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## Community Connections

The Bowen Island Community Foundation Newsletter

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### Our Bowen Community

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Bowen Island is truly a “Community Working Together,” the theme of our 2018 campaign. Through generous donations and support, the Foundation raised \$187,856. The market value of our Endowment Funds invested at the Vancouver Foundation increased from \$1,004,656 in 2017 to \$1,037,925 in 2018. **These Endowment Funds are akin to savings accounts for our Bowen community and through their income we can help address the Island’s priorities in perpetuity.**

Over the years, through the work of Bowen individuals and charitable organizations, these funds have helped bring many visions to reality, from planting a community garden, to designing a seniors residence, to helping a neighbour through a personal emergency. **Your Foundation helps build a resilient Bowen community.**

The Foundation's giving continues this year with \$35,500 in grants awarded to projects addressing the priorities identified in the 2017 Vital Conversations report. This year’s projects will impact affordable housing on Bowen, our youth, diversity and inclusion, gathering places, and our environment.

**[Thank you, Bowen, for your generosity!](#)**



## Giving Back

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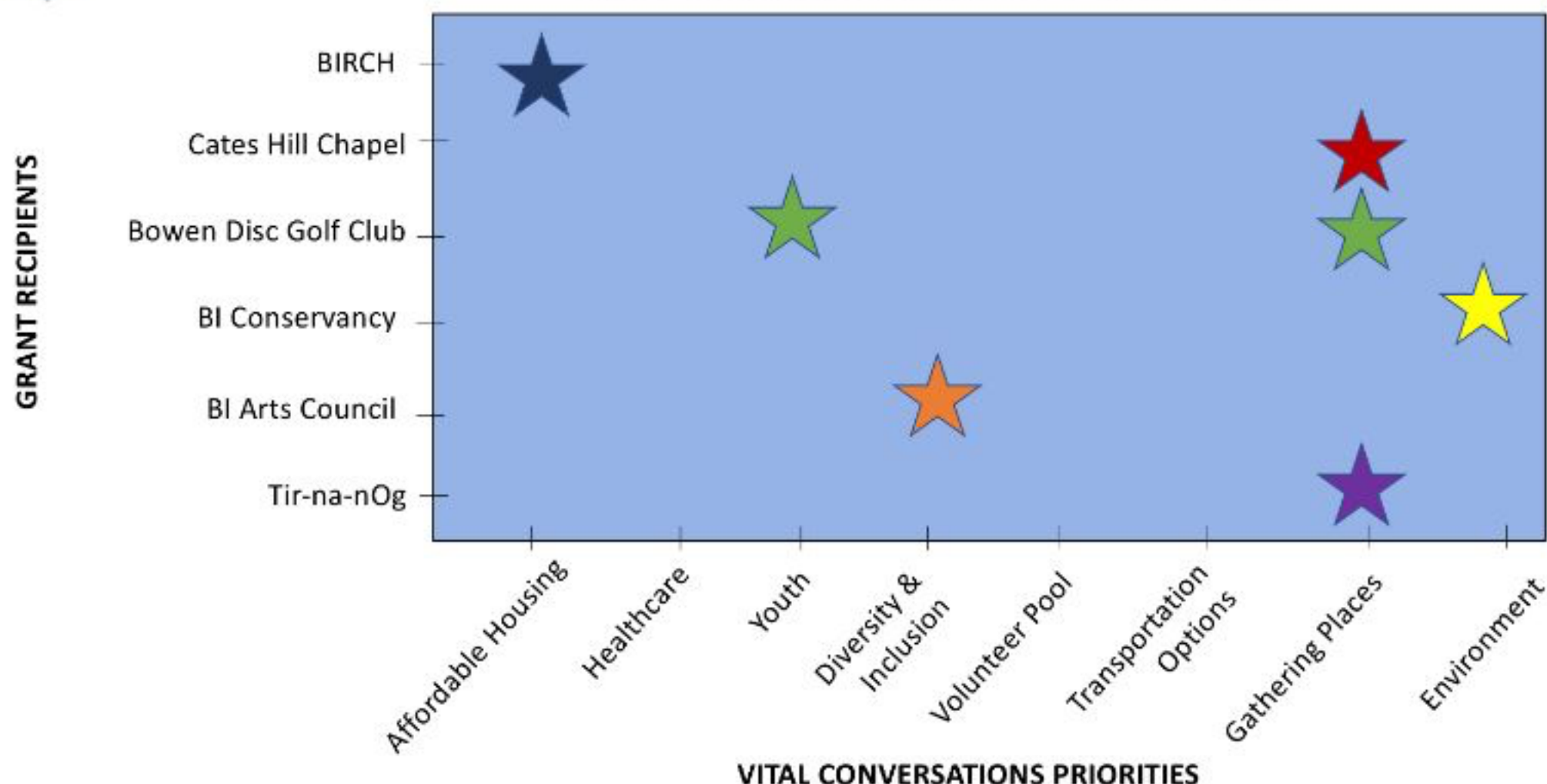
Your Bowen Island Community Foundation helps build a resilient community and strengthens Bowen Islanders' sense of belonging by engaging citizens, organizations and local government to work together and contribute their money, time, ideas, expertise and energy to serve the community. **Through the Foundation's leadership and stewardship, we hope to inspire generosity that will last for generations.**

