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**GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2015**

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**1. Committee Members**

Ron Grender – Committee Chair and CF Director  
Sam Nakai – Committee Vice Chair and CF Director  
Linda Meneghello – CF Director  
Ken Catton – CF Director  
Chuck Denison – CF Director  
Ron Price  
Judy Robb  
Ravinder Safaya  
Greg McNally  
Doug Tannahill  
Dale Clarke - CF Executive Director (to July 31, 2015)

**2. Summary of Activity**

More than 70 applications for community grants, bursaries and scholarships were received by the Coquitlam Foundation and were reviewed by committee members prior to committee meetings held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Consideration was given to various issues such as eligibility, merit, and completeness of documentation, as well as available funding, fund agreements, and where appropriate, donor input.

Recommendations were subsequently made to and approved by the Coquitlam Foundation Board. Thanks to all committee members for their deliberations, and to Sam Nakai, Dale Clarke and our Administrative Assistant Margaret Owens for their assistance in receiving all the applications. Of course our former Treasurer Bob Tanaka provided excellent guidance with respect to available dollars in the various funds. Thanks as well to our Director responsible for Public Relations, Terry O'Neill and to local media such as Tri-City News, Coquitlam Now, Geoff Scott and Tri-Cities Community Television for assistance in publishing information about the availability of grants and the deadline for application. In all likelihood I have overlooked other individuals and or agencies who were similarly helpful, so special thanks to anyone I have missed.

The Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the Evergreen Cultural Centre on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and was very well attended once again. A light buffet reception was provided by Thrifty's followed by the formal awards ceremony. Departing Directors Bob Tanaka, Sam Nakai and Julie Fisher were recognized by Board Chair Janet Toddington for their service. As in the past, we invited a previous award winner to provide some entertainment, and this year we were treated to a very fine choral performance by Les Echos du Pacifique. A past award recipient, Sofia Hernandez, shared with us the value of her 2014 Wesbild LIFT Fund award, enabling her to attain a post secondary education, while at the same time working and raising a young family.

In addition to the awards made from our Foundation-directed funds many representatives of our donor advised funds attended the ceremony to personally present awards. Mayor

Richard Stewart presented the Mayors Community Fund Scholarships, Daniel Mortensen, Colin Campbell and Judith Osborne presented the Brodie Campbell Memorial Scholarship, Bill and Lindsey Leclair presented the Raymond A. LeClair scholarship as well as a community grant to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Accepting the award on behalf of JD RF was Nancy Collier. Vivien Symington presented the Symington Awards and Achla and Ravinder Safaya presented Steps Together Bursaries. Les Wingrove, Mrs Wingrove and Lance Hofseth presented an award from the Trevor Wingrove Fund. **Alex Bell presented the first grant from the Community Diversity Fund, accepted by Martin Granger and Sandi Caverly.** Founding member of the Coquitlam Foundation Gordon Fulton accepted the Shelagh Elaine Fulton Fund Award on behalf of the Arthritis Society, and former CAFE Principal Paul McNaughton spoke about the value of the Wesbild LIFT Fund awards, which were presented at the CAFE Graduation Ceremony the following week. Paul was joined by Alex Johnstone former CAFE student who expressed appreciation to Wesbild and to the CAFE staff for their support.

The presence of so many representatives of our Donor Advised Funds was greatly appreciated. Not present physically, but also deserving of our appreciation is Peter Legge who graciously donated copies of his book, **The Power of Tact**, for all student recipients.

Finally, Coquitlam foundation Board Chair Janet Toddington announced a new fund: The Soroptimist TriCities Fund, and acknowledged support from another community partner, the Cactus Club who supported our recent Beer & Burger Night.

The Events Committee, chaired by Linda Meneghello and our Master of Ceremonies Terry O'Neill ensured that everything ran smoothly. It was another great event. Thanks to all, and congratulations to all recipients. In the end we awarded scholarships, bursaries and community grants worth a total in excess of **\$145,000**. This includes a grant made to the Glen Pine 50Plus Society, not awarded earlier due to some errors in processing that we were happy to rectify once we learned of the oversight.

It has been a great pleasure to work with dedicated volunteers on the Grants Committee, and the Board of Directors. Through the grant application process we meet many fine students and members of our community, and learn of the wonderful programs that contribute to the richness and wellness of Coquitlam and the Tri-Cities. Spread the word, there is another cycle coming soon. We will be seeking more applications early in 2016.

A complete list of recipients for 2015 can be found on the Coquitlam Foundation website [coquitlamfoundation.com](http://coquitlamfoundation.com) under Grants & Bursaries 2015. In addition many photos of the 2015 Awards Ceremony can be seen both there and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CoquitlamFoundation>

Submitted by Ron Grender, Chair, Grants Committee