



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# About ARMS

The Alouette River Management Society's (ARMS) mission is to sustain and enhance the integrity of the Alouette Watershed through advocacy, education, collaboration, and stewardship using science-based decision-making.

ARMS is currently advocating for fish passage over the Alouette Dam to reconnect the upper and lower Alouette River system.

## Key Priorities

1. Develop new connections and deepen existing relationships affecting the Alouette River Watershed.
2. Develop and deliver exceptional education and outreach experiences
3. Monitor, protect, enhance, and advocate for the health of the Alouette Watershed.

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# A message from the President

2023 proved to be another successful year for the Alouette River Management Society. We continued to provide quality education programs through schools, camps and outreach programs. Our staff got past the lingering issues of COVID and the challenging years they were for us, where many other organizations did not fare so well. With watershed issues, we moved forward with the BC Hydro WUPOR (Water Use Plan Order Review) stakeholder input process and the Alouette River Salmonid Restoration Program (ARSRP). With the conclusion of the WUPOR we hope to see increased and consistent water flows down the Alouette River. Currently flows are constrained by an out-dated low level outlet pipe which is scheduled to be replaced by BC Hydro. Through the ARSRP we are moving closer to fish passage over the Alouette Dam and with a number of salmon habitat enhancements above and below the dam. A major project for ARMS in 2024/2025 will be an upgrade of our Geoff Clayton River Heritage Centre which will provide a much needed roof replacement and other interior upgrades. As we look forward to another positive year, we acknowledge our success to the dedication of our Staff, Directors, Members, Volunteers, Partnering Agencies and Funders.



**Ken  
Stewart**





# Environmental Education

Starting out the year strong, spring workshops were delivered to 101 classroom programs and field trips. Our pollinator workshops were back again due to popular demand. The Butterfly Beauties workshop was the most popular, being led 29 times in April and May. Butterfly Beauties teaches students about the butterfly life cycle, anatomy and classes have the opportunity to raise a set of painted lady butterflies. The Buzzing with Bees workshop engaged students, teaching them about the life of bees. Unfortunately, we were unable to bring live bees into classrooms this year as our bees did not survive winter. However, we managed to restart our hives and are looking forward to having the bees out again in spring 2024! Several pollinator workshops were also offered at local senior homes and the Ridge Meadows Seniors Center. Native pollinator plants were planted at Chartwell Willows Retirement Community during their community workshop.

In Spring 2023, we led 20 field trips at the Rivers Heritage Center for students ranging from preschool to grade 7. The students participated in various activities such as visiting the ALLCO Fish Hatchery, releasing fry, examining aquatic bugs, and taking guided forest walks to explore ALLCO Park.

We had another successful year of Eco-Camps. During Spring break, ARMS ran two weeks of camps. The first camp was for 5-7 year-olds and followed a Newtons Law Survivor theme. The second camp was Harry Potter and the Lost Horcrux for ages 8 - 11 years.

Over the summer ARMS offered five weeks of exciting camps to 86 children ages 5-12. Themes included Pixelmon, Survivor, Flip Flap Flop and Get STEAM'ed. Campers learned many things from predators to art to chemistry. We were delighted to receive positive feedback from parents, one saying that they "loved how every day was a new action-packed adventure, and the leaders were so much fun!"

We are grateful for the support of our five incredible high school volunteers who helped make our camps possible, as well as Hannah and Zaiden, our summer camp students who planned and ran the camps. Their creativity and fun ideas made the camps a memorable experience for everyone involved. We want to thank all the campers for showing up every day ready to learn, play, and make camp as exciting as possible.



Fall 2023 saw several field trips for students at the Rivers Heritage Center who experienced various activities such as visiting the ALLCO Hatchery, learning about the water cycle and its effects on pollution, witnessing a salmon dissection, and participating in a guided nature walk. A few fortunate students saw sockeye salmon, bears, eagles, and chum eggs. Overall, more than 220 students had a memorable experience learning about the watershed and having fun.

ARMS was also invited to participate in two SD42 Ignite events, where we provided educational sessions on water quality and birdhouse building for grade 6 and 7 indigenous students. 80 students built a chickadee house to take home.

