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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Gabriola Commons Foundation		GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED \$20,000
MAILING ADDRESS 675 North Road PO Box 94 Gabriola, BC		
POSTAL CODE V0R 1X3	CONTACT PERSON George Szanto	
EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]	TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]	

PLEASE REVIEW THE COMMUNITY GRANTS CRITERIA OUTLINED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS FORM. DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THIS PROGRAM?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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IMPORTANT: If your organization meets the Community Grants criteria, and if you can answer 'yes' to the following four questions, please proceed to complete this application for submission.

Are you a registered non-profit organization in good standing?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does your organization provide a social enrichment service to the community?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project fill a need in the community?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Application Submission Requirements

Please provide the following information. Items 1 through 14 are mandatory requirements for consideration of the application. Please attach additional pages with corresponding question numbers if more space is required.

1. Provide information about the programs and services offered to the community by your organization.

The Gabriola Commons, a 26 acre property lying within the BC Agricultural Land Reserve, is owned by the Gabriola Commons Foundation for the benefit of the community of Gabriola Island. Developing the agricultural potential of the Commons, while protecting two sensitive ecosystems identified by the Islands Trust, have been important priorities since 2005. Extensive allotment gardens permit over 75 members of the community to grow food for their families. One of the gardens, operated by People for a Healthy Community, contributes produce to the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. A large orchard and several fields stewarded by the Commons Farm Team provide produce for Commons events (such as Fairs and workbee lunches) as well as a source of upkeep income through a summer mid-week market. A growing number of community-wide events continuing to take place on the Commons require substantial ongoing access to water to remain viable.

The existing facilities on the Commons have been upgraded over the years and are able to offer to a wide variety of organizations a place to engage in actions which further benefit the community. The Community Kitchen is now functioning throughout the year, a VIHA-approved facility which can be rented for amateur and professional chefs as well as for workshops and events.

2. Provide information regarding your organization's revenue generating activities and other sources of income.

The Commons began in 2005 with a significant mortgage to be paid and immediately started a campaign inviting donors to "help pay down the mortgage". This was to dominate the fundraising for a number of years and led to the successful retirement of the mortgage in 2016. A number of regular donors have continued to donate to the Commons' general revenue. In the meantime, several large community-wide events were held to imagine what the Commons could become and, while teams emerged to take care of needs such as maintenance, communication, signage, trail building, orchard and garden planting, a "long-range planning team" took on the task of establishing priority projects with the community input front and centre. Converting a former cheese factory into a community kitchen was an early project and it received the status of commercial kitchen after several years of intensive volunteer work and grant-writing. The kitchen is now actively rented and used by the community with the rental of space generating a flow of income able to meet expenses. The rental of rooms and large spaces on the Commons contributes to help meet general expenses (such as insurance and accounting.) The decision to have no paid employees (from management to toilet scrubber) has simplified the accounting (although the bookkeeping, with teams generating their own income, can challenge the most committed volunteer). The sale of produce grown in the orchards and kitchen garden has produced a growing positive balance which may eventually contribute to the cost of the reservoir. Converting a 2400 sq.ft. former goat barn into a community theatre/performance centre has been another popular project and promises to become the subject of major grant-seeking in the next year or two.

3. Does your organization own its own facility? Yes ☒ No ☐

Grant Request Information:

4. Describe the project that this grant is intended to be used for.

The need: Changing weather patterns, bringing longer and more severe droughts to our coast, are having a serious impact on local farmers. Rains no longer fall regularly through the growing season and once-reliable ponds are drying up. Capturing and storing winter rainfall in sufficient quantity for irrigation has become one of the highest priorities for those involved in sustainable food production. By mid-summer last year the large pond which once sufficed for the irrigation needs of the Commons could no longer provide water without threatening the vibrant habitat created around the pond, where several species have been identified as vulnerable by COSEWIC (The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada). It was necessary to reduce access to water for gardeners to the point of shutting the system down before the end of summer. This year, in spite of the intensive mulching we have encouraged, we are seeing the same pattern emerge. In order to see crops through to harvest, individual gardeners have had to bring water from home. Finding a means of storing a significant volume of winter rainfall has become an essential.

The project: Phase One: Construction of an engineered concrete reservoir with a capacity to store 25,000 gallons, intended to hold rainwater from the roofs of nearby buildings and direct it to the rudimentary irrigation system currently in place, with overflow directed by pipe to the water catchment area around the pond. In the future we hope to construct a second reservoir to capture this overflow water for use as the need for further allotment gardens increases.

