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Prairie Conservation Forum Vision

To conserve the biological diversity of native prairie ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations

Guiding Principles

A conservation ethic that will guide all activities and management decisions on the prairies.

All stakeholders will have the opportunity to be involved in the process of achieving the prairie conservation vision. Stakeholders will work cooperatively and form partnerships to achieve prairie conservation objectives.

Stakeholders will be empowered at a local community level to work towards prairie conservation initiatives, drawing on local knowledge and expertise.

Goals—2006-2010

Research	Enhance the information base for Alberta's native prairie and parkland landscapes
Stewardship	Conserve Alberta's native prairie and parkland landscapes
Education	Increase awareness of the values and importance of Alberta's native prairie and parkland ecosystems



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*'Each blade of grass has its spot on earth whence it draws its life, its strength; and so is man rooted to the land from which he draws his faith together with his life.'*

*Joseph Conrad*

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Message from the Chair

The Annual Report of the Prairie Conservation Forum is an opportunity for our organization to explain to our members and the greater community about what we accomplished in the past year. It also gives us the opportunity to affirm our mission for the conservation of biological diversity of native prairie ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our critical actions this past year have focused on keeping our goals of research, stewardship and education as the main priorities. 2010 has brought about some excellent opportunities for the PCF to increase the understanding of prairie conservation issues for our members but also for the public. A few notable events include a Grassland Vegetation Inventory (GVI) workshop held for members in September which was the first of several that are being planned. One of our well received field activities this past year was a Grasslands Appreciation event in cooperation with our friends at Helen Schuler Nature Center. We wish to build on that success and repeat in the future with similar events next year. Management of PCF meetings, tours, planning, communications and business management is a critical activity for our Board that would not be possible if not for the assistance of our Coordinators, Katheryn Taylor and Sasha Harriott who have performed that role with energy and enthusiasm.



The continuing work of the Prairie Conservation Forum in Alberta would hardly be successful without the assistance of member organizations. Our partnership to assist the operations of the ASRD MultiSAR program is completing its second year and we are very pleased to share in the valuable stewardship accomplishments that the program has generated. We hope PCF can continue to assist this program. Our funding contributors not only provide resources for our work but also supply the energy and ideas of the people that work on their behalf. This includes everything from organizing field trips to work with PCF task committees and their active participation at our meetings. These roles will definitely take on a high importance as we look ahead to our new PCAP. The 2011-2015 Plan will be very ambitious in its scope and shift in direction and will represent a more action oriented slate of activities for the PCF. In addition to the continuation of member support, the plan will also take an active and committed Board of Directors who are able to steer the actions and activities of the PCF toward the larger goals that we seek around the conservation of native prairie and parkland landscapes.

As you read through this Annual Report, please take a few moments to review the information about the people that have served the PCF in the past year and the funding and support that many of their respective organizations have contributed. Without these resources, the PCF would be incapable of moving ahead. If you would like to know how you can help the PCF then please feel free to contact us. Best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Don Watson, 2010 Chair

Message from the Coordinators

2010 saw a bit of a change in the coordinator position, with a reduction in hours from 30 hours a week to 20 hours a week. Because of the economic downturn and potential reduction of funding to the PCF in 2011, it was seen by the board as a pro-active measure to keep the coordinator position going. This came with an opportunity for either me or Sasha to keep our 15 hours a week by moving one of us over to help with administrative duties of the Crown Managers Partnership. With this change in hours, Sasha continued as the chair of the PCF education committee and administrator for MULTISAR, and took on the duties for the CMP. Meanwhile, I continued to do the other duties associated with the PCF coordinator position.



This year was a busy year for some of the PCF committees, in particular the PCAP committee, which worked hard to pull together a new Prairie Conservation Action Plan for 2011-2015, and the education committee, which managed to partner on a mapping project with the Helen Schuler Nature Center to offer a 2-day grassland appreciation field trip for youth from the Blood Indian Reserve. We also held a workshop for PCF members on the Grassland Vegetation Inventory internet database, and created a new committee to focus on the promotion of the GVI as a useful tool for anyone working and/or living in the grasslands area of Alberta. A website committee was formed to look at the current PCF website and come up with a plan to re-design and update the website, and the EGS committee may also see a bit of a revival and re-focusing of its primary objectives. All in all, it was a very busy and productive year for the PCF committees, and we would like to extend a warm and heart-felt thank-you to the PCF members that have taken their time to make these committees a success.

