



**BOWEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

MINUTES

AGM on April 21, 2016 at 7 pm

Cates Hill Chapel

Present: Neil Boyd, Henry Campbell, Michael Cornelissen, Joanne Gassman, Jennifer Hall, Soren Hammerberg, Julia McCaig, , Jennifer Pardee, Kim Stephens

Outgoing Directors: Kathy Bellringer, Colleen O'Neil, Andrea Verwey, Kristen Watson

Regrets: David Podmore

Annual General Meeting with the Public and Invited Guests:

1. Poetry performance by Jude Neale: the Community Foundations of Canada Anthem.
2. Welcome from Board Chair Soren Hammerberg, and motion to approve the AGM Agenda. Approved. Motion to approve Minutes of the AGM of April 30, 2015. Moved and approved. Chair's Report (attached).
3. Treasurer's Report: Kristen Watson. Motion to approve the Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2015 (attached), moved and approved. Treasurer's Report, prepared by Michael Cornelissen, (attached) presented.
4. Motion to approve the waiver of appointment of auditor and legal counsel for 2015, moved and approved.
5. Chair Soren Hammerberg: Thanks for the service of outgoing Directors Kathy Bellringer, Colleen O'Neil, Andrea Verwey and Kristen Watson.



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Motion to approve the slate of Directors of the Foundation for 2016/2017. Motion approved.

Soren Hammerberg, Chair
Neil Boyd, Director
Henry Campbell, Director
Michael Cornelissen, Treasurer
Joanne Gassman, Director
Jennifer Hall, Director
Julia McCaig, Director
Jennifer Pardee, Director
David Podmore, Director
Kim Stephens, Director

6. Grants Committee: Andrea Verwey, Chair. Announcement of Grant Recipients for 2016.
7. Introduction of our 2016 Artist in Residence and guest speaker, Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas.
8. **Formal meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**, with all invited to stay on for refreshments and discussion.

CHAIR'S REPORT AT THE AGM: APRIL 21, 2016

2015 was a remarkably successful year. The Foundation continued in its efforts to match donors with community needs, taking a number of significant steps towards our ultimate goal of building a more caring community.

The year brought considerable growth in our financial assets and, as a result, in our capacity to grant. The current total of funds under administration has now reached \$1.2 million and our capacity to provide grants to Bowen Island's many non-profit organizations now sits at about \$50,000 per year. We continue to rely upon the resources and expertise of the Vancouver Foundation to assist in the management and investment of our Funds. Their access to sophisticated tax and giving strategies and their world class financial managers continue to provide us with very sound returns on our investments.



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Total donations to the Community Foundation were 50 per cent greater in 2015 than in 2014. We are most appreciative of this support from the community and we acknowledge our responsibility in managing these proceeds. As Bowen Islanders we should be very proud that we care so compassionately about our neighbours and community. We are developing long term endowment funding that keeps giving back to Bowen. Accordingly, our annual fundraiser is now appropriately referred to as “For Bowen, For Ever”.

This year, we implemented a Strategic Plan that identified three main pillars, the Foundation’s role as leader in community philanthropy, in donor relations, and in building a stronger Foundation. We have followed through on this plan in a variety of ways:

- Developing a transparent, accountable and streamlined Granting process
- Acting as steward for other Island societies with their Granting and Scholarship programs
- Hosting a workshop on Governance practices and Statutory Compliance
- In conjunction with other regional Community Foundations, hosting the Right Honourable David Johnstone, the Governor General of Canada at a reception with Bowen Island youth
- Creating a refreshed and readable website that is easy to navigate
- Providing regular newsletters to our subscribers and donors
- Reviewing and refreshing all of our Governance policies
- Continuing with the stewardship of our existing Funds and creating a new Endowed Fund, the Marg Witty IPS Bursary Fund
- Funding and helping to manage the work of the Helping Hand Fund -- distributing funding, on a confidential basis, to our neighbours in need
- Assisting all Grant applicants with the application process
- Creating and administering a Youth Council, run by and for youth, to identify their priorities

All of our work is administered through a volunteer Board of Directors who care passionately about our community. On behalf of the Board, I wish to express appreciation to the Foundation’s donors for your confidence and support.

This year, we invited a group of Ambassadors to represent our values and help communicate our message. We want to express our appreciation to Darryl Deegan, Katherine Gish, Ted Spear, Donna Scorer, Shelagh McKinnon, Paulo Arreaga, Mary Letson, Brian Biddlecombe, Kevin Manning, Noah Price-Jones, Louise McIntosh, Erwin Smith and our friend and neighbour who recently passed, Piers Hayes.

In addition, the Board is delighted with the work of our Helping Hand Committee, Shelagh McKinnon, Bob Andrew, Amanda Ockeloen, Gary Ander and Spencer Grundy. Kudos also to our Youth



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Committee volunteers, John Stiver and Sarah Haxby. Many Island organizations have also helped with fundraisers on our behalf and we wish to acknowledge Paul Rickett at the Bowen Island Beer and Wine Store, Mary Letson of Positively Fit and Barry Thomas of MacDonald Realty.

Our Grants over the past twelve months have been extensive and wide-ranging. We are delighted to have awarded eight (8) grants over the past six months, totaling more than \$50,000:

October 2015 Grants			April 2016 Grants		
1	Clean Energy Canada – for solar panel project at BICS	\$12,500		Bowen Children’s Centre – for Infant and Toddler Annex	\$10,000
2	Tir-na-nOg Theatre School Society – for 1 st phase replacement of electrical lighting system	\$6,160		Bowen Island Museum and Archives – for innovative garden and green space revitalization project	\$7,500
3	Bowen Island Public Library Foundation – for Mountain Trike Push trail-friendly wheelchair	\$7,650		Bowen Island Community School Association – for community playground equipment at BICS	\$5,000
4	Bowen Island Football Club – for development of the Open Men’s Football Program	\$2,990		Snug Cove House Society of Bowen Island – for specialized design planning for the pending new facility	\$2,500
GRAND TOTALS		\$29,300			\$25,000

The Board continues to evolve with the appointments of Henry Campbell, Michael Cornelissen and David Podmore as Directors. Colleen O’Neil, Kristen Watson, Andrea Verwey and Kathy Bellringer all retired after serving extensive terms, and making significant contributions to the work of the Foundation.

The Artist in Residence programme has seen the involvement in this year of Michael Nicoll Yahglaanas and his majestic sculpture ‘SEI’. We look forward to distributing copies of this remarkable image. The Board also wants to express its appreciation for the past use of Andrew Plewes’ iconic image of Bowen Island. Our intent is to continue to highlight the work of an Island artist on a revolving basis.

Finally, in 2016, the Board has identified academic scholarships and an intent to Endow the Helping Hand Fund as priorities for this year. With the support of the community, we are confident that we can make both a reality.

In closing, I want to say that is a privilege to serve as Chair of the Foundation. With your help, we hope to continue to make Bowen Island a more caring and compassionate community.

Soren Hammerberg
April 2016