



**BOWEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

CHAIR'S REPORT 2018

WELCOME:

MOTION: Approval of the April 26, 2019 Annual Meeting agenda

BICF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The BICF was incorporated as a Society in 2001 and obtained charitable status in 2003. Its membership is composed of an all-volunteer Board. The Foundation helps build a resilient Community to strengthen Bowen Islanders' sense of belonging. We do this by encouraging individual and organizational engagement in our Community through philanthropy. Our Annual Giving campaign is "For Bowen, For Ever".

The Foundation is one of approximately 200 Community Foundations in Canada and draws investment expertise from the Vancouver Foundation.

Our mission is to engage the community and inspire generosity that will benefit Bowen Island for generations, to realize our vision of an enriched quality of life for all Bowen Islanders.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

Notwithstanding 2018 being a very competitive year for Bowen Island charitable initiatives, the Bowen Island Community Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign and other fundraising programs were successful. In 2018, BICF received gifts totaling over \$187,000 from 173 donors. Including investment income earned in 2018, total proceeds for the year were over \$232,000. These results are consistent with experience over the past 5 years and demonstrate a strong commitment of support for the Foundation's efforts in the community. Larry Lunn's detailed financial report as Chair of the BICF Finance Committee and the 2018 Financial Statements follow below.

While the number of individual gifts received was down the average gift size was up by 23%. In addition, strong interest in longer term "legacy" giving commitments increased in 2018, partly attributed to the Foundation's efforts in informing the community of the advantages of legacy giving to support the Foundation's work to meet the diverse needs of the community. An informational event with legal experts, organized by past Chair Soren Hammerberg and Vice-Chair Holly Graff, was hosted for all charitable organizations and interested individuals on exploring the how-to's of bequests to our community. BICF continues to work with several prospective legacy donors to design legacy agreements that meet the donor's objectives.

Board of Directors

Chair

David Podmore, O.B.C.

Directors

*Neil Boyd
Henry Campbell
Joanne Gassman
James Glave
Holly Graff, Vice Chair
Jennifer Hall
Sheree Johnson
Larry Lunn
Amanda Ockeloen
Rob Purdy, Treasurer*

Administrator

Lisa Wrinch

Grants

*COMMUNITY IMPACT
and
KNICK KNACK NOOK:*

*B.I. Arts Council
B.I. Children's Centre
B.I. Community School
B.I. Conservancy
B.I. Food Sovereignty
B.I. Heritage Preservation
B.I. Public Library
B.I. Resilient Community
Housing
Bowen Disc Golf
Cates Hill Chapel
Seniors Keeping Young
Tir-na-nOg Theatre Society*



Also, in 2018 the Foundation received an anonymous pledge of \$1 million to support development of the Bowen Island Community and Arts Centre. This “flow through” gift is an example of gifts that can be received, administered and invested by the BICF on behalf of the donor, and at the appropriate time, directed to the intended recipient Charitable organization. In 2017 and 2018 similar “flow through” gifts were received by BICF and distributed to the Bowen Island Community Arts Council to support completion of the Cove Commons Art Gallery and to the building of the Bowen Children’s Centre new Infant and Toddler Wing.

In the past year the Foundation received several requests to engage in capital fund raising campaigns to support development of facilities in the community. This led to a carefully considered review of the Foundation’s potential engagement in these campaigns and development of a policy to guide its future activities. The Foundation’s mandate is to create and administer endowments that will allow the Foundation to respond to important community needs on a continuing basis consistent with the priorities established in consultation with the community through the semi-annual “Vital Conversations” process.

Going forward the Foundation will continue to focus its fundraising efforts on the establishment and growth of endowments (BICF currently has established and administers ten endowments), and be available to receive and administer “flow through” gifts targeting specified capital projects.

Through the hard work of Directors Joanne Gassman and Neil Boyd three new endowment funds are being established to respond to identified community needs. These include:

- a Neighbourhood Small Grants Program (with support from the Vancouver Foundation);
- the Kipp Thompson Memorial Fund for the Performing Arts; and
- a Youth at Risk Grant Program.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the commitment of each of our Board Directors - in my experience with numerous charitable organizations I have rarely encountered such a universally committed and engaged group of volunteer directors. It is also important that I thank Holly Graff, our very capable Vice- Chair who provides excellent advice and works incredibly hard to keep us moving forward and true to our mission. It is an absolute delight to be supported by such a dedicated, talented and ‘can do’ team.

