

LEAVE A LEGACY WITH US

Sierra Club BC member Ken Farquharson has been with us from the very beginning. Ken got involved in working to defend Cypress Bowl and the Skagit Valley from development in the 1960s. He was part of the successful effort to include the West Coast Trail in Pacific Rim National Park. In 1969, he helped co-found the Sierra Club of BC.

Manager of Donor Engagement Elisabeth Hazell sat down with Ken to listen to these stories. We share here a brief excerpt regarding his recent decision to name Sierra Club BC in his estate plans. You can read the full transcript of their conversation at sierraclub.bc.ca/legacy-giving.

Elisabeth: For others who might be considering making a bequest to Sierra Club BC, why would you recommend us as an organization to invest their legacy in?

Ken: I think first of all, the club has now been able to show that it has been able to achieve continuity. I think 50 years is a significant time. And it has not done that focusing solely on one person or one spokesman, there have been transitions to show that it has lasting continuity in terms of its management. Secondly, I think that they are prepared to invest in more than just rhetoric in that with people like Jens and others they're putting a certain degree of science into the background arguments. And I think that is key particularly when government is no longer providing or even attempting to provide that sort of science. So those are my two main arguments. And then thirdly, I would argue that as we're actually closely associated with the west and there's many of our issues such as the Columbia Treaty, energy transfer across borders, forestry across borders that there is strength still in having the link with the [Sierra Club] US in terms of achieving results.

Have you considered naming Sierra Club BC in your will? It can be as simple as adding a codicil with just one sentence such as, "I give Sierra Club of BC Foundation, currently of 301-2994 Douglas St. Victoria, BC, V8T 4N4, _____% of my estate, to be used for general conservation purposes at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors."

Find out more at sierraclub.bc.ca/legacy-giving.



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MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm thrilled to have recently joined Sierra Club BC in the position of Executive Director and am honoured to be leading such a brilliant and committed team of staff, directors, volunteers and members.

As an environmental and Indigenous rights lawyer, I bring many years of experience working on environmental justice issues. I have spent time in small towns and cities across northern BC speaking with community members about the cumulative effects of mining, fracking, logging dams, and other forms of industrial development and the impact on their families.

I've advocated for new forms of proactive, strategic environmental assessment and planning to protect the values and futures that communities want. And I've worked on new governance approaches to conserving the freshwater contained in our rivers, lakes, streams and aquifers.

I'm deeply grateful to have spent time working in Indigenous communities in various capacities over the past ten years, where my understanding of environmental issues and how to approach them has been gently and profoundly shaped by Indigenous colleagues, friends, and mentors.

I'm also grateful to have joined an organization where there is a deep commitment and mandate across both the staff and Board of Directors to learn from and respect Indigenous law and governance as a key component of our work.

I look forward to engaging with all of you as we work together to ensure healthy air, land and water for all of us today and for our future generations.

Sincerely,

Hannah Askew



"We need to try new approaches and inclusive alliances that offer solutions and hope, while respecting and upholding Indigenous law and governance."

*Hannah Askew
Executive Director, Sierra Club BC*

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

Looking for inspiration on climate solutions? Our podcast is chock full of ideas!

In **Mission Transition: Powering BC's clean energy economy**, we meet British Columbians who are moving ahead with solutions for housing, transportation and renewable power.

New to podcasts? They're like radio: free, on-demand shows you can listen to for free on our website or download to your computer or mobile device app. They're great for listening during your commute or while tinkering at home.

Subscribe and listen to Mission Transition at sierraclub.bc.ca/podcast.

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Hannah joined Sierra Club BC as our Executive Director in July 2018. The staff and Board of Directors of Sierra Club BC are very proud to welcome Hannah to our team.

Find out more about Hannah at sierraclub.bc.ca/executivedirector.

PRO REP FOR THE WIN!

This fall choose a new way of voting that works for you—and for nature!

From October 24 to November 30, British Columbians will be able to vote on reforming the way we elect our MLAs. We will have a chance to jettison the current system (known as First Past the Post or Winner Take All) in favour of proportional representation (Pro Rep).

Is it fair that a party that gets 40% of the votes gets 100% of the power? That's what the current system does. First Past the Post also favours insiders who game the system to their advantage.

