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Community Working Together

Community is powerful. A community gives people a sense of shared identity. In a community there is a strong feeling of fellowship and caring. Community is where we find comfort in difficult times. When people care about each other, they develop trust. And trust unlocks collaboration, sharing, support, hope, safety and much more.



[Community Impact Grant](#) from the Foundation.

Communities have people of all ages and backgrounds who are skilled in different areas. You could have a neighbour with a skill that compliments yours in a way that could make our community a better place. We all have something to contribute. One may be an artist. Another may be a gardener. We are woodworkers, accountants, chefs, technologists, plumbers, therapists, a jack-of-all-trades. By working together, having old mentor young, young inspiring old, and strong helping vulnerable, we all participate and give more fully. Only together, as a community, can we give beyond our individual means. Participation is essential.

When we talk about building stronger, healthier communities, we mean the process of people working together to tackle what matters to them. This wouldn't be possible without us all coming together.

This is where the magic of a community happens.

photo of Bowen kids helping to build the Bike Park, funded in part by a

New Foundation Website

We have a fresh face on our Foundation website (bowenfoundation.com) and this wonderful picture of Ron Woodall and Frankie Deen will welcome you.



Come learn about the work your Foundation does in the community. Find out which wonderful organizations received grants and

the projects they're doing to make Bowen better for all of us. Discover the blossoming talent of Bowen's young adults and the scholarships that will help propel them on their way. Read all the latest news and updates. And don't forget to give while you're there. Setting up a [monthly donation](#) is easy and you'll be giving back for an enriched quality of life for all Bowen Islanders. Just look for the **DONATE** button.

2018 Scholarships & Bursaries

The Foundation offers Bowen students many [scholarships and bursaries](#). This was the most competitive year on record for all scholarships overseen by the Bowen Island Community Foundation. Each award received significantly more applications than previous years and competition was, accordingly, very strong (one award was determined by a 1.0% difference in overall Grade Point Average). The Foundation wishes to thank all students who took the time to apply.



Recipient: Taylor Dulong

Scholarship: Bowen Island Community Foundation Trade Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

We are thrilled to announce that Taylor Dulong is the first ever winner of the Bowen Island Community Foundation Trade Prize. This award is presented to an islander pursuing a career in the trades—a path that many choose in order to live and work on Bowen Island.

Taylor is not a stranger to adversity. She had to demonstrate perseverance and determination to get into BCIT. She successfully upgraded her high school courses at Capilano University and stayed focused through serious health problems—maintaining excellent attendance even when in serious discomfort. She was especially pleased that the plumbing project she completed as her final assignment passed inspection with flying colours—an achievement not all of her classmates were able to mimic.

Taylor completed her Level One instruction at BCIT and is working hard to become a red seal plumber. She has aspirations of creating her own plumbing business and, one day, bringing on her own apprentices. In particular, she wants to be a role model for youth who are interested in pursuing a career in the trades. She notes her own experience watching and learning from Loren

McDonald as a major influence in her career choice.

The Foundation is especially pleased to announce this award and wishes to thank all those who made the award possible including Mike McKoryk, Chief of Steel Trades at BCIT and Bowen Islander, as well as Wayne Hand, Dean of the School of Construction and the Environment, and all of the staff at the BCIT Student Financial Aid and Awards Office.

Recipient: Hanna Beamer

Scholarship: Bowen Island Community Foundation Academic Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Hanna Beamer received the 2018 Bowen Island Community Foundation Academic Scholarship. This award was fiercely competitive this year and we wish to give special accolade to Hanna as the winner.

Hanna is a student at Queen's University with a major in Linguistics and a minor in Psychology. She aspires to be a Speech Therapist and hopes to ultimately do graduate work on the west coast. Some Bowen Islanders may recognize Hanna from her acting career on the island. She appeared in productions of Monstrous Regiment and Stage Door at Tir Na Nog Theatre School. Hanna's career goals are guided by a sense of social responsibility that she has demonstrated for some time. In addition to myriad volunteering positions, she acted as a board member for the Knick Knack Nook for two years, worked with the Fish Hatchery, the Island Discovery Learning Community, and member of West Vancouver Secondary School's Gay Straight Alliance.

