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The Neck of Neck Point Park as featured in the month of March in the 2017 NALT Calendar.  
Photo: Philip Haddleton

## Notice of NALT's 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of NALT will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Kin Hut, 2730 Departure Bay Road, beginning at 5pm. The business of the meeting will begin at 5:15 pm, with highlights including stewardship reports and two resolutions to adopt changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, as mandated by the new Societies Act (*see below and pages 3-4*). This will be followed by the election of 2017-2018 Board Directors.

In recognition of World Water Day (*see Water to Earth Month poster, page 16*), local RPBio Dave Clough will give an entertaining presentation on *Water Course Restoration* throughout the region. Dave Clough is a well-known fish biologist and stream champion—you name a creek, he'll know it and has likely worked on it to improve fish habitat (*see Stream Stewardship story, pages 8-9*). Dave's presentation will begin at 6:15 pm, after the business meeting and a short break for attendees to share a light build-a-bun supper.

### Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws:

The initial transition to the requirements of the new Societies Act mandates that any provisions of the existing Constitution, other than the name and purpose, that were removed from the Constitution must be added, without alteration, to the Bylaws. Any unalterable provisions must be identified as having been "previously unalterable."

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## NEWS FROM NALT

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Nanaimo & Area Land Trust

NALT's Mission is:  
*to promote and protect  
the natural values of land  
in the Nanaimo area*

The Nanaimo & Area  
Land Trust Society  
was registered as a B.C. Society  
in 1995, and subsequently was  
granted charitable tax status  
and the right to hold  
conservation covenants.

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## NALT Welcomes A New Team Member

As mentioned in a previous newsletter article, Anne Kerr, NALT's longtime Conservation Covenants Specialist, is stepping back from her role with NALT. We are happy to announce that someone has come forward to take on these responsibilities. Bailee McColl will be joining the NALT team. Her previous professional experience mainly involves wildlife rehabilitation, public education and avian ecology.

Bailee grew up in Victoria. She completed an undergraduate degree at University of Victoria, followed by a Master of Science degree at the University of Edinburgh in wildlife and ecosystem health. Bailee has returned home to the island after living in the UK and then Alberta, in the hope that she can contribute to conservation here.

We hope so too, and we hope to help her secure paid employment along with her offer to take on the role of Conservation Covenants Specialist. Anne has offered to stay around to mentor Bailee through the first season of monitoring our current covenants.

Thank you, Anne, and thank you, Bailee.

## Bottles for the River

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, NALT held a *Bottles for the River* fundraiser in the parking lot at the NALT office. We hold the January event at the office so that we can offer our volunteers a warm place to rest and recharge. The time between bottles drives was shortened because we had to postpone our October 2016 collection date to November due to inclement weather in October. The compressed period between November and January might have been the reason that the "take" on January 14<sup>th</sup> was much lower than usual for our winter collection: we raised only \$530 on that day, compared with a usual January total of between \$700 and \$800 in recent years.

Although the results of Saturday's bottle drive were lower than we had expected, we counted such blessings as we *did* receive: sunny skies; no wind; an office to warm up in; the camaraderie of cheerful volunteers; the donations of refundables from supporters and passers-by; and the very generous and thoughtful support for our volunteers by Dave of *Mistaken Identity* vineyards. Thank you all.

Our next bottle drive will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 2:30 pm in the parking lot beside Lucky's Liquor Store at the Country Club Centre (see poster page 15). We hope to see you there!