This year, ARMS received increased interest from local high schools to participate in its environmental programs. As a result, ARMS took several initiatives to engage with these schools. To begin ARMS led a storm drain painting activity for two grade 11 life science classes at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary. In the spring ARMS staff led a Bee workshop for the Eco-Action club students at Thomas Haney Secondary School. They have been working on creating their own Butterfly Way pollinator garden. ARMS also visited Meadow Ridge to teach salmon dissections as part of their environmental program and to connect with the habitat remediation work the students do on Latimer Creek.

6 community workshops

28 on site tours

116 in class workshops

3190 youth & public reached





# Special Events

ARMS hosted a Mother's Day pollinator event in Maple Ridge Park. This event engaged 35 participants who painted terracotta pots that were filled with native flower seeds, as well as participated in a wetland planting within the park boundaries. The event was concluded with a Painted Lady butterfly release.

The annual Father's Day Fish Release was a huge hit as always with around 250 people out despite the cloudy weather! The rain held off for the event and the cooler weather provided a much better transition for the chinook fry from the transport trailer to the river. Providing the community with the opportunity to release salmon fry into the Alouette River offers a deeper connection with nature, in turn fostering responsible environmental actions. When children have that one on one experience releasing a fish on their own, they get excited and want to share their new knowledge and love for nature with others.

In August, ARMS hosted our second pollinator event of the year. Despite the rainy weather, 52 enthusiastic participants joined us for a fun-filled Wednesday. Children had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creativity by building birdhouses and painting flower pots.

The Alouette River Management Society celebrated its 30th birthday this year and we were very excited to host a birthday party on August 20th.

This was an opportunity for ARMS members, volunteers and supporters to join in on the fun day planned! Rainbow trout fishing with Fresh Water Fisheries Society of BC Learn To Fish program taught participants the ins and outs of casting, tackle and landing a trout. We also had an aquatic invertebrate exploration station set up with microscopes. Layla, ARMS Educator led participants through a guided fish hatchery tour and Maple Ridge Lions volunteers put on a fantastic BBQ lunch for everyone.

After lunch there was a renaming ceremony of the Rivers Heritage Center to the Geoff Clayton Rivers Heritage Center, dedicating the ARMS headquarters to the founder of the organization Geoff Clayton. Geoff was in attendance on the day and was absolutely shocked when the sign was unveiled.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the financial support of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and the in-kind support of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the Maple Ridge Lions Club!



## Ridge Meadows Rivers Day

31 Environmental Exhibitors

100 Salmon Cookies

48 Volunteers

179 Volunteer Hours

456 people attended

On Sunday September 24th we successfully hosted the 30th Annual Ridge Meadows Rivers Day event in ALLCO Park, Maple Ridge. Over 456 people attended with 31 exhibitors, and 48 volunteers who contributed 179 hours on the day.

We sourced local bakery, Bella Nonna's, to make 100 salmon-shaped cookies again as giveaways. We also provided The Nut Coffee to all volunteers and participants by donation.

We hired local entertainers: Tiffany Stone, Click and Clown, The Nylon Zoo, and Lisa Rae Simons to provide on-stage fun for kids and their families. Our financial supporters included: City of Maple Ridge Festival Support Grant \$1500, Innergex Renewable Energy \$1000, Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program \$1000, Vancouver Port Authority \$950 & Prospera Credit Union \$500.





# Community Outreach

ARMS was pleased to attend many community events throughout the year hosted by the City of Maple Ridge, City of Pitt Meadows, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society and more. Several of these events were brand new for ARMS to attend and we found them very successful outreach opportunities.

