

Projects in the Shuswap

Local Shelter Benefits from Endowment Fund



Al Neale

In 1999 Sorrento resident Al Neale saw a need for funding the local branch of the BCSPCA. Encouraged by friend Beryl Herdan, Al set up the Shuswap BCSPCA Endowment Fund with Shuswap Community Foundation. Beryl, a long-time volunteer with the local BCSPCA, was involved in the initial fund-raising to build the shelter in 1986.

"I wanted something for the Shuswap," recalls Al. "It started small and it keeps adding. I'm surprised how it's added up and grown." Al has made it his objective

to add to it every year. The endowment fund now stands at over \$21,000 and the interest generated by the fund goes directly to the Shuswap Branch of the BCSPCA, annually.

(In fact, Al was so pleased with the fund he later went about setting up the Al Neale Bursary Fund for adult students in the community trying to upgrade their lives by re-entering the educational mainstream.)

Community Council chair, Muriel Schubert says, "This is a wonderful thing with Al Neale setting up the fund with the Foundation." She adds that there was a misconception that money donated here (Shuswap) does not stay in the community. Muriel states, "Money raised here stays in the community and goes toward animal care and welfare in the community."

She points out that people can donate to this fund at any time. And, of course, she adds, "The more money in the fund the more the local branch receives." The added benefit to this type of fund is that it takes some pressure off fund-raising for the local branch.

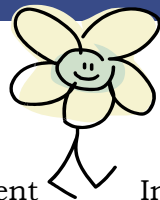
Shuswap BCSPCA branch manager Dalyce Miller says they have around 150 to 160 cats during "kitten season" and by Christmas they will deal with about 200 cats. The branch's dog kennels are full with some 35 dogs, mostly strays, she says.



Jump Kits

A grant of \$1,620 from the Foundation's General Fund allowed the North Shuswap First Responders to purchase individual "jump kits" for members.

Responders July Weller and Brenda Buffel with a jump kit and oxygen. The kit includes all items shown.