



Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society

2023 Annual Report

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Board of Directors & Staff

Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society (NWPS) is a registered charity (Reg. 079317454 BN#133029140) incorporated in 1987 as a non-profit society.

Our mission is to develop and provide environmental educational programs that advance the public's awareness and knowledge about wildlife and wildlife systems in northwest North America.

Our Vision is to create healthy wildlife spaces to support wildlife throughout northwest North America for their own intrinsic work and the appreciation of all.

Board of Directors

Jim Pigott, President

Michel Kvarnstrom, Vice President

Todd Buchanan, Director

Susan Chambers, Director

Rob Wickson, Director

Staff

Vancouver Head Office

Ann Peters, Executive Director
Mikaila Strilchuk, Wildlife Educator
Conan Leung, Office Manager
Ewan Reilly, Administrative Support Contractor

David Craig, Consultant

Vancouver Island Office

Connel Bradwell, Wildlife Education Manager

Canmore, Alberta Office

Darren Colello, Rockies Wildlife Educator

Message from the Board

To our NWPS Members, Contributors, Supporters, Volunteers, Staff, Directors and Friends; we are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2023.



We are happy to report that we have hired a Wildlife Educator for our Vancouver office. Mikaila Strilchuk started with NWPS in early November 2023. She has a BSc Applied Animal Biology and has extensive experience working with school-aged children. She has been working diligently with Connel and Darren to learn our program contents and start delivering programs to schools in the Lower Mainland. By the end of December Mikaila delivered 5 Wildlife in the Schools programs to classes covering K to 3 grades. She received excellent feedback from the teachers and numerous thank-you cards from the children.

Connel Bradwell, our Island Wildlife Education Manager, has had a very exciting year being involved with filming a wildlife documentation with a major film producer. Connel has been flown to various film locations and provided commentary on the animals being documented. All of the travel costs have been paid for by the film company and NWPS will be acknowledged for our assistance. We are currently under a Non-Disclosure Agreement but as soon as the film is released, we will publicize it on our website.

Connel continues to steward our Manley Farm Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary running Nature Walks and Workshops, doing bird box maintenance and coordinating animal and bird counts.

Darren Colello, our Rocky Mountain Wildlife Educator, continues to deliver Wildlife in the Schools programs, Nature Walks and Workshops and stewardship projects in the Bow Valley, Canmore and Kananaskis regions increasing our presence and profile in these areas. Each year Darren manages to increase the number of programs delivered and individuals engaged with the environment and conservation. For his dedication and efforts, Darren was recognized with the prestigious **New World Report Awards – Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society Rocky Mountain Wildlife Educator & Habitat Protection Stewards of the Year 2023**.

Ann Peters continues to fill the role of Executive Director and with the assistance of Conan Leung, manages the daily operations of the Society.

We say goodbye to Ewan Reilly and Josh Coward this year. Ewan provided administrative support to the Society. Josh was our contract Fundraiser who developed several funding initiatives for NWPS. We wish them both success in their new endeavours.

As always, without the help of our volunteers, NWPS would not be able to accomplish all that we do. We would like to give special thanks to Julie Melano of Fairwind Creative for the countless hours she has volunteered to update our website. With her help, we have updated almost every page and made some major changes in the way our funders can donate to our Society. It's made a huge positive impact on NWPS. Barbara Lee Chmil has been an unwavering volunteer for the Society for many years and continued her support by assisting with mailing out our tax receipts for the year.

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The Board continues to work on developing strategies that will secure NWPS' future. We are facing challenging economic times and as with all charities, we feel the impacts that our donors suffer from rising interest rates and inflation. We are working on developing self-sustaining revenue sources that will safeguard and grow the Society. We feel that with the team of staff, Board Members and volunteers we will be successful in moving NWPS to a more secure operation.

