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PATRICK REID

FBC Gives Hope for the Future



Patrick Reid, the well known Commissioner General of EXPO 86 and current Chairman of the Rick Hansen Foundation, has turned over the helm of the Fraser Basin Council to its 4th Chair, UNBC's former President Dr. Charles Jago. In a final message, Patrick talks about the lessons he has learned while heading the Council and the reason he has hope for a sustainable future.

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2006 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS GALA DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16
FAIRMONT WATERFRONT HOTEL

See conference program inside.

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2006 STATE OF THE FRASER BASIN CONFERENCE
“SUSTAINABILITY: INSPIRING ACTION!”
NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2006
VANCOUVER CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

WRITER JACK LONDON, author of *The Call of the Wild*, observed that “You can’t wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.” This year’s State of the Fraser Basin Conference follows his lead to move boldly to galvanize people to take action. We are making this event one that will stay with you – and invite you to come and be motivated like never before.

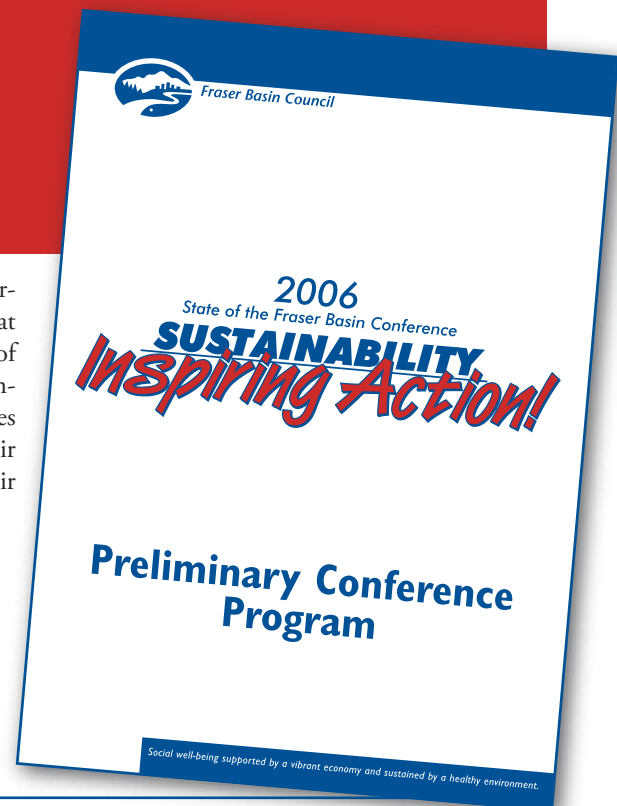
This year’s Conference theme – *Sustainability: Inspiring Action!* – is a breath of fresh air that energizes and engages people and organizations to take action in support of sustainability. Recent research has shown that most Canadians consider

sustainability to be a top national priority. The Conference will zero in on what keeps us from acting on what most of us believe to be a top priority – and inspire participants with success stories of those who have taken action in their communities. In their regions. In their businesses. And in their families. ■

See *Preliminary Conference Program supplement inside.*

Conference Registration begins August 15, 2006

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Dr. Charles Jago New FBC Chair



DR. CHARLES JAGO, former President of the University of Northern British Columbia, was recently appointed as Chair of the Fraser Basin Council. Previous Chairs have included BC’s current Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo, Dr. Jack Blaney and Patrick Reid. See story on page 8

Roy Mussell—In Memoriam



ROY MUSSELL, Vice-Chair and longest serving Director of the Fraser Basin Council, passed away in March 2006. Pictured here with Roy (on the right) are former FBC Chairs Dr. Jack Blaney and BC Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo.

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Living Rivers Trust Fund to assist Fraser Basin salmon and watersheds

IN MAY 2006, the Province of British Columbia committed an additional \$14 million to establish a \$21 million Living Rivers Trust Fund (LRTF) in support of healthy watersheds, sustainable ecosystems and thriving communities in B.C.

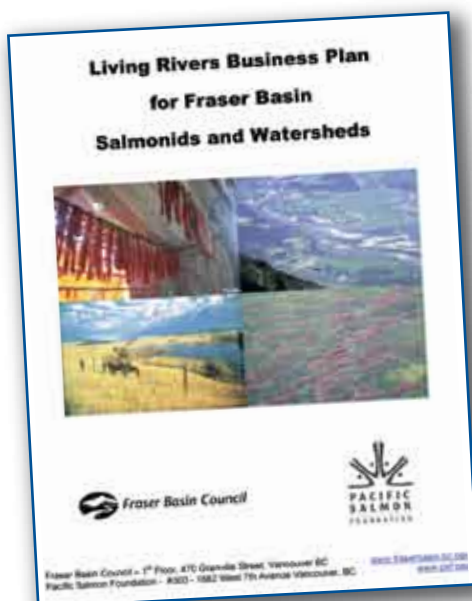
\$10 million of this funding has been committed to the Fraser River Basin through a plan co-developed by FBC and the Pacific Salmon Foundation called “The Fraser Basin Plan for Salmonids and Watersheds”. The plan has an overall fundraising target of \$50 million from provincial, federal and private sector sources to support programs and capacity, and inspire and en-

able changes in human behaviour for the benefit of salmonids and the watersheds they depend on.

“B.C.’s rivers and waterways help define us as a province. They are the lifeblood of our environment, our economy and our communities,” said Premier Campbell in making the announcement. “The Living Rivers Trust Fund serves as our commitment to protecting and improving B.C.’s rivers, watersheds, and fish habitats for generations to come.”

“The Fraser Basin plan is not a technical fix; it is a people fix!”

— Patrick Reid



According to John Woodward, chair of the Living Rivers Trust Fund Advisory Group, “This increased funding will give us the ability to expand our conservation and enhancement efforts across the province.”

“The Fraser Basin Council has long held the view that healthy and productive salmon stocks are a reflection of healthy and sustainable communities,” said FBC Chair Patrick Reid. “Simply put, our lives can only be as good as the salmon’s. The Fraser Basin Plan is not a technical fix; it is a people fix! If we wish to make a difference in the Fraser and realize our collective vision for sustainability, we can only do that



Premier Gordon Campbell and Environment Minister Barry Penner joined John Woodward, chair of the Living Rivers Advisory Group, to plant native plant species on the banks of the Fraser River after announcing the Province will triple funding for the Living Rivers Trust Fund to \$21 million.

through a collaborative process. All interests must work together, find common ground and do what is necessary to put this Plan into practice.”

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For more information on the Fraser Basin Plan, contact Jessica Bratty at jbratty@fraserbasin.bc.ca

Patrick Reid, FBC Chair 2003 to 2006

HOPE



Patrick Reid has a twinkle in his eye as he needles owners of SUVs during his 2004 State of the Basin address.