Hanna notes that receiving this award will enable her to have the financial flexibility to put more time into volunteering at Queen's including working with the Queer Issues Project, the English Language Support Program, and mentoring and tutoring first year linguistics students. We wish Hanna the best in this upcoming year at Queen's!

In addition to Taylor and Hanna, three more special Bowen Island young adults have been awarded educational financial assistance from the Foundation's Special Purpose Funds. Congratulations to all these outstanding students.

Molly MacIntosh, a Rockridge student, was this year's recipient of the **Aaron Sluggett Memorial Scholarship** for demonstrating outstanding leadership, social engagement, and involvement in school sports.

Bowen Wright, also a Rockridge student, was this year's **Maggie Cumming Legacy Fund Bursary** winner.

Payton Grundy, now a student at Concordia University and Kai Rozitis, a McGill University student, were both winners of the **Bowen Island Junior Golf Scholarship**.

2018/19 Giving Campaign

The start of fall means we're back to our routines. And for your Community Foundation, it means the kick-off of our annual giving campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is "**A Community Working Together.**" Since its inception, the Foundation has granted over \$600,000 for projects, scholarships, and bursaries for our Bowen community. Through the generosity of our community, the Foundation's endowment fund is now over \$1 million. This endowment fund is like the long-term interest-earning savings account for the community, assuring we continue to take care of our needs far into the future.

Every story of success is a story of community. We hope this year you will be part of that story with a contribution to your Community Foundation. A contribution with personal meaning for you and one that will have an impact on the community we all love. A contribution to our Community Impact Fund provides the most flexibility, enabling us to respond to community needs as priorities emerge. Our Helping Hand Fund provides emergency assistance to Islanders in crisis. A gift to one of our other endowed funds generates earnings that are reinvested in our community year after year. As our funds continue to grow, so will our ability to provide support for community projects, large and small, that matter most to you.

Please say "Yes!" to the future of Bowen by [contributing](#) today. No gift is too small and tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20. Setting up a monthly donation makes your annual giving easy! With your help, we can ensure that Bowen continues to be a community working together.

Community Foundation Funds

Donations to the following Community Foundation Funds allow the Board to respond annually to the priorities of our Bowen Island community:

Fund name	What does the fund support?
Community Impact Fund	All aspects of community priorities by charitable activity on Bowen Island through annual grants. This is the Foundation's most flexible fund.
Helping Hand Fund	An emergency response fund for Bowen Islanders in crisis, delivered confidentially.

Special Purpose Funds

Donations to the following Special Purpose Funds are directed to specific causes:

Fund name	What does the fund support?
Aaron Slugget Memorial Scholarship	An annual scholarship for a student who has been actively involved in community and/or school life.
Bowen Island Community Foundation Academic Scholarship	Scholarships to strong academic students and a commitment to the community.
Bowen Island Community Foundation Trade Scholarship	Scholarships for individuals pursuing a career in the trades.
Bowen Island Golf Association Junior Scholarship	Scholarships for junior Bowen Island Golf Association members.
Camp Bowen Bursary	Provides annual bursaries to Camp Bowen for the visually impaired.
Community Hall & Arts Centre Operating Fund	Annual operating costs, once the Centre is open.
First Credit Union Fund	Initiatives that make a difference in the community.
Knick Knack Nook Bursaries	Awards bursary monies to post-secondary students studying toward careers in environmental sustainability.
Knick Knack Nook Small Grants Program	Action in support of environmental sustainability including social change and education.
Maggie Cumming Legacy Fund	Development and maintenance of Bowen trails and greenways; Snug Cove House programs; An annual student scholarship.
Margaret Witty Bursary	An annual bursary to one or more deserving students of Island Pacific School.
The Foxglove Fund	Provides funding for the Gail Taylor Bursary, which offers tuition for families in need to attend preschool on Bowen Island.



As the days get shorter and swimming at the local beaches seems like a distant memory, Bowen Islander's need not worry: there's something fun to look forward to this fall.

