

Director's Report for AGM 2019

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

After the 2018 Board Meeting, we had eight Directors in place: Kenneth Simon, Kathie LaForge, Ruth McIntosh, Roy Spooner, Fiona Lamprecht, Mary Burkholder, Priscilla Mueller and Shelley Funk. After that meeting, Priscilla Mueller resigned on 2 April, 2019 and at our 15 April, 2019, Fiona Lamprecht resigned. Ruth McIntosh's term ended 19 September 2019 and she chose not to let her name stand for another term. On 14 June, 2019, we added Linda Woodruff to our Board. We filled three more vacancies at our 25 November, 2019 Board meeting: Paul Collard, Swan Kiezebrink and Jason Alexis. The Directors that are in place and eligible to vote at this AGM are as follows

1. Kenneth Simon	2. Kathie LaForge
3. Roy Spooner	4. Mary Burkholder
5. Shelley Funk	6. Linda Woodruff
7. Paul Collard	8. Swan Kiezebrink
9. Jason Alexis	10.
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During 2019, the Board accomplished the following:

- We held our first "Friends of the Foundation Event" on 10 January, 2019 at the Integris Community Centre. This was considered a great success with approximately 32 in attendance. We plan to make this an annual event with the next one planned for 23 January, 2020.
- Our first Grant Cycle completed with five - \$500 grants being awarded to Nechako Community Arts Council, Spirit's Mission Rescue Society, Vanderhoof Farmer's Market, Vanderhoof Men's Shed Society and College of New Caledonia. These small grants were well received and helped us raise our profile in the community.
- Board Members visited with the staff from schools and School District #91 Board Office in the Spring of 2019 to introduce them to the opportunity to donate to the Foundation via their payroll deductions. This has resulted in a few signing up. A newsletter went out to staff in late fall of this year to continue to raise awareness of this opportunity.
- Our Fund-raising event with Chef Dale MacKay and Teen Chef Lauren Dyck as our Guest Speakers was held on 4 May of 2019. Not as many tickets sold as was hoped for but with the sponsorship from the Four Rivers Co-Op we ended up with a small profit. For those that did attend, the reviews were very positive.
- We have received some small donations via the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund and provided them with an update to share with local employees for the fall 2019 campaign.
- Efforts continue to collect photos and biographies of our Directors for our website.
- We made a presentation to the District of Vanderhoof Council and were subsequently awarded funds from the District of Vanderhoof's Grant in Aide program to cover travel and registration costs for two people to attend the Community Foundations Canada conference in Victoria in June 2019. Ken Simon and Kathie LaForge participated in this conference and felt that it was very worthwhile.

- Subsequent to the Conference, we arranged a meeting with the Prince George Community Foundation, Fort St James Community Foundation, Fraser Lake Community Foundation and Burns Lake & District Community Foundation to share ideas and explore opportunities for continued engagement.
- Four Rivers Co-Op once again provided support to the Foundation by choosing us as the recipients of the funds raised from their Fuel Good Event in September, 2019. We were thrilled at the amount donated and the opportunity to raise our profile in the community.
- We made a presentation to the Vanderhoof Men's Shed Society on the Foundation and opportunities to donate.
- In Memoriam Cards were printed to be available for those who may want to name the Foundation at Celebration of Life or Funerals.
- We have requested copies of the PG Community Foundation Policies Manual and will be working through these in the coming year to establish our own policy manual.
- The Foundation had a table at the Vanderhoof Senior's Fair on 6 November, 2019. This seemed like a worthwhile endeavour as we received a small donation and spoke to many people about our organization.

Priorities for the coming year include:

- Undertake our second Grant Intake and continue to monitor for results on the outstanding grants from 2019
- Host our second "Friends of the Foundation Event" inviting previous attendees, grant recipients, District of Vanderhoof and RDBN – Area F Elected Officials and representatives from some of the larger corporations in the community. This event will include presentations by a Financial Planner and a Lawyer.
- Develop an approach to raising the awareness of donations through wills and/or legacies and Named Funds.
- Arrange for another presentation to the District of Vanderhoof Council and Regional District Area F Director an update on our progress to date.
- Develop our own Policy Manual

Once again, I would like to thank our Directors for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Considering that our first Board meeting was in August 2016, I think we have come a long way and can be proud of what we have accomplished to date. We need to keep focused on achievable goals where we get the biggest bang for our buck and do our best to avoid Director burn out.

Signed: _____

President, Kathie LaForge

Dated: 19 December, 2019