

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



2009 Nominee Profile

Nominee: Andrew Carmichael, Hornby Island
Category: Individual
Project: Hornby Island Non-Motorized Trails Network
Nominator(s): Ron Sitter

Letters of Support: N/A

Project Description: Established in 2001, the Non-Motorized Trails Committee constructs trails for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists. The extensive network of trails built and maintained by Trails Committee volunteers offers a safe, healthy, environmentally-friendly, and low-carbon alternative to private vehicle use. The Trails Committee uses open community meetings and dialogue to discuss trail expansion options and select high priority areas.

Andrew Carmichael has been a member of the Trails Committee since its inception, and continues to dedicate significant volunteer time to the expansion and improvement of Hornby's non-motorized trail network. As current chair of the committee, Andrew acts as primary coordinator and fundraiser for the Trails Committee, and takes the lead in consultation with neighbourhood groups located in trail proposal areas. Andrew's innovative invention -- a self-designed and self-built gravel mover that is small enough for off-road use -- has greatly reduced both the time and manual labour required to build new trails.