

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

Our 5h year | Annual Fundraiser | Beavers overwintered

## A note from Stacy our “Head Of Fundraising”



In BC no wildlife rehabilitation centres get financial support from the government. So we are funded by private donations, community grants and local business supporters. We are proudly volunteer-run!

Our daily operations (keeping lights on and feeding animals etc.) are funded by monthly and annual donors. The backbone of developing our facility every year are grants. In 2025 we are very grateful for grants given to us by:



## Long winter, late spring...

In Summerland we have had a long winter of taking care of 2 beaver kits throughout the cold season for the first time! Previously we’ve had an odd bird come in during the winter, or housed hibernating small mammals. BUT baby beavers? THEY... need 2 years of constant care, indoor/outdoor pool facilities and A LOT of fresh water and branches daily!

That’s 730 pool changes during their stay (just for the indoor pool) & several chest freezers full of green young branches as well as leaves. A challenging task when we can’t



harvest natural foods during the wintertime. Recently, that also meant frozen hoses, frozen discharge pipes and pools needing heaters. TOGETHER WE DID IT!

Our amazing team filled in wherever needed, built electric beaver doors, remote-controlled water heaters etc. Now... well, we are even working on a pool filtration system for beavers to use in the upcoming summer season. Go team! “Tiny Tina” & “Baby Nelson” are doing very well, gaining weight constantly and are still visible on our BeaverCam YouTube “livestream”.

## Our Monthly Donors

Invitation to become a **monthly IWRS donor** via CanadaHelps, 25\$ = vital support for our running costs. Ask us how!

## Core volunteers stepping up!



**Big shout out** to our amazing volunteer **Anna** for her superb educational skills, always being highly organized, supporting us in admin tasks and spreading positive energy that is contagious! Additionally, our volunteer **Jody** has stepped up into a volunteer-coordinator role and we couldn't be more grateful for her commitment and enthusiasm she spreads far and wide! Check out their **superpowers** here: [interiorwildlife.ca/our-board/](http://interiorwildlife.ca/our-board/)

## Acknowledgements

We are humbled to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Syilx Okanagan Nation territory. We are also so grateful to use the Summerland private property we are working on.

## Our annual fundraiser coming up 10. April in Kelowna

This year's film festival & silent auction will take place at the **Mary Irwin Theatre** in Kelowna again!

**Date:** April 10th 2025  
**Time:** Auction 5:30pm, Films start at: 6:15pm



Tickets are on sale online via our website and at the RCA Kelowna Box Office. We will have a 50/50 raffle, popcorn, a wine bar and exciting auction items including a fishing charter as well as yoga studio passes and gift baskets by local breweries.

Check out the film trailers on our website here: [interiorwildlife.ca/spring-fundraiser-2024/](http://interiorwildlife.ca/spring-fundraiser-2024/)



## Our 5th year will include...

This year marks our society's 5th year. We have provincial permits on a 3-year cycle now for small mammals and reptiles, our migratory bird permit gets granted annually. Time to focus our efforts on aquatic species more and to elevate our level of care. Check out the new beaver-specific section of our website: [interiorwildlife.ca/human-beaver-coexistence/](http://interiorwildlife.ca/human-beaver-coexistence/) and spread the word!