



TO: Members of the Awards Committee
White Owl Conservation Awards

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On behalf of the Directors, Members and Staff of the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation and the related Canadian Environmental Law Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for the part which you played in making it possible for the Foundation to receive the White Owl Conservation Award. The honour that this has brought to our organizations and the financial assistance that has accompanied this honour, are sincerely appreciated and will be put to excellent use.

Perhaps more important, as I mentioned at the press conference, I want to thank the Awards Committee for drawing the public's attention to the relatively new field of environmental law, and in so doing, making an extremely important contribution to the long term best interests of the environment. As you know, a lot of environmental energy is spent eliminating problems after they have started. We think that environmental law can play an extremely important role in the prevention of the problem before it begins. Hopefully, this would eliminate the environmental degradation and certainly would lessen the need for environmental litigation. Therefore, with the assistance of the \$10,000 grant we will continue to stress our preventative strategy through efforts to achieve positive, constructive, and workable environmental law reform.

May I say thanks once again to each and every one of you, for this great assist that you have given to our programme.

Yours sincerely,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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