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BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Connections

The Bowen Island Community Foundation Newsletter

We are excited to share our news with you and to highlight how the generous support of our donors and contributors has benefitted the community of Bowen Island. If you have questions, comments, or ideas for our next newsletter, we invite you to [get in touch with us!](#)

Mission Statement

“To contribute to the quality of life on Bowen Island by building endowments, making strategic grants and inspiring community leadership.”

Chair's Report

*Bowen Island Community Foundation Chair's Report, presented at the Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2017*

2016 in Review

The Bowen Island Community Foundation came of age in 2016. Having completed and implemented structural and governance policies, our focus has emphasized the growth of our Funds, a diverse and accountable grants process and providing community leadership.

Total donations were approximately \$180,000.00 raised through our annual Giving Campaign “For Bowen For Ever”. Total grants issued in 2016 were \$105,000.00. In addition, several legacy gifts have been committed over the past year.



The community has started to see the completion of several recent grants. The Garden Gateway was opened in 2016; substantial new playground equipment was provided to the CSA; solar panels were installed on the school; strategic granting was provided to many of our neighbours in need through the Helping Hand fund; a new lighting system was installed at Tir-na-nOg; an off-road “Mountain Trike” wheelchair was provided for the Bowen Island Library Foundation, allowing trail accessibility for all of our citizens; and, we can also celebrate a host of other community-related grants made possible by donations to the Community Foundation. The Board wishes to acknowledge the Board of the Knick Knack Nook, with whom we work closely in the granting process. Our grants over the past twelve months have been extensive and wide-ranging. We are delighted to have awarded five grants in 2016 totaling \$75,000. We are

also thrilled to announce significant grants for 2017, totaling \$185,000, made possible by community donations. A summary of recent grants is included below.

2016 Community Impact Grants

Organization	Project	Grant Amount
Bowen Children’s Centre	Infant and Toddler Annex	\$50,000
Bowen Children’s Centre	Infant and Toddler Annex	\$10,000
Bowen Island Museum and Archives	Innovative Garden and Green Space Revitalization in conjunction with Telus	\$7,500
Bowen Island Community School Association	Community Playground at Bowen Island Community School	\$5,000
Snug Cove House Society	Specialized Design Planning for Snug Cove House	\$2,500
	Grand Total	\$75,000

2017 Community Impact Grants

The Board is delighted to announce that we have created two new scholarships, one academic and one for the trades in the amount of \$2,500.00 each.

The Foundation is committed to keeping the community and our donor base informed through regular newsletters, our website and presence on social media. Our policies and financials are on our website to present a transparent and accountable Foundation to the community. As stewards of charitable gifting, we are compliant with all CRA and Government regulations and with the updated Societies Act introduced by the Provincial Government.

We have also come of age in that the work of our all-volunteer Board has now been supplemented by our first

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Bowen Island Library Foundation	Cove Commons	\$145,000
Bowen Island West Side Children's Park	Bowen Island West Side Children's Park	\$25,000*
Bowen Bike Park Working Group	Bowen Bike Park	\$4,000
Bowen Island Community School	Screen & Projector for BICS Gym	\$8,500
Bowen Island Community School Association	Bowen Island Community Playground Equipment	\$2,500
	Grand Total	\$185,000

** including \$5,000 from the Maggie Cumming Fund and \$10,000 from the Sitka Foundation*

employee, albeit part-time. This is an exciting time for the Foundation as we continue to enhance our capacity to serve our island community. In this role, we hosted workshops on governance for the not-for-profit sector on Island, and also hosted an event with the Museum and Archives to showcase Bowen's colourful history through a presentation of the Union Steamship picnic era. In addition, the Foundation Board hosted our patron the Right Honourable David Johnston in West Vancouver in March of 2016 in concert with other Sea to Sky Community Foundations. We also hosted representatives from Community Foundations of Canada, our national body, who came to Bowen for a leadership workshop. We have continued to pursue the tenants of Vital Conversations 2014 by engaging our youth through the evolution of the Youth Council to its successor, a hosted and collaborative "Youth Forum".

