

Record of Board Meeting #2014-9 on November 25, 2014

Theme: "2014 Community Impact Grants"

VENUE:	BIM Council Chambers	PARTICIPANTS:	NOT ABLE TO ATTEND:
DURATION:	5:05pm – 6:20 pm	1. Kathy Bellringer 2. Neil Boyd 3. Jennifer Hall 4. Soren Hammerberg 5. Colleen O’Neil 6. Kim Stephens 7. Andrea Verwey 8. Kristen Watson	9. Julia McCaig
CHAIR:	Soren Hammerberg		
RECORDER:	Kim A Stephens		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS / DIRECTION & DECISIONS	ACTIONS
Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quorum declared by Soren Hammerberg 	
1 2014 Community Impact Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the report from Andrea Verwey, included as Attachment A, which is complete with the recommendations by the Grants Committee regarding award of four 2014 Community Impact Grants. The four represent a diverse mix of projects, with 2 immediate & 2 seeding initiatives <p>Decision #2014-37: Approve the recommendations by the Grants Committee to award four grants as itemized in Attachment A, and with the grant for the Garden Gateway Initiative contingent on project approval by Bowen Island Municipality (Moved by Andrea and Seconded by Soren)</p>	<p>Action #2014-31: Suggest to the Garden Gateway Initiative that they consult with the Bowen Island Garden Club about a suitable arrangement for a Maintenance Agreement (Action by Andrea)</p> <p>Action #2014-32: Telephone the four successful applicants and follow-up with written confirmation (Action by Andrea)</p> <p>Action #2014-33: Submit a news release to the UnderCurrent newspaper to publicize the grant awards (Action by Andrea)</p> <p>Action #2014-34 Organize a group photo-op for handing out the cheques to the (Action by Andrea & Soren)</p>

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2 Future Grant Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other community foundations typically award grants during the March – June period, and undertake fundraising during the October – December period. This maintains a separation of the two processes. <p>Decision #2014-38: Commencing in 2016, call for grant proposals during the March-May period and announce recipients at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Decision #2014-39: The Grants Committee will bring back a recommendation on whether to defer the 2015 grant funding until Spring 2016.</p>	
3 Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It creates an uncomfortable situation if and when members of the Board are involved in grant applications. In the interests of engendering goodwill, it was determined that: <p>Decision #2014-40: Board members with conflicts of interest can be present and may participate in discussions regarding grant applications, but must recuse themselves when the Board votes on the recommendations by the Grants Committee</p>	
4 Maggie Cumming Endowment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The granting process is contingent on collaboration with BIM to identify and co-fund priority projects on municipal lands. The time and process to build a relationship with the new Council will have a bearing on the ability of BICF to have an impact in 2015. <p>Decision #2014-41: Manage the Maggie Cumming Endowment as a stand-alone process because of the unique operating conditions.</p>	Action #2014-35 Write a story about the Maggie Cumming Implementation Committee and post it on the website so that there is a clear understanding in the community about the granting criteria and process (Action by Kim)
5 Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristen reported that the 2014 campaign has raised \$16,300 of which \$13,500 is “undesignated” such that BICF has flexibility with respect to granting this money. This includes a \$10,000 donation. Soren reported that an additional \$10K + \$5K = \$15K is incoming for BICF administration and youth initiative, respectively. Kristen reported that endowed funds have generated a return-on-investment exceeding \$24,000. This includes \$8600 by the Maggie Cumming Endowment. 	
6 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 4 – 6pm – at Soren’s home – potluck dinner Meeting Theme: Directors Roles & Responsibilities 	

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Community Impact Grants 2014: Report and recommendation on grant recipients

Prepared for the Foundation Board by Andrea Verwey on behalf of the Grants Committee - November 24, 2014

A brief report from the Grants Committee

From an applicant pool of 14, and a shortlist of six, we selected four recipients to recommend to the Board or the 2014 Community Impact Grants. Their proposals are summarized on the next page.

All four offered strong, thoughtful applications. All four articulated good ideas that will start breathing life into the priorities that emerged from Vital Conversations in May 2014, particularly Civic Pride, Community Gathering Places, and Environment.

Two recipients will be breaking ground almost straight away (Garden Gateway Initiative and Youth Centre programs), while the other two will use grant monies to: (1) take a next careful step in their plan – Killarney Meadows Garden; and (2) scope the feasibility of the longer term project – Cove Culture Corner.

An overview of the four recommended grant recipients and their projects

Grant recipient/ charitable partner	Project leader/s	Project	Grant amount	A good idea: why we thought so
Bowen Island Heritage Preservation Association	Bowen Island Garden Gateway Initiative	Garden walkway with seating and signage at the ferry	\$15,000	High impact project due to be completed in the spring of 2014 Leverages (1) volunteers and (2) goods and services in kind from a range of areas Strong “Civic Pride” project



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Bowen Island Public Library Foundation	Bowen Island Public Library Foundation + Bowen Island Arts Council	Cove Culture Corner Fundraising	\$2,600 ¹ (\$15,000 sought)	<p>C3 is a significant project that would create an important gathering place for the whole community.</p> <p>This initial grant will allow applicants to start demonstrating feasibility. We propose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appoint a member of our committee, Kathy, to liaise with the C3 Steering Committee, and • grant the remaining amount sought (\$12,400) if the feasibility study confirms there is a case for it.²
Community School Association	Bowen Agricultural Alliance	Site plan for the Pollinator Initiative and Demonstration Garden	\$2,500	<p>Creates a community gathering place and supports the health of our Island “nest”.</p> <p>Exciting idea with strong groundwork already laid, and, in our view, a good chance of success.</p>
Community School Association	Bowen Island Youth Centre	2015 Programming: Gym Time, and Cooking and Dinner Parties	\$2,500	<p>Cost-effective evening programs that will provide gathering places for Island teens of both sexes</p>

¹ Subject to Council reaffirming its support for the project

² If awarded, the further \$12,400 grant will be funded with the balance of the 2014 Community Impact Grant budget (\$2,400), and \$10,000 in flow through funds committed by a private donor with a passion for the project.



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The Grants Committee's recommendations

1. The Grants Committee (Kathy Bellringer, Neil Boyd, Kim Stephens, Andrea Verwey) recommends that the Foundation issue \$22,600 from the Community Impact Fund to be paid as follows:
 - a) \$15,000 to the Bowen Island Heritage Preservation Association (partner to the Bowen Island Garden Gateway Initiative) to help fund a garden walkway with signage and seating between the cenotaph and the washroom block at the ferry
 - b) \$2,600 to the Bowen Island Public Library Foundation (partnering with the Bowen Island Arts Council, also a registered charity) to fund a feasibility study for the proposed Cove Culture Corner, a building near the existing library that would contain: a multi-use annex for the Bowen Island Public Library, an art gallery, and the new home of the Bowen Island Arts Council.
 - c) \$2,500 to the Community School Association (partner to the Bowen Agricultural Alliance) to fund a site plan for the Killarney Meadows Garden—A Pollinator and Demonstration Garden
 - d) \$2,500 to the Community School Association (partner to the Bowen Youth Centre) to fund two programs in 2015: Youth Gym Time, and Youth Cooking and Dinner Parties)
2. The Grants Committee recommends that Kathy Bellringer be appointed as the Board liaison to the Cove Culture Corner (C3) Steering Committee to review the upcoming feasibility study and assess the project's eligibility for future grant awards.