The finished reservoir will consist of 4 chambers (each 10 feet x 20 feet, 6 feet in depth).

~~The location of the reservoir lies between a parking area and open space which is frequently the site of~~

5. Provide the project start and end date.

Start Date: October 2019

End Date: February 2020

6. Describe the benefit of the project for the residents of the Regional District.

Gabriola lies within Area B, which includes Mudge and Decourcy Islands. All of the events and organizations happening on Gabriola benefit residents of the surrounding islands and help build a sense of community. An example of a trail of community connections: the Commons is home to the non-profit board running Gertie, the island transit system with some drivers coming from Mudge Island to take a shift (now paid, but for the 3 years pilot study they volunteered, to make the point that it could be feasible.) Now residents of Nanaimo can visit Gabriola in a bus piloted by a resident of Mudge, who will not hesitate to inform and charm. These are striking connections demonstrating a culture based on an island way of being. Every month Sustainable Gabriola meets on the Commons to focus on issues that matter not only on Gabriola but further afield. The Commons is where these things can happen and help sustain the broader community. Saving rainwater helps the blueberries and apple trees to grow and allotments to provide nutritional food to families which are able to run dance classes or cooking workshops or university courses and ultimately benefit the world.

7. How many people does your organization anticipate will attend, benefit or participate in this project?

Participating in the installation: roughly 25-30 people contributing a total of 500 hours of work
 Benefitting: all who are gardening in allotments at the Commons (75+); the Events and Farm teams growing and cooking produce grown on the Commons for community events including some who just want to be part of something good happening along with other people(35); indirectly an incalculable number enjoying the food and ambiance of the fairs etc.

8. Describe how the project will promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement. Include a description of the types of roles the volunteers will undertake.

Stewarding the Commons is based on citizen involvement and volunteer participation. No one is paid. Everyone is a volunteer for the multitude of hours planning, writing, talking, drawing, painting, building, digging, planting, harvesting, putting up tents, lugging around tables (making things happen), making music happen, cooking, making trails, removing invasive species....
 For the reservoir project volunteers will be working with the engineer, confirming dimensions, nailing forms, shovelling, vibrating concrete, applying dampproofing, shovelling drainrock, bringing out food and water, making people laugh, writing up reports, keeping track of the finances.
 A critical path outline has been drawn allowing for maximum volunteer participation.

9. Provide details of how the grant funding will be used and a breakdown of expenses.

Proposed budget: Phase One:

Engineering and building permit	\$2,000 (Engineering includes in kind donation)
Excavation (machine rental)	1,000. (includes in-kind labour)
Forming (include fittings and access lids)	3,500
Reinforcement	5,000
Concrete (includes pump truck for walls)	20,400
Waterproofing (incl. waterstop, ties, Xypex)	1,500
Dampproofing, drainrock, backfill	1,200
- Sub total	34,600
Completion (Phase Two):	
Pump (1 1/2 hp jet pump)	700
Trenching and piping	4,500
Gutters	4,000
Electrical and plumbing	6,000
- Sub total	15,200

10. Provide information regarding revenues and fees that will be charged for the event or program (if applicable).

The project of a reservoir will not lead to charging of fees for the use of the water stored. Even the rented use of indoor or outdoor spaces involve moderate fees to cover the expenses (electricity, insurance, propane.) The community allotment gardens have a yearly minimum fee of \$25.00.

There is no entry fee to be on the Commons and there are no fees charged to people coming to events (like the Spring and Fall Fairs) held by the Commons.

Workshops will usually involve a fee to attend, with a non-profit organization organizing the event and paying the workshop teacher.

11. Provide details regarding all other sources of funding for this project including financial contributions and any grants received, or applied for, from other sources, i.e. other municipalities, levels of government or service organizations.

Sources of funding:

Financial contributions:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Nesters Community Card | 5,000. |
| - Allotment gardeners | 400. |
| - Farm to table feast (committed) | 5,000. |
| - Individual donations to date | 100. to kick off the launch |

An application is being made to the Nanaimo Foundation for \$20,000 (including matching funds)

With the exception of the current application no government grant has been sought.

