

Annual Report 2019-20



This past year may seem quiet after last year's numerous events and fundraising for the Salish View property. However, the LINC board and many of our fabulous members and supporters have been busy with many conservation and restoration projects during our April 1st – March 30th year. The following reports on activities within that period.

Salish View Acquisition Finalized

Acquisition and protection of important habitats on Lasqueti is one of LINC's primary goals. LINC's major project for the last three years was successfully completed last July with the acquisition of the 28-acre Salish View property. Upon closing, the property was transferred to the Islands Trust Conservancy with both LINC and the Nanaimo and Area Land Trust (NALT) retaining a conservation covenant over the property. The covenant protects the natural ecosystems on the property and allows for hiking, nature enjoyment and habitat restoration. LINC and the Islands Trust raised \$250,000 to acquire Salish View, receiving funds from several major donors, local residents, and two foundation grants, along with a substantial donation from the landowner. Thank you all for supporting this new Nature Reserve on Lasqueti!



Monitoring Covenanted Properties

One of the most important roles of nature conservancies is to formally monitor the properties with conservation covenants each year. Conservation covenants grant specific legal interests of land ownership to nature conservancies like LINC. Each year LINC Board members visit Mt. Trematon and Johnny Osland Nature Reserves to record the condition of the property. This coming year Salish View will be added to our list. We also monitored a covenant on another property on the island this past year, under contract with another conservancy who is the covenant holder.



Restoration work

Habitat restoration is another of LINC's goals, and this last year we fenced more young trees at Mt. Trematon, maintained exclosure fencing at the Osland Reserve, and inter-planted more native plants in the Osland exclosures. The difference in vegetation growth between inside and outside the fenced areas is remarkable. We also started a Spurge purge early this year, removing this highly invasive plant, which will take at least another year to control its spreading roots and seeds.

Squitty Bay Day 2019

This was another spectacular event celebrating the beauty of Lasqueti Island and LINC's conservation success. Over 100





people participated in the hikes, workshops and dancing, and enjoyed the fantastic food and Makeke marimba music. We recognized and thanked the donors, funders and partners who made the successful protection of Salish View a reality. Sadly, because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in place at this time, Squitty Bay Day will not be held this year.

Strategic Planning, Events and Communications

During this past year LINC Directors drafted, debated and adopted our first strategic plan to guide our work into next year. The goals of the plan are to engage more with members and the community, to increase our knowledge of Lasqueti's natural history and environment, and to create more events and communication avenues. The Strategic Plan is on our website. Before the restrictions on public gatherings, we organized hikes through three crown land parcels, sponsored a well-attended workshop on bees, and hosted two weekends of thought-provoking environmentally-themed movies. Articles about our natural history were highlighted in the Spring, Summer and Winter newsletters.

Conservation is an Essential Service

The current pandemic brings to focus the role of natural habitats. While individually we can do simple things to help stop the spread of the coronavirus, we need to do much more to conserve functioning ecosystems that provide natural, cost effective services that humans, wildlife and plants need to survive. We are grateful to our 184 LINC members who support the protection and restoration of nature, which gives us all the wonderful island life we so treasure and love. Please renew your membership or join us anew. We would appreciate feedback on what you value and want conserved in our 2020 Community Survey.

2019-20 Board of Directors:

Sheila Ray, Wendy Schneible, Sheila Harrington, Gordon Scott, Hilary Duinker, Jordan Barton, Aigul Kukolj, Barb Brooks and Ken Lertzman

Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy Statement of Operations Fiscal Year April 1, 2019 to March 30, 2020 Prepared without Audit

Statement Year end March 31	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Memberships	980.00	345.0
Donations (General)	2654.10	5278.9
Donations (Salish View)		188213.0
Sales/events	1815.22	15436.0
Fee for Service	500.00	2049.8
Grants and interest	1000.00	2418.0
	1268.83	366.9
GST rebate		
Sales general	105.00	284.0
General Revenue	8323.15	
Transferred from Salish Reserve	203869.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$212,192.15	\$214,391
EXPENSES		
Accounting, bk cgs., legal and insurance	907.26	584.0
Communication & Education	2240.60	1185.0
Office supplies (General)		379.7
Land Management & monitoring	262.04	
General expenditures	3409.90	5057.1
Land Protection costs (Salish)	203877.00	
Total EXPENDITURES	\$207,286.90	\$7,205.
Operating Surplus for the year	4905.25	207185.
Reserved Funds (Salish)		-203869.0
Operating surplus start of year	16223.00	3316.0
Operating surplus end of year	4905.24	
Net Operating surplus end of year	\$21,128.24	\$16,223.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Credit union chequing	\$20,348.27	\$9,529.7
Petty cash	\$1,117.97	\$562.0
Credit union GIC's Salish View		\$210,000.
Accts payable	-\$338.00	\$0.0
Total Assets	\$21,128.24	\$220,091

Photo Credits:

Above: Salish View celebration hike 2019, Gordon Scott
Reverse top moving down: Barred Owl, Ken Lertzman
Osland Reserve enclosure, maintenance, Gordon Scott
Larri Woodrow leading a public (crown) land hike
Karl Darwin & Richard Bauer pulling Spurge, Sheila Ray
Bottom: Rough-skinned Newt, Ken Lertzman
Volunteers fencing trees at Trematon

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