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## South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program

# Newsletter

November 2009

Please join us on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the 9<sup>th</sup> SOSCP Annual General Meeting at the Historic S.S. Sicamous, 1099 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton BC

**1:00 pm** ~ Registration followed by Annual General Meeting – come learn more about the SOSCP, partners, conservation achievements, and conservation award winners.

**4 – 5:30pm** ~ Wine and Cheese Reception, Keynote Address ~ Gibsons Mayor Barry Janyk.

The Sunshine Coast town of Gibsons, BC has just been recognized by the UN-backed LivCom Awards as one of the most liveable communities in the world.

Gibsons Mayor Barry Janyk will inspire SOSCP partners and associates, with his story of how a little seaside town perched the doorstep of a booming metropolis captured a gold medal in the world's only competition focusing on environmental management and the creation of liveable communities.



LivCom Awards are an international competition to encourage and recognize best practices, innovation and leadership in providing vibrant and environmentally sustainable communities that improve quality of life. The award recognizes Gibsons' strong commitment to managing the community's growth without disturbing the natural environment.

### To RSVP

RSVP by email to: [SOSCP2@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SOSCP2@gov.bc.ca)  
by Friday November 20, 2009

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Bryn White  
SOSCP Program Manager

## Photo Contest

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Thank you for all of your photo submissions for the front page of our Annual Report. The competition was stiff. And the winner is....hmmm, you'll just have to come to the AGM and pick up our Annual Report to find out.

## Job Opportunity

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### OCCP Program Coordinator

The Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP) is a sister initiative to the SOSCP, and focuses on conservation priorities in the North and Central Okanagan. The program partners are looking for a Coordinator that will be retained as an independent contractor by Allan Brooks Nature Centre (on behalf of the OCCP Steering Committee).

**Application Deadline: Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm Submit resume and cover letter to:**

OCCP Coordinator Recruitment

c/o Lisa Tedesco

Ministry of Environment

4607 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Vernon, BC V1T 4K7

Phone: (250) 260-3030 Fax: (250) 549-5488 or [Lisa.M.Tedesco@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.M.Tedesco@gov.bc.ca)

## Funding Information

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**Interdepartmental Recovery Fund (IRF) for Species at Risk. Final proposal deadline by 3:00 PM November 20, 2009.** Federal funding is available to undertake projects for species at risk recovery on Indian Reserve lands in BC. This funding comes from Environment Canada, and flows through other federal departments, such as Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Indian Bands and other organizations working on Reserves are automatically eligible for this species at risk funding, simply by applying through INAC. Please follow the detailed directions below in order to apply for this funding. Notification that you are interested in working on an application and would like INAC to support it is required as soon as possible. This notification must go to David Leung at INAC, Vancouver, at ([David.Leung@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:David.Leung@inac-ainc.gc.ca)) or (604) 666-0596 prior to November 19, 2009. For further information on this fund please see <http://www.irf-fir.gc.ca> and [http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/funding/irf\\_fir/default\\_e.cfm](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/funding/irf_fir/default_e.cfm).

**Youth Eco-Internship Program (YEIP). Applications accepted now until through 2010 .** The YWCA Vancouver, in collaboration with the YWCA and YMCA Canada, is recruiting outstanding environmental non-profit and community groups across Canada to participate in a newly launched paid youth internship program, funded by the federal government's economic stimulus plan. The program can host paid interns for 3, 6 or 9 months through this government-funded initiative. YEIP aims to match approximately 35 youth with different host organizations in the province and there still remains the opportunity for eco organizations to act as a host. To apply: <http://www.yeip.ca/>.

## Partner Profile

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As our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting approaches we would like to recognize all the Partners of the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program. Over this time, the program has grown to include **47 partner organizations**, each signing on to the shared goals of conservation. The Statement of Cooperation outlines the program principles for partnering together and speaks to the South Okanagan-Similkameen as a special place, where the future of biodiversity is secure and the ecological integrity of the unique landscape is protected. The statement reflects the understanding that biodiversity is a key component of Canada's national heritage and its future is threatened. Thank you to all of our partners and funders, we hope to see you on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. To read about each partner organization please visit: <http://www.soscp.org/>.

## Calendar of Events

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### *November 18*

**Chris Czajkowski: A Mountain Year. Nature Notes from a Wilderness Dweller.** The Friends of the Summerland Library and the South Okanagan Naturalists Club present an illustrated talk by popular naturalist and writer Chris Czajkowski at 7pm on the Lower Level of the Summerland Library 9525 Wharton Street. Chris will be talking about a year in British Columbia's remote Central Coast Mountains at Nuk Tessli, near Tweedsmuir Park. Limited seating is available. Please contact the Summerland Library for free tickets starting November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information please call David Mallory 250-494-3439. Website: [www.nuktessli.ca](http://www.nuktessli.ca)

### *November 25*

**SOSCP Annual General Meeting.**

### *December 2-3*

**Sustainability for Leaders: A Transformative Approach to Sustainability Thinking, Strategy and Results. Vancouver, BC.** This 2-day intensive course will provide you with a solid grounding in a proven framework that has been used to guide sustainability change efforts around the world. Identify key messages to build buy-in for your organization by focusing on practical examples and opportunities for dialogue and hands-on application. The course includes a 1-year eLearning license and connection to sustainability professionals across Canada using The Natural Step Framework. Courses will be offered in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal (in French) and Halifax. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/learning-programs>.

### *December 5*

**TLC Open House.** The Land Conservancy Okanagan Region is celebrating the holiday season with their annual Open House! Warm up, enjoy a light meal and meet TLC staff from 4pm-6pm. Please RSVP 250-492-0173.

## Your Contribution

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If you would like to have your conservation project listed, to submit a news item for the SOSCP Newsletter, or would like to provide feedback on this issue, we'd love to hear from you!

### SOSCP Newsletter

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## Donation Information

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**If you, or your organization, would like to support the coordinating function of the SOSCP, please contact one of the following**



### Environmental Legacy Fund

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