



Pacific Parklands
FOUNDATION

Supporting Metro Vancouver
Regional Parks

annual report 2018

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September 30, 2018

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Metro Vancouver's regional parks enrich our quality of life and play an important role in defining our region. With your help, Pacific Parklands Foundation works to make the regional parks system the best that it can be, for now and for future generations. We can't do it alone.

Join us as we highlight the ways your support has enhanced regional parks in 2018

healthy Parks

= healthy people + strong communities

Iona Beach Regional Park
Photo Credit: Kate Paton



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Camosun Bog
Photo Credit: Brynn Roach

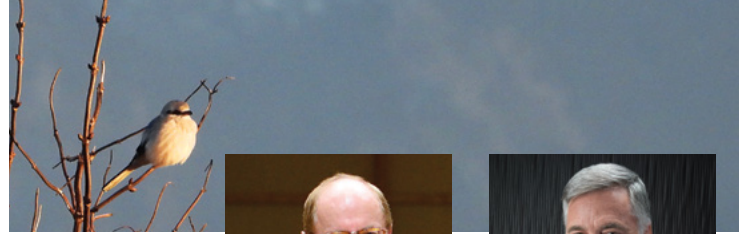
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Pacific Parklands Foundation (PPF) is a registered charity dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. Established in 2000 as the fundraising arm of regional parks, PPF continues to provide the additional financial support needed to realize special projects and initiatives that fall outside of what government funding is able to provide.

With the financial support of our donors and the help of our volunteers, the Foundation was able to continue to deliver on our mission which includes:

- Protecting our parks from invasive species
- Conserving and restoring important wildlife habitat
- Educating and empowering youth to become environmental leaders
- Ensuring that our parks are accessible to everyone
- Building a strong future for regional parks

2018 was a year of growth for the Bus Grant Program. We continue to help groups who face barriers connect to our regional parks. With the help of our partner YVR, new Canadians, seniors and youth groups got to experience nature first hand. The George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program also continued to provide much needed financial support to Park Associations in 2018.



In 2018 the Pacific Parklands Foundation provided:

- 7 grants totaling \$88,500 for the Catching the Spirit Youth Program
- Funds for 1700 plants for EcoBlitz
- \$30,000 to support Park Associations and Park Partners
- 6 scholarships for young environmental leaders
- 22 bus trips for 876 individuals to visit 8 regional parks

Your philanthropy, whether it is an individual donation, sponsorship, or a gift in your will, has helped to protect and enhance our precious natural world. We look forward to continuing this work with you well into our future. Thank you.

Dave Pohl • President

Joe Hargitt • Executive Director



In 2018 our volunteer board provided more than 400 hours to make our regional parks the best they can be.

Board Members 2018

Anastase Maragos	Dave Pohl
Dr. Mordehai Wosk	Eleanor O'Connor
John Scott	Kevin O'Callaghan
Lindsey Fryett Jerke	Mark van der Zalm
Richard Hankin	Ryan Lee
Sarah Marsh	Steve Hnatiuk

Non-Voting Representatives

Heather Deal
Craig Hodge
Mike Redpath

The number of individuals who are unable to connect with nature vastly exceeds the amount of funding available to help them.

With your
Help

we are able to
close this gap!



IN 2018 OUR BUS GRANT PROGRAM CONTINUED TO GROW

**CONNECTING MORE
GROUPS WHO FACE
FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO
REGIONAL PARKS**

A generous grant from YVR allowed us to expand program capacity and produce four promotional videos.

Thanks to YVR and supporters like you, in 2018 we facilitated 22 trips to 8 regional parks, connecting 876 individuals to the healing and learning benefits of nature. Many of these individuals couldn't afford transportation to and from regional parks. Without your help, they may have never experienced the beauty of nature found in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.



CATCHING THE SPIRIT

Pacific Parklands continues to provide the support necessary for Catching the Spirit (CTS) to reach their fundraising goals. CTS is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing leadership and social responsibility in youth through environmental awareness and stewardship, outdoor recreation and youth ownership. The program delivers free summer camps in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.



