

FORED PROJECTS

(summary of 2007 and ongoing 2008)

FORED's efforts to educate communities about sustainability would not be possible without the immeasurable contribution of our members, volunteers, directors & staff. Our hands-on, diversified volunteer Board of Directors, from law, business, education, academe & First Nations, governs our policy & programs with outstanding leadership. Here are some highlights of our achievements:

FORED welcomed the appointment of Margaret Grenier to its volunteer Board of Directors. Margaret, a member of the Gitksan First Nation, is a First Nations' cultural instructor and educational consultant. FORED staff have worked with Margaret on voluntary projects such as the Science Times Advisory Committee, to develop a youth-oriented environmental science magazine, founded by Dr. David Zandvliet, another FORED volunteer and Director.

Landscapes magazine continues to be one of FORED's most popular resources, with global circulation of about 420,000 annually including website download. Reader feedback:

*"We have decided that we are going to try and involve our students in your organization...in terms of bringing environmental awareness to our school." - Julie Cameron, **Mission, BC***

*"I always read Landscapes from cover to cover. This latest issue is so timely." - Lorraine Lindsay, **North Saanich, Sidney, BC***

*"Your publication is wonderful...an excellent resource. I would like to receive it regularly if possible. Please add me to your mailing list." - Gregor Campbell, **Victoria, BC***

As part of our **Aboriginal Heritage, Education and Dialogue (AHEAD) program**, we recently presented three **capacity-building workshops for First Nations** throughout BC, in partnership with the Aboriginal Forest Industries Council and **volunteers from First Nations, industry and government**. These workshops focused on the challenges of establishing successful and sustainable FN forest businesses, integrating **traditional knowledge**. Over **40 First Nations communities** were represented, from the Lil'Wat to Sliammon and others. Many senior government officials attended, including **Mike de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation** and **Darrell Robb, Director, Ministry of Forests and Range**.

Our **Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN)** program saw more community sustainability best practices templates uploaded regularly on our website www.landscapesmag.com. Our **SCAN** resource kits are also popular throughout BC and other communities. Over **80,000 individuals annually** use our resources including web download, orders, partnerships and workshops.



Helen Sutherland, FORED BC and First Nations volunteers and workshop delegates



Youth Engaging Sustainability (YES) program:

- FORED polled a group of young people to obtain direction on our youth programs and determine their ecological footprint. We also canvassed our volunteer youth advisory committee on strategic priorities.



- National Forest Week in September saw over 600 entries to FORED BC's **annual youth poster contest**. \$50 prizes went to youths in three age categories. Winners: Brandon, a First Nations' student from Lytton, (**see poster**), Katie from Duncan, & Skylar from Douglas Lake.

Other Accomplishments:

Concluded another successful season managing our two **environmental protection crews** who fight forest fires, & **conduct conservation projects** throughout BC.

Our staff were polled on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) activity in Canada, supporting the International Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), led by the **United Nations General Assembly**. Locally in BC, FORED staff are part of a voluntary provincial group called Walking the Talk, working together to further ESD activity in both the formal education sector (i.e. universities, and colleges), and non-formal sectors (i.e. non-governmental organizations, museums, governments, etc.).

<http://www.walkingthetalk.bc.ca/node/102>.

Events:

- Attended **ForestEDWest** conference at the request of FORED's education partner, the BC Ministry of Forests & Range. This three-day conference focused on emerging forest issues, best practices in forest education for youth & the general public.
- At the invitation of FORED donor, the Vancouver Foundation, FORED attended National Philanthropy Day Awards, a valuable networking event introducing new Vancity CEO Tamara Vrooman.
- Attended Ethics in Action All-Star Forum, where the Ethics in Action (Sustainability) Award nominees were recognized in a keynote speech by **Linda Coady, VP of Sustainability for the 2010 Olympics**.

Awards/Partnerships:

FORED was nominated for **City of Vancouver Youth Award**, recognizing positive contributions to the youth community in Vancouver and BC.

FORED president has been elected as a volunteer director on the **BC Association of Charitable Gaming Board, a non-profit group representing BC charities receiving provincial gaming funding**.

FORED is participating in a focus group sponsored by **BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources) and ECO Canada** to develop national occupational standards that are **culturally relevant for Aboriginal communities** in BC and across Canada.

FORED has been selected to participate on an ENGO committee to **advise the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) on sustainability issues** around the 2010 Games.

FORED is eagerly anticipating its new partnership with the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation for the development of an **aboriginal forest career youth outreach program** and provide communications support to engage the public in **forest fire prevention**.

FORED was again a national volunteer judge for the EECOM awards

http://www.eecom.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=26&Itemid=50 presented to individuals, governments, first nations, & youth that provide outstanding environmental leadership.

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