

UP YOUR WATERSHED!

Fraser River Concert Tour 2015

Featuring

THE WILDS

and over 900 Watershed Singers
in 6 communities

Prince George  Quesnel

Williams Lake  Lillooet

Mission  New Westminster

We all live in a watershed... celebrate yours!

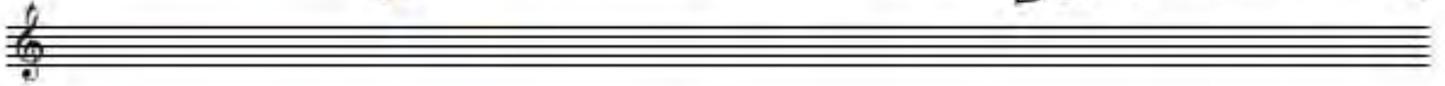
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Music ~ Ecology ~ Entertainment
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Up Your Watershed! Fraser River Tour 2015 was an eco-rock concert tour featuring Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright (The Wilds) of The Artist Response Team (ART) performing with student singers in six communities along the Fraser River in British Columbia. The tour kicked off in Prince George; traveled into Quesnel, Williams Lake, Lillooet, Mission and New Westminster. They spent the week in each town rehearsing with the singers from local schools who had been learning songs for months and capped off the visit with an amazing concert.

The tour was generously supported by The Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF), Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC), Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA), and London Drugs' What's the Green Deal Program. The purpose of this tour was to encourage the school communities to recycle and make connections with salmon habitat restoration. Partnerships were made in each town with local conservation groups; links were made between them and the school communities, which brought more awareness to the work that they are doing to restore streams, spawning grounds and wetlands.

The schools were also engaged in leading tire round-ups in which TSBC offered each community a \$500 honorarium, plus \$1 per tire over 100 collected. Students were challenged to take home an E-Waste Report and take personal inventories to see how many end-of-life electronic devices they had lying around. They were then asked to bug their parents to take it all back for recycling. Canadian Tire and Kal Tire stores were the tire round-up locations in five of the communities.

The concerts included Holly and Kevin's unique blend of music, stories and information that focuses on ecology with such song favourites as Urban Mining, Up Your Watershed!, Voices of Nature, I Am the Future and the latest eco-hit about climate change and restoring habitat, The Watershed Song, which will accompany a new teacher and student handbook being produced this summer.

During the rehearsal week students were asked to write a paragraph about what the songs are about, why they like them and what people can do to help. Some were chosen to be read aloud at the concert as song introductions. The decision makers of tomorrow (the singers) speaking to the decision makers of today (their families, teachers and the public).

Souvenir concert programs customized for each community were printed and distributed. They included a page of recognition and message for each of the four major sponsors, as well as song lyrics and logos.

Press releases were sent out to the media in each community, and some even responded and helped promote with some nice articles. Thank you to Elayne Sun at PSF for helping with this. Facebook event pages were done for each concert as well as a Facebook page for the tour itself. <https://www.facebook.com/UpYourWatershed>

The format of the concerts varied from community to community... from school gyms to formal theatres to outdoor stages with beautiful mountain backdrops. What was common was that all the shows were received with fervent appreciation and standing ovations.

6 communities • 15 schools
1200 students and teachers • 2350 audience members
3000 recycled tires • 300 returned e-waste reports

Approximate numbers

Prince George – April 20-23

- High Glen Montessori School; Lead Teacher, Janice Butchart – 170 singers
- Concert – Vanier Hall • Attendance – 350
(Mayor Lyn Hall was in attendance and seen clapping with his hands in the air!)
- Local restoration partners – Recycling and Environmental Action and Planning Society (REAPS) (Terri McClymont); Water Gratitude Project (Danielea Castell)

London Drugs manager, Christian Schenk, hosted a fantastic tire and electronics recycling round-up in their parking lot on the Saturday following the concert. Holly and Kevin performed, kids showed up to sing, over 1600 tires were collected and several pallets of e-waste. REAPS and the Water Gratitude Project had information tables. Clive Keen of the Hudson Bay Wetlands project went to the school ahead of time and gave a presentation that really inspired the students. The money the school raised by recycling tires (approximately \$2000) was donated to the wetlands. Special thanks to Guy Scharf, SEP Community Advisor for BC Interior North at DFO, for helping to coordinate the three northern communities.

Quesnel – April 27-30

- Ecole Baker Elementary; Lead Teacher, Teresa McCart – 100 singers
- Kersley Elementary; Lead Teacher, Beth Collingwood – 25 singers
- Concert - Correlieu Theatre • Attendance – 250
- Local restoration partner - Baker Creek Enhancement Society (BCES) (Tracy Bond)

In Quesnel a tiny country school, Kersley, was paired up with the bigger city school, Ecole Baker. What they had in common was a huge commitment to environmental action. We had several community groups with information tables at the concert, including BCES, the Water Gratitude Project, and a few others. The founder of BCES was present and recognized. 974 tires were rounded up!

Williams Lake – May 4-7

- Cataline Elementary – 65 singers
- Nesika Elementary – 100 singers
- Lead coordinator: Jenny Howell, Water Wise Program
- Concert – Gibraltar Room • Attendance – 400
- Local restoration partner - Cariboo Chilcoten Conservation Society (CCCS), (Marg Evans).

It was standing room only in the Gibraltar Room, the joint was packed! There was a costumed salmon procession during the concert. Jenny Howell told the audience that their water conservation efforts were paying off as Williams Lake reduced their consumption by 28%! Special thanks to Marg Evans and CCCS for huge efforts in rounding up support from local partners, including Water Wise, Waste Wise, Williams Lake Daybreak Rotary, Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society, Community Arts Council of Williams Lake, Sue Hemphill of Scout Island Nature Conservancy. And special thanks to Mary Forbes at Waste Wise for visiting the classes and teaching them about recycling and promoting the tire round-up.

Mission – April 13, 14 and May 11, 12

- Dewdney Elementary; Principal, Susan Mcleod – 40 singers
- Deroche Elementary; Lead Teacher, Cyndie Anderson – 30 singers
- Hatzic Elementary; Lead Teacher, Sharon Widdows – 85 singers
- West Heights Elementary; Lead Teacher, Tina Phelps – 55 singers
- Concert – Clarke Theatre • Attendance – 450
- Local restoration partners – Silverdale Creek Wetlands (Jim Taylor), Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition (FVWC) (Natashia Cox, Rachel Drennan)

We received an enthusiastic response from four schools throughout Mission district, all of whom bussed their students to the four different rehearsals; it was a major undertaking. Bronwen Sutherland, the Manager of the Clarke Theatre, gave us huge support, and a really low rate on the theatre rental. Admission to the concert was by donation, and after we'd covered costs for the venue rental and Wilds band musician fees, we were able to send \$205 to the FVWC for their work in the Silverdale Wetlands and Stave River estuary.

Lillooet – May 25-29

- George Murray Elementary; Principal Debbie Ralston – 100 singers
- Cayoosh Elementary; Principal Patrice Barth, Music Specialist Sheri Bryson - 100 singers
- Concert – Splitrock Environmental Seton Spawning Grounds • Attendance – 600
- Local restoration partner – Splitrock Environmental (Kim North, Toby Mueller)

The concert was part of the annual Walk With the Smolts Festival where students from throughout the Lillooet region come to learn about the spawning grounds. There were about 400 students in attendance and after their tour around the Seton Spawning Grounds they all gathered on a giant carpeted area right in front of the stage. About 200 adults gathered at the back and the sides with the mountains as a backdrop for the stage and risers that were built by members of Splitrock. After the concert, Holly and Kevin kept playing while lots of young kids got up and started dancing... it was like a baby mosh pit. The editor of the Bridge River Lillooet News said she'd never seen so many people out for the Walk With The Smolts.

