

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2014. (APRIL 19 2015)



100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cowichan Station School. July 2014

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

## 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 1914 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.

## Message from the President

Another giant year! We made great progress again on restoring the old school (see over) but the biggest shift this year was the amount of "stuff" happening at The HUB. No traffic jams thankfully but the place is bustling with weekly activities for all ages.

- We became "home" to the valley's first non-profit community clay studio - a friendly muddy hive of activity in the former art room, churning out everything from kids' Christmas ornaments to gorgeous vases. Welcome Clay HUB Collective!  
- We lost all excuses for being unfit (rats!). Leah's fabulous fitness classes have been joined by yoga, pilates and capoeira classes, free kids'

## 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.

"Jumpstart" drop-in, summer soccer, mini-musicians, and monthly square dancing. Whew!  
- We regained our youth! Guides, Beavers and a variety of educational organizations now rent space weekly.  
But my favourite thing about 2014 was hearing people say "you know, I thought you guys were crazy, but you're actually doing it." Music to the ears! Now let's just tweak that to "we're doing it" because reclaiming Cowichan Station School as a public space has been, and will always be, an accomplishment of the whole community.  
Roof by roof, room by room, person by person, we are getting there!  
~Jill

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

- Clay Studio! The valley's first community clay studio opened to the public in Fall 2014. It is run by a non-profit collective of skilled clay artists and teachers. <http://theclayhubcollective.weebly.com/>
- Wheelchair Ramp. Those on wheels, from baby buggies to electric scooters, can now access The HUB more easily. (And we can all enjoy the brick gallery on the way!)
- 100th Anniversary of Cowichan Station School celebrated with a reunion, displays, and a pancake breakfast.
- New energy efficient air source heat pump installed in The Annex.
- The "Rec Room" – a bright new rental space for arts, youth, meetings etc. – opened on the ground floor of the schoolhouse.
- Fun was had at annual events: Summer Celebration and Christmas dance
- The delectable HUB café continued weekly for conversation, coffee and connecting.
- Responsible and flexible renters that help pay the bills and keep things "hubbenin".

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS & PARTNERS!

We are very grateful for the support given to Cowichan Station Area Association in 2014 by the **Province of British Columbia** (BC Creative Spaces grant), **Government of Canada** (Enabling Accessibility; Canada Summer Jobs), **Cowichan Valley Regional District** (annual support), **Luke Martin and family** (lumber donation), **Dan Little** (accounting support) and many **supportive local businesses**. We also thank **Canadian Tire Jumpstart** for supporting kids in our community with sports equipment and programming at The HUB.

Clay Collective potter Hilary Huntley teaches "throwing" a pot.



## HUB PROJECT



2014

The HUB now has three efficiently heated buildings with new roofs. The theatre/gym, café, Rec Room, and a multi-purpose room are available for rent (and busy!) The Clay Studio and 2 Annex rooms are leased year-round.



A Century Ago...

In 2015, watch for a welcoming front deck, new cafe roof, better sound in the gym, and hopefully improvements to parking and pathways.

Just a few more years...



*Donors, supporters and volunteers who are making it happen!*

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Community Trash-Bash volunteers – April 2014

<b>CSAA Board 2014</b>	Michael Andriga
	Pat Calveley
	Angela Davies
	Sarah Davies-Long
	Kuan Foo-Else
	Anne Harrison
	Rick Juliusson
	Madelaine Macleod
	Jeannie McIntosh
	Alison Nicholson (until Nov 2014)
	Dorothea Siegler
	Jill Thompson



**DRAFT Financial Statement 2014-15**

March 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015 - Cash Basis		2014/2015	2013/14	2012/13
<b>ASSETS</b>	Current -cash, bank accounts	\$49,358.74 <sup>i</sup>	\$60,957.77	\$31,989.64
	Fixed - HUB leasehold improvements	\$647,052.58	\$562,830.90	\$375,682.89
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$696,411.32</b>	<b>\$623,788.67</b>	<b>\$407,672.53</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	HST/GST	\$2,121.21	\$1,877.02	\$1,306.14
	Rental Deposits/deferred memberships	\$1,780.00	\$1,180.00	\$720.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,901.21</b>	<b>\$3,057.02</b>	<b>\$2,026.14</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	Previous year	\$620,736.48	\$405,646.56	\$44,752.55
	Current Year	\$71,773.63	\$215,089.92	\$360,894.01
	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$692,510.11</b>	<b>\$620,736.48</b>	<b>\$405,646.56</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	donations	\$1,858.70	\$26,838.23	\$22,021.94
	gifts from other charities	\$1,840.00	\$29,914.20	\$10,000.00
	government grants	\$60,727.36	\$124,608.39	\$365,103.07
	interest	\$52.07	\$67.11	\$44.08
	rental income	\$42,424.21	\$32,892.72	\$10,670.53
	membership fees	\$405.00	\$905.00	\$445.00
	income from fundraising	\$19,012.05	\$25,445.11	\$34,332.25
	HST Refund	\$16,337.63	\$33,877.82	\$950.87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,657.02</b>	<b>\$274,548.58</b>	<b>\$443,567.73</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	advertising/newsletter	\$1,929.30	\$839.85	\$110.33
	events/fundraising/volunteer rec.	\$6,334.50	\$4,611.06	\$6,585.11
	interest & bank charges	\$156.11	\$18.01	\$123.90
	office supplies & expenses	\$350.30	\$719.94	\$930.79
	legal/accounting/lease/licenses	\$4,223.00	\$25.00	\$113.40
	HUB occupancy costs	\$28,448.70	\$23,732.66	\$21,951.53
	special projects (train station)	\$337.26	\$0.00	\$286.86
	insurance	\$9,911.00	\$10,654.32	\$6,881.00
	HUB equipment	\$3,205.18	\$424.25	\$4,525.84
	HUB Programming	\$9,682.73	\$0.00	\$18.00
	Board development		\$0.00	\$50.00
	Miscellaneous expenses		\$300.00	
	HST/GST	\$6,305.31	\$18,133.57	\$41,096.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,883.39</b>	<b>\$59,458.67</b>	<b>\$82,673.72</b>	
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$71,773.63</b>	<b>\$215,089.92</b>	<b>\$360,894.01</b>	

<sup>i</sup> Bank Accounts include \$6300 Province of BC grant for sound enhancements; \$746 Canadian Tire Jumpstart grant; \$14,000 capital reserve for deck/roof and \$20,000 operating reserve.

CSAA is entirely volunteer run. To reach us with questions, ideas, donations, volunteer queries or anything else, please call or write: **Cowichan Station Area Association, 2375 Koksilah Road, Cowichan Station, BC V9L 6M5. [info@cowichanstation.org](mailto:info@cowichanstation.org) / 250-746-1794 (voicemail) / [cowichanstation.org](http://cowichanstation.org)**