

Fourth Annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop

February 28th and 29th 2008
Quesnel, British Columbia



“Stewards Conserve, Restore, and Protect”

Hosted by the Fraser Basin Council, Thompson Region
in partnership with
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
and Baker Creek Enhancement Society

Introduction

The fourth annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop was a great success, and attended by over 50 stewards from the Interior of BC with good representation from the northern region. The event focused on bringing stewards together for the purposes of networking, participating in a variety of discussions, and learning about experiences from our fellow stewards. This year, we had presentations on the Green Bylaws Toolkit, the BC Stewardship Centre, the Referral Tracking System developed by Adams Lake and Neskonlith Indian Bands, the Water Wise program of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Conservation Society, and an engaging panel discussion on stewardship initiatives addressing the current Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. Representatives from all levels of government (federal, provincial, First Nations, and local), industry, community groups, and non-government organizations all contributed to the discussions.

The workshop used a slightly different format this year, holding the workshop on a single day with a full agenda. Day two involved a field tour with visits to the Quesnel Community Campus to learn about the LEED-certified features of the new campus building and to Cariboo Pulp and Paper to watch a presentation on the water treatment partnership that is in place between Cariboo Pulp and Paper and the City of Quesnel.

February 28th Overview

As always, the workshop started off with a meal, designed to provide a good atmosphere for networking before the formal discussions. Breakfast was provided by the Best Western Tower Inn – the facility that hosted the workshop – and following the meal we started a day full of discussions, on a variety of subjects. The day ended with a celebration dinner, a presentation on the activities of Baker Creek Enhancement Society – a co-host of the workshop – and finally the presentation of the “Fraser Basin Council BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence”.

Please see Attachment 1 for a complete workshop agenda; please see attachment 2 for a list of workshop participants.

The stewards enjoy plenty of time networking and visiting at the 4th annual Stewards workshop



Session #1 Summary

Sustainable Land Use Policies: The In-laws and Out-laws of By-Laws

Green Bylaws Toolkit

Presented by:

Andrea Barnett, Industry and Government Relations Specialist, Ducks Unlimited

Jan Kirkby, Landscape Ecologist, Canadian Wildlife Service

Pierre Iachetti, Nature Conservancy of Canada

Discussion

Andrea Barnett introduced the Green Bylaws Toolkit to the group, including background information on the Toolkit, how it came to be, and what it contains. Andrea gave us a brief snapshot of the various tools contained in the Toolkit and some strategies for using it. The highlights of Andrea's presentation are listed here:

History of the Green Bylaws Toolkit

- It is an initiative of the Wetland Stewardship Partnership (a multi-stakeholders group including government agencies, BC Hydro, and various non-government organizations)
- The idea of the Green Bylaws Toolkit came about in 2004
- It was commissioned by the Wetland Stewardship Partnership, and authored by Deborah Curran (University of Victoria) et. al.

What is the Green Bylaws Toolkit?

- It is a comprehensive document to plan for and protect green infrastructure using practical tools
- It is especially useful for planning at a municipal or regional district level
- It contains instructions on how to use it, who should use it, instruction on language and vocabulary contained within it, case studies, and a comprehensive list of resources

Some of the tools discussed in the Toolkit:

- Model provisions for Regional Growth Strategies
- Official Community Plan amendments
- Storm water management
- Tax exemptions
- Conservation zoning, or "downzoning"
- Urban containment boundaries
- Regulatory by-laws
- Methods to meet or exceed Riparian Area Regulations

Some of the strategies employed by the Toolkit:

- Identifying green infrastructure
- Containing urban development
- Maintenance of environmentally sensitive lands

- Preventing degradation and fragmentation of green spaces
- Restoration

Visit www.greenbylaws.ca to download the document as an interactive PDF.

Following Andrea's presentation, Jan Kirkby took some time to elaborate on the importance of regional planning and the use of mapping as a very helpful tool for planning. As a landscape ecologist, Jan stressed the importance of ecosystem mapping. There are a number of benefits, such as identifying Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and it allows the user to look for gaps in spatial data.