What Lies Ahead for 2017

It's time for a refreshed strategic plan. A strategic planning session, professionally facilitated, will be held on June 24th. Further, it has been several years since we hosted Vital Conversations, a fully facilitated and integrated community discussion. It was most successful and we are delighted to advise that we will be hosting Vital Conversations 2017 on Saturday September 9th. This initiative will gather input from the community to help guide the Foundation Board on granting priorities, and will also serve as a community resource. The report will be made publicly available and provided to our Municipal government.

2017 will also bring a review of our Helping Hand initiative. Through an adjunctive volunteer committee, the Community Foundation has supported individual grants to our neighbours in need. Due to evolving CRA guidelines, and the practical implications of delivering such grants in a tax free and compliant manner, a structural review of the Helping Hand committee and community provider will be conducted. We are grateful to our Helping Hand committee for their caring and compassionate work: Gary Ander, Bob Andrew, Spencer Grundy, Shelagh MacKinnon, and Amanda Ockeloan.

On behalf of the Board and the Community at large, I am most appreciative for the many individuals and community organizations that donate their volunteer hours and charitable dollars to the Foundation. In particular, the Board wishes to express appreciation to you, our fellow islanders for your

continued support.

Soren Hammerberg - Chair
soren@bowenfoundation.com

Community Foundation Celebrates Bowen's Generosity

It was a packed house at Cates Hill Chapel for the Annual General Meeting of the Bowen Island Community Foundation. Arriving guests were greeted by members of the Board and encouraged to enjoy drinks and appetizers,



There was a lot to celebrate. The Foundation received about \$180,000 in community donations in 2016 through its “For Bowen For Ever” campaign, and is now providing a comparable amount of funding for a range of community driven initiatives this year: the Cove Commons, an art gallery annex for the Bowen library, currently under construction at that site; a significant donation to the new toddler’s wing of Bowen’s Children’s Centre; the West Side Children’s Park, a nature-based playground for young children on the west side of the island; a long requested high quality screen and projector for the Bowen Island Community School gymnasium; seed funding for the design

of a Bowen Bike park, next to the School; and a contribution permitting the installation of new community playground equipment at BICS.

The community’s generosity, which enabled the Foundation’s success in fundraising in 2016, also allowed for the creation of two new scholarships of \$2,500 each for Bowen youth – one focused on education in the trades and another focused on academic study in colleges and universities.

Board Chair Soren Hammerberg introduced members of the Board and highlighted two new resident Directors bringing their skills to the Foundation this year: Holly Graff, a tireless advocate for the Bowen Island community, and a key principal of last year’s Garden Gateway project in Snug Cove; and Larry Lunn, the recently retired founder of Connor, Clark and Lunn Investment Management, one of Canada’s largest and most successful investment managers.



Another feature of this year’s AGM was the active involvement of the Knick Knack Nook Society in the celebration. The Foundation has been working closely with the Society this spring during the granting process, to avoid duplication. The KKN presented their awards for environmental and social

sustainability during the evening: a solar array for the Cove Commons, community gardens for Bowen Court, a seed grant for the Bike Park, a flash freezer for the Better Meals program, subsidies for the Scouts Group and the Bowen Children's Centre, and project funds for the Bowen Island Literacy Task Group and the Bowen Island Arts Council.



It was a celebration of a year of achievement, but more is planned for 2017: a new giving campaign, a strategic planning session for the Board to be held in late June, regular newsletters on our website (bowenfoundation.com), and a Vital Conversations 2017 event, planned for early September – an opportunity for the Foundation to canvass the emerging needs of our community: respectful dialogue in a non-political setting.

It has been a very good year. But we at the Foundation look forward to improving on our collective accomplishments in 2017. We owe our success to you, our fellow Islanders. Many thanks to all those who have contributed their time and their resources. With your generous charitable donations, the Foundation helps to build a more caring community on Bowen.