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NALT's current Bylaws state:

**Part 13 - Bylaws**

*2. These Bylaws for the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society cannot not be altered or added to except by a Special Resolution approved by 75% of those members in good standing in attendance at a meeting of the General Membership.*

**Special Resolution #1**

**That, in order to transition to compliance with the new BC Societies Act (Nov. 28, 2016), NALT members present at the 2017 AGM vote to adopt, by Special Resolution, an amendment to the Society's Constitution so that it reads:**

**NANAIMO & AREA LAND TRUST SOCIETY  
CONSTITUTION**

- I. The name of the Society is Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society.
2. The purpose of the Society is:
  - a) To preserve, protect and enhance the quality of the human and natural environment.
  - b) To promote the use of land in trust, in which models of compatibility between land use and land characteristics are established, and the biologic and the esthetic needs of land are given full and serious consideration and are not primarily subordinated to human wants.
  - c) To promote the establishment of wilderness and other natural habitat preserves for the benefit of this and future generations.
  - d) To facilitate public education and participation in resource and land use management.
  - e) To facilitate access to land habitation and employment needs for the purpose of fostering self-sufficiency, co-operation, trusteeship and conserver lifestyles.
  - f) To conduct research programs with local citizens and qualified persons on important issues in the fields of development and conservation in Nanaimo and Area and to monitor public and private programs and performance in the fields of development and conservation.
  - g) To raise money, acquire funds and other assistance, and to own, acquire and take by purchase, donations, devise or otherwise, land or personal property and expend, sell, exchange, mortgage, lease, let, improve or develop same for the purpose of the Society.
  - h) To undertake everything necessary to promote and attain the foregoing purpose and periodically to reassess this purpose.

For\_\_\_\_\_, Against\_\_\_\_\_. Carried\_\_\_\_\_

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**Special Resolution #2**

**That, in order to transition to compliance with the new BC Societies Act (Nov. 28, 2016), NALT Members present at the 2017 AGM vote to adopt, by Special Resolution, an amendment to the Society's Bylaws, to include previously unalterable clauses from the Constitution as Parts 14, 15, 16 and 17 so that the Bylaws include:**

**Part 14. (Formerly Clause 3 of the Constitution)**

1. The area to be served by the Society is Nanaimo and Area. *This provision was previously unalterable.*

**Part 15. (Formerly Clause 4 of the Constitution)**

1. The funds of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Society as stated in the constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or made available for personal benefit of any member of the Society. *This provision was previously unalterable.*

**Part 16. (Formerly Clause 5 of the Constitution)**

1. In the event of dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society remaining after payment of all outstanding expenses, liabilities and debts shall be transferred to some other association(s) having objectives similar to the Society. Such organization(s) shall be selected by the members of the Society before the time of dissolution. The requirements of the Canadian Department of Revenue governing the disposal of the assets of a non-profit organization shall be observed. *This provision was previously unalterable.*

**Part 17. (Formerly Clause 6 of the Constitution)**

1. *Former* Clauses (3), (4), (5), and this *former* Clause (6), of the prior Constitution are hereby declared to be unalterable in accordance with the Society Act of British Columbia. *This provision was previously unalterable.*

For\_\_\_\_\_, Against\_\_\_\_\_. Carried\_\_\_\_\_

***Like music and art, love of nature is a common language  
that can transcend political or social boundaries.***

**— Jimmy Carter**



## News from the NALT Native Plant Nursery

Roosevelt elk caught on camera are passing through nearly the same spot in Peter's arboretum where NALT hosted a wedding a few summers ago. For some years, the resident elk that used to move through the Van Kerkoerle's property had mostly disappeared—due largely to poaching and other disturbances. Welcome back, elk! And welcome other animals, birds and insects that call the Parnassian Woods home! In April, the month when bleeding heart flowers bloom in abundance throughout the woods, you might chance to see a Parnassian butterfly flitting through the wildflowers and feeding on the nectar of the bleeding hearts.

Nursery volunteers have had a busy winter. Christmas tree sales in December were a little less than previous years; while seed sales at the Port Place NALT table were higher than ever. Back at the nursery, volunteers have been



**Camera-shy elk turn their backs on Parnassian paparazzi.  
Photo: Deryck Cowling**

packaging hand-harvested native seeds to get ready for spring sales. Volunteers have also propagated many varieties of native plants, using soft-wood, semi-hard-wood, and hard-wood techniques, all to prepare for spring and summer sales. One Wednesday in February, nursery volunteers prepared the annual Stone Soup Feast. They all proclaimed that this year's stone soup was the best ever, and Peter and Anneke agreed.