Our mandate remains the same: **Preservation through Education**. We believe that our Foundation, Corporate and individual donors make a world of difference in supporting our work and providing the much-needed environmental education programs to inner city school-aged children and at-risk youth. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,



Jim Pigott
President of the Board
Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society



The Look Ahead:

With the addition of our new Vancouver Wildlife Educator, Mikaila Strilchuk, we are excited to be increasing our delivery of programs throughout the Lower Mainland. Mikaila will be extremely busy delivering Wildlife in the School Programs and Nature Walks and Workshops responding to the pent-up demand caused by a year's lag between Noah Bennett's departure and Mikaila's hiring.



We will continue our partnership with Hastings Park Conservancy to deliver Nature Walks and Workshops on the PNE grounds providing school-aged children an opportunity to connect to a wonderful natural environment in their own "backyard".

We have also been working with the Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society to deliver programs in Penticton/Summerland for the spring of 2024. Since last summer, we have been working with the Society to plan and coordinate program delivery to three elementary schools. Mikaila will be spending a week in the Penticton/Summerland area delivering 7 Wildlife in the School programs to over 300 children. This is an exciting partnership that NWPS hopes will continue into the future.



Darren Colello, our Rocky Mountain Educator, continues to broaden the reach of NWPS in the Bow Valley and surrounding areas. Darren's dedication to Preservation through Education continues to impact audiences not only locally but nationally and internationally. Darren will also be offering guided tours through Africa as part of his personal activities during 2024.

Connel Bradwell on Vancouver Island continues to steward our Manley Farm Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary bringing people from all over the island together for Nature Walks and Workshops on our Cobble Hill property. Connel runs birding workshops and coordinates marsh restoration projects on the property. Connel also delivers Wildlife in the School programs from Victoria to Nanaimo and will continue to represent NWPS at various events around the area.

Milestones

2023 Our Wildlife Educator in Canmore, Darren Colello, was acknowledged by New World Report Awards North America Business with the Rocky Mountains Wildlife Educator & Habitat Protection Stewards of the Year 2023 award.

Our Vancouver Island Wildlife Educator, Connel Bradwell, was invited to host wildlife videos being produced by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

2022 Recorded a record number of bird species, including endangered species, on Manley Farm Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary.

2021 Opened our Rocky Mountain branch providing NWPS' environmental education programs to a wide audience led by our long-time Environmental Educator, Darren Colello.

History

Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society (NWPS) was founded in 1987 as a non-profit society, dedicated to preserving healthy wildlife systems and wildlife throughout northwest North America.

NWPS was a founding member of the Wolf Working Group and filled an advisory role on numerous committees supporting wildlife preservation.

Since that time, NWPS has continued its work by focusing on "Preservation through Education" providing balanced environmental education programs to audiences throughout the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and Canmore, Alberta.

NWPS has presented thousands of programs to school-aged children since our inception. Our programs provide environmental education and opportunities to positively impact our communities. We have reached hundreds of thousands of children, adults and seniors.

2023 saw NWPS getting back into schools with our environmental education programs (Wildlife in the Schools) as well as Nature Walks and Workshops.

Wildlife Education & Stewardship Programs:

Thanks to our generous donors and government support, we were able to continue providing programs free of charge to inner-city school children and at-risk youth in low-income areas. This allows us to ensure that all children including those that are marginalized by circumstance are given an equal opportunity to interact with and understand their interconnection with wildlife and the importance of protecting it.

Lower Mainland Achievements

- In-Class Programs: 8
- Nature Walks & Workshops: 1
- Number of Participants: 140

Vancouver Island Achievements

- In-Class Programs: 68
- Nature Walks & Workshops: 5
- Number of Participants: 1,671

Rocky Mountain Achievements

- In-Class Programs: 43
- Nature Walks & Workshops: 42
- Stewardship Projects, Lakes, Forests & Wetland Clean Ups: removal of 450 lbs of debris and multiple events
- Number of Participants: 6,325



Collaborations:

Rocky Mountain

- Rocky Mountain Eagle Research Foundation
- artsPlace, Canmore
- Bow Valley Naturalists & Friends of Fish Creek & Kananaskis

Lower Mainland

- Hastings Park Conservancy Nature Walks & Workshops
- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society

Vancouver Island

- Habitat Acquisition Trust
- Rocky Point Bird Observatory

Major Donors

Donors are the backbone of all our work. Without them, none of what we do would be possible. A very heartfelt Thank You goes out especially to our major donors for providing us with the opportunity to continue our work in the community:

Corporate Donors

Royal Canadian Legion (Branch #6)
Valley First Aid Training
Western Water Farms & Garden Ltd.
Can-Neth Imports Ltd.
Action Door Service Inc.
C.V. Metal Products Ltd.
Richardson Radiator & Air Conditioning Services Ltd.
East Richmond Nurseries Inc.