(all AGM photography: courtesy Mario Silva)

Treasurer's Report

*Bowen Island Community Foundation Financials, presented at the Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2017*

The Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2016 show:

Overview

- Donations Received of \$167,856* compared to \$207,058 the previous year.
- After adjusting for a large one-time donation of \$100,000 in 2015, donations increased significantly by \$60,798 or 57% over the previous year.
- Endowment Fund Income from the Vancouver Foundation of \$29,835, up 11.5% from last year.
- Distributions to grantees were \$104,610, an increase of \$6,088 over the previous year. These distributions include \$14,500 administered grants distributed on behalf of the Knick Knack Nook Environmental Sustainability Fund.
- \$50,400 was transferred to the Vancouver Foundation for investment in Endowment Funds, an increase over the \$25,000 transferred the previous year.
- Operating Expenses were \$34,212, marginally less than the \$34,500 in the previous year.
- The net increase to Fund Balances after all Receipts, Grants and Expenses, was \$20,808 which, when added to the previous year's Opening Fund Balances of \$417,755, resulted in Closing Fund Balances of \$438,563 as of December 31, 2016.
- Endowment Funds held at the Vancouver Foundation increased from \$797,127 market value last year to \$885,891 this year.
- The value per investment unit increased by 4.5 % from \$19.67 a year ago to \$20.55 as of December 31, 2016, net of 1.15% fund management fees. In addition, the Endowment Funds returned cash distributions of \$0.75 per unit during the year, a yield of approximately 3.6 %.
- The Combined Fund Balances of the Bowen Island Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation Funds totaled \$1,324,454 as of December 31, 2016, an overall increase of 9% over the previous year.



**The amount of donations as reported at the AGM (\$180,000) reflects the fact that the Foundation received donations of over \$13,000 in the later part of December that were not deposited until after the new year.*

Statutory Obligations

The statutory requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 will be met with the filing of the Information return, together with the Financial Statements for the period. This ensures the Foundation's eligibility to issue receipts to donors for income tax purposes.

CRA also requires the expenditure of donations received in the preceding year on charitable grants or programs. This is known as the "disbursement quota" for which the Foundation has been in a "surplus" position for the years 2004 through 2016. Surpluses may be accumulated and available for carry-forward for drawdown during periods of deficit, should they arise.

Michael Cornelissen - Treasurer

Community Foundation Board Evolution: Welcome!

Two new Directors were appointed at the AGM. We wish to extend a warm welcome to Holly Graff and Larry Lunn.



Holly Graff

Moving to Bowen from the US in 2003, Holly found something here that she didn't know she was looking for – a caring and connected community. An added bonus was meeting her husband, artist David Graff.

Holly brings more than two decades' worth of experience in strategic communications – from Washington, DC with a full range consulting services

firm specializing in executive education for senior government officials from developing countries, to media management on a major motion picture documentary release.

She is currently a communications consultant for an independent boutique life insurance firm in Vancouver. Other recent endeavours include investor relations for a \$10 million software start-up for global relief supply chain management.

Throughout this time, she has consistently written for thought leaders about emerging multifunctional business issues that shape the global environment. Numerous articles, books and op-ed pieces published in the Huffington Post, LA Times, CNN, Harvard Business Review and University Presses.

A Canadian resident, Holly was born in the United States, and grew up in South Africa.

Larry Lunn



Larry is a graduate of the University of Alberta and a CFA charter holder. He currently along with his wife, Maureen, lives on Bowen Island, where they have owned property since 2000.

Larry founded Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. in 1982. He is currently the Chairman of the Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd., Co-Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Vancouver Art Gallery as

well as Chair of the Finance & Audit committee and a member of the Executive Committee. Larry is also a director of the Bowen Island Community Foundation and Ecotrust Canada.