Feb 15 - Morse Creek Community Cleanup  
 March 5 - Wake up from Winter  
 March 12 - BCWF/Giants Outdoor Night  
 March 22 - University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) Early Earth Day  
 March 25 - Morse Creek Plantings and Pullings with LMGT  
 March 26 - Morse Creek Ivy Pulling with ISCMV  
 April 19 - ISCMV Technical Training  
 April 21 - CMR Earth Day  
 April 22 - Ridge Meadows Earth Day  
 April 29 - Goodbye Chums!  
 May 13 - Mother's Day Pollinator Party  
 June 2 - BCWF Wetland Education Program Workshop  
 June 3 - Pitt Meadows Day  
 June 10 - CEED Family Block Party  
 July 4 - Summers with Salmon: Backyard Biodiversity  
 July 6 - Summers with Salmon: Backyard Biodiversity  
 July 8 - Haney Farmers Market  
 July 11 - Summers with Salmon: Responsible Recreation  
 July 13 - Summers with Salmon: Responsible Recreation  
 July 15 - Haney Farmers Market  
 July 18 - Summers with Salmon: Salmon Shuttle  
 July 20 - Summers with Salmon: Salmon Shuttle  
 July 22 - Haney Farmers Market  
 August 9 - Pollinators in the Park  
 August 20 - ARMS 30th Birthday Celebration  
 August 28 - Summers with Salmon: Salmon Shuttle  
 August 30 - Summers with Salmon: Salmon Shuttle  
 Sept 14 - Morse Creek Community Cleanup  
 Sept 16 - GETI Fest  
 Sept 25 - Ridge Meadows Rivers Day  
 Sept 27 - CMR Trees Event  
 October 1 - BCWF Planting Workshop  
 October 7 - GTC Reg Franklin Park Invasive Plant Removal  
 October 25 - ALLCO Park Clean up  
 October 29 - ISCMV Reg Franklin Park Invasive Plant Removal  
 November 15 - Morse Creek Community Cleanup



35 Community engagement days  
 3206 Visitors interacted with at the ARMS booth





# Rivers Heritage Centre Programs

## Volunteers & Membership

The work of the Alouette River Management Society would not happen without the ongoing work of many talented volunteers in a variety of areas including education, environmental stewardship, advocacy, and event support.

Volunteer activities:

Bookkeeping and data entry  
Tree planting  
Invasive plant removals  
Event planning  
Event support – set up, take down  
Youth camp leaders  
Storm drain painting  
Gardening at the Rivers Heritage Centre  
Salmon spawner surveys  
Water quality testing  
Habitat monitoring on conservation property  
Research on water-related issues, river, and BC Hydro projects

**3197** Total volunteer hours

**\$47,956** Total in-kind value

**100** Members



**Grants Approved** Total **\$254,007.44**

ARMS had a great year with many of our grant applications and donation requests being approved.

BC Community Gaming - Education, Rivers Heritage Centre, Stewardship - \$51,450

Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - Alouette Watershed Sockeye-Fish Passage Feasibility (Year 7) - \$31,130.44

City of Maple Ridge - Education, Rivers Heritage and Stewardship Program and annual Rivers Day event - \$21,500, Maple Ridge Adopt-a-Block Program - \$25,000

Canada Summer Jobs Program - ARMS Summer Staff 2023 - \$14,952

First West Foundation (EOI) and Grant - Board Development and Volunteer Training - \$5,000

Community Services Recovery Fund - Creating Sustainable Growth Through Diversified Funding - \$72,150

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation – Pivotal Pollinators - \$7,500

TELUS Friendly Future Foundation - Pivotal Pollinators - \$8,325

Pacific Salmon Foundation – ALLCO Fish Hatchery Predator Net Replacement - \$2,500, Alouette River Salmonid Habitat Assessment and Restoration - \$6,500

City of Pitt Meadows - Adopt-a-Program - \$7,500

Maple Ridge Community Foundation Grant - Owls, Wildlife and Endangered Species - \$1,000

Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program – Community Engagement, Rivers Day - \$1,000

Innergex Renewable Energy Corp. – Rivers Day - \$1,000

Port of Vancouver – Rivers Day - \$1,000

Prospera Credit Union - Rivers Day - \$500





# Rivers Heritage Centre Programs

## *Alouette Watershed Advocacy*

ARMS was again very busy advocating for the Alouette River with multiple meetings attended by our President Ken Stewart and Director John Kelly at the Alouette-Stave-Ruskin Water Use Plan Order Review (ASR-WUPOR) stakeholder process. This process is a BC Hydro initiative to meet the renewal of one of their water licenses on the Alouette Reservoir. This multi-year, multi-party process is one of importance for ARMS to be involved in directly as the results will have implications for the Alouette River and surrounding watershed for years to come. Both Ken and John spent 880 hours as volunteer experts on the Alouette River and BC Hydro reservoir operations. Additionally, our co-founder and Director-Emeritus, Geoff Clayton, spent over 100 hours researching and advising ARMS staff and directors on Alouette Reservoir and River-related issues as it relates to BC Hydro's operations.

