

Annual Report 2018



“Each of us has a spark of light inside us,
and our highest endeavor ought to be to
set off that spark in one another”

—Kenny Ansubel



Space to think

MESSAGE FROM THE Board Chair, Ann Hopkins



Ann Hopkins

Chair, Board of Trustees

Sechelt Library

2018 was a year of challenge and change. We had a change of senior management with the departure of Chief Librarian Margaret Hodgins and the appointment of Elle Archibald who came to us from Burlington Public Library. The challenges were largely financial. Our request for increased funding at the outset of 2018 was denied. We were in the final year of a five year funding agreement which was based on reaching per capita parity with other similar sized libraries. Despite the best of intentions, this strategy had failed as the per capita gap had not shrunk but more than doubled.

Our library has struggled to maintain operations and services in an era of rising costs, technological change, a new union agreement, aging infrastructure and year over year growth in demand. By the last quarter we were forced to retrench and did not replace the Children's and Youth Librarian or our Adult Outreach Coordinator following their resignations.

Our goal is sustainability. We want to maintain the level of service we offered in the first quarter of 2018 and the changes that have kept us relevant and responsive to community needs and expectations. The 2019 budget and five year financial plan were developed and submitted to funders in the fall of 2018. We are grateful to the District of Sechelt, the Sechelt Indian Government District and Sunshine Coast Regional District elected representatives and staff for their efforts to move this process forward.



Courtesy of Coast Reporter/Sean Eklford

Newly renovated entrance and ribbon cutting ceremony

The official opening in early 2018 of the renovation of the front entrance and reception area of the library was the highlight of the year. Our Member of Parliament, Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, was in attendance and the ribbon was cut by elder Willard Joe. The renovation has created the space and opportunity to showcase our indigenous collection. Self-checkout machines were donated thanks to the dedication and phenomenal fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Library, an independent, not for profit society that has donated more than \$100,000 for library purchases.

The renovation was done at no cost to the taxpayer and paid for by a Canada 150 Infrastructure grant, a bequest and donations from community organizations and individuals. We are very grateful for the support and generosity of all those who contributed to the project to make it such a success.

We are grateful to all those who make our library such a success. Our funders, the District of Sechelt, The Sunshine Coast Regional District, The Sechelt Indian Government District, The Province of British Columbia and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure program; the board of trustees, the politicians on our board, Councillor Darnelda Siegers for the District of Sechelt and Garry Nohr, Director, Sunshine Coast Regional District; the new politicians appointed to our board, Councillor Alton Toth for the District of Sechelt, and Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Lori Pratt; the Friends of the Sechelt Library, our dedicated volunteers and our truly exceptional staff.

MESSAGE FROM THE

Chief Librarian, Elle Archibald



Elle Archibald

Chief Librarian

Sechelt Library

Public libraries are good news stories

As vibrant institutions, libraries play a vital role in the lives of their communities and are privileged to be at the forefront of helping people achieve their personal and collective goals. The economic, social, cultural and educational impact provided through the work of libraries helps to create stronger and more resilient communities.

Work done by the Rotman School of Management (University of Toronto) over the past few years has allowed libraries to demonstrate the economic impact they have on the communities in which they reside. Using their formula, libraries have been able to show that on average, communities receive a \$5.41 Return on Investment for every \$1 invested.

Investing in libraries is a sound decision

Social, cultural and educational impacts happen through a variety of ways: keeping seniors cognitively active is achieved through reading, educational speakers and also when social bonds are formed during library programs. We now know that this social aspect is a key factor in maintaining



brain health. Reconciliation programs help us build a more informed citizenry and create a space for us to find ways to move forward together while recognizing our past. Social and educational impact also happens when we provide safe spaces for our children and teens.

As an institution, every demographic walks through our doors; from job seekers, homeless, business people, parents and children to retirees. We are truly an inclusive space. We have services for all; databases for research, genealogy research, devices for sight impairment, tech help for your devices and invigilation for exams so you can reach the next level in your career. Seeing the difference that the library makes in both the individual lives of those who use our services and collectively as a community and society is what keeps us motivated to strive to be better.