Sadly, however, we have three Directors that are retiring from the Board. These individuals, Soren Hammerberg, Jennifer Pardee and Eve Leroy, will be greatly missed.

Over the past seven years Soren has poured his heart and soul into building the Bowen Island Community Foundation into a model organization that is widely respected and emulated by other community foundations in British Columbia and nationally. Soren, you will be sorely missed, but I know you will be keeping a close watch on our activities. I also want to thank Elizabeth for her exceptional support and encouragement. Best wishes to you both!



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Jennifer, you really are the “Ever-ready Battery” - your organizational talents and steadfast commitment to ensure professional, effective management of various Foundation initiatives has been amazing, perhaps best illustrated by your adept administration of the Community Grants program and our partnership with the Knick Knack Nook. All the very best wishes for your future endeavours.

Eve, thank you for volunteering in 2018 to serve as a Director, manage our accounts and act as our Treasurer. You have done an excellent job - we are most grateful for your participation and wish you great success going forward.

I also want to thank Ron Strange for being available on a volunteer basis to serve on the Finance Committee and provide accounting and financial advice drawing on his expertise and experience as a professional accountant.

We are delighted that Lisa Wrinch joined us in October as our new Administrator. Lisa is a pleasure to work with and in a short time has had a very positive impact simplifying procedures and suggesting changes that have improved communications and record keeping. Welcome Lisa and thank you.

Welcome to our new Directors, James Glave, Amanda Ockeloen, and Rob Purdy. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your commitment to support our efforts. Rob, thank you for agreeing to act as our Treasurer and to manage our financial affairs - as a professional accountant your expertise and oversight will be very helpful.

Finally, it has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation in 2018. I look forward to continuing as Chair through 2019 and the opportunity to serve our community.

David Podmore, O.B.C.

Chair,

Bowen Island Community Foundation





2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
BI Arts Council	1 day healing & reconciliation (First Nations) workshop	\$3,000
BI Conservancy	Develop Marine Conservation Atlas	\$5,000
BI Resilient Community Housing	Operational funding as they continue to leverage other grants	\$15,000
Bowen Disc Golf	Build a disc golf course	\$7,500
Cates Hill Chapel	Kitchen renovations	\$2,500
Tir-na-nOg Theatre Society	New sound system	\$2,500
GRAND TOTAL		\$35,500

2019 KNICK KNACK NOOK GRANTS:

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
B.I. Arts Council	Syrian Art Exhibit	\$1,500
B.I. Children's Centre	Support for children with special needs to attend summer day camps & contingency fund for families in need of financial assistance	\$4,100
B.I. Library	Furniture for Cove Commons	\$9,800
Bowen Disc Golf		\$3,000
Seniors Keeping Young	Recreational programs, speakers, field trips, etc	\$3,800
GRAND TOTAL		\$22,200



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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
B.I. Community School	Accessible playground elements & consultant fee	\$6,300
B.I. Conservancy	Outdoor events (speakers)	\$1,000
B.I. Food Sovereignty	Future of Food program	\$5,000
B.I. Preservation Society	Various heritage programs and events	\$5,500
GRAND TOTAL		\$17,800

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BOARD RETIREMENTS:

Soren Hammerberg, Past Chair
Eve Le Roy, Treasurer
Jennifer Pardee

ADMINISTRATOR:

Lisa Wrinch



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FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS FOR 2019 – 2021:

1. Murray Atherton
2. Frazer Elliott
3. Joyce Ganong
4. Katherine Gish
5. Jane Kellett
6. Mary Letson
7. Kevin Manning
8. Louise McIntosh
9. Nicola Murray
10. Donna Scorer

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

Finance Committee	Ron Strange
Helping Hand Committee	Gary Ander Markus Behm Louise McIntosh, Chair Oydis Nickel Amanda Ockeloen (*2019 Director)
Maggie Cumming Fund Advisory Committee	Sue Ellen Fast Bob Turner Alan Whitehead
Volunteers (Ambassadors) Committee	Katherine Gish