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Mission Statement

A non-profit society supporting the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks.

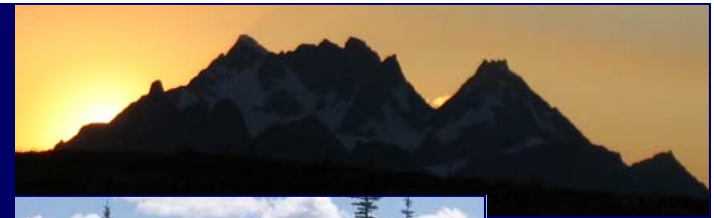


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Community Investment

The Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier invests in the community that supports the two national parks in scholarships, donations, charitable and sponsorship activities. Every year the Friends give a \$500.00 Bursary to a Revelstoke Secondary School student and a \$5,000.00 Research Grant to a University Graduate student. Almost \$1,500.00 was given out to the community as donations of prizes for various organizations including: Community Connections, Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club Silent Auction and Revelstoke Women's Shelter.

Every year, the Friends bring the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour to Revelstoke in mid November as a fundraiser for the association. It is always a sold-out event and a great evening for local nature and sport enthusiasts. In early December, the Friends set up shop twice at the Christmas Farmers' Market held at the Revelstoke Community Center to create an opportunity to purchase items that are normally only found in at the Glacier Circle Bookstore in Rogers Pass.

Our Members

The Friends has a membership of over 187 local and international members. We hope to exceed 200 members in the 2008-2009 fiscal year with a new promotional campaign, new kiosk displays in Grizzly Plaza and Lake Louise, renovation of our website and the creation of two new membership categories of non-profit and corporate membership levels. In addition, a new layout for our quarterly newsletter was created to show our members being involved in many different projects. In the fall of 2007, the Friends acquired the Canada Club in Revelstoke and welcomed new friends to our organization. We have a great group of volunteers that always seem to be there when we call on them. Your contributions to the organization are appreciated!

Thanks to all of our members!



Giving back to the Parks



During the past year just over \$12,000.00 and 1,400 volunteer hours were put back into projects or activities within Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. In keeping with our mission statement the following activities, projects or events were created under the following titles:

Protection

- Glacier House Historic Postcards Poster Set
- Hamish Martin Memorial Fund: one dollar from every *Ski Touring in Rogers Pass* book sold will go towards this fund, created to provide Parks Canada Wardens in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks with training courses to keep all those who continue to ski and hike in backcountry conditions safe.

Appreciation

- Mount Club Activities: Trip to Nakimu Caves, Wheeler Hut, Sir Donald & Uto Col, and Perley Rock.
- Eva Lake Pilgrimage and Celebrate the Summit: donation of prizes
- Parks Canada Day 2007: Free BBQ, water and prizes in Glacier National Park

Education

- Speakers Series
- Avalanche Awareness Days: donation of prizes
- Chickadee Nature Festival 2007: Activities for all ages at the Mount Revelstoke Ski Chalet

Understanding

- Donation of books to Mount Revelstoke Fire Tower
- Revisions of *Footloose in the Columbias* (English), *Snow War* and *Ski Touring in Rogers Pass*; currently in progress.
- New ski merchandise available at Glacier Circle Bookstore



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Message from PRESIDENT Glen O'Reilly



Another year has passed and I find that our organization is changing and growing in many ways, and for the better. The most notable is that it has been a full year since our Executive Director, Neills Kristensen, has come on board. Neills has fit right in to his new position, making it his own and is bringing new ideas and new enthusiasm to the role.

Other notable changes this past year (and one of my favourites), is our renewed, refurbished and revitalised web site. I'm quite proud of the new look and have been encouraging people to check it. We even have an on-line store. Also new to the "Friends" this year has been the negotiation with, and the eventual appropriation of, the Canadian Club of Revelstoke. For those unaware, the Revelstoke Canadian Club decided to fold after many years of serving here. As their Speakers Nights were so popular, we felt they would be a good fit with our Speakers Series. Thus the "Friends Travel Series" was born. These lectures are held in conjunction with our traditional nature-orientated Speakers Nights. Come check them out.

However, the biggest news of the year involves our increased presence on Mount Revelstoke in the form of our second store. With many thanks to Neills and his business plan, and the approval from the structural Engineer, Parks Canada has agreed to allow us to turn the abandoned cook house (old washroom) at the summit parking lot into the "Balsam Lake Bookstore". We hope to be up and running for the summer of 2009 and will keep you posted on the official opening date.

As always being the "Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier", we are looking forward to doing more projects within the parks in the coming year. One such project is working with Parks Canada staff to replace the roof on the Eva Lake Cabin. Projects such as this help the Friends meet their mandate and build a stronger working relationship with wardens and other staff of Glacier and Mount Revelstoke national parks.

Watch throughout the upcoming year for all the usual hikes, trips and events that we host, such as the very successful Chickadee Festival. We also have another full slate of Speakers Nights to keep everyone entertained over the course of the winter and the always-popular Banff Film Fest this fall.

One unfortunate change is the ending of the term of one of our directors, our current Treasurer, Bill Shuttleworth. Bill has done his time on the board and leaving our ranks as of this AGM. I would like to thank Bill for all the effort he has put into this organization and for his dedication to the "Friends".