Our Partners

Institute for Environmental Learning
Hastings Park Conservancy
Fairwind Creative

Foundation Donors

Grayross Foundation
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
The Hamber Foundation
Ollie Lantela Foundation

Individual Donors

S. Robinson	M. Pitt
K. Fisher	G. Urquhart
A. Aklujkar	N. Ewald
A. Banning	N. Godding
D. Desjardins	E. Lynam
L. Haslett	N. Laing
L. MacDonald	B. Angus

Fundraising Activities

Annual Outreach

As with our corporate/business/foundation and other major donors, we are so lucky to have such a steadfast group of individual donors. Without this loyal dedication on the part of each and every individual donor, NWPS would not have the privilege of continuing to deliver our environmental education programs, instilling responsible environmental stewardship in children of all ages throughout the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and the Rockies.

THANK YOU!

Volunteers

Julie Melano
Barbara Lee Chmil
Ann Peters
David Craig

Jim Pigott
Michele Kvarnstrom
Rob Wickson

Todd Buchanan
Susan Chambers



Manley Farm Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary

NWPS has been entrusted with the stewardship of Manley Farm, located in the Cowichan Valley area. The property comprises 240 acres of wild habitat and farmland. The property is situated next to Boatswain Bank, which is an ecologically sensitive area.

Home to hundreds of species, NWPS is creating a safe space for wildlife. We safeguard a wide range of habitats and thanks to the support of local partners, give many species a helping hand. The property is an important site for migratory and breeding birds. It is home to a range of native flora, and the wetland provides habitat for endangered species of amphibians. We continue to monitor and survey the site, and whilst it is not open to the public, we do use the property for educational purposes, to the benefit of the local community.



NWPS Financial Statement

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Notice to Readers

Treasurer's Report – Management's Statement on Financial Reporting

The Financial Statements and all information in this annual report are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Financial Statements are based upon management's best estimates and judgements and have been prepared with the application of generally accepted accounting principles.

The Financial Statement information is segmented between NWPS' wildlife education and stewardship programs ("Charity") and the Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary ("Sanctuary").

Financial information presented elsewhere in this annual report is consistent with the Financial Statements.

To ensure the integrity and objectivity of the data, the management maintains a system of internal controls, comprising policies and procedures, that provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded and executed in accordance with their authorization, that assets are properly safeguarded, and that reliable financial records are being maintained.

Audited Financial Statements

The Directors of the Society have appointed an Audit Committee from their independent members.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and verified a random selection of the financial transactions of the Society and has verified all Balance Sheet accounts to independent sources to ensure that the Operations of the Society and the Capital Funds are fairly presented in the Financial Statements of Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Audit Committee report, on its audit of the Financial Statements, is presented to the Directors of the Society in support of the Board's approval of the Financial Statements.

