

FORED PROJECTS

(summary of 2008 and ongoing 2009)

FORED's community sustainability education 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:

As part of our Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Program, 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:

"Congratulations! What a marvelous achievement. Your notice has been circulated to our entire branch – and everyone is excited." -Ursula Cowland, Dir. Licensing & Grants, Gaming Policy, Ministry of Housing, Victoria

"Congratulations on winning the award...**the magazine really does look good! I know my daughter on Salt Spring loves not only the magazine but your website as well...she has found all sorts of good ideas.** On behalf of Vancouver Foundation we are honoured to have played a small part in your success!" -Faye Wightman, President & CEO, Vancouver Foundation

"Congratulations on this prestigious award, well deserved!" -Brian Simpson, Director, Ministry of Forests and Range

"Congratulations to everyone." -Margaret Grenier, Artistic Director, Dancers of Damelahamid Society

"I just wanted to say that I really appreciate your efforts in ... education. **Your Landscapes magazine is great. Our grandson is now reading it, so you have gone from one generation on to the next.** Keep up the good work. It is excellent and much appreciated." - Ron Last, Forester, Nakusp, BC

"I just received a copy of Landscapes from our Superintendent's office. **What a beautiful magazine! I look forward to receiving the next edition!**" - Cathy Jenkins, North Van. Outdoor School, North Van., BC

"I teach Environmental Studies at a public high school in Vancouver and my principal just gave me a copy of your Landscape magazine (winter 08 issue). **I think it's great** and would love to do an activity with my students using the magazine." - Léane de Laigue, Kitsilano Secondary, Vancouver, BC

Our **Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN)** program saw more community sustainability **best practices templates** uploaded on our website www.landscapesmag.com. Over **80,000 individuals annually** throughout BC and abroad use our resources through web download, partnerships and workshops.

As part of our **Aboriginal Heritage, Education and Dialogue (AHEAD) program**, we recently presented several **capacity-building symposia for First Nations** in partnership with the Aboriginal Forest Industries Council (AFIC) and **volunteers from First Nations, industry and government.**

- **Workshops in Kamloops and Prince George** focused on the challenges of establishing successful and sustainable FN forest businesses, integrating **traditional knowledge.**



- An **ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE** was held in Vancouver in January. This Continuing Management Education (CME) program meets the unique needs of First Nations managers and professionals working in First Nations forest enterprises. Over **45 First Nations communities** were represented, from the Laxkw'alaams (Haida Gwaii) to Ch-ihl-kway-uhk and others. Many senior government officials attended, including **Pat Bell, Minister of Forests & Range (MoFR), and Darrell Robb, Director, MoFR.**

Youth Engaging Sustainability (YES) program:

FORED BC's **annual youth poster contest** for National Forest Week once again drew hundreds of entries. \$50 prizes went to youths in three age categories. Winners: Primary - Paige, Heritage Christian Online School, Kelowna; Intermediate – Simran, Senator Reid Elementary School, Surrey (see poster); Secondary – Mia, Princeton Secondary School, Princeton.



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Senator Reid Elementary School, Surrey

On May 14th, FORED president presented the **first annual FORED \$500 scholarship to an aboriginal student attending Nicola Valley Institute of Technology** in Merritt, BC. The scholarship is open to all students of self-declared aboriginal ancestry in Natural Resources programs. Applicants described how traditional knowledge was integrated in natural resources management in their territory, community or Band decision-making processes.

Partnerships:

FORED partnered with the **Ministry of Forests and Range** in the development of an **aboriginal forest career youth outreach program** and providing communications support such as this FORED original poster at right to engage the public in **forest fire prevention**. Fire safety information has been published in our Landscapes magazine and sent directly to many BC partners.

Career promotion materials

were developed and a booklet of

success stories is being compiled honouring the achievements of First Nations in the resource sector.

FORED president has been **re-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 has been credited for its advisory service to **BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources)** in developing national solid waste occupational standards **for Aboriginal communities** in BC and across Canada. See link: <http://www.beahr.com/publications.aspx?language=0> Scroll down to Solid Waste Coordinator pdf file.



FORED participates on an ENGO committee to **advise the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) on 2010 sustainability challenges.**

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