

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR FEB 28 2015-2016 (APRIL 15, 2016)



Celebrating the new Community Front Porch at Harvest Potluck. Oct. 2015. Photo by Scott McCartney

**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

After four full years of running The HUB and CSAA on amazing volunteer power, this year's big news is that we hired our first permanent employee. Yippee! Welcome to Barry O'Riordan, CSAA's part-time Executive Director. It is wonderful to have your support to achieve our community goals.

Speaking of community goals, sustaining our natural environment is part of our mission statement and so we are excited to announce that CSAA now has a Watershed Committee. They are fundraising for research and have plans to host some "get to know our watershed" events in the years to come.

The HUB is fantastically busy, with programs offered daily by Cowichan Valley organizations and instructors, and some of our own CSAA-sponsored programs. From HUB Café on Fridays to yoga to Scouts to Capoeira to youth drop-in, and parent-tot music, there is something for everyone. Check the "calendar" page of the website anytime for the program calendar.

The Clay HUB Collective studio is also a happy hive of creativity where all ages seem to love making very nice things out of mud!

Looking ahead, get ready for a HUB spruce-up this summer – paint, paths, parking, oh my! We are the proud recipients of funding through

## 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.

Western Economic Diversification Canada's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure program. We are still working to match these funds with grants but we have a Plan B, so it's a go! Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to this campaign.

This is National Volunteer Week in Canada\*, and what better place to celebrate that than in this place, with this community. Look around and thank someone today, because together, we are building the kind of world we want to live in.

Thanks all!

~Jill

*\*Volunteers are recognized nationally during one week in April, this year April 10-16.*

*We celebrate ours every day, because we couldn't do it without you.*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

- Soup's on at HUB Café every Friday, with more seating on the new deck. Thanks to a happy crew of regular customers, we are now able to re-invest the weekly earnings to pay our cooks, while volunteers continue to do the rest. Huge thanks are due to Jeannie, Jan, Gen, Atsuko, and all the other volunteers who have created this fun and yummy weekly opportunity to gather.
- New Front Porch! Thanks to a Government of Canada grant to support seniors in community, and to some generous local talent (Alex, Luke, Pat, Daniel, David, Richard, and Lawrence), our Seniors Social Club now has a lovely covered deck to enjoy (and they say the rest of us are welcome too!)
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> "Harvest Potluck" was held in October – a new tradition? Yummy food, fantastic live music, and a fundraiser for a local family in need. What Thanksgiving with community is all about!
- The popular Clay HUB Collective offers classes and studio time daily for all ages and skill levels. To find out more or to register, visit their website: <http://theclayhubcollective.weebly.com/>
- Fiscal Sustainability – The HUB's annual rents are now covering annual expenses. This is a great milestone! We continue to fundraise for further improvements such as septic and seismic upgrades, a storage shed, and to one day open the beautiful upper classrooms of the schoolhouse.

HUB Café has become a weekly habit for many in the community. Delicious food, friendly faces, good prices. C'mon down every Friday.



Admiring the deck handiwork? Here are two of the amazing carpentry crew we have to thank for it. Cowichan Valley's got Talent!



**A Century Ago...**



### Coming this summer...



In 2016, watch for a paint job (schoolhouse is peeling), and better pathways, signage, lighting and parking (bike racks too). A new HUB Welcome shelter will be added to the front wall with notice boards about our history, HUB programs and events, and community happenings.

To reach CSAA with questions, ideas, donations, volunteer queries or anything else, please call or write:  
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## DONORS, SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS - YOU ARE MAKING IT HAPPEN!

You may remember seeing hundreds of names printed in past Annual Reports to thank everyone who had contributed to CSAA and The HUB since the beginning. Well, that list has topped 400 individuals and organizations now (!) and while we have space in our hearts to thank you all, there simply isn't space on the page. Please know you are deeply appreciated!

Thank you to our 2015-16 volunteers, in random order, with sincere apologies if we forgot anyone (it is so hard to keep track!):

Alison Nicholson, Madelaine Macleod, David Long, Richard Cooper, Gil Heise, Atusko Low & *tomodachi*, the HUB café crew, Donna Shaw, Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi, Zane Parker, gutter-guru Dwight Milford, webmaster Arthur Caldicott, Sandra Thomson, the Clay HUB Collective, Patti Bolton, Lawrence Veno, Melanie Circle, Mbiri Spirit and the Harvest Potluck team, Jonathan Walker, Mike Shaw, Anne and Rick Harrison, Todd Carnahan, Charlie Baird, Ian and Chris McMahon, Mitzi Mogden-Dupuis, Glenn Farenholtz, Cheri Ayers, Brenda Laine, Genevieve Charboneau, Hilary and Kuan Foo-Else, Allan Macleod, Rodger Hunter, Jennifer Dorby, Leah Burley and the Amazing Easter Crew (more on that next year!) and finally, all members of the Board (listed below).