Currently, volunteers are pruning, weeding and cleaning up from winter snowfalls—which were quite heavy at the nursery. The greenhouse is about 10 years old now, and the plastic and fabric roof is still doing a good job of sluffing snow off after each fall, and providing shelter for both volunteers and propagated plants. One year soon though, the roof will need to be replaced, and the Nursery Committee has

reserved money in their budget to take care of this expense when the time comes.

A few hardy shoppers have continued to make it out to the nursery through the snowy times.

Some plants are nearly ready to blossom, while others wait patiently through the continued cool weather. We hope you will come visit the plants, seeds and a welcoming group of volunteers—who enjoy the comradery of working together as much as they enjoy taking care of the plants and the nursery site. Nursery hours are currently Wednesdays 10am to 3pm, and Saturday 11am to 3pm.

You will find the Natural Abundance Native Plants Nursery table at Seedy Sunday at NDSS on March 3rd, then again at the *Earth, Water & Wild Foods Festival*—organized by a partnership between NALT, City of Nanaimo and the RDN—on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bowen Park. We'll have seeds, a good sampling of potted native plants, information, and lots of volunteer enthusiasm.



**Bleeding hearts await the Parnassian butterfly.**

## Gordon A. McNeil, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1933 – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Gordon Alvin McNeil, Gordie to just about everybody, passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Gordie was a second generation Nanaimoite who, as a young man, worked on tugs as a skipper; later switching to BC Ferries and at the Nanoose Naval Base to be closer to his family: his wife Doris and three sons. While we at NALT knew Gordie mainly through his love for Mount Benson, his obituary tells us that *his real interest was people. He would patiently walk with a new hiker and willingly drive the elderly to bridge night. He once said he had 480 years of experience in one car ride.*

A legend in the local hiking community, Gordie kicked himself out of his sickbed after heart surgery a decade ago, got back to hiking, and kept on hiking up the mountain until not long before he died at the age of 84. Gordie knew the twists and turns of many of our favourite trails better than most; in fact he blazed, developed and maintained a lot of them. He was a sure-footed guide, a great conversationalist and an engaging story teller.

Gordie came into contact with NALT during the Mount Benson acquisition campaign. He gave generously to NALT's fund-raising campaign to purchase the properties that are now the Mount Benson Regional Park. Over a series of three or four donations over two years, he gave almost \$100,000 towards the acquisition—the largest financial contribution to that campaign. One time when he came into the NALT office with yet another installment, he said "I just love that old mountain so much!" When you read the back side of the interpretive sign at the trailhead beside Witchcraft Lake, you will find Gordie McNeil's name first on the list of more than 1500 donors.

Years before the park came into being, Gordie's Trail, which leads from the west side up to the mountain's summit, was named for him. Thank you Gordie, for your trail-blazing and your caring. Your generous spirit will live on for posterity.



Gordie on the mountain—Mount Benson.  
Photo: Diana Dugas

*Those who contemplate the beauty  
of the earth  
find reserves of strength  
that will endure as long as life lasts.*

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## Join Us for the 2017 Earth, Water & Wild Foods Festival – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Wild Foods Festival is the definitive spring event for Nanaimo that you won't want to miss. This year, the Festival, with its title expanded to acknowledge World Water Day (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) is scheduled for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>—in partnership with the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Nanaimo as the closing event of the month-long (and more!) celebration of Water to Earth Month. (see *poster, page 16*). This “wild” event celebrates the natural bounty of the Earth in spring, and the creative talents of our region's earth-friendly community.

