

Fraser Valley Conservancy

Annual General Meeting Agenda Wednesday, May 27th 2026

- 7:00 pm Welcome and housekeeping
Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of Previous AGM Meeting Minutes
President's Report
Executive Director's Report
Interlude
Treasurer's Report
Board Elections
- 8:15 pm Closing Remarks



President's Report – Emma Bryce

Working collaboratively with communities to protect and steward our shared land so we can protect and enhance nature in the Fraser Valley for future generations.

Executive Director's Report

Joanne Neilson – Project accomplishments in 2025 and plans for 2026

Executive Director's Report



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279



News Stories
Published
8



Volunteer
Participants
149



Educational
Workshops
17



6

properties protected
forever



3500+

plants planted in 2025



15

species at risk recovering
in our programs



80+

Nature Stewards protecting
habitat on their properties



Also check out:
[fraservalleyconservancy.ca/
2025-year-review/](https://fraservalleyconservancy.ca/2025-year-review/)

2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Spring...



Friday Field Find

These are two Rough-Skinned Newts—a male and a female.

You might be wondering why one looks so smooth. Interestingly, a male's skin can become smoother during the breeding season!



Friday Field Find

Oregon Spotted Frog egg mass



2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Spring...



Friday Field Find

Osoberry is in full bloom at our Three Creeks property!

Its delicate drooping flowers mark the arrival of spring and provide an important early food source for pollinators such as hummingbirds.

Friday Field Find!

Can you spot the Pacific Treefrog hiding in this picture?



Frog Finder tip:

Treefrogs can be many colours - brown, grey, bronze, green, and even golden!

2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Spring...

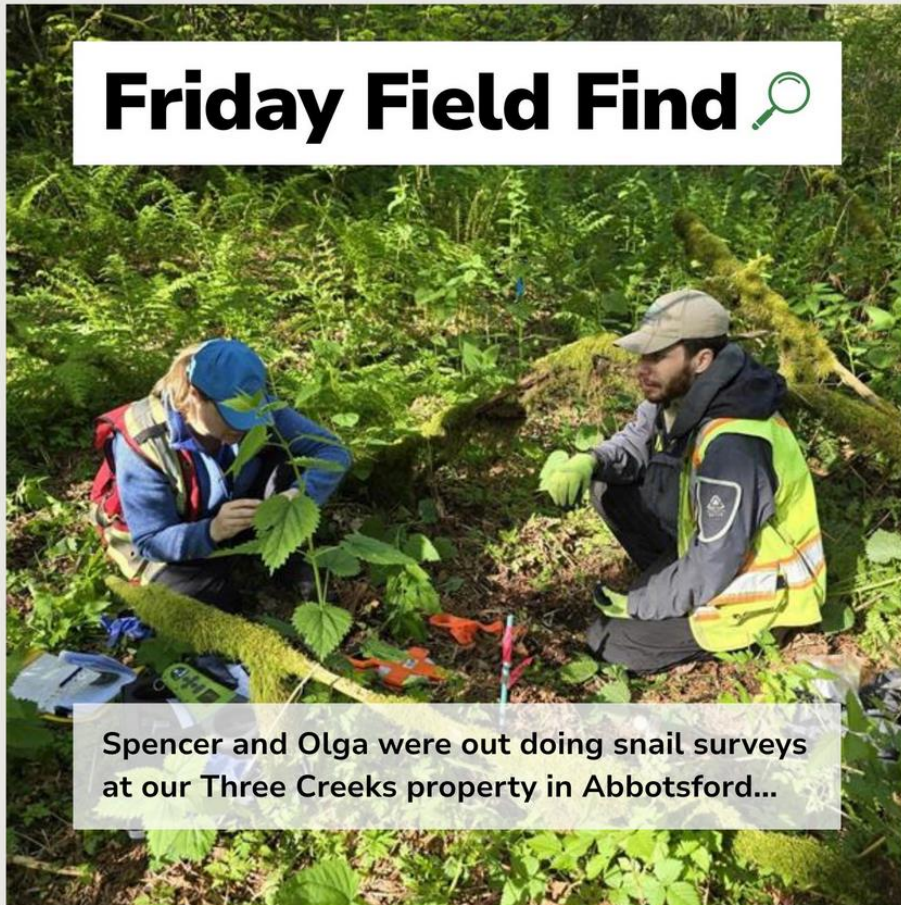
Friday Field Find



2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Spring into Summer...

