



# COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

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Annual General Meeting 2017

**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 YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

As a new president for the CSAA, and one with pretty much no experience, I find myself warming to the challenge and trying hard to fill the shoes of our amazing past president - Jill Thompson.

The Hub and CSAA continue to offer more programs and activities every year. The parking lot is often filled and we are trying hard to keep it that way as well as managing the logistics which come with it all!

This year has had some amazing feats, such as securing funding for the upstairs rooms and opening the Cowichan Community Workshop. The daycare is growing, the Occupational Therapy business is busy and the Clay Hub Collective keeps it happening - we have a diverse community with so many talents!

The directors also had some major adjustments to hurdle this year due to significant vacancies

## 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.

within volunteer roles previously held by our extraordinary core group of establishers. All in all, we are indebted to Barry our Executive Director who picked up the pieces and kept our doors open.

Currently we are working on selecting a new employee for the Hub to assist in the numerous duties flourishing within this organization. We are growing! It is great and definitely keeps us on our toes. I'd like to thank the amazing support group of volunteers who keep this place ticking - you know who you are!

Here's to another successful year in which wonderful plans will unfold, new doors and rooms will open and inevitable greatness will occur in this Hub of the Universe!

*Hilary Else*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017/18

### Cowichan Community Workshop

New to the HUB this year is the Cowichan Community Workshop spearheaded by Gerry Humeny of the CSAA Board of Directors in collaboration with the Cowichan Eldercare Co-Operative. The workshop is growing in members and partners (e.g. Cowichan Valley Rockhounds!) The woodworking team offers courses and is also a major volunteer force here at the HUB. They are a huge asset to our facility and we hope to see community members take the opportunity to learn from their skills and experience!



Gerry helps a young woodworker during Easter Festival. For more info about the Community Workshop, visit [www.cowichanstation.org/cowichan-community-workshop/](http://www.cowichanstation.org/cowichan-community-workshop/)

### Community Café and Events

We held our 3rd Annual Easter Event and 2nd Annual Halloween Party! These events drew hundreds of people from all over the Cowichan Valley and were huge successes not only in terms of fundraising but also community engagement. Thank you to our amazing Events Coordinator Donna Shaw for organizing these two events. We also held another great plant and pancake summer sale and 3 events focused on our watershed (see below) and the hugely popular HUB Café runs every Fridays 11-2:30. serving up great food and community.

Melanie Watson, one of our hard-working volunteers is Board Vice President, and also Founder/Curator of the popular HUB Film Club. She is a Cowichan Station school graduate where her Dad taught!



### Koksilah Watershed Stewardship

The Koksilah Watershed Working Group is well on its way to creating a watershed-wide ecosystem-based study of the Koksilah watershed. The study will give our community a picture of the character, condition and structure of the entire watershed.

### Upper Floor Renovations – 2018!

One of our main tasks this year was to find funding to complete the upstairs rooms in the old school house. We are ecstatic to report success was achieved! Funding is provided by Government of British Columbia, Co-Op Community Spaces, Coastal Community Credit Union, Island Ford, CVRD, with CSAA fundraising and local business supporters.

### COMING UP NEXT YEAR...



Can't wait to see the community back in the two sunny upper rooms!



To reach CSAA with questions, ideas, donations, volunteer queries or anything else, please call or write:

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**THANK YOU!**

**Our volunteers – you make it happen!**

Well over 400 individuals and organizations have pitched in to help since 2008. While we have space in our hearts to thank you all, there simply isn't space on the page.

Special thanks to these 2017-18 volunteers, in random order, with sincere apologies if we forgot anyone- it is so hard to keep track!