A main focus of the Wild Foods Festival will once again be delicious food samples prepared by local chefs, featuring an array of wild, local ingredients. How about a slice of stinging nettle pesto pizza, anyone? Or a taste of wild greens salad? How about a cup of wild herb tea? Or a dessert featuring wild evergreen huckleberries? Samples are offered for the very reasonable price of one to three food tickets (\$1/ticket)—and, if you've attended previous years, you'll know how tasty and how popular these foods will be. We are still in the planning stages; we hope to have more chefs with more samples available this year; however, it is probably still a good idea to plan to get there early—the most popular choices will disappear first!

In addition to the focus on wild food sampling, lots more will be happening. The creativity of our community will be present in many forms: vendors will offer local foods and crafts; local community groups will be on hand to offer information about their programs; a guided wild plants and river walk; and musicians will take turns providing great music. In Activity Room #1, there will be presentations and demonstrations about water, wild and native food harvesting and use, and about food security.

Entrance fee to the Wild Foods Festival in Bowen Auditorium is FREE. This event is a popular family day that truly offers something for all ages. Outdoors, the City will offer an assortment of activities—including a chance to try your hand at lawn-bowling and other fun activities. The NALT native plant nursery will also have a table of their wares—plus other vendors and information tables.

Mark the date on your calendar; we'll look forward to seeing you **on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors will open at 11 am and close at 3 pm, at the Bowen Park Complex, 500 Bowen Road.** Check the NALT website at [www.nalt.bc.ca](http://www.nalt.bc.ca) and <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/Water2Earth> for more details in the coming weeks.

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### Smile Card Program Update

Here is an update on the status of the NALT Smile Card fundraiser. The funds raised from May 2016 to April 2017 are allocated to offset the cost of hosting Streamkeeper workshops. These workshops train people to identify indicators of stream health and have been a vital catalyst in building local stream stewardship groups (see *Stream Stewardship page 8*).

After this funding cycle is completed, NALT will re-apply for another year of participation in the Thrifty Smile Card Community Fundraising program. Thank you for continuing to support NALT stewardship initiatives by using your Smile Card when you shop at Thrifty Foods.

If you have any questions about the Smile Card program, or if you have misplaced your card, please give us a call at 250-714-1990. We will be happy to help you with answers, or to get a new card delivered to you.



## Stream Stewardship

Since our beginning, NALT has embraced stream stewardship as a priority. From 1997 to 2001, PROJECT 2000, in partnership with the City of Nanaimo, identified the strengths and challenges of more than a dozen Nanaimo creeks, rivers, lakes and wetlands, organized and presented community information meetings in the neighbourhoods of each target waterway, encouraged and supported local stewardship activities, and undertook activities to restore and enhance in-stream and streamside habitats. We are fond of telling residents that virtually every person living in or around Nanaimo lives in a watershed—whether you are aware of it or not.

In recent years, there has been a resurrection of community interest in Streamkeeper training as the ranks of existing stewardship groups are bolstered or new stewardship groups emerge to care for our urban and rural water ways. Last spring, two 2-day Streamkeeper Workshops were filled to capacity. This spring, the same is happening—the March Workshop, hosted by the Nanaimo Montessori School, is full; the April one, hosted by the Walley Creek Streamkeepers, is already close to full. NALT is hoping that instructor Dave Clough will be able to find time to lead a third Workshop in the fall of 2017.

Perhaps the best known of the many watershed initiatives that NALT has supported is the effort toward greater stewardship of the Nanaimo River watershed. In partnership with participants who attend the [Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable](#) four times a year, NALT has facilitated constructive dialogue between environmental organizations, industrial interests, recreation groups, all levels of government, Vancouver Island University, residents, and other concerned citizens. Concurrently, NALT and the Roundtable have sought to gather, share and expand community knowledge of and interaction with the watershed. The [Nanaimo River Watershed Baseline Report](#) and guided tours (such as those offered as part of this year's [Water to Earth Month](#) activities) are but two examples of this engagement.