Katheryn Taylor and Sasha Harriott

- TERA continues to recognize the value of investing energy and focus in the offices in southern Alberta, therefore increasing efficiency for our clients while allowing employees to benefit from living and working in rural areas. We now have 7 full time staff in Medicine Hat and 5 in Hanna, and these numbers will increase over the summer months with seasonal field staff. The expertise of the field office staff includes wildlife biologists, vegetation specialists, agrologists and reclamation specialists.
- Thanks to the many volunteers and partners of the Helen Schuler Nature Centre, over 31,000 visitors were able to experience and discover Lethbridge's natural environment first-hand in 2010. Three children-focused, interactive exhibits were developed and housed at the Centre and included the topics Natural Olympians, Social Insects, and Water Conservation. Several of the Nature Centre's volunteers were recognized in 2010 for their outstanding commitment to community and the environment by Volunteer Lethbridge's Leaders of Tomorrow, Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce F.I.R.E Awards, and the Lethbridge Seniors of Distinction Awards.
- Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) continued to implement stewardship activities collaboratively with landholder's within the grasslands in 2010 focusing on habitat enhancements for species at risk through the MULTISAR project and upland game birds through the Habitat Legacy Partnership (HLP). ACA also purchased two grassland properties in partnership with several organizations in 2010: 1) Silver Sage Property (320 acres) located south of Manyberries, which contains a quarter section of critical sage grouse habitat; and 2) Legacy Conservation Site (100 acres) near Hays.

Education & Communication Committee

In 2010, the PCF Education Committee was focused on developing a grasslands appreciation event for Alberta youth. With grant money from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, the PCF partnered with the Helen Schuler Nature Center's Community Mapping Project. The purpose of the project was to give participants the opportunity to experience diverse land-use perspectives in Southern Alberta first-hand, form a better understanding of grassland ecosystems and their inherent biodiversity, explore the challenges of balancing economic, social and environmental needs within a community, and to discover how to portray and share their values in creative, collaborative maps. The PCF donated \$2000 towards the overall project, and were directly involved in the logistics and planning for one of the fieldtrips focusing on the grasslands.



The PCF education committee was fortunate to recruit 10 individuals from the Aboriginal Junior Forest Rangers located on the Blood Reserve to participate in the fieldtrip. The group, along with the 2 PCF coordinators, went on a 2-day field-trip visiting parks within the City of Lethbridge and the wetlands in Magrath and the second day venturing out to the Waterton Park Front. In addition to the interactive activities that the Nature Center had developed for this project, the PCF invited speakers from the Alberta Conservation Association (Mike Uchikura), MULTISAR (Francois Blouin), Cows and Fish (Nicole Bach), and Waterton Lakes National Park (Justin McKeown) to speak to our group and share their knowledge of the grasslands with them. Having two full days



with the participants really gave us the opportunity to showcase the prairies and some of the different landscapes within it, as well as to give them the chance to really get immersed in it by looking more closely at their surroundings. PCF participants were asked to take as many photographs as possible, which were then, along with other work they did (such as writing down quotes from speakers, drawing exercises, writing exercises, etc.) compiled into Animoto, a multi-media program that is now showcased on the PCF website.

The PCF education committee is in the planning stages of another grasslands appreciation fieldtrip and has confirmed partnership with the Helen Schuler Nature Center for 2011.

The PCF education committee continued to look for ways to develop a distance-learning broadcast about the grasslands for grades 5, 6, and 7 students. At the end of 2010, we submitted an application to the applied studies department of the University of Lethbridge and hired a New Media student to start putting together a grasslands focused broadcast. The student will begin working on the broadcast in January 2011.