THERE IS ONE word that comes to mind when I contemplate the three years I have spent at the Fraser Basin Council. That word is "hope".

Over my lifetime I have been privileged to undertake a variety of voluntary public service, but rarely have I had, on leaving, such a sense of well-being and of hope, not just for the Fraser, but for the planet.

Partly this is because the Council accomplishes a great deal, daily, in furthering a sustainable future – socially, economically and environmentally. Partly it is because the Council has been able, increasingly, to achieve common ground with young people, and to spread a message of hope to other parts of the world. Partly it is because the Council has proved beyond any doubt that its collaborative governance makes for enduring consensus building. But above all, it is because the people who are in the Council are themselves hopeful human beings – otherwise they wouldn't be there.

Whether they are program managers or members of the Board – from politicians and First Nations to ranchers, corporate executives and environmentalists – they are unreservedly committed to their communities, and to the belief that together they can make a difference. One has only to read any issue of the Fraser Basin News to be astonished at the range, scope and depth of activities, and accomplishments, of those who serve the Council.

This is not to say that hard-won advances in sustainable practices in one locality mean universal progress. There are obstacles everywhere, and few resources. But since the solutions are designed and carried out by people, it is not unreasonable to hope that more and more people, faced with the realities of conspicuous consumption and



Patrick Reid joined federal, provincial and municipal leaders at the kick-off of the Fleet Challenge BC's biodiesel market development program at the old CPR Roundhouse in Vancouver in March 2005. Pictured here are (l-r): City of North Vancouver Mayor and FBC Director Barbara Sharp, Western Economic Diversification Minister Stephen Owen, Whistler Acting Mayor Kristi Wells, Richmond Acting Mayor Kiichi Kumagai, Delta Mayor Lois Jackson, Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell, BC Minister of Energy Richard Neufeld, Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan and Patrick Reid, Chair of the Fraser Basin Council that manages the Fleet Challenge BC and biodiesel programs.

environmental degradation, will create more organizations in the image of the Council. If so, the world will be a much better, and more hopeful, place.

Nor is this to say that the Council itself is a supreme paragon. At times it is hampered by lack of resources, or by a concern to maintain good relations with its sources of financial support. Its full potential can be achieved only by financial independence, and this is a long way off. In the meantime, its influence for good increases with every project initiated.

I am pleased indeed to pass the chairmanship to the very capable hands of Dr. Charles Jago, and to wish him all the pleasure and purpose I have enjoyed in my own tenure. I thank the Board, and

the Society, for their thoughtful enterprise, understanding and direction. I hope, for David Marshall, a continued and long career of exceptional management, not the least of which is his genius in assembling a group of inspired and very professional colleagues. They always go the extra mile, knowing full well that it is never crowded. They give us all great hope.

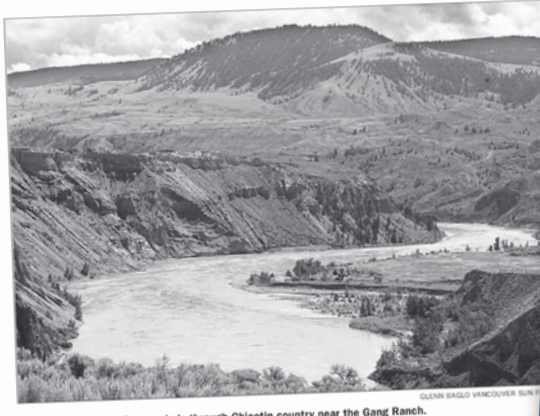
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Good planets are hard to find



No place like it: The Fraser winds through Chicout country near the Gang Ranch.

The Fraser River Basin presents a wonderful example of how we need to make sustainability work for everyone.

According to some, the world is going to hell in a handbasket. "One thing is sure. The earth is cultivated more than ever before... swamps are drying up and cities are springing up at an unprecedented scale. We have become a burden to our planet. Resources are becoming scarce and soon nature will no longer be able to satisfy our needs."

They sound like they were written yesterday, but these words – which I found at the Vancouver Art Gallery's "Massive Change" exhibit – were penned more than 2,300 years ago by one Quintus Septimus Tertullian.

Clearly, we, as a species, have been here before. Perhaps we have always been here, facing an uncertain future.

The two forecasts that really give me pause are international. The first is the planet's carrying capacity.

The bible on this, to me, was the report of the Club of Rome more than 30 years ago called "The Limits to Growth." The concern then, as it is now, is that there will eventually be too many



Excerpts from Patrick Reid's State of the Basin address being presented today at the 2004 State of the Fraser Basin Conference in Vancouver. At the conference, the Fraser Basin Council will release its second Sustainability Snapshot – a report that focuses on 17 key indicators of the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the Fraser River Basin.

Vanderhoof wine country may be popular. For the past year or so since I became chair of the Fraser Basin Council, I have been engaged in what has been for me a voyage of

working together to create solutions. It takes time sometimes a time. But it is possible and it is happening.

Here are a few examples from our work at the Fraser Basin Council that are profiled in our new Sustainability Snapshot 2 indicator report.

Our commitment to consensus building has led to landmark agreements that are ending 50 years of conflict over the management of the Nechako River's water resources.

We've developed tools to help municipalities better prepare for the next great Fraser River flood. We tackled the issue of invasive plants – those noxious weeds that are taking over large parts of the province and are costing our economy millions of dollars a year.

We helped solve the problem of pollution at Britannia Mine. And we're working with communities from Squamish to McBride to create new futures that will diversify their economies. Despite these successes, we still face some significant chal-

THE COMMENTARY PAGE

Closing the floodgates

Recent floods underscore the urgent need for British Columbians to protect themselves against rampaging waters, especially when the Big One rolls in



Patrick Reid says \$10 million more is needed to deal with floods.



A Pemberton home is surrounded by flood waters and vehicles lie under water after the Lilouan River, right. Millions are being spent to upgrade diking systems in the province.

For people in Pemberton, British Columbia and other communities who last Friday received two weeks of rain, the floods are a disaster and a wake-up call. The human tragedy came to us here in the Fraser Valley when we learned that some of our bridges had been washed away. We are now faced with the prospect of water flooding. We are now faced with the prospect of water flooding. We are now faced with the prospect of water flooding.

Let's not debate whether the Fraser will flood again like it did in 1948 and 1994. It's not a question of if, but when.

At exactly 2000, we had a stark reminder of this threat when severe water came down the Fraser then in 1994. Fortunately a cool spring and a slow snowmelt eased the pressure on the Fraser's banks and dikes.

Without more adequate flood protection measures in place, the next great Fraser flood could be catastrophic.