Budget Information – please provide the following information as separate attachments:

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| 12. Provide a copy of your organization's current year budget. | Attached | |
| 13. Provide a copy of your organization's latest financial statement. | Attached | |
| 14. Provide an annual report for your organization, if applicable. | Attached | N/A |

Applications received that are incomplete, that do not meet the criteria, or are received after the deadline will not be considered. Please check to ensure that you have provided all information and details as requested in this application prior to submission.

SIGNATURE 	DATE 28/08/2019
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Please submit your organization's completed application to:

Finance Department
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2
Telephone: 250-390-4111 or toll free 1-877-607-4111, Fax: 250-390-6572
Email: inquiries@rdn.bc.ca

Please Note: The Regional District of Nanaimo is subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and cannot guarantee that information provided can or will be held in confidence.

BUDGET 2019-2020

GABRIOLA COMMONS FOUNDATION - 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR				
	Budget			
Revenue:				
CAFT	21,859.00			
Canada Helps	1,751.86			
Personal Donations	1,947.31			
Other	1,137.26			
	26,695.43	-	-	-
Program/Team Fundraisers	47,500.00			
Interest revenue	243.93			
PHC Hydro	2,676.00			
PHC rent	9,600.00			
GST Rebate	1,202.15			
Total available revenue	87,917.51	-	-	-
Operating Expenses				
Accounting & Legal	2,370.00			
Advertising & Promotion	379.60			
Bank charges	349.61			
Dues	697.25			
Insurance	5,907.40			
Office	1,072.13			
Internet and Telephone	1,191.25			
Supplies	75.66			
Utilities - Hydro	7,076.04			
Utilities - Other				
GST expense	1,202.15			
Program/Team Expenses	67,624.00			
Total Expenses	87,945.09	-	-	-
Over/Short	(27.58)	-	-	-
NOTES:				
Restricted Funds				
AGES - Directed Donation				
Long Term Repairs & Main	21,000			
Legacy Fund	21,000			
Education/Learning Fund	10,500			

June 30, 2019 - CURRENT FISCAL
 Balance Sheet As at 06/30/2019
 YEAR
 APR-June 2019

ASSET**Current Assets**

CCCU Shares Account	5.66	
Vancity Shares	6.89	
VanCity-Community Service Acct	1,456.42	
CCCU Chequing Account	40,725.33	
CCCU Savings AGES	53,928.07	
CCCU High Interest Savings	42,047.01	
Total Cash		138,169.38
Accounts Receivable		208.00
Gst Receivable		1,202.16
Prepaid Insurance		1,464.36
Total Current Assets		141,043.90

Capital Assets

Solar Panels	31,594.66	
Accum. Amort. -Solar Panel	-15,635.00	
Net - Solar Panel		15,959.66
Power Pole	3,625.17	
Accum. Amort. -Power Pole	-1,015.00	
Net - Power Pole		2,610.17
Septic	17,157.70	
Accum. Amort. - Septic	-1,662.00	
Net - Septic		15,495.70
Furniture & Equipment	81,050.19	
Accum. Amort. -Furn. & Equip.	-65,028.55	
Net - Furniture & Equipment		16,021.64
Building - Woodworking shop	30,000.00	
Accum. Amort -Woodworking Sh...	-6,517.00	
Building - Equip. Shed	1,394.95	
Accum. Amort -Equip. Shed	-132.00	
Building-Goat Barn	35,913.43	
Accum. Amort-Goat Barn	-7,664.27	
Building - House	211,220.56	
Accum. Amort. -Building	-57,760.07	
Building-Community Kitchen	132,264.22	
Acc Amort - Kitchen	-25,032.91	
Building-Sustainability Centre	34,525.83	
Accum Amort - Sustainability	-9,702.02	
Net - Buildings		338,510.72
Land		384,000.00
Total Capital Assets		772,597.89

Other Non-Current Assets

Computer	1,180.44	
Accum. Amort. -Computer	-1,007.00	
Net - Computer		173.44
Total Other Non-Current Assets		173.44

TOTAL ASSET 913,815.23

LIABILITY**Current Liabilities**

Accounts payable		240.00
Accrued Liabilities		3,092.50
GST Paid on Purchases	-343.17	
GST Owing (Refund)		-343.17
Total Current Liabilities		2,989.33