Friday Field Find



Spencer and Olga were out doing snail surveys at our Three Creeks property in Abbotsford...

They found these beautiful Oregon Forestsnail eggs!



2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Summer...



Friday Field Find

The recent hot weather caused these Western Toad tadpoles to undergo an amazing change! In a single week they went from only having back legs to being fully formed toadlets.



Friday Field Find!

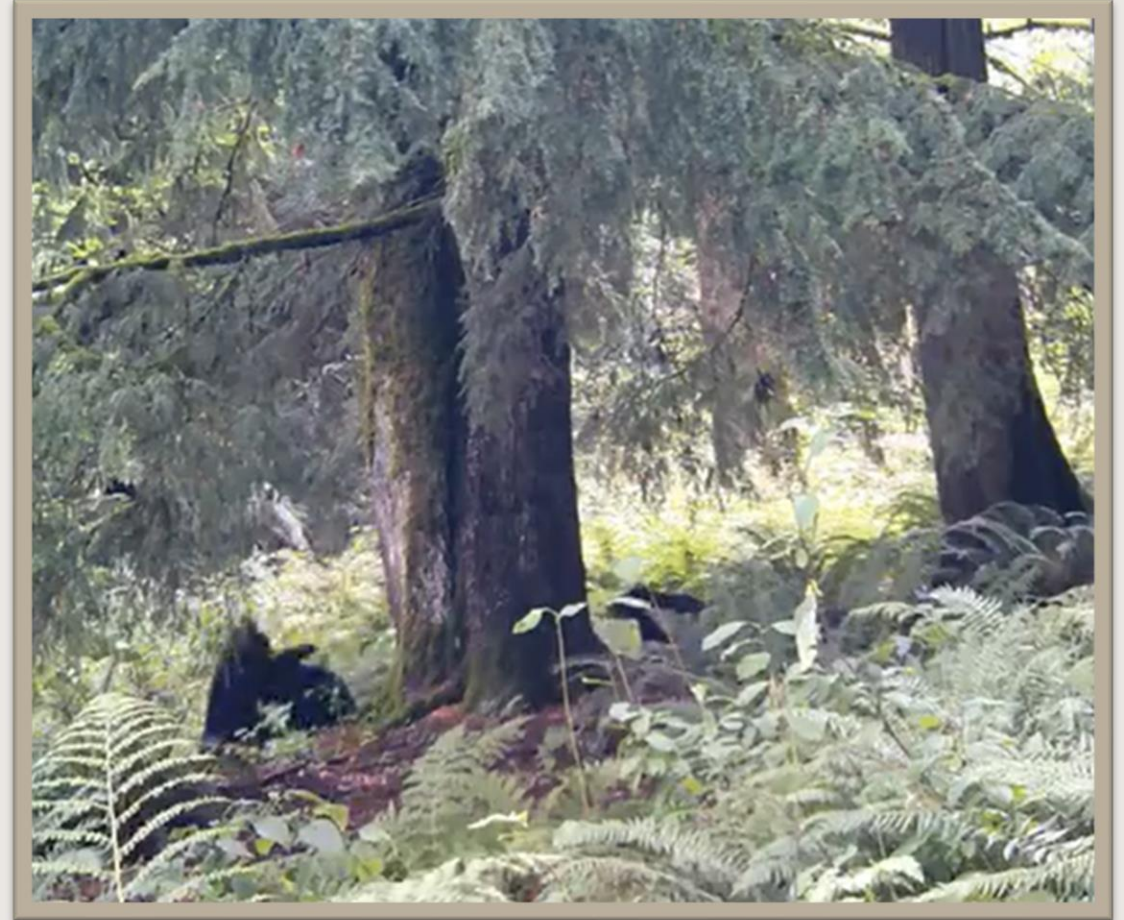
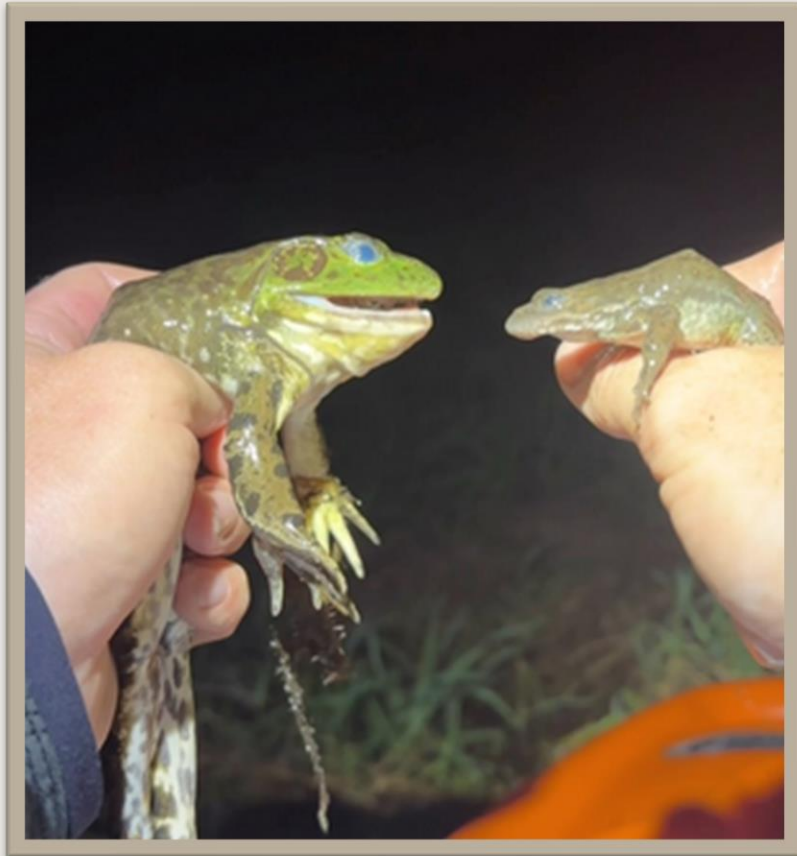
A juvenile Oregon Spotted frog's first dip into the wild.