About 500,000 people now live in 200,000 homes on the floodplain. Potential damage estimates are in the billions of dollars to homes, businesses, roads, water and sewer systems, utilities and other infrastructure could be wiped out.

Development in areas not prone to flooding and engineering – building at levels above anticipated flood – significantly reduces the threat of flood damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure. Developing emergency flood plans

understanding one that involves many jurisdictions and agencies. It must take into consideration environmental concerns, the needs of individual communities and economic realities. Effective flood hazard management must also require multiple lines of defence.

Engineering and maintaining a high standard of dikes reduces the capacity of flooding in our communities. Since the early 1970s, more than \$500 million has been invested in repairing, stabilizing and upgrading the dike system in the lower Fraser and throughout BC.

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to attend to the detail that caught my attention in the back rooms on the first morning – a genial fellow who explained he was with the president and that his job was to eat the same meal we'd be serving his boss a few hours later.

Harking back to days when kings employed taste-testers, it was his responsibility to ensure that the most powerful man in the world was not poisoned. Yet, at dinner, I was struck by Bush's simplicity and humanity.

We were a small group of about a dozen. Foreign minister Joe Clark had rushed back from a tour of the Midwest to brief the president. Yet, what Bush wanted to hear about was the state of the United States embassy in Tehran, which he had not seen in years.

I think I saw tears in his eyes when Clark, describing the plaza, mentioned that shoots of grass could be seen through cracks in the

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The Fraser River system is the single largest producer of sockeye salmon in the world, the largest producer of chinook, pink and chum salmon in British Columbia, and a major producer of coho and steelhead.

The Fraser Basin is also the economic engine of BC, producing 80% of its wealth. The health of the Fraser River and the Basin are key to the economic future of the province. For the first time ever, there is now a strategic approach that reflects this importance. The Fraser Basin Plan provides a common platform from which a number of organizations can work collaboratively to address key issues, and ultimately achieve sustainability for salmon and watersheds. ■

Thank You, Patrick Reid

THE FRASER BASIN COUNCIL was indeed fortunate to have Patrick Reid accept the position of Chair in 2003. At the time, the former Commissioner General of EXPO 86 and past-Chairman of the Vancouver Port Corporation, Airshow Canada 89 and GLOBE 90, was as busy as ever serving BC and Canada. When he joined the Council, Reid, an Officer of the Order of Canada, was also serving as Chairman of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation, and as a board member of the Canadian Unity Council, the GLOBE Foundation and the UBC Community Advisory Council.

Patrick's long experience in, commitment to and wide-ranging knowledge of both business and public service were an inspiration to staff and board members, and a valuable resource to the Council. Yet even after a career that spanned six decades and literally covered the globe, he was completely open and eager to acquire knowledge and expertise in new areas.

A gifted communicator, Patrick also brought to the Council a rare and powerful combination of passion and persuasive power. He put his stamp on the Basin with his unstinting efforts to strengthen communities, including First Nations, improve the health of the Fraser River system's fish stocks and habitat, and encourage the involvement of young people in working toward sustainability.

David Marshall, Executive Director, Fraser Basin Council

Alcan honours FBC with dedication of sculpture



Alcan recently honoured the Fraser Basin Council with the dedication of a Kermode Bear sculpture painted by artist Gloria Masse of Gambier Island. Pictured here are FBC Chair Patrick Reid (left) with Travis Engen, President and CEO of Alcan. The rare white-coloured bear, which lives only in BC's northern coastal forests, has its own First Nation legend: their creator, the Raven, made these bears white as a reminder of the time when the world was pure and clean like snow. A number of the bears are on display in prominent public spaces in participating cities in support of the BC Lions Society's Easter Seal Operations and the Canucks for Kids Fund.

Roy Mussell (Sxela:wtxw till) – In Memoriam 1948-2006

Roy Mussell – a man who gave his heart and soul to whatever he did

THE FRASER BASIN COUNCIL lost one of its best friends and strongest supporters with the passing of Chief Roy Mussell of Skwah First Nation on March 5, 2006. A founding member and longtime Vice-Chair of the Council, Roy was dedicated to achieving sustainability in the watershed where he was born and lived most of his life.

"The Fraser Basin Council is something that's special and dear to my heart," said Roy in an interview with *The Vancouver Sun's* Maurice Bridge shortly before he died of cancer at age 57. "I think we should be grateful that we've got a number of people, both first nations and non first nations, who feel it's a right and a duty to monitor what other people want to do in the Fraser Basin. I think we've played a key role in that monitoring."

Others had long been monitoring Roy's own contributions to sustainability and community building and honoured them in a naming ceremony last Decem-

ber. Roy was given the name used by the Sto:lo Nation for the territory in which he lived in the Fraser Valley near Chilliwack: *Sxela:wtxw till* (pronounced Schwh-la-wa-till). Roy was proud of the name because it was given to him by his community. It was also appropriate because the rich river valley is a place that has brought many people together – which is just what Roy had done in his life. As Roy put it with his gentle humour, he was the man from *Sxela:wtxw till*. He was also the man for it.

has strength, but it moves with the wind. And it has adaptability so it can be used for many purposes."

Roy was supremely adaptable and used each experience as a purposeful steppingstone to greater achievement. From his early days doing farm chores, haying with neighbours and canning corn and fruit, through schooling and working as a surveyor and engineer, Roy evolved naturally into being a leader in the community. Whether responding to environmental issues, developing strategies for skills development or planning for economic development, he sought to build partnerships that would bring about self-sufficiency for First Nations – and sustainability for his home.

Roy's involvement with FBC goes back to its predecessor organization, the Fraser Basin Management Board (FBMB) in the early 1990s. Rose Charlie, then the newly elected Chief of Chehalis First Nation, sug-

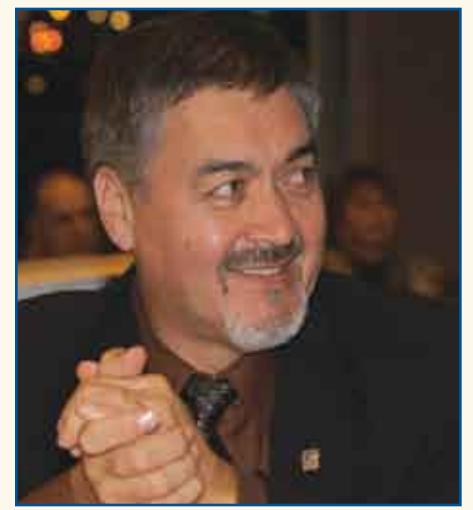
gested Roy serve on the board in her stead. "I had been looking for someone who really understood sustainability and who gave his heart and soul to whatever he did. He traveled far, but never left his local band. He lifted the spirit of all those around him. He was a true leader."

