



January 31, 2015 Grants Committee Report

After much conversation and thought, the grants committee has concluded this granting cycle. Looking over past years, there seems to be more requests this year than in past years, so the decisions were not easy.

The Dunster Fine Arts School was granted \$500.00 towards their kitchen expansion. The school provides many programs and activities that benefit the Robson Valley.

McBride Centennial Elementary school was awarded \$750.00 towards extra-curricular expenses. With school budgets being low, it is important to help out when and where we can to help ease some of the financial burden to ensure we do not lose any more programs.

McBride Public Library was awarded \$300.00 towards their Forensics Group. The library offers many activities for our area through-out the year and the board recognizes and appreciates their role in our community.

McBride Food Bank was awarded \$1000.00 to purchase a new fridge to help service the expanding need in the area. The food bank helps many individuals and families on an on-going basis. To not have this service would be a huge loss to our community.

McBride Volunteer Firefighters had applied for funds to purchase a gas detection meter. Before this granting cycle was completed, Minister Shirley Bond presented David Hruby with a cheque to purchase the equipment. This was very generous, and our community is very fortunate to have received this.

RV Mountain Bike Association was approved for \$500.00 towards the multi-use bike trails. This group is creating a wonderful opportunity to promote more tourism and outdoor activities in our valley!

Robson Valley Support Society was approved for \$400.00 towards Victim Travel Services. RVSS provides many services for our area and their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Robson Valley Tourism was approved for \$750.00 towards signage. We felt this was a great way to promote our area.

Robson Valley Arts and Cultural Society was approved for \$1300.00 towards the Community Expo, as well as granted the use of the Community Center free of charge for the event.

The Roundhouse Theatre Society was not approved for their \$5000.00 request as we felt we needed more information as to where the money would be going. We were concerned that with our population base, the money could be better spent in other areas. I have spoken with Mr. Thompson regarding our concerns and have agreed to sit down to help gain understanding of the society and to discuss the possibilities for success of future grant applications.

Yellowhead Ski Club was not approved for their request of \$779.67 for the purchase of new furniture. We have encouraged them to apply during the next granting cycle.

Robson Valley Spay and Neuter Clinic was not approved for their (late) request for \$2000.00 but were encouraged to apply for the next granting cycle.

The Robson Valley Community & Rec Center was not approved for their request of \$1000.00 to use towards refunding damage deposits. Although they felt it would help to maximize the use of the facilities, we decided it was not a good use of funds, and the money could be put to better use.

Thank you to all who submitted requests. Again, we apologize for the delay and will be sure to shorten the process in future.

The next granting cycle ends **July 31st, 2015**, so please be sure to have your applications in by the deadline.

McBride Community Forest Grants Committee
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