Jan updated the group on an initiative that involves the creation of a database for species at risk. The database is continually being updated with provincially listed species, and its future plans include a Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping component. This would be very complementary to a website that is currently operational, accessible at www.speciesatrisk.ca. The species listed on the website are organized by Regional District, and in the future may also list them by municipality.

The group took part in an interactive break-out session, where we looked into the Green Bylaws Toolkit to address a hypothetical case study.



The group spends some time looking closely at the Green Bylaws Toolkit to learn how it can be applied

Pierre Iachetti gave a short presentation on the Nature Conservancy of Canada, including a couple of case studies. Pierre was instrumental in developing the Green Bylaws Toolkit and brings to the table a technological skill-set, particularly in the field of Geographical Information Systems. As such, Pierre demonstrated how mapping is useful in land use planning. The highlights of Pierre's presentation are listed here:

The Nature Conservancy of Canada

- Vision: to protect biodiversity via strategic planning, using a science-based approach
- The Ecoregional Assessment – update on the project

- The process involves selecting conservation targets, followed by conservation goal-setting
- Most of BC has been completed, as well as many parts of Canada
 - BC is a very diverse province, and as such it is one of the more difficult ones to complete an assessment for
- Case Studies:
 - Muskwa-Kechika protected area
 - BC Interior Project

Session #2 Summary

A Resource for Stewards
BC Stewardship Centre

Presented by:

Naomi Tabata, Coordinator, BC Stewardship Centre

*Naomi presents the BC
Stewardship Centre to
the group*



Discussion

Naomi Tabata gave the group a presentation on the BC Stewardship Centre, including a brief history, some of its past projects, and the various resource it can provide to stewardship groups across British Columbia. Naomi also spoke about some of the new initiatives of the Stewardship Centre. The highlights of Naomi’s presentation are listed here:

Introduction to the BC Stewardship Centre

- The Centre was created in 1992
- It is part of a larger Stewardship Canada Portal
- One of its earliest projects was to create a “Stewardship Series”
 - This took the form of a series of guidebooks

- A website was created to disseminate information
 - Events calendar
 - Directory of organizations
 - Various tools

“Stewardship Works!” Initiative

- A project funded by ActNow BC
- Focused on engaging volunteers in stewardship initiatives
- Stewardship groups face a big challenge:
 - Building capacity takes time and investment
 - Funding is often on short-term basis
- Funders disagree on how to support non-government organizations
- BC Stewardship Centre has taken on a pilot project:
 - Monitor results of providing 2-year grants to 9 regions
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of funding
 - Visit www.stewardshipworks.bc.ca for more information

For more information on the BC Stewardship Centre, visit www.stewardshipcentre.bc.ca

Session #3 Summary

Taking Care of Business with Technology: The “Call” of the Wild
Referral Tracking System

Presented by:

Chief Judy Wilson, Neskonlith Indian Band

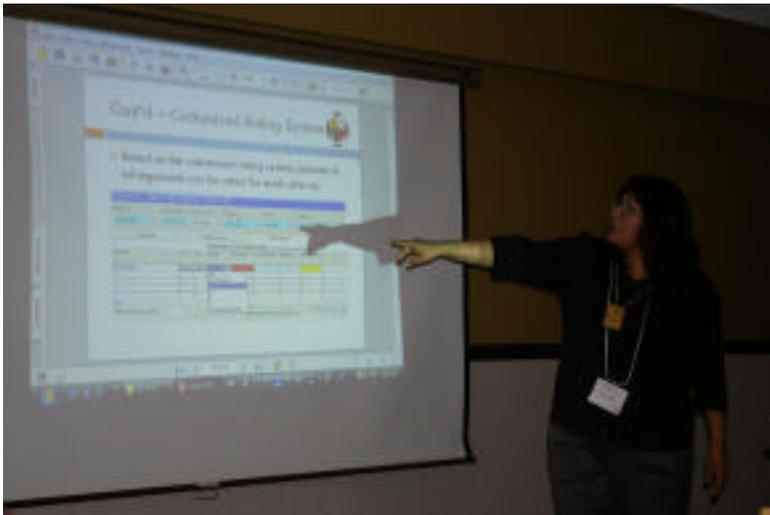
Discussion

Chief Wilson opened her presentation with an Elder’s prayer. She reminded the audience that the province has enacted an Aboriginal Title and Rights Policy and an Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation Policy. As part of the policy, companies and government agencies are required to notify bands of activities that may potentially infringe on aboriginal title and rights. Consequently, First Nations are receiving hundreds of referrals per year and they place a significant burden on the bands which are under funded and short staffed but nonetheless expected to respond to each referral in a limited period of time. To ease this burden, Neskonlith and Adams Lake Indian Bands have developed the Referral Tracking System to streamline and automate the referral process. The highlights of Chief Wilson’s presentation are listed here:

Benefits of the Referral Tracking System:

- It is a completely customizable computer-operated software system for tracking and ranking referrals
 - The system can be customized to suit a particular band
 - Customizable fee structure

- Ability to define activities
- Gives the user an ability to track the activities and costs related to a particular activity
- Gives the user an ability to report on existing referrals
 - Answer questions such as:
 - Which referrals need to be responded to within a week?
 - Who is scheduled for field assessments this month?
 - How much money was spent processing referrals last year?
- Advanced reporting capabilities
 - Email-based
 - Ability to add attachments
 - Ability to perform queries
- Automated letter and invoicing feature
- Professional training available
- Client Support Services available online and via telephone



Chief Judy Wilson demonstrates the benefits of the Referral Tracking System as a method of automating and streamlining the referral process

Session #4 Summary

Encouraging Sustainable Water Use: The “Thirst” for Knowledge
Cariboo-Chilkoot Conservation Water Wise Program

Presented by:

Marg Evans, Coordinator, Cariboo-Chilkoot Conservation Society

Jenny Howell, Water Wise Instructor, Cariboo-Chilkoot Conservation Society

Discussion

Marg Evans and Jenny Howell presented on the Water Wise Program of the Cariboo-Chilkoot Conservation Society. The Williams Lake Water Management and Conservation Plan has

identified that the Williams Lake Area is currently operating at capacity and there is a great need to reduce consumption. The Water Wise Program came about to address this issue and to educate the public about water usage and promote its conservation. The program achieves this by running ads on the radio, working within schools and teaching children about sustainable water use, speaking to Regional Districts, going door-to-door to provide residents with methods to reduce water usage at home, and operating a “Shrink Your Footprint and Win” water conservation challenge. The water conservation tips that Water Wise offers can easily be applied in your home:

- Raising the blade on your lawnmower to maintain longer grass (this decreases the amount of evapotranspiration from your lawn, thus reducing the amount you will need to water it)
- Test your lawn to see if it needs watering. If it bounces back when you step on it, it doesn't need watering! Remember: lawns only need about a half-hour of watering 2-3 times a week. Obey watering restrictions!
- Don't use your garden hose if you don't need to! Use a broom to sweep sidewalks and driveways. Use a bucket and sponge to wash your car.
- Use drought-hardy species in your yard and garden. Consider ground covers in lieu of a large lawn. Try planting a xeriscape garden!
- Use a barrel to collect rainwater and use it to water plants



Marg talks about the role of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Conservation Society

Jenny Howell took some time to explain the Gavin Lake School to the group. The school is intended to provide schoolchildren with hands-on experience in a fun and informative way. Education is provided in a camp setting and incorporates various modules that are easy for teachers to deliver. The school is very effective at exciting kids about conservation. The goal is that the kids will pass on the message to their parents! The Gavin Lake School modules are followed up by classroom visits, incorporating various modules.

Marg and Jenny played a media presentation on the Water Wise program, which has been run on the community channel in Williams Lake.

