



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



As a Board we are proud to support the great work of BGCA and the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood to be a vibrant, engaged, and safe place to live, work, and play.

The City of Victoria's Concrete Canvas initiative engaged local and international artists to create original artworks on blank concrete walls resulting in 17 new murals painted throughout Rock Bay. This is a welcome contribution, highlighting the unique appearance and public interest of our industrial area. It is well worth the time to walk through the area to view the artists' fascinating work.

This year also saw a unique partnership between Pacifica Housing, School District 61, and the City of Victoria to reactivate the site of the former Burnside Elementary School at 3130 Jutland. This precedent-setting agreement includes: restoration of the school to house the District's alternative and continuing education programs; development of 88 units of affordable housing with a family focus; much needed childcare spaces; and shared activity space for students and the community. We look forward to welcoming new families to the neighbourhood and to having an active school in the community again.

Increased engagement was an ongoing theme over the last year, with many residents and agencies coming together to find solutions to complex problems. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed in early 2018 to address increasing tensions in the neighbourhood. The CAC has been working with BC Housing to develop a strategy for measuring and mitigating the impacts of supported housing projects in communities and for improving community integration for vulnerable residents.

Funding from the City of Victoria's My Great Neighbourhood Grants and Neighbourhood Small Grants funded by Victoria Foundation allowed for resident and business driven projects such as block parties, community gatherings, and emergency preparedness initiatives. We are excited to see more of these projects in the future, shaping our community together!

"The essence of community, its heart and soul, is the non-monetary exchange of value; things we do and share because we care for others, and for the good of the place." -Dee Hock

LOOKING BACK AT 2017-2018

CHILDREN & YOUTH

121 children registered in childcare including preschool and out of school care at Burnside, Tillicum and Quadra school sites.

354 children and youth attended our Pro-D, winter, spring, and summer camps where they experienced out trips and fun, creative activities.

Children and youth made over 2000 visits to lunch hour and after school recreation activities improving their physical health and social skills.



Youth practicing their skills at a Camp Survivor outing.



An FSS Graduate celebrating with her family.

COUNSELLING & SUPPORT

Congratulations to the 57 families who graduated from Family Self Sufficiency, a three year financial literacy & asset development program. Collectively participants saved more than \$350,000 with debt reduction of more than \$360,000

Our Housing Outreach team worked with 234 families who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

More than 500 youth received support and counselling services in schools and in the community.

137 families received intensive parenting and family support through the C'nex Parenting Program and family outreach.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

There were almost 4000 visits to our Family Centre to enjoy early childhood programming and more than 4400 meals served to families at our weekly dinners.

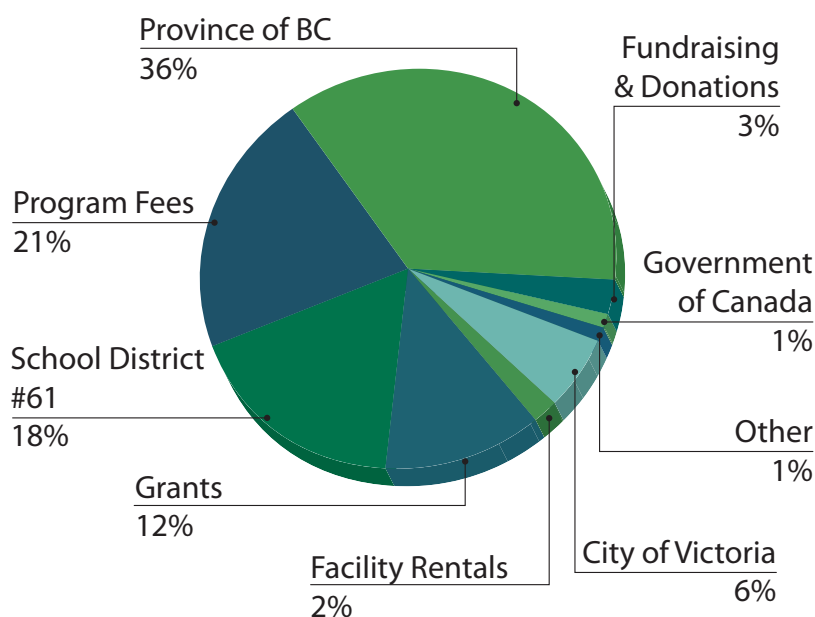
Our Seniors Lunch & Learn program served more than 950 meals and hosted over 100 presenters

3000+ people attended special events such as Gorge Waterway Clean up, Monster Mash, Santa's Pancake Breakfast and the Selkirk Waterfront Festival.



