



FRASER VALLEY  
CONSERVANCY

# Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

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*Are you someone who wants to make a difference for nature and the people of the Fraser Valley? Do you like thinking big-picture and want to contribute to the long-term success of an established charity and land trust?*

*If so, we want you on our team!*

This is a volunteer position that requires an understanding and a commitment to advancing our mandate, charitable goals, and responsibilities. We are actively seeking passionate people who believe they have a strategic mindset and experience to share.

## About the Fraser Valley Conservancy:

We are the Fraser Valley's only local land trust. Our vision is to protect and enhance nature for future generations.

We focus on environmental conservation and community education, working together with communities to protect and steward our shared land.

Our work impacts people, places, and species across the Fraser Valley.

Together with our supporters, volunteers, and partners, we are creating results:

- 6 properties protected forever
- 4000+ trees and shrubs planted in 2023
- 15 species at risk recovering in our programs
- 80+ nature stewards protecting habitat on their properties

We conserve areas with important ecological values by supporting communities and landowners through our stewardship programs.

We have strong ties to the City of Abbotsford and the Abbotsford Community Foundation who helped form our organization in 1998. We build on our relationships with the City of Chilliwack, the City of Mission, the Fraser Valley Regional District, and other like-minded Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations.

We are deeply committed to meaningful relationships with First Nations in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.





## **Responsibilities:**

FVC Board members play a crucial role in providing governance and strategic direction to the organization. A tremendous asset includes those with expertise in finance (i.e. treasurer), communications, human resources, environmental law, and real estate.

### **Governance and Leadership**

Provide strategic guidance and oversight to the Executive Director and ensure the organization operates in accordance with its mission, bylaws, and legal and ethical requirements.

### **Policy & Strategic Planning Development**

Contribute to the development, review, and implementation of organizational strategic plans and policies to effectively manage the conservancy's activities and resources.

### **Financial Management**

Participate in financial oversight, including budget development, fundraising initiatives, and ensuring the organization operates within its financial means.

### **Advocacy and Public Relations**

Act as ambassadors for the organization, engaging with key stakeholders, First Nations communities, government agencies, and the public to raise awareness and garner support for conservation initiatives.

### **Fundraising and Resource Development**

Assist in identifying and cultivating potential donors, sponsors, and funding opportunities to support the conservancy's work.

### **Program and Project Oversight**

Review and evaluate conservation programs and projects to ensure they align with the organization's goals and objectives.

### **Land Acquisition**

Oversee the protection and conservation of FVC title land, biodiversity, and ecological values for the long-term benefit of the community and future generations.





### **Board Meeting Attendance**

Review meeting packages in advance of 2-hour monthly board meetings (Last Wednesday each month via Zoom or in-person). Board members actively participate in discussions, decision-making, and voting on key organizational matters guided by Roberts Rules. Board members also attend the FVC Annual General Meeting.

### **Committee and Board Initiative Participation**

Serve on a board committee (e.g., Habitat Protection, Fundraising, or Human Resources) and contribute expertise and insights to committee activities. Or contribute your skills volunteering in another aspect of the FVC's work. Either is an additional volunteer time commitment (e.g. between 2-5 hours/month).

### **Community Engagement**

Foster community partnerships, develop meaningful governance relationships with First Nations in the spirit of Truth & Reconciliation, and participate in volunteer programs to enhance the organization's reach and impact.

### **Continuous Learning and Development**

Stay informed about emerging conservation issues, trends, and best practices to support the organization's growth and effectiveness.

## **Qualifications:**

### **Passion for Conservation**

Display a genuine and enthusiastic interest in environmental conservation and the protection of nature.

### **General Expertise**

Possess knowledge, skills, or experience in areas such as environmental management, biodiversity conservation, governance & politics, finance, fundraising, and/or law.

### **Leadership Abilities**

Demonstrate proven leadership and team player skills, with experience serving on boards, committees, or in other community leadership roles.





### **Communication Skills**

Exhibit strong oral, written and listening skills, including the ability to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders.

### **Networking Abilities**

Possess the ability to build relationships and connections with individuals, organizations, and government agencies to promote conservation efforts.

### **Commitment and Time Availability**

Willingness to commit to a minimum term of two years, with the availability to prepare for and attend monthly board meetings, committee meetings, and other relevant events as required.

### **Local Knowledge**

Familiarity with the Fraser Valley region and its environmental challenges is an asset.

### **Board Diversity**

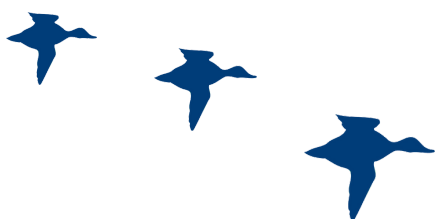
The Fraser Valley Conservancy values diversity and encourages individuals from a range of backgrounds and ages, including underrepresented groups, to apply.

## **How to Apply:**

If you are passionate about conservation and you have skills that you want to share we invite you to apply to join our Board of Directors.

Please write us an e-mail outlining why you would like to be considered for a board position and highlight the skills you can bring to our team.

E-mail your submission or any questions to: [board@fraservalleyconservancy.ca](mailto:board@fraservalleyconservancy.ca)



**Looking for more details about the FVC?  
Visit [www.fraservalleyconservancy.ca](http://www.fraservalleyconservancy.ca)**





# Our Guiding Principals

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*We are a small group of highly dedicated people who come together around these shared values.*

## Land



We are humbled to live, work and play on the S'ólh Téméxw, the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people. We value what the natural world provides – the air, the water, the fields, and the forests of the Fraser Valley.

## Community



We recognize the people who stewarded the land before us and continue to work alongside us to care for this valley. We value the beliefs and opinions in our community and the diversity of how we all connect with nature.

## Integrity



We incorporate sound science, local ecological knowledge, and the experiences of those who live and work on the land into our work. This is done in a respectful, collaborative, and permitted approach.

## Collaboration



We strive to build partnerships with all organizations interested in the protection or stewardship of the Fraser Valley.

## Responsibility



We believe every member of our community has a shared responsibility to steward the land.

## Future



We ensure our properties are protected in perpetuity. We undertake our programs with commitment to their long-term success.

