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## **PORT MOODY FOUNDATION (PMF) ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$55,000 IN GRANTS FROM 2 SEPARATE FUNDS CREATING MORE THAN \$210,000 IN 12 LOCAL PROJECTS**

*PORT MOODY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, July 12, 2017.* The Port Moody Foundation (PMF) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Foundation's 2017 grant awards from the Port Moody Foundation Fund and the Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

### **PMF FUND – Total Allocation - \$5,850 (PMF Fund)**

Grants from the PMF Fund support charitable organizations working on arts, heritage, ecological and social wellbeing projects and programs in Port Moody.

1. Pacific Post Partum: A grant of \$250 was approved to cover the costs of providing 1000 brochures to the Newport Health unit for their New Mothers Information package.
2. Children of the Street: A \$1000 grant was approved to provide the "Taking Care of Ourselves and Taking Care of Others (TCO<sup>2</sup>)" workshops to an estimated 400 students in Port Moody Schools. The TCO<sup>2</sup> workshops give young people the information and practical tools they need to keep safe from all forms of sexual exploitation.

3. Port Moody Arts Centre: A \$1000 grant was approved for the Community Spaces Upgrade Project to improve seating in the reception area.
4. Kateslem Youth Society: A \$1000 Grant was approved for the Big Buddy program in Port Moody to provide an engaging after school program to some 200 Little Buddies in Port Moody schools.
5. Port Moody Heritage Society: A \$900 Grant was approved for the Museum Security Upgrades project to replace the outdated security panel and add sensors for glass breakage, flood detection and door contacts as well as improving the video monitoring.
6. Northwest Wildlife preservation: A \$1000 Grant was approved to provide Indoor Wildlife Workshops to Port Moody groups/students. These workshops centre on group discussions and hands-on learning using biofacts as well as photography, video and animal vocalizations.

**Community Fund for Canada's 150th: – Total Allocation - \$48,000  
(\$ 9,500 from PMF Fund plus \$14,500 City of Port Moody Contribution plus a  
matching amount of \$24,000 from the Federal Government)**

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is a matching program offered by Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) which allows the PMF to double grant opportunities for applicants. The applicant must match by at least 100% the grant award with a combination of cash and/or in-kind contributions. The Community Fund for Canada's 150th provides grants supporting youth, environment, diversity and Canada's Indigenous culture.

Grants:

1. Port Moody Arts Centre Society (PMACS)- \$3,000: PMACS' UNITY Project, created on Canada day, was designed to promote human connection, an appreciation of diversity and a realization that we all have something in common. The UNITY project celebrated Canada's 150th by reflecting our cultural diversity in a visual representation of the strength and interconnectedness that occurs when we bond and interact with one another.
2. Red Fox Healthy Living Society - \$500: The "Indigenous Perspectives Port Moody Cultural Night" held on June 23, 2017 was a multi-disciplinary arts expression evening of Indigenous Cultures The event included cultural performances, live music, drumming and a multi-gallery art walk featuring First Nations artists.
3. Port Moody Ecological Society - \$10,000: The project will invite residents of Port Moody and the public at large to learn from First Nations Knowledge Keepers and storytellers, to experience Coast Salish culture and to collaborate with a Coast Salish carver to design a "Welcome Post Gateway". This project will provide participants a greater understanding of the history and culture of Canada's Indigenous People.
4. Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society (BIMES) - \$9,000: BIMES Bio Blitz will engage local citizen scientists, high school and university students to create a baseline inventory of the biodiversity of the Mossom Creek area in Port Moody's Bert Flinn Park and to educate the public about the local flora and fauna present in a local intact watershed. The intended outcomes are a complete survey of the summer presence of species from a wide variety of taxa and the engagement of the community in meaningful environmental stewardship.

5. Port Moody Heritage Society (PMHS) - \$8,000: PMHS in collaboration with the Royal BC Museum (RBCM) and support from the Government of BC will hold an exhibition and lectures regarding Colonel Richard Clements Moody who was instrumental in the creation of the colony of British Columbia (1858-1863) and set the stage for BC joining Confederation. The exhibition will feature a photo album of historic significance which belonged to Colonel and Mrs. Moody. The album, acquired by RBCM in 2014, will be augmented by RBCM's collection of the Moody's personal correspondence.
  
6. Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia - \$2,500: For a community event in Port Moody to celebrate our diverse community, share inspiration and promote inclusion. The event will include a fashion show, adapted ballroom dancing demonstration and adapted martial arts to:
  - bring together members of the disabled community and able-bodied community in an inclusive cultural event; and
  - to celebrate diversity and inclusion
  
7. Seaview Community School - \$15,000: The Grant will go towards the creation of an Outdoor Education Centre that will encompass four distinct projects:
  - an outdoor auditorium where students can learn in an environment other than the traditional classroom;
  - an outdoor recreational space including a musical playground where students can learn to create music with non-traditional materials and instruments,
  - an obstacle course for students to develop and build fine and gross motor skills and peer to peer cooperation; and
  - a community garden to integrate biology and ecology lessons through the growing and caring of plants and vegetables.

The Port Moody Foundation is a non-profit Community Foundation focused on supporting social, cultural, ecological and recreational activities that benefit the citizens

of Port Moody. Established in 1989, the Foundation has raised money for several charitable and community driven causes. It is recognized as a proud sponsor for a better life in the community and welcomes any gifts or bequests from residents, businesses, associations and other parties to build our Capital Funds Resources.

For more information on supporting the Port Moody Foundation please contact Robert Simons at 604-469-4699 or at [info@portmoodyfoundation.ca](mailto:info@portmoodyfoundation.ca).

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