Discussion Panel Summary

Mountain Pine Beetle Stewardship Initiatives

Panelists:

Pat Teti, Research Hydrologist, Ministry of Forests and Range

Steven Day, Canfor

Larry Gardner, West Fraser

Chris Ritchie, Provincial Beetle Response Project Manager, Ministry of Environment

In light of the current Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic, the panel discussion this year addressed stewardship initiatives that are being undertaken by both government and industry. First Nations were invited to participate on the panel, but declined. The speakers were asked to respond to three questions that would give the audience an understanding of what each party is doing in pursuit of sustainability given the current situation:

1. What has your organization done to respect other values in your response to the mountain pine beetle epidemic?
2. What measures have you taken to mitigate potential future losses, both financially and ecologically?
3. How have you worked collaboratively with other organizations in the field of stewardship?



The stewards enjoyed a panelist discussion on the stewardship initiatives addressing the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic

Following the presentations, the audience had many questions for the panelists and some engaging conversations took place. The highlights from the presentations are listed here:

A. Pat Teti

As a research hydrologist, Pat focuses his work on finding scientific solutions to the challenges posed by the mountain pine beetle. One of his recent research projects involves using aerial photography as a tool for forest retention. He demonstrated how various aerial photographs, taken of the same forest plot but at different angles and intensities of light, can change the way an aerial photograph is interpreted. For example, the various photos have been used to illustrate that spruce tree understory has a much greater canopy than previously believed, relative to pine overstory. This has important implications when it is applied to pine salvage harvesting and watershed management.

B. Chris Ritchie

Chris opened his presentation with a brief summary of some of the ecological impacts of the mountain pine beetle. He highlighted the concerns about air quality and particulate matter in the air column, the potential for degraded water quality and fish habitat, and wildlife habitat concerns due to the changing landscape. There are also safety concerns whenever there are an abundance of dead trees, and this is especially noted in parks and campgrounds. On the optimistic side, however, the opening forest canopy is resulting in more forage, which is beneficial for browsing and grazing animals, including cattle.

As a project manager for the Ministry of Environment, Chris has been working collaboratively with other groups and interests to respect other values and to mitigate both financial and ecological losses. Some of the recent initiatives include exploring alternative access management as a means of providing safer recreation grounds; researching the ecological value of retaining dead pine (this would protect habitat and potentially mitigate the hydrological impacts of mass pine salvage); developing a computer-operated risk assessment tool for watersheds; doing ecological restoration work with other ministries and BC Cattlemen's Association; and assessing the fire hazard on the landscape.

C. Steve Day and Larry Gardner

Steve and Larry presented their stewardship initiatives together, representing their companies, Canfor and West Fraser, respectively. As industry representatives, both Steve and Larry explained what they are doing with regard for social, economic, and environmental values. Industry is working hard to achieve a high standard of sustainability. Some of the initiatives Steve and Larry highlighted include uplifting enhanced stand level retention (increased to 15-20% from 9%); achieving certification standards; participating in hydrological research; monitoring songbirds to evaluate biodiversity in forests; simultaneously managing for pine beetle, spruce beetle, and blowdown; and planting trees for the future, which is very challenging in the face of climate change. In addition to forestry operations stewardship initiatives, industry has been modifying their mills to process greater quantities of pine beetle-impacted wood.

Stewards Celebration

Following a full day of interesting and informative presentations, the stewards were invited to stay for the evening and enjoy a buffet dinner and networking with fellow stewards. This function is intended to formally recognize the great work that stewards are doing in the Interior of BC.

Dora McMillan, of Baker Creek Enhancement Society, gave a short presentation on the activities of her stewardship group. Her presentation was humorous and enjoyed by all. Karen Ralph, from the Great Lakes Ontario Region of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, gave an informal presentation on the stewardship initiatives in Ontario, and how they are vastly different from those in BC.