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BALANCE SHEET - AUDITED

AS AT DECEMBER 31	2023		2022	
	Charity	Sanctuary	Charity	Sanctuary
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 35,068	\$ 14,061	\$ 57,214	\$ 14,169
Restricted Funds (Note 7)	\$ 39,407	\$ -	\$ 37,803	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,400	\$ 3,221
GST Refund Receivable	\$ 2,810	\$ 8.43	\$ 1,856	\$ 5
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,945	\$ -
Deposits Restricted (Note 7)	\$ 3,015	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,015	\$ 25,000
COVID GIC Deposit (Note 7)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -
	\$ 80,300	\$ 39,070	\$ 152,234	\$ 42,395
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary - Investment Short Term				
Bequest Funds Restricted for Sanctuary (Note 9)	\$ -	\$ 56,500	\$ -	\$ 56,500
Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary - Investments Long Term				
Gravel Pit Reclamation - Bond (Note 9)	\$ -	\$ 10,346	\$ -	\$ 10,346
Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary - Land (Note 9)	\$ -	\$ 1,219,560	\$ -	\$ 1,219,560
Capital Property - Buildings & Utilities (Note 9)	\$ -	\$ 399,421	\$ -	\$ 399,421
Farm Property - Barns & Utilities (Note 9)	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Investments				
Endowment Fund (Note 9)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,735,828	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,735,828
Total Assets	\$ 90,300	\$ 1,774,898	\$ 162,234	\$ 1,778,222
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable Manley Farm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 7,905	\$ -	\$ 13,213	\$ -
Payroll Expenses Payable	\$ 2,260	\$ -	\$ 903	\$ -
Mortgage Payments Payable (Note 8)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,000)
	\$ 10,166	\$ -	\$ 14,116	\$ 16,000
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Loan Payable (Note 8)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Mortgage Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
FUND BALANCES				
Operations Fund	\$ 67,120	\$ 14,070	\$ 138,118	\$ 26,395
Capital Fund	\$ 13,015	\$ 1,760,828	\$ (30,000)	\$ 1,735,828
	\$ 80,135	\$ 1,774,898	\$ 108,118	\$ 1,762,222
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 90,301	\$ 1,774,898	\$ 162,234	\$ 1,778,222

Approved by the Directors:


Ann Peters, Treasurer


Jim Pigott, President

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND SURPLUS - AUDITED

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31	2023		2022	
	Charity	Sanctuary	Charity	Sanctuary
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Support Contributions (Note 2)	\$ 57,658	\$ -	\$ 55,148	\$ -
Rental, Administration Fees & Miscellaneous (Note 3)	\$ 21,387	\$ 30,071	\$ 20,069	\$ 29,634
	\$ 79,045	\$ 30,071	\$ 75,217	\$ 29,634
Campaign Donations (Note 4)	\$ 154,558	\$ -	\$ 181,567	\$ -
Cost of Campaigns (Note 5)	\$ (52,412)	\$ -	\$ (64,055)	\$ -
Net Contribution from Campaigns	\$ 102,146	\$ -	\$ 117,512	\$ -
 Total Net Contributions	\$ 181,191	\$ 30,071	\$ 192,729	\$ 29,634
EXPENSES				
Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary				
Capital Property Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 1,790
Loan Interest, Property Taxes & Utilities	\$ -	\$ 6,951	\$ -	\$ 6,407
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,881	\$ -	\$ 859
General Administration	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
	\$ -	\$ 29,982	\$ -	\$ 29,055
Environmental Education & Stewardship				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 54,610	\$ -	\$ 78,909	\$ -
Support Expenses	\$ 64,017	\$ -	\$ 45,993	\$ -
Product Expenses	\$ 45,750	\$ -	\$ 22,132	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ 25,319	\$ -	\$ 26,367	\$ -
Space Expenses	\$ 9,543	\$ -	\$ 10,332	\$ -
	\$ 199,240	\$ -	\$ 183,734	\$ -
 Total Expenses	\$ 199,240	\$ 29,982	\$ 183,734	\$ 29,055
 EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ (18,049)	\$ 89	\$ 8,995	\$ 578
 FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 108,118	\$ 1,764,893	\$ 117,870	\$ 1,742,897
Transfer (from) to Operations Fund and Capital Fund	\$ (9,896)	\$ 9,896	\$ (18,747)	\$ 18,747
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$ 80,173	\$ 1,774,878	\$ 108,118	\$ 1,762,222

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - AUDITED

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Amortization

No amortization is recorded on the Society's assets because the management and Board of the Society believe such amortization would represent an unreasonable valuation of the Society's principle assets relative to their Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary.

b) Deferred revenue

Grants and donations received in the year with restrictions on their use are deferred until the applicable conditions have been fulfilled.