Roy served as a leader in a wide range of capacities. As Chief of Skwah First Nation. As CEO of the Sto:lo Nation human resource development department. As Chair of the Ch-ihl-kwa-uhk Forestry Limited Partnership which last year put together a \$12 million joint logging venture that would also provide valuable transportable skills for native youth. Those who worked with him over the years on the Council remember a man who brought together two worlds.

George Saddleman, Chair of the Nicola Tribal Association and FBC Director, worked with Roy for more than 30 years. "We understood that special relationship our people have to the land and saw the opportunities to bridge the gap between the diverse thinking about promoting sustainability within the Fraser River Basin and beyond."

BC Lieutenant Governor and former FBC Chair Iona Campagnolo, saw Roy's contribution as vital. "In my experience," she said in her tribute at Roy's memorial service, "the Council would never have had the credibility and success that it has since enjoyed without Roy Mussell and the First Nations members who have made it function positively in a manner unlike any other such organization."

Another former Chair, Dr. Jack Blaney, remembers Roy as a man who sought "achievement without prominence, a person whose passion and selfless work helped build healthy, vibrant, diverse and tolerant communities in our Basin."



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— Roy Mussell

FBC Executive Director David Marshall worked side by side with Roy from their days together with the FBMB. Last year, they attended a World Bank workshop on integrated river basin management in Warsaw. This year, David went to the World Water Forum, which had many of the same participants. "Many of them asked where Roy was. He had obviously made a huge impression."

In almost all the roles he undertook, Roy blazed a trail for others to follow – and showed what can happen when people work together. "The important part is sticking together," Roy once said. "There are really, really good reasons to do that."

Stephen Point, Grand Chief, former BC Provincial Court judge, and Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, called Roy "one of those guys who gets things done... a very diplomatic individual – the glue that holds things together."

Now Roy is gone. His example must serve to inspire the cooperation that gets things done – and holds things together. Farewell, *Sxela:wtxw till*. We are richer in every way for having known you, and poorer for having lost you far too early. ■

Vancouver Sun columnist Maurice Bridge paid tribute to Roy Mussell in February 2006.



Roy provided leadership not only to the Fraser Basin Council in general, but also to the eight First Nations language groups that are represented on the FBC Board. Pictured here in 2004 in front of the "sistkn" – a traditional underground "pit" house that was used during the winter months – next to the Coldwater Indian Band's school are (l-r front row) George Saddleman (Chief, Nicola Tribal Association, Merritt), Morgan Wells (Councillor, Lilwat Nation, Mount Currie), Deborah Abbott (Executive Director, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council, Lytton), FBC Executive Director David Marshall and Nolan Charles (Councillor, Musqueam, Vancouver); (l-r back row) FBC Chair Patrick Reid with FBC Vice-Chair Roy Mussell (Chief, Skwah First Nation, Chilliwack).

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"Roy was a visionary with keen business sense who understood that sharing and partnership are essential to success – in sustainability, in business, in building community and in life," said FBC Chair Patrick Reid. "His approach was in many ways modeled on the cedar, which he once observed was the 'most flexible of trees'. It



In memory of Chief Mussell, the Roy Mussell Fund for Aboriginal Youth has been established to support leadership capacity of First Nations youth.

The FBC is now accepting donations to this fund on behalf of Chief Mussell's family.

Tax receipts will be provided for each donation. For information please call (604) 488-5350

FBC Regional Programs

THOMPSON REGION

2nd annual stewardship workshop a huge success

THE SUCCESS of the second annual stewardship workshop has participants already primed for a third event in 2007. Hosted and facilitated in Williams Lake by FBC in March, the two-day event drew 61 stewards from throughout the interior and broad representation from communities, agencies, industry, local government and First Nations.

The workshop focused on strategic communications and tools that enable stewards to expand their knowledge and networks while building connections and partnerships with a diverse range of stewards. Highlights included:

- Strategic communications session facilitated by the Institute for Media, Policy,

and Civil Society (IMPACS).

- Welcome to the territory of the Williams Lake Band by elder Jean William, who also spoke on stewardship values and beliefs.
- Success stories from the Cariboo Watershed Stewardship Council program.
- Introduction of a new stewardship program by the BC Cattlemen's Association.
- Application of traditional knowledge to stewardship activities featuring Jean William, and the balancing of traditional knowledge with scientific knowledge by Dave Coutlee, the Natural Resources Manager with the Nicola Watershed Stewardship and Fisheries Authority (NWSFA). ■

Expanding climate stations and water conservation education

THE FBC, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, stock associations and fish and wildlife clubs, has secured funding to expand the Climate and Soil Moisture Station Network throughout the Thompson watershed in 2006. The expansion of the network to other basins within the region will assist producers in obtaining real time weather data, including humidity and actual soil moisture readings to enable a scientific approach for the use of a limited water supply. Priority watersheds are the Shuswap, South Thompson, Bonaparte, Salmon and Lemieux.

The expansion of the network follows the success of the five climate stations – each with a wireless soil moisture sensor – that the Thompson Region installed in the Nicola Valley in 2005 to assist irrigators in improving water use efficiency. Information from each climate station is available on www.farmwest.com and is listed under the Climate section. ■



A Davis Vantage Pro2 Climate Station installed on Kane Lake Ranch near Merritt in the summer of 2005, to assist with water conservation efforts.

Food security mapping pilot project

COMPLETED in March 2006, the Food Security Mapping Pilot Project explored the feasibility of developing food security map layers to be hosted on the Community Mapping Network. The intent of these map layers is to investigate the vulnerability of

the food supply, to connect local producers and suppliers, and to improve access to information for decision makers. Further work is proposed for 2006, pending receipt of funding. For more information, visit <http://research.tru.ca/kstcmp/> ■

CARIBOO REGION

Quesnel interface fire management plan

FBC is working with community members, the City of Quesnel and representatives from the forest industry and BC Hydro to develop a collaborative Community Interface Fire Plan for reducing the potential for, and possible impacts of, an interface fire in the Quesnel area. The plan is modeled after one developed for Williams Lake last year. FBC provided facilitation and writing for this local plan with funding secured through the Union of BC Municipalities.

To date, the Quesnel group has agreed on the size of the plan area and sub-divided

this into planning units. For each planning unit, they have provided some specific information on the unique features and needs. Each planning unit will have relevant recommendations for their area along with the general recommendations applying to the entire plan area.