New Westminster – June 8-11

- Qayqayt Elementary; Lead Teacher Che-Yin McGowan – 150 singers
- New Westminster Secondary; Choral Director, Kelly Proznick – 30 singers
- Concert – Anvil Theatre • Attendance – 300
- Local restoration partners – Evergreen Foundation (Sharon Johal), City of New Westminster (Jennifer Lukianchuk)

This project was unique because we had 30 wonderful high school singers leading the way with the elementary students, which gave the concert an exciting dimension; it's great to see older students mentoring younger ones. Special thanks to Che-Yin McGowan and Kelly Proznick for lending their support and making the event happen. Mayor Jonathan X. Côté was in the audience to see his children perform, and sent out very positive Tweets and Facebook postings afterwards. Plans are already in the works for a spring 2016 project that involves the whole school district.

The following are samples of posters, concert programs, press releases, and signage that were used in all six communities.

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**April 23 - Prince George
Vanier Hall**

**May 7 - Williams Lake
Gibraltar Room**

**April 30 - Quesnel
Correliou Theatre**

**May 12 - Mission
Clarke Theatre**

**May 29 - Lillooet
Walk with the Smolts Fest**

**June 11 - New Westminster
Anvil Centre**



For more info
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Thurs. April 23 - Prince George

Vanier Hall
(Prince George Secondary)

Doors at 6:30pm
Show at 7pm

Admission by donation



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Up Your Watershed!

Community Recycling Round-Up
SAT. April 25 - 10am - 3pm

**LONDON
DRUGS**

London Drugs Parking Lot
1600-15th Ave. Parkwood Place

Tires

Do you know where there are old tires? Maybe in your garage, back yard, neighbourhood, a stream bed or a vacant lot? They can be recycled and made into things like playground surfaces! Make a note of where they are and talk to an adult about getting them brought to the Tire Stewardship BC truck which will be at the RECYCLING ROUND-UP at London Drugs. Highlen Montessori will receive a \$500 prize, plus \$1 for every tire over 100 collected. Help your school raise money and help the Earth!



E-Waste & Other Recyclables

Look around your home for end-of-life electronics such as computers, TVs, video game devices, and printers, as well as batteries, cell phones, light bulbs and small appliances. Make a list and take it to your teacher. Together as a whole school, see how much stuff you will be able to collect and bring it to the RECYCLING ROUND-UP at London Drugs.

Concerts @ 11am & 1pm

Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of The Wilds will be performing songs from the watershed. You are invited to join them on stage and celebrate all that your community is doing for your watershed, salmon and the ocean!



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**Thurs. April 23 - Prince George
Vanier Hall**



I AM THE FUTURE

Holly Arntzen/Kevin Wright

When you think of the distant future
Do you see anything at all?
Will the planet keep on spinning
Or will it fall

You can hear it in the forest falling
And in the songbirds' song
And in these voices calling
"Don't take too long"

Looking at the constellations
That come back every night
Fourteen billion years of
evolution in sight

Do you think of what I'll be doing
After you have left this earth?
Picking up the pieces you got to first

CHORUS

I... I am
I am the future, I'm the new
We... we are
We are the future
and we're counting on you

CHORUS

I am stardust
I'm a living breathing galaxy
With every second, thought,
word and deed
The future comes true in me

CHORUS

The Wilds:

Holly Arntzen - vocals/dulcimer/keyboards

Kevin Wright - vocals/cajon/congas

Eric Wynleau - guitar

Curtis Abriel - bass

Produced by



Illustrations by Donald Gunn

Special thanks to:

Janice Butchart and all the staff at Highglen Montessori. With an extra special thanks to the student singers who worked so hard to learn, rehearse and perform the songs with us! You guys rock!!!

Christian Schenk and London Drugs for hosting the recycling round-up celebrations.
Guy Scharf at DFO for his support in bringing in the community groups.

These organizations for the great work they do in recycling and habitat restoration in the Prince George area: Terri McClymont and REAPS (Recycling & Environmental Action Planning Society) and Clive Keen and the Prince George Naturalists Club.





We dedicate the Up Your Watershed! Tour to...

...our beautiful Fraser River, its tributaries and habitats, forests, wetlands and especially wild salmon;

...the schools of the Fraser Basin, and the inspired teachers who supported their students learning songs since January, and brought them here to sing for you;

...the community groups and dedicated people who work so hard to restore riparian habitats; we want to draw attention to their vital work.

The Up Your Watershed! Fraser River Concert Tour goes to:

- Prince George, April 23, Vanier Hall
- Quesnel, April 30, Correlieu Theatre
- Williams Lake, May 7th, Gibraltar Room
- Mission, May 12th, Clarke Foundation Theatre
- Lillooet, May 29th, Walk With The Smolts Festival
- New Westminster, June 11th, Anvil Theatre.

Climate change threatens the Fraser, and the open ocean where salmon spend most of their lives. Restoring riparian habitats and reducing our carbon footprint by recycling are ways that people can take local action to address a global problem.

Through this tour we are connecting communities. We can make a difference... for the Fraser and the world, through education, outreach and conservation. We can do this. It is not an impossible dream.

Everyone lives in a watershed! Thank you for being here!

Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright



Two bears discussing salmon

VOICES OF NATURE

Holly Arntzen/Stephen Foster

Sun is shining...everything is so dry
Voices of nature sing for every living thing
 Weather report says
 it's another record high
Voices of nature sing for every living thing
 In the rainforest thirsty cedar trees sigh

Not enough water...people go to war
 Do you hear meadowlarks
 calling any more?
 Disappearing wildlife...
 what are we fighting for?

CHORUS

CHORUS
 Sing for rain, Sing for sunshine
 Just enough at the right time
 Voices of Nature sing,
 for every living thing
 Sing for snow on the mountains
 Flocks of birds beyond counting
 Voices of Nature sing,
 for every living thing

Drought on the prairies...
 and in Afghanistan
 Will we keep pumping oil...
 as fast as we can?
 Changing weather, making deserts...
 turning soil into sand

CHORUS



THE WATERSHED SONG *Holly Arntzen/Kevin Wright/David Sinclair*

CHORUS

In the watershed rain comes down into the river, into the sea
And we hope from our elders a healthy world for us to keep
Oh – oh – oh – oh

Habitat - Conservation
Climate change - Revelation
Conscious - Destination
That's the only way

REPEAT CHORUS

This watershed is changing; some things will never be the same
Winning too slowly is the same as losing when it comes to climate change

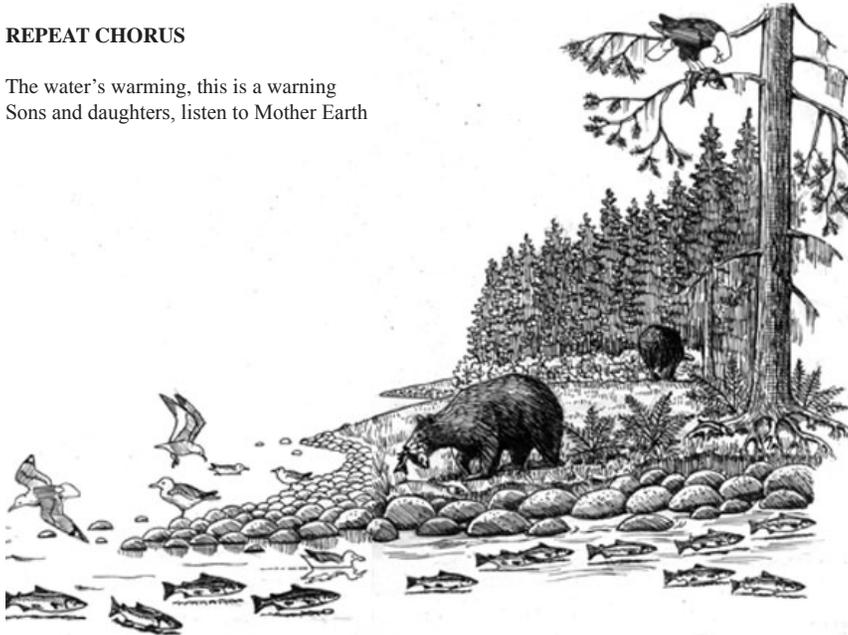
Ocean - Devastation
Are we seeing - Adaptation
One Earth - One nation
That's the only way

REPEAT CHORUS

Salmon run up the Fraser to the Nechako and Quesnel
The Tsihquo'tin is full to bursting, and the Seton is running well
The Brunette and Silverdale Wetlands welcome their children home
The water's warming, this is a warning
Sons and daughters, listen to Mother Earth