Lesser known but vital citizen stewardship is occurring within some of the smaller watersheds in our region, such as Departure Creek, Walley Creek and Holden Creek.

### Departure Creek

Departure Creek has been the focus of various activities over many years, most of which have directly involved **Fish Biologist (and NALT AGM keynote presenter), Dave Clough** providing professional assessment, recommendations, encouragement, training and direction. In-stream installation of large woody debris, riparian planting, invasive plant removal, and the elimination of a built barrier to spawning fish have all combined to improve the outcomes for spawning salmon and resident trout in the creek. This year, the Departure Creek Streamkeepers will continue their efforts to expand our knowledge of the creek with the second year of a smolt trap installation—a harmless method of determining the numbers and health of Coho salmonid smolts as they head out to sea. As well, stream surveys of the upper reaches and tributaries of the creek are being pursued, and the planting of new trees to improve cover over the creek continues.



Dave Clough has his boots in the creek(s)  
Photo: Nina Evans-Locke

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## **Holden Creek**

Holden Creek watershed includes both Quennel and Holden Lakes, and flows into an estuary shared by the Nanaimo River. The Holden Creek Watershed Working Group, a coalition of landowners, local and federal government departments, Streamkeepers, the Snuneymuxw First Nation's Fisheries Manager and NALT, have applied for funding to build on an assessment carried out by Dave Clough and volunteers in 2016 by contracting a further channel assessment and carrying out riparian planting in lower reaches. Another group of voluntary stewards is also applying for funds to restore a wetland on Plum Creek, an upstream tributary of Holden Creek.

## **Walley Creek**

Walley Creek Streamkeepers and their supporters, again under the guidance of Dave Clough, have undertaken a habitat assessment and begun riparian planting. Further work to restore and enhance habitat for fish is planned for this spring, as well as a Streamkeepers workshop in April to expand the pool of trained volunteer stewards.

This is what sustainable environmental stewardship looks like: neighbours coming together to care for their neighbourhood watershed, with organizational support from NALT, and expert guidance from local professionals. This is how community is built.



**Volunteers (l to r) Christian Evans, Linda Brooymans and Alex King, work to restore Walley Creek.  
Photo: Nina Evans-Locke**

## Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC): What It Is; What It Means to NALT

In May of 2010, out of 200 NALT members only 34 had chosen to donate through pre-authorized monthly contributions (PACs). At that time, PACs—which we can depend on from month to month and are therefore able to include in our annual budget estimate—totalled a little over \$7,000 annually. This amount, while certainly helpful, did not comprise a significant portion of NALT's operating needs (usually we budget around \$200,000 annually).

We did the math, and discovered that, if we could somehow, someday increase the numbers of NALT memberships; and if 400 members donated by PACs at an average of \$10/month, NALT could enjoy an annual income of \$48,000 from members— a significant portion (almost 25%) of annual operations! So, began PROJECT NALT, the campaign to increase PAC membership. By October that year, we increased the number of PAC members to almost 100—generating a total of more than \$21,000 a year! And, what we discovered was that, while some donors could only afford \$5/month, the *average* PAC was \$17/month!

We continued our phone campaign, feeling optimistic. However, while several members have increased their monthly donation (some more than once) since that time—some to \$50, \$100, and, two cases, as much as \$125/month—we stalled at around 130 PAC memberships, which has since dropped to 117 on pre-authorized monthly giving arrangements (which includes using either a credit card or a cheque). Our total PAC income for operations since 2010 has pretty much flat-lined at \$2,500 per month, or \$30,000 annually—and this despite the fact that NALT now has an overall membership of around 400 members (more, if we were to count spouses/partners separately). It would seem that either:

- donors have generally backed away from the concept of monthly giving, or
- newer members, who have joined NALT since 2010, have been less inclined to give monthly.