Tickets for the 5th Annual Bowen Island International Wine Festival are now available, but don't wait too long – there's only a limited number and the event always sells out. This year, Paul Rickett, event organizer from the Bowen Beer and Wine Cellar, will welcome and introduce more than 60 wines from international and BC vineyards. Food will be catered by local chef extraordinaire Matt Matheson.

The most noble and fulfilling part of your participation in this indulgence? **Proceeds from the event will support the Bowen Island Community Foundation's Helping Hand Fund.** Sip and savour, knowing that you are also making a contribution to your community. This fund provides assistance for vulnerable individuals and families on Bowen "who are suffering as a result of unemployment, serious injury or illness, or severe personal financial hardship". The maximum grant is \$1,000 and confidentiality is guaranteed -- individual names of grant recipients are never made public. As Shelagh Mackinnon, our former Chair of Helping Hand once put it, "It is not a loan, but a grant, a gift; a way of saying 'you are not alone and the caring of island residents is with you.'" Since 2013 the Community Foundation has committed to providing an annual amount of \$10,000 for this initiative – and this wine tasting event is key to that funding.

So don't delay; the event has sold out every year -- tickets are \$55 and only 115 are available from the Bowen Beer and Wine Cellar. **The event will be held on October 25th, at Evergreen Hall from 6.30 to 9pm. And if you park at the Community School, a shuttle will be provided to and from the event.**

A final word of caution -- by all means enjoy yourself, but please drink responsibly -- it's a wine tasting, after all, not a reprise of a Roman Bacchanalia.

For Bowen, Forever - Legacy Giving Event

Are you interested in ensuring your organization's mission and vision for your community is sustainable for the foreseeable future? Are you a volunteer in the charitable sector, or are you considering a legacy gift to our island community?



Please join us as we bring two legal experts in the charitable field, **Michael Blatchford**, lawyer, advocate and advisor for charities, and **Michael Haywood**, lawyer and financial planner, to share their experience with planned legacy giving

These experts will explore the issues of how charitable organizations should be structured to properly accept and manage these gifts, including how these charitable gifts can be given during a donor's lifetime or through their estate.

This event is open to individuals and organizations interested in learning the how-to's and mechanics involved in leaving (and accepting) a legacy gift to charity. We anticipate limited seating so please RSVP as early as possible. If responding on behalf of your organization, please indicate the total number of invitees.

Date: Saturday October 20th

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Venue: Cates Hill Chapel

RSVP: admin@bowenfoundation.com by Oct 15th

Changes at Your Foundation

After six years of dedication and hard work at the Foundation, **Julia McCaig** is stepping down from her role. Julia was initially a Director and for the past two years she has ably assisted with the Foundation's administrative affairs, communications, and as a community liaison. Julia has been a steadfast champion of the Foundation and has been an important contributor to the Foundation's growth and success. We'd like to thank Julia for all she has done and wish her the best for the future.

We would like to welcome **Eve Le Roy** as a **Director**. Eve grew up on Bowen Island and feels privileged to have been raised in such a beautiful part of the world: probably because her lifetime on Bowen has been occasionally interrupted by various globe trolling work, school, and sporting episodes on four different continents . . . always followed by a very welcome return home. Although she only used her Science and Teaching degrees professionally for a brief time, she has made good use of her CGA course training - in addition to working with her father building spec homes in the community, she has spent years providing bookkeeping services to many prominent local businesses. In her spare time, she remains an avid and competitive hockey player, works out at "the Gym", and can be found strolling on the trails with her elderly dog, Jackie O.

The Foundation is very pleased to welcome **Lisa Wrinch** as our new **Administrator**. Lisa is a well-known face on Bowen Island having worked at the Municipality for nine years as Administrative Assistant and Deputy Corporate Officer, and currently as Administrator for D.K. Harris Properties in taking care of the residential commercial properties within Village Square. Lisa's professionalism, skills and her dedication to all things Bowen will be a great match for the Foundation.

Supporting our Community

Our Vision: An enriched quality of life for all Bowen Islanders.

If you would like to learn more about the work of your Bowen Island Community Foundation

and how donor contributions are making a difference in our community, please visit our website

bowenfoundation.com.

With your continued financial support, the Foundation works to make Bowen a better community.

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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 prefer not to receive email communication from us, you may choose to unsubscribe.

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