Community grants in 2018 totalled \$122,580 and scholarships were \$43,700. The Treasurer's Report provides the full scope of donations, grants and funds administered in 2018.

**At our 2019 Annual Meeting, \$35,500 in grants were awarded from the Community Impact Fund to support important community initiatives.** The funded projects are all responsive to the community's needs identified in the latest [Vital Conversations](#) report.



## Helping to Meet Our Vital Conversations Priorities



Community Impact grants are awarded based on the submitted Application:

- Having a tangible objective(s)
- Having a clear, and realistic, plan for meeting that objective
- Addressing a community need or priority (as identified in the Vital Conversations report or otherwise)
- Showing evidence of community support

Below are descriptions of each grant project.

Organization	Project	Grant Amount
Bowen Island Resilient Community Housing Society (BIRCH)	Affordable Housing in the Cove	\$15,000
Cates Hill Chapel	Kitchen Renovation	\$2,500
Bowen Disc Golf Club, Island Pacific School	Disc Golf Course	\$7,500
Bowen Island Conservancy	Marine Conservation Atlas	\$5,000
Bowen Island Arts Council, Bowen Island Public Library	Truth and Reconciliation Workshop	\$3,000
Tir-na-nOg Theatre School Society	Sound System	\$2,500
Total Grants		\$35,500