So, where do we go from here? First, we want to thank all of our members for *being* NALT members. You help us in many ways beyond the amount of your memberships. We are pleased to be able to tell the world that we have 400 supportive members and, counting. We value your support, your attendance at NALT events and AGMs. And we can assure CRA that we are truly engaged in community work when we show a membership of this size—plus numbers for attendance at events, donations for acquisitions, volunteer hours, etc.

Next, we hope to convince those of you not already donating through a PAC that there are some real advantages to *you*, as well as to NALT. Here are some things you might want to think about:

- Once you are on a PAC, your membership renewal happens automatically; you will never again receive one of those annoying letters in your mail or email, reminding you that your membership has lapsed and needs to be renewed,
- A PAC is “greener”, and more cost-effective. You will never have to spend the time and money (envelope, stamp or a trip to the NALT office) to renew—nor will NALT have to spend time and money to send out that reminder, plus the office time to update your membership status on our database,
- With an ongoing membership, you will never miss an issue of the quarterly *News from NALT*, or reminders of upcoming events and seasonal bottle collections – all listed in the newsletter,
- Should your preferences or your circumstances change, you can be assured that a simple email—or even a phone call—will quickly cancel your NALT PAC.

*If you are not already donating to NALT through a PAC arrangement,  
please consider using this option.  
It is sure to make life simpler and more dependable—both for you and for NALT.*

## ~ THANK YOU ALL ~

*Many thanks to all the individuals, organizations and businesses who have donated their time and skills as volunteers, contributed items or services, made financial donations, renewed or started a membership, or begun a monthly pre-authorized contribution (PAC).  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2017*

**Donations - Moorecroft Acquisition:** Kathryn Goldsmith "In honour of Michael's Birthday"

**Donations – Mt. Benson Phase II:** Joseph Boutilier, Our Legacy Funds - Winter Olympics and Paralympics 2010,

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**In Honour - NALT General Donations:** Bruce Tyrell, "In honour of The Stanley Family"; Anne-Marie Hartman, "In honour of Kristy Butler, Merry Christmas"; Anita & Ken Buxton, "In honour of Gail Adrienne, Merry Christmas";

**In Memory - NALT General Donations:**  
Bonnie Thiessen, "In memory of Paul Kynaston"

**In Memory - Mt Benson Phase II:**  
Jo Kynaston, "In memory of Gordon McNeil...he loved Mt Benson"

**Walley Creek Steamkeepers:** The Regional District of Nanaimo Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program - Stewardship Support Grant

**Business & Organization Donations – NALT:** Telus - Dollars for Doers Program,

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*Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit,  
and as vital to our lives as water and good bread.  
Edward Abby*



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\$500 to \$999	Patron of Benson
\$100 to \$499	Friend of Benson
less than \$100	Sponsor of Benson

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed  
 cash, cheque or credit card *(check one)* **AND/OR**  
 I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ (#)  
 payments made monthly/annually/other\_\_\_\_\_

**Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.**

Visa/MC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more.**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (for tax receipt)

Please record this contribution in the name of :  
 (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to remain anonymous (Check Here)* ☐

My street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your continued support!**  
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**Nanaimo River Donation Form**

I wish to donate to the Nanaimo River Project,  
 to assist with the costs of developing a Nanaimo River  
 stewardship strategy

**Donation Categories**

\$5,000 to \$9,999	Benefactor
\$1,000 to \$4,999	Hero
\$500 to \$999	Champion
\$100 to \$499	Patron
\$25 to \$100	Friend
less than \$25	Supporter

**My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed as cash,  
 cheque or credit card *(circle one)***

Cheques should be made payable to **NALT – Nanaimo River  
 Strategy Project** OR provide credit card info

VISA/ MC# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20 or more.  
 TO receive your tax receipt and be on our contact list, please fill out  
 the section below.