ARMS staff continued to advocate for the Alouette watershed through the efforts of one of our directors in particular, Mark Caros, who helped bring the issue of "dead boats" in the lower Alouette River to the attention of the local media. This was an ongoing issue that had attracted the attention of residents walking along the dike over the years, as well as a local writer, Jack Emberly, who also advocated for a clean up to happen. Mark reached out to the City of Pitt Meadows, the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Environment to ascertain who would take responsibility for removing the many derelict boats, collapsed boat houses, docks, submerged boat engines and more in a short stretch of the Alouette River over time the mouth of the Alouette where it joins the Pitt River and upstream to Silver Bridge was choked with marine garbage. Mark contributed 75 hours towards this important environmental issue. Thanks to the efforts of Mark, ARMS, local community members, and the Dead Boat Disposal Society, there was a lot of progress on this file in 2023 with the expectation that up to 12 dead boats and their associated junk would be removed from the Alouette River in early 2024!



## *Community Partnerships*

In 2023, ARMS worked alongside many amazing environmental and community groups, government agencies and higher education institutions. These collaborations enabled ARMS to offer fun and educational opportunities in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows as well as working to contribute to science and research in the Alouette Watershed. Here are some of the groups we worked with in 2024:

BC Wildlife Federation – cohosting a two-day Fish Habitat Stewardship Workshop alongside BCWF where 20 participants received hands on training in ecological practices. The training consisted of juvenile salmonid trapping, fish ID, river chemistry, water quality monitoring, stream mapping, and much more!

University of British Columbia and Fisheries and Oceans Canada - continued to work together with the Road Salt and Salmon Success project. A second conductivity logger was installed at the ALLCO Fish Fence. This logger is to be used in comparison to the first conductivity logger that was installed under the 224th Street bridge.

Fraser Valley Conservancy - ARMS was invited to share ivy weaving skills with nearly 50 participants over the span of three workshops, one hosted by ARMS as well as two sessions hosted by the Fraser Valley Conservancy. Thanks to training provided by Free the Fern Stewardship Society.

Lower Mainland Green Team - ARMS co-hosted with Lower Mainland Green Team where community members from all over the lower mainland volunteered their time to remove invasive blackberry and to plant native shrubs in the newly opened areas!

Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver – worked alongside this amazing group together with community members from Maple Ridge and beyond. Volunteers removed invasive blackberry and English ivy.



# Stewardship Programs

## *Alouette River Salmonid Restoration Program*

The work continued on the Alouette fish passage committee. The ARSRP committee members met at the beginning of the year over two days at BC Hydro offices in Burnaby to participate in the 4th technical fish passage feasibility workshop.

This workshop covered a number of areas including: review initial suite of alternatives (i.e., full life-cycle restoration options), review conceptual designs of short-listed fish passage options, review results of fish life-cycle modeling for initial alternatives, and discuss consequence table of initial alternatives and identify final suite of alternatives.

From the discussions and learnings over the two days, the feedback went back to BC Hydro to better inform our group on the next steps for selecting our preferred options for downstream and upstream fish passage on the Alouette dam. There was a 5th workshop in May this year which helped us to focus further on the technical feasibility of these options.

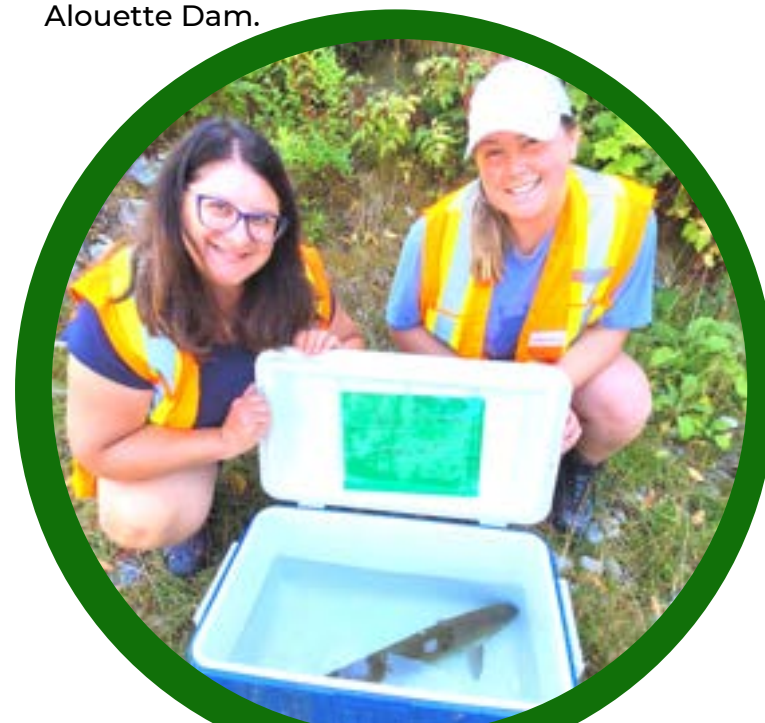
The Alouette River Salmonid Restoration Program scientific studies and monitoring programs that emerge from our working group are funded through the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). The FWCP is partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and public stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.



