

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers

2026 AGM

Recognition

- The Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society would like to acknowledge that the land on which we work to protect wild fish is the unceded traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Qualicum First Nation, whose historical relationship with the land continues to this day.

AGENDA – October 3, 2026

- 2026 Financial Summary
- Annual Report
- 2026/7 Board of Directors Election
- Guest speaker

2026 Financial Report

QBS Financial Summary Sept 2025 to Sept 2026

PROFIT AND LOSS

Income

Membership	\$480	
General Donations	\$3,412	
Revenue from Projects	\$39,271	
Bank Interest	<u>\$41</u>	
		\$43,204

Expenses

QBSK Administration		
Finance+Office	\$1,379	
Lic/ Insur/AGM	\$237	
Project Costs		
Publicity+web	\$2,790	
Dock Removal	\$9,855	
LQR Estuary	\$3,162	
Remapping	\$18,775	
Project Signage	\$5,015	
Grandon Weir+Sampling	<u>\$1,085</u>	
		<u>\$42,298</u>

Change for Sept to Sept	\$906
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2026 Financial Report

BALANCE SHEET FOR SEPT 15, 2026

Current Assets

Cash	\$8,775	
GST rebate refundable	<u>\$296</u>	
		\$9,071

Current Liabilities

Def.Rev. – LQRE	\$328	
		<u>\$328</u>

Equity (balance available)		<u>\$8,743</u>
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Annual Report

- MONITORING our water and wild fish
- RESTORATION of habitat
- Promoting AWARENESS

Grandon Creek fish count



Grandon Pools – below Hoylake



Beach Creek count team



Fish count on Beach Creek - 2025



Sediment collection pool – August 24

- For the first time in five years, pool did not require cleaning
- Indication that the sediment source may be exhausted
- Likely improvement in upstream habitat conditions

Beach Creek upper pool seining



Whiskey Creek



Whiskey Creek



Fish numbers

- Consistent fish numbers
- 47 coho, 39 cutthroat trout in six pools in three streams
- Healthy and returning to a washed out section of Whiskey Creek

Water Testing

- Over a decade of water testing on LQR, Grandon and Beach Creeks
- Twice a year for five weeks
- Building regional data base
- RDN and Ministry of Environment partners
- Essential data for protecting our watersheds
- RDN Drought monitoring added this year

Grandon site



In the field



Grandon Creek level logger

Volunteers continue to carry out manual water flow measurement to corroborate level logger metrics

Grandon water flow team 2025



Flowtracker on Beach Creek



Stream Mapping – Year 3

- Beach, Grandon and Whiskey Creek mapping project
- RDN and PSF funding to update detailed stream maps
- Stream bed, inflows and conditions
- Walking the length of the stream in difficult terrain
- Beach Creek and Grandon Creek completed
- Whiskey Creek possible in 2027

Stream Mapping



Restoration

Little Qualicum River estuary

- Year twelve of project
- Renewal of estuary impacted by industry – key salmon habitat
- Over 400 native plant species in irrigated exclosure sites
- RDN, BCCF, Guardians of the Salish Sea Estuaries (GOOSE), DFO
- Five year plan developed and under review by RDN - no definite conclusions – likely deferred

2026 LQR work

- October 2025 planting of over fifty more large native plants, based on survival experience
- Additional Irrigation installed in spring, 2026
- New plantings are doing well
- Current focus on maintenance, pending RDN long term plan
- Surplus fencing material being removed over the winter
- Interpretive signage expected in spring 2027

The October planting team



Shore Pines being planted



LQRECA – latest plantings



Grandon Creek Weir

- Weir below Hoylake Road showing leakage from coho bearing pool
- Fabric installed as temporary measure
- Monitoring continuing

Grandon Creek Weir



**Major leaks under the weir at Grandon
Creek and West Crescent Road**

Grandon Creek Invasives



Test Plot clearing



Test Plot boundary



Ready to be removed



Lamium team



Giant American bullfrogs

- Laburnum pond and wetland
- Airport pond
- Invasive amphibians, monitoring impacts

Block of Doom



Derelict Dock

- Ten tons of concrete, 20 feet long, full of Styrofoam
- Arrived on the beach and moved around to near Grandon Creek
- Similar to derelict boats, falls between government jurisdictions
- No known owner
- By summer 2026, had tipped over and likelihood of Styrofoam loss
- QBS decision to undertake removal, due to potential impact on habitat

Derelict Dock

- Fundraising campaign raised over \$10,000 in two weeks
- Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, Coastal Community Credit Union, Parksville Lions Club, over thirty individual contributors
- Additional financial support from DFO and RDN
- Block removed by heavy equipment in February and moved to Cedar Landfill

Dock removal





Final Destination



Awareness

Events - 2026

- Beach Day
- Brant Geese Festival - school event
- The River Never Sleeps Festival
- Qualicum Beach Museum Day
- Lantzville Rotary
- QB Girl Guides
- World Rivers Day

Brant Geese Festival at KSS



Seaside Nature Park

- Pavilion is popular and in good condition
- Native plants are almost too successful
- Several work parties to remove weeds and clean garden
- Town has been requested to assume full responsibility for future maintenance and a renewal and redesign recommended.

Nature Park



That was our Year!

- On to our election...

Business

- Election of 2026/7 Board of Directors
- John Grodzki - election coordinator
- Directors stepping down – Pat Jacobson, Louella MacVicar, Ray Woroniak – recognition and appreciation

Board of Directors - Nominations

- Gord Almond – Vice President
- Neil Carruthers
- Daryl Erickson – Treasurer
- Mark Hogg
- David James – President
- Brad Parker (new)
- Ed Wasiak
- Neil Worboys

Guest Speaker

- Katie Lavoie, Executive Director, Greenways Land Trust