

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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Who We Are!

The Cowichan Station Area Association (CSAA) is a registered Canadian charity that works to care for our community. The impetus for the formation of the CSAA was the closure of the Cowichan Station School.

From 1913 onward, the school was the heart of the village and surrounding area. For decades it was an important gathering place, and when it closed in 2007 the community came together to talk about the future of the site and the area in general. Those discussions, and a strong desire to come together and care for our community and environment, resulted in the establishment of the CSAA in 2008.

MISSION.....bringing neighbours together to promote the livability and to sustain the natural environment and historic and cultural values of the Cowichan Station area.

Message from the President

Whew what a year it has been! Since our last AGM we have enjoyed both a Summer Festival and a Christmas Hoedown, with

participation by families from throughout the Valley and beyond. The historic train station has been refurbished, in anticipation of the renewed rail passenger use. Cowichan Station is well identified now with the beautiful sign that declares it the Hub of the Universe. And speaking of Hubs, we now have a 40 year lease from the SD79 for our beloved school site. With tremendous effort by the directors and a host of volunteers, the heritage building is being renewed. Already the gym is in use, and with grants in place from the CVRD, Canadian Heritage, and VanCity, along with community support and ongoing fundraising, there will be new roofs, efficient heating,



expanded kitchen, washrooms,

and more. We look back on tremendous accomplishments and look forward to your involvement in the completion of this impressive project. Thank you to all!

VALUES THAT GUIDE US

Faith – we have faith in our energy and grassroots capacity to make a difference.

Respect – we respect and gain understanding from one another.

Integrity – we value honesty, commitment and follow through.

Efficiency – we are focused and strive for simplicity and clarity in what we do.

Inclusiveness – we are inclusive and collaborative and support openness and transparency.

Non Partisan – we focus on the greater interest of the community and respect orderly democratic process.

Advocacy – we actively advocate for the common good of our community.

Sustainability – we understand and embrace a model of environmental, economic, social and cultural sustainability.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011

- We received charitable status, a huge success for the CSAA!
- The train station got a new foundation, signs and landscaping.
- Our first hosting of the Summer Celebration building on an annual Cowichan Station tradition.
- Signed a 40 year lease with SD79 to transform the old school into a vibrant community space.
- We received the first of an ongoing CVRD \$20,000 facilities grant to help operate the HUB.
- Rebounded from the HUB break and enter that left us with lots of damage and no copper piping.
- Received word that the HUB was awarded a matching Legacy Grant from Canadian Heritage for \$265,000 – more than enough to get started!
- Started a tradition of monthly community work parties and worked miracles.
- Replaced the tarp on the leaking gym roof and organized for a new roof as soon as the weather cooperates.
- Opened the doors of the gym in time for a community Christmas Hoe-down.
- Spruced up the annex and installed a H/C washroom. It's ready to lease!
- Yahoo! Opened the gym for rentals February 1st and welcomed in the Girl Guides, Capoeira classes and a Green Community workshop on GMOs.

PROJECTS



Restoring the Train Station – Chugging along?

The HUB A Century Ago...



million over the next five years, including in-kind material and skilled labour contributions. Spoke 1 –

Take back our community space was completed in 2011.

The next big priorities are new roofs, insulation and a geothermal heating system!



Six renovation and restoration spokes comprise our action plan for the HUB. To implement the plan we will need about \$1

A Few Years from Now...



Donors, supporters and friends who made it all happen!