Bred and raised in tubs, at the Greater Vancouver Zoo, 99 of these young frogs were released into one of our restoration sites.

2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Summer...



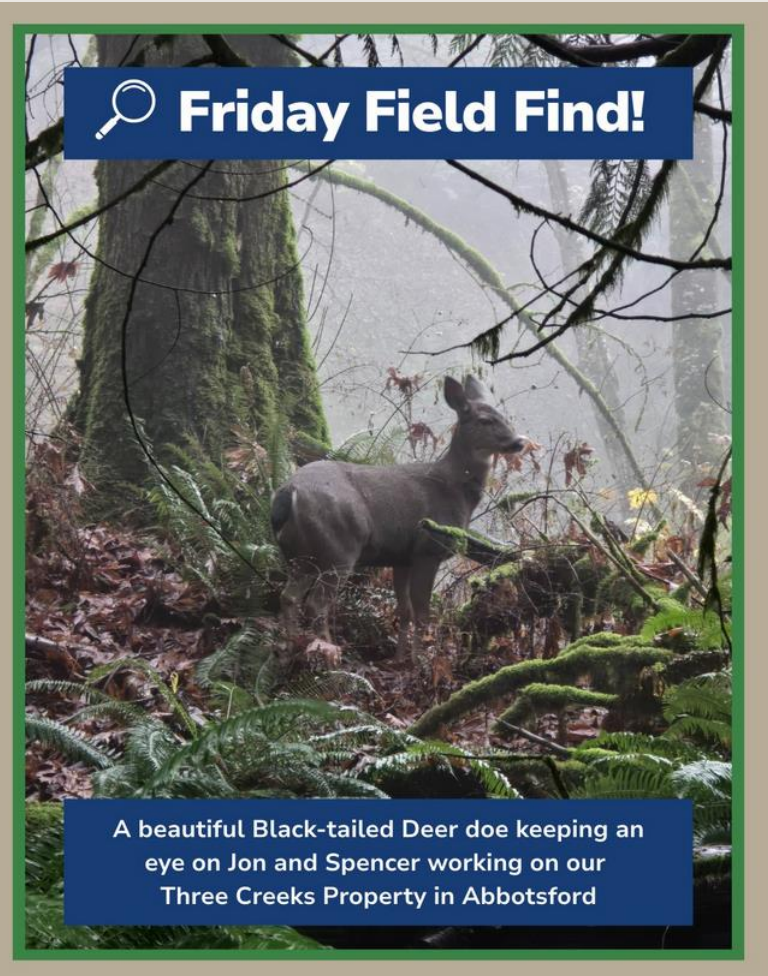
2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Fall...



Friday Field Find

This Western Screech-Owl nest box was found hijacked by honey bees! They left these fragrant honeycombs behind for us.



Friday Field Find!

A beautiful Black-tailed Deer doe keeping an eye on Jon and Spencer working on our Three Creeks Property in Abbotsford

2025 According to Friday Field Finds!

Fall...

New Wetland Garden in Williams Park!

Our habitat enhancement team turned a
puddle into what will be a wonderful habitat!



Read the full story on our website!



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Draft Indigenous Engagement Policy

- The development of this policy was key step towards reconciliation and working together in the Stó:lō S'olh tém:éxw on stewardship initiatives
- The draft policy is on our website <https://fraservalleyconservancy.ca/iep-draft/>
- *“This policy applies whenever Fraser Valley Conservancy undertakes ecological enhancement work, land stewardship, community engagement, or conservation planning that intersects with Indigenous rights, title, knowledge, or territorial interests. It will ensure that all such work is undertaken respectfully, collaboratively, and in accordance with Indigenous consent and protocols.”*
- In early 2026 the draft policy will be shared with Indigenous Nations in the S'ólh Téméxw to incorporate feedback prior to finalizing

Native Plant Sales Keep on Growing



The People That Make it Happen!



Staff and Contractors

- **Patricia** stepped into the role of coordinating the Step To It program and did a fabulous job wrapping up it's final year by motivating people to reduce their carbon dioxide ememssions at home, as well as supporting the Habitat Healers.
- **Spencer** filled in wherever needed, whether it be helping Jon, supporting volunteers and Nature Stewards, or following his passion...finding all sorts of cool amphibians. conservation technician.
- **Jon** continued his role as our tireless habitat enhancement coordinator while training others to learn from him. He will be moving in early 2026 so after 7 years we will be saying goodbye to our amazing plant guy!
- **Jen** was on maternity leave, raising a future biologist!
- **Micah** was hired to communicate our work to the world. He brought new perspectives and excellent story-telling skills to our team.
- **Tamsin, Sofi, and Olga** were our primary contractors contributing years of expertise in land protection, species at risk, owls and amphibians.
- **And we couldn't have done it all without our small army of dedicated volunteers!**

What do you think?

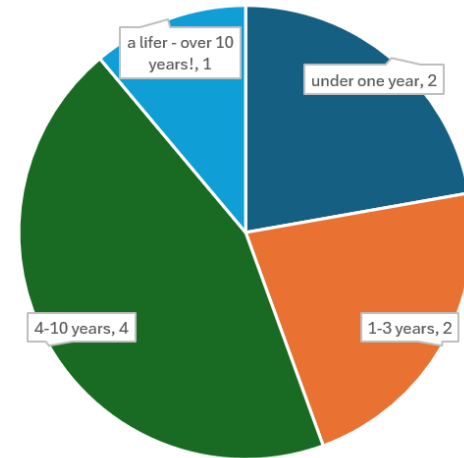


Poll results

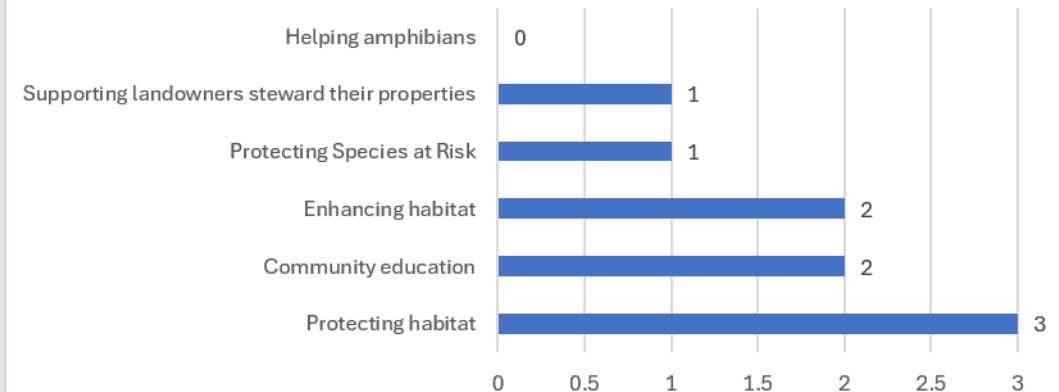
If we had unlimited funding, what would you like us to do?

- Hire for and invest in community engagement projects
- Protect additional species at risk that are not covered under current programs!
- More Species at Risk/habitat protection combined with community education.
- Working with municipalities to incorporate native plants in their landscape and help promote their benefits over non-native ornamental.
- Everything in question one
- Acquire more staff and outreach to public in FVRD for land stewardship. I'd also be happy to advocate more private property owners to retain proper riparian zones!
- Buy animal/protected wildlife corridors

How long have you been connected to the FVC?



Most Important FVC Activities



Treasurer's Report

Things of note in the 2025 Financial Statements:

- We are working with a new accountant who is asking lots of good questions and supporting us in a more rigorous review process
- The loss of our Charity status in June 2025 was identified as having an impact and exposing FVC to risk. This should not be a significant issue as long as it is reinstated in 2026.
- Our endowment, held by the Abbotsford Community Foundation, should never been listed on our books as an asset, only the annual payout can be recorded as revenue. As such it has been removed as an asset and prior years restated.
- Significant expenses incurred in 2024 were recorded in 2025 to ensure accuracy. This was the result of confusion (in 2024) around what was prepaid at year end. We are confident the expense statement will be accurate going forward (2025 onwards). If we wish to have the 2024 expenses reviewed and restated that will be a separate process at an additional cost.
- The full draft financial statement from Empire CPA are attached in the chat. These are in draft format for review and not yet finalized.

Board Elections



Emma Bryce
PRESIDENT



Marissa Heppner
VICE PRESIDENT



Harley Gordon
TREASURER



Jillian Stewart
SECRETARY



John Vissers



Amanda Miller



Bruno Jury



Tim Neufeld



- We welcome Tim, appointed in late 2025
- Huge thank you to Bruno and Amanda for their contributions and service!
- Marissa, Jillian, and Harley's terms have expired as well and willing to stand again
- Emma and John's positions expire in 2027
- Nominating committee recommend Stephen Head and Andrea Long for board member positions
- One more vacancy on the board
- Call for nominations from the floor



Thank you for helping create and protect habitat in the Fraser Valley!