**Organizations: Bowen Island Resilient Community Housing Society (BIRCH)**

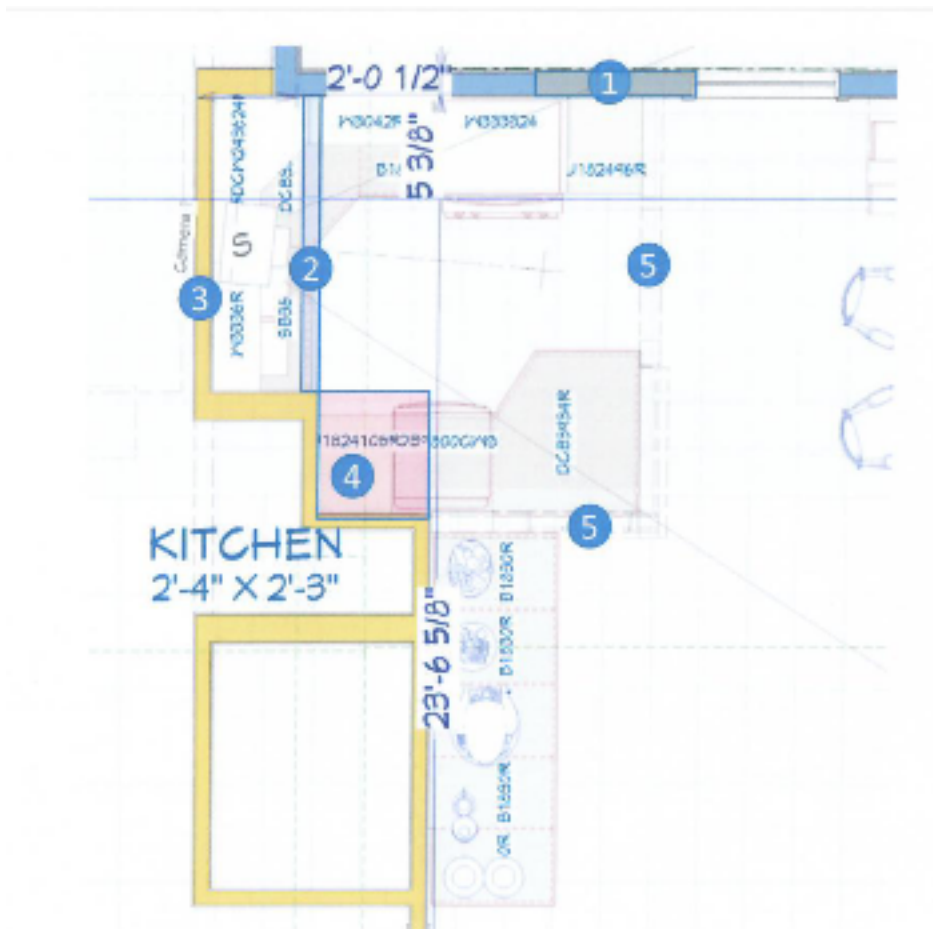
## Project: Affordable Housing

**Grant Amount: \$15,000**

## Vital Conversations Priority: **Develop Housing for All**

As identified in the 2017 Vital Conversations report, developing housing for all on Bowen is a top priority. With 87% of our housing stock being single family homes, there is a severe lack of diverse and affordable housing options. BIRCH's purpose is to develop and manage diverse, permanently affordable housing on Bowen Island. The first affordable housing project for Bowen will have a significant impact on the community, allowing opportunities for those

here facing housing challenges to remain, as well as those who have already been forced off the island that hope to return. This \$15,000 grant will go towards the Phase I feasibility stage of BIRCH's first project to build approximately 20 units of rental housing on Community Lands.



**Organization:** Cates Hill Chapel

## Project: Kitchen Renovation

**Grant Amount: \$2,500**

## Vital Conversations Priority: Create Gathering Places for All

Cates Hill Chapel is a facility that is widely used by the entire Bowen community. Rent is kept low to make the available spaces affordable. With few larger facilities available for public use, the chapel has been more widely used than anticipated and often at maximum capacity. Over time it has become evident that a more functional kitchen would greatly benefit all who use the space. This \$2,500 grant will help with the renovation of the existing kitchen so that food can be prepared and heated, large quantities of dishes can be quickly cleaned, and tableware can be stored efficiently.



**Organization:** Bowen Disc Golf Club, Island Pacific School

## Project: Disc Golf Course Construction

**Grant Amount: \$7,500**

## Vital Conversations Priority: Create Gathering Places for All, Support our Youth, Intergenerational Connections

Disc golf is a fun and healthy activity for all ages. Partnering with Island Pacific School, the Bowen Disc Golf Club has secured 2.3 hectares of land in Veterans Park from the Bowen Island Municipality to build an 18-hole disc golf course. Numerous local businesses have also joined the initiative by sponsoring to finance the baskets for each hole. This disc golf course has



many benefits including a place for all ages to play together in a year-round outdoor recreation area, new access to public lands, preserving the land as park space, and attracting and enhancing visitor experiences This \$7,500 grant will go towards helping to prepare the land for the course.



**Organizations:** [Bowen Island Conservancy](#)  
**Project:** [Marine Conservation Atlas](#)  
**Grant Amount:** [\\$5,000](#)  
**Vital Conversations Priority:** [Take Responsibility for the Stewardship of our Environment](#)

The Bowen Island Conservancy is developing and publishing a Bowen Marine Conservation Atlas to foster public awareness of

and engagement in local marine conservation issues and to celebrate the recovery of our marine neighbourhood. To date, there has been no such telling of Bowen's marine story. The Atlas will be built from layers of scientific data overlaid by local knowledge from citizen scientists, divers, and fishers and traditional knowledge from Coast Salish members. The Atlas will address 15-20 themes, illustrated with maps, text, and photos. It will be given to Bowen schools and the library, sold through local stores to islanders and visitors, and provided online in PDF format. This \$5,000 grant will be used for the general design of the Atlas, layout and maps.