Website Committee

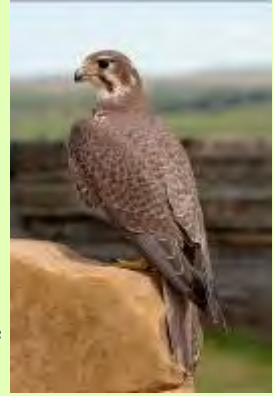
The website committee was formed in 2010 to address the issue of our out-dated website.. A website designer was hired and will start re-formatting our website in 2011. Included in this design will be a content management system that will allow the coordinator to update the website on a regular basis. Funding for the new website is being provided by Suncor and Cenovus.

Ecological Goods & Services Committee

The PCF EGS committee has been gathering information about other Ecological Services work being conducted in Alberta. To facilitate discussion on next steps, the PCF will be inviting a speaker from Alberta Environment to our Spring meeting in 2011 to update the membership on work being conducted on ES in Alberta. From this, the committee will be able to formulate a plan as to where we can be most beneficial to current ES work.

MULTISAR

Following last year's successful relationship, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) has entered into an agreement with the PCF for a second year to administer and deliver the MULTISAR project along with the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA). This year, MULTISAR completed five detailed Habitat Conservation Strategies on properties totalling 4,500 acres in the core program area made up of the St. Mary's River, Milk River and Pakowki Lake Watersheds. In addition, a new monitoring protocol was developed and its implementation began this summer to ensure that the grazing management plans and the habitat improvement projects, that are part of the 12 previously completed Habitat Conservation Strategies, are achieving their objectives. Several new habitat improvement projects were also developed, including wildlife-friendly fencing, planting of sagebrush plugs and thorny shrubs, drilling of water wells, native seeding, and off-site watering.



MULTISAR received many requests for the more compact Species At Risk Conservation Plans (SARC Plans) that are delivered throughout the Grassland Natural Region by MULTISAR and Operation Grassland Community. MULTISAR completed 22 SARC Plans with beneficial management practices recommendations on over 51,000 acres of prairie habitats, largely in south-western Alberta.



While the wet spring was not immediately conducive to grassland bird surveys, it certainly brought about the conditions for toad surveys. Soil moisture triggered emergence of great plains toads and plains spadefoot from their dormant state and their mating call could be heard throughout southern Alberta. MULTISAR conducted 16 nocturnal toad surveys. In June and early July, MULTISAR assisted SRD and ACA in its core program area in completing the 5-year Ferruginous Hawk survey on 32 - 4 mile x 4 mile quadrants.

Despite reduced resources this year for awareness and education, five live presentations, one demonstration, one poster presentation and two education programs were given to landowners, interest groups and students. Two newsletters were also produced along with a few other media communications. In addition, 634 direct contacts were made by MULTISAR staff between April 1st and December 31st, totalling 341 hours. More information about MULTISAR is available on MULTISAR's web site at www.multisar.ca.

Wind Energy Initiative

The Prairie Conservation Forum has been assisting the Foothills Restoration Forum with a project to define guidelines for minimizing surface disturbance of native prairie from wind energy development, a relatively new land use activity. These guidelines will complement the 2006 wildlife guidelines for Alberta wind energy projects. Principles and guidelines for minimizing surface disturbance of native prairie and parkland by the oil and gas industry, first defined in 1996, are also providing the basis for the wind energy guidelines.

A document has been prepared in consultation with a variety of interested parties that summarizes background information on the potential impacts of wind energy development on native prairie, resources that can be used to avoid and minimize impacts and the current regulatory framework for wind energy projects. The document – *Minimizing Disturbance of Alberta's Native Prairie by Wind Energy Development: Background (2010)* – is posted on the websites of the Foothills Restoration Forum and the Prairie Conservation Forum.



A field tour and workshop was organized and hosted by Foothills Restoration Forum in late October 2010. It brought together wind energy developers, landowners, range specialists, environmental consultants, mitigation/reclamation specialists, and representatives of non-government environmental organizations as well as representatives from Blood Tribe Lands and municipal and provincial government agencies. Participants shared information and discussed guidelines for minimizing surface disturbance of native prairie. The report of workshop results contains suggested principles and guidelines for the wind energy industry with implementation considerations and identifies regulatory issues and gaps. The report was circulated to all participants and other interested parties with a request for review comment. It is posted on the website of the Foothills Restoration Forum.