FBC is now helping to develop a plan for 100 Mile House and surrounding settled areas this fall. Each of the three community plans will complement a regional plan led by the Cariboo Regional District to provide direction to the more rural settlements. ■

Aboriginal Forestry Directory and Forum

FOLLOWING UP on the November 2005 workshop, FBC has undertaken research on the Aboriginal Forestry Directory for the Cariboo-Chilcotin that will make it easier for interested companies to contact Aboriginals for employment. The directory will identify all Aboriginal peoples (First Nations and Métis) that have specific forestry skills and businesses. A team of First Nations representatives and participants from the Aboriginal Forestry Forum has

provided direction for the project, which has received funding from the forest industry and the provincial government.

The Directory will be available through a new project website that will be linked to the FBC website. FBC is now working on a follow-up forum that will focus on the many initiatives developed to address the long-term impacts of the mountain pine beetle infestation, as well as other forest health issues. ■

UPPER FRASER REGION

Nechako Sturgeon population gets a hand

THE LARGEST FRESHWATER fish in Canada – white sturgeon – have existed relatively unchanged for millions of years. But white sturgeon in the Nechako River haven't been repopulating as they should. So the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative is giving them a hand.

In late May, the group's technical team captured 33 white sturgeon within 15 km of the spawning area at Vanderhoof. About a third of them were mature spawners.

The team transported two large females and four males to Prince George for spawning after which they were released back to the Nechako. All the mature males were radio tagged prior to release to help determine the precise timing of spawning

as part of the spring spawning studies program being undertaken by Triton Environmental Ltd. The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FFSBC) managed the spawning process, with fertilized eggs transported to the pilot facility at Vanderhoof where they will be reared and released back into the Nechako this fall. Each juvenile will be marked prior to release to aid identification in the field. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) has recommended that the Nechako white sturgeon population be listed under the federal Species At Risk Act. ■

For more information, visit: www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org

Naver Creek recovery project

NAVER CREEK isn't what it used to be. Over the past 50 years, its channel along the lower 16 km near Hixon has lost almost two kilometers and it now flows at steeper gradient, both contributing factors to the severity of the flooding in January 2005

These findings are part of the results of a channel assessment presented in January 2006 that identified some 55 sites where slope instability, bank erosion, lack of riparian vegetation, and channel relocation threaten local infrastructure and property to varying degrees.

Remedial work required includes fencing,

revegetation, bio-engineering, and new or upgraded training works. Some of the remedial work could become community projects. Sponsored by the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG), two Hixon residents attended the Stream Bank Restoration course offered through UNBC. The course used a Naver Creek site for the field training portion of the course, completing a project using the wattle fencing technique on an eroding bank behind a resident's home. The RDFFG, Ministry of Environment and Hixon Community Association are prioritizing the remedial projects for action. ■



Naver Creek, Hixon – Stream Bank Restoration Course, April 25, 2006. Course participants establish the first row.

Nechako Watershed Council News

NECHAKO WATERSHED COUNCIL (NWC) meetings this spring have focused on the work plan for the Cold Water Release Facility (CWRF), pollution prevention at the Huckleberry Mine and the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic.

In May, the Nechako Enhancement Society (NES) gave the NWC an update on progress on four studies vital to the CWRF: total gas pressure, the Cheslatta Fan (sediment loads), the Murray-Cheslatta watershed (rehabilitation) and Nechako River water temperatures, the single most sensitive issue. In conjunction with the meeting, the NWC also had a field trip to the Huckleberry Mine, located at the western end

of the Nechako Reservoir. NWC members toured the open pit mine, the tailings pond and the ore processing plant. Huckleberry Mine staff described how the settling ponds would work once the mine is decommissioned to manage the quality of the water before its release back into the natural environment. The visit helped allay concerns about the release among NWC members who encouraged the mining company to hold public information meetings. ■

For more information, contact: Joan Chess, Upper Fraser Regional Manager at jchess@fraserbasin.bc.ca.

FBC Regional Programs

GREATER VANCOUVER SEA TO SKY REGION

Sustainability by Design

AS VANCOUVER geared up to host the UN's World Urban Forum on the 30th anniversary of HABITAT 76, FBC has been a key partner in the "Sustainability by Design" initiative, an important discourse on land management and urban design toward sustainability in the Greater Vancouver region.

Working with the UBC Design Centre for Sustainability, FBC hosted and facilitated three educational forums on sustainable land use and design in the region, a series of workshops and a four-day design charrette on three community case studies. (A charrette is a collaborative design technique engaging a broad group of interests to inform design issues toward a shared vision for the future.) A regional design charrette in June generated a nine metre by 13 metre map of the region describing a future that encompassed a doubling of the region's population, and identified the needed transportation corridors, buildings and edge design to allow for growth that enhances the livability of the community and sustainability.



Lisa King, a planner for the Corporation of Delta, works on the Edge Team's 50-year vision of the East Ladner study area as part of the "Sustainability by Design" charrette.

The map was displayed at the World Urban Forum, showcasing collaborative design for an international audience. ■

Britannia treatment plant cleans up the environment

A NEW WATER treatment plant at the historic Britannia Mines site is now fully functional, leaving the lasting legacy of a cleaner environment for generations to come. Residents of Britannia Beach, provincial and corporate partners, and the Fraser Basin Council celebrated the opening of the new facility on June 5. ■



Pictured here are (l-r) FBC's Greater Vancouver – Sea to Sky Regional Manager Bob Purdy, BC Minister of Agriculture and Lands Pat Bell, West Vancouver - Garibaldi MLA Joan McIntyre, BC Minister of Environment Barry Penner, Steve Stanley, President, EPCOR Water Services Inc. and Larry Blain, CEO of Partnerships BC.

Funding for Fraser River Debris Trap



DESPITE SIGNIFICANT reductions in contributions from the federal government, the coastal forest industry and the Fraser River Port Authority for Fraser River Debris Trap operations (pictured here) in 2006/2007, contributions by the GVRD, BC Ministries of Transportation, Agriculture and Lands, Forests and Range

and Environment made up the shortfall to enable the Trap to continue operating. The Debris Trap Operating Committee is now looking to dialogue with its key partners toward a sustainable funding model and is advancing a study on debris trap decommissioning/ costs-benefits to support that discussion. ■

FRASER VALLEY REGION

Restorative Resolutions Program moves forward in Mission

THE DISTRICT OF MISSION has committed resources for its Restorative Resolutions Program, one of the five pillars of the "Crime Prevention Plan: A Social Approach" developed by the Mission Community Justice Council. FBC will assist with a multi-stakeholder delivery of social development through restorative resolution processes, and will work directly with community members to expand their capacity for facilitating restorative processes rather than punitive approaches.

Mission's program is unique in BC because of the way it builds capacity in citizens themselves, is firmly supported by the municipality and citizens, models unique partnerships and collaborations, demonstrates an innovative funding model, and recognizes and acts on the value of sustainability.