REPEAT CHORUS

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Sons and daughters, listen to Mother Earth



URBAN MINING *Holly Arntzen/Kevin Wright*

There are veins of precious metals
richer than any goldmine
Running through our cities
Everybody's living online
You might even have some in your pocket
And we're not just talkin'
some little locket

We're talking cell phones and batteries
Notepads and flat screens
Motherboards and coffee makers...
Computers and refrigerators

All the rare earth elements
crucial to modern living
Come from the Earth
How long can she keep giving?
The more we reuse
the less we have to extract
Don't throw stuff away... take it back

CHORUS

Recycle cell phones and batteries
Notepads and flat screens
Motherboards and coffee makers
Printers and defibrillators
VCRs and dead cars
Pop cans and old tires
Microwaves and circuit breakers...
Computers and refrigerators

All the energy it takes the world
to make new things
Changes our climate
and all the changes that brings
Urban mining recovers
treasure from the trash
Rethink consumption, make things last

Urban mining, Urban mining
Urban mining, Urban mining

...computers and refrigerators

BIG CHANGE STARTS SMALL *Holly Arntzen/David Sinclair*

Something I've heard people say ...“Eat an apple every day”
It's good for you and tastes so sweet
Whatcha gonna do with the core and seeds?

CHORUS

Compost bin is for your grass and leaves
Banana peel and apple core
I believe big change starts small
Throw it in, make soil not war

Earthworm, fungi, millipede... Soil is made by such as these
Soil is made by such as these... Kitchen scraps to fertile ground
That's the way the world goes round

CHORUS

From a single tiny seed... Grows a giant apple tree
Grows a giant apple tree... Gives us fruit, and through its leaves
Oxygen for us to breathe

CHORUS

I've been around since before Ghengis Khan
 And the first book published in China
 In the olden days, in the time of crusades
 I was born in Koksilah
 I was just four hundred when the Vikings sailed
 And first set foot in North America
 First Nations saw white guys... with blue eyes
 I was there through it all

CHORUS

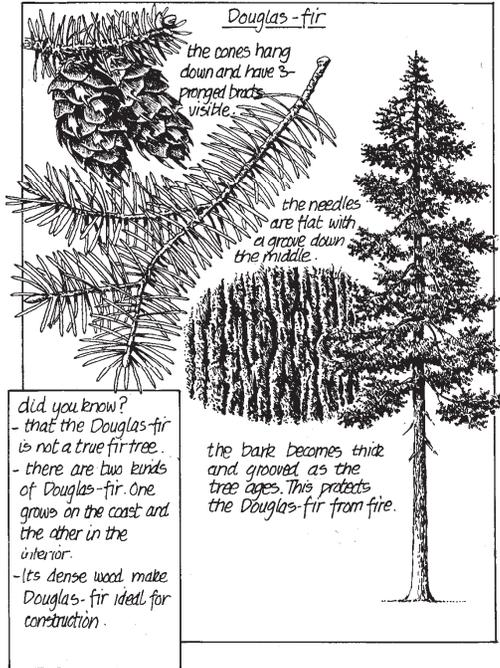
They call me (they call me)
 Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
 I get respect, cos' you know
 When you get this old
 they call you (they call you)
 Mr. Douglas (Mr. Douglas)
 One of the oldest living things
 on Earth

I'd been around
 for eight hundred years
 When Columbus crossed
 the Atlantic
 And when the African Queen
 made it up on the screen
 By then I was totally gigantic
 Hurricane winds in the
 Cowichan Valley
 Were howlin' through the grove
 I stood my ground
 while my friends were
 blown down
 I was there through it all

CHORUS X2

Many brothers have fallen
 To machines and attitude
 There used to be so many of us...
 but now so few

CHORUS X2



The Douglas Fir tree that inspired this song was born on Koksilah Ridge on Vancouver Island in 640 AD. It lived through over 1300 years of historical events until it was finally blown down in a storm in the 1960s. But now the biggest problem for ancient forests isn't storms. It's that so many of them have been cut down. In British Columbia less than 1% of the original coastal Douglas Fir old-growth forest remains. The tree we call Mr. Douglas still stands today, and he is definitely an endangered species.

Redbacks crusin' up the Fraser River
 And the Pinks are doing it too
 Fightin' their way up river valleys
 Shootin' through those Grizzly alleys
 Salmon runnin'
 I hope they're coming soon
 Up Your Watershed!

People wondering,
 where are the Sockeye?
 Did they get lost or hit the wall?
 What's been happening in the ocean?
 There must have been
 some big commotion
 Are they fashionably late
 or coming at all?

CHORUS

Up your watershed!
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 Up Your Watershed!

Understanding this ain't rocket science
 We know what we're doing wrong
 Calling all people with a heart
 This is a good place to start
 There's a party with a purpose going on

CHORUS

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CHORUS

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MY ROOTS GO DOWN

Sarah Pirtle - lyrics adapted by Holly Arntzen

Chorus

My roots go down, down into the earth
 My roots go down, down into the earth
 My roots go down, down into the earth
 My roots go down.

I am a tree swaying in the wind
 I am a tree swaying in the wind
 I am a tree swaying in the wind
 My roots go down

Chorus

I am a salmon swimming in the sea
 I am a salmon swimming in the sea
 I am a salmon swimming in the sea
 My roots go down

Chorus

I am a bear walking through the woods
 I am a bear walking through the woods
 I am a bear walking through the woods
 My roots go down

Chorus

I am a bird flying in the air
 I am a bird flying in the air
 I am a bird flying in the air
 My roots go down



The Pacific Salmon Foundation, founded in 1987, is a federally incorporated non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wild Pacific salmon and their natural habitats in British Columbia and the Yukon. Operating independently from government, the Foundation facilitates dialogue and undertakes positive initiatives in support of Pacific salmon amongst all levels of government including First Nations; as well as industry, communities, volunteer stewards, and all fishing interests.

Our Support

Up Your Watershed! is an important initiative that PSF is proud to support. Education and outreach are essential tools to engage future stewards and help ensure the legacy of wild Pacific salmon in Canada.



Our Mission

The Pacific Salmon Foundation exists to support salmon communities in their efforts, promote awareness of this keystone species, and guide the sustainable future of wild Pacific salmon and their habitats.

Pacific salmonids in the wild in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory include seven species: Sockeye, Pink, Chum, Coho, and Chinook salmon; Steelhead and Cutthroat trout. (all in the Genus: *Oncorhynchus*)

Principles

- Pacific salmon are invaluable to Canada's west coast cultures, economies, and ecology. Maximizing diversity in salmon and their habitats is necessary to maintain and restore salmon through an uncertain future.
- The PSF must provide objective and non-partisan advice in fostering a progressive and positive attitude toward the future of Pacific salmon.
- Our policies and program decisions will be guided by the best available knowledge: scientific, experiential, and traditional. A fundamental role of the PSF is to communicate widely to share knowledge about salmon and their circumstances.
- PSF must ensure transparent and accountable use of funds, fairness and objectivity in decision making, and integrity and mutual respect in all partnerships.
- People are the central threat to salmon, but are also the key to their sustainability. The PSF must be inclusive of all peoples, and recognize the unique contributions they provide and their potential power for change.

Strategic Goals

- Maximize our investments and those of our benefactors and partners to meet community conservation priorities.
- Broaden awareness of PSF to increase support for our work.
- Position ourselves as the non-adversarial and objective source for clarity about the opportunities and challenges facing Pacific salmon; establish PSF as the trusted voice for Pacific salmon.
- Expand our scope of work in science to improve the understanding of factors that limit the abundance of Pacific salmon.
- Expand our support of educational programs to instill the values of Pacific salmon to Canada.



Who We Are:

The Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) BC is a not-for-profit electronic products stewardship association, set up by major producers and retailers of electronics. The program is designed to ensure that your unwanted electronics are diverted from landfills, processed and recycled in a manner that safeguards the environment, protects worker health and safety, and also prevents electronics from being exported to non-OECD countries. Since its inception, EPRA BC has collected and responsibly recycled more than 135,000 metric tonnes of end-of-life electronics.