Recommended principles and guidelines have been drafted using feedback on the workshop report. Regulatory issues and gaps have also been more clearly defined. These will be reviewed and discussed by representatives of key interests prior to finalizing the recommended guidelines. The Foothills Restoration Forum and Prairie Conservation Forum are considering directing resources to a new phase of the project that will define beneficial practices more fully and raise awareness of those practices among wind energy developers, landowners, land use planners and industry regulators as well as the general public.

PCAP/LUF Committee

- Alberta Native Plant Council has been instrumental in organizing meetings and a workshop of the Foothills Restoration Forum and Prairie Conservation Forum to develop guidelines for wind energy development that would minimize surface disturbance of native prairie. ANPC worked with others to protect 25 sections of native prairie on public land from sale and conversion to potato fields. From this experience recommendations for improving law, policy and procedures with respect to public land sale have been developed. ANPC continues to inform and advocate for a new management plan for the Rumsey Natural Area and Ecological Reserve. ANPC is participating in development of Watershed Management Plans in the South Saskatchewan River Basin and is pushing for retention of native vegetation communities, and conservation of wetlands and riparian areas. ANPC has partnered with others on the Urban Team of the Oldman Watershed Council to promote the application of xeriscaping principles and the use of native plants in prairie urban gardens. A revised version of the Native Plant Source List was published in 2010 and is available on the ANPC website

www.anpc.ab.ca. Through Adopt-A-Plant, ANPC has advanced knowledge and understanding of rare native plants in prairie Alberta by organizing field trips, surveys and meetings for plant study

- The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) was successful in securing 3,975 acres of high conservation value habitat in Alberta in 2010. In addition, stewardship and management activities continued on our 178,000 existing acres of NCC projects, including 9 Conservation Volunteer Events held across Alberta attracting more than 160 volunteers. NCC continues to work closely with landowners and communities in Alberta and across Canada to ensure our Canadian conservation legacy.

The past year has been busy for the working group that has worked hard to revise the PCAP and bring forward a new direction for the membership. The membership has responded positively with constructive suggestions throughout the process. The final PCAP and proposed changes were presented to and supported by the membership at the PCF annual general meeting in January, 2011.

All revisions and the final version of the fifth Prairie Conservation Action Plan (PCAP) were completed in February 2011 and will be going to the printer in March of 2011. The PCAP will be available in both printed and digital formats by spring 2011 and will provide a program focus for the Prairie Conservation Forum (PCF) over the next five years.