CSAA Board 2015-16

Michael Andringa  
Pat Calvey  
Lisa Dagenet  
Angela Davies  
Sarah Davies-Long  
Zena Green  
Swarn Leung  
Jeannie McIntosh  
Jill Thompson

## THANK YOU FUNDERS!

We gratefully acknowledge all **individual donors** as well as the following organizations for financial support this year:

**Cowichan Valley Regional District** (annual operating support), **Government of British Columbia** (BC Gaming program support and BC Creative Spaces theatre improvements), **Government of Canada**, New Horizons for Seniors program (new deck), Celebrate Canada (Canada Day) and Western Economic Diversification Canada 150 Infrastructure Fund (coming soon - see p.2), **Canadian Tire Jumpstart** (youth drop-in), and **Cowichan Success By 6®** (Mini-Musicians).

## THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Woodland Boatworks and Timberframe, Copper Valley Building, AAE Engineering, Heirloom Flooring, Moritmer Surveying, Peacock Photography, Optimus Electric, Mercury Heating and Refrigeration, Dinter Nursery, Beechwood Tree Service, Martin Brothers Contracting, Vortech Plumbing, JS Plumbing, Print Craft.



Leah's Senior Fitness Class' Christmas Social

## 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.

**DRAFT Financial Statement 2015-2016**

March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016 - Cash Basis		2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/14
<b>ASSETS</b>	Current -cash, bank accounts	\$62,840.70	\$49,358.74 <sup>i</sup>	\$60,957.77
	Fixed - HUB leasehold improvements	\$690,024.75	\$638,260.03	\$562,830.90
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$752,865.45</b>	<b>\$687,618.77</b>	<b>\$623,788.67</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	HST/GST	\$2,669.18	\$2,121.21	\$1,877.02
	Rental Deposits/deferred memberships	\$105.00	\$1,780.00	\$1,180.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,774.18</b>	<b>\$3,901.21</b>	<b>\$3,057.02</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	Previous year	\$683,274.01	\$620,736.48	\$405,646.56
	Current Year	\$63,668.34	\$62,537.53	\$215,089.92
	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$746,942.35</b>	<b>\$683,274.01</b>	<b>\$620,736.48</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	donations	\$3,782.09	\$1,055.19	\$26,838.23
	gifts from other charities	\$8,699.90	\$1,840.00	\$29,914.20
	government grants	\$52,997.00	\$60,727.36	\$124,608.39
	interest	\$216.03	\$52.07	\$67.11
	rental income	\$53,383.49	\$42,424.21	\$32,892.72
	membership fees	\$200.00	\$405.00	\$905.00
	income from fundraising	\$9,380.89	\$10,579.46	\$25,445.11
	GST Refund	\$5,488.58	\$16,337.63	\$33,877.82
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,147.98</b>	<b>\$133,420.92</b>	<b>\$274,548.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	advertising/newsletter	\$816.26	\$1,929.30	\$839.85
	events/fundraising/volunteer rec.	\$794.27	\$6,334.50	\$4,611.06
	interest & bank charges	\$264.71	\$156.11	\$18.01
	office supplies & expenses	\$506.55	\$350.30	\$719.94
	legal/accounting/lease/licenses	\$125.00	\$4,223.00	\$25.00
	HUB occupancy costs	\$42,883.98	\$28,448.70	\$23,732.66
	ED Salary & Benefits	\$2300.21		
	special projects (train station)	\$0.00	\$337.26	\$0.00
	insurance	\$8,854.26	\$9,911.00	\$10,654.32
	HUB equipment	\$1,059.70	\$3,205.18	\$424.25
	HUB Programming	\$8,181.71	\$9,682.73	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous expenses			\$300.00
	HST/GST	\$4,693.00	\$6,305.31	\$18,133.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,479.64</b>	<b>\$70,883.39</b>	<b>\$59,458.67</b>	
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$63,668.34</b>	<b>\$62,537.53</b>	<b>\$215,089.92</b>	

<sup>i</sup> Bank Accounts include: externally restricted grant funds of \$3,941.11 Canadian Tire Jumpstart; and internally restricted funds of \$5,000 for 2016/17 CSAA ED Salary, \$27,500.00 to match Canada 150 grant for refurbishing building exterior and a \$20,000 operating reserve.

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