TOTAL LIABILITY 2,989.33

EQUITY

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Gabriola Commons Foundation

Balance Sheet As at 06/30/2019

Share Capital

AGES - Donation	63,000.00
Invested in Capital Assets	772,771.33
Restricted for Equipment Shed	165.00
Restricted for Hedge	3,711.00
Restricted for Sustainability Ctr.	5,413.03
Restricted for Communications	1,710.00
Restricted for North Garden	1,133.00
Restricted for PMT	10,624.00
Restricted for South Garden	4,529.00
Restricted for Namaste Farms	753.00
Restricted for Green Bike	463.00
Restricted for Long Range Planni...	337.00
Restricted for Special Events	1,802.00
Restricted for FMT	7,907.00
Restricted for TAGS	216.00
Restricted for Parking	1,058.00
Restricted for signage	126.00
Restricted for Community Kitchen	2,504.00
Restricted for LOT	37.00
Restricted for COV	1,512.00
Interfund Transfer	9,505.41
Total Share Capital	889,276.77

Net Assets

Surplus - Previous Year	17,245.85
Current Surplus	4,303.28
Total Net Assets	21,549.13

TOTAL EQUITY	910,825.90
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	913,815.23
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Gabriola Commons Foundation

Income Statement 04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

REVENUE

Revenue	
Donations - Personal	260.00
Donations - CAFT Friends Of Co...	5,381.00
Donations - Corporate	231.40
Donations - Canada Helps	205.00
Rent - PHC	2,400.00
Rent - Casual	2,251.75
TOTAL Revenue - General	10,729.15
Revenue - Projects & Teams	
Farm Management Team	15.00
North Garden (Plotters)	310.00
South Garden	530.00
Namaste Garden	90.00
Spring Fair	1,293.35
Sales	105.00
Total - Special Events	1,398.35
Community Kitchen	1,440.00
Workshop	380.00
Special Project - Reservoir	160.00
Total - Special Projects	160.00
TOTAL - Revenue Projects & T...	4,323.35
Other Revenue	
Interest Revenue	125.62
Total Other Revenue	125.62
TOTAL REVENUE	15,178.12

EXPENSE

General & Admin Expenses	
Accounting & Legal	592.50
Dues and Fees	75.00
Insurance	1,464.24
Interest & Bank Charges	74.66
Office Supplies	86.38
Repairs & Maintenance	147.77
Telephone	180.00
Utilities	1,282.31
Total General & Admin Expens...	3,902.86
Project & Team Expenses	
Community Kitchens	1,621.98
Communications - Team	75.00
Farm Management Team	144.46
North Gardens	106.64
South Gardens	787.78
Total - Farm Management Team	1,038.88
Projects - Hedge	2,828.23
Total - Projects	2,828.23
Property Management Team	751.65
Farmhouse	121.05
Total - Property Management Te...	872.70
Woodshop	150.08
Spring Fair	385.11
Total - Special Events	385.11
Total Project & Team Expenses	6,971.98
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,874.84

Gabriola Commons Foundation

Income Statement 04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

NET INCOME

4,303.28

MAR 31, 2019 YEAR END

Balance Sheet As at 03/31/2019

ASSET**Current Assets**

CCCU Shares Account	5.66	
Vancity Shares	6.89	
VanCity-Community Service Acct	1,456.24	
CCCU Chequing Account	26,684.48	
CCCU Savings AGES	53,921.34	
CCCU High Interest Savings	41,989.41	
CCCU Term-Cashable	8,612.51	
Total Cash		132,676.53
Accounts Receivable		588.00
Gst Receivable		1,202.16
Prepaid Insurance		2,928.60
Prepaid Rent		-924.00
Total Current Assets		136,471.29

Capital Assets

Solar Panels	31,594.66	
Accum. Amort. -Solar Panel	-15,635.00	
Net - Solar Panel		15,959.66
Power Pole	3,625.17	
Accum. Amort. -Power Pole	-1,015.00	
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Accum Amort - Sustainability	-9,702.02	
Net - Buildings		338,510.72
Land		384,000.00
Total Capital Assets		772,597.89

Other Non-Current Assets

Computer	1,180.44	
Accum. Amort. -Computer	-1,007.00	
Net - Computer		173.44
Total Other Non-Current Assets		173.44

TOTAL ASSET 909,242.62**LIABILITY****Current Liabilities**

Accounts payable	60.00	
Accrued Liabilities	2,500.00	
Total Current Liabilities		2,560.00

Long Term Liabilities

Deferred Contributions	160.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities		160.00