"All sustainability stems from the sense of well-being of the people", explained retired judge Barry Stuart. "Economies cannot thrive when there is a high level of



Restorative Resolutions Community facilitator training session with FBC Director Dave Barratt (right).

perpetual and unresolved conflict in the community. Conflict can be an opportunity to positively address individual and community issues, providing an opening for restorative action." ■

Chilliwack River Watershed Plan moves ahead

A NUMBER OF public forums and government meetings have been held to identify issues, share knowledge, and develop rapport among user groups and authorities working together to develop the Chilliwack River Watershed Plan. FBC has chaired and provided strategic design to

the plan's Project Team. One of the challenges is that the Fraser Valley receives more than one million visitors per year – a challenge that may be an opportunity as the Ch-ihl-kway-uhks First Nation has purchased a former penal site for resort development and healing center. ■



Pictured here are the Chilliwack River Watershed Strategy Project Team and guests touring the hatchery.

Sharing nutrient management expertise in New Zealand

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL Manager Marion Robinson spoke at the Rotorua Lakes Water Quality Symposium in March in New Zealand. New Zealand's agricultural production and animal densities rank high in global standings. The country's pastoral practices – combined with porous volcanic soils, steep

hills, human impacts and naturally occurring nutrients from thermal sources – create special challenges. Following the symposium, she worked with environmental districts and universities to address nutrient management issues and explain FBC's facilitation and management model to address these issues. ■



Pictured here is New Zealand's award winning dairyman Bill Garland in the Waikato valley showing his native tree plantings in riparian areas and steep slopes.

FBC Program Updates

Invasive Plant Council battles new invaders

THE INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL OF BC (IPC) is bringing industry, the community and all levels of government together to tackle the spread of alien, invasive plant species. One recent project has focused on minimizing or eradicating a relatively new invasive plant on southern Vancouver Island.

Carpet burweed was first found in a provincial park and has recently spread to local parks such as Beacon Hill. Besides impacting rare plant species, carpet burweed invades turf areas such as school grounds and golf courses. This plant creates burr-like spines and is extremely painful when touched or stepped on in bare feet.

The IPC is also working on new collaborative approaches to have all agencies work together to stop the introduction of new invasive species and to ensure that a rapid response approach is in place. An invasive plant specialist from Australia is currently working on these projects with the IPC. Other initiatives include developing a template for local government bylaws, a bio-control centre of excellence and research on the socio-economic impacts. ■

For more information, visit:
www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca



The Invasive Plant Council of BC brings people together to tackle the spread of alien, invasive plant species, and we have the tools to help do the job.

Our Council aims to:

- Increase awareness of invasive plants and their impacts.
- Provide information to local organizations, gardeners and others.
- Support local weed committees across BC.
- Share best management practices.
- Recommend more effective regulations, research and control measures.

The Invasive Plant Council's new display helps spread the message about the harmful impacts of invasive plants and what community groups, farmers, industry, students and gardeners are doing to stop their spread.

Cariboo Invasive Plant Forum

THE CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT (CRD) and the provincial government asked FBC to organize a forum to improve invasive plant management across the Cariboo region. Traditionally, the CRD coordinates field applications on behalf of interested government or crown agencies. The District may also play a role in joint planning in this

region. To build input and joint support, a public workshop was held in mid-June to identify how to strengthen planning and operations across the region. A sub-committee with representatives from the provincial government, the CRD and the Cattlemen's Association provided direction on the format and outcomes for the forum. ■

New flood profile raises warning flag

WE MAY NOT be as well protected against a Fraser River flood of record as previously believed.

That's according to preliminary results from a new hydraulic model for the lower Fraser River which indicates that some dikes on this section of the river may not be high enough to withstand a flood of record. The study was initiated by FBC and the BC Ministry of Environment in 2003 to help assess and mitigate flood hazards.

There have been two major Fraser River floods in the past 112 years with disastrous results. The first, in 1894, was the flood of record – the largest ever recorded on the river. The second largest was in 1948. It's only a matter of time until the Fraser floods again.

There are now some 300 km of dikes between Agassiz and Delta to protect people, property and infrastructure. The Fraser River Flood Control Program reconstructed almost 250 km of them between 1968 and 1994. The dike design levels for their reconstruction were based on a profile developed in 1969 that used high water marks from the 1948 and 1894 floods and limited computer modeling.

The multi-year lower Fraser River modeling project has four main objectives:

- Update the dike design profile and assess the adequacy of existing diking systems.

- Better understand the effects of sedimentation and dredging on the dike design profile.
- Assist with land use planning decisions and floodproofing practices.
- Provide a flood level forecasting tool during spring freshet floods.

Preliminary results from the new lower Fraser River model, which focuses on the Fraser River reach from Sumas Mountain to Richmond, indicate that diking systems from New Westminster to Chilliwack are below the most recent estimates for updated design levels. In most cases, dikes constructed and maintained to meet the original 1894 flood profile should protect against flows close to the 1948 peak flow at Mission. However, the preliminary results indicate that several diking systems could be overtopped if the 1894 flood of record were to re-occur.

The project was supported by the BC Ministry of the Environment, Canadian Coast Guard, Fraser River Port Authority and several municipalities including Surrey, Richmond, Delta, Abbotsford, Township of Langley, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

For more information, contact Steve Litke, Program Manager, at slitke@fraserbasin.bc.ca.

4th Rural Summit

MORE THAN 180 people attended the 4th Rural Summit from April 20 to 22 in Osoyoos – more than double the attendance of the previous event. The BC Rural Network and FBC jointly organized the forum with the local Community Futures Association. FBC also coordinated all travel subsidies and youth participation. Final evaluation and recommendations for the next summit are currently un-

derway. The BC Rural Network is producing a planning manual for use by future committees that will be hosting annual forums. Next year's plans include increasing the number of rural dialogues, hosting a provincial workshop, expanding rural inventories and sharing lessons learned from pilot projects, with Network Coordinator Maureen LeBourdais of Horsefly spearheading preparation. ■

Strengthening Communities program to expand

FBC'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN significantly enhances commitment to the Strengthening Communities program which has had a number of past successes, including:

- Squamish Waterfront Planning (Greater Vancouver Sea to Sky Region)



- Small Lot Agriculture (Fraser Valley Region)
- Rural Diversification (Thompson Region)



- Community Profiles and Directories (Cariboo Chilcotin Region)

- Small Business and Tourism (Upper Fraser Region)
- Barkerville-Wells Strategic Planning (Basin Wide).