Larry was formerly a Director of the Connor, Clark & Lunn Foundation, a Director of the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance, a counsellor for the University of British Columbia Portfolio Management Foundation, a counsellor for Simon Fraser Global Asset & Wealth Management Business Council and a past member of Simon Fraser's Beedie School of Business Dean's External Advisory Board.

2017 - 2018 Community Foundation Ambassadors

The Community Foundation has 12 Community Ambassadors, a mix of outstanding Bowen Islanders who help us in building awareness and understanding of the work of the Foundation, encouraging support from within our community. Thank you for all you do!

Brian Biddlecombe, Hamish Bryan (Youth Ambassador), Katherine Gish, Shelagh MacKinnon, Kevin Manning, Louise McIntosh, Noah Pryce-Jones, Donna Scorer, Ted Spear and pictured below, left to right: Paulo Arreaga, Erwen Smith and Mary Letson



Garden Gateway in Bloom!

The Garden Gateway survived our hard winter and only required minor maintenance to replace some damaged plants. The array of spring blossoms and flowering bulbs in the garden were a welcome sight in early spring, proving the garden has embraced its vision: to create a more welcoming experience at the ferry by creating a visually pleasing arrival to Bowen Island. Now in full bloom, the garden continues to delight visitors and residents alike. Do you remember what it used to look like?!



Continued thanks to all those who made it happen!

Volunteers Holly Graff, Wynn Nielsen, Andy Rainsley, Adam Taylor, and James Tuer, with support from the Bowen Island Community Foundation, Bowen Heritage, the International Buddhist Society, Bowenshire Landscaping, WCD Development, and Union Steamship Company

For additional updates and news, please visit the Garden Gateway Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SnugCoveGardenGateway/?fref=ts>

Bowen Island Gives Back – Projects Supported by the Community Foundation’s Spring 2017 Grants

At the AGM on April 28th, the Community Foundation announced \$185,000 in grants to support community initiatives, made possible by generous community donations and support. The funds were awarded from the Foundation’s Community Impact Grants and will support the following projects.



[The Cove Commons](#) - \$145,000

With a mandate to reflect Bowen Island's cultural spirit of accessibility, inclusiveness, and community, the Cove Commons initiative was commissioned to provide a multi-purpose and central public space for locals and visitors to gather, meet and share. The library annex and new gallery will become a learning centre and an arts centre, with rooms and resources available for exhibits, events, presentations,

meetings, classes, workshops and studying. The design has been carefully considered to preserve the heritage aesthetics of the Old General Store while incorporating additional space and advanced technology for an ever-changing future. With the addition of an outdoor plaza, the Cove Commons will be a cherished community hub, providing an array of experiences that builds, expresses and enhances the character and culture of island life.



[Bowen Island West Side Children's Park](#) - \$25,000

Currently 20% of the population of Bowen Island is under 15 years of age. This park initiative will build the first dedicated children's park on Bowen Island, and will add to the vitality of the community by providing a children's play park on the west side of Bowen for children 2-8 years old. The park will provide a meeting place for families and the community at large and encourage co-play and social interaction for toddlers. As well,

the design of the park will aid in the physical and emotional developmental milestones of preschoolers.



[Bowen Bike Park](#) - \$4,000

The Bowen Bike Park Working Group applied for a grant to help achieve their vision to create a bike park for Bowen Island youth and families. The bike park will provide access to outdoor recreation for Bowen's growing youth and family population, and offer a community project with opportunities for volunteer and resources. The Working Group pointed out that the need for a bike park was identified in the '2016 Island

Plan' and the lack of youth recreation opportunities was identified as an issue as far back as the '1999 Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment'. The site for the park will be next to the Bowen Island Community School in the area in the forest on the west side of the school property.



