



**BOWEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

CHAIR'S REPORT 2019

WELCOME:

MOTION: Approval of the April 28, 2020 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 "Because Community Matters".

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:

I can't look back without acknowledging the time we are in now. In year's past the Chair's Report would be given to a packed house, but this year will be delivered digitally. During this unprecedented time, the Foundation's focus is on helping the community today, while still looking towards the future. Thank you to every organization and every individual that is working so hard to help the entire community.

Every year we are always amazed at the generosity on Bowen Island. Even with many other significant and worthwhile charitable initiatives, the Bowen Island Community Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign was very successful. In 2019, BCIF received gifts totaling \$205,193 from 130 donors, up from \$187,856 in 2018.

Including investment income earned in 2019, total proceeds for the year were \$259,134.

Board of Directors

Chair

Holly Graff

Directors

Neil Boyd
Henry Campbell
Joanne Gassman, Vice Chair
Jennifer Hall
Sheree Johnson
Larry Lunn
Amanda Ockeloen
David Podmore, O.B.C.
Rob Purdy, Treasurer
Ted Spear, Ph.D.
Kate Thomas-Peter

Administrator

Lisa Wrinch

2019 Grant Recipients

BI Arts Council
BI Conservancy
BI Disc Golf
BI Resilient Community
Housing Society
Cates Hill Chapel
Tir-na-nOg

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and work on the traditional territories of the Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh), Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm), Tsleil-Waututh (Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh), and Sechelt (Shíshálh) First Nations.



These results are consistent with our experience over the past 5 years and demonstrate a strong commitment of support for the Foundation's efforts in the community. We thank you for the continued endorsement of the Foundation's mission and vision.

Our operating expenses were down by almost 20% due to a year where there were donated services for bookkeeping and website maintenance, and the foresight of previous Chairs to get any major legal groundwork accomplished under their tenure. Treasurer Rob Purdy's detailed financial report and the 2019 Financial Statements follow below.

In September we invited all of the non-profits on Bowen to showcase their work at a public event with a live band to help "Celebrate Community." We all know and feel the strong community spirit here on Bowen. But sometimes we don't realize how much is actually done to support and strengthen our community. From expanding a place to grow for our little ones, to extending the education of our youth, to providing activities for our families, to engaging our elders, to taking care of everyone's health and well-being, our charitable organizations are doing great work.

Through the hard work of Director Joanne Gassman and Administrator Lisa Wrinch, the Neighbourhood Small Grants program was launched with the support of the Vancouver Foundation and the Bowen Island Municipality. These are small grants of between \$50 and \$500 to help foster community on Bowen Island. As of this report, seven of these small grants have been given out, and we continue to accept applications to fund small projects that help Bowen Islanders feel less isolated during COVID-19 and throughout the summer.

In addition to making changes to the Neighbourhood Small Grants program to allow it to be a responsive community-building tool during the COVID-19 crisis, we established an entirely new flow-through fund to provide assistance to the Bowen community in times of widespread emergency. This Community Resiliency Fund was set up to respond to the community's current needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic at an integrated, systems level, and will establish the framework to be able to respond quickly to any future island-wide emergencies. Working in partnership with the Bowen Island Municipality and their Emergency Operations Centre, the BICF Community Resiliency Fund is meant to address the gaps in government assistance and other relief programs. Anyone is eligible to apply for a grant, keeping in mind that this is for systemic solutions that would affect a broad spectrum of the Bowen population.

All of this past year's work is the result of the immense efforts of our volunteer Board, and I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge the commitment of each of our Board Directors. The breadth of knowledge and experience that are represented, makes their entirely volunteer efforts unparalleled in value to our community. And I am eternally indebted to Joanne Gassman, our Vice-Chair who has expertly guided me as I stepped into the role of Chair, and has been a steady voice of reason to all throughout this time.



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Each of our Directors have dedicated so much of their time and efforts, and it has been a pleasure to serve the community alongside them. Sadly, however, we have two Directors that are retiring from the Board. These individuals, David Podmore and Henry Campbell will be greatly missed from our Board, but won't be entirely absent from the future work of the Foundation.

Dave, while I'm grateful to the big shoes you left me to fill as Chair, I just wish that it had been under different circumstances that I inherited the position. However, I am equally as glad (and frankly impressed) that immediately after heart surgery you continued on with your tenure as Director, and going forward, will continue to volunteer in other capacities with the Foundation. Your commitment to service is laudable. It is no surprise that you were seen fit to receive the Order of British Columbia, and I only wish we had a similar honorific to bestow.

Henry, we were all cheering you on as you grabbed onto the screenwriting opportunities you so deservedly earned, and look forward to seeing the Foundation's name listed in your IMDB bio as a quirky part of your history on this wonderful little island. We will miss your unique blend of wit and attention to detail, and get great satisfaction knowing that our Bowen community will always have your heart.

I am grateful to welcome our new incoming Directors, Ted Spear, and Kate Thomas-Peter. I have already enjoyed working with you both on the Resiliency Fund Committee and appreciate your commitment to support the Foundation's efforts.

Finally, it has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation in 2019. I look forward to continuing as Chair through 2020 and the opportunity to serve our community.

Holly Graff
Chair,
Bowen Island Community Foundation



2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation	Development of operations model for organizing & managing the physical, human & tech resources of new health centre	\$ 15,000
Island Pacific School Society	Creation of community-seating & play areas, and installation of fitness circuit equipment	2,500
Bowen Island Archery Club	To make sport of archery a rich, rewarding, accessible activity on Bowen	2,500
Bowen Island Respite Care Society	Transportation to/from new Adult Daycare Program	5,500
Caring Circle Health & Wellness Society	To update Caring Circle website	2,500
Bowen Island Trail Society	Mt. Gardner Navigation Project inclusive of new blazes along trail, signs at all intersections & maps at trailheads	5,000
Bowen Children's Centre Society	The Children's Garden	3,650
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 36,650

2020 KNICK KNACK NOOK GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Bowen Island Food Bank	To build storage facility for food bank supplies adjacent to existing food bank	\$ 5,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Bowen Island Refundables Assist Program (Bowen Waste Solutions)	For purchase of new aluminum frame & HD waterproof canvas cover	\$ 3,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$8,000



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Larry Lunn
Amanda Ockeloen
Rob Purdy, Treasurer
Ted Spear, PhD
Kate Thomas-Peter

BOARD RETIREMENTS:

David Podmore, O.B.C., Chair
Henry Campbell
James Glave

ADMINISTRATOR:

Lisa Wrinch

FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS (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
11. Jessica Slater



COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

Communications Committee	Meribeth Deen (<i>guest columnist/writer</i>)
Donor Services Committee	David Podmore, O.B.C.
Grants Committee	Jennifer Pardee
Helping Hand Committee	Louise McIntosh, Chair Gary Ander Markus Behm Oydis Nickel
Maggie Cumming Fund Advisory Committee	Sue Ellen Fast Bob Turner Alan Whitehead
Neighbourhood Small Grants Committee* *(BICF Ambassadors)	Murray Atherton Frazer Elliott Joyce Ganong Katherine Gish Jane Kellett Kevin Manning Nicola Murray Donna Scorer Jessica Slater
Volunteers (Ambassadors) Committee	Katherine Gish