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We provide the financial
support necessary for CTS
to develop the environmental
leaders of tomorrow!

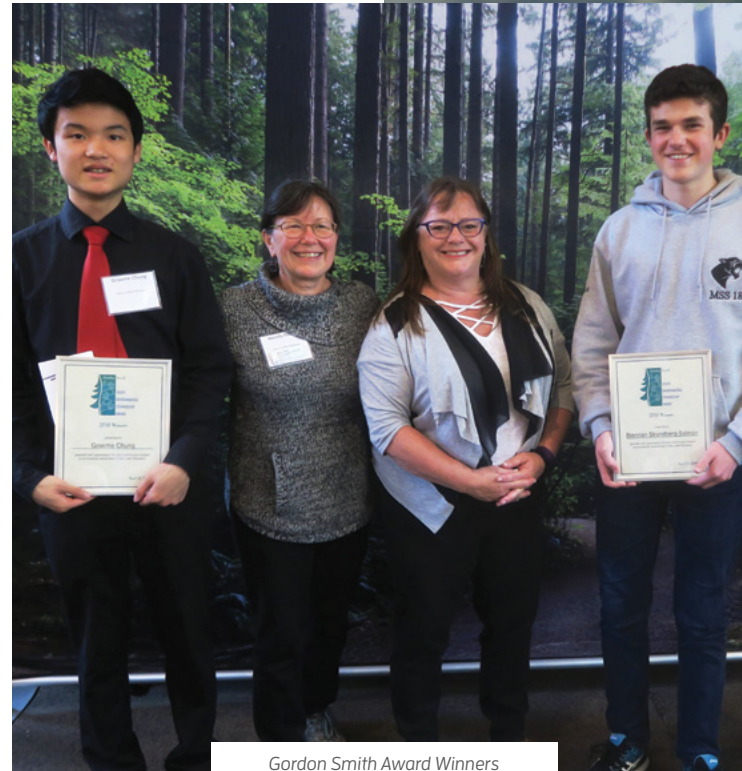
In 2018 RBC Foundation provided us with a \$50,000 grant in support of CTS. RBC Foundation has been a long-standing supporter of CTS, donating over \$400,000 to the program since their initial donation in 2002.



2018 GORDON SMITH YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Gordon Smith had a passion for environmental stewardship. When he passed away, a group of his colleagues and friends created the Gordon Smith Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) Award. Since its inception in the early 2000s, the award has provided modest bursaries to 20 young environmentalists.

The 2018 recipients were Graeme Chung and Brennan Strandberg-Salmon.



Gordon Smith Award Winners
Graeme Chung & Breannan Strandberg-Salmon



Camosun Bog Boardwalk
Photo Credit: Brynn Roach

Recipient Spotlight

Graeme, a recent high school graduate, grew up spending most of his weekends with the Camosun Bog Restoration Group in Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

As an avid volunteer his knowledge and understanding of the unique ecosystem quickly grew. As a means to share this knowledge with others, Graeme developed an interactive digital representation of Camosun Bog. The digital bog acts as an educational resource that teaches users about the unique bog ecosystem found within Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

THORNVALE PROJECT



In 2018 Pacific Salmon Foundation provided us with a generous grant of \$20,000 for the Thornvale Ponds Habitat Improvement Project in Kanaka Creek Regional Park. The project aims to improve overwintering habitat for Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) in a series of small ponds adjacent to Thornvale Creek, one of the most productive Coho tributaries of lower Kanaka Creek.

The project is being led by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks East Area staff in partnership and consultation with Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS) and the DFO Community Advisor.



Kanaka Creek Regional Park
Photo Credit: Deborah Cameron

Coho salmon spend approximately one year in freshwater before making their journey to the ocean.