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Gabriola Commons Foundation

Balance Sheet As at 03/31/2019

TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>2,720.00</u>
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EQUITY**Share Capital**

AGES - Donation	63,000.00
Invested in Capital Assets	772,771.33
Restricted for Equipment Shed	165.00
Restricted for Hedge	3,711.00
Restricted for Sustainability Ctr.	5,413.03
Restricted for Communications	1,710.00
Restricted for North Garden	1,133.00
Restricted for PMT	10,624.00
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Restricted for Namaste Farms	753.00
Restricted for Green Bike	463.00
Restricted for Long Range Planni...	337.00
Restricted for Special Events	1,802.00
Restricted for FMT	7,907.00
Restricted for TAGS	216.00
Restricted for Parking	1,058.00
Restricted for signage	126.00
Restricted for Community Kitchen	2,504.00
Restricted for LOT	37.00
Restricted for COV	1,512.00
Interfund Transfer	9,505.41

Total Share Capital	<u>889,276.77</u>
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Net Assets

Surplus - Previous Year	15,418.93
Current Surplus	<u>1,826.92</u>

Total Net Assets	<u>17,245.85</u>
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TOTAL EQUITY	<u>906,522.62</u>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>909,242.62</u>
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Gabriola Commons Foundation

Income Statement 04/01/2018 to 03/31/2019

REVENUE

Revenue	
Donations - Personal	1,947.31
Donations - CAFT Friends Of Co...	21,859.00
Donations - Corporate	137.26
Donations - Canada Helps	1,751.86
Rent - PHC	7,800.00
Rent - GERTIE	1,000.00
Rent - Casual	7,087.90
TOTAL Revenue - General	41,583.33

Revenue - Projects	
Farm Management Team	305.75
North Garden (Plotters)	275.00
South Garden	1,265.00
Mid Week Market	1,063.00
Farm Gate Stand Sales	63.45
Namaste Garden	1,020.00
Fall Fair	1,527.35
Spring Fair	1,293.50
Sales	20.00
Other - Events	2,692.00
Total - Special Events	5,532.85
Community Kitchen	5,932.50
Property Management Team	371.75
Farmhouse	450.00
Workshop	40.00
Special Project - Hedge	0.01
Total - Special Projects	0.01
TOTAL - Revenue Projects	16,319.31

Other Revenue	
Interest Revenue	243.93
Total Other Revenue	243.93

TOTAL REVENUE	58,146.57
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EXPENSE

General & Admin Expenses	
Accounting & Legal	2,370.00
Advertising & Promotions	379.60
Dues and Fees	697.25
Insurance	5,907.40
Interest & Bank Charges	349.61
Internet & telephone	1,191.25
Office Supplies	1,072.13
Supplies	75.66
Utilities	3,992.04
GST expense	1,202.15
Total General & Admin Expens...	17,237.09

Project Expenses	
Community Kitchens	5,957.31
Communications - Team	1,129.66
Farm Management Team	511.85
North Gardens	106.90
South Gardens	1,273.73
Namaste Gardens	351.19
Total - Farm Management Team	2,243.67
Projects - Signage	1,491.99
Projects - Parking	7,080.00
Projects - Hedge	6,368.34
Total - Projects	14,940.33

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Property Management Team	4,352.07	
Farmhouse	1,393.25	
Water	203.15	
Total - Property Management Te...		5,948.47
Shop Stewards		30.91
Goat Barn		7,063.09
Fall Fair	352.37	
Spring Fair	225.00	
Craft Fair	318.40	
Other Events	301.07	
Total - Special Events		1,196.84
Trails & Green Spaces (TAGS)		572.28
Total Project Expenses		39,082.56
TOTAL EXPENSE		56,319.65
NET INCOME		1,826.92

October 21, 2018 Minutes

Gabriola Commons Foundation AGM

Present:

Bob Andrew, Louise Amuir, Danielle Artuse, Michelle Benjamin, Heide Brown, David Chorneyko, Deborah Ferens, Jinny Hayes, Nancy Hetherington Peirce, Robbie Huston, Erica Jackson, Rose Jones, Kim Kasasiam, Heather Menzies, Maggie Mooney, Allison Nowatzki-Charron, Alex Pedel, Darryl Receveur, Judith Roux, Maya Ruggles, Don Smardon, Lynda Toews, Raymond Tremblay, K Louise Vincent, Stuart Wulff

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions
Adoption of 2017 AGM Minutes
Annual Report
Financial Report
Bylaw Amendments
Election of Trustees
Wrap Up

Minutes:

Welcome and Introductions

Bob acknowledged that we are on unceded Snuneymuxw land.

