# IWRS NEWSLETTER

Our second year

AGM outcome

**Annual Fundraiser** 

#### **Progress!**

We are very grateful for your continued support as a member to our society. All funding for our charity's work comes from donations, grants and sponsorships.

BE part of creating the CHANGE you want to see.



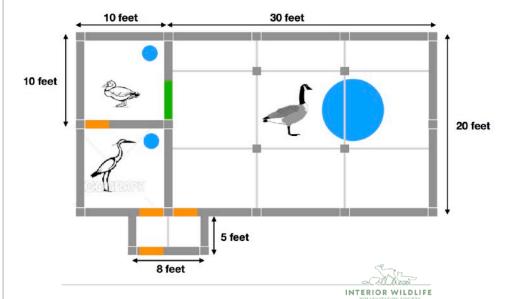


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### Our second year

Our wild animal care facility is taking shape! From project drawings to the real world...this is how far we've come on our outdoor waterbird enclosure:







#### From the president

We are getting ready for our facility inspection!!!

We have successfully passed all requirements for our operating permits - with one outstanding point:

### THE FACILITY INSPECTION.

This will allow us to accept, rehabilitate and release wild patients. It will be carried out by the provincial & federal authorities.

If anyone is wondering, what it takes.. well, check out BC's official government requirements here: <a href="https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/-/wildlife-rehabilitation-centre#eligibility-requirements">https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/-/wildlife-rehabilitation-centre#eligibility-requirements</a>

Our indoor housing is also taking shape. Thanks to the generous private donation of our 20ft shipping container, we got busy over the winter and renovated it. This is how we've turned an empty steel shell into a first indoor space: insulated, ventilated and wired, with windows and ready for hook-up. Soon it will serve us to stabilize newly arriving wildlife in need.







Shout out to our transport volunteer **Cody** and our winter-work-bee-volunteers: **Jonathan jr. & Jonathan sr., Ryan, Kevin, Kasper, Nathalie and Patricia!**You are unstoppable, well done!
Care to join for our upcoming "work bees" in Summerland?!?

Email us: volunteer@interiorwildlife.ca



#### **Our AGM Outcome**

• Quick 'n easy: The board remains the same in 2022:)

Thank you board members for your continued support!

#### **Our Wishlists**

**For our nursery:** insulated construction office trailer

For storage: shipping container

or garden shed

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

**Power Tools :** jig saw **Household/garden items:** pea gravel, shade cloth, large chest freezer, sump pumps

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

We also have a new amazonwishlist, 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. Tax receipts provided for cash or in-kind donations! Email to: donate@interiorwildlife.ca

#### Acknowledgements

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

## Our 2nd annual fundraiser "Wild About Spring"

We are excited to announce our second fundraiser. This year inperson! Our "Wild About Spring Comedy Show" will take place at a local restaurant in May 2022 (date & venue TBA)! The show will include a silent auction with items generously donated by our business and private supporters. We are targeting \$ 15,000 to raise funds for our indoor heated wildlife nursery.

We are starting to send our call-fordonations letter out shortly. All donations will be collected by our fundraising committee prior to the event. Want to join the committee? WE NEED YOU!

#### Please contact: fundraising@interiorwildlife.ca

Looking at supporting our auction by donating in-kind items? WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Loon chick, BC Wildlife Park Kamloops (2021), Photo: E. Hartmann

If you are looking for an opportunity to promote your business by way of sponsorship, products, services, coupons, gift cards or a grand prize donation for this exceptional fundraiser, be sure to let us know! **Our submission deadline: April 15th 2022.** 

### We're networking to partner with the following local

conservation groups:

- **BEEPS, Peachland** (bats)
- ONA, Penticton
  (e.g. Western Painted Turtles)