What We Are About:

As an industry-led not-for-profit organization, we:

- Enable businesses and consumers to manage their electronics responsibly;
- Assist obligated stewards to achieve regulatory compliance;
- Educate the public on the importance and benefits of properly disposing of end-of-life electronics.

Why Recycle Old Electronics?:

By bringing end-of-life electronics to an EPRA BC approved collection site, you're helping to:

- Keep old electronics out of landfills
- Prevent them from being illegally exported or handled by irresponsible recyclers
- And, you're helping to recover and recycle valuable resources that can be put back into the manufacturing supply chain

Recycle your electronics using any of the following methods:

EPRA BC offers several options to recycle old electronics:

- Drop off accepted products at any Return-It location throughout BC;
- Drop off accepted products at authorized retailers such as Staples and Best Buy, ;
- Contact EPRA BC to have large volumes of old electronics picked up, at no-charge, and recycled.

You can drop off your electronic products at designated collection sites throughout the province free of charge. EPRA BC is funded by Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs), charged on the sale of new electronic products, which cover the costs of recycling all regulated products.

What is included:

More than 260 different types of electronics are now accepted. The following items can be recycled free of charge at any approved EPRA BC collection site:



For more information or to find the closest depot near you visit: return-it.ca/electronics or recycleMYelectronics.ca/bc

Prior to 1991, there was no program in place to recycle tires. They got dumped in landfills, where they took up a lot of space and didn't break down. Or they were burned in open pits, which put toxic emissions into the atmosphere.

Or they got left lying around in our environment, and were eyesores.

In January 2007, Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) launched the new scrap tire recycling program, replacing the government-run program that had been in place since 1991. Now, approximately 37,000 tonnes of scrap tires are diverted annually from landfills, which roughly equates to one tire person in BC.

The success of the program was celebrated in 2014 when TSBC reached its 70 millionth tire milestone!

TIRE ROUND-UP

Help support the Highglen Montessori Community Tire Round-up!

The Up Your Watershed! tour is supported by Tire Stewardship BC. TSBC is the organization responsible for making sure that all tires in British Columbia are properly recycled.

If you have old tires, or find any lying around in the environment, you can take them to the TSBC truck at the **London Drugs parking lot at 1600 15th Ave. (Parkwood Place) between 10am-3pm for recycling on Saturday, April 25.**

Please be sure to say that you are dropping off tires for the Highglen Tire Round-up. The school will receive an honorarium for the tires that are rounded up.



LONDON DRUGS **What's the GREEN DEAL?** 



On April 25th from 10am to 3pm
Support our Community Recycling Round-Up
at the London Drugs Parking Lot

greendeal.ca

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Two concert signs were displayed during all rehearsals in the schools and at each concert at the entrance on easels at the size of 4 feet wide by 3 feet high. It was also projected on the big screen at each theatre while people were taking their seats and while Holly and Kevin played a duet opening set for the concert.

Press releases were sent out to local radio and print media. Special thanks to Elayne Sun at PSF for helping to distribute these materials!



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Fraser River

Up Your Watershed! Tour 2015 – Williams Lake

WILLIAMS LAKE – The **Fraser *Up Your Watershed! Tour 2015*** is travelling to six Fraser Basin communities: Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Lillooet, Mission and New Westminster. Community concerts celebrate watershed stewardship. The focus is put on positive action for wild salmon and climate change, including local riparian habitat restoration projects and recycling.

WHAT: *Up Your Watershed!* is a concert featuring professional musicians and students performing “state of the art” rockin’ songs about watersheds, salmon, and climate change.

WHO: **Holly Arntzen** and **Kevin Wright** of the Artist Response Team (ART), and students from **Cataline and Nesika** Schools will perform. Students have been practicing songs since January, getting ready to blow the roof off of the **Gibraltar Room!** The school music programs are based on ART’s highly successful *Voices Of Nature* model of using music for cross-curricular ecological education. View a recent *Voices Of Nature* concert:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/vondayedmonton2014>

WHEN: Thursday, May 7, 2015. Doors at 6:30pm

WHERE: Gibraltar Room 525 Proctor St., Williams Lake

COST: Admission is by donation

THE MESSAGE: Everyone lives in a watershed. Climate change is projected to have significant impacts on the greatest salmon river in the world—the Fraser. Restoring riparian habitats and recycling are ways that people can take local action to address a global problem, protect wild salmonids and reduce our carbon footprint.

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE <https://www.facebook.com/events/891651010877848/>

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: The project combines education and outreach through the school and the *Up Your Watershed!* concert, with hands-on habitat restoration: we want to draw attention to the great work being done in Williams Lake by groups such as the **Cariboo Chilcoten Conservation Society and Scout Island Nature Conservancy.** (www.ccconserv.org) (www.scoutislandnaturecentre.ca)

SPONSORS

- The **Pacific Salmon Foundation** (<https://www.psf.ca>) is an independent, non-governmental charity that protects, conserves and restores wild Pacific salmon populations in the Yukon and British Columbia.
- **Electronic Products Recycling Association** (<http://www.epra.ca>) is an industry-led not-for-profit organization that operates regulated recycling programs in eight provinces in Canada to ensure that end-of-life electronics are handled in a safe, secure and environmentally-sound manner.
- **Tire Stewardship BC** (<http://www.tsbc.ca>) is a not-for-profit society that manages BC's tire recycling program. The program collects "eco-fees" on the sale of every new tire that are used to transport and recycle scrap tires and keep them out of landfills.
- **London Drugs' Green Deal sustainability program** (<http://greendeal.ca>) offers customers a convenient place to drop off items such as light bulbs, soft plastics, packaging, electronics, styrofoam and small appliances at any of their stores, for responsible recycling.

Community Recycling Tire Round-up

WHAT: COMMUNITY RECYCLING TIRE ROUND-UP

WHEN: Saturday, May 7 10:00am – 3:00pm

WHERE: Canadian Tire 1050 South Lakeside Drive

YOU CAN HELP!

People can bring tires to Canadian Tire so they can be responsibly recycled and made into things like playground surfaces. The participating schools will share in a \$500 honourarium and also earn \$1 per tire over 100 collected.

For more information or media interviews please contact:

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Prince George welcomes The Wilds

Frank PEEBLES Citizen staff
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The Wilds are running loose in Prince George.

The B.C. band is led by singer/songwriters Holly Arntzen (vocals, dulcimer, piano) and Kevin Wright (vocals, percussion, sax) plus regular guest musicians who sit in on their music and their message.

The music has been described as a combination of Joni Mitchell and early AC/DC vocalist Bon Scott. The message is focused on environmental stewardship and appreciation for ecosystems. Their latest album is called *Up Your Watershed* and they are touring now to showcase its thematic songs.

"The sound of The Wilds is folk-pop to rock your world – the folk/blues of Holly's slide dulcimer mixed with Kevin's hard hitting cajon and congas, anchored by a guitar/bass combo and lit up by rich vocal harmonies," said the band. "The Wilds' songs take you on a cultural, ecological journey, from the soaring mountain tops of *Roses In October* and the pounding downpour of *Pennies From Heaven* to the spawning rivers of *Up Your Watershed* and the old-growth forests of *Mr. Douglas*."

They are spending the next few days in Prince George performing for school groups (they are based



PHOTO COURTESY THE WILDS

Kevin Wright is one of the founding members of The Wilds, a B.C. band that combines music, environmental awareness and education.

at Highglen-Gladstone Montessori school this week) and are then holding a public performance at Vanier Hall on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The performance includes some special guests.

