes are continuing to sell out. We are continuing to examine the optimal time to open registration to service all patrons. If classes continue with their current popularity we will look to increase our services with an additional class.

Monterey Centre

- Snow days early in the month necessitated a couple of cancellations and the rescheduling of some class sessions. A few of the Clubs opted to cancel their meetings/activities, but those volunteers and members who could easily access the Centre ventured out to enjoy the warm coffee and fare in the Fern Café and Coffee Express, as well as the camaraderie and community spirit that prevailed. Of note, there was additional busyness in the lobby and throughout the Centre due to the library's early closure and day of closure, as patrons sought to 'log-on' to their devices and such.
- On Valentine's Day, 94 members and guests participated in a Music Bingo Luncheon, with coq au vin and a decadent dessert on the menu, lots of sing-a-long fun and many prizes, to the delight of all!
- The Annual Rummage Sale was held February 23rd. With a high volume of donations and an incredible amount of 'people power' – all coordinated by the Monterey Recreation Activity Association, the day's sales resulted in just over \$10, 000.00 being collected towards the Association's fundraising efforts.
- To accommodate the great interest in the Chinese New Year dinner outing, a second bus run and a second seating at the restaurant were arranged. At the time of writing, 25 people are registered to enjoy a delicious dinner, Chinese horoscopes and more at Golden City Restaurant.
- The Heart Smart Women free talk on February 26th saw participation of 150 women in an informative, engaging session about women's heart disease. Food services staff prepared a heart-smart entrée and had a busy day in the Café following this presentation.

Arena/ Teens / Indoor Sports Field

Indoor Sports Field

- The Soccertron program is running strong for winter with all classes at capacity. Some of the spring programs that start in April are already filling up with 20 plus participants.
- The Indoor Sports Field is very busy with regular users booked from 8:00am –to past midnight just about every day of the week.

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Arena

- Over 40's and Over 50's Drop in Duffer Hockey continues to be in great demand. Offered 5 days a week from Monday to Friday every session fills up plus a waitlist 1-2 minutes after the online registration opens.
- Valentine's Sweetheart Family and Everyone Welcome skate on February 10th was successful with approximately 200 people attending.
- The first set of the winter season of the Learn to Skate lessons is wrapping up and the second set is already seeing very high registration numbers.

Youth

- Lunch time drop in at the Youth Centre is showing consistent numbers in the 35-40 range. After school drop in attendance is between 15-20 participants.
- Youth Special events – The February Youth Event was a Pizza and Movie Night with your sweetheart, 12 youth attended. These events are offered FREE of charge to the community once a month
- The 12th Annual Young Exceptional Star Awards night has been set for April 30th. Nomination forms have been sent out to all local schools and youth community groups and sports associations.

Playtime Childminding

- Child minding has been very busy with an average of 6-8 participants each day.

Adult Softball

- The adult softball league is gearing up for another season that runs from April – June. Many returning teams have already registered and some new teams have also signed up.

Tennis

- In our programming, we provided 20 complimentary 30 minute private tennis lessons to the community on Family Day. These free offerings are meant to provide an opportunity for parents and children to try the sport with some coaching with the hopes of attracting their interest for the future.
- The "Tennis Experience" Program (Lesson for kids on the autism spectrum) is in high demand with 8 registered and 5 on the waitlist. One of the coaches for this program is an Oak Bay youth who has identified himself as being on the spectrum and is learning to become a tennis coach with Oak Bay Recreation. He is very enthusiastic about the opportunity for children and youth to experience tennis and enjoy the sport in the same way he has throughout his life. We continue to look at options to add to this program to meet the growing interest.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 1st, **Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Friday, March 8th, **Big Dave McLean**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Friday, March 15th, **Carlos Del Junco & The Blues Mongrels**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Saturday, March 16th, **St. Paddy's Day Celebration – Traditional Irish Music**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.

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- Friday, March 22nd, **The LYNNeS**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Friday, March 29th, **Shari Ulrich**, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.

Maintenance

- Controls for the Energy loop should be finished before the end of the month.
- The old arena dehumidifier was craned off the roof this past week and the duct work crew is finishing up the last of their work.
- A storage room has been created in a section of the ISF area for all the admin banker boxes. This should help clear out all the boxes from the Admin Boardroom and the Server Room upstairs.

Parks

- Parks staff are busy getting the golf course ready for a mid-March opening scheduled, weather permitting.
- New trail screenings have been put on parts of the Brighton trail to improve walking conditions.
- The horticulture crew are busy with seasonal maintenance on our garden beds.
- Carnarvon and Fireman's field will be closed for seasonal maintenance from March 11th until March 29th.
- Henderson field will be closed for seasonal maintenance from March 11th until April 5th.
- Windsor east field will be closed for seasonal maintenance from March 25th until April 5th.
- Parks staff have started the renovation on the men's washroom at Willows beach. The female washroom is complete with the exception of the exterior door, which is on order.
- New Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird signs will be installed along the waterfront at various locations.
- New Uplands Park signs will be soon appear at the seven entrances to Uplands Park. These signs will be educational in nature but also quote bylaws.

Oak Bay Parks: Report on Administration of the Tree Protection Bylaw and Related Tree Work.

For the Month of January and February

February was a slow month for planting with freezing temperatures and a full week of staff assisting in snow removal. There was some tree damage with the snow fall, mostly on Pine and Deodara cedars and clean up from that took about a week in total.

Public Property

A total of 7 trees were removed from public property. These trees were either dead, diseased or dangerous. One was an oak that had been hit by a truck.

Private Property

Twenty three permits were issued under the Tree Protection Bylaw since the last report. 8 removal permits were requested for the removal of 8 trees protected under the Tree Protection Bylaw. These permits were issued because the trees were dead, diseased, dying or structurally unsound or removed for construction. Three of the removals were Garry Oaks and one permit was issued for construction. Sixteen permits were issued for pruning protected trees.

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Security Deposit and Enforcement

One security deposit was received and none were refunded. The bylaw requires security deposits to ensure care of required replacement trees; deposits are held by the Municipality for 3 years pending satisfactory planting and care of required replacement trees. Forfeited deposits go to the Parks tree purchase account.

Work Orders

We received 58 calls for service and completed 39 in these 2 months.