**Organization:** [Bowen Island Arts Council, Bowen Island Public Library](#)  
**Project:** [Bowen Truth and Reconciliation Workshop](#)  
**Grant Amount:** [\\$3,000](#)  
**Vital Conversations Priority:** [Celebrate Diversity and Inclusion](#)

For the past three years, under the banner of Knowing Our Place, the Bowen Island Public Library and the Bowen Island

Arts Council have been working together to organize a series of events and activities with the goal of developing our community's relationship with and stronger ties to local First Nations. This \$3,000 grant will be used towards a workshop for community leaders and representatives of nonprofits. The workshop will focus on gaining knowledge on how to take action and develop meaningful relationships and dialogue, and work with local First Nations.



**Organization:** [Tir-na-nOg Theatre School Society](#)  
**Project:** [Sound System](#)  
**Grant Amount:** [\\$2,500](#)  
**Vital Conversations Priority:** [Create Gathering Places for All](#)

The Tir-na-nOg Theatre School provides year-round courses in Theatre Arts education for young people. The School offers an intensive and unique experience in the Theatre Arts, encouraging individual development of creative expression while nurturing cooperation and a sense of group accomplishment. In addition to providing an educational and performance space for the students of Tir-na-nOg, the auditorium is frequently made available for the concerts and

performances of other community groups. For many of these events, a sound system is an essential ingredient. This \$2,500 grant will go towards the acquisition of a sound amplification system to meet the needs of the various performing groups. This sound system is the next step in the evolution of the Tir-na-nOg Auditorium as a community gathering place, significantly increasing its capacity to serve as a venue for various artistic productions.

## Scholarships and Bursaries Available

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Do you know a deserving young Bowen Islander who is on their way to the next chapter in their education and lives? Your Community Foundation offers numerous [opportunities](#) for financial support to help.

- **Bowen Island Community Foundation Trade Prize** for those who'd rather build a house than a spreadsheet. Application deadline is **July 1, 2019**.
- **Bowen Island Community Foundation Academic Scholarship** for students with strong grades and on their way to a post-secondary institution. Application deadline is **July 1, 2019**.
- **Aaron Sluggett Memorial Scholarship** for a community minded and sports loving student. Application deadline is **May 15, 2019**.
- **Maggie Cumming Legacy Bursary** for Bowen students in good academic standing who love the environment. Application deadline is **May 15, 2019**.
- **Knick Knack Nook Scholarship for Environmental Sustainability** for students pursuing academic studies toward environmental sustainability. Application deadline is **June 30, 2019**.

For more information, visit the Foundation's website at [bowenfoundation.com](http://bowenfoundation.com).

## New Funds and Grants

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At the Bowen Island Community Foundation Annual Meeting on April 26, 2019, the Foundation announced two new funds: the **Kipp Thompson Memorial Bursary for the Performing Arts** and the **Bowen Youth at Risk Fund**.

- Kipp Thompson was a young man who grew up on Bowen Island; he was a talented musician who also experienced difficulties with drug dependence, and died last year at the age of 24. The **Kipp Thompson Memorial Bursary for the Performing Arts** celebrates the many strengths of his life. As many of his friends and family have noted, he was happiest on stage, performing. This annual bursary will provide funds for a Bowen Islander to pursue the performing arts, in Kipp's memory. In concert with the Bowen Arts Council, the first award will be made later this year.
- The **Bowen Youth at Risk Fund** is, at least in part, related to the tragedy of Kipp Thompson's early death. There is a need for more support of young people on Bowen Island whose lives and opportunities are being compromised as a result of drug use. This fund will provide both education for the community and treatment and counselling for young people on Bowen who are looking for assistance in dealing with problems of substance use, delivered with the support of the Caring Circle.

In addition to these two new endowment funds, the Foundation announced that in 2020 it will be partnering with the Vancouver Foundation to provide the **Neighbourhood Small Grants Program** to Bowen Island neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Small Grants program is designed to provide grants up to \$500 for projects that will make a difference in neighbourhood communities. Requests for funding will be put forward to a grassroots community committee, the "Neighbourhood Grants Committee" who will review all grant requests.