Going forward, the focus will be on community level projects that produce tangible results, such as

- demonstrating sustainability on the ground and measurable progress;
- action on priorities identified in community plans;
- meeting social and economic needs of communities, e.g. affordable housing, helping seniors to stay in the community, etc.; and
- demonstrating sustainability in communities of varying sizes, types and circumstances. ■

Fraser Basin Council Youth Forum

THE FBC hosted a highly successful youth forum – "Look Who's Talking: A Dialogue on the Future with Today's and Tomorrow's Leaders" – as part of 30 Days of Sustainability events held in Vancouver in March. In addition to spotlighting youth engagement in sustainability issues, the forum advanced FBC's youth outreach program. Among the many positive outcomes of the forum were BC Hydro's commitment to engage youth in the province-wide integrated electricity planning process, and the Vancouver Sun's Managing Editor Kirk LaPointe's offer of resources to support youth media development and youth engagement in traditional media. ■

Regional Visioning for Local Governance

FBC FACILITATED a second planning session for elected and senior administrators for all levels of governments. The visioning exercise sought to increase understanding and to identify actions that will increase partnerships and sharing between First Nations and local governments. The City of Williams Lake and the Cariboo Regional District will be leading off with some new examples of collaboration and joint sharing of resources. Some of the examples for future projects include sharing land use planning, exchanging information on policies, developing joint marketing and profile, and further work on the new Discovery Centre. ■

South Cariboo directory of small businesses

FOLLOWING UP on the success of the Community Profile, the South Cariboo Strengthening Communities has now completed the Directory of Small Businesses for the area. The directory, which spans two regional districts and many small and remote communities, will be the first on-line database hosted by the FBC and will enable viewers to sort by business type and area. It is designed to help increase the profile of small businesses in the South Cariboo as part of a larger effort to stabilize the population. By raising awareness of the diversity of businesses, the directory underscores the region's appeal and strengthens the abilities

of communities to organize local events.

Multi-community forums that FBC hosted first identified how a directory could help attract and retain business folks – a fundamental requirement for social and health structures in the region. A small group of community representatives guided input for the Directory, which was then promoted through local community organizations. With input from a community meeting in May, plans are underway to expand and update the database's range of local social and support services. Once expanded, FBC will seek a local partner for ensuring promotion and updating of this Directory. ■

BC Rural Network Advances

THE BC RURAL NETWORK Working Group, representing eight rural organizations, hosted a series of events over the past year to move rural coordination forward, among them the Rural Summit and Forum. The Network, now seeking to register as a Society, combined its first annual meeting with the

Forum. To date, the Network, that is chaired by FBC, has reached consensus on all their decisions regarding role, structure and action plan. Some of the highlights include approved terms of reference, a two-year funding application, newsletters, a website and regional urban dialogues. ■

Climate Change Programs

HYDROGEN HIGHWAY

Taking hydrogen vehicles for a spin



Held in front of Canada Place during GLOBE 2006, the hydrogen vehicle ride and drive featured vehicles from Nissan, Ford, Toyota, Honda, Roush/GMC Sierra and the Saskatchewan Research Council. Pictured here with workshop participants are (l-r) Dennis Rogoza, CEO of Fleet Challenge Canada, Ardath Paxton Mann, Assistant Deputy Minister from Western Economic Diversification and FBC Director, and David Marshall, Executive Director of the Fraser Basin Council.

EVER WANTED to test drive one of the new hydrogen powered cars or pick-ups?

During GLOBE 2006, Fleet Challenge and FBC teamed up with Powertech and Leading Edge BC to provide the opportunity for almost 100 fleet managers from across BC and Alberta to take the hydrogen vehicles for a spin and learn more about their commercialization.

Hydrogen fuelled vehicles are getting ready for commercialization. Some technologies are being demonstrated now by a limited number of automakers, and others

will be introduced over the next five years as the "Hydrogen Highway" becomes a reality leading up to 2010.

The morning workshop provided the latest information on hydrogen supply, distribution, price, maintenance, codes and standards, IC and fuel cell technologies, applications, and commercial readiness. The afternoon technology showcase gave attendees the exclusive opportunity to "Ride & Drive" a variety of the latest hydrogen powered vehicles – the largest contingent of hydrogen vehicles ever assembled in Vancouver. ■



Fleet Challenge BC brought together leading experts on the commercialization of the hydrogen vehicles and the "Hydrogen Highway" for the workshop.

Join the Fraser Basin Council Sustainability Leaders List Serve!

FBC has developed a **Sustainability Leaders List Serve** designed to provide a space for thoughtful dialogue on sustainability (social, economic and environmental) issues and solutions. The list serve provides a virtual space for dialogue that allows subscribers to post events and projects, and discuss concepts and issues related to sustainability. Its goals are:

- To provide a unique space for dialogue amongst youth leaders, organizations, local and global citizens, and sustainability issues and solutions.
- To promote an environment where partnerships can be formed and increased levels of understanding and appreciation can be fostered.

How do I sign up?

Visit: <http://vancouvercommunity.net/lists/subrequest/fbc-leaders>
<<http://vancouvercommunity.net/lists/subrequest/fbc-leaders>>

Or send an email to: trobort@fraserbasin.bc.ca

NOTE: This online space for dialogue is moderated by FBC staff. Therefore, spam and inappropriate materials will not be circulated.

Idling Vehicles: reducing high cash and environmental costs

Did you know that 500 hours of idling = 100,000 km of vehicle wear?

IT'S NOT GOOD for your wallet, your car or the environment.

Rising fuel costs and air quality concerns are driving the *Idle-Free BC* initiative. Launched in March 2005, the campaign has inspired a number of successful idling reduction programs across the province as government and private sector fleet managers seek out solutions that significantly reduce fuel costs and reduce emissions.

Idle-reduction programs are showing excellent results.

Over the first year of its idling reduction program, the City of Richmond saved about 10% – or, over \$130,000 – in fuel

costs. Molson Canadian estimates it saves \$225,000 annually as a result of its idling reduction program. The City of Williams Lake has also developed an Idle-Free program for its fleet that includes an education campaign on the benefits of reduced idling, as well as formal fleet guidelines for idling times in different seasons and situations. Many other communities have also successfully implemented programs. ■

For more information visit www.idlefreebc.ca or contact Terry Robert, Program Coordinator, at trobort@fraserbasin.bc.ca



Fleet Challenge BC's program featured in Biodiesel Magazine

FLEET CHALLENGE BC's program to advance the commercialization of biodiesel throughout BC was featured in the February issue of Biodiesel Magazine. The US-based publication was distributed at the 2006 National Biodiesel Conference in San Diego. ■

Clean air solutions we can all live with

AIR QUALITY is a classic sustainability issue – connecting human health, economic development, and environmental well-being. In order to achieve reduced emissions, everyone needs to play a part – at home, on the road, in our businesses and through decisions by all orders of government.

