



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



2021 - 2022 was a busy year for the BGCA. After a year of planning, we leased and renovated a property on Burnside Road to become the Burnside Gorge Boutique. The concept of operating a thrift store had been worked on by the BGCA for many months and 2022 saw it coming close to completion. The grants we successfully applied for in 2021 were put to use by supporting a number of projects to enhance the neighbourhood. The creation of a Burnside Gorge graffiti removal team – the Graffiti Fighters – and expansion of the Clean and Safe Teams at four locations in Burnside Gorge were two successes. We also repaired the mural on the side of the Galloping Goose just south of the Gorge Street bridge which had been defaced with graffiti and started planning with the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion to install a large mural on the front of their building on Gorge Road. Over the summer, the BGCA hosted a number of meetings and several events in the Cecilia Ravine to bring residents and people living with homelessness together to discuss what makes Burnside Gorge a great neighbourhood and what can be done to build and maintain a healthy community. Since 1991, the BGCA has worked to address our community's needs, initially providing school age child care to families in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood. Programs and services grew rapidly over the last two decades to include programs reaching youth and families across the Capital Region and health and wellness program for seniors. Since inception BGCA has maintained a strong commitment to continuous improvement of existing services while remaining responsive to emerging needs in the community.

BGCA continues to work hard with service providers, government and residents to improve the safety and liveability of our community and create and enhance community connections between neighbours. 2022 saw an increase in the number of My Great Neighbourhood (MGN) Grants awarded to Burnside Gorge residents including supporting neighbourhood get-togethers and BBQs, community gardens, and a community notice board. In the year ahead, the BGCA Board will work with the City and the community to plan for improvements to Arbutus Park.

The Burnside Gorge community has demonstrated it is resilience in the face of the pandemic and other challenges. The Board is thankful for everyone who has contributed to the success of our association – staff, supporters, volunteers and all those we support who make our community stronger.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021-2022

CHILD CARE

TILLICUM CHILD CARE CENTRE

September 2021 marked the opening of the Tillicum Child Care Centre, providing an additional 36 new before and after school care spaces at Tillicum School. This increased BGCA's out of school care spaces over four locations for both Tillicum and Quadra Schools to 145 spaces. The capacity for winter, spring and summer camp spaces are also increased to 44 spaces from 22.



Students in front of the Tillicum Child Care Centre

BURNSIDE BOUTIQUE

In April of 2022, BGCA secured a space at 360 Burnside Road and began renovations for our neighborhood Thrift Store, The Burnside Boutique. The transformation into the new, clean and classy Thrift Store took months of hard work and contributions from many trades in the community who helped with electrical, plumbing, lighting, drywall and paint. All of this work was led by our Board Co-chair, Avery Stetski, and floorplans and interiors design headed up by Sandra Warr. This vision would not have come to such a quick reality without them. THANK YOU!



Thank you wall for the supporters at the Burnside Boutique



Burnside Boutique from the front



Burnside Boutique during construction



2021-2022: A YEAR IN REVIEW

YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORTS

- 463 children and youth received counselling and outreach services through school and community based support services.
- Our Housing Outreach team worked with more than 200 families who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness and assisted them in finding or maintaining their housing.
- There were 3670 visits to our Early Years programs by families with children under 6 years.
- Over 200 families received parenting support

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

- The Community Volunteer Tax program helped 332 individuals complete their taxes
- 1988 meals served to families and seniors at our Thursday night community dinner
- 537 meals served to seniors at our Lunch and Learn program
- 126 coats were distributed to children and youth in November 2021 and 124 Christmas hampers were distributed to families during the 2021 Christmas season
- To help families with increased food costs, over 400 veggie & fruit bags and 300 snack bags were distributed during the spring and summer of 2022



