



Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia

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The Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia (GCC) is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the rare and beautiful grasslands of our province. We work to build a better understanding of grasslands and provide methods and tools to better care for them, pursuing a vision of healthy and life-sustaining grasslands for current and future generations.

- The GCC is a registered charity founded in 1999 by a diverse group of individuals and organizations with a common interest in the health of BC's grasslands.
- The GCC motivates people to care for BC's grasslands and gives them the practical tools to contribute to their conservation through four core programs:
 1. **Education and Outreach** engages British Columbians so their growing awareness and appreciation for the ecological, economic and social importance of our grasslands motivates them to work for grasslands conservation.
 2. **Sustainable Ranching** is driven by its goal for healthy, vibrant working ranches that contribute to the conservation and stewardship of BC's grasslands.
 3. **Land Use Planning and Community Stewardship** works with users and managers of private and public grasslands to ensure appropriate land use planning tools and policy are available and used to conserve and sustainably manage grasslands.
 4. **Grassland Ecology and Science** develops and provides information and tools to help government, industry, land use planners and managers make decisions or to take action that contribute to grasslands conservation.
- These programs have inspired British Columbians to revise the range management plans for their grasslands, change their recreation practices to leave the grasslands as they found them, and redesign urban development plans so grasslands habitats would be least disturbed.
- The GCC collaborates with a diverse group of partners ranging from range management specialists and ranchers to government officials, grasslands agronomists and ecologists, First Nations, conservation groups, recreationists and grassland enthusiasts.
- The GCC is the only organization in BC whose programs are focused solely on the conservation and stewardship of the province's grasslands.

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