

Director's Report for AGM 2021

Our Society was incorporated on 17 December, 2015 with 5 initial Board Members: Rosalie Nichiporuk, Kenneth Simon, Kathie LaForge, Jody Pedersen and Glenda Olson.

We had no changes in our Board of Directors in 2021. The Directors that are in place and eligible to vote at this AGM are as follows

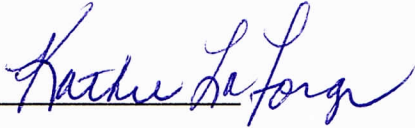
1. Kenneth Simon	2. Kathie LaForge
3. Mary Burkholder	4. Linda Woodruff
5. Paul Collard	6. Swan Kiezebrink
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During 2021, the Board accomplished the following:

- In 2021, we held six Director Meetings in addition to this AGM.
- We enlisted the help of Lawyer, Chris Wingham to amend our Constitution and Bylaws to address the confusion we had regarding Director terms. In addition, we added provision for voting Members besides Directors and removed some clauses from our Constitution as is required by the Societies Act. We completed this task in May 2021 and we will now have both, one and two year terms which will provide staggered end dates going forward and ensure the continuity on the Board.
- Our third Grant Cycle completed with four grants being approved for a total of \$4810 as follows:
Nechako Valley Search & Rescue - \$1200 – Incident Command Vests
Air Cadets 899 Squadron - \$750 – Dry Bags for Canoeing
Vanderhoof Hospice Society - \$1360 – Delivery of Rainbows Training for Grief Counsellors
Nechako Valley Sporting Association - \$1500 – Parking Lot Improvement
- We established two Named Funds, the LaForge Family Fund and the Andros Family Fund. Both of these have indicated that the grant decisions for these funds is to be made by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. We have had interest from other groups and Individuals and will continue to pursue these in the coming year.
- The Donations through Payroll Agreement with School District #91 resulted in a total of \$1345 in donations for our year ending 31 August 2021. We were very pleased with this and will continue to connect with Staff to encourage more employees to consider this option.
- The Donations through Payroll Agreement with the Provincial Employees provided us with \$230 in donations for this past fiscal year. Not as much as we would like but every bit helps and we will continue to provide updates encouraging these employees to consider supporting our organization with their donations.
- We also have an agreement with the District of Vanderhoof to allow donations via payroll but to date, no one has signed up. Our hope is that after Covid restrictions are lifted, we will have the opportunity to meet with the employees to discuss this opportunity and encourage their support.

- Our Covid Fitness Challenge was hugely successful again this year with a total of \$7,900 raised in donations and registration fees and we have committed to continuing this annual event, as long as it is so well received by the community.
- We received additional donations from various sources, some were in memory of friends or family that have passed and although we didn't get a In Memoriam page set up on our website this past year, we will endeavour to do this in 2022.
- A former Vanderhoof Resident has decided to direct a portion of his estate to the Vanderhoof Community Foundation. This is the first of this type of donation that we are aware of, however, we have reason to believe that there are others that have done the same. The individual was willing to do a story on his decision and this gave our organization a lot of publicity through both, social media and the local newspaper.
- If Covid restrictions ease so that we can meet in person, we will set up a strategic planning session in 2022 to review our goals and strategies for the coming years.
- We have several Policies in place for our organization and will continue to work on this in the coming year.

Covid has continued to present challenges for us regarding meeting in person or connecting with potential donors, nevertheless we have continued to plug away at building our endowment. I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for their continued support and efforts in getting the word out about our Foundation. I am excited to move forward with each of you taking a lead on a specific Committee as I think this will make you feel more involved in the success of the Foundation. 2022 here we come!

Signed: 

President, Kathie LaForge

Dated: 06 December 2021