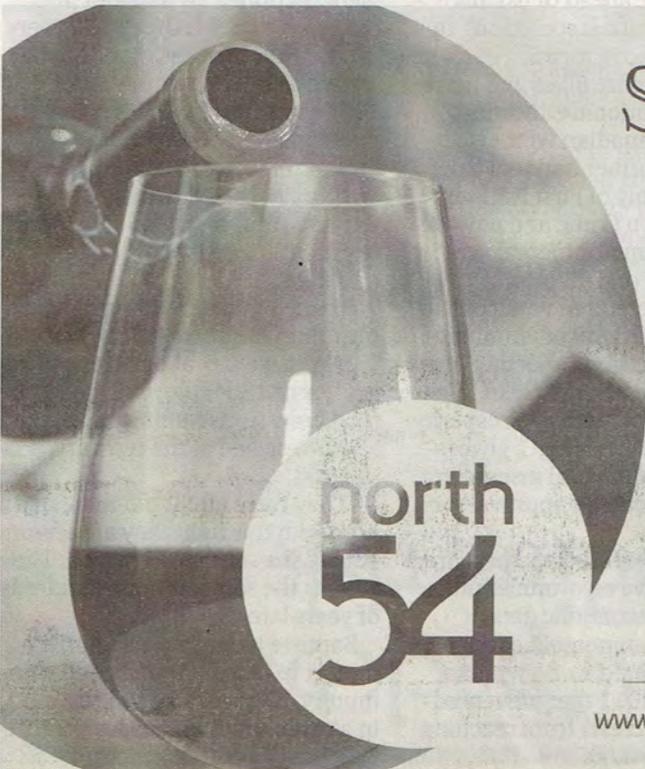
"The Wilds – with children from local schools – are performing at Vanier as part of a celebration of salmon, habitat restoration and recycling," said Clive Keen of the Prince George Naturalist Club.

"The Wilds are great supporters of the Hudson's Bay Wetland Project, and we'll have a table at that event." (The P.G. Naturalist Club will also have an information

table at the Recycling Roundup event on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the London Drugs parking lot.)

The Wilds will then move on to other towns in the region to perform their *Up Your Watershed* concert.

They will be in Quesnel to work with Baker and Kersley schools from April 27-30, then the following week in Williams Lake to work with singers from Cataline, Nesika, Big Lake and Columneetza schools. Both those weeks will finish with a Thursday night concert in those respective towns.



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The Wilds concert at the Gibraltar Room Thursday

The Wilds, Up Your Watershed Fraser River Concert Tour 2015 with Holly Arnzen and Kevin Wright will be performing at the Gibraltar Room in Williams Lake Thursday, May 7.

The B.C. artists are teaming up in performances with singers from Cataline, Nesika and Big Lake elementary schools in celebration of salmon, habitat restoration, and recycling.

"We are spending this week rehearsing with 200 students from Cataline and Nesika schools," say Arnzen and Wright with their band. "We're getting ready for what we humbly describe as 'the greatest environmental show on Earth.'"



Kevin Wright and Holly Arnzen of The Wilds share the stage with local students.

"Our goal is to get people singing, wish they'd brought a handkerchief, and blow the roof off of the Gibraltar Room. We are singing for wild salmon, and actions for good watershed stewardship: habitat restoration and recycling." The Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society is sponsoring the Artist's Response Team, which is working with four Cataline and four Nesika classes all week.

"The Wilds are great supporters of the Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society and Scout Island Nature Centre, who do so much good work, year

in and year out, to restore riparian habitats in the San Jose watershed," Arnzen says. "The Williams Lake River valley is an ecological treasure; whenever we're here in Williams Lake, we love to go walking there and enjoy the peace and glory of its biodiversity. These organizations will have information tables at the concert."

Arnzen says the students are also spearheading e-waste and recycling round-ups. They are doing inventories in their homes, identifying end-of-life electronics and bugging their parents to get the materials in to the Return-It Depot for proper recycling. Kids are looking around their yards and neighbourhoods for old tires, and getting adults to take them to Canadian Tire on Saturday, May 9, for recycling.

"These are local actions that help the watershed, by reducing waste and carbon footprint. And more importantly, it puts the kids in a leadership role to remind their community of the beautiful watershed and wild salmon that everyone has a responsibility to protect."

The Wilds concert is Thursday, May 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door for adults and free for children.

Wild Salmon Caravan here Sunday

The Wild Salmon Caravan — Celebrating the Spirit of Wild Salmon arrives in Williams Lake on Sunday, May 10, at the Gibraltar Room. The purpose of the caravan is to open ne-

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ese sings *Pretty*



Mackenzie Howse sings an
animated version of *Singing
the Blues*.



sh Grenadiers, a traditional fiddle tune. All of the
val Honours Concert achieved gold standing.

The Chickadee Early Childhood and Learning Centre will be celebrating Mayfest, Friday, May 1 at the Miocene Community Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be maypole dancing, craft activities, including flower crown making, storytelling, traditional games, delicious snacks.

The event will be of special interest to homeschoolers, but all are welcome. There is no admission fee.

For more information call 250--296-3265.

Thursday, May 7 *Up Your Watershed*

The Up Your Watershed Fraser River Concert Tour 2015, The Wilds with Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright will be performing at the Gibraltar Room in Williams Lake Thursday, May 7.

The well known Canadian artists will be teaming up in performances with singers from Cataline, Nesika and Big Lake elementary schools in celebration of salmon, habitat restoration, and recycling.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 at the door for adults and free for children.

This spring the show is touring with performance dates in Prince George, Quesnel, Lillooet, Mission and New Westminster.



Singers Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright perform with local elementary school students on Friday.
Photo Credit: Artist Response Team

Up Your Watershed Tour visits Lillooet

WENDY FRASER

A musical performance will be part of this year's Walking With Smolts event on Friday, May 29.

Lillooet is one of six Fraser Basin communities hosting The Fraser Up Your Watershed Tour 2015 concerts celebrating sustainable stewardship.

The focus is on positive action for wild salmon and climate change, including

local riparian habitat restoration projects and recycling.

Students at Cayoosh and George M. Murray Elementary Schools are rehearsing all this week for their performance with Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team (ART). The students have been practicing songs since January, getting ready to rock Walking With Smolts. The school music programs are based on ART's highly successful 'Voices of Nature' model of using music for cross-curricular education.

The concert starts at 11:15 a.m. this Friday at

the Lower Seton Spawning Channel. Access is via Split Rock Environmental at 1119 Highway 99 South (just past Lightfoot Gas). Admission is free.

The other communities on the Up Your Watershed Tour are Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Mission and New Westminster.

There will also be a Community Recycling Tire Round-up Saturday, May 30 at Kal Tire, 249 Main Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tires will be responsibly recycled and made into things such as playground surfaces. The participating

schools will share in a \$500 honourarium and also earn \$1 per tire over 100 collected.

The Puzzle Corner

Last Week's Solutions

Sudoku Solution - 05/20

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Crossword Solution - 05/20

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formed by filling in 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku puzzle, you must fill each row, column and box. Each row, column and box. You can only use numbers 1-9. Numbers will appear by using the numbers 1-9. The more numbers you use, the more you solve.

Crossword

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- CLUES ACROSS**
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 5. Shuts
 11. Golf shot
 12. Emitting light
 16. Maple genus
 17. Integrated circuit
 18. O'Reilly from "M.A.S.H."
 19. SNL's Olympia Rest. dish
 24. Liberal degree
 25. Short task trip
 26. Must have something
 27. Prefix for wrong
 28. Student furniture piece
 29. Semitic fertility god
 30. Back talk
 31. Lost brightness
 33. Reconnaissance (Brit. milita)
 34. A narrative song
 38. Men who cannot lose face
 39. Bastard wing
 40. 55121 MN
 43. Young sheep
 44. Fashioned
 45. Short fight
 49. Large payroll service Co.
 50. Fantasy video game
 51. Blind spot or ___ lutea
 53. 39th state
 54. Dessert topping

Walking with Smolts draws hundreds



Lucy Jones and Jane Wilson talked about beavers, who make the spawning channels their habitat.



This fish tank was a popular stop along the Walking With Smolts Trail.



Students from across the Gold Trail School District learned about the life cycle of the salmon in this game.



Conservation Officer Bob Butcher displayed the skulls of various mammals. He's touching the skull of Homer the Grizzly and that's Homer's pelt on the table.



Kids were intrigued to learn more about the Coho in the Classroom project.



There was also an opportunity for a bit of quiet time beside the spawning channels.



The students at Cayoosh and George M. Murray Elementary Schools rehearsed all week for their Up Your Watershed Concert, which drew hundreds of people.



Kevin Wright and Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team (ART) accompanied the kids.