Visitors enjoying beer garden at the Selkirk Waterfront Festival



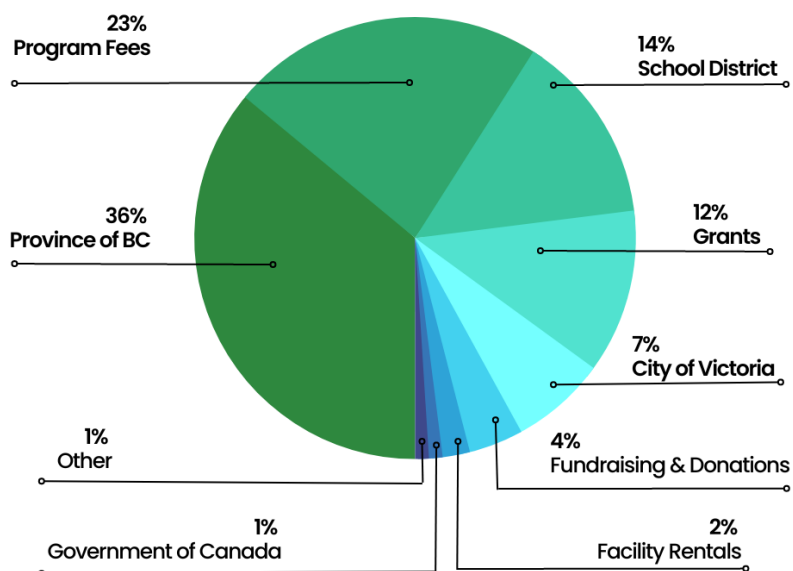
Children work at Lego Robotics STEM program

RECREATION

- The Selkirk Waterfront Festival had over 2000 visitors in May 2022. A new, very popular, addition to the music, food and activities was a beer garden. Event goers enjoyed the opportunity to grab some food, listen to the music and partake in a cold beverage.
- In the spring of 2022, BGCA offered a Lego Robotics STEM program for children ages 6-9. This extremely popular program focused on working with LEGO, Beyblades, Smart Cars, Tanks, R2-D2 from STAR WARS, and helicopters, whereby youth learned about gears, motors, and sensors and took those building skills to the next level and dove into the basics of engineering. Looking into next year, the class will double in size and increase weekly offerings.



REVENUE



	2021-2022	2020-2021
Government & Contracts	\$1,583,157	\$1,550,255
Fees	\$620,994	\$422,527
Facility Rentals	\$54,512	\$16,070
Grants	\$328,260	\$206,539
Fundraising & Donations	\$96,236	\$103,164
Other	\$45,466	\$46,678
Total	\$2,733,390	\$2,345,233

EXPENSES

For the Year Ending August 31	2021-2022	2020-2021
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,641,953	\$1,591,911
Program Expenditures	\$413,223	\$352,793
Office & General	\$92,221	\$80,849
Rent, Maintenance & Security	\$100,601	\$66,322
Instructor Fees	\$5,034	\$3,757
Rental Supplements	\$202,874	---
Bursaries	\$2000	\$1500
Amortization	\$24868	\$18,474
Total	\$2,482,774	\$2,116,883



OUR SUPPORTERS

PLATINUM \$10,000+

Anonymous Donor; Bank of Nova Scotia; CFAX Santa's Anonymous; Coast Capital Savings; First West Foundation; Greater Victoria Credit Union legacy Fund; RBC Royal Bank; The Jawl Foundation; United Way of Greater Victoria; Victoria Foundation

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

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

Ancient Order of Doers Anonymous; BC Council for the Family; BC Pension Corp.; Cheryl Stephens; Community of Christ Church; Cridge Centre for the Family; DNL Holdings; Fabaco Holdings; McElhanney, Nona Dyck; Optimist Club of Victoria; Peninsula Coop.; Provincial Employees Community Services Fund; RALMAX Group; Trafalgar Pro; Patria Legion; Workday

BRONZE \$500-\$999

Avery Stetski and Sandra Warr; CKKQ-FM; Elizabeth O'Neill; Elizabeth Reidie; Gurdwara Singh; Society of Victoria; Jawl Properties; Nicole Ardiel; Parkes Autobody and Paint; Pizza Prima Strata; Saanich Police Department; Trotac Marine

GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BC Housing; Capital Regional District; City of Victoria; Employment & Social Development Canada; Island Health, Ministry of Children & Family Development; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Public Health Agency of Canada; School District 61



Graffiti Fighters removing graffiti from our neighbourhood

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:

Childcare – Before and after school care, Pro-D, 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 winter, spring, and summer 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 receiving housing subsidy; parent and child programs including a weekly community dinner and a Resource Room for 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 – Monthly community newsletter; community history & public art projects; environmental restoration & food security initiatives; neighbourhood improvement and place-making projects.

We would like to express our deep gratitude & thanks to all of the volunteers, donors and supporters who help to make a difference in our communities!