In 2023, a total of 31 adult Sockeye salmon arrived at the ALLCO fish fence. As part of our enumeration program, we took samples including scales for aging and adipose fin clips for DNA testing. We will be excited to learn what year these fish out-migrated as smolts from the Alouette Reservoir.

This adult enumeration study is now in its 16th year working alongside the other studies to build a business case to BC Hydro for the restoration of all salmonid species in the Alouette with particular focus on the Sockeye salmon and to achieve fish passage over the Alouette Dam.

The ARSRP committee is a working collaboration between ARMS, BC Hydro, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, LEQ'Á:MEL First Nation and LGL Environmental. This committee was established in 2008 and has been working tirelessly to achieve fish passage on the Alouette Dam.



## *Environmental Workshops*

With immense support from community volunteers, ARMS hosted several activities alongside Morse Creek at Reg Franklin Park and 232nd Street side channel throughout 2023. These activities included a community art activity, two streamside cleanups, three native shrub planting and four invasive plant removal sessions along with one storm drain painting activity.

On February 15th + November 15th, 19 dedicated community members participated in a streamside cleanup with the Maple Ridge Adopt-a-Block Program. 585 pieces of litter were removed.

On March 25th + October 7th, 66 community members joined forces with the Lower Mainland Green Team to remove over 12.5 cubic meters or 78 bathtubs of Himalayan blackberry. Participants also planted 74 native shrubs.

On March 26th + October 29th, 25 community members joined forces with the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver to remove over 14 cubic meters or 88 bathtubs of Himalayan blackberry.

On May 1st ARMS teamed up with Eric Langton Elementary students who planted 64 native shrubs along the riparian area of Morse Creek!

May 12th, 40 motivated students from Maple Ridge Secondary School focused on painting 42 drains with yellow fish.

On June 14th, ARMS hosted a Freshwater ARTways activity, where community members learned how to remove ivy and create baskets through ivy weaving.

ARMS also partnered with BC Wildlife Federation to plant 110 native shrubs and trees along the 232nd Street side channel as part of their Fish Habitat Restoration Education Program.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in these activities, as well as EcoAction Canada, Pacific Salmon Foundation, and Stewart Family Foundation for their generous financial support for this project.

**166** bath tubs of invasive plants removed

**791** volunteer hours donated!

**248** native plant species installed



# Salmon Spawner Surveys & Streamkeepers

ARMS coordinated spawner surveys for the fifteenth year running in the same four tributaries within the Alouette Watershed. Spawner surveys provide information about the number of adult salmon that reach the spawning grounds, and the proportion that spawn successfully. Fisheries managers use the term escapement to describe the number of fish that escape the various fisheries. These tributaries include Coho Creek, Latimer Channel, Millionaire Creek, and the North Alouette River. Twenty trained volunteers surveyed the tributaries for three months using the provided spawner survey kits. "It has been another great year of salmon counting, it is also nice to see so many returning volunteers" one volunteer said, "It is very exciting to see the salmon beginning to return!" another volunteer said.

ARMS offered a streamkeepers training workshop on September 9th and 10th, free to volunteers and ARMS members. This was made possible by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Public Involvement Program, which focuses on outreach, stewardship and educational activities. Eleven participants became certified by the end of the two day workshop. Streamkeepers training provides citizen science in stream habitat surveys, water quality monitoring, juvenile fish trapping and identification and stream invertebrate studies.