NewWestminster RECORD

Up Your Watershed!: Concert promotes stewardship

New West Record

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Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team are bringing their Fraser Up Your Watershed! Tour to New Westminister on June 11. Photograph By contributed

New Westminister youth will be part of the fun when the Fraser Up Your Watershed! Tour comes to the city on June 11.

Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team (ART) are taking the tour to six communities in the Fraser basin: Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Lillooet, Mission and New West.

The New Westminister concert is set for Thursday, June 11 at the Anvil Centre.

Up Your Watershed! features the talents of the two professional musicians alongside students from New Westminister Secondary School and Qayqayt Elementary School, who have been practising songs since January in preparation for the event.

The community concert is designed to celebrate watershed stewardship, with a focus on positive action for wild salmon and climate change, including local riparian habitat restoration projects and recycling.

“Everyone lives in a watershed. Climate change is projected to have significant impacts on the greatest salmon river in the world – the Fraser,” a press release notes. “Restoring riparian habitats and recycling are ways that people can take local action to address a global problem, protect wild salmonids and reduce our carbon footprint.”

Admission is by donation, with a suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will go towards habitat restoration projects on the Brunette River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show at 7 p.m. The Anvil Centre is at 777 Columbia St.

For more details, search for Up Your Watershed! Fraser River concert tour on Facebook.

In connection with the event, there will also be a community recycling tire round-up on Saturday, June 13. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., people can drop tires off at the Kal Tire at 969 Cliveden Ave. so they can be responsibly recycled and made into things like playground surfaces.

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Up Your Watershed comes to New West

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The Fraser Up Your Watershed! Tour 2015 is travelling to six Fraser Basin communities with its stop in New Westminister on Thursday, June 11. Photo Submitted

The Fraser Up Your Watershed! Tour 2015 is travelling to six Fraser Basin communities with its stop in New Westminister on Thursday, June 11.

The focus is put on positive action for wild salmon and climate change, including local riparian habitat restoration projects and recycling.

Up Your Watershed! is a concert featuring professional musicians and students performing “state of the art” rockin’ songs about watersheds, salmon, and climate change.

Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team (ART), and students from New Westminister secondary and Qayqayt elementary will perform. Students have been practicing songs since January, getting ready to blow the roof off the Anvil Centre. The school music programs are based on ART’s highly successful Voices Of Nature model of using music for cross-curricular ecological education.

Doors open Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Anvil Centre. Admission is by donation. Profits will go to local riparian restoration projects.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK POLL

Do you agree with the results of the transit plebiscite?

• YES

May 8, 2015

Re: Highglen Montessori School's Involvement in the Artist Response Team's "Up Your Watershed!"
Tour & April 25/15 Tire Round-up

Last July (2014) I was settling on earth stewardship as the topic for my curriculum development project for a Montessori credential course I am taking, when I received an email from the Artist Response Team led by singer/musician/environmentalists Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright. They were extending an offer to schools throughout British Columbia to be a part of their tour: "Up Your Watershed!" to bring greater awareness to habitat protection, restoration projects, and recycling. I immediately volunteered our school! It sounded like a perfect fit with our Montessori focus on care of the planet and the timing would be absolutely synchronous with my project! Thank goodness our staff was agreeable because we received word that our school had been chosen in early November. Holly explained that, due to generous sponsorship from the Pacific Salmon Foundation, the Electronic Products Recycling Association, Tire Stewardship BC, and London Drugs, there would be no cost to our school.

Early in the New Year a package was delivered containing CD's of Holly and Kevin's earth songs for us to learn. We studied videos of past "Voices of Nature" concerts that Holly and Kevin had performed with schools across Canada so that we would have the actions down. For almost three months our classrooms and assemblies rocked these musicians' catchy and relevant earth songs. On April 20th we welcomed them to our school for a 4-day residency culminating in a roof-raising evening performance at Prince George's Vanier Hall with our mayor in attendance clapping his hands over his head! We were able to arrange for a professional videographer (Steph from Video Nexus) to capture the whole thing. It's being edited now and is eagerly awaited by our school community.

In conjunction with this project we launched a school-wide electronic waste round-up to complement Holly and Kevin's song, "Urban Mining". The lyrics of this song, performed by all of our 9-12 students and their teachers, encourages us to return our electronic devices and appliances at the end of their lives so that all of the precious metals can be extracted rather than mining more from the earth. Some say it is our modern day gold rush! One of our students has been inspired to hold his own neighborhood collection of electronics waste. He delivered flyers and went around to pick up items on a designated day.

Prior to our artists' resident week, I was able to arrange a presentation by Dr. Clive Keen from the BC Naturalist Club who is a passionate advocate for the Hudson's Bay Wetlands project. We are directing all of the "by donation" proceeds from our Vanier Hall concert in the amount of \$1000. One of our classes has also decided to hold a Fun Fair fundraiser to pay for an active membership in the club and to volunteer to assist with the project. We hope to plan future excursions to explore this area so beautifully illustrated by Dr. Keen's slide show and descriptions.

Holly and Kevin's amazing songs have become anchors for continuing lessons on watershed preservation, recycling, waste reduction, composting, and eating locally to lower our food miles (the

total energy needed to transport our food to us) decreasing our carbon impact. One of the songs our 6-9 students sang was "Big Change Starts Small". It gives us hope that our small actions combined will affect the change we must achieve to sustain this earth and our place on it. We really felt this collaborative action the day of the Tire Round-up hosted by London Drugs on Saturday, April 25th. Many of our school families responded to my call for volunteers through our Highglen Montessori PAC and Prince George Montessori Education Society Facebook pages and convened to bring together used tires from all over the city. Residents who had seen the posters we had put up through the community brought tires "for the kids". Our parents and students worked with determination to unload all the tires brought to Parkwood Mall that day to get them into the Stewardship truck. We were astounded to have filled two semi-truck trailers! By the event conclusion at 3:00 pm tires were still arriving and being routed to be unloaded by our volunteers at the Ogilvie location. The tire report puts the final total at 1350! Our students did the math today and are overjoyed to have accomplished the challenge that was set. We understand that our school will receive \$500 for the first 100 tires and \$1 for each tire over the first hundred. That would mean funds totaling \$1750. We would like Tire Stewardship BC to know how much we appreciate this opportunity and want to assure that this money will be used for green projects at our school including re-creating our vegetable garden and a composting program.

At today's whole school assembly we watched the video created by Lorne Craig from London Drugs (www.greendeal.ca) featuring "Northern Green Heroes" from several Prince George schools. A large contingent of our Highglen Montessori students had attended the North-Central Leadership: Heroes Among Us Conference on Friday, April 24th and volunteered their time on the Saturday to clean up long tracts of local highway right of ways. By the time they arrived at the London Drugs parking for the tire round-up, they were ready to move mountains!

We feel exceedingly fortunate to have been a part of such an extraordinary confluence of Earth Week activities. This Artist Response Team tour stop was so well timed and has already done so much to spark action within our school community. We intend to continue this momentum and look forward to future collaboration with all of the organizations that made this experience possible for us.

With much appreciation,

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Letter of support for Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright and the Artist Response Team (ART) Community Outreach Program

The *Up Your Watershed!* project was an extremely worthwhile and memorable experience for our school. The program was very professional and organized, from the very first practice through to the final performance. Kevin and Holly ensured that every detail was covered by someone, including organizing the equipment and space needed, contacting community partner groups, alerting the media and helping teachers prepare for the rehearsals. Allowing us to pair with a larger school helped us overcome the barriers we face as a very small school trying to access great programs.

The songs, rehearsals and concert had a growing impact on students and families over the four days of the project. Students became increasingly more engaged over the practice days, and by concert time their enthusiasm was almost uncontrollable. The community response to the concert was extremely positive, and one parent even wrote a long testimonial about the impact of the program on her family!

The Artist Response Team helped us prepare for our e-waste collection and tire round-up by creating and printing posters to promote the event, providing checklists for students to inventory their homes, and providing incentives for students to report on what they recycled. Our school chose to include this information in a newsletter home, and students also wrote the messages in their daily planners, and we posted the flyers in the community.

