



BOWEN ISLAND  
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FOUNDATION

## Board of Directors

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### Administrator

*Martina Iring*

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## 2023 Grant Recipients

*Bowen Birth Collective*

*BI Health Centre*

*BI Municipality Community  
Centre*

*BI Museum & Archives*

*BI Rotary Club*

*BI United Church*

*Greenman Festival*

*Island Pacific School*

*Seniors Keeping Young*

*Snug Cove House*

## Acknowledgements

*We acknowledge with gratitude  
that we live and work on the  
unceded territories of the  
Squamish (Sḵw̓xwú7mesh),  
Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm),  
Tsleil-Waututh  
(Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Səlilwiltulh), and  
Sechelt (Shíshálh) First  
Nations.*

## CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2022

### 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:

Thankfully, during 2022, the restrictions experienced in previous years because of the pandemic, were slowly being lifted. This has enabled us to enjoy meeting in person once again and Bowen has continued to be as generous and giving a community in 2022 as it was during the difficult pandemic years.

During 2022, the Foundation was the recipient of an incredibly generous level of giving which led to a total of \$238, 864. This was very close to the previous year's total of \$245,242, both of which were remarkable in the context of the pandemic and the many other worthwhile charitable fundraising projects occurring on Bowen.

The end of 2022 brought the combined market value of our funds held at the First Credit Union, and endowed with the Vancouver Foundation to \$2, 803, 692, a slight increase on the previous year's total of \$2,799,525. This includes a very generous donation to the Community Centre that the Foundation is stewarding until the time it is required by the Community Centre.

We continued our yearly granting cycles, giving out \$112, 292, combined from our larger Community Impact Grants, the individual \$500 Neighbourhood Small Grants, the many Scholarships & Bursaries, the Youth at Risk Fund and Helping Hand Fund. In 2022, thanks to Bowen's generous donors and our investment income, the Foundation was able to raise the maximum amount of an individual Community Impact Grant from \$15,000 to \$25,000. At the same time, recognising that many community projects have small beginnings, the minimum grant remains at \$2500.

In addition, during 2022, the generosity of an anonymous Bowen Islander established the Brian Biddlecombe Memorial award, a new endowment fund that will provide an annual award for Bowen's Volunteer Fire Department and their immediate families to pursue post-secondary education or vocational training. Also set up since the last



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Annual Meeting, is a new Endowment Fund by Island Pacific School which will provide bursaries for students to attend IPS. This is in addition to the Marg Witty Bursary Fund for IPS students set up in Marg's memory by Dave Witty.

All of this work in 2022 is the result of the commitment of each of the Foundation's volunteer Board. I want to acknowledge that commitment as well as the breadth of knowledge and experience that makes it a pleasure to work alongside Board colleagues to fulfil the mission of the Community Foundation. Last year, at the time of the Annual Meeting, we said goodbye to Joanne Gassman, Neil Boyd and Jen Hall, all long serving Directors. Holly Graff, who continued as Chair in 2022, paid deserved and fulsome tribute to their many contributions to the Foundation in her Chair's report last year. Amanda Ockeloen also stepped back from her Board Director position later in 2022 although has continued in her much-valued role on the Helping Hand Committee. We are grateful to all these Directors who have continued to serve the Bowen community through the Foundation's work.

This year, we are saying goodbye to our Chair, Holly Graff. I want to pay tribute to Holly for all the work she has undertaken as a Director since 2017 and Board Chair since 2019. We thank her for her knowledgeable and inspirational leadership of the Board and her unwavering commitment to serving the Bowen Island community through the work of the Foundation with grace and good humour. The Foundation, its donors and recipients have been in very safe hands for the last four years. Holly leaves big shoes to fill and I am so pleased that she will continue for a year as a non-voting Board member as Past Chair.

As a volunteer Board, being able to rely on an Administrator is crucial to getting the work done. In 2022, we said goodbye to our previous wonderful Administrator, Lisa Wrinch but we were also lucky enough to find our current Administrator, Martina Iring who has stepped, seemingly seamlessly, into the role. Thank you Martina; the Board honestly couldn't do what we do without you and your amazing skills.

We have also been lucky to find two new Board members this year and welcome Gayle Farrell and Greg Gibson along with their considerable skills and knowledge. Gayle has amassed a wide range and depth of skills in working with multiple stakeholders in strategic and operational planning and now runs her own consulting company. She also has considerable experience of the not-for-profit sector, both in her employment history and in her volunteering. Greg has a background in arts and culture and is currently the undergraduate advisor and academic administrator in the Department of Art History, Visual Art and Theory at UBC, previously having worked in the arts-focused publishing field. Greg also has experience in a not-for-profit organisation providing loans to support economic empowerment. Thank you both for your interest in and commitment to the Foundation and we look forward to working with you over the years of your term of office.

It is the case that when you join the work of the Community Foundation, you never really leave it and so I want to say a big thank you to all those who, having served on the Board, then continue to serve as volunteers on Committees or in mentoring new Chairs. To our other Committee volunteers supporting the work of the Foundation and to our many donors, grateful thanks. I am proud to be a part of the Foundation's work and to serve as its Chair for 2023.

*K.M. Thomas-Peter.*

Kate Thomas-Peter  
Chair,  
Bowen Island Community Foundation



## 2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bowen Birth Collective	Funding for outreach work and to provide access to resources	\$3,500
Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation	Audio visual equipment to assist delivery of healthcare, patient education and staff training	\$10,000
Bowen Island Municipality Community Centre	Furniture for Community Living Room	\$9,500
Bowen Island Museum & Archives	Museum exhibit by the blind for the sighted - a new way of seeing things	\$2,500
Bowen Island United Church	Improvements to Collins Hall	\$17,000
Greenman Festival	To reinstate the festival (youth led project)	\$2,500
Island Pacific School	Colin Ruloff Community Fieldhouse outdoor classroom	\$5,000
Rotary Club of Bowen Island	Greenhouse at Grafton Gardens Commons	\$8,000
Seniors Keeping Young (SKY)	Rental of accessible vehicle for off-island excursions	\$7,000
Snug Cove House	Fees to achieve building permit	\$25,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>



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## 2023 KNICK KNACK NOOK GRANTS:

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bowen Island Early Childhood Development Table	Funding to sustain the BIECD organization.	\$3,000
Bowen Island Municipality	"Canada Day Reimagined" event.	\$3,500
Seniors Keeping Young (SKY)	"Age & Stage appropriate" body & mind programs.	\$4,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
THRIVE	Local Food Security and Agri- tech: Proto-type growing tower at IPS & open-source app/platform.	\$8,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$18,500</b>

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## BOARD RETIREMENTS:

Holly Graff, Chair  
Amanda Ockeloen

## ADMINISTRATOR:

Martina Iring



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## FEATURED ARTIST (2020-2023):

Kathleen Ainscough

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

<b>Finance Advisory Committee</b>	Larry Lunn
<b>Grants Committee</b>	Jennifer Hall, Co-Chair Jennifer Pardee
<b>Helping Hand Committee</b>	Louise McIntosh, Chair Gary Ander Markus Behm Amanda Ockeloen Oydis Dike Peterson
<b>Neighbourhood Small Grants Committee</b>	Murray Atherton Frazer Elliott Joyce Ganong Kevin Manning Nicola Murray Maureen Nicholson Donna Scorer Jessica Slater
<b>Youth at Risk Committee</b>	Neil Boyd, Chair Colleen O'Neil, Caring Circle Lorinda Strang, Orchard Recovery Centre John Stiver, BIM Youth Services Coordinator Aaron Hanen, BIM Fire Chief