By Deb Ferens, World Commons Week Oct 4-12, 2018
International Association for the Study of the Commons

The International Association for the Study of the Commons – the academic body founded by the late Professor Elinor Ostrom and other scholars in 1989 – organized a designated global event to celebrate the commons and explore it many ways. World Commons Week from October 4 to 12 occurred at many locations around the world hosting public talks and discussing various aspects of the commons,

World Commons Week and the IASC is building on a half century of scholarship, commons research and practice in areas including water, forests, fisheries, marine settings, the global atmosphere, infrastructure, urban & rural settings, technology and software, knowledge sharing.

The local events ranged from teach-ins and workshops to mini-conferences and talks delivered by local scholars or commons practitioners. In Mexico, there was a conference on watershed sustainability. In Germany, a talk on “Pseudo-Commons in Post-Socialist Countries.” In Africa, an examination of transboundary wildlife protection entitled “Commons Without Borders.” The Urban Commons in India; Environmental

C O M M O N S

Governance of an Ocean Commons – the Arctic; Indigenous Peoples, climate change and the Commons Peru. Cooperation and Collective Action in Northeast Siberia.

A wide range of shared resources can be sustainably managed through commons governance approaches. Analysis of large scale regional and global environmental problems through the lens of commons governance may offer pathways to alternative solutions to some of the most intractable problems facing the world today that is beyond market, state and private self interest.

On Gabriola, we are in the midst of our own Commons experiment as we work together to share responsibility and steward the land and amenities here in this 26 acre space where land and people meet. We are learning together how to balance the ecological values and biodiversity with the agricultural and farming focus with the facilities and outdoor spaces for community to gather, celebrate and do their important work.

Adoption of 2017 AGM Minutes

Adoption of agenda

2017 AGM meeting minutes accepted by consensus.

Trustees Report by Danielle Artuso

Trustee Team Mandate

The Trustee team oversees the financial and legal aspects of the Commons to meet the requirements of a non-profit registered charity. The Gabriola Commons Foundation (GCF) is the entity which holds title to the property for the benefit of the community and through which charitable donations flow.

Legal and Financial issues are addressed with due diligence and transparency in the best interests of the health and well-being of the Commons.

The Trustees are a team in keeping with the governance and organizational structure of the Gabriola Commons, holding a place of shared responsibility with all other Teams around the Gabriola Commons Coordinating Council table.

Goals: Legal and financial structures and systems are aligned with Commons values and principles without automatically assuming that the traditional structures and systems are the way it must be done.

Objectives:

- 1. To continually re-assess and re-think traditional ways of interface with legal and financial bodies*
- 2. To develop creative, effective and transformational strategies and practices while still meeting legal and financial requirements*

It was a busy year for the Trustees with each meeting working with full agendas and many tasks to see through each month.

The Commons year started off with an anonymous donation that allowed us to officially discharge the Mortgage. At this time the Trustees contacted past and present donors. This was one of my first tasks as a Trustee and such a beautiful introduction to the support and pride that surrounds this place. The exciting news was followed with the planning and execution of a "Mortgage Burning" celebration.

Annual
Report
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This year the Commons saw the expansion and continuation of community events such as; Farm to Table, the Fall Fair and the first successful Arts and Theatre Festival which included a positive and constructive collaboration with Gabriola Arts Council. These events breathe life into the trails, gardens and buildings fulfilling the Gabriola Commons's purpose as a public amenity for the enjoyment of people and stewardship of the land.

A dedicated team reviewed and revised MOUs the Commons held with various Gabriola organizations including Poetry Gabriola, Lions Club, GERTIE and the Tool Library and created a template for the creation of future MOU's.

The trustees continue to liaison between the Commons and PHC in an annual review of the lease and to invite opportunities to meet to build relationship and understanding between the two organizations.

Membership Bylaws were reviewed and membership list updated.

The Finance team worked diligently meeting monthly and overseeing the accounting and financial realities of the Commons. This team welcomes volunteers from other teams at the Commons.

The hard working Covenant Group has finalized a covenant draft. This document will enshrine not only of the land and its buildings, but also the vision of the Commons as detailed in the Commons Charter. It includes a Baseline Report and Stewardship Plan Agreement and Template. A covenant holder will hopefully be found soon with the Covenant presented to the Council and ready for registration within this year.