## Habitat Restoration

The Alouette River Salmonid Habitat Assessment and Restoration project focused on improving fish habitat through a series of activities. The assessment portion of the project was conducted through creel surveys and stream walk assessments at select tributaries within the Alouette Watershed, with the goal of identifying future restoration sites. Creel survey questions had the typical focus of identifying targeted species, angling locations, and methods. Anglers on the Alouette River have a wealth of knowledge about the freshwater system, and the survey has given ARMS staff an opportunity to ask anglers additional questions regarding locations along the river that they have noticed, degradation, management practices they would like to see implemented, and the anglers general understanding of the fishery. Stream walk assessments consisted of ARMS staff and a group of volunteers surveying selected tributaries within the Alouette Watershed, where groups walked the entire length of the stream, from the mouth to the source. Pacific Streamkeepers Federation methods were used to survey each stream, and water quality monitoring was conducted at set distances throughout the stream walk. Stream mapping was also completed to properly locate fish barriers and degraded areas for future restoration work.

372 square meters, total area enhanced

95 volunteer hours contributed

110 native plants installed

Restoration work for this project was focused on the addition of spawning gravel to a spawning and overwintering channel off the South Alouette River. The selected channel, spanning an area behind 230th Street and 129th Ave in Maple Ridge is situated behind Cedar Ridge Estates. This channel has been a site where ARMS has conducted substantial habitat enhancement in years prior. This previous work includes, but is not limited too, channel creation, beaver box installation, native shrub plantings, and invasive species treatments and removals. In 2023, ARMS continued enhancement efforts at this site through the addition of spawning gravel to the channel, as well as continued invasive species removal and native species planting. ARMS partnered with BCWF to host a native planting workshop on site, which served to both train community members and install a number of native plants to further enhance the habitat quality on site.



# Adopt-a-Block Programs

## Maple Ridge

In 2023, the Maple Ridge Adopt-A-Block program signed up 17 new adoptions. This represented 12 individuals/families memberships, 1 business membership, 2 charities and 2 schools. As of December 2023, there are currently 195 actively enrolled members to the Adopt-A-Block Program. These 195 members are currently monitoring more than 224 sections of Maple Ridge, as some adopt more than one section and others choose to extend the boundaries of their adopted locations. The program continues to engage existing members in meaningful volunteer activities throughout the year including litter picking events and community outreach activities.

Maple Ridge Adopt-A-Block strengthened its working partnership with the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, BC Wildlife Federation, Green Teams Canada – Lower Mainland Green Team, Maple Ridge Lions Club and Ridge Meadows Association of Community Living. The Adopt-a-Block Program partnered alongside Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver and Green Teams Canada to host a successfully run a number of community events to pull invasive Himalayan blackberry and English Ivy from Reg Franklin Park. The program also partnered with Ridge Meadows Recycling for the celebration of Earth Day 2023. These are excellent relationships for Adopt-A-Block to have as it creates strong community ties. The program offers new avenues for individuals to advance Adopt-A-Block initiatives to better achieve community goals as well as the City of Maple Ridge's strategic plans through collaborative efforts.

The Adopt-a-Block Program has continued to nurture its relationship with Meadowridge School who put on a fundraiser for the program over the summer. Support was received from teachers, students, the broader community and even the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman. \$2,238 was raised during this event for the Maple Ridge Adopt-A-Block Program.



## Pitt Meadows

In Pitt Meadows, there were 13 active adoptions and 245 volunteers devoting their time and energy to keep Pitt Meadows clean. These amazing volunteers come from schools and families, individuals keen to get out in their community while keeping streets, blocks, parks and trails clear of trash. We recognize all these amazing Adopt-a-Program members in Pitt Meadows! We could not do this work without you.

The Adopt-a-Program was involved in a number of activities and hosted some of its own throughout 2023. To kick off the year in January, the Adopt-a-Block coordinated with the City of Pitt Meadows to clean up heavy duty equipment from the slough under Golden Ears Bridge. This was a huge success where over a dozen shopping carts were removed along with pounds of other tossed debris, all completed by the City of Pitt Meadows operations department.

The Pitt Meadows Adopt-a-Block Program was also showcased at Ridge Meadows Earth Day, Pitt Meadows Day and Ridge Meadows Rivers Day. The program also hosted its annual Hoffman Park clean up event in the fall with students from Highland Park Elementary.