The HUB café crew, Sarah and David Davies Long, Alison Nicholson, Atsuko, Hisako, Helen, Dave and Rudy, Suzi Sanders, Owen Anthony, Jan Bults, Josh at Clements Centre, Jill Thompson, Don Skerik, Kuan Foo, Renee Davy, Cindy and Mike Youden, Richard Cooper, Gil Heise, Michael Andringa, Marilyn Shane, Lisa Daugenet, the Koksilah Watershed Working Group, Jeremy Koreski, Terry Boyles, Jodi Strom, Dwight Milford, Sandra Thomson, Sarah Juliusson, the Clay HUB Collective, the Community Workshop volunteers, Frank Wall, Kurt Sharpe, Patty and Zohra, Jocelyn Therrien and family, Marion Wilkinson, Jason Pressman, Jonathan Walker, Mike Shaw, Cheko, all HUB Film Club volunteers, Ian and Chris McMahon, Jens and Lorraine, Scott McCartney, Frank Wall, Zena Green, Dan Green, Ron Price, Genevieve Charboneau, Sadie Bartram, Leah Burley, the Amazing Event crews behind the Easter Festival, HUB Halloween, Plants and Pancakes and Koksilah Burger Night, and a whole bunch of great kids! Finally, a big thanks to all members of the Board (below) and our families who put up with it all!

**WHO WE ARE!**

The Cowichan Station Area Association (CSAA) is a registered Canadian charity that works to care for our community.

CSAA Board 2017 - 18

- Hilary Else, President
- Melanie Watson, Vice President
- Natasha Ayers, Treasurer
- Mitzi Mogden-Dupuis, Secretary
- Gerry Humeny
- Rodger Hunter
- Diane Perry
- Jeannie McIntosh
- Donna Shaw
- Bailey Williamson
- Charlie Baird (partial term)

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations for financial support this year:

**FUNDERS:**

**Coop Community Spaces, Coastal Community Credit Union (HUB Renovations), Real Estate Foundation of BC (Koksilah Watershed project), Cowichan Valley Regional District (annual operating support), Government of British Columbia (HUB program support), Island Ford (program support), Government of Canada (Canada Day celebration)**



**LOCAL BUSINESSES:**

AAE Engineering, Dinter Nursery, Beechwood Tree Service, Viridian Energy Cooperative, Raider Hansen, Kevin Westwick Accountant, Helmstalk Automotive, True Grain Bread, Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Drumroaster, Scoops, Great Greens, Blue Grouse Winery, Great Canadian SuperStore, Shoppers Drug Mart, Island Ford, Mainroad Contracting, and many more generous businesses who have donated items to support our fundraising events.

**OTHER SUPPORTERS:** Individual donors, HUB renters, and people who support our events and programs. **We can't do it without you!**



**Greetings from Executive Director, Barry O'Riordan:** I am constantly amazed at the love and dedication of the Board and volunteers of the CSAA, not only to manage projects and keep the doors open at the HUB but to put into action the community-building vision that CSAA is built upon. Thanks!!

Barry

## Cowichan Station Area Association

### DRAFT Statement of Financial Position

As of February 28, 2018

Accrual Basis

	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	158,364.71	38,917.46
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	144.00	0.00
Current Assets	158,508.71	38,917.46
Capital Assets	728,747.33	727,827.33
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>887,256.04</b>	<b>766,744.79</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable (A/P)	5,888.94	6,317.33
GST/HST Payable	-4,290.54	-3,257.48
Payroll Liabilities	3,653.71	457.63
Prepaid Sales / Deposits	105.00	105.00
Vacation payable	750.35	750.35
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,107.46</b>	<b>4,372.83</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Net Assets - Previous Year	709,585.65	709,585.65
Retained Earnings	52,786.31	
Profit for the year	118,776.62	52,786.31
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>881,148.58</b>	<b>762,371.96</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>887,256.04</b>	<b>766,744.79</b>

<sup>1</sup>Restricted Funds: The year-end cash balance includes \$132,987 in restricted funds as follows:

- Externally restricted capital grant funds of \$77,000 (Co-op, Coastal Credit Union)
- Internally restricted funds raised through targeted donations and other fundraising activities of \$31,987 for Upstairs capital renovation
- Internally restricted funds of 24,000 for building and land upgrades for up to 5 years

<sup>2</sup>Capital Assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization