

# How Many Bucks Does it Take?



By **Deborah Donnelly**, *AWA Executive Director*

As the new Executive Director of Alberta Wilderness Association, I must first give thanks to Christyann Olson, who not only built AWA into what it is today but has shared her experience with me since I picked up the reins in August of this year. Secondly, I wish to thank our volunteer Board of Directors for their unwavering support and kind attention to my many queries. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our excellent staff who have steadfastly continued their amazing work during this period of transition.

My biggest sense of gratitude however goes to you, our members and volunteers, our funders and supporters, for selecting

AWA to be the recipient of your time and donations. We could not do the vitally important work that we do without your generosity. Seventy percent of AWA's revenues in 2021-2022 came from general donations from you and others like you. It is incredible to me that the people of Alberta are so committed to supporting our efforts to protect this province's natural heritage and biodiversity.

It is not just me who thinks that AWA is doing incredible work. Our impressive track record as a charity is supported by the rating given to us by Charity Intelligence Canada (CI). Once again AWA is included in CI's list of the Top 100 charities in

Canada, and we have achieved a 5-star rating – the highest available rating from CI. We are one of only ten environmental charities to be included in the Top 100.

I am looking forward to the challenges the new year will bring, the opportunity to share with you about the work we are doing and getting to meet more of you on one of our Adventures for Wilderness, or through our talks or public outreach events. Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss our work.

I sincerely thank you for being a supporter of AWA!

## **Wilderness and Wildlife Bequests**

Daphne M. Smith 1980  
Dr. James Birkett Cragg 1997  
Anna Nowick 1999  
Myrtle Muriel Koch 2001  
Ian Ross 2003  
Dorothy Barry 2003  
William Mayer 2004  
Diane Hughes 2005  
Harold deVries 2009  
Ann Roberts 2009  
Richard Collier 2013  
Harriet Ruth Mowat 2016  
Kim Bennett 2016  
Carol A. Haines 2017  
Wendy Williams 2017  
Herbert G. Kariel 2017  
Ted Davy 2018  
Richard Pharis 2018  
Del Lavallee 2019  
Meyer Estate 2019  
Doris Davy 2019  
Helen Dixon 2020  
Robert Bartlett 2020  
Annemarie Marriner 2021  
Stanley Rosenbaum 2022  
Ross Murray 2022

## **Donations in Memoriam 2021 – 2022**

Bruce Anderson 1954 - 2022  
Anna Hordern Dahonick 1988 - 2022  
Morgan Dyck 1955 - 2022  
Thomas Franks 1926 - 2022  
Barry Hertz 1949 - 2022  
William (Dick) Jull 1931 - 2022  
Bryan Klatt 1972 - 2022  
Barb Collister 1953 - 2021  
John Clarence Duffy 1941 - 2021  
Jackie Eason 1931 - 2021  
Barry Emes 1945 - 2021  
Jean Gaucher 1940 - 2021  
Andy Hill 1948 - 2021  
Dale Morasch 1958 - 2021  
Roxie Neale 1922 - 2021  
Richard Pharis 1937 - 2018  
Weslyn Mather 1945 - 2015  
Paul K Anderson 1927 - 2014  
Sharon Tranter 1940 - 2013  
Charles A. Miller 1921 - 2009  
Joanne Dunford 1921 - 2009  
Mel Dunford 1924 - 2008

Ray Sloan 1941 - 1996  
Kenneth and Mary Bunn  
Brian and Cindy Luini  
David Manzer  
Murray Manzer  
Elizabeth Nicholls  
Gursharn Mann  
Our family and friends who have gone before

## **Recognition for Outstanding Individuals**

Adam Thorhaug  
Ainsley  
Barbara Naden  
Jack Siferd  
Bonnyville Medical Clinic  
Caroline  
Charlie Myles  
Christian-Wowk Family  
Christyann Olson  
Clyde Corser  
Eric  
Gavin White  
Isabelle Bauer  
Joseph Spowart  
Julia Casorso  
Karel Jambor

Kari  
Karli Gourley  
Ethan Gourley  
Katrina Muller  
Nathan Schmidt  
Kevin and Joy Smith  
Madeleine Patton  
Mathais Pocock  
Maureen Bush  
Michael Savilow  
Michael Tourond  
Pat Mahaffey  
Paul Kozhimannil  
Peep and Nut  
Phillip Turnbull  
Richard Johnson  
Salim Abboud  
Shona  
Thomas Oakley  
Trevor Meador