At the end of the evening, the BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystems Excellence was presented. The purpose of the award is to meaningfully recognize the successful stewardship efforts of an individual, a group of individuals, or an organization that has provided significant stewardship activities in their community or regional ecosystem over an extended time period. To be eligible for the award, an individual or organization must have been instrumental in:

- Devising an innovative approach to interior watershed stewardship;
- Demonstrating consistently responsible efficient interior stream use and protection of interior stream resources;
- Actively promoting public awareness, understanding and concern for the efficient use and management of interior watersheds;
- Other initiatives that work toward the stewardship of interior watersheds

This year, the award was presented to Dora McMillan of Baker Creek Enhancement Society. Dora is an important leader for many stewardship organizations in the city of Quesnel. She is the founder of Baker Creek Enhancement Society, the founder of the Quesnel Air Quality Roundtable, and she sits on the Quesnel Environmental Advisory Committee. She has devoted countless volunteer hours to these initiatives and plays a key role mentoring young people in the community. She is well respected in her community and very deserving of the BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystems Excellence. As a token of our appreciation, Dora received a limited edition trout carving by Teom Lim as a keeper award. Congratulations on your achievements, Dora!



Dora McMillan, of Baker Creek Enhancement Society in Quesnel, is awarded the BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence

February 29th Overview

On February 29th, the stewards were invited to take part in a couple of tours to local facilities in Quesnel. We started the day at the Quesnel Community Campus (College of New Caledonia and University of Northern British Columbia). The Community Campus is a LEED-certified building; LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and it is a certification process that recognizes sustainable and renewable building design. Our tour hosts, Betsy Ives and Terry Kaeve, spent some time explaining some of the LEED features of the building, and then took the group on a tour of the building to show us some of the innovative design features.

*The Quesnel Community Campus:
a LEED certified building*



The next tour took the group to the Cariboo Pulp and Paper pulpmill. Our hosts, Wayne Strang and Bob Salmons, gave us a presentation on the partnership that is in place between Cariboo Pulp and Paper and the City of Quesnel for wastewater treatment. The City of Quesnel and parts of the regional district pump their wastewater to Cariboo Pulp and Paper, where it is treated in the pulp mill's effluent settling ponds. The additional wastewater from the City does not increase the expense of treatment for the pulpmill, nor does it amount to a significant amount of extra work. However, the savings for the City are significant: they are estimated to be approximately \$1 million per year on wastewater treatment savings. Wayne and Bob explained the treatment process, the various rigorous tests that are done on the water before it is discharged into the Fraser River, and the ecological value of the settling ponds.

Thank you to our hosts for their dedication of time and talents to show us their facilities!

Measuring Success – Participant Results

Workshop participants filled out an evaluation form in order to help the organizing committee develop next year's event. Please see Attachment 3 for the results.

Attachment 1: Workshop Agenda

**4th Annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop
AGENDA**

DAY ONE – February 28, 2008

- 7:30 am Registration and Net-working Breakfast**
- 8:45 am Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Phil Hallinan, Regional Manager, Fraser Basin Council
- 9:00 am Sustainable Land Use Policies: The In-laws and Out-laws of By-laws**
Green Bylaws Toolkit
Andrea Barnett, Industry & Government Relations, Ducks Unlimited
Jan Kirkby, Landscape Ecologist, Canadian Wildlife Service
Pierre Iachetti, Nature Conservancy of Canada
- 10:30 am Refreshment Break**
- 10:45 am Green Bylaws Toolkit, continued**
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm A Resource for Stewards**
BC Stewardship Centre
Naomi Tabata, Coordinator, BC Stewardship Centre
- 1:30 pm Taking Care of Business with Technology: The “Call” of the Wild**
Referral Tracking System
Chief Judy Wilson, Neskonlith Indian Band
- 2:15 pm Encouraging Sustainable Water Use: The “Thirst” for Knowledge**
Cariboo-Chilcotin Conservation Society Water Wise Program
Marg Evans, Jenny Howell, and Jessica Knodel
- 3:00 pm Refreshment Break**
- 3:15 pm Discussion Panel: Mountain Pine Beetle Stewardship Initiatives**
Meet the Real Beetles:
Pat Teti, Research Hydrologist, Ministry of Forests and Range
Steven Day, Canfor
Larry Gardner, West Fraser
Chris Ritchie, Ministry of Environment

