



## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



It's been another busy year in Burnside Gorge and as always, it's a challenge to pick out the highlights!

We are consistently searching for ways to improve our community and we've had some wonderful opportunities with the My Great Neighbourhoods grants provided by the City of Victoria. Many of you have surely seen the mural project along the Galloping Goose Trail, just behind Selkirk Place. Designed by local artist, Lori Garcia-Meredith, the project was completed with the help of community volunteers over the summer of 2017.

Annual community traditions have had continued success. Events such as the Selkirk Waterfront Festival and Santa's Pancake Breakfast create opportunities for families to come out and celebrate community together. Initiatives such as the Gorge Waterway Cleanup and Friends of Cecelia Ravine Park provide opportunities for residents to be active stewards of our natural areas.

Fall of 2016 was our first year participating in the Ride for Refuge to raise funds for capital replacement and asset development programs for youth and families. The event was a tremendous success and we surpassed our goal. We are so grateful to all those who participated and supported our fundraising efforts.

It is also incredibly gratifying and heart-warming to see increasing levels of engagement as the community strengthens and grows in solidarity. We have seen residents becoming more active in the land use processes and initiatives. We were also delighted by the number of companies who attended the community business mixer held in April. We hope our community members continue to seize opportunities to have their voices heard and to join us in activities that are both fun and meaningful.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." –  
Margaret Mead

# LOOKING BACK AT 2016-2017

## COUNSELLING & SUPPORT

- Our Housing Outreach team worked with more than 300 families who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 270 rent supplements were used to stabilize families to maintain or secure housing.
- More than 550 youth received support and counselling services in schools and in the community.
- 57 families in Family Self Sufficiency, a three-year financial literacy & asset development program, have saved more than \$330,000 to date with debt reduction of more than \$140,000.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

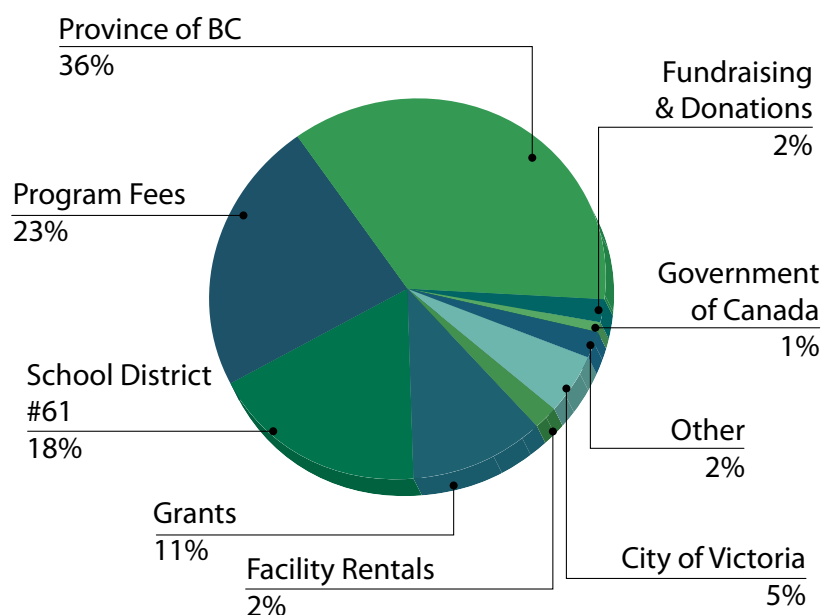
- 119 children registered in childcare including preschool and out of school care at Burnside, Tillicum and Quadra school sites.
- 400 children and youth attended our licensed and unlicensed Pro-D, spring, and summer camps.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

- There were over 4000 visits to our Family Centre to enjoy early childhood programming.
- Over 4200 meals were served to families at our weekly dinners.
- Our Seniors Lunch & Learn program served more than 700 meals throughout the year.
- More than 2700 people came out to enjoy one of our many special events offered throughout the year such as the Gorge Waterway Cleanup, Santa's Pancake Breakfast, and Selkirk Waterfront Festival.
- Volunteers donated more than 3600 hours to support our events, programs and services.



# REVENUE



	2016-2017	2015-2016
Government & Contracts	\$1,210,150	\$1,216,259
Fees	\$454,159	\$383,578
Facility Rentals	\$32,331	\$193,235
Grants	\$210,609	\$185,133
Fundraising & Donations	\$34,649	\$30,070
Other	\$45,528	\$32,939
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,987,426</b>	<b>\$2,041,214</b>

# EXPENSES

For the Year Ending August 31	2016-2017	2015-2016
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,540,922	\$1,579,436
Program Supplies	\$241,076	\$199,369
Office & General	\$77,722	\$121,619
Rent, Maintenance & Security	\$54,852	\$77,611
Instructor Fees	\$8,486	\$9,025
Sundry	\$6,029	\$2,606
Bursaries	\$2,500	\$2,500
Amortization	\$20,644	\$19,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,952,231</b>	<b>\$2,011,976</b>

# THANK YOU – FRIENDS OF BURNSIDE GORGE

## PLATINUM \$10,000+

Children's Health Foundation, Coast Capital Savings, Jawl Foundation, Provincial Employees Community Services Fund, United Way of Greater Victoria, Vancity, Victoria Foundation

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

Coast Capital Insurance, Community of Christ Church, Congregation Emanu-El, Ian & Nikki Bridger, ICBC Dunedin Claim Centre, Ivari, Optimist Club of Victoria, ParticipACTION, RBC Royal Bank, Burnside Dispensary, Tim Hortons, Western Financial Group, Workday



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

BC Investment Management Corp, CFA Santa's Anonymous, Victoria Real Estate Board

## BRONZE \$500-\$999

370/380 Waterfront Crescent Strata, Avery Stetski & Sandra Warr, BC Pension Corporation, Chew Fidelity Ltd, Christ Church Cathedral, Greenheart Health & Wellness, Jawl Properties Ltd, Kardel Consulting, Peninsula Co-op, Pizzeria Prima Strada, Robert Worth Family Fund, Sara Spencer Foundation

## GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BC Housing, Capital Regional District, City of Victoria, Island Health, Min. of Children & Family Development, Min. of Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture, Public Health Agency of Canada, School District 61, Service Canada

*Deep gratitude & thanks to all of those who help to make a difference in our communities!*

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## BURNSIDE GORGE: A UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Burnside Gorge Community Association offers a continuum of services and programs that respond to the needs of residents in the Burnside Gorge area and children, youth, families and seniors throughout Greater Victoria.

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

**Youth and Family Services** – School and community based counselling services for families who struggle with parenting, homelessness, finances and other issues that are a barrier to meeting their children's needs; youth outreach to at-risk youth and youth transitioning from government care to independence; early childhood and family drop-in programs including a weekly community dinner and a Resource Room for low-income families to access free clothing, food and toiletries.

**Housing and Asset Development** – Direct housing and financial support to families in housing and financial crisis; long term asset building programs for families in subsidized housing; financial literacy workshops to youth and adults throughout the CRD.

**Recreation and Special Events** – Range of fitness and recreation opportunities for children, youth, families and seniors; community and special events; adventure day camps for youth during spring, summer and winter breaks.

**Community Development** – Burnside Gorge Community News; Community History projects; Public Art projects; environmental initiatives such as Friends of Cecelia Ravine and the Cecelia Ravine Community Gardens.