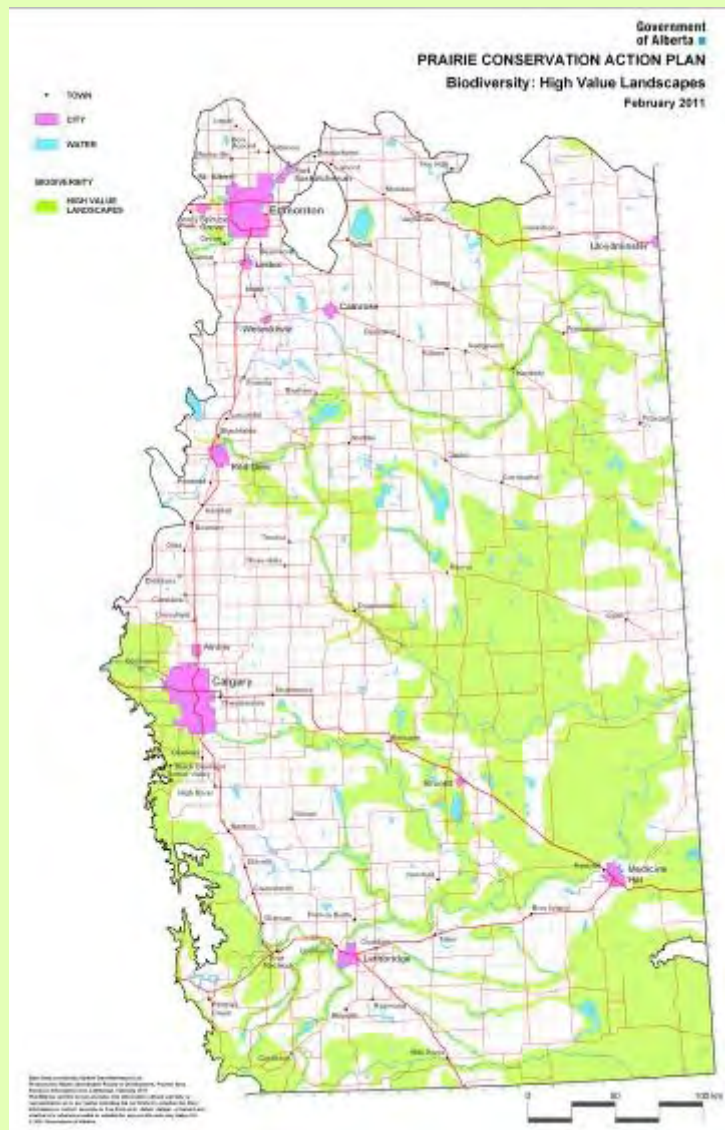
This PCAP marks a subtle but important change in how the Prairie Conservation Forum (PCF) has promoted prairie conservation in past planning initiatives. While the Vision of the PCF remains largely unchanged, the revised PCAP has a stronger focus on priority landscapes (Map 1) as articulated in its three long term outcomes:

1. Large native prairie and parkland landscapes are maintained.
2. Connecting corridors for biodiversity are conserved.
3. Isolated native habitats are protected.

Achievement of these outcomes will transcend future plan revisions and will require strong leadership from the Board of Directors, ongoing engagement and contributions from the PCF membership and thoughtful partnerships with other like-minded organizations. Activities of the PCF will require a strategic but applied focus that is structured around four broad strategies:

1. Completing inventories and assessments of native biodiversity.
2. Sharing knowledge and fostering a dialogue around prairie conservation.
3. Promoting stewardship of native prairie and parkland ecosystems.
4. Building capacity in the Prairie Conservation Forum

The PCAP will be distributed to member organizations and will be available to the public by spring, 2011. For more information, please contact Katheryn Taylor at info@albertapcf.org.



Grassland Vegetation Inventory

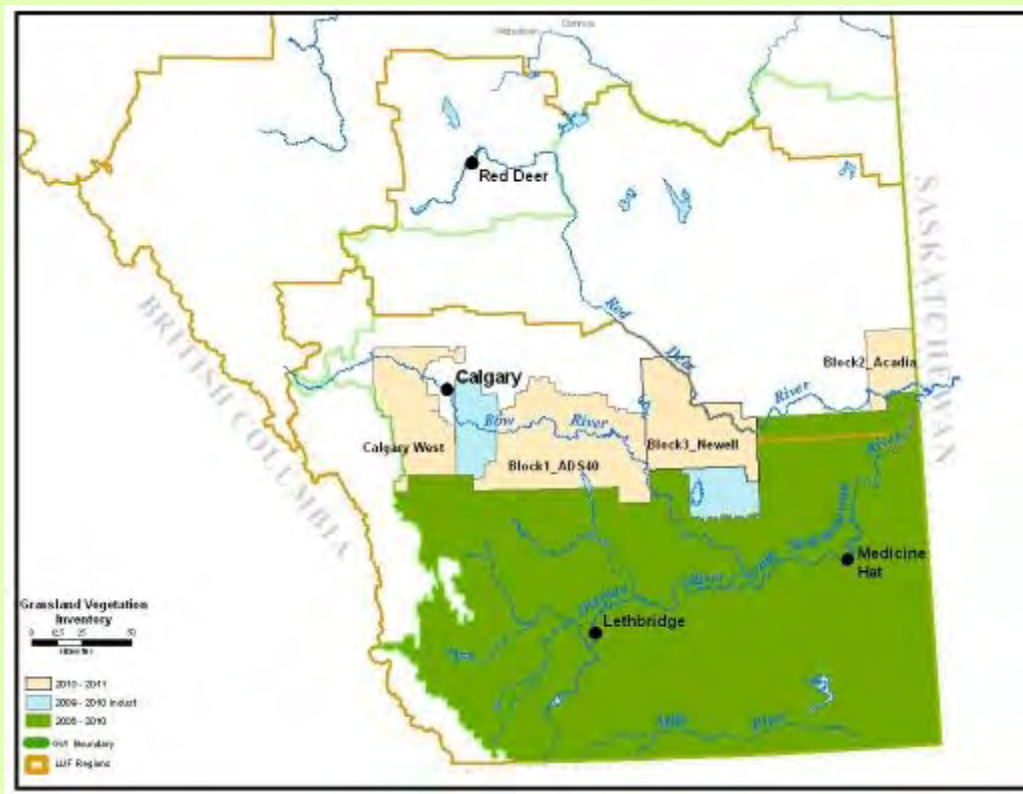
The 2010-11 fiscal year was another active and productive year for the Grassland Vegetation Inventory. Highlights include:

Operational Activities:

- The program will have some 757 townships completed once all of the production activities from this year are accounted for (see key map). This represents roughly two thirds of the GVI production area.
- Funding for the program was provided by Alberta's Sustainable Resource Development and Environment departments to a total of about \$484,000. Three contractors were used this year to facilitate production. Aerial imagery obtained through a cooperative agreement with Alberta Counties and Municipalities continues to be used as source information, although this activity will be reviewed this year.
- The GVI data model and data validation tools were revised significantly this past year to facilitate an enterprise approach to spatial data management. These actions should improve the quality and integrity of the GVI data.
- The province enhanced the GVI Internet Mapping Framework to provide some alternative views of the GVI geodatabase. Included are views related to native prairie, wetlands and riparian areas.
- The GVI certification course was held between September 29-30, 2010 in Drumheller. The course had some 28 participants of which 24 were certified. The highlight of the course was the use of new stereo 3D projection technology to view the aerial images.
- The GVI certification course was held between September 29-30, 2010 at the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller. The course had some 27 participants of which 17 were certified. The highlight of the course was the use of new stereo 3D projection technology for providing a common and shared stereo view the aerial images.

Strategic Activities:

- The provincial government created the 'GVI Steering Committee'. The purpose of this committee is to provide strategic program direction to GVI related to priorities, funding, program development, updates and maintenance. The committee is composed of the three key funding provincial departments (SRD, ENV, ARD) plus the PCF (the PCF chair sits on the committee). The committee also provides direction to the GVI operations team.
- The PCF took a more active role in developing and promoting GVI among its membership. The PCF GVI committee developed a number of strategies to promote the use and application of GVI to the PCF membership and beyond. The report on these strategies was provided to the PCF at the Jan. 20, 2011 general meeting in Okotoks.
- A GVI workshop was held in Brooks just prior to the September PCF meeting Dinosaur P.P. The workshop was designed to raise awareness and help the general PCF community to be conversant with tools such as the Internet Mapping Framework in their use of GVI.



Financial Report

Statement of Operations and Net Assets (Deficiency)

December 31, 2010

Balance forward **\$82,407.00**

Revenue

Grants	\$ 78,042.00	
Donations	\$ 1,419.00	
Calendar Income	\$ 100.00	
Interest Income	\$ 30.00	
Total		\$79,591.00

Expenditures

Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,061.00	
Speaker Gifts	\$ 73.00	
Coordinator Contract and Expenses	\$ 52,810.00	
Printing Expenses	\$ 32.00	
Office and Administration	\$ 89.00	
Workers Compensation Board	\$ 959.00	
Contract Services	\$ 7,724.00	
Donations	\$ 500.00	
Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	
Insurance Expense	\$ 1,600.00	
Bank/Interest Expense	\$ -	
Total		\$66,848.00

Excess of Revenue over expenses **\$12,743.00**

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010

Assets

Cash	\$ 82,407.00
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,000.00
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,500.00

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 82,407.00
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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

December 31, 2010

Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 58,164.00
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ 12,743.00
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 70,907.00

PCF Board of Directors

Don Watson — Chair. Don is serving in his third consecutive year on the PCF Board and second as Chairperson. He is currently working as a Professional Biologist in the private sector after many years as a planner, project manager and field biologist with Ducks Unlimited Canada as well as other work in the not for profit environmental sector. Don has volunteered his time with Breeding Bird Survey, TD/Canada Trust Friends of Environment advisory board, Lethbridge College Public Advisory Board for Environmental Science and the DUC Lethbridge Chapter.

