

IWRS NEWSLETTER

The first 12 months | Community Effort | Operating Permit

Create change!

We are very grateful for your continued support as a member to our society.

To take responsibility of our shared land, to give a hand to wildlife in need...gives us joy and is meaningful!

After all, this is what we believe activism is about!

As Mahatma Gandhi said so well: *“We but mirror the world... As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. We need not wait to see what others do.”*

BE part of creating the CHANGE you want to see.

Renew your membership for 2022 online now!



Our first year

Milestones for 2021 - reached!

- We are proud to say we’ve reached our milestones for 2021! Time to set some new goals! Reflect, recharge, research new opportunities to make our vision reality.

Goals & Milestones

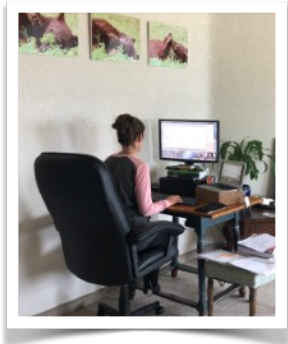
What we're planning to achieve over the next 16 months:



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- With our charity-status we can apply for various project grants by private foundations now. However, we need more volunteers to help create content for grant applications.
- Anyone with internet access and a can-do-attitude can help!!! Email us: volunteer@interiorwildlife.ca
- Winter = Time to cosy up with a hot drink and get creative...



From the president

Permits.. insurance..
licensing...

We have now submitted our operating permit application to be allowed by the authorities to accept wild patients.

Our wildlife rehabilitation centre in the making... Most days look just like this (see picture above) - back to the desk!

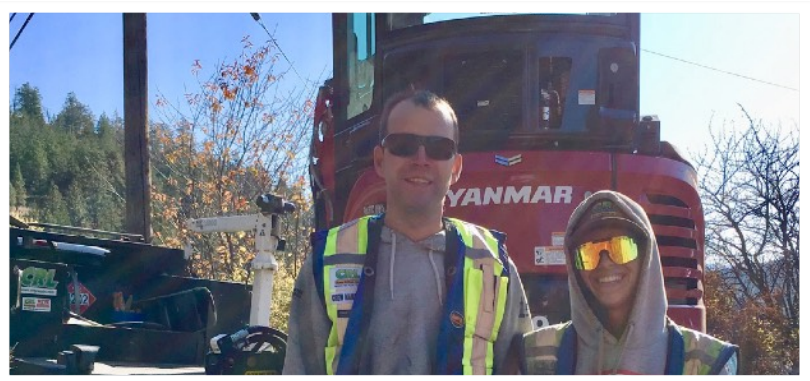
In case you were wondering... we recommend to pick up a different hobby.

However, the reward will be worth the effort. Together WE CAN DO IT!



It takes a village... “Our” helping hands:

- A HUGE Thank You to our very first local business supporter "CRL Group Holdings Ltd" for lending a hand with our facility construction! Excavation for our outdoor waterbird enclosure compound - done! Trench digging for our brand new and now working electricity line, power is on - check! **Henrick** and **Dakota** from CRL normally do civil or agricultural ground prep projects, they are located just up the road from our property in Summerland.



- The following weekends our “work bee” volunteers got their hands dirty and **Ryan, Nathalie, Patricia** as well as **Jill, Matt, Melissa** and **Sandra** with **Bruce** were able to help us finish our first 2 outdoor enclosures. The double-door entries and divider walls will have to wait to be erected when the snow is gone. Great job!



Our Wishlists

For our nursery: insulated construction office trailer

For storage: 20ft shipping container or 10x10ft garden shed

Building materials: used chain link fencing, 1/2" hardware cloth, treated wood (2x4's), plywood (3/4" OSB)

Tools : skill saw, power drill etc.

Household/garden items: double-sink, outdoor laundry tub

To donate any items described above, go to: interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us.

We also have a new amazon-wishlist, where you can purchase items for us online!

Go to: www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2GG4BH118U83J

We are not yet operational and are pending permits to accept wildlife in the future.

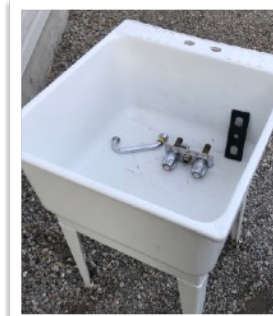
HOWEVER, we are collecting funds & materials to build up our facility. It's not too late for a 2021 tax receipt on cash, in-kind or service donations! Email to: donate@interiorwildlife.ca

Acknowledgements

We are humbled and grateful to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Sylix Okanagan Nation territory and to be granted use of part of the Summerland private property moving forward.

“Our” donors:

- We have answered over x70 wildlife related request emails about animals in distress by the public in 2021. We could only provide advice for now. BUT the need for a care facility is apparent. Even though we are not allowed to accept animals yet - supporters and donors within our local communities have come forward to give us a “leg-up” for our facility-to-be. Large and small...Isn't this awesome? It's like Christmas! Thank you very much!



Our “Intro To Wildlife Rehabilitation” talk now available on YouTube!

- We have delivered another educational talk about our work. We were invited by the **BC Grasslands Conservation Council, Kamloops** to speak about our work as part of GCC's Webinar Series. We introduced our vision and efforts to build our care facility. Spreading the word online at the Thompson Rivers University and with like-minded organizations on what we're up to. You can find our talk recorded on the BC Grasslands YouTube Channel under Webinar #6:



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