



## CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2020

### Board of Directors

#### Chair

Holly Graff

#### Directors

Neil Boyd  
Henry Campbell  
Joanne Gassman, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Hall  
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Richard Smith  
Leila Swann, CPA, CA, Treasurer  
Ted Spear  
Kate Thomas-Peter

#### Administrator

Lisa Wrinch

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### 2021 Grant Recipients

BI Football Club  
BI Heritage Preservation Association  
BI Horse Owners & Riders Association  
BI Resilient Community Housing  
BI Rotary Club  
Bowen Children's Centre Society

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### 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.

### 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:

While this is the second year in a row that this report is delivered digitally, this is very much a good news story.

First off, during a year of increased financial uncertainty, the generosity of Bowen Island was at an all-time high, with gifts to BICF totaling \$206,845.

We were also fortunate to be the recipient of \$70,000 from the Federal Government's Emergency Community Support Fund, which we then granted to the Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation in delivery of emergency programming. A further grant of \$30,000 was received from the Vancouver Foundation towards our newly established Resiliency Fund.

Together with investment income earned in 2020, total proceeds for the year were \$385,661. This was up from \$268,569 in 2019.

These results demonstrate a strong commitment of support for the Foundation's efforts in the community, even during times of uncertainty. We thank you for the continued endorsement of the Foundation's mission and vision.

Our operating expenses were up, due to an increase in the administration cost of the two grants received, but thankfully we recouped these expenses through additional administration grants.

A new partnership was developed with the Bowen Island Municipality in 2020 on both our Neighbourhood Small Grants Program, and our newly established Resiliency Fund. Due to the combination of these two grant streams, we were able to make an additional 24 new grants totaling \$43,725, over and above our regular grants and scholarships.



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Last year saw the first use of our Youth at Risk Fund, with \$15,000 disbursed to the Caring Circle, supporting 14 individuals, for 56 one-to-one appointments with a Registered Clinical Counsellor or a Registered Psychologist. Being able to help our young people navigate such difficult times will have far-reaching effects on our entire community.

In the midst of all the stress, change and uncertainty, one thing marked the year for me, and that was seeing the lengths that everyone on Bowen went to pull together.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't take a moment to specifically acknowledge the efforts and commitment of our volunteer Board and Ambassadors, as it has been a pleasure to serve the community alongside them. Sadly, however, we say goodbye Director Larry Lunn who is retiring at the end of his second term.

Larry, you've contributed in so many ways to the Board. Not just the daily work, but from responding to the pandemic by helping shape our Resiliency Fund process, to using your passion for the arts to put forward our new Featured Artist. You consistently conduct yourself with a rare insightfulness and measured care. Attributes that have been invaluable to us, and to me personally. You will be missed from our Board, but we take comfort knowing that you won't be entirely absent from the future work of the Foundation as you've so graciously agreed to continue on with our Finance Committee.

I am however, very pleased to introduce two new incoming Directors, Leila Swann, CPA, CA, and Dr. Richard Smith. And to welcome back Henry Campbell as a Director from his successful screen-writing sabbatical out East.

In closing this good news story, I'm hoping you have been as encouraged as I have at the wide-ranging responses from our Bowen community members coming together this past year.

It has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation in 2020. I look forward to continuing as Chair through 2021 and the opportunity to serve our community.

Holly Graff  
Chair,  
Bowen Island Community Foundation





## 2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bowen Island Football Club	Bursary for financial assistance for soccer programs	\$ 2,500
Bowen Island Heritage Preservation Association	Pollinator chestnut tree & Applefest online event	3,000
Bowen Island Horse Owners & Riders' Association	Crippen Park riding ring upgrade	15,000
Bowen Island Resilient Community Housing	Affordable housing project	15,000
Bowen Island Rotary Club	Drinking fountain/ bottle-filling station at Snug Cove ferry waiting area	2,500
Bowen Children's Centre Society	Diversity, inclusion, equity & belonging (DIEB) training	3,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 41,000</b>

## KNICK KNACK NOOK in 2020:

As a direct result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the Board of the Knick Knack Nook made the difficult decision to suspend its *Environmental Sustainability and Social Sustainability Small Grants Program* in 2020.



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## **BOARD RETIREMENTS:**

Larry Lunn  
Rob Purdy, Treasurer

## **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

## **FEATURED ARTIST (2020-2021):**

Kathleen Ainscough



## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

<b>Communications Committee</b>	Meribeth Deen ( <i>guest columnist/writer</i> ) Chris Staples, ReThink Canada
<b>Donor Services Committee</b>	David Podmore, O.B.C.
<b>Finance Advisory Committee</b>	Larry Lunn
<b>Grants Committee</b>	Jennifer Pardee
<b>Helping Hand Committee</b>	Louise McIntosh, Chair Gary Ander Markus Behm Oydis Nickel
<b>Kipp Thompson Memorial Fund Committee</b>	Erin Little Ian Thompson
<b>Maggie Cumming Fund Advisory Committee</b>	Sue Ellen Fast Bob Turner Alan Whitehead
<b>Neighbourhood Small Grants Committee*</b> *(BICF Ambassadors)	Murray Atherton Frazer Elliott Joyce Ganong Katherine Gish Jane Kellett Kevin Manning Nicola Murray Donna Scorer Jessica Slater
<b>Resiliency Fund Committee</b>	Maureen Nicholson, BIM Councillor Jen McGowan, BIM Emergency Coordinator
<b>Volunteers (Ambassadors) Committee</b>	Katherine Gish
<b>Youth at Risk Committee</b>	Colleen O'Neil, Caring Circle Lorinda Strang, Orchard Recovery Centre John Stiver, BIM Youth Services Coordinator BIM Fire Chief