

# Wild Impact

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## Students learn, engage, give back

At North Vancouver's Cleveland Elementary School, Grade 6 and 7 French immersion teacher Maria Power encourages her students to learn about and then take action on environmental issues. **This year they more than doubled their annual fundraising efforts for the Wilderness Committee**, raising over \$1,300 for our work to protect endangered wildlife.

Students researched then shared their learnings with other classes about killer whales and other endangered species, and the impact of plastics in the ocean. They sold tickets and created a VIP experience (a couch with popcorn and drinks served!) to a locally-produced movie *The Clean Bin Project*. Over 130 people attended, with no garbage produced!

Cleveland student, Maya, said, **"I was just surprised that a lot of people cared about this cause as much as we do."** We are thrilled that Maria and her students chose the Wilderness Committee as the recipient of their amazing fundraising efforts — they truly put the people in people-powered.



## New website: you get the first look!

Our new website quietly launched last week. And because you helped make it happen, we want you to have the first peek — check it out at [WildernessCommittee.org](http://WildernessCommittee.org)

Thanks to your support, a grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op and the design and technical expertise of our friends at Affinity Bridge, last fall we started the process of building a new website. Opting for a fresher, cleaner design **this new look brings to life all the campaign work you support through large, vibrant images**. A simpler navigation makes it easy to find actions you can take with just two clicks of a mouse.

Check out our new Support Us section next time you are renewing your gift and peruse information on the impact of your support, our gift acceptance policy or some frequently asked questions about giving a gift of securities or making estate plans.

**Don't forget to tell us what you think.** Whether it's to tell us how much you love the new look or to report some confusion with our new site map or navigating around the site, we hope to hear from you.



## T'Sou-ke solar tour

In May, we organized another **incredible tour of one of the world's most innovative and important solar communities!** We visited the T'Sou-ke First Nation, Canada's first Indigenous solar community. It was a beautiful sunny day and over 20 people attended the tour.

We learned about how T'Sou-ke First Nation launched its own solar revolution and now draws much of its energy from entirely renewable sources. In the summer, **the community actually generates more electricity from solar power than they can use**, so they are able to sell the power back to BC Hydro, earning thousands of dollars every year that goes back to the community. T'Sou-ke's solar project has been an amazing model for energy autonomy for other Indigenous communities across B.C.

**This is climate leadership** — the kind we so desperately need at the provincial and federal level.

“WCWC is my 'go to' charity. All the staff and volunteers are battling for and protecting all that west coast life means to me — the wilderness, the animals, the food chain and the environment. I can't send enough gratitude for their efforts.”

– Anonymous west coast Wilderness Committee Donor



## CONSERVATION IN ACTION: An Educator's Guide to Species at Risk in BC Grades 8 – 12



## Conservation in Action in Open Schools BC

In April we received great news about the endangered species curriculum you made possible. After a few months promoting **Conservation in Action** directly to teachers, **Open Schools BC requested Modules 1 and 2 for their new Great Bear Rainforest Education and Awareness Trust website.** Open Schools BC says, “the website will be a visually rich resource that will also include Activity Plans for grades 7-9 students, developed specifically for the project in collaboration with B.C.-certified teachers.”

Check out our curriculum website **[BCSpeciesAtRiskEd.org](http://BCSpeciesAtRiskEd.org)** which you helped make possible. It shares the exact same goals: web-based worksheets for students and curriculum links for teachers, combined with hands-on learning experiences for kids. We're so excited at this cross-pollination of environmental education resources. Since an important component of our curriculum is a field trip with local biologists or naturalists, **your donation means more kids will be getting out in nature to connect with species at risk like western toads.**

Your commitment to protecting nature and ensuring a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

*Thank you*



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