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31	2023		2022	
	Charity	Sanctuary	Charity	Sanctuary
2. SUPPORT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Corporations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,100	\$ -
Foundations	\$ 6,536	\$ -	\$ 2,436	\$ -
Donations & Bequests	\$ 7,541	\$ -	\$ 6,041	\$ -
BC Gaming Grants (Note 6)	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Government Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wildlife Education	\$ 3,580	\$ -	\$ 2,466	\$ -
Membership Fees	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ 105	\$ -
	\$ 57,923	\$ -	\$ 55,148	\$ -
3. RENTALS, ADMINISTRATION & MISCELLANEOUS				
Manley Farm Rental	\$ -	\$ 30,071	\$ -	\$ 29,634
Manley Farm Administration	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 1,122	\$ -	\$ 69	\$ -
Sundry Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 21,122	\$ 30,071	\$ 20,069	\$ 29,634
4. CAMPAIGN SALES				
Community Outreach	\$ 154,408	\$ -	\$ 178,224	\$ -
Green Ribbon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adopt an Animal	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 3,343	\$ -
Event Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 154,558	\$ -	\$ 181,567	\$ -
5. COST OF CAMPAIGNS				
Community Outreach	\$ 52,412	\$ -	\$ 62,452	\$ -
Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adopt an Animal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,603	\$ -
Green Ribbon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 52,412	\$ -	\$ 64,055	\$ -

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - AUDITED

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31	2023		2022	
	Operations	Capital	Operations	Capital
6. BC GAMING GRANTS				
Account Balance as at the Beginning of Year	\$ 37,803	\$ -	\$ 27,027	\$ -
BC Gaming Grant Revenue	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Expenses - Salaries	\$ (38,396)	\$ -	\$ (29,224)	\$ -
Account Balance as at the End of Year	\$ 39,407	\$ -	\$ 37,803	\$ -

The BC Gaming Grants are required to be maintained in separate bank accounts with accountability for expenditures from that account being demonstrably applied to the purposes for which the grant was provided, supporting salaries.

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary - Improvement	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
RBC Collateral for Credit Card	\$ -	\$ 3,015	\$ -	\$ 3,015
Covid 19 - Government Loans Repayable Investment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Gaming Grants Balance	\$ 39,407	\$ -	\$ 37,803	\$ -
	\$ 39,407	\$ 28,015	\$ 67,803	\$ 28,015

The gaming grants received by NWPS are generally received from the province toward the end of the year and are restricted to particular expenditure types, which the NWPS generally reserves for the following year. Covid 19 loans from the federal government enabled NWPS to maintain and expand its workforce and NWPS has preserved funds from its continued success for repayment of the loan. NWPS has made a deposit with a party assisting in planning for the Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary, which is ongoing and will be expensed when the planning products have been delivered. RBC has required a collateral deposit for a credit card.

8. MORTGAGE & LOANS PAYABLE

Covid 19 - Loan Repayable to the Federal Government	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Mortgage Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -

In prior years NWPS carried a \$200,000 mortgage on the Manley Farm Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary. At the end of the 2016 year NWPS's external source for the mortgage funding required NWPS to pay down the mortgage by \$100,000. NWPS applied its investment funds of \$100,000 to pay down the mortgage on the Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary. The NWPS remaining mortgage balance of \$100,000 was paid down from a bequest received by NWPS explicitly for supporting the Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary. A balance of \$40,000 is due to NWPS from the Mortgagor in final settlement of the mortgage.

9. RESTRICTED CAPITAL FUNDS

Vancouver Foundation	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Bequest Specific for Sanctuary	\$ -	\$ 56,500	\$ -	\$ 56,500
Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary - Lands & Assets	\$ -	\$ 1,679,328	\$ -	\$ 1,679,328
	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,735,828	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,735,828

When the bequest of the Manley Farm assets was provided to NWPS for the purpose of a Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary, the estate will and the executor of the donor's estate as parties external to NWPS restricted the use of all of these capital assets to supporting the Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary and ensured that they

10. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT 2021

The prior year financial statement for 2021 has been adjusted to show an additional \$3,000.00 transfer of funds between the Manley Farm Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary and the Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society Charity making the total transfer \$8,057 for 2021.