

The Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia represents 40 land trusts across BC and 15 associates including five land trusts in Alberta

LAND TRUST SUMMIT November saw participants from across Canada gather in Victoria for our bi-annual conference. Highlights were a half-day dedicated to Indigenous Engagement and a presentation by the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

“The LTABC conference was one of the best conservation conferences I've been to – easy to meet people, great speakers and meaningful information.”

“Being new to the land trust world I found all of the presentations relevant and I learned so much. Everyone was knowledgeable and friendly and I had a wonderful time!”



MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAM In partnership with ACLT and RMN (QC), LTABC is pleased to participate in this program coordinated by Nature Canada. Designed to encourage municipalities to enter conserved lands in CPCAD (Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database) LTABC will be developing a program to encourage tax incentives and funding at the municipal level.

CANADIAN LAND TRUST STANDARDS & PRACTICES

The Alliance is undertaking a major redesign of this online self-assessment tool. Once launched it will be available nation-wide in partnership with ACLT, OLTA and RMN.



NATURE ON THE HILL LTABC's Executive Director took part in Nature on the Hill in March meeting with MP's and government officials in Ottawa to promote land trusts.

ACLT Through a partnership agreement, land trusts in BC and Alberta receive membership in The Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts. An important voice nationally, ACLT has been instrumental in the development of the Land Trust Conservation Fund, a national Summit and other initiatives.
aclt-acoc.ca

OUTREACH A cornerstone of LTABC is outreach through our e-news and social media. Reaching more than 11,000 people annually the Alliance highlights land trusts and conservation activities across the province.

WEBINARS The Alliance offered 6 webinars free to members in 2023 on topics ranging from Indigenous Engagement, Insurance, Fundraising and Carbon Offsets.

“Excellent information presented in an inviting manner.”

“Good solid info and so easy to grasp.”

“Offered relevant suggestions/recommendations for further exploration.”

OPERATING FUND The Board of LTABC established an Operating Fund (equal to 3-months) to ensure the long term stability of the Alliance.

STRATEGIC PLAN LTABC's Board met and updated the Alliance's Strategic Plan through 2027.

LTCF With two representatives on the ACLT Board, LTABC continues to actively support and promote the Land Trust Conservation Fund. Administered by WHC (Wildlife Habitat Canada) land trusts in BC have benefited significantly through this federal government initiative under the Nature Fund.

INSURANCE & BENEFITS LTABC continues to provide an insurance program to more than 45 land trusts and an employee benefits program to 8 organizations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Leanna Warman, Director
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Paul McNair, Executive Director
Denise Nicholls, Program Coordinator
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SURVEY The Alliances jointly distributed a survey to land trusts across Canada. Results show more than 9000 volunteers participate at the community level, the median operating income (not including acquisitions) is \$300,000 and community and regional land trusts have protected more than 550,000 acres.

LTABC Financials

Income Statement as at 2023-12-31

REVENUE

Conferences/seminars/workshops	19,852.92
Federal Funding	0.00
Provincial Funding	0.00
Gaming Grants	31,500.00
Membership Fees	41,836.80
Fundraising	0.00
Donations	6,868.87
Foundations	33,706.00
Other income	47.28
Interest	553.05
Investment interest	807.38
Wage Subsidies	0.00
Other Grants	80,640.00
In-kind rent	24,000.00
In-kind labour	0.00
Rent	9,355.00
National revenue	19,556.00
Total Revenue	268,723.30

EXPENSE

Rent	18,861.20
Telephone/internet	1,699.96
Hydro	136.42
Bank charges	48.00
Wages	107,883.84
Benefits & Worksafe	8,774.61
Insurance	285.00
Bookkeeping	2,927.58
Writing/research/design/printing	17,445.27
Program materials	67.60
Meetings	283.23
Staff Travel/Training	3,724.20
Association Fees	716.40
Office Expenses	8,447.22
Seminars/Conferences	21,020.66
Marketing	766.75
Website	12,783.14
Miscellaneous	200.00
In-kind rent	24,000.00
National Expenses	17,021.14
Total Expenses	247,092.22
NET INCOME	21,631.08

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ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash	88.39
Van City - Chequing Account	42,160.27
Van City - Gaming Account	31,500.01
Van City - Savings account	30,116.08
Van City - Shares	79.69
Total Cash	103,944.44
Investments	30,807.38
Purchase Prepayments	522.83
Prepaid Expenses	1,425.00
Total Current Assets	136,699.65

Capital Assets

Computer Equipment	2,679.94
Net - Computer Equipment	2,679.94
Total Capital Assets	2,679.94
TOTAL ASSET	139,379.59

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	8,108.60
GST Refund (50%)	-5,253.89
Deferred membership fees	18,800.00
Deferred Other Revenue	2,808.64
Deferred Gaming Funds	31,500.01
Total Current Liabilities	55,963.36
TOTAL LIABILITY	55,963.36

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	61,785.15
Current Earnings	21,631.08
Total Retained Earnings	83,416.23
TOTAL EQUITY	83,416.23

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	139,379.59
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BC's 40
land
trusts*

Protect:



FORESTS



GRASSLANDS



WATER
(lakes and coastal)



WETLANDS

Land Trusts Report:

77 An average of 77
volunteers (that's
more than 3000
province wide!)

230 More than
230 sites with
public access

9 An average of 9
volunteer board
members

141 An average of 141 members (that's almost
6000 supporters province wide!)

\$331,000 An average operating
budget of \$331,000**

50% of BC's land trusts have full time staff
while 45% also report part time staff.

Land trusts report that **individual donors** are the largest source of financial
contributions followed by the Federal Government & Foundations.

Land trusts report more than **748** donors, members, volunteers which is more
than **30,000** British Columbians supporting local land trusts every year.

90% of BC's land trusts report
having endowment funds.

* Reporting (2022 fiscal year) on community and regional
land trusts only, not including national land trust members

** Not including land acquisition costs



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