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Campbell River Students Raise Funds for Environmental Initiatives

Timberline and Carihi High students receive donations from Earth Day event

The Earth Week film night at the Tidemark Theatre on April 21 made environmental waves with 150 attendees, 93 green pledges to reduce our environmental footprint and \$606 donated to the environmental initiatives of Timberline and Carihi schools.

Student representatives from Carihi and Timberline Secondary School participated in the community dialogue portion of the event following, *“Addicted to Plastic,”* an award-winning documentary portraying the affects of plastic on the environment.

Carihi students introduced their award-winning short film highlighting their school’s Green Team initiatives, and students from the Timberline Energy Ambassadors program discussed the role of personal responsibility, sharing a slideshow of their school’s ambitious environmental efforts.

“We were very pleased with the turnout,” said Drew Williams, the School District 71 Ecoschools coordinator. *“It’s great to see the community so supportive of our students’ environmental efforts.”*

Williams says the money raised will go towards improving the compost program and installing water bottle friendly water fountains at Carihi and to installing a solar hot water system at Timberline.

“The City is very pleased to partner with local students to raise environmental awareness,” says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. *“Today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders, and we appreciate their enthusiasm for stepping forward and participating in efforts to take care of the planet.”*

“The student presentations added immensely to the Earth Week film night,” says Councillor Roy Grant, Council liaison to the City’s Environmental Advisory Commission. *“Understanding how they’re turning concern into action is an important part of our collective community effort – and it’s good to reinforce that we’re all working together to make a difference.”*

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(Photos attached)



Photo: The Carihi Green Team receive a \$303 cheque from the City of Campbell River's Sustainability Manager, Amber Zirnhelt toward the school's composting program and drinking fountain projects. The funds were raised through community donations during Earth Week's film night at the Tidemark.



Photo: Students from Timberline's Energy Ambassador's Program receive a cheque for \$303 from the City of Campbell River's Sustainability Manager, Amber Zirnhelt. The students are standing in front of the area of the school where they plan to install a solar hot water system with the assistance of the funds raised from public donations during the Earth Week.