



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2021

### Board of Directors

#### Chair

*Holly Graff*

#### Vice Chair

*Kate Thomas-Peter*

#### Directors

*Henry Campbell*

*Leah Gregg*

*Amanda Ockeloen*

*Jan Seaman*

*Richard Smith*

*Leila Swann, Treasurer/Secretary*

*David Verlee*

#### Administrator

*Lisa Wrinch*

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### 2022 Grant Recipients

*BI Westside Playscapes Group*

*Canadian Organization of the  
Blind and Deaf Blind: Camp  
Bowen Division  
Association*

*The Hearth (BI Arts Council) & BI  
Municipality*

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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 "Community Grows Here."

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'm thrilled to announce that we reached a major milestone in 2021 with donations received totaling over \$1 million! Well, \$1,284,304 to be precise. This was largely due to one major donation earmarked for the building of the Community Centre. But even apart from this one donation, overall levels of giving were still up with other donations of \$245,242, compared to last year's \$206,845.

We are very thankful for this incredible level of generosity of our community, and we are cognizant of and humbled by the level of trust in the Foundation that this demonstrates.

The end of 2021 brought the combined market value of our funds held at the First Credit Union, and endowed with the Vancouver Foundation to \$2,799,525, up from \$1,609,259 last year.

Even though our operating expenses were up overall, due in large part to the administration fees we charged on the major donation, these were directly offset by an additional gift from that donor in order to cover those fees. So taking this into account, we remained within budget.

We continued our yearly granting cycles, giving out a \$229,050 combined from our larger Community Impact Grants, the individual \$500 Neighbourhood Small Grants, the many Scholarships & Bursaries, and our Youth at Risk Fund.

All of this past year's work is the result of the commitment of our volunteer Board. 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, experience and commitment make their efforts incredibly valuable to our community. It is a pleasure to serve the community alongside each of you.



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Every year though we have to say goodbye to some as they end their terms. Last year saw the retirement of Directors Sheree Johnson and Ted Spear, both of whom were instrumental in setting up our Resiliency Fund at the beginning of the pandemic, overseeing an additional \$100,000 distributed into our community through outside grants. Ted, your unique perspective with your long-term roots on Bowen were invaluable assets during this time. and Sheree, your empathy, gift for communication, and dedication were unsurpassed. This April we also say goodbye to Neil Boyd, Joanne Gassman, and Jennifer Hall who are finishing their final terms, each having served for 8 years, which is no small feat in volunteer hours!

Neil, your contributions, in particular setting up the Youth at Risk Fund and the Kipp Thompson Memorial Bursary has been deeply felt by our island's young people and their families. Jen, your expertise in fundraising and then guidance in our granting has made you a perfect contributing all-rounder on our Board. And finally, Jo, who helped steer our Donor Relations and Governance Committees, and been my critical right-hand as we went through a pandemic and made leaps as a foundation - your steady guidance was invaluable to us all.

Our incredible Administrator Lisa Wrinch is sadly moving on after four years with us as she devotes herself to her full-time job. While she has only been part-time her impact has been anything but that. Lisa, we honestly couldn't have done this without you and I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that I wish we could clone you!

The total contributions of all these folks are too immense to list here, but the bedrock that they've built will continue to serve Bowen Island for generations to come. My sincere thanks and gratitude for all that each of you have given (and continue to give) to our community. And somewhat selfishly, I will miss each one of you on a personal level. Thankfully though, we can continue our friendships outside of Zoom!

I am however, very pleased to introduce our three new incoming Directors, Leah Gregg, Jan Seaman, and David Verlee to our Board. They each bring a dedication and passion for the Foundation's vision of an enriched quality of life for all Bowen Islanders.

I hope that you have been as encouraged by the incredible commitment and generosity of Bowen Islanders this past year, and join me in thanking everyone involved.

It has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation in 2021. I look forward to continuing as Chair through term in 2022 and the opportunity to serve our community.

Holly Graff  
Chair,  
Bowen Island Community Foundation





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## 2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bowen Island Westside Playscapes Group	Construction of swing-set component of a new natural playscape destination for the Bowen community	\$ 25,000
Canadian Organization of the Blind and Deaf Blind: Camp Bowen Division	Completion of first stage of B.I. Centre for the Blind & Deaf Blind (facility for Camp Bowen and the Pacific Training Centre)	5,000
The Hearth (Bowen Island Arts Council) & Bowen Island Municipality	Funding assistance for millwork in Community Flex Room (BIM Community Centre project)	25,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 55,000</b>

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## BOARD RETIREMENTS:

Neil Boyd

Joanne Gassman

Jennifer Hall

Sheree Johnson

Ted Spear

## ADMINISTRATOR:

Lisa Wrinch



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## FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS (2019 – 2022):

Murray Atherton  
Frazer Elliott  
Joyce Ganong  
Katherine Gish  
Jane Kellett  
Mary Letson

Kevin Manning  
Louise McIntosh  
Nicola Murray  
Donna Scorer  
Jessica Slater

## FEATURED ARTIST (2020-2022):

Kathleen Ainscough

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

<b>Communications Committee</b>	Meribeth Deen ( <i>guest columnist/writer</i> ) Chris Staples, ReThink
<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 Marjus 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