In March, FBC organized and hosted the 2006 Clean Air Forum that focused on some key air quality issues. BC's Environment Minister Barry Penner and Vancouver City Councillor Peter Ladner joined a wide range of speak-

ers from government and business who gave presentations on practical actions that they are taking to reduce emissions from wood smoke and transportation, while producing economic activity, fuel savings and other benefits.

Presentations from the 2006 BC Clean Air Forum are available for download at www.fraserbasin.bc.ca. ■

For more information contact Jim Vanderwal, Program Manager, at jvanderwal@fraserbasin.bc.ca.

Engaging the Chinese Canadian community in home energy savings

IN MARCH the BC Climate Exchange, in partnership with the One Tonne Challenge and the City of Vancouver, wrapped up a large-scale media campaign designed to educate and encourage Chinese Canadians to take action to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. With support from local Chinese newspapers, radio and television, the campaign focused on energy and money saving tips for the home, reaching approximately 370,000 people.

For more information on this campaign and lessons learned, contact Terry Robert, Program Coordinator, at trobort@fraserbasin.bc.ca



FBC Board of Directors

Dr. Charles Jago takes helm as Chair of the Fraser Basin Council



DR. CHARLES JAGO is not a man to waste time. The successor to Patrick Reid as Chair of the Council, Dr. Jago began his term immediately upon stepping down as the President of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in June.

"This is an exciting time for the Council," said Dr. Jago. "With the new Strategic Plan, the new Fraser Basin Plan for salmonid watersheds and major initiatives such as the 2010 Winter Games in full swing, sustainability is more than ever front and centre in the Basin. I believe the next five years will be critical to embedding sustainable thinking in the way we collectively make decisions and shape the Basin's future.

"The health and prosperity of the Fraser River Basin and its tributaries are essential to the quality of the economic and social

life of every citizen in the province," Jago said. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the work of the many dedicated British Columbians who are devoted to the well-being of one of the world's most prosperous geographic regions."

Dr. Jago's 11-year tenure as President of UNBC has given him a great understanding of sustainability issues facing the Fraser Basin, particularly in the Basin's northern regions.

"I'll be leading the Council out of Prince George – it's the first time that the Chair has resided outside the Lower Mainland," he said. "I think this will enhance and enrich the Basin-wide perspective that has always characterized the Council's outlook."

Dr. Jago's first direct involvement with FBC had come through working on the establishment of the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund (NEEF). "That effort embodied all that the Council does so well – including all interests in the issue and reconciling the environmental, economic and social dimensions in the outcome," he said.

As President of UNBC, Dr. Jago has overseen significant growth and development of the University. As a passionate advocate for the North, he played a significant role in the creation of a Northern Medical Program that is key to addressing the shortage of doctors in rural British Columbia. In his tenure, UNBC also rose to rank number four of 22 on McLean's Magazine listing of small Canadian universities. Dr. Jago received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2003 and was recently named as a member of the Order of Canada in 2005. ■



The FBC Board of Directors held their June meeting in the Thompson Region at the Quaaout Resort and Conference Centre in Chase, BC.

FBC welcomes new Directors

Nate Bello	Cariboo Chilcotin Region, Cariboo Regional District, Quesnel
Marty Bootsma	Thompson Region, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District, Salmon Arm
Rose Charlie	Fraser Valley Region, Halg'emeglem Language Group, Chehalis
Sheilagh Foster	Upper Fraser Region, Artist, McBride
Dan George	Upper Fraser Region, Carrier Language Group, Prince George
Colin Kinsley	Upper Fraser Region, Fraser Fort George Regional District, Prince George (served previously)
Peter Ladner	GVSS Region, Greater Vancouver Regional District, Vancouver
Ken Melamed	GVSS Region, Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Whistler
Peter Milobar	Thompson Region, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Kamloops
Terry Raymond	Fraser Valley Region, Fraser Valley Regional District, Boston Bar
George Saddleman	Thompson Region, Okanagan Language Group, Upper Nicola (served previously)
Bob Smillie	Thompson Region, Retired Physician, Kamloops (served previously)

...and says farewell to

Betty Abbs	Tom Coombes
Dave Hendrixson	Joe Post
Sylvia Pranger	Barbara Sharp
Bill Young	

FBC develops new Strategic Plan for 2006-2011

"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

—Albert Einstein

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT to Mr. Einstein, these days the future is coming too fast – and with too many threats – not to think about it. From climate change to fisheries issues to uneven economic growth, the sustainability of the future is a clear and present concern.

Over the past year, FBC's Board of Directors, committees and staff have been thinking very hard about how FBC can be most effective in building a sustainable Fraser River Basin over the next five years and beyond. The fruit of their comprehensive process is a new Strategic Plan that will focus resource allocation for FBC from 2006 to 2011. Annual operating plans will provide specific details for Basin-wide and regional programs. The Plan identifies five main objectives, strategies for achieving them and desired outcomes.

The objectives are to:

1. Improve understanding of sustainability to enable behavioral change and integrated decision-making.
2. Inspire and enable residents, communities and organizations to undertake actions that benefit ecosystems and economies in the Basin and the people that depend on them.
3. Catalyze and facilitate the establishment of inter-jurisdictional collaborative decision-making mechanisms.
4. Advance efforts on measuring progress and reporting on sustainability.
5. Be a more financially stable, sustainability conscious and responsive organization.

Four future scenarios behind the Plan

To pinpoint priorities for the coming five years, the participants in the planning process put forward four different scenarios for what could happen in the Basin by 2020.

The possible futures range from the sunny and bright to dark and stormy:

It's a Wonderful Life: the economy is healthy; the natural environment is in good shape; social programs are evident; all interests are working collaboratively.

Heads in the Sand: people are complacent and have failed to recognize the consequences of their actions; they are not taking sustainability seriously.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: the Basin's economy is starting to recover from years of recession, economic stagnation and uncertainty; people are recognizing the need for sustainability and are willing to work together to make this a reality.

A Dark and Stormy Night: this is a world in which global recession, market volatility and severe climate change have hammered the Basin's economy, environment and communities; people are not working together effectively to solve the Basin's challenges.

The scenarios provided both a novel approach and a valuable tool for identifying current and potential needs within the Basin. Many needs are common to at least three of the scenarios, giving FBC a useful reference regardless of which future the Basin may experience at a specific time. Moving forward, FBC will be able to better assess which scenario we are in fact experiencing, allowing the Council to better respond to needs, opportunities and challenges regarding the sustainability of the Basin. ■

For a more detailed look at the Plan's specific strategies and desired outcomes, go to: www.fraserbasin.bc.ca

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