4:45 pm **Wrap-up and Evaluations**

5:00 pm **Close of Workshop**

5:30 pm **No-host Bar**

6:00 **Celebration Dinner, Showcase, and Award Presentation**
Showcase: Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Award: BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence

DAY TWO – February 29, 2008

8:30 am Meet in Hotel Lobby
Depart Hotel and drive to Quesnel Community Campus

9:00 am Tour Part I: LEED certification features

9:30 am Depart Quesnel Community Campus
Drive to Cariboo Pulp Mill

10:00 am Tour Part II: Partnership between Cariboo Pulp and Quesnel City Wastewater

10:30 am Tours finished
Close of 4th Annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop

Attachment 2: Workshop Participants

4th Annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop PARTICIPANTS

Arcand, Michelle	Ministry of Environment
Austin, Kelly	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Barnett, Andrea	Ducks Unlimited
Bennett, Sean	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Bond, Tracy	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Brundrige, Rick	Cariboo Regional District
Chess, Joan	Fraser Basin Council
Chestnut, Tina	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Christie, Lisa	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Coffey, Alex	Quesnel Naturalists
Coffey, Luanne	Quesnel Naturalists
Day, Steven	Canfor
Eastman, Martin	Bouchie Lake Stewardship Committee
Evans, Marg	Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society
Fleming, Amarose	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Gardner, Larry	West Fraser
Guillemette, Maxine	Scout Island Nature Centre
Hallinan, Phil	Fraser Basin Council
Havens, Dori	Quesnel Environmental Society
Hemphill, Sue	Scout Island Nature Centre
Hesketh, Lee	Silver Hills Ranch
Hillaby, Judy	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Howell, Jenny	Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society
Hynes, Corinne	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Iachetti, Pierre	Nature Conservancy of Canada
Kirkby, Jan	Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service
Lockwood, Fred	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Lorenz, Bernice	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
MacLean, Kim	Fraser Basin Council
Macnaughton, Alison	Fraser Basin Council
McClymont, Terri	Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society
McMillan, Dora	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Mills, Bo	Quesnel River Environmental Restoration Services
Montgomery, Elizebeth	Bouchie Lake Stewardship Committee
Muschik, Sybille	Bouchie Lake Stewardship Committee
Nutton, Byron	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Ralph, Karen	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Ridgway, Harold	Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society
Ritchie, Chris	Ministry of Environment
Rozander, Rebecca	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Russell, Betty Anne	Quesnel Naturalists
Scharf, Guy	Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Schley, Lorna	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Schwarzmann, Stefan	Ministry of Forests and Range
Simpson, Mike	Fraser Basin Council
Tabata, Naomi	BC Stewardship Centre
Teti, Pat	Ministry of Forests and Range
Turner, Tanya	City of Quesnel
VanSpall, Katharine	Ducks Unlimited
Vieira, Erin	Fraser Basin Council
Wall, Adrian	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Wallis, Mike	Salmon River Watershed Roundtable
Wilson, Judy	Neskonlith Indian Band

Attachment 3: Evaluation Results

4th Annual BC Interior Stewards Workshop EVALUATION RESULTS

1. In general, do you feel that the workshop was worthwhile?

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
		1	6	17

2. To what degree has the workshop provided you with the tools and information to improve your stewardship efforts in the future?