[Screen and Projector for Bowen Island Community School \(BICS\) Gym](#) - \$8,500

This grant to BICS will enable the purchase of a "community-sized" screen and projector (with protective caging) suitable for long distance projection that will be permanently installed in the BICS gym. A gym-sized projector and screen will boost the use of the gym as the hub of the community and attract more events such as conferences, talks and presentations. It

will allow for informative as well as culturally entertaining presentations during and after school that will be of benefit to the community. The projector and screen will enable groups to hold movie fundraisers, host student film fests, and support presentations with digital media for events such as Rotary meetings and municipal election debates.



[Bowen Island Community School Playground Equipment - \\$2500](#)

The Bowen Island Community School Association was awarded a grant to help pay for the replacement of the school playground equipment. BICS acts as a hub for the entire Island and a central area in this hub is the playground. The playground goes far beyond being just a playground to be used during school hours. It also serves as an Island hub for toddlers, parents, grandparents, and friends to gather after

school, in the evenings, on the weekends or during soccer matches or other organized community events that occur at BICS.

(all AGM photography: courtesy Mario Silva)

New Scholarships for Bowen Students

The Bowen Island Community Foundation is very excited to announce two new awards for 2017.

\$2,500 Bowen Island Community Foundation Trade Scholarship

This is for students who would rather build a house than a spreadsheet. Anyone with a demonstrable connection to Bowen Island, proof of enrolment in a trade or technical school, and a letter of reference describing their ability or inclination to pursue a career in the trades is encouraged to apply.

Review the [checklist](#) and send completed applications to Tracy Rowbotham trowbotham@wvschools.ca before **June 9, 2017 to apply.**

\$2,500 Bowen Island Community Foundation Academic Scholarship

Any student with a demonstrable connection to Bowen Island, strong grades, and proof of enrolment in a post-secondary institution is encouraged to apply. The applicant with the highest grade point average will be selected. If two competing applicants have identical averages a preference will be given to the student demonstrating a stronger commitment to the community.

Review the [checklist](#) and send completed applications to Tracy Rowbotham trowbotham@wvschools.ca before **June 9, 2017 to apply.**

Your Board Stays Informed – Community Foundations of Canada Conference in Ottawa



Board members Soren Hammerberg, Larry Lunn, Jennifer Hall and Holly Graff recently travelled to Ottawa for the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) Conference. Inspired and challenged, they returned with new motivation and ideas to continue the work of the Foundation in our community.

Community Foundations of Canada is the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations, working across sectors to help Canadians invest in building strong and vibrant communities.

Philanthropy leaders from across Canada and around the world gathered to make our communities more welcoming and inclusive.



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of Canada.

Building communities where everyone belongs. That was the focus for more than 700 community builders and philanthropic leaders from across Canada and around the world who came together in Ottawa-Gatineau in May to explore how to create communities that are more welcoming and inclusive.

The [Belong 2017 Community Foundations Conference](#), which took place from May 11th to 13th, was a forum for learning and inspiration as leaders from 106 Canadian communities and 32 countries gathered to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with one another. The three-day international gathering aimed to provide tools and resources for community foundations at a time when they are being challenged to tackle community priorities, both local and global, on an unprecedented scale.

“Our communities, and community foundations worldwide, are finding themselves at a crossroads. The way we connect, do business and empower each other is changing rapidly,” said Andrew Chunilall, CEO with Community Foundations of Canada. “If we are going to continue to inspire the development of communities where we all belong, then we must demonstrate that philanthropy is about courage, leadership and working together in common purpose.”

The [conference lineup](#) featured prominent speakers discussing the themes of belonging, inclusion and Reconciliation and kicked off with a welcoming address from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

The conference also featured a number of exhibitions to explore the themes of belonging and Reconciliation. An interactive exhibit shared the story of the [Welcome Fund for Syrian Refugees](#) by using the virtual reality film *Clouds Over Sidra* about a 12-year-old girl living in the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. A large-scale art installation called the “[Witness Blanket](#)”, created by artist and master Kwagiulth carver Carey Newman, was also on display to recognize the atrocities of the Indian Residential School era.

