



A community foundation is a simple but ingenious concept... a registered charity that pools large and small gifts and places them in a community endowment fund, the income from which is distributed in support of charitable causes.

from a report to the House of Commons from the Standing Committee on Finance.

Message from the Chair

It is a pleasure to bring you this newsletter. It provides us with the opportunity to keep you informed of our activities and recognizes how we strengthen our community by partnering with donors to build the funds from which community projects are supported. Our grants speak for themselves and as you read this newsletter, I'm sure you will agree that we bring together people who, through their actions either as donors or grant recipients, enhance life in West Vancouver.

Our goal is to continue to meet the needs of our community, notwithstanding the challenging financial times. Your support is very much appreciated. I invite donors to be part of something important to our community—the West Vancouver Community Foundation.

Thank you.
Helen Vanee

Seawalk Dream

At the time of his death, Donald Lanskail's will established the Donald and Marjorie Lanskail Fund within the West Vancouver Community Foundation with income directed to achieve his final wish: development of a continuous walkway from Cleveland Dam to the Capilano River and along the West Vancouver waterfront to Dunderave Pier.

Former West Vancouver Mayor Don Lanskail was always passionate in his belief that everyone should enjoy West Vancouver's natural beauty.

One of his early legacies was the development of the West Vancouver Centennial Seawalk, the final section of which he opened in 1998. The project originated in 1965 when Lanskail, a first-term West Vancouver alderman, struggled, along with his fellow councilors to find a suitable project to commemorate Canada's upcoming centennial celebrations.

While planning a weekend hike with his son, Bruce, the idea of walking the shoreline from Dunderave Pier to Ambleside Park sprang to mind.

Amazingly, he was able to achieve consensus from all property owners along the route and the project proceeded without incident.

The first section of West Vancouver's Centennial Seawalk was opened in 1967 and the remaining sections completed within the next two decades. The Donald and Marjorie Lanskail Fund recently contributed a portion of the cost to construct a pedestrian bridge near John Lawson Park, joining the existing West Vancouver Centennial Seawalk to the park—another legacy and another step toward realizing Don Lanskail's dream.





Photo of Mrs. Lanskaill (in wheelchair), Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones (left), as they officially open the pedestrian bridge.

Bridge Dedication

Mrs. Marjorie Lanskaill and Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones officially opened the pedestrian bridge that joins the end of the Seawalk to John Lawson Park. Many of the Lanskaill's friends attended the ceremony which was followed by a reception at the West Vancouver Community Foundation's office. The Foundation was delighted to help realize Mr. Lanskaill's wishes by supporting the construction of the bridge. Mark Kachaluba, employee of the District of West Vancouver designed the bridge and constructed it entirely of reclaimed wood. It is a wonderful addition to the Seawalk.

Sustainable Environment Endowment Fund

The West Vancouver Community Foundation was fortunate to be awarded a Kick Start grant from the Community Foundations of Canada and the JW McConnell Family to establish a Sustainable Environment Endowment Fund.

The goal of the fund is to:

- develop a sustainable environmental vision
- improve the environmental health of West Vancouver
- support educational workshops and programs.

North Shore Sustainability Making Connections Workshop

One of the roles of community foundations, as partners in community life, is to offer leadership on issues of concern. When the Foundation received the Kick Start Grant, it gave us the opportunity to convene a workshop held at the Capilano College's Continuing Education Division under the overall theme of Sustainable Communities.

The general objective of the workshop was to connect representatives from North Shore businesses, environmental organizations, and local government. The focus was to identify the benefits of fostering communication and partnerships in developing sustainability programs on the North Shore.

The day began with participants hearing the details of two partnership case studies on the North Shore. This led to a discussion of how best to build an understanding of the



Pat Robertson, teacher (left) with students Leigh Goddard (centre) and Tayla Bell (right)

benefits, barriers and strategies for fostering open dialogue and collaboration of the groups present at the workshop. From that discussion, participants moved to identifying the common interests of business and environmental groups as they relate to sustainability issues on the North Shore.

It was a very informative and productive day with several positive outcomes. New relationships were formed between individuals from business, environmental and educational organizations, and municipal government. Groups learned what other groups were doing which provided an opportunity for future collaboration. Mutual understanding among participants was improved.

The workshop was one step toward unifying the groups that are involved and concerned about sustainable communities. Only by working together will we be able to address this pressing issue effectively.

West Vancouver Community Foundation List of Funds *November 2008*

Danny Possee Memorial Fund
Bradley T. Bowles Scholarship Fund
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North Shore Rescue Team Endowment Fund
Robertson Taylor Endowment Fund
Thunderbird Marine Corp. Fund
Tom and Judy Baillie Fund
Trajan Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund
West Vancouver Artists Fund Endowment (Harmony Arts)
West Vancouver United Church Endowment Fund
West Vancouver United Church Permanent Trust Fund
West Vancouver Youth Band Fund
William Patrick Memorial Fund
WV Police Department Police Dog Fund
WVCF Administration Fund
WVCF Community Fund
WVCF Grant Stabilization Fund
WVCF Memorial Fund
WVCF Sustainable Environment Endowment Fund
YAHU Endowment Fund
YAHU Flow-Through Fund

Youth Living With Loss

The Youth Living With Loss Program serves youth ages 13 through 19 who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. It is a collaborative project of the North Shore Palliative Care Family Bereavement Program, the Ambleside Youth Centre and the West Vancouver Community Foundation. Dr. Heather Mohan and Beth Clarke provide the program at the Ambleside Youth Centre.

The intent of the program is to provide youth with opportunities to connect with one another in a safe environment, increase their understanding of the grieving process and develop coping skills.

Here is how one youth describes her Youth Living With Loss experience: "My father passed away in October last year. Having someone close to you die is the most indescribably worst thing to happen. Especially since I was only 15 at the time. One of the scariest parts of the whole ordeal, however, was the immense feeling of lonely that overcame me. Lonely, yes, because I no longer had my Dad with me, but also because not many 15-year-olds have been through what I have. Talking to my friends about it was more awkward for them than me. So for months, my family and I dealt with our loss with each other".

In the spring this year, Beth Clark came to talk to us about this counseling program Youth Living With Loss. "I decided to give this program a shot and I still participate today. We spend a lot of time sitting on the couches munching snacks and laughing about anything and everything: yet we also talk about why we're all there. Every time I leave that building, I always feel fantastic and I've figured out the reason. Everyone who goes to the program has had to deal with the loss of a loved one, and we all went through times being confused, angry, depressed, and mostly, alone. Having us all together, we can share our experiences, how we coped, what we did wrong, and mostly feel more whole and complete, because we know someone else has been through what we have, and made it through".

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An Evening with Dr. Max Cynader

Last February, the Foundation presented an evening with Dr. Max Cynader, *Managing Forgetfulness and Aging Successfully*, at the Kay Meek Centre. It was a full house and an unqualified success. We have invited Dr. Cynader to return.

Dr. Cynader is an internationally acclaimed expert on matters related to the brain. He is the director of UBC's Brain Research Centre, one of the world's most advanced facilities involved in brain research.

Scientists are at a critical moment in their understanding of the brain. The closing years of the 20th Century saw an explosion in the knowledge of brain function and structure, knowledge that can create dramatic improvements in the health and well-being of people in British Columbia and around the world.

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