Here are a few examples of possible grants:

- Connect and engage neighbours by having a potluck dinner to help welcome new comers and catch up with ones



who live in the neighbourhood

- Share your skills and knowledge like collaborative art making or storytelling sessions by a neighbourhood artist/storyteller
- Increase sense of belonging and responsibility to one's community by putting together a neighbourhood clothing swap
- Respect and Celebrate diversity by having a cost-free multicultural community dinner

Additional information and application packages will be coming to our website in the coming months, or follow us on [Facebook](#) for notification.



## Chair's Report

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Here are highlights from the Bowen Island Community Foundation [Chair's Report](#), presented at the Annual Meeting April 26, 2019.

### 2018 in Review:

- Conducted an informational event on legacy giving hosted for all charitable organization and individuals interested in exploring the how-to's of bequests to our

community.

- Secured several legacy gift commitments to the community.
- Received a pledge of \$1 million to support the Bowen Island Community and Arts Centre's capital campaign.
- Conducted a successful fund-raising campaign, "Community Working Together," totalling over \$187,000.
- Established two new endowment funds: Kipp Thompson Memorial Fund for the Performing Arts and the Bowen Youth at Risk Fund.
- Established a new Small Neighbourhood Grants Program in conjunction with the Vancouver Foundation.
- Welcomed a new Administrator, Lisa Wrinch.
- Welcomed three new Directors, James Glave, Amanda Ockeloen, and Rob Purdy.



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**David Podmore, O.B.C.**  
**Chair**  
May 2019

## Treasurer's Report

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Here are highlights from the Bowen Island Community Foundation [Treasurer's Report](#), presented at the Annual Meeting April 26, 2019. The full report can be seen on our website.

### The Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2018 show:

- Donations received of \$187,856, compared to \$251,268 the previous year, a decline of 25% largely due to a couple of directed donations in 2017 that were non-recurring.

- Endowment Fund Income from the Vancouver Foundation of \$43,538, up 15% from last year.
- Community Grants were \$122,580 compared to \$233,300 in 2017, which included one large directed payment to Cove Commons of \$145,000.
- Scholarships granted were \$43,700, an increase of over \$11,000 awarded in 2017.
- \$75,439 was transferred to the Vancouver Foundation for investment in Endowment Funds.
  - Includes \$10,000 to permanently endow “The Helping Hand Fund.”
  - The previous year \$85,300 was transferred
- Operating Expenses (other than internal Administration Fees charged by the Community Impact Fund to other Funds) were \$35,205, a decrease of \$16,560 over the previous year due to lower legal fees and a non-recurring expense for Vital Conversations.
- Budgeted expenditures for 2019 (excluding internal Administration fees), are forecast at \$45,000. The increase in expenses is due to a strategic planning conference, website maintenance and increased accounting expenses.
- Fund Balances, after accounting for all Receipts, Grants, Expenses and transfers to and from the Vancouver Foundation, decreased by \$44,258 from \$339,391 last year to \$295,133 as of December 31, 2018. Excluding the \$50,000 grant for the Bowen Children’s Centre, other fund balances increased by \$5,742 over the previous year.
- The market value of Endowment Funds invested at the Vancouver Foundation increased from \$1,004,656 last year to \$1,037,925 this year. The value per investment unit decreased by 5.37 % from \$21.29 a year ago to \$20.20 as of December 31, 2018.

The decline in value was due to Endowment Fund distributions, which returned \$0.79 per unit, a yield of approximately 3.8%, 1.3% in fund management fees, and negative financial market returns of 0.30%.

- The small negative return on the Foundation’s investment portfolio was due to weak global equity markets. However, longer term results remain strong with 5 and 10 year returns of 7.29% and 8.67% respectively.
- The Combined Fund Balances of the Bowen Island Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation Funds totalled \$1,333,058 as of December 31, 2018, which is a decline of \$10,989 from last year.

**Larry Lunn, CFA**

**Director, and Financial Advisory Committee Chair**

## Changes at Your Foundation

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We say goodbye to three Directors that are retiring from the Board.



These individuals, **Soren Hammerberg**, **Jennifer Pardee** and **Eve Le Roy**, will be greatly missed.

Over the past seven years **Soren** has poured his heart and soul into building the Bowen Island Community Foundation into a model organization that is widely respected and emulated by other community foundations in British Columbia and nationally.