G. O'Reilly, President
Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier



Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier Statement of Operations – Unaudited For the year ended March 31



	2008	2007
Revenue		
Merchandise Sales	\$209,133	\$201,767
Office	6,093	11,992
Interest	2,999	2,904
Miscellaneous	22,379	2,843
Memberships	1,825	2,490
	242,429	221,996
Expenditures		
Advertising and promotion	7,513	4,229
Amortization	1,952	2,165
Board meetings	1,290	1,093
Committee and project expenses	2,839	6,824
Cost of goods sold	102,640	137,069
Insurance	1,799	1,767
Interest and bank charges	5,936	296
Licenses, fees and dues	238	180
Membership	460	491
Office and miscellaneous	6,669	1,109
Professional fees	5,852	3,271
Speakers Program	1,328	598
Telephone and internet	2,758	2,593
Travel	5,486	3,296
Wages and benefits	70,728	70,560
	217,488	235,541
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	\$ 24,941	\$ (13,545)





Financials

Our accountants have compiled the financial statement as follows:

Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier Ltd. as at March 31, 2008 and the statement of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows and deficit for the year ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Chartered Accountants
Revelstoke, British Columbia
May 26, 2008

The largest change in the 2008 year end was with revenue, under the miscellaneous section, where a GST credit of \$21,000.00 was incurred.

Complete Financial statements are available by contacting the Friends office by phone at 250-837-2010 or by email fmrgh@telus.net.



Message from EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR A. Neills Kristensen



2007 marked the 20th Anniversary for the Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier. During this past year, the Friends have gone through some changes to the organization and day-to-day operations. These changes included new staff, layout of the quarterly newsletter, website updates, review of committees which include the development of new ones and the acquisition of the Revelstoke chapter of the Canadian Club.

This past year was great learning experience and growth for the Friends. The development of new activity and events included: Canada's Parks Day with an attendance of over 600 people, attending the Christmas Farmers' Market the first two weeks of December and new products and publications which support both national parks.

The Glacier Circle Bookstore saw an increase of sales just over \$7,000.00 for the fiscal year end March 31, 2008. This was largely due to longer hours during the busy summer season, being open on weekends in the winter months and new backcountry ski merchandise available.

Looking ahead at the 2008-2009 fiscal year, there are joint projects with Parks Canada, and Friends events where our members can volunteer their time in the national parks. The newest addition to our team includes Jaclyn O'Ryan, Educational Project Coordinator for the summer months, and new staff up at Glacier Circle Bookstore: Rayni Motiuk, Bookstore Manager; Joanne MacKinnon and Reanne McLean, sales associates.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the past Board of Directors for all of their hard work and dedication to the Friends and look forward to working with the new members.
Sincerely,

A. Neills Kristensen, Executive Director
Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier

Mount Revelstoke Fire Tower,
meadows in bloom.
Mount Revelstoke National Park



Board of Directors



Governance

The Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks celebrated their 20th Anniversary in 2007. Since 1987, the Friends have been supporting the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of both national parks in environmental and cultural aspects.

Decisions and the administering of funds is the responsibility of eight volunteer directors. Directors terms are two years and a director can only sit on the board for a maximum of six years. Day to day operations of the society and the management of the Glacier Circle Bookstore is the responsibility of the Executive Director.

There are six standing committees which are composed of five to ten members of the association at large and one representative from the Board of Directors. The Chairs for the committees are appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of one year, each with a specific mandate. These are: Membership and Volunteer Committee, Product Development and Marketing Committee, Park Projects and Activities Committee, Mountain Club Committee, Naturalist and Environmental Committee, Speakers and Travel Adventure Committee.

2007-2008 Board of Directors

S. Glen O'Reilly, President

Vérèna Blasy, Vice President

V. William Shuttleworth, Treasurer

Herma Daley, Director

Toni Johnston, Director

Shaun Moore, Director

Nancy Geismar, Director

Dzidra Gallicano, Director

Ex Officio

Rick Reynolds, Parks Canada Liaison

A. Neills Kristensen, Executive Director

Committees



Membership and Volunteer ~ Herma Daley, Chair

Activities that are organized by this committee include: Quarterly Newsletters to members, Members Night, Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

Product Development and Marketing ~ Glen O'Reilly and Shaun Moore, Co-chairs

Activities that are organized by this committee include: Canada's Parks Day, Display Kiosks in Revelstoke and Lake Louise, Website development and upgrades, establishing and operating outlets; and selecting and or developing items for sale.

Park Projects and Activities ~ Bill Shuttleworth, Chair

Activities that are organized by this committee are to sponsor or assist Park Canada projects, or activities approved and initiated by the association. Such project or activities would be supplementary to those presently carried out by Parks Canada staff.

Mountain Club ~ Nancy Geismar, Chair

Activities that are organized by this committee include: summer and winter hikes, walks and tours; development of trip ratings, policies and responsibilities for coordinators, leaders and participants; and creation of equipment lending and renting policy and waiver forms.

Naturalist and Environmental ~ Vérèna Blasy, Chair

Activities that are organized by this committee include: Chickadee Nature Festival; research projects, educational walks and tours; development of education kits; and environmental protection.

Speakers and Travel Adventure Series ~ Toni Johnston, Chair

This committee establishes and organizes guest speakers. The two types of programs are the "Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier" programs which include topics within the Friends mandate, and the "Travel Adventure Series" which include topics from the former Canadian Club. There is a balance between both programs with an equal amount of speakers for each series.

