



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



As a Board of Directors we strive to support the great work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, as well as the businesses and residents that make this such a diverse and active community. 2018-2019 has seen a number of projects bringing new energy to the neighbourhood. The expansion of Cecelia Ravine Park brought improved park access and a new play space. Point Ellice House was revitalized, retaining a heritage gem. School District 61 renovated the former Burnside Elementary for alternative and continuing education. The next phase of this development includes affordable housing, much needed childcare spaces, and shared activity space for students and the community.

This was also an active time for the Board, beginning a new strategic planning process to set priority targets and exploring creative ways to diversify our funding base through partnerships and collaborative initiatives. This work paves the way for exciting new opportunities in the coming year. The Land Use Committee reviewed and provided input on a number of exciting residential and commercial proposals that will increase the population and vitality of Burnside Gorge.

Opportunities for community celebration continued through annual events such as our ever popular Selkirk Waterfront Festival and Santa's Pancake Breakfast. Initiatives such as Friends of Cecelia Ravine and Gorge Waterway Cleanup allow residents to be hands-on stewards of our natural areas. Small grant funding supported resident and business driven community improvement projects such as community garden upgrades, wayfinding, and social initiatives for multi-unit buildings.

Like other neighbourhoods in the region, Burnside Gorge also faces challenges that require consistent attention and effort. BGCA directors and staff actively participate in a number of initiatives to strengthen relationships and support community development efforts. We invite all community members to participate in the growth of Burnside Gorge. Engagement with your neighbourhood is one of the most satisfying ways to create a thriving and welcoming community for all.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections occasionally, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ~ Dr Syed Almasghadi

LOOKING BACK AT 2018-2019

Children & Youth

94 children registered in childcare at our Burnside, Tillicum and Quadra Out of School Care locations.

396 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 3700 visits to lunch hour and after school recreation activities improving their physical health and social skills.



Volunteers with the 2019 Selkirk Waterfront Festival



The Camp Survivor crew on a zipline adventure!

Counselling & Support

Our Housing Outreach team worked with 248 families who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness.

More than 700 youth received support through and school and community based counselling services and outreach.

140 families received support services through our Family Self Sufficiency, C'Nex Parenting and Family Development and Outreach programs

Community Building

There were almost 3500 visits to our Family Centre to enjoy early childhood programming and more than 3500 meals served to families at our weekly dinners.

Our Seniors Lunch & Learn program served more than 805 meals and hosted over 75 presenters

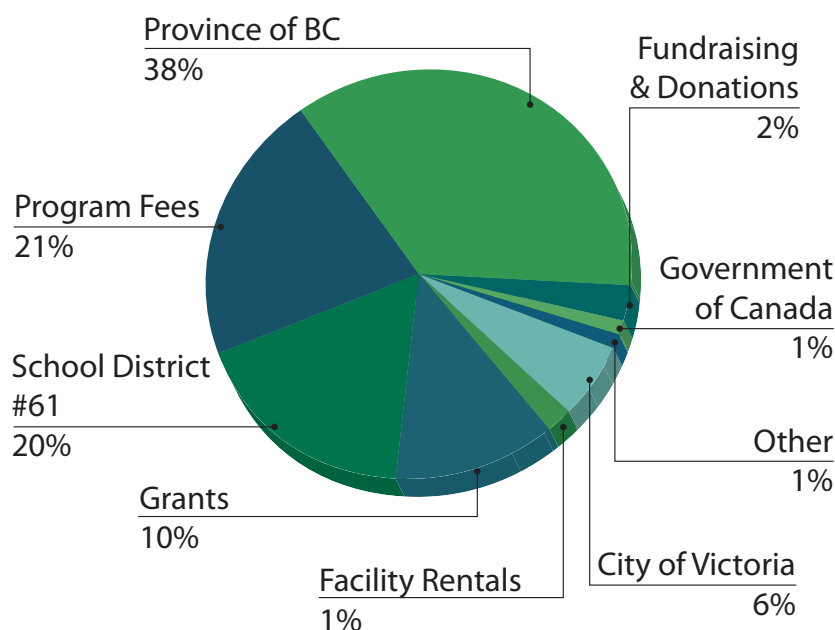
3500+ people attended special events such as Gorge Waterway Clean up, Monster Mash, Santa's Pancake Breakfast and the Selkirk Waterfront Festival.

We couldn't do the work that we do without the support and dedication of our amazing volunteers. In 2018/2019 we had more than 300 volunteers including our Board of Directors, reception & newsletter support, and all of our community events and celebrations. Collectively they contributed more than 3600 hours in service of the community.



The Junior Forest Wardens at the 2018 Gorge Waterway Cleanup!

REVENUE



	2018-2019	2017-2018
Government & Contracts	\$1,333,915	\$1,244,077
Fees	\$423,977	\$425,477
Facility Rentals	\$31,313	\$36,732
Grants	\$198,902	\$256,964
Fundraising & Donations	\$34,569	\$63,537
Other	\$25,507	\$27,055
Total	\$2,048,183	\$2,053,842

EXPENSES

For the Year Ending August 31	2018-2019	2017-2018
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,566,469	\$1,554,717
Program Supplies	\$246,749	\$269,631
Office & General	\$78,454	\$80,129
Rent, Maintenance & Security	\$65,260	\$56,874
Instructor Fees	\$8,709	\$8,650
Sundry	\$6,029	\$4,582
Bursaries	\$0	\$2,500
Amortization	\$8,090	\$18,166
Total	\$1,979,760	\$1,995,249

OUR SUPPORTERS

PLATINUM \$10,000+

Children's Health Foundation, CFA Santa's Anonymous, Coast Capital Savings, Rotary Club Victoria Harbourside, The Jawl Foundation, United Way of Greater Victoria, Vancity Community Foundation, Victoria Foundation

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

ABC Life Literacy Canada, Congregation Emanu-El, Warm Hearts Charitable Foundation

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

Victoria Community Micro Lending Society, Avery Stetski & Sandra Warr, BC Pension Corporation, BC Recreation & Parks Association, Burnside Dispensary, Community of Christ Church, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria, Hamber Foundation, Ian & Nikki Bridger, IVARI, Kardel Consulting, Optimist Club of Victoria, Peninsula Co-op, Provincial Employees Community Service, RALMAX Group, Royal Canadian Legion - Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch #292, Sisters of Charity, Sodexo Foundation Inc, Tim Horton's, Whole Kids Foundation, Workday

BRONZE \$500-\$999

Curate Developments LTD, DNL Holdings, ICBC Dunedin Claim Centre, Jawl Properties Ltd., Victoria Nissan

GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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



The grand opening of the newly renovated playspace in Cecelia Ravine Park!

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!*