Pro Rep is a fairer system in which a party that gets 40% of the votes gets 40% of the seats in the Legislature. In other words, you get what you vote for. Your vote never goes to waste.

When everyone's vote counts, politicians are more cooperative and more accountable to voters. There will be less polarization and partisan fighting. With Pro Rep, political parties will have to work together on the things that matter to you. Most democracies in the world have already switched to Pro Rep.

Wherever Pro Rep is used, the environment wins. Pro Rep jurisdictions score higher on measures of environmental performance, setting stricter environmental policies and making greater progress in tackling crucial issues such as carbon emissions. Imagine what we could achieve under Pro Rep!



Under First Past the Post, entire areas of the province can be left without a voice in government. Under Pro Rep, wherever you live, your part of the province will always be "in government," no matter who wins the election.

If we are successful, BC will lead the way as the first major jurisdiction in North America to have Pro Rep. A minority of voters will no longer get to elect a government that has all the power.

The referendum will use a mail in ballot. Voting packages will be mailed in late October. Keep an eye out for yours!

For more info, visit
VOTEPRBC.CA

WE'RE TURNING 50!

Be a part of our history and help us celebrate 50 years!

Sierra Club BC marks our 50th anniversary in 2019. We're really excited to celebrate this milestone, and we're starting to make plans. We want your input! You're invited to join our volunteer 50th anniversary committee to help ensure the next 50 years are a big success.

In particular, we need help with fundraising, grant writing, corporate partnerships, event coordination and public relations.

We seek to include diverse voices and we welcome women, people of Indigenous ancestry, people of colour, LGBTQQIP2SA individuals and members of other communities. While we're based in Victoria, you don't have to be. Experience is welcome but not necessary – this is an opportunity for mentorship.

Apply now and keep informed on our plans at sierraclub.bc.ca/50years.

ANCIENT RAINFORESTS FOREVER

Thanks to wonderful people - including you! - we've made incredible progress by coming together to defend Vancouver Island's last endangered ancient forests. Here's what you've helped accomplish since November!



- We've reached our goal of **10,000 letters** sent by BC residents!
- **180,000 people** around the world including have joined British Columbians in calling for the protection of ancient rainforests
- **223 scientists** have called for protection of BC's old-growth
- We released a **detailed map** showing intact rainforest and recent destruction (check it out at sierraclub.bc.ca/Vlmap)
- We've welcomed **100 volunteers** into our forest campaign
- We hosted **12 events** to talk forests with communities
- Our forest team had a presence at **more than 30 events**
- **168 phone calls** have been made to BC's forests minister
- **113 days** have been spent outdoors canvassing on forests
- We released **shocking images** of recent logging destruction on Vancouver Island taken during a flyover by our campaigner Jens Wieting
- BC-born celebrities **Bryan Adams, Alexander Ludwig and Rachel Roberts** have endorsed us
- We published a **Forest Action Taker's Guide** for people who want to dive even deeper on forests
- We're preparing a forest action **volunteer training weekend** to take our campaign to the next level
- On the 25th anniversary of the historic Clayoquot Sound mass arrest, we **released data** showing more than 30% of Vancouver Island's remaining productive old-growth rainforest in 1993 was destroyed in the past 25 years

Unfortunately, the new BC government has not lived up to its election promises to take action for old-growth. We need your help to ramp up the pressure before it's too late. Learn more at RainforestIsland.ca.

MORE WINS FOR NATURE

This past school year, our Education Team worked with more than 7,300 students across the province. We facilitated 334 workshops at 116 schools in 25 school districts. This year, we're



celebrating 20 years of success in getting kids outside to connect with nature!



More than \$650,000 was raised for Indigenous legal challenges to the Trans Mountain pipeline and tankers through our Pull Together initiative. In August, the Federal Court of Appeal quashed the project's approval.

Campaigner Galen Armstrong was joined by Judith Lavoie of *The Narwhal* and photographer Louis Bockner in the Peace-Athabasca region. The resulting news stories, videos and stunning images illustrate how the Site C dam and tarsands projects threaten the way of life of Indigenous peoples.

