

HOA Report to the Communities

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The story of the Gwaii Trust during the last few years can be best summarized in one word, change. Heraclitus, the ancient Greek Philosopher tells us that the only constant in life is change. Some may say that the Trust is still the same as it has always been – supporting Travel, Education, & Major Infrastructure, and to some degree they would be correct – those programs have been, and will remain, the bedrock of the Trust. But how we deliver those programs, who makes those decisions, and what else we do has changed.

As we approach the 30 year anniversary of Athlii Gwaii it is a good time to remember where we have been and reflect upon where we might go. Here are just some of the changes over the last few years:

We have a youth board deciding projects for and by youth, we have a group of local artists deciding projects for and by local artists, we have empowered our schools to manage the flow of healthy snacks to our youth, the bursaries we fund, and the post-secondary schools they tour. We have created a Haida Language program that supports individualistic learnings in both the North and the South of Haida Gwaii. We support community events in all of our villages, and we jump in wherever we see a pressing need. This year alone we committed \$2 and a half million dollars to support the island's internet, kids camps and food security – because we saw the need. On top of this we committed an additional \$7 million over the next four years to be disbursed to the communities for infrastructure support.

These are all things that we have implemented in the last five years. But as Heraclitus noted, this is not a static state, and one thing we can be sure of is that even greater change is afoot.

Over the last several years the Trust has been working hard to prepare for this change. First by talking to you, asking for your opinion, your ideas, and your suggestions on how to make things better.

Internally

Working committees actively engage in re-examining programs, tackling issues as they arise - for example, our youth camps, food security, economic development, and our work around the internet. We are reevaluating our service delivery, up grading our web platform, adding to our staff compliment and even reviewing how our Board operates, with CHN taking a strong leadership role in establishing written requirements for our Chair position – we encourage all other communities to follow this lead.

Externally

We have conducted our five year review, working with UBC's Sauder's School of Business to help us create a list of more than 50 recommendations – things like improving the way we communicate, program set up and how we can position ourselves for future growth.

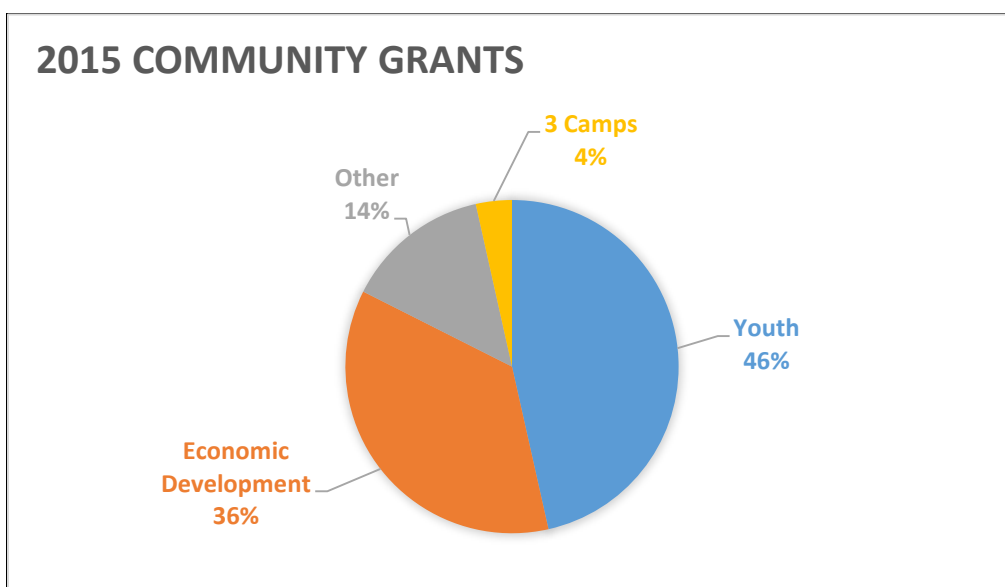
We held our economic development forum bringing over 125 islanders together to discuss economic development, we surveyed residents, and held public meetings in all communities in order to get a better idea of what is important to islanders.

We have developed a marketing/communications plan outlining how you will be hearing and seeing a lot more of us.

