



West Coast LEAF Annual Report

June 2006

Special Moments for West Coast LEAF this year:

- The 20th Anniversary Conference April 28th to May 1st 2005
- Court Watch Program begins in Victoria and Vancouver Sept 2005
- Victoria Person's Day Breakfast Oct 17th 2005
- Nanaimo Equality Breakfast Oct 18th 2005
- Langley Person's Day Event with Daphne Bramham Nov 2005
- Maggie DeVries Inspiring Women Speaker Series, Vancouver Nov 2005
- No Means No Training with Amber Dean January 2006
- Multi-faith Advisory Committee begins March 2006
- Vancouver Equality Breakfast with Mobina Jaffer March 2006
- Maxine Matipli Inspiring Women Speaker Series Victoria March 2006
- Application to Intervene in Watson Spratt April 2006

Words from the President

By Roz Currie

I have been honoured to serve as the President of West Coast LEAF for the past two years. I would like to thank the extraordinary group of board members, staff and volunteers that I have worked with over the past two years including Audrey Johnson, our former Executive Director who left in August to assume new duties as the Executive Director of LEAF National.

A special thanks to Mary Woo Sims and Lindsay Waddell who served as Vice Presidents with me over the past two years who will leave the board after four years as Board members of West Coast LEAF. I would also like to thank departing board members Stephanie Fraser for her work as our Treasurer, and Suneeta Vyas. I also thank Sabrina Ali, Andrea Hilland, and Elizabeth Hall for their service on the board of



Incoming President Ritu Mahil

Directors. Alison Brewin, our long time

Program Director was chosen as West Coast LEAF's Executive Director and assumed her new duties in September 2005. All of the staff, past and present, whose names are listed elsewhere in this report, also deserve a special thanks for their work and dedication to West Coast LEAF. THANK YOU ALL!!

I wish to extend a very special thanks to our members, funders, donors and major sponsors for supporting West Coast LEAF this year. Without their support, West Coast LEAF could not continue to work to promote the rights of girls and women.

As I look ahead, I can see that our work will continue to help shape a more equal society for all girls and women in British Columbia. This year, we spent time renewing our commitment to diversity and inclusion at all levels of the organization. Many of our community partners, former and present board and staff members assisted in this important process. We move forward together with a renewed sense of our shared commitment to these values and principles and infuse them into all levels of the organization in the future.



Outgoing President Roz Currie

I am very excited to announce that Ritu Mahil will be taking on the role of President and Chair of West Coast LEAF's Board of Directors and wish her well in this new role. Ritu has fulfilled the dual roles of Chair of the Breakfast Committee and Personnel Chair for West Coast LEAF for the past three years. I would also like to welcome Nitya Iyer into her new role as Vice President Internal. Amy Francis will continue her role as Vice President External that she assumed last year – thank you Amy! I will continue to serve as a board member and as Past President of the organization for the next year.

Finally, I would like to thank my partner, Don Williams, and my sons, Nicholas and Spencer, for their support of my involvement as President of West Coast LEAF.

Male teenage caller:

Hello, I'm Aaron. I just had a quick question regarding "No Means No" and a law. Is there a law that is part of the federal law, "No Means No"?

Response from Grade 11/12 Nelson No Means No Participant Stacey:

A person cannot give consent if they are being forced to participate, if they are incapable of consenting, or if they are afraid of the person who is asking them to consent....The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that silence is not consent...

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WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Endowment Funds	Total	
				2006	2005
REVENUE					
Grants	\$ 321,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 321,930	\$ 197,409
Fundraising (Note 4)	137,038	-	1,750	138,788	266,929
Membership fees	4,883	-	-	4,883	3,655
Endowment income (Note 5)	11,032	-	-	11,032	5,519
Registration fees	67,847	-	-	67,847	-
Other income	8,867	-	-	8,867	2,390
	<u>551,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>553,347</u>	<u>475,902</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Accounting and audit	5,075	-	-	5,075	5,164
Amortization	-	5,731	-	5,731	3,785
Board and committee	6,768	-	-	6,768	5,831
Endowment contributions (Note 5)	5,462	-	1,750	7,212	35,978
Equipment leases and service	4,053	-	-	4,053	6,574
Equipment purchases	15,919	-	-	15,919	8,798
Conference expenses	171,411	-	-	171,411	-
Fundraising (Note 4)	31,744	-	-	31,744	24,640
National dues	2,442	-	-	2,442	1,828
Office and miscellaneous	18,123	-	-	18,123	16,593
Organizational development	400	-	-	400	1,658
Personnel and services	251,554	-	-	251,554	232,126
Postage and courier	4,845	-	-	4,845	5,529
Projects	27,783	-	-	27,783	24,599
Public relations and education	2,419	-	-	2,419	3,388
Rent	24,580	-	-	24,580	21,915
Telephone and fax	1,465	-	-	1,465	3,141
	<u>574,043</u>	<u>5,731</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>581,524</u>	<u>401,547</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY OF) REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(22,446)	(5,731)	-	(28,177)	74,355
INTERFUND TRANSFERS					
Capital assets acquired (net of disposals)	-	15,919	-	15,919	8,798
	(22,446)	10,188	-	(12,258)	83,153
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>173,343</u>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,096</u>	<u>104,943</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 150,897</u>	<u>\$ 24,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 175,838</u>	<u>\$ 188,096</u>

WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION (Incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia) STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES AS AT MARCH 31, 2006

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Endowment Funds	Total	
				2006	2005
ASSETS					
Cash and term deposits	\$ 191,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,885	\$ 217,848
Accounts receivable	9,411	-	-	9,411	12,228
Prepaid expenses	4,154	-	-	4,154	39,124
Capital assets (Note 3)	-	24,941	-	24,941	14,753
	<u>\$ 205,450</u>	<u>\$ 24,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 230,391</u>	<u>\$ 283,953</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 4,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,214	\$ 7,913
Due to VanCity Community Foundation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Due to LEAF - National	2,442	-	-	2,442	5,755
Deferred income	46,897	-	-	46,897	82,188
	<u>54,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,553</u>	<u>95,857</u>
FUND BALANCES	<u>150,897</u>	<u>24,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,838</u>	<u>188,096</u>
	<u>\$ 205,450</u>	<u>\$ 24,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 230,391</u>	<u>\$ 283,953</u>

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