Staff are our foundation

Our dedicated staff is key to the difference we make in this community. Their expertise creates the economic, social, cultural and educational impact that helps build strength and resiliency. Our staff help generate positive change in the lives of people who walk through our doors. So, please come and visit us soon. We look forward to changing your life as well.

2018 Accomplishments

Sechelt Library builds a stronger community by helping individuals meet their personal goals and by working together with partners on larger projects. Here are just a couple of highlights:

Adult Programs: Social, cultural & educational impact

Adult programming increased hugely for us in 2018. In our second year of formal adult programming, we saw 2600 people come to author visits, Dickens Christmas, Reconciliation events and more. This important work is a response to the needs of a large demographic group in our area. We know that being cognitively active, creating social bonds and finding meaning through the exploration of interests is what builds strong individuals and strong communities.

Exam Invigilation: Social & economic impact

Sechelt Library helps people achieve their educational goals. One of the ways we do this is through exam invigilation. In 2018, we gave over 83 hours to individuals so they could write exams to further their career goals.



Space to grow



Partnering with Capilano University: Social & educational impact

We work with Capilano University through CALP: Community Adult Literacy Program. We provide space for adult learners and tutors in order to increase adult literacy in our community. Participating adults increase their literacy rate and volunteers help change people's lives.

Partnering with Syiyaya Reconciliation Movement: Social & cultural impact

We were delighted to host one of the Reconciliation Weaving Events in our community space. The blanket by shisháhl weaver Shy Watters was begun in the library with many members of the community adding to the blanket under the guidance of our master weaver.



Sunshine Coast Community Foundation Grant: Social & educational impact

With the help of this grant, we were able to create a collection of accessible and free healthcare resources. This collection was selected by local healthcare professionals and will enable the public to select professionally vetted materials to aid them in their health journey.

Community Investment Program (CIP) and TELUS grant: Social & educational impact

These two grants enabled us to drastically improve our makerspace programming. Ipads, robots, loanable laptops and a Nintendo Switch brings the best of technology to our patrons.

What does your library mean to you?



"It means I have a comfortable place where I can lose myself in all things that interest and fascinate me. And I can do so while still being in my community. Thank You!"

"I love our library — friendly staff who go beyond the call to help locate any and all books you request. One of my favourite places to visit."

"It provides me endless opportunities to see the world with a different perspective. Travel without leaving my chair. I love my library!"

"The library means everything to me — my entertainment, my knowledge, my social gathering place, my growth in the literary world. Libraries are the hub of every community."

"Company at 3:00am when I can't sleep!"

"One of the last bastions of sanity in an increasingly dangerous and unbalanced world."

"An amazing place for my kids to discover life long literacy and learning!"

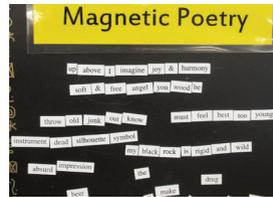
"The best freely available resource for our (or any) community. Source of knowledge, entertainment and social contact. How could we live without it!"



Master weaver Shy Watters instructs



Winnie The Pooh for adults



Poetry Month exercise



Tech Ed workshop

Tiny Home workshop



2018 Fact & Figures



2018 Financial Highlights

Operating Revenues

Local Government	\$628,472
Provincial Grants	76,293
Federal Grants	2,834
Donations and Other Grants	13,039
Library Revenue	11,171
Interest Income	349
Total	\$732,157
Capital Revenue	
Capital Reserve Fund	64,151
Total	\$64,151
TOTAL REVENUE	\$796,308

Operating Expenses

Administration

Salaries and Benefits	\$554,377
Building Maintenance	45,699
Office and Communications	33,160

Operations

Acquisitions & Processing	85,041
Programming & Promotion	14,325
Computer and IT Services	10,856

Total	\$743,459
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Capital Expense

Depreciation Expense	19,941
Capitalized Renovation Expense	32,879
Total	\$52,820
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$796,279

The Team

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SCRD Rep: Director Lori Pratt (from November)

Library staff and years of service

Rose Toenders (28 years)

Beth Dodds (20 years)

Lorinda Waite (14 years)

Janette Hellmuth (12 years)

Teresa Eckford (10 years)

Jeff Wadge (3 years)

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