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
	1	4	11	7

3. To what degree was the information presented at this workshop relevant to your stewardship community?

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
	1	2	12	6

4. To what degree has this workshop assisted you in making connections with other stewards engaged in similar work?

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
	2	4	6	11

5. In your opinion, what were the most useful aspects or topics of this workshop? How will you apply them in the future?

- Reconnecting with others from the Interior
- Learning about new programs and information sources
- Green Bylaws Toolkit – will consider for future planning work
- Mapping presentation – provided technical awareness
- Forest industry panel discussion provided knowledge
- Stewardship Centre update – linkage and awareness
- Green Bylaws Toolkit – awareness
- Education in topics of which I am unfamiliar
- Diverse speakers – a great line-up and topics!
- Enjoyed the Canfor presentation on the MPB panel
- Green Bylaws Toolkit needs First Nations component on duty to consult

- Stewardship Centre work very interesting
 - Variety of topics and speakers
 - Numerous people and projects to network with
 - The awareness of other related groups and what they are doing for sustainability
 - Contacts to go to for information and help with local problems
 - The information and the topics will impact my understanding more in the future, particularly in the case of seeing how the various groups are set up and how they disseminate their expertise
 - I'm glad it's "short and sweet" and contains breaking news from other stewardship groups
 - Thanks! It was great!
 - Better understanding of pressures and challenges for local stewardship groups
 - Assessment of tools being used in BC for applicability to partnering groups in Ontario
 - Great workshop with a good mix of local projects and provincial initiatives. The enthusiasm and commitment of these public interest groups is amazing and this workshop in a small way supports that enthusiasm.
 - WaterWise presentation and mapping
 - Green Bylaws Toolkit and WaterWise program – personal and neighbourhood education
 - Stewardship Centre Information may be applicable in my own personal profession
 - Pine Beetle problem probably not directly applicable
 - WaterWise is a program that everyone should be involved in
 - I think the Green Bylaws Toolkit is a good idea and a great resource to use as a reference guide
 - Foresters!
 - Good topics; love the interaction with fellow stewards
 - Awareness of organizations and their work and challenges
 - Meeting other people in similar fields and finding access to more resources and people
 - The sharing of information and detailed materials and expertise
 - Green Bylaws Toolkit
 - WaterWise Program
 - The work we do is on a much smaller scale than those presented
6. We welcome your suggestions for next year's workshop:
- One or two of the nine organizations in the Stewardship Works pilot program/core funding
 - Overall a worthwhile day – lots of good speakers!
 - Better computer/projector set-up for presentations so that presenters do not stand in front of the screen
 - Keep it low-key and easy/relaxing as it is
 - Build one or two interactive activities in – simple but still provides good opportunity for interaction between attendees
 - Ashcroft or Cache Creek for next year?
 - First Nations participation and presentations – FN Technology Council; Adams Lake/Neskonlith Lands and Resources Database and Spatial Mapping; First Nations Gateway Portal; Shuswap Nations Tribal Council Referral Centre initiative; Upper Nicola Database
 - I would have liked to meet with our own local groups first to be aware of each other more. I also would have liked to be advised of the workshop earlier.

- Better audio-visual equipment (especially a remote control to advance presentation slides, and a laser pointer). Make sure computers don't run power-saving functions during presentations.
- Give speakers a few tips before they present: speak up; don't ramble; don't stand in front of the projector
- Ecosystem focus and linkages would be great to explore for next year
- Perhaps more speakers covering a broader range of stewardship topics and initiatives
- Invasive plants – could focus on a regional group where the event is held next year
- Include some movement breaks
- Maybe 2 theoretical problems throughout the day to engage different people. Enjoyed the one “situation” included in the Green Bylaws Toolkit.
- Some of this year's information was a bit too technical for me, not being a worker in the field. Perhaps more layman-friendly terminology in the future.
- It would have been better if the Green Bylaws had included more “concrete examples” (e.g. if Andrea had given a real example of a Green Bylaw application, and if Jan had demonstrated how mapping is actually done and a map of a real area showing sensitive areas.)
- Save paper by printing on both sides of a sheet and encourage use of the PDFs as opposed to hard copies
- Invite the BC Lake Stewardship Society to do a presentation – background information, who they are, what they do, where are they based; update on their programs
- “Snapshots” of the stewardship groups in the area – give the stewards a chance to tell the group what they're doing in their communities