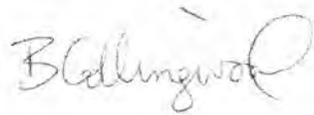
Kersley Elementary made the e-waste event accessible to our rural community by accepting items on a display table in the school hallway. We collected 76 pieces of e-waste and 297 batteries, and students, staff and parents were all surprised at the variety of items that could be returned. The local collection facility came and picked it up after the event at no cost. On the day of the tire round up Kersley parent and staff collected tires from locations around Quesnel that had indicated they had some, and drove them to the Canadian Tire drop off.

Kersley Elementary is an Emerald school, and continues its commitment to the environment as we work toward Earth Status in the Green Schools program (1000 environmental actions). We have a school-wide compost and recycling program. We built and planted an outdoor classroom on the school grounds. We have a neighbourhood bottle drop-off. We have lights-out monitors that turn off hallway lights, computer monitors and unused room lights every day. We have raised chinook salmon for three years, and the program includes promoting sustainable salmon habitat and releasing the salmon in the Quesnel River watershed. Baker Creek Enhancement Society has been a great support to us by delivering this program, Earth Day programming, and offering interpretive programs at the Nature Education and Resource Centre. *Up Your Watershed!* was a natural fit with the learning outcomes at Kersley School.

The educational handbooks the Artist Response Team provided us were some of the best teachers' guides I have used. The teaching content is not only current information, but extremely detailed and engaging for students. The ART curriculum team understands that students crave as much detail as you can give them, and every lesson connects students to the broader theme of how they can promote sustainability. The student activities are unique and allow for many ways to represent learning. Teachers commented that the combination of lessons, videos, song lyrics and actions were a perfect fit for a multi-sensory approach to learning, and that the information is very factual and not biased either for or against industry. The artists have a special knack for connecting with the students, (like when Keven sang TNT with the kids), and struck a good balance between structure and fun. A highlight for my class was when they came for an informal visit, and made up some spontaneous songs with the students about our class bunny.

I highly recommend this team and the learning programs they provide for any school or community group. I am impressed with their resourcefulness and commitment to this project, and hope they continue to gain support to provide this exceptional program to our youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Collingwood". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Beth Collingwood
Grade 3 and 4 teacher
On behalf of all the teachers and principal at
Kersley Elementary School

cc: Rosemary Sutton, Executive Director, Tire Stewardship BC
Brian Riddell, CEO/President, Pacific Salmon Foundation, PSF
Craig Wisheart, Executive Director, Western Canada Electronic Products Stewardship Association
Jenifer Dhanday, Marketing Account Coordinator, London
Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright, Artist Response Team

Quesnel Up Your Watershed 2015

Good morning Holly and Kevin

I will start this message off with WOW! We enjoyed your performance immensely- an amazing and beautiful way to get your message across. My daughters Marley (age 9) and Paige (age7) (from Kersley Elementary) had so much fun with you this week and I have never seen them get so involved and "into" a performance. I wish we could have had time to talk- after the performance it was so chaotic plus my little munchkins were exhausted from the excitement! We come from a vast array of backgrounds and can relate to you in so many ways- seriously from one end of the spectrum to the other. Logging, restoration, reforestation. I personally have worked as an archaeologist (my initial profession) and seen SO MUCH! From clear cuts destroying coastal villages, eulachon fish habitats etc.; working on watershed restoration projects (Salmon River watershed), archaeological resource management at the confluence of the Harrison and Fraser Rivers, traveling the Fraser River from Prince George to Yale, to planting many, many trees (which is what I do now). Where we are working now it is nice to see selective logging and not pure destruction. Funny, my last tree of the day [yesterday](#) was a fir tree and I said "what a happy place for a fir tree to grow." Of course my co-worker looked at me like I was totally crazy! (I had taken a few years off of tree planting to be home with my girls and I said "you know I'm back in the groove when I start talking to the trees!")

On the other side of things, we are a very musical family (me- more like the audience)- but Marley and Paige are very fortunate to have a dad who is a musician and they are learning so much from him- guitar and drums so far (their dad, Darren comes home with various instruments- "oh they are for the kids"- yeah right!!! It is nice to hear them jamming in the basement!

Marley has always been "one with nature"-- from a very young age, sitting and watching the birds, helping me in the garden and her thing is "eating flowers"- nasturtiums, pansies and sunflowers- as well as dandelion salads. I love that she is interested in my vermicomposting as well as Bokashi- which is such an effective composting method and does a garden good! Paige is going to be a rock star and already has a stage name- I immediately imagined them on the road as you are!

I appreciate the handout you sent home listing electronics etc. (we just did an overhaul last year and sent A LOT to recycling)- sitting down and counting just how many electronics we had, has really got me thinking- like how did it get so out of hand?- 11 years ago (prior to parenthood)- I lived on a mountain with no electricity, cold running water, outhouse and cook stove-- what happened? civilization! All of a sudden I have become engulfed in the electrical world....

I have to say, there is so much thanks to be given to Beth Collingwood- the most wonderful teacher in the world and we are lucky to have her in Kersley. She really incorporates nature into the classroom as well as a huge recycling program, composting and a school garden.

Okay, so there is my "short" email that has ended up being a "long" letter. On a final note, we appreciate you, your message and tour and hope to meet up again. Oh yeah! Of all things, I have fir tree seedlings for Marley and Paige to give to their school so that everyone can plant a tree in a special place and watch it grow as they do-- we will have to do it [Monday](#) as I have the day off and think we will play hooky! Sometimes mom just needs to have her girls home with her!

Take care and kindest regards

Lita Conlin



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Dear Rosemary,

I am writing to request the funds from the Williams Lake Tire Round up on May 9th when 154 tires were collected. We are requesting the flat fee of \$500 for the first 100 tires collected as well as \$54 for the additional 54 tires for a total of \$554.

The Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society runs a 'Waste Wise' program in School Districts 27 and 28. To help promote the Tire Round up event, our Waste Wise coordinator, Mary Forbes, visited the eight classes participating in 'Up Your Watershed' giving them each a lesson on waste and recycling, discussing tires in particular and the upcoming round up. Posters were displayed around Williams Lake in key public places for the two weeks ahead of the round up. While working with the students in rehearsals for Up Your Watershed, Holly Arntzen of the Artist Response Team also discussed the disposal of tires and encouraged all families to bring tires to the event on May 9th, as well as informing the audience at the final concert.

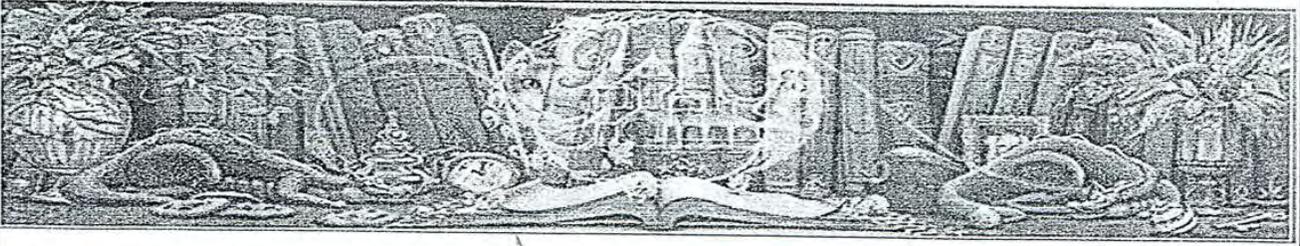
Up Your Watershed was a wonderful experience for both students and teachers alike. Before the ART arrived in Williams Lake, the Conservation Society gave all participating classes lessons on our local watershed and watershed health. They also received the waste lessons mentioned previously to help give some background and understanding for the songs the students were rehearsing. Holly and Kevin then spent an intensive week working with the kids, using the songs to introduce more complex ecological ideas and emphasizing the reduction of ecological footprints through reduced energy use and waste production. Rehearsals were well managed and fun for students. The music and lyrics of the songs were easy for even the youngest students to access and it was an effective and fun way to approach the subject. We had almost 200 students participate, with about 460 people attending the final concert; we would have had more but were limited by seating capacity. Since the concert, I have had numerous comments from parents, community members and teachers about how much they enjoyed it, what a valuable experience for the students and one teacher even said it was the highlight of her teaching career.