The Aquarius Dive Club at the 2017 Gorge Waterway Cleanup.

REVENUE



	2017-2018	2016-2017
Government & Contracts	\$1,244,077	\$1,210,150
Fees	\$425,477	\$454,159
Facility Rentals	\$36,732	\$32,331
Grants	\$256,964	\$210,609
Fundraising & Donations	\$63,537	\$34,649
Other	\$27,055	\$45,528
Total	\$2,053,842	\$1,987,426

EXPENSES

For the Year Ending August 31	2017-2018	2016-2017
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,554,717	\$1,540,922
Program Supplies	\$269,631	\$241,076
Office & General	\$80,129	\$77,722
Rent, Maintenance & Security	\$56,874	\$54,852
Instructor Fees	\$8,650	\$8,486
Sundry	\$4,582	\$6,029
Bursaries	\$2,500	\$2,500
Amortization	\$18,166	\$20,644
Total	\$1,995,249	\$1,952,231

OUR SUPPORTERS

PLATINUM \$10,000+

Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Coast Capital Savings, TELUS, The Jawl Foundation, United Way of Greater Victoria, Vancity Community Foundation

GOLD \$5,000-\$9,999

Avery Stetski & Sandra Warr, BC Investment Management Corp, C-FAX Santa's Anonymous, Congregation Emanu-El, Provincial Employees Community Services Fund, RALMAX Group

SILVER \$1,000-\$4,999

Al Roadburg Foundation, BC Pension Corporation, Burnside Dispensary, Community of Christ Church, Great Canadian Casinos Inc., Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria, Ian & Nikki Bridger, ICBC Dunedin Claim Centre, IVARI, Optimist Club of Victoria, RBC Royal Bank, Royal Canadian Legion - Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch #292, Tim Horton's, Victoria Real Estate Board, Workday

BRONZE \$500-\$999

370/380 Waterfront Crescent Strata, Campus Honda, DNL Holdings, Jawl Properties Ltd., Kardel Consulting, Peninsula Co-op.

GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BC Housing, Capital Regional District, City of Victoria, Employment & Social Development Canada, Island Health, Min. of Community, Sport, & Cultural Development, Min. of Children & Family Development, Public Health Agency of Canada, School District 61



Volunteers with the 2018 Selkirk Waterfront Festival

OUR SERVICES

Burnside Gorge Community Association offers a continuum of programs and services that respond to the needs of residents in Burnside Gorge and children, youth, families and seniors throughout the Capital Region. Programming includes:

Child care – Pre-school, out-of-school care, winter, spring and summer day camps.

Youth Services – School based counselling and recreation programs; youth outreach to at risk youth and youth transitioning from Government care to independence; adventure day camps for youth during spring, summer and winter breaks.

Family Services - community based counselling services for families who struggle with parenting, finances and other issues that are a barrier to meeting their children's needs; direct housing and financial assistance to families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; long term financial literacy and asset development for families in subsidized housing; parent and child drop-in programs including a weekly community dinner and a Resource Room for low-income families to access free clothing, food and toiletries.

Community Recreation and Special Events – a range of fitness and recreation opportunities for children, youth, families and seniors; community wide celebrations and special events.

Community Development – Community newsletter; Community history & public art projects; environmental initiatives such as Friends of Cecelia Ravine and the Cecelia Ravine Community Gardens; Neighbourhood improvement and place-making projects.

*Deep gratitude & thanks to all of the
volunteers, donors and supporters
who helps to make a difference in our
communities!*