



# Millennia Time

## Connecting Space & Time

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### MILLENNIA RESEARCH LIMITED

#### Mission Statement

Millennia Research Ltd. is committed to providing high quality services and products in the areas of Archaeological Inventory Assessments, Archaeological Overview Assessments, culturally modified tree and wet site studies, curriculum development and implementation, and public education. We seek to provide our employees with continuing training, professional development, and employment opportunities in a safe, flexible, edifying work environment.

To accomplish these objectives, Millennia Research Limited seeks to provide challenging opportunities for employees to learn new skills and refine existing abilities, to develop long-term working relationships with clients and First Nations, to provide opportunities for meaningful First Nation participation in archaeological projects, to generate products which contribute to our understanding of the past, and to share this information as freely as possible with concerned individuals and organizations.

#### President's Message:

Millennia Research Limited is continuing to grow; in staff, office space, client base and equipment acquisitions. I'm extremely excited about our new electronic site recording system that creates a three-dimensional image of the site as we excavate. We believe we may be able to undertake the first 'paperless excavation' in North America. The system is highly accurate, user friendly, and durable; it streamlines the recording time by virtually eliminating the need for field-notes, hand-drawn mapping, using line levels, and even labeling bags. We have checked, tested, tweaked, and re-tested the system multiple times and can't wait to put it into action! We have also acquired a work boat that we will be using to access our coastal project areas, and as a work platform. We are gearing up now for our projects in the far north and keeping up with our work here on the south coast; much of it with the HTG, and on our local navy bases. I want to say how happy I am for Rick James who has recently published his book on West Coast Wrecks, and finally, I wish everyone a safe and productive summer, see you in the fall!

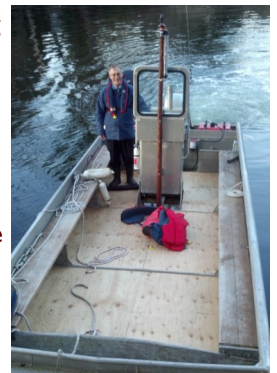
Morley Eldridge, President



The health and safety of our staff is the first priority at Millennia Research. In April, two of our staff re-certified their Transportation Endorsement and received an introduction to oxygen administration and ventilation. In May our staff took a driving hazard perception course and had training on driving with trailers. Our office is well prepared for the "Big One" as we have conducted in-office drills, have a written and rehearsed contingency plan and have individual Earthquake kits for personnel at the office. Finally, to help make sure everyone gets home safe, we have purchased traffic signs to alert motorists when we have our crews working alongside roadways.

#### Millennia Archaeology: What do we do, what can we do?

Millennia has some exciting projects ahead. We are preparing for some cutting-edge research in Prince Rupert, excavating some of the sites near the port using the latest in 3-D mapping technology all tied in with robotic total stations. We have recently finished this year's work at Arrow Lakes, Sugar Lake, and Williston Lake continuing with our reservoir erosion studies. In keeping with our local Vancouver Island commitments, we are working with the federal government, AANDC, Department of National Defense, and Regional Governments on infrastructure and environmental remediation projects. We continue to aid local contractors, developers, and governments with our small-scale impact assessments, AOAs, archaeological awareness training and workshops. If you need something done, please contact us for more information, we're rarely too busy. [www.millennia-research.com](http://www.millennia-research.com)



#### Millennia Research Profiles:

We would like to recognize a valued member of our team!

**Roger Eldridge, BA** has been involved in archaeology since he could walk. With two archaeologists as parents, including company founder and president, Morley Eldridge, Roger has been trained by the best! In 2011, he received his degree in Anthropology from the University of Victoria. Roger specializes in lithic technology and he has an amazing eye for spotting the analytical subtleties many of us would not see on stone tools. He also has a talent for replicating lithics and some of his amazing work is shown on the following page. This year Roger was lead archaeologist on one of the province's most exciting projects, directing multiple crews in the Rocky Mountain Trench recording some of the earliest examples of stone tools found in North America.





A random collection of SOME of Roger's works

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The winner of the last newsletter photo contest was (Grendel) The winning contestant chose to donate to the SPCA .



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## What's Ahead, who's ahead, and where we're going.

addition. Vashti has given birth to a wonderful healthy girl. Welcome to the world little Althea! We are certainly going to miss Vash during her maternity leave but we are very happy for her and Chris.

Congratulations are also in order for Andrew Eckert, who graduated from UVic in December with a B.A. in anthropology. Andrew is currently looking forward to putting his new qualifications to use and is gearing up for a busy field work season.

A warm welcome to Phoebe Ramsay who joined the Millennia team full-time this month. Phoebe is also a recent graduate of the UVic Department of Anthropology. Some of you will have already worked with

Phoebe on projects in Victoria. Watch for her in the Port Renfrew and Prince Rupert areas in the near future.

Finally, in April Morley switched from sail to paddle and passed his level 2 kayaking course with relatively few injuries. This course was a grueling test over a long weekend that saw a failure rate exceeding 65%. Not an easy task, but Morley made it through the course with the certification and the scars to prove it! Nice work Boss, nice work!

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to several of our staff members who are expanding their lives, families and CurriculumVitaes.

As you are reading this newsletter, one of our most valued team members has expanded her family by one! Congratulations to Vashti Thiesson and her partner, Chris, on the new

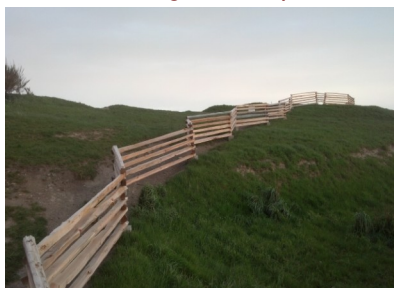
## Photo Contest: Easter Weekend Photos:

Photo A: Laundry Cat



Charity: Mustard Seed Food Bank

Photo C: Fencing MacCauley



Charity: SPCA

This is an in-house contest but you get to choose the winner. Choose your favorite photo submitted by our staff and the contest entry fees are forwarded to the winning staff member's charity of choice. Vote for the photo or the charity, but please VOTE!

Send your vote via email to:

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and **your name will be entered into a draw for a Millennia water bottle.**

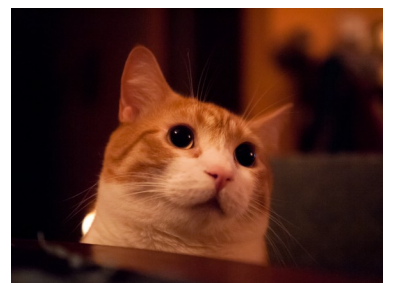
We'll announce the winning photo and total donated in the next edition.

Photo B: Rocky Point sunrise



Charity: Victoria Adoptables

Photo D: Turkey hungry Archie



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