**Jennifer’s** organizational talents and steadfast commitment to ensure professional, effective management of various Foundation initiatives has been amazing, perhaps best illustrated by her adept chairing of the Community Grants program and our partnership with the Knick Knack Nook.



**Eve**, thank you for volunteering in 2018 to serve as a Director, manage our accounts and act as our Treasurer. You have done an excellent job - we are most grateful for your participation and wish you great success going forward.



At the same time, we'd like to welcome three new Directors, **James Glave**, **Amanda Ockelo**, and **Rob Purdy** as **Treasurer** to the Board.

**James Glave** supports companies, industry associations, organizations, and governments that are working to grow the low-carbon economy. A passionate advocate for decarbonization, he is a cofounder and former communications director for Clean Energy Canada, and a senior fellow and lead communications advisor for Future 500, a San Francisco-based non-profit consultancy that builds trust between companies, advocates, investors, and philanthropists to advance business as a force for good. James also hosts 3Things.Energy, a podcast offering plain-language conversations with global experts on the leading energy solutions to climate change. Closer to home, he chairs the Bowen Island Transportation Advisory Committee and serves on the Bowen Ferry Advisory Committee. James moved to Bowen with his family in 2005, and in his spare time, he practices his carpentry and woodworking, and loves scavenging and re-using found materials.

**Amanda Ockelo** grew up on Bowen Island in a household with parents that were both paramedics, along with her 'Pops' also being fire chief on Bowen Island for 20 years. All this clearly set the stage for Amanda's life and career. Graduating from the Justice Institute of BC, Amanda worked as a paramedic for 8 years on Bowen and the lower mainland. She then started a small business providing first aid Instruction through the Canadian Red Cross. Lifesavers First Aid Training has been operating for 25 years and includes both educational training and sales of first aid supplies. She was previously the Emergency Planning Coordinator for the Bowen Island Municipality while also serving as Director of Emergency Social Services. A passion of Amanda's was to have AED's readily accessible to all neighbourhoods on Bowen, and together with the Rotary and Municipality there are now 24 AED's publicly available. She presently sits on the Board of the Helping Hand, was President of Bowen Island Children's Centre for many years and acted as Co-Chair on the BI Community School PAC. Amanda, her husband Allard, and their daughters live in King Edward Bay. Amanda has a love for animals and nature, running and hiking, and recently hiked a 220 km section of the Camino de Santiago trail in Spain.

Originally from Nova Scotia, **Rob Purdy** and his wife Christine made the leap to island life in 2014. A Chartered Professional Accountant, he has spent time working in Toronto, Edinburgh and London and is now actively involved in the Vancouver business community as a CFO consultant. He is currently the CFO of Catalyst Community Developments Society, a non-profit housing developer who are delivering a number of affordable housing projects throughout BC. In his spare time, he enjoys chasing his two boys around the playground at BICS, golfing at the Bowen Island Golf Club (where he is an acting Director), and has recently taken on responsibility for one of Canada's most unique and diverse apple orchards.

We also want to thank **Ron Strange** for being available on a volunteer basis to serve on the **Financial Advisory Committee** and provide accounting and financial advice drawing on his expertise and experience as a professional accountant. Now retired on Bowen Island, Ron was a partner of Deloitte & Touche for many years. He served as the senior partner of the Nassau and Cayman offices before returning to Canada where he was appointed Managing Partner

of the largest office in Toronto. He was also a member of the firm’s Management Committee and remained so until his retirement. Ron was also a long-term member of the board of the YMCA of Metropolitan Toronto and for several years also served as its Chair.

Thank you to our new and departing Directors for volunteering their time and talents to our community.

## Supporting our Community

With your help, together we are able to make meaningful and lasting impact in building a healthy and resilient Bowen Island community.

There are [many ways](#) to give back to our community, and any donation of \$20 or more is eligible to receive an official receipt for income tax purposes. If donating, please consider our recurring giving option by selecting the **Monthly** frequency option. **This is an easy way to give manageable amounts throughout the year.**

[click to DONATE](#)  
*["For Bowen, For Ever"](#)*

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](#).

***Our Mission:***  
**Engaging the community and inspiring generosity that will benefit Bowen Island for generations.**

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

We welcome your questions, suggestions and contributions. Please be sure to connect with us on Facebook or feel free to send us an email below.



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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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