



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **Annual General Meeting for the year ended December 31, 2012**

May 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Bowen Island Youth Centre/Family Place

**Board members present:** Bob Andrew, Kathy Bellringer, Dee Elliott, Keith Ewart, Joyce Ganong, Soren Hammerberg, Daron Jennings, Colleen O'Neil, Andrea Verwey, and Kristen Watson

**Regrets:** Mary Letson (on leave)

**Guests:** Murray Atherton, Tina Nielson, Jean Cleator, Gordon Ganong, Mary Ellen De Grace, Donna Scorer, Marolyn Andeson, Sue Ellen Fast, Gary Ander, Alison Morse, Tracey McLachlan, Ann Silberman, Murray Atherton, Steve Bellringer

**Guests' regrets and best wishes:** Bill Granger, Bruce Greyell, Katherine Gish, Julie and Jack Headley, Diane Marshall, Erwen Smith, John Stiver

- 
1. Before the meeting got underway, Brian Biddlecombe and Scott Begg from the Bowen Island Volunteer Fire Department came to demonstrate (and express their thanks for) the heat sensing camera purchased through the Foundation this past year. We also enjoyed some music organized by John Stiver at the Bowen Island Youth Centre and performed by Kip Thompson, who is a philanthropist himself having donated an instrument to the BIYC. Kip played an instrumental piece, and thanked us on behalf of the BIYC for funding the space.
  2. Joyce Ganong opened the meeting, introduced the board, and welcomed guests.
  3. Quorum achieved; meeting called to order.
  4. **Motion** to approve the 2012 AGM Agenda: made by Keith Ewart, seconded by Kathy Bellringer. **Carried.**
  5. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the 2011 AGM: made by Dee Elliott, seconded by Colleen O'Neil. **Carried.**
  6. Joyce Ganong delivered the Chair's Report (appended).
  7. Keith Ewart presented the 2012 Treasurer's Report dated May 2013 and the 2012 Financial Statements (6 pages in total). Copies of the reports were handed out to attendees, and are available on our website. Keith introduced Kristen Watson as the incoming Treasurer.



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

8. **Motions** to approve the 2012 Chair's Report (made by Andrea Verwey, seconded by Soren Hammerberg, **Carried**); Treasurer's Report and 2012 Financial Statements (made by Bob Andrew, seconded by Keith Ewart, **Carried**).
9. **Motion** to waive appointing Auditors and Legal Counsel for 2013: made by Keith Ewart, seconded by Daron Jennings, **Carried**.
10. **Motion** to appoint Bob Andrew, Kathy Bellringer, Dee Elliott, Keith Ewart, Joyce Ganong, Soren Hammerberg, Daron Jennings, Mary Letson, Colleen O'Neil, Andrea Verwey, and Dave Witty as 2013 Directors for the Bowen Island Community Foundation: made by Daron Jennings, seconded by Keith Ewart - **Carried**. Joyce Ganong confirmed that Dee Elliott and Keith Ewart have kindly agreed to stay on for one year to allow for transition to new Board members. She also announced that she will step down as chair this fall, and is hoping to start a Past Directors' Circle.
11. **Giving Back to Bowen – Fostering a Caring Community** Joyce Ganong announced the award of the Maggie Cumming Legacy Grant to the Snug Cove House Society (formerly Abbeyfield), and presented a cheque for \$1,500 for the Better Meals Program to Murray Atherton and Marolyn Andeson.
12. Joyce Ganong invited guests to stay for refreshments after the AGM and enjoy a tour of the the facility led by Ann Silberman, Executive Director of the Bowen Childrens Centre. Before starting her tour, Ann offered thanks to the Community Foundation for grants that have been awarded to the BCC in the past. The examples she discussed included: (1) toddler program; (2) program for kids to learn about growing their own food (including a compost book being written by a parent, and a composting workshop; (3) the Red Dragon composter; (4) outdoor courtyard space created on the lower level for patrons of Family Place that hooks up to the BCC lower playground. Tracey McLachlan from Family Place echoed the thanks, noting that she'd had such a busy day at Family Place that in the old premises (pre-Community Foundation grant for the new facility) she have had to turn away about 10 families.
13. **Motion** to adjourn the AGM: Daron and Soren. **Carried**.



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

**Special Board Meeting to Elect 2013 Officers**

May 29, 2012 at 7.47 pm

Bowen Island Youth Centre/Family Place

**Present:** Bob Andrew, Kathy Bellringer, Dee Elliott, Keith Ewart, Joyce Ganong, Soren Hammerberg, Daron Jennings, Colleen O'Neil, and Andrea Verwey

**Regrets:** Mary Letson

1. **Motion** to re-elect Joyce Ganong as Chair, Daron Jennings as Vice-Chair, Kristen Watson as Treasurer, and Andrea Verwey as Secretary.
2. **Motion** to adjourn the meeting: **Carried.**



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## **2012 Report from the Chair, Joyce Ganong – May 28, 2013**

AGMs provide the perfect opportunity for thoughtful reflection – have we followed the direction we set for ourselves, what additional opportunities did we accept, how did we change to refresh and deepen our commitment to community?

