



Spring 2009

Dear Friend,

I hope this note finds you dusting off your hiking boots and shining up your bike! Since our last Newsletter, we have made progress on several fronts. Our campaign director, Craig Howard, has been working with foundations and organizations to identify potential partners and funding opportunities specific to the Legacy Lands Campaign. Stemming from these efforts, we are pleased and excited to announce a major new funding commitment from the EJLB foundation. This new funding commitment raises our current total for the Legacy Lands Campaign to approximately \$800,000 and we are hopeful that it represents the first success among several proposals that we have submitted to major philanthropic foundations. The AHC has also received funding from the Community Development Corporation of Sault Sainte Marie to produce marketing material that will help us share our message and mission. As such, the Board of Directors recently completed an annual report and strategic plan for 2009-2011 that outline accomplishments to date, as well as AHC goals related to our core values and relationships. Both of these documents can be viewed on the AHC website – please check them out to see how your support has helped!

Many of you visited Stokely Creek Lodge (SCL) this winter and enjoyed a great ski season. The hard work and financial commitment of SCL ownership and staff have resulted in a world class cross country ski experience and lodging that is second to none. We continue to work closely with SCL and Astina Forest AG to ensure access to trails for an expanded scope of silent sport and recreational opportunities. Our focus for the coming months will be the successful completion of the Legacy Lands Campaign and the purchase of King Mountain lands. As that dream becomes a reality, we will be able to guarantee that the cultural integrity of the Stokely experience will continue and our collective heritage will be preserved and shared with generations to come.

Please know the AHC Board of Directors is working hard on your behalf and interested in your ideas and input. I encourage you to visit our website at www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org to learn more about activities and upcoming events, including the Annual General Meeting at SLC in September.

By the end of 2009, we hope to be sending newsletters and other communications via e-mail as much as possible. This method is more environmentally friendly and reduces printing and material costs. If you have not already provided us with your e-mail address, please send it to info@algomahighlandsconservancy.org. We will continue to send paper communication to those without e-mail, or if requested.

In the meantime, we hope that you have the chance to enjoy our trails this summer! Wildflower season is upon us and the Sault Cycling Club will be working on an expanded mountain bike trail system in the King Mountain area... there's lots to see and enjoy – see you out there!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, AHC