Tania Sprong-Hanna — Vice-Chair. Tania retired after 18 years of service in the Canadian Forces before becoming the Regional Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Taber, Town of Vauxhall, and the Village of Barnwell. She takes a leadership role in community consultation, stewardship planning, social and cultural organization revitalization, and project planning and implementation. Tania has been a PCF member for two years.

Marilyn Neville — Treasurer. Marilyn Neville is a Reclamation Specialist whose extensive career has been focused on native prairie and parkland reclamation, restoration and stewardship initiatives. She has contributed to numerous guidelines and publications based on her extensive field experience. She is one of the founding members of the Foothills Restoration Forum and currently is the program coordinator. She and her husband live in the Willow Valley, raising sheep and enjoying the wonders of life in the shadow of the Livingstone Range. 2010 was her first year as board member and treasurer.

Dana Blouin — Board Member. Dana Blouin is Manager of Science and Conservation Support for the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in the grasslands of Alberta. Dana is a Professional Biologist and has worked in the prairie grasslands for several years from Manitoba to Alberta, and has been an active member of the Alberta PCF for 8 years. Dana currently works to provide support and guidance for NCC's conservation actions in Alberta and experiences the grasslands first hand with her family whenever possible.

Ian Dyson — Board Member. Ian has been affiliated with the PCF since its inception in 1989. He is currently Head, Cumulative Effects Strategy Development with Alberta Environment and is responsible for ensuring that ongoing efforts to support a transition to an environmental management system capable of managing cumulative effects are strategically focused. His professional experience deals with integrated resource management, water management and regional sustainable development plans in Alberta and he has helped build and sustain multi-stakeholder partnerships dealing with approaches to address environmental cumulative effects such as water quality in the Oldman River Basin, trans-boundary collaboration to sustain ecological health in the Rocky Mountains, and the conservation of prairie and parkland biodiversity.

Bill Dolan — Board Member. Bill joined the Parks Division of Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation in 2009 as the Land & Resource Management Coordinator in southern Alberta. In this new position, Bill has a leadership role for a number of programs in parks & protected areas including science, planning, resource management, land use and community engagement. Bill previously worked for Parks Canada at various national parks in western & northern Canada. He has been a member of the Prairie Conservation Forum since 1990.

Brandy Downey — Board Member. Brandy is the Senior Species At Risk Biologist in Lethbridge for Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Fish and Wildlife Division. Brandy has been a member of the MULTISAR team since 2003 and currently assists ASRD and the PCF in managing the program which works collaboratively with several NGO's, government agencies, and individuals to conserve species at risk in the Grassland Natural Region of Alberta. Unrelated to her work roles, Brandy enjoys hiking and exploring the outdoors with her family. This is her first year as a member of the PCF board.

Dug Major — Board Member. Dug was trained as an Agronomist at Olds College and subsequently studied Public Admin. at the University of Alberta to become a Certified Local Government Manager. He has been with the Special Areas Board for the past 25 years and is currently the Director responsible for Land Administration and Environmental Resources for the Board. Dug has been involved in many local, regional, and provincial land resource issues and has worked with a number of partnerships seeking solutions for economic stability in Alberta's sub-arid grassland. Dug has been a member of the PCF for 20 years and will be better prepared to engage in prairie conservation issues in May 2010, when he plans to retire from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Susan Skinner — Board Member. Susan is the current Program Co-Manager with Operation Grassland Community, a non-profit program of the Alberta Fish and Game Association promoting sustainable stewardship activities to benefit prairie species at risk. Susan was born in Whitehorse, Yukon, grew up in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley and currently resides in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan! She received her MSc. in wildlife conservation from the University of Saskatchewan in 2004. Susan's post graduate career includes several years as a wildlife technician with Environment Canada, working on various grassland songbird projects in both SK and AB. Susan joined the PCF in 2009.

Susan Patey-LeDrew — Board Member. Susan is an Environmental Assessment Advisor with Cenovus Energy in Calgary with a consulting and wildlife biology background. As a professional biologist her main role as an advisor is to provide environmental support and advice to oil and gas development teams. This includes engineers, construction and surface land agents throughout Alberta. A key part of this is to ensure that all new developments comply with regulatory environmental requirements and Cenovus' Best Practices.

Vern McNeely — Board Member. Individual.

Staff

Sasha Harriott — Coordinator. Sasha started out her career in the environmental field as a forest fire fighter. From there she joined the Cows and Fish Program and traveled across Alberta conducting riparian inventories, engaging landowners and promoting healthy riparian areas. After acting as a Safety and Logistics Coordinator with AMEC Earth and Environmental and taking a few years off to have two beautiful children is now enjoying sharing the role of coordinator for the Prairie Conservation Forum with Katheryn Taylor.

Katheryn Taylor — Coordinator. Katheryn obtained her MSc in biology from the University of Lethbridge in 2003 and has worked on many wildlife and vegetation research projects on the prairies, including work such as 'the effects of cattle grazing on riparian birds' and 'the effects of river damming on riparian birds and vegetation'. She also did some work with the Cows and Fish Program, conducting riparian inventories across Alberta. She has done some teaching and private consulting in the form of environmental impact assessments. Katheryn has been with the PCF since 2007.

Recognition of PCF Supporters

Funding support is very important to the PCF to keep our coordinators working and provide money for printing costs, meetings, projects, etc. We would like to thank our funding partners of 2010 as without them, we wouldn't be the society we are today.

Alberta Environment
Alberta Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
Environment Canada
Alberta Native Plant Council
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Parks Canada
Special Areas Board
Helen Schuler Nature Centre, City of Lethbridge
Alberta Wilderness Association
Operation Grassland Community
TERA Environmental

And a special thanks to individuals that make donations to the PCF out of their own pockets:

Cheryl Dash
Neil Thrussell

We would also like to thank:

Neil Thrussell, our website manager.

Members who incur expenses, without reimbursement, while attending PCF meetings.

Those individuals who made themselves available to serve as tour guides on PCF field trips.

Chairpersons of PCF committees who provide valued leadership and committee members who assume a heavier workload to fulfill action recommendations contained in the PCAP.

Members who have participated in our silent auctions over the past year.

We will inevitably have failed to identify the generous contributions of some individuals and organizations in this section. We apologize for any oversight on our part.

PCF Member Organizations



Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Alberta Conservation Association
Alberta Economic Development
Alberta Energy
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation
Alberta Environment
Alberta Fish and Game Association
Alberta Native Plant Council
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation
Alberta Wilderness Association
Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area
Antelope Creek Ranch
Canadian Forces Base — Suffield (Department of National Defence)
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Calgary/Banff Chapter)
Canadian Wildlife Service
Cenovus Energy
City of Calgary
City of Lethbridge, Helen Schuler Nature Centre
Cows and Fish — Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Eastern Irrigation District
Edmonton and Area Land Trust
Federation of Alberta Naturalists
Foothills Restoration Forum
Grasslands Naturalists
Lethbridge Naturalists Society
National Energy Board (Canada)
Natural Resources Conservation Board
Nature Conservancy of Canada
Oldman Watershed Council
Operation Grasslands Community
Pekisko Group
Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
Royal Alberta Museum (Alberta Community Development)
Society for Range Management
Southern Alberta Applied Research Association
Southern Alberta Land Trust Society
Special Areas Advisory Council
Special Areas Board
Suncor Energy
Tera Environmental Consultants
Town of Taber
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Lethbridge
Waterton Lakes National Park (Parks Canada)
Western Sky Land Trust Society
Wildlife Society



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