Over the course of the year the coordinator was also involved in the ongoing efforts of having derelict boats removed from the South Alouette River in Pitt Meadows. This was successful granted permission by the Coast Guard and should take place in 2024! Thank you very much for the continued financial support of the City of Pitt Meadows for this program.





Adopt-A-Block Programs organized and/or participated in:

- January 25th – ALLCO Park Junior Clean up
- February 4th – Maple Ridge Park Birthday Clean up
- February 15th – Reg Franklin Park Clean up
- March 5th – Wake up from Winter event
- March 12th - Outdoors Night at Vancouver Giants
- Mach 22nd – Early Earth Day Event at UFV
- April 22nd – Ridge Meadows Earth Day
- April 25th – Charity Book Sale at Meadowridge School
- April 29th – Good Bye Chums with KEEPS
- May 3rd – Coho Creek Clean up & Planting
- May 13th – Mother's Day in the Park
- May 12th – Storm Drain Painting with MRSS
- May 26th – Adopt-a-Stream workshop
- June 4th – North Cottonwood Trail Clean up event
- June 10th – CEED Centre block party
- July 4th– Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 6th – Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 11th -- Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 13th – Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 18th – Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 20th – Maple Ridge Park Summer Outreach
- July 26th – Jerry Sulina clean up event with RM Child Development Centre
- July 29th & 30th – Ridge Meadows Country Fest
- August 15th – Maple Ridge Park clean up event with Alair Homes
- August 20th – ARMS 30th birthday celebration event
- August 29th – Golden Ears Outreach
- August 31st – Golden Ears Outreach
- September 9th & 10th – Streamkeepers Training
- September 13th – Morse Creek clean up event
- September 16th – GETI Fest
- September 24th – 30th Annual Ridge Meadows Rivers Day
- September 27th – National Tree Planting Event in Maple Ridge Park
- October 7th: Green Teams Canada invasive species removal
- October 25th: Community Clean up in ALLCO Park
- October 29th: ISCMV English ivy removal
- November 15th: Community Clean up in Reg Franklin Park

36 community events

195 members enrolled

224 adopted areas



Other clean up events/activities hosted or attended by Pitt Meadows Adopt-a-Program included:

- January 13 - Katzie Slough clean up
- April 22 - Ridge Meadows Earth Day
- May 15 - South Bonson garbage can installation
- June 3 - Pitt Meadows Day
- July & August - 1st Pitt Meadows Scouts trail clean up
- Sept 25 - Ridge Meadows Rivers Day
- October 4 - Hoffman Park clean up with Highland Park Elementary

7 events

245 volunteers active

13 adopted areas





# 2023 Donor Wall of Honor

# ARMS Staff

\$10000+

Super Salmon  
The Stewart Family Foundation

\$2500+

Chinook Gold  
Ken Stewart

\$1000+

Coho Silver  
Colleen Findlay Foundation  
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\$500+

Chum Bronze  
Josine Eikelenboom  
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\$250+

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"2023 was a year of anniversaries and celebrations! We enjoyed a wonderful year full of fun and exciting events, community outreach, salmon habitat restoration activities and much, much more! In recognition of ARMS 30th anniversary, our co-founder and longtime Director Geoff Clayton was honoured with a sign outside our main base of operations as the "Geoff Clayton River Heritage Centre". The day was spent with members, staff, directors and friends on a sunny day in August with fishing for kids hosted by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and a great lunch by the Maple Ridge Lions Club. As the seasons changed our staff worked on many activities including our annual Father's Day fish release, the 30th Annual Ridge Meadows Rivers Day, spring and summer camps, salmon spawner surveys and lots of great fun with schoolchildren in School District 42 throughout the year. ARMS Board of Directors and staff spent time internally working on our organizational assessment, board retreat and fundraising for the new River Heritage Centre roof. We said a sad goodbye to our Environmental Education Coordinator, Layla Haslinger, at the end of the year and celebrated the news of a second baby to come in 2024 for Sophie Sparrow! Thank you to all our amazing members, volunteers, community partners, staff and directors, and funders for all the support and effort you have given to the Alouette River Management Society and the Alouette Watershed in 2023. As always, we are blessed and give thanks to do this work on the traditional, unceded and contemporary territory of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations."

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