

President's Report – 2023

Let's start with a little history.....

In 2003, discussions were initiated to create a community foundation society here in Burns Lake. The Prince George Community Foundation offered to partner with regional communities to create a structure that would serve to accept donations into a charitable fund with the option to then distribute the interest earned on these funds back into local non-profit societies. Several members of the community thought that this would be a good idea and in 2006, Burns Lake & District Community Foundation Society was registered. Initial funds were received from the Burns Lake Community Forest Legacy Fund, matched by the Vancouver Foundation and Northern Development Initiative Trust, then deposited into the Vancouver Foundation. One to two years later, the Burns Lake & District Community Endowment Fund was established with the Prince George Community Foundation, closely followed by the establishment of the Dick & Marilyn Nourse Legacy Fund. And so began the opportunity to distribute funds to financially support many local community organizations.

Twenty years later in 2023, several changes to the structure of this society were made that will result in this President's Report being much briefer. Six committees to tend to different functions of this society have been created and each director has a specific role to play within the organization. Thus there will be six separate reports filed this year in place of the three in previous years and hopefully, they will provide greater detail and more substantial recording of the activities of the Burns Lake & District Community Foundation Society.

One of the biggest accomplishments to date is that the total balance of funds on deposit as of now, is over \$1,000,000.00!! It is an amazing feat to have accomplished.

Plans are now underway to set up a new informative website for the BL&DCF. It will be available for anyone seeking information about the workings of the society, as well as being the conduit to receive grant applications online. Other 2023 activities within this organization will be reported by the respective committee chairs.

It is now time for me to relinquish my duties as president and assume the role of past president. It has been a very positive opportunity for me to have been president since the beginning of this society and to have been able to see the growth and development within the organization. Some of you here, namely Wendy, Jack and John have served on the volunteer Board of Directors for as long as I have and I want to offer my thanks to you for the commitment that you have made and the support that you have given; other members of the Board of Directors have joined in the ensuing years and have made a similar commitment in time and expertise offered at the table. You are a positive and progressive group of local interested people that put forth the effort to collect and distribute funds on behalf of the Burns Lake & District Community Foundation Society to the benefit of the local non-profit societies.

With thanks and gratitude, I submit this report.

Sincerely,
Bernice Magee, President,
Burns Lake & District Community Foundation Society