The Trustees work cooperatively alongside other Commons teams to further transparency, interdependence and shared decision making at the Commons. Trustees also attend Council meetings to generate the sharing of knowledge and information and consider the Council to be the heart of the Commons.

To top the whole year off Trustees were entrusted with another exciting announcement at the Fall Fair. Amazing Grace Ecological Society represented by Shelagh Houston and Heide Brown donated its final assets in the amount of \$63,000 to the Commons. The donation will be allocated toward a legacy, maintenance and vision fund in the memory of Jay Mussell.

Financial Report

- Thanks to the donors and the Finance Team.
- Acknowledged the work that each individual team does in managing their own accounts.
- The mortgage is paid off. Yeh.
- Deb went through the Income Statement and Balance Sheet. There was some discussion.
- Motion to approve financial report by Heather. Seconded by Heide. Accepted unanimously.

Bylaw Amendment

- The Trustees brought forward a bylaw amendment that would remove Part 2 - Membership of the Gabriola Commons Foundation's bylaws and be replaced with a rewritten Part 2 - Membership. These changes are below and were previously announced in this meeting's notice.

The following current Membership bylaws Part 2 (4) to (10) be removed

Part 2 — Membership

4 The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society, and those persons who subsequently become members, in accordance with these bylaws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.

5 All Gabriola Islanders are eligible to become members of the Society, and may register with the Society as such, unless such person has ceased to be a member as provided herein.

6 (1) Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.

(2) No member may be denied those rights and privileges which are contingent on membership.

7 The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the trustees and after that the annual membership dues must be determined at the annual general meeting of the Society.

8 A person may choose not to be a member of the Society by delivering his or her resignation in writing to the secretary of the Society or by mailing or delivering it to the address of the Society.

9 (1) A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.

(2) The notice of special resolution for expulsion must be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the proposed expulsion.

(3) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.

10 All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay any subscription or debt due and owing by the member to the Society, and the member is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid.

And replaced with the following Membership provisions:

Part 2 — Membership

4. Only Gabriola Island residents are eligible to become members of the Society.

5. Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.

6. To become a member of the Society, a person must register with the Society as a member and the person becomes a member on the Trustees' acceptance of the application.

7.(1) Membership in the Society is on an annual basis and membership ceases after at an Annual General Meeting provided the membership is not renewed by registering at that Annual General Meeting.

(2) An application for membership received in the 15 days before the annual general meeting is held shall be postponed until after that meeting.

8. A person may resign their membership by delivering or mailing their resignation in writing to the Trustees of the Society.

9. (1) A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.

(2) The notice of special resolution for expulsion must be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the proposed expulsion.

(3) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.

- Much discussion ensued. There was a general consensus to amend the proposed Membership bylaws to the following:

Part 2 — Membership

4. Only Gabriola Island residents are eligible to become members of the Society.

5. Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.

6.(1) To become a member of the Society, a person must register with the Society as a member.

(2) Registration for membership received in the 12 days before the annual general meeting is held shall be postponed until after that meeting.

7. There is no initial fee or annual renewal fee for membership.

8. A person may resign their membership by delivering or mailing their resignation in writing to the Trustees of the Society.

9. (1) A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.

(2) The notice of special resolution for expulsion must be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the proposed expulsion.

(3) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.

- Deb made a motion to accept the amended membership bylaws. Seconded by Heidi. Passed. None opposed.
- There was a second proposed bylaw amendment, to change the definition of Gabriola Islander. From:
 - **“Gabriola Islander”** means any individual whose principal residence is on Gabriola Island, BC and others, such as part-time, seasonal and off-island, who from time to time the Society trustees determine may be eligible.
- To:
 - “Gabriola Island residents” means any individual whose principal residence is on Gabriola Island, B.C.
- Discussion ensued. There was a friendly amendment to make “Gabriola Island residents” singular not plural.
- Heide called for a motion on this definition change. Seconded by Judith. Motion passed.
 - This motion was opposed by one person, who wished that we retain, “and others, such as part-time, seasonal and off-island” This was a softer type of opposition, not blocking.

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Election of Trustees

- Nomination Committee nominated Don Smardon.
 - Don Smardon is a new Trustee by acclamation.

Wrap Up

- Motion to adjourn by Rose, seconded by David. All approved.