I can honestly say that your Foundation Board has honoured its mandate to be present and active in supporting and nurturing initiatives that will strengthen our community and its members. We have done so through helping donors achieve their philanthropic goals, through grants to community organizations, through presence on other Boards, by offering our individual skills to community organizations, by partnering with other organizations, and by leading a thoughtful discussion on how to address a perceived need. It has been a busy year.

Our activities have been remarkable in the breadth of community that has been involved and touched – as evidenced earlier by the Volunteer Fire Department’s demonstration of the thermal imaging camera purchased as a result of a Foundation grant.

But tonight we have chosen to celebrate our commitment to children and youth – the youngest members of our community, and our precious future. We are thrilled to be holding our AGM in this space that our Major Initiative Grant in 2011 helped facilitate. A space that is baby and toddler friendly by day, and youth welcoming by night. An unlikely combination, but through creativity, it maximizes utilization of space and reduces overhead for each group. In the youth space you’ll notice musical instruments, some of which were recently purchased through a grant. They are providing endless hours of enjoyment. Outside, the impact of several Foundation grants are visible – welcoming play space for the youngest crowd; relaxation space for their mothers, and for the youth; a garden and compost learning centre. It is wonderful to be here to see all these changes, and to imagine the hub of activity that must be here, day and night.

We celebrate our commitment to youth by supporting their futures and their potential for leadership. In 2012, 8 scholarships and bursaries worth \$6,900 were awarded through the Foundation. We are now partnering with Bowen Island Gives and the Community School Association in bringing the Me to We leadership development camp to Bowen youth. Me to We was started by Marc & Craig Kielburger who were teenagers themselves when they established the Free the Children Foundation. They offer a stunning resource for the youth of our nation.



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

We celebrate our relationship with BICS which began in 2011 with their “Pennies for Bowen” drive for the Caring Community Endowment Fund, and through which they learned about the virtue of philanthropy. We believe they were leaders in recognizing the value of the soon-to-be-extinct penny, and we thank Bill Granger, a Founding Donor, for the idea. Our relationship with BICS continued in December when the students collected items that our vulnerable community members needed to survive the winter – a real demonstration of the virtues of compassion and community service. Our role was to identify the needs of the vulnerable and find ways to distribute the items.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing and incredibly generous support of our donors. Donations to the Endowment Funds build the long term capacity. Flow Through Donations build the Foundation’s immediate capacity to be active in the community - now.

The Foundation was given the gift of a new website, generously donated by Digitally Hip Corporation, which provides IT services and web and graphic design here on the Island. Web Designer Leanne Romak was made available to us to help create our sleek new look. We have designed it to be much easier to navigate – whether you are a donor or a grant seeker; whether you are looking for stories of recent activities on our blog or for details of a particular fund. We’ve also stretched our social media reach with a presence on Facebook and Twitter, and encourage you to connect with us that way, too.

The website address remains: [www.bowenfoundation.com](http://www.bowenfoundation.com)

To John Dowler of Cosmic Idea who created our maiden website, a sincere thank you for putting the Foundation on the virtual map. The first step is a major step.

The new website is just one part of refreshing our image. We have adopted a new logo. It reflects our presence as one of 188 community foundations across Canada, and a proud member of the national organization – Community Foundations of Canada (CFC).

The design captures the essence of the purpose, promise and passion of community foundations: that of community vitality. We do three key things to build community vitality:

- Since vitality takes long-term resources for long-term solutions, we work with donors from all parts of our community to build endowment funds that ensure a vital future for Bowen Island;



**BOWEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

- Since vitality comes from all parts of a community, we grant funds to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives;
- Since vitality needs leadership, we bring people together to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

To our donors, our partners, volunteers and colleagues involved in all of the charitable activity on this island we call home – thank you. You are part of the promise of a Bowen Island Community Foundation that thrives, and therefore allow us to be in a position to help our island community thrive.

To the Directors of the Board – thank you for your energy, your ability to focus and get things done, your skills and your commitment to our community. To Mary Letson, who has had to take a leave of absence, we miss you and will welcome you back when it is possible. To Dave Witty, who had to step down due to a family illness, thank you for leading our strategic planning in 2012 – a discussion that continues to guide our decisions.

Finally – Community Foundations generally celebrate their decades based on the year the first grant was awarded. In 2014, we celebrate our tenth year. Let's start planning the celebration!