

Forests without Borders (*Formerly FACT*)

The Institute officially registered *Forests without Borders* (FwB) as a unique national non-profit organization and charity during 2009–2010. This was achieved through various legal actions that changed the name of the Institute's existing Forestry Awareness in Canada Trust (FACT) charity to *Forests without Borders*. The new FwB entity is currently in the final stage of having its mandate expanded to include international developmental aid as part of its sanctioned business activities. This final step should be complete by fall 2010. Original and existing FACT mandates and authorized activities will be maintained as part of the new organization.

Related administrative matters were also at the forefront of FwB's agenda during 2009–2010. An externally funded internship to coordinate and oversee the development of standardized administrative procedures and protocols for FwB was established. As well, an advisory committee was created to help develop policies and guidelines for accepting new projects and partnerships and to create a strategic plan for the next three years. In addition, three new Trustees were added to the FwB Board, bringing the total number of Trustees to seven. Members across Canada have expressed an interest in sharing their expertise. The process of developing a database of human resources that can be shared with groups looking to use membership skills is in the process of being created. A survey intended for members of the Institute who are willing to volunteer their expertise to help FwB communities and initiatives will be undertaken in fall 2010.

During 2009–2010, FwB began to assist communities in specific parts of the world to restore ecosystems and develop sustainable forestry practices. The intent was to help communities achieve their basic needs and improve the livelihoods

of their residents. Garry Brooks, a CIF/IFC member in Vancouver Island Section who initiated the African Community Project (ACP), spent a month in Zambia in April 2010 where he evaluated current projects in several communities, including environmental education through the creation of a demonstration forest and tree nursery, as well as plans for an ecotourism centre in the town of Livingston. The ACP has a dedicated team of local residents ready to work through difficult times to enhance their own communities. FwB is involved with and supporting the African Community Project and its current programs.

Fundraising for *Forests without Borders* was active across the Institute, with several Sections holding specific special events and programs. The sale of arts and crafts obtained in different parts of the world was undertaken, as well as several tree-planting events; Newfoundland-Labrador Section was particularly active in this respect. Numerous direct donations and the silent auction at the Institute's conference and AGM in Nanaimo were also successful in securing funds for FwB. Other fundraising efforts included the Pennies for Seed drive initiated by Algonquin Section, T-shirt and card sales. Plans are in the works for an online store with FwB promotional items, and another major silent auction is being planned for the Institute's 2010 conference in Jasper.

The Institute's application for a TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grant to produce 25,000 Clean Air Tree kits was accepted in July 2009. A total of \$73 000 was provided through the grant, allowing the production of customized kits that included the Institute's logo. The Clean Air Tree kits were distributed to the Institute's 18 Sections and were used to promote Forest without Borders to the public and members during local Section events, and school outreach programs. Although the initial 25,000 kits were distributed free of charge, supplementary and simultaneous fund-raising activities for the Institute's Forests without Borders program were usually scheduled as part of the events. The use of additional kits (above and beyond the initial 25,000) for Forests without Borders and school fund-raising is now being promoted.

The globe-shaped Clean Air Tree kits contain everything required to successfully plant a tree, including tree seed, jiffy-pot, quick soil mix pellet and instructions. Within the kit is a unique alphanumeric code that can be entered onto the World Clean Air Web site: (<http://www.wcafi.org/en/Home.aspx>). Every code entered will result in a tree planted by the World Clean Air Forest Initiative. The Institute is in the process of negotiating with the World Clean Air Forest Initiative to have these trees planted in Forest without Borders projects. The kits are environmentally friendly, made from 100% biodegradable and compostable material derived from potato waste and corn starch resin. Additionally, they are produced in Canada and feature endorsement by the United Nation's Environmental Program "Plant for the Planet" (<http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/>). CATKs are now available to the Sections for direct sale and fundraising.

Web pages for FwB were maintained and enhanced during 2009-2010 and can be viewed at: www.CIF-IFC.org/forests_without_borders.

**FORESTS WITHOUT BORDERS (formerly FACT)
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2010
ASSETS**

	2010	2009
Current Assets		
Cash	\$5,068	\$1,572
Accounts receivable	-	80
	<hr/> \$5,068	<hr/> \$1,652
Net Assets		
Net Assets	<hr/> \$5,068	<hr/> \$1,652

**FORESTS WITHOUT BORDERS (formerly FACT)
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
AND NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2010**

	2010	2009
Revenue		
Donations and fundraising	\$7,057	\$2,639
Interest income	-	1
	<hr/> \$7,057	<hr/> 2,640
Expenses		
Promotion	3,641	5,100
	<hr/> 3,641	<hr/> 5,100
Excess of (expenses over revenue)	3,416	(2,460)
Net assets - beginning of year	<hr/> 1,652	<hr/> 4,112
Net assets - end of year	<hr/> \$5,068	<hr/> \$1,652
Notes to Financial Statements	JUNE 30, 2010	

- Description of organization**
The Forestry Awareness in Canada Trust is a registered charity with the mandate to provide financial assistance to programs that stimulate public awareness of Canada's forests. Projects must focus on informing the people of Canada of the facts and importance of forests and forestry and the value of forests and forest products to the standard of living and economic strength of Canada.
- Significant accounting policy**
Donated materials and services
Donated materials and services are not recognized in the accounts, unless they would otherwise be purchased.
- Other financial information**
No cash flow statement was prepared since the required information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.