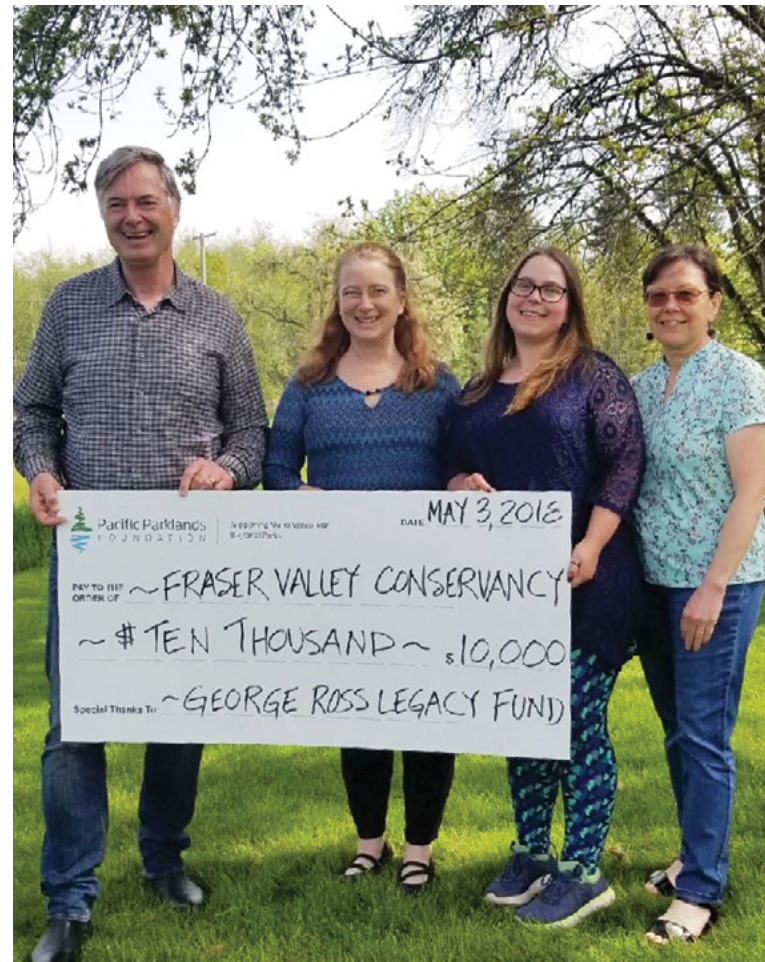
With the Help of Community

Visionaries like the Pacific Salmon Foundation, we are able to facilitate projects like these to ensure that regional parks provide important habitat for juvenile salmon.

2018 GEORGE ROSS LEGACY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

George Ross was a visionary who generously left a \$2.8-million-dollar bequest for Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. His legacy lives on today in the form of the George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program.

Since 2016, \$82,123 has been granted to 13 different stewardship projects. In 2018, 3 grants totaling \$19,000 were awarded for stewardship projects in regional parks.



Northwestern Salamander



How did the Legacy of Mr. Ross Impact Regional Parks in 2018?

The Fraser Valley Conservancy applied for a grant from Pacific Parklands Foundation through the George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program in the fall of 2017. They were awarded \$10,000 for the final phase of the Gordon's Brook Wetland Project- an ambitious wetland restoration project in Aldergrove Regional Park.

The project began five years earlier when the FVC, Metro Vancouver and many other partners set out to reclaim wetland habitat, increase biodiversity, and support the recovery of endangered species including Oregon Spotted Frogs (*Rana pretiosa*) and Salish Suckers (*Catostomus*).



Pacific Spirit Regional Park

A Rocha Canada and Pacific Spirit Park Society were also awarded grants through the program in 2018. Both organizations undertook habitat restoration projects in Campbell Valley and Pacific Spirit Regional Parks respectively.



George Ross Legacy Recipient
Jesse Wildeman

Legacy Giving

lives on in 2018



Minnehada Regional Park
Photo Credit: Mona Lucas

Doreen Lawson

One of the visionaries
who left a legacy for
Burnaby Lake Regional Park!

Bessie Luteyn

Left a \$263,000 gift for
Pacific Spirit Regional Park!



Burnaby Lake Regional Park
Photo Credit: Ae Ran Park

George Ross

Left a \$2.8 million bequest for
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks!

Lydia Cerrano Albert

In 2018 we received a gift
from the Lydia Cerrano Albert
Child Care Support Fund, held
at Vancouver Foundation.

Park Association Spotlight

With your help, Pacific Parklands Foundation was able to support Park Associations to ensure that regional parks are well cared for by the communities they serve.

Park Associations are volunteer groups that act as catalysts in the community by working in partnership with Metro Vancouver to host work parties for habitat restoration, monitor wildlife, offer educational tours and much more.



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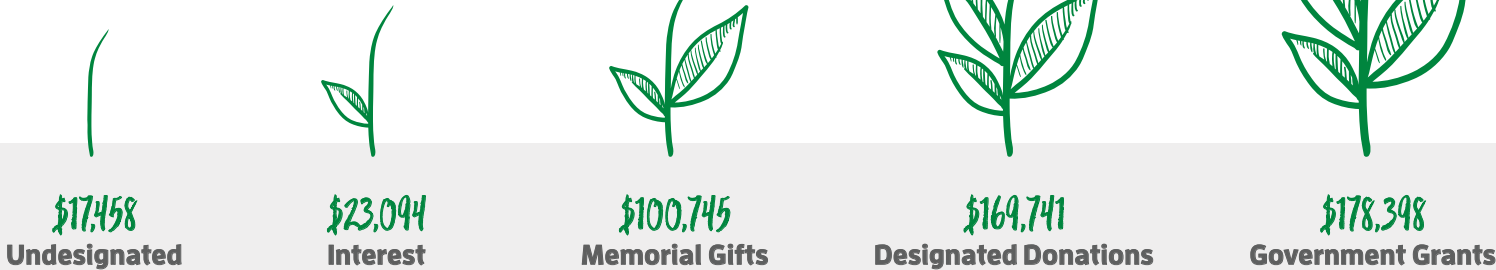
Burnaby Lake Park Association (BLPA) is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to the enhancement and protection of Burnaby Lake Regional Park. The hardworking group of volunteers works in partnership with Metro Vancouver as well as other community groups to preserve and restore the natural environment, connect people with nature and advocate for environmentally responsible management of Burnaby Lake.

Over the past year we supported BLPA through facilitating corporate donations and administering funds from the Doreen Lawson Bequest, a legacy gift that was left to enhance wildlife habitat at Burnaby Lake Regional Park.

YEAR IN REVIEW

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Land Funds	\$666,000	Project Funds	\$159,430
General Funds	\$424,035	Gordon Smith Funds	\$15,133
Endowment Funds	\$271,920	Program Funds	\$20,827
Dr. M. Wosk Funds	\$71,655	Total Funds	\$1,628,980



Revenues Total \$489,436

Statement of Operations & Changes in Fund Balances

Revenues \$489,436

Expenses	Grants to Programs & Bursaries	\$66,652
	Grants to Projects	\$99,432
	Fundraising	\$15,997
	*Administration	\$175,000

Unrealized Gain on Investments - \$2,000

Fund Balance	Beginning of Year	\$1,513,957
	End of Year	\$1,628,980

*A portion of our annual budget comes from a generous contribution from Metro Vancouver. PPF is incredibly grateful for this ongoing support and as a result we have some of the lowest administration costs in the charitable sector - virtually all of your donation goes directly to support and enhance your regional parks.

Did You Know?

Pacific Parklands
Foundation coordinates
the Commemorative
Gift Program for Metro
Vancouver Regional Parks?

Every year we help donors commemorate a loved one or a special anniversary, while creating a sense of community within regional parks. Donations go towards the bench or table as well as conservation and enhancement projects in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.

In 2018 we facilitated the donation of 26 commemorative gifts. Thanks to you, countless community members now feel a sense of community when resting on a park bench or picnic table.



Surrey Bend Regional Park

Pacific Parklands works to
make the regional parks system
the best it can be, for now and
for future generations.

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