“This international event gave participants an opportunity to think about the future of our communities and how we can enhance our collective impact around global challenges that require local level responses, ” said Conference Lead, Erin Kasungu.

Highlights and Impressions from the Conference

At the 2011 Community Foundations of Canada Conference in Vancouver, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, challenged participants to help build a smart and caring country, and a fairer and more just world. In 2011, 70% of communities across the country had access to a community foundation; today, that number has climbed to 90%. The Bowen Foundation is proud to be among this majority, and attending the conference in Ottawa was an opportunity to connect with many like-minded volunteers, change-makers and leaders who are working to build better communities. The Governor General was also a keynote speaker at the conference in

Ottawa. His leadership has inspired the community foundation movement and has taught us how we can be a collective force for generosity, innovation, reconciliation and caring among neighbours near and far.

The conference provided the opportunity to share best practices, learn new approaches, and exchange information. Reflecting on the conference experience, Bowen Island Community Foundation Directors had this to say:

“We are fortunate to live in a country that embraces the charitable work of almost 200 Community Foundations. The conference of Foundations from across Canada reinforces the shared vision of helping build caring communities.” – *Soren Hammerberg, Chair*

“As the Governor General said in his conference address, “Minds are like parachutes; they work best when open!” For me the conference was an opportunity to open my mind to the power of engaged citizenship and community philanthropy. Witnessing the incredible energy and possibility embodied in the community foundation movement and on display at the conference was moving, encouraging and inspirational.” – *Jennifer Hall, Vice Chair*

"The Conference was an eye opener in terms of how many fellow travellers are out there trying to do good works for their communities – truly inspiring.” – *Larry Lunn, Director*

"The Conference was all about learning and sharing knowledge – about how we can collectively strengthen our communities, our societies, and the world. It was affirming to hear how through community foundations in Canada, we have built communities based upon neighbour helping neighbour. Big or small, every gesture counts.” – *Holly Graff, Director*

Vital Conversations 2: Join the Conversation! September 9, 2017

It has been three years since the Community Foundation facilitated the first "Vital Conversations" gathering at Cates Hill Chapel. The gathering included more than 60 community members from various neighbourhoods who generated ideas of where we as a community needed to focus. Seven issues emerged as priorities for the community to address, and this valuable input has continued to help shape the Foundation's granting criteria and decisions. While much progress has been made in the key priority areas, everyone agrees it's time for another conversation.

On September 9th, 2017 at the Bowen Lodge we will be facilitating another opportunity to connect with other Bowen residents to contribute to a conversation on key issues, neighbourhood connections and sense of belonging in our community. Please [visit our website here](#) to learn about our last event. Closer to the date we will post more details about this year's Vital Conversation.

Community Foundation Granting Cycle

Be prepared to submit your great ideas! Here's a summary of the schedule for the next granting cycle:

November 2017	Foundation will announce the 2-stage process for grant applications
January 2018	Stage 1 – Foundation will issue a "Call for Good Ideas" (500-word submissions)
February/March 2018	Stage 2 – Foundation will interview shortlisted candidates
April 2018	Foundation will announce successful grant applicants at the 2018 AGM

For more information, please contact: kim.stephens@bowenfoundation.com

We welcome your questions, suggestions and contributions and hope to hear from you!

Send us an email at info@bowenfoundation.com.

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Supporting the Work of the Foundation

If you would like to learn more about the work of the BICF, and how donor contributions are making a difference in our community, please visit our website bowenfoundation.com.

To find out about making a donation to the Foundation, please visit the [donor section of our site](#). With your continued financial support, the Foundation works to make Bowen a better, more caring community. Tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20.



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New Anti-Spam Legislation

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) took effect as of July 1, 2014. CASL exists to monitor and regulate the sending of commercial electronic messages. As a registered Charity, the Foundation is exempt from the legislation if the purpose of communication is related to fundraising. The Foundation is respectful of your privacy. All contacts, donations and email communication are maintained in strict confidence. If you would

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