

# Report to the Community

## **PARTNERSHIPS: BUILDING OUR YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

### **Message from the Chair**



The Foundation is committed to many areas of interest in our community, but this year we saw a special need to concentrate on youth and the environment. With the help of a variety of partners, we have accomplished many of our goals in this regard in the first half of our fiscal year.

In the fall, the Foundation was one of twelve Community Foundations selected to receive an environmental grant from J.W. McConnell Foundation/Community Foundations of Canada to kick-start environmental projects in our community. This funding also enables us to start a permanent 'Endowment Legacy Fund'. In March, the Foundation was the presenting sponsor of a very suc-

cessful stakeholders 'Water Summit' with funding matched by the SCRDR and organized by the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society. This hands-on workshop was attended by primary resource industry representatives, local government elected officials and staff, related Provincial Government Agencies, environmental non-profits and water purveyors. This was the first, of what we hope will be an ongoing dialogue to address sustainable potable water issues.

The McConnell/CFC grant will also be used to host a public event in June called a 'Water Fair', also related to water consumption and other water issues and again organized by our partners, the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society.

An exciting new environmental challenge program is to be introduced this fall by Dianne Sanford of Moonstone Enterprises. She will be doing a project with our local schools funded by the Foundation's McConnell/CFC grant in partnership with Wild BC and their climate change program.

The focus will be to motivate schools and their students to make positive changes to life behaviors to reduce consumption and make tangible steps toward improving the environment.

And now to the Youth initiative. We are very pleased to introduce our new Youth Advisory Council. In addition to starting this program, we were again able to partner in the community to create a permanent 'Youth Legacy Fund'. See details on this page.

The Foundation remains focused on building new endowments, growing our established endowments and making strategic grants to the community. In addition to establishing the two new funds mentioned above, thanks to generous donations from the community, we have raised enough funds to complete the second year of a two-year matching grant program with the Vancouver Foundation bringing our SCCF Fund to \$110,000. We would like to invite you to become a partner in our endowment building program.

*Don Basham,  
SCCF Chair*

### **OUR MISSION**

**To contribute to the quality of life on the Sunshine Coast by building endowments, making strategic grants and inspiring community leadership.**

### **OUR VISION**

**To be a valued partner in philanthropy, enriching life on the Sunshine Coast in perpetuity.**

**Sustainable Charitable Funding For the Sunshine Coast**

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## **Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) Initiative**

YIP, an initiative of The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation (SCCF), is a program designed to introduce local youth to philanthropy and community development. The SCCF believes that our young people care about their community and possess a great capacity for learning about and understanding social issues. The Youth in Philanthropy initiative harnesses these qualities of youth by providing young people (12 – 19) with an opportunity to join its Youth Advisory Council (YAC). YAC members work adult advisors and the Foundation's Board to raise funds and make grants in our community to benefit other youth. As part of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, we thank Coast Cable for helping our new YAC establish its first endowment with a donation of \$5,000. The Vancouver Foundation has a matching grants program for new emerging YACs, so we immediately double the value of this contribution.

Three of our members, Zoe, Kirk & Rob,

shared some of their thoughts on their interest in joining YAC. They all agreed that they wanted to get more involved in our community and they wanted to have a voice in making a difference. They feel good about the opportunity to get involved in youth programs and being able to support other youth. They're having fun creating their own YAC name and logo, as well as learning all of the details involved in fundraising and granting. These students are already very busy and are involved in their school community and participate in many high school events including sports teams, band, peace group, school play, badminton, and graduation. In addition, many of the participants hold down part time jobs.

**YAC members would like to invite other youth in the community to come to a meeting at Rockwood in Sechelt and learn more about Youth in Philanthropy.**

**For more information please contact Rebecca at 886-8979.**



Wilma Webb (front, centre) Manager of Coast Cable presents a cheque to our YIP members: Rob Drugmond, Trevor Vestad, Natasha Kammerle, Erin Green, Alex Gerring, Polly Cotgrave, Zoe Yunker, Kirk Vohanka, Quinn Runkle, Celeste Percy, Courtney Smith, Eve Smyth, Any Kelly and RaeLynn Carson (not all Yip members are pictured). Adult advisors are Meredith Thompson, Vanessa Clarke and Debbie Cole. Rebecca Porte is the Director on the Foundation Board responsible for developing and mentoring our new Youth in Philanthropy program.