Our Fund

Our fund is protected for future generations. The markets may fluctuate from time to time but the priority of GTS has always been to protect the initial endowment that was put in place in 1994, when we started out with \$38.2 million dollars. In 2015, after returning more than \$65MM to the communities this endowment now stands at \$82 million dollars. Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust now stands at \$40MM

Our Work



Here is a list of the work this year's disbursements have done in our communities:

Gwaii Trust Society's Successful Applicants - 2015

Community Infrastructure

Village of Masset	Airport Improvements Project	\$20,000.00
Village of Masset	Community Hall Upgrades	\$70,000.00
Village of Port Clements	Safety Gear	\$35,576.00
Village of Queen Charlotte	Boat Launch Upgrade	\$120,000.00
Haida Gwaii Museum	Roof Repair	\$47,250.00
OMVC	Woodworking Shop	\$65,000.00
SBC	Park Outhouse project	\$15,000.00
Xaad Kihlgaa Hl Suu.u Society	Classroom Furniture	\$20,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion Masset	Infrastructure	\$6,363.00
Skaadgaa Naay & Tahayghen	Grade 5 pilot project at Tahayghen	\$10,000.00
SBC - CCP	Community Composting	\$7,000.00

Early Learning PALS	Drum Project	\$3,673.00
Haida Gwaii Higher Education	Micro Infra - computers	\$1,712.00
Delkatla Sanctuary Society	Digitizing Delkatla Data	\$3,000.00
QCC Harbour Authority	QCCHA Dock head Improvement	\$5,000.00
Ngystle Society	Connecting Youth and Elders Mentoring	\$10,000.00
Village of Queen Charlotte	Better Impact on Haida Gwaii	\$2,000.00
Tidal Elements School	Haida Gwaii Food Tours 2015	\$4,386.00
Bethel Assembly	Façade Improvement s	\$1,654.00

Youth

OMVCYP	Gathering Our Nations	\$10,000.00
VOQC	Youth Coordinator	\$10,000.00
QCSS	Project Limestone 2015	\$9,309.00
HGRRC	HG Rec Summer Program 2015	\$10,000.00
CHN	HG Youth Assembly 2015	\$10,000.00
GMD	Dark Spark Song writing Workshop	\$7,500.00
Sandspit Rec Committee	Winter Program	\$10,000.00
New program 30 under	30/30/30 Program	\$32,191.00
Leadership Award 2015	2 @ 500.00	\$1,000.00

Education

Continuing Education Program		\$250,000.00
Post-Secondary Tours Program		\$40,000.00
High School Bursaries Program		\$45,000.00

Haida Language

Xaad Khil	\$50,000.00	open
SHIP	\$50,000.00	open

Food Security

Food School Program		\$85,000.00
OMVC Massett Food Bank 2015		\$25,000.00
QCC Islands Wellness Society		\$25,000.00
HG Coordinator North and South		\$15,000.00

Arts Projects

SHN	SGaan Kinghlas Bowie Seamount	\$10,000.00
Images Archipelago	HG Film Festival	\$8,000.00
Haida Gwaii Arts Council	Youth all Island Art Show Workshops	\$2,629.00
Haida Gwaii Museum	2015 Exhibition and Public Programming	\$4,000.00
Tidal Elements Whole School	Artistic Explorers	\$8,000.00
Living and Learning School	Arts and Nature Camp	\$1,000.00
Kathy Pick	One on One Casting Project	\$1,690.00
Kathy Pick	Weaving Workshop 2015-1	\$1,458.00
Xaad Kil Society	HL & Arts Workshop	\$1,625.00
James Parker	Archer Arts Archery Workshop	\$2,000.00
Betsy Cardell	Nicola Wheston Life Size, Life Drawing	\$2,889.00

Travel/Community Events/Christmas

Travel	Travel Assistance Program	\$150,000.00
Port Clements	Community Events Program	\$5,000.00
Village of Queen Charlotte	Community Events Program	\$5,000.00
SBC	Community Events Program	\$5,000.00
Area E	Community Events Program	open
CHN	Community Events Program	open
OMVC	Community Events Program	open
Village of Masset	Community Events Program	open

Christmas

Port Clements	\$10,000.00	open
Village of Queen Charlotte	\$10,000.00	open
SBC	\$10,000.00	open
OMVC	\$10,000.00	open
Village of Masset	\$10,000.00	open
Area E	\$10,000.00	open

Special Projects

GwaiiTel	Two Independent Studies	\$35,000.00
GwaiiTel	Infrastructure	\$2,396,204.00
MMAC, TCSS, SBR,	3 Camps (10k each)	\$30,000.00
SBR, MMAC	(10K each)	\$20,000.00

Total Grant approvals as of October 19th 2015 **\$3,722,109.00**

Total Grant approvals 2014 **\$3,572,820.00**

GTS last two years of community support **\$7,294,929.00**