Amro Construction, Anu Enterprises, Anthea Archer, Norma Asp, Cheri, Cohen & Aliya Ayers, Kent Ball, Pat Barber, Jens, Quinn & Torban Barsballe, Barshorn Gardening, Bears in the Cupboard, Beechwood Tree Service, Jo Briggs, John Budde, Victor Burkley, Arthur Caldicott, Pat Calveley, Canadian Ecosystems + Construction, Canadian Heritage, Rob Chapman, Joanne Circle, Melanie Circle, Clarke Signs, Coast Septic, Columbia Fuels, Common Ground Consulting, Comox Waldorf school, Mike Cook, Ruth Cook, Steven Cook, Richard Cooper, Copycat Printing, Ken Cossey, Country Grocer, Cowichan Collision, Cowichan Furnace, Cowichan Land Trust, John Currie, CVRD, Angela Davies, Sarah Davies-Long, Janet Dawson, Dinters Nursery, Edwin Dittus, Katherina Dittus, Dobson Glass, Dobson Paint, Loren Duncan, Ellison Excavating, Gary Eugene, Irene Evans, Evans Redi-Mix, Glenn Farenholtz, Hilary, Kuan, Satya & Sion Foo-Else, Bruce Fraser, Bruce Freeman, FreeRange Consulting, John Frith, Janice Frueh, Brandy Gallagher, Robert Gendall, Girl Guides, Robert Gordon, Gravel Hill Supplies, Dan Green, Zena Green, Munroe Grobe, GT Collision, Anne Harrison, Evid Hazelbrower, Gil & Leona Heise, Hillside Gravel, Jen Holden, Mike Holding, Lorraine Horn, Christian, Vita and Rodger Hunter, Don Hurst, Lori Iannidinaro, InLingua Language School, Gord Iverson, M. James, Patty John, John Larson Trucking, Rick, Sarah, Zekiah & Galen Juliusson, Leo Kasperbergen, Paulette Keber, Maureen Kelly, Jane Kilthei, Quelijin Knuvelde, David Kohler, Jeremy Koreski, Guy, Cedrick & Isaac Laflam, Brenda Laine, Stephen Lebreux, Karen Lederer, Peter Lewis, David Long, Jack Lusk, Allan, Madelaine, Callum & Rory MacLeod, Pam McLellan, Ian McMahon, Lorna Medd, Mercury Refrigeration, M.C. Moore, Robert Moore, Roland and Emily Morgan, Mike Moroz, Alison Nicholson, O.U.R. Ecovillage, On The Bus Consulting, Orangutang Design, Zane Parker, D.Perry, Planet Clean, Bob & Betty Price, Matt & Oliver Price, Price's Locksmiths, Puzzleroot, Clarence Ross, Cliff Ross, T. Rutherford, The Super Plumber, True Grain Bakery, Safeway Duncan staff, School District 79, Werner Schwan, Sears Duncan, Margo Senchyna, Peter Shumaker, John and Ida Sipkes, Don Skerik, David Spinks, Split Cedar Products, St. Andrews Anglican Church, Alexander Stewart, Stone Pacific, Ron and Helen Storey, Michelle Theberge, Jill Thompson, Pat Thompson, Donald Thompson, Annabelle Thorne, Aidan, Chelsea & Grant Tuplin, Mark VandenDungen, Dallas Vaux, Ben, Mika & Zohra Verduin, Vis-a-Vis Management, Jasper & Sophie von Herrmann, Alexander, Jonathan & Samantha Walker, Julie Watson, Steve Watson, Sue Wells, Aaron Wenberg, Raechel Wilson, Wenberg Masonry, Claire West Mattson, Windsor Plywood, Janis Wood, Gabe Woolam, Monica

[Apologies for any errors or omissions – please let us know!]



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FINANCIALS

CSAA Financial Statement March 1, 2011 - February 28, 2012 Cash Basis		2011/2012	2010/2011
ASSETS	Current - cash, bank accounts	\$14,042.04	
	Fixed - HUB leasehold improvements	\$26,392.59	
	Total Assets	\$40,434.63	
LIABILITIES	HST	-\$4,317.92	
EQUITY	Previous year	\$15,174.00	\$ 3,573
	Current Year	\$29,578.55	\$11,601
	Total Equity	\$44,752.55	\$15,174
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$40,434.63	
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
Revenues	donations	\$19,139.65	
	gifts from other registered charities	N/A	
	government grants	\$20,398.29	\$ 7,000
	interest	\$ 22.96	\$ 7
	rental income	\$ 2,180.00	
	membership fees	\$ 590.00	\$ 330
	income from fundraising events	\$ 3,747.64	\$ 5,600
	Total	\$46,078.54	\$12,937
Expenses	advertising	\$ 153.42	\$ 68
	events/fundraising/volunteer recognition	\$ 2,593.64	\$ 581
	interest & bank charges	\$ 51.82	
	office supplies & expenses	\$ 640.18	
	legal/accounting/lease/licenses	\$ 65.00	\$ 25
	HUB occupancy costs	\$ 9,151.00	
	special projects (train station)	\$ 400.32	\$ 612
	insurance	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 50
	HUB equipment	\$ 376.63	
	HUB Programming	\$ 18.00	
	Total	\$16,499.99	\$ 1,336
	Net Income/Loss		\$29,578.55

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