*NALT's charitable tax # is 893193771*

My Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

If this donation is being made in the name of someone other  
 than yourself, please give their contact information

Their Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to remain anonymous on all NALT thank you  
 and recognition lists **NO / YES *(circle one)***

**NALT Thanks You for Your Support!**

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## NALT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send this completed form to:

**Nanaimo & Area Land Trust**  
#8-140 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1

I would like to:

a) ☐ **Renew my NALT Membership**

b) ☐ **Begin a NALT Membership**

(Check the category that applies to you)

\_\_\_ Senior/Low Income/Student -\$10

\_\_\_ Individual/Family - \$20

\_\_\_ Business- \$50

c) ☐ **I would like to become a monthly donor:**

(Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)

OR

d) ☐ **I would like to make a one time donation of:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque payable to: Nanaimo & Area Land Trust

OR

Please charge my Visa or Mastercard:

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

name \_\_\_\_\_

mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to remain anonymous? ☐

Tax receipts will be issued for contributions of \$20 or more.

**NALT does not sell, trade or loan our database of donors, members or**

**contacts to individuals or other organizations**

Thank you for your continued support!

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## Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC) Includes Annual Membership

Complete this section *ONLY* if you want to become a monthly donor.

Yes, I authorize NALT to automatically withdraw from my bank account on the 1st of each month beginning

This date \_\_\_\_\_ (yr/month/day):

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

☐ Other amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have enclosed a cheque marked **VOID**.  
OR

Yes, I authorize NALT to charge my Visa OR MasterCard the 1st of each month:

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

☐ Other amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa ☐ M/C ☐

#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning: (Month) \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

You may change or cancel your contribution at any time by sending NALT written notice.

*Please note: You will receive one tax receipt for the total amount of monthly gifts after the end of each tax year.*

**Your membership & monthly contribution are greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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**Neighbourhood**  
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PHONE: Pub.... (250) 754-7111

Wine & Beer.... (250) 754-7500 FAX ....(250) 754-7530

# Bottles for the River

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9:00 am to 2:30 pm**



***Drop off refundable drink containers  
of all sizes at the***

**Lucky's Liquor Store  
Parking Lot**

**At the Country Club Centre**

***For more information call  
The Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT)  
at 250-714-1990 or [www.nalt.bc.ca](http://www.nalt.bc.ca)***

Can't make it? Just drop your Refundables Ask the staff to "put it on the NALT account"  
when you take your recycle donations to one of the Nanaimo Regional Recycling depots.  
(2375 Hayes Road Nanaimo, or 839 Old Victoria Road Nanaimo, BC



# Nanaimo & District Celebrates



For more details on the listed events & to register:  
[www.rdn.bc.ca/Water2Earth](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/Water2Earth)  
#water2earth

## Schedule of Events

*\* indicates advance registration required*

### Water Day Celebrations

Sunday, March 12  
11 am-3 pm  
Parksville Community & Conference Centre

• **Wed, Mar 22:**

Nanaimo River Watershed & Treatment Plant Tour \*

• **Wed, Mar 22:**

NALT AGM & Guest Speaker, Dave Clough on "Water Course Restoration"

• **Sat, Mar 25:**

Stream Walk at Little Qualicum River \*

• **Thu, Mar 30:**

Nanaimo River Rafting \*

• **Sat, Apr 1:**

Stream Walk at Departure Creek \*

• **Thu, Apr 6 & Mon, Apr 10:**

Septic Smart Workshop \*

• **Sat, Apr 8:**

Dive-In Theatre "Finding Nemo" at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (regular admission rates)

• **Wed, Apr 12:**

Water Films Night at VIU

• **Sat, Apr 15:**

Water Safety Survival Day at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (regular admission rates)

• **Thu/Fri, Apr 20 & 21:**

Wild Foods Harvest (contact NALT for details)

• **Sat/Sun, Apr 22 & 23:**

Stream Keepers Workshop (contact NALT for details)

• **Sun, Apr 23:**

Stream Walk at Millstone River \*

### Earth, Water & Wild Foods Festival

Sunday, April 23  
11 am-3 pm  
Bowen Park