



## Annual Review 2019

The Delta Foundation identifies often overlooked needs throughout our community and, with financial support of our donors and endowment funds, supports those needs. Delta Foundation supports causes in Delta or those supporting a significant number of Delta residents. Funds stay in the community. It is the only organization in Delta which can work with every community member on every identifiable need.

One example of recent support Delta Foundation has provided to the community is early support for the Ladner Rotary Splash Park which opened last summer to provide many years of fun for our children and families. We have supported two of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Delta in the past year to further their active living program for school aged children. For those struggling with addiction or those who have suffered from it, we have supported Little House Society and Dan's Legacy.

Thanks to the estate of Albert Hollinger, we have provided funding for training to the Delta Fire Department and Delta Police Department, and to scholarships and bursaries for high school graduating students. Thanks to the O'Keeffe family fund the Foundation has recently supported local societies: Reach Child and Youth Development Society; British Columbia and Alberta Guide Dogs; Delta Hospital Foundation; South Delta Food Bank.

With undesignated funds we also helped fund the hydrotherapy pool at the Centre for Child Development, the sound system for Cedar Park Church in its community education wing and Vancouver Chamber Music Society which performs regularly in Delta.

Rotary Club of Ladner founded Delta Foundation in 1986 and was linked to it as the club's charity of record. After 33 years, however, Delta Foundation took the step of becoming an independent community foundation, continuing to serve all of Delta.

Governed by the Society Act of BC and Canada Revenue Agency, Delta Foundation has generated assets over \$2.2 million which it is continuing to expand. The Foundation's board of directors is comprised of community volunteers demonstrating good stewardship without staff, and with the considerably low administration costs of only 0.4% of total assets.

In 2019 we adopted strategy to grow the Foundation so we can do even more. Our plan is to double our assets in the next five years. We want to build our profile and impact in North Delta. We plan to do that by expanding our board of directors with more Delta residents and develop relationships with more community groups to identify needs and opportunities and collaborate with other community foundations, City of Delta and Community Foundations Canada.

For instance, to stimulate projects which would respond with solutions to an urgent local need from youth, up to age 30, Community Foundations of Canada selected Delta Foundation as

one of the community foundations across Canada to participate in the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge. With funding through the Challenge, Delta Foundation offered up to \$15,000 in support of youth-led projects in Delta to tap into bold new thinking in meeting the challenges of the future. Delta Foundation made multi-media calls to action for youth as an opportunity to bring young leaders to the decision-making table in building strong and vibrant communities for the future.

Closer to home, another new collaborative initiative, to increase the power of community throughout Delta, was the Neighbourhood Small Grants program. With grants of \$50 to \$500 the program helped Delta residents over the summer months meet others in their neighbourhood they might not have met otherwise, share skills and knowledge, build a sense of belonging and responsibility, and respect and celebrate diversity.

With matching funds of \$5,000 from the Vancouver Foundation, which initiated a similar program in Vancouver, and with City of Delta administrative support, Neighbourhood Small Grants was launched on a simple but powerful idea – that everyone is a valuable member of the community and that we all have something to share.

Having replaced a wooden retaining wall with concrete, a 34-unit townhouse complex formed a work party among residents in mid-July to hang 12 planter boxes on the new wall and then hold a neighbourhood party with the help of \$300 from the NSG program. A culturally diverse neighbourhood in North Delta, ranging from young children to seniors, held a block party in early September simply to bring the local community or neighbourhood together.

Eighty volunteers of all ages, from Tsawwassen and Ladner, assembled on a Saturday in June and removed 6,045 pounds of debris off 16 local shorelines then weighed, sorted and transported it for recycling or waste disposal, with food and refreshments funded with NSG grant.

A 30-year-old townhouse complex in Ladner attracted 90 seniors residents to a community BBQ in one of the cul-de-sacs in July with the help of a Neighbourhood Small Grant of \$400. The party was valuable for welcoming newcomers, connecting neighbours beyond their immediate homes, overcoming loneliness for some and even exchanging services among others.

We encourage Delta residents to provide direct, valuable support to our community where there is need or where we can add strength by donating to the Delta Foundation, setting up endowment funds through estate planning. George Ling, a retired electrical contractor, celebrated his 89th birthday during the year by donating \$4,371 to the Delta Foundation for a community cause where there is need, such as housing and food bank.

As we grow, we also encourage organizations serving people in our community to apply for grant funding. We want to do more with, and for, Delta as our community foundation.

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