So thank you for supporting this program; I feel it is an effective way to reach an audience that might not otherwise become engaged in these issues.

Jenny Howell

Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society

Student letter



Dear Holly and Kevin,

My favorite song is I am the future. ♡♡

because that song tell me to help earth. 💡

I learned to Recycle and compost. ♡♡
use less car.

I'm feeling little nervous about concert. !!

but I'm excited too. ♡

Thank you for singing song with us and

Holly and Kevin you have very awesome voice.

♡♡♡

From Gaygayt school student



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Student song intro

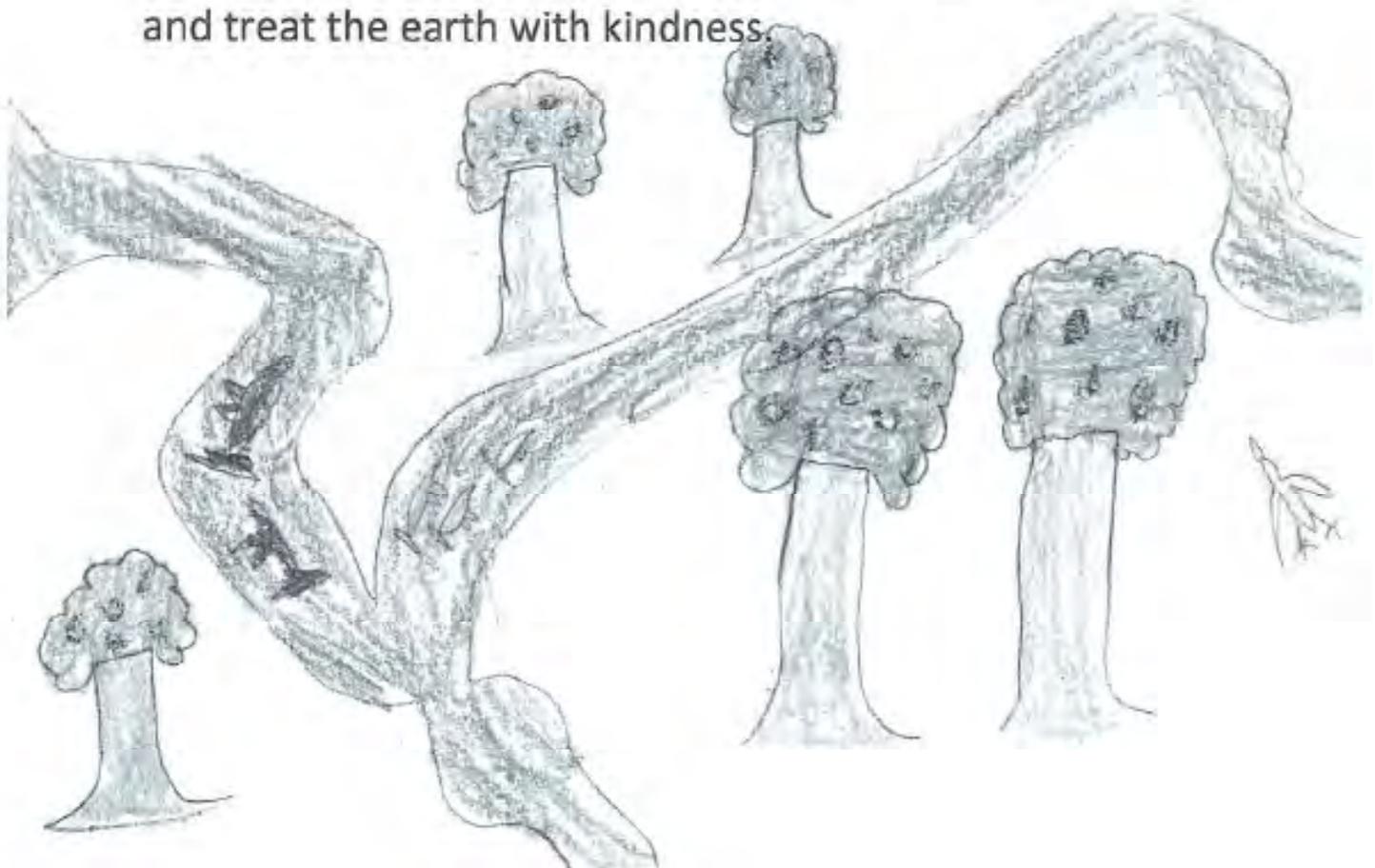
Chase Campbell
Grade 3
Ms. Fushley

Hello my name is Chase. I am eight years old and go to Cataline Elementary School. We are going to sing "Up Your Watershed." I like this song because of the beat and that it is about nature. It is talking about watersheds. Do you know what a watershed is?

A watershed is all the creeks, streams, rivers, lakes running to the ocean. All the plants, animals, insects, and fish live in the watershed.

When I sing this song it makes me feel happy and hopeful. I imagine nature and world peace.

We can do lots to help out, like not littering, not polluting and treat the earth with kindness.



We only got a limited amount of photos in some communities.



Part of the recycling crew at Highglen! How many batteries can YOU count?



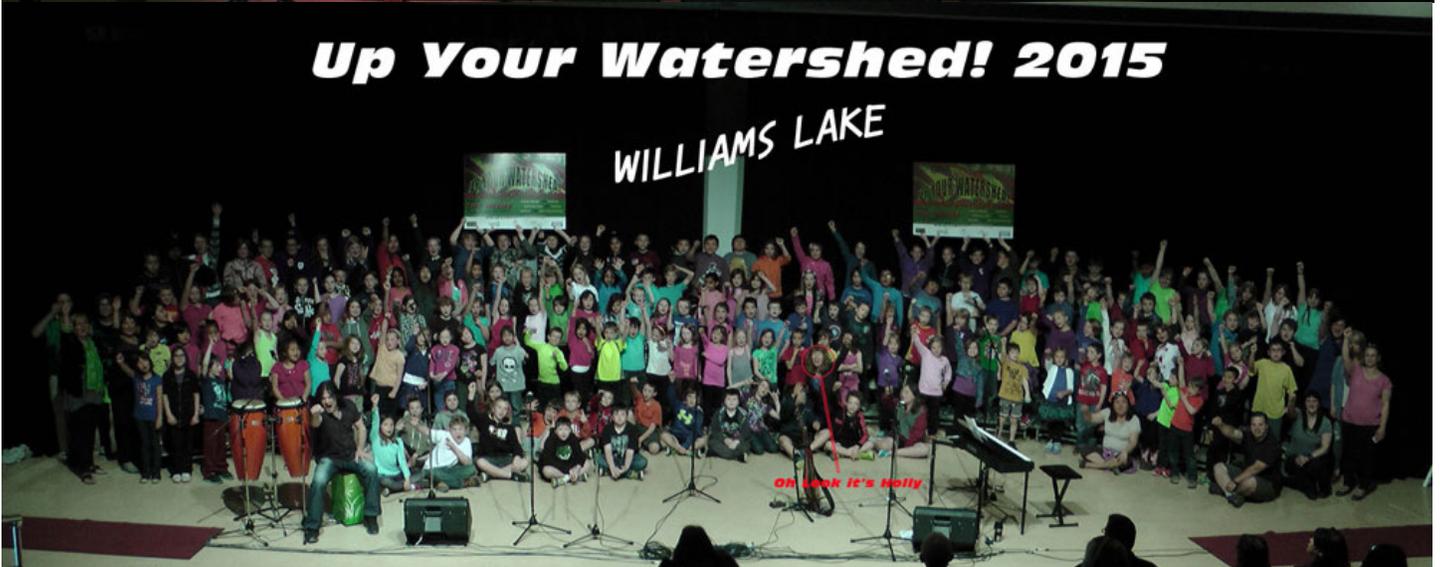
Setting up for the big recycling round-up at London Drugs



Tires! Tires! and more tires!



E-waste too! London Drugs manager, Christian Schenk, and some E-helpers attend the E-waste tent



Standing room only at the Gibraltar Room in Williams Lake!

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Up Your Watershed! singers waiting for the rest of the audience



I think everyone is here now!



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