

## Canadian EarthCare Society

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### *EarthCare Members & Supporters Update April 27, 2007*

Dear EarthCare Members and Supporters,

#### SPRING 2007 UPDATE

**Message from the Board:** 2007 will offer our organization many challenges. We have had to close our downtown office location due to a lack of funds. We currently have an office staffed by a Katimavik volunteer at the French Cultural Center at the corner of Richter and Bernard.

#### **Program Updates**

**Pesticide By-law:** Kelowna City Council will be receiving recommendations from the Pesticide Advisory committee this month. We have submitted approximately 200 letters to Council supporting a bylaw. We encourage you to let City council know you want a by-law enacted.

#### **Water Conservation Program:**

EarthCare is continuing to promote our water conservation program. We will continue to sell rain barrels this year and will be taking orders for custom painted barrels.

We are continuing to promote water saving products like **Zeba** (a corn starched based product that can save you up to 1/3 on water usage. We also sell tea bags that have Zeba and organic fertilizer in them. They are ideal for potted plants and will again save you water. Visit our website for more details. [www.earthcares.org](http://www.earthcares.org)

**Husky/Mohawk Community Rebate Program:** This program allows EarthCare to raise funds every time a cardholder makes a purchase at a Mohawk gas station. Simply make your purchase and have your card swiped. EarthCare receives 2% of each purchase. To obtain your card please call our office at 861-4788 and we will mail you one, or drop it off to you.

### **Dynamic Education Project:**

We are continuing to deliver our exciting environmental education program to school students. The program is designed to educate youth about local, provincial, and world environmental issues while instilling knowledge of ‘choice and empowerment’.

### **Katimavik Project:**

We currently have one full time volunteers helping with our projects. They continue to be involved in the development and delivery of EarthCare’s programs. Please check out our website at [www.earthcares.org/](http://www.earthcares.org/)

### **Okanagan Wildlife Recovery Centre Project:**

This project is moving to a new society that will continue efforts to get this project off the ground. The new society is currently in search of appropriate land for the centre. For further info call Charlie Hodge (project coordinator) at 979-7254.

### **Green Vacation Challenge:**

We have not been able to generate funds for this program. The Federal government has reduced funding to climate change programs. We will continue to pursue funding for this program.

### **Issues: Please Visit our website for updates on these issues.**

**A National Park in the Okanagan:** EarthCare continues to support the establishment of a National Park in the Okanagan.

**Our ‘Take Action’** section allows you to write your own letters on issues or use one of our form letters. We will be regularly updating this section so check often.

### **Uranium Mining in the Okanagan.**

It appears our efforts have been successful and the mining company has not pursued efforts to permit the site.

### **Sinking Okanagan Lake Bridge:**

We continue to encourage the government not to do this. Please write a letter to City Council on this issue.

**Pesticide Notification Registry:**

Please register your property on the Registry this year. The registry allows you to be notified of spraying in advance, enabling you to take precautions (such as closing windows, covering playthings, and restricting pets from walking on treated lawns). We encourage you to register by email at [enviro@kelowna.ca](mailto:enviro@kelowna.ca) or phone 469-8556.

**The Okanagan Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan (OSLRMP)** is not being honoured by the current Provincial Government, despite five years of hard work by all the stakeholders involved. Please visit our website, go to our 'Take Action Section', and send your letter of concern to government. Thanks for making a difference!

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We have lots of projects on the go and we can always use extra hands. If you can assist, give us a call and we can let you know how you can get involved. It is your support that enables us to move forward and effect change to our environment. Please check out our website at [www.earthcares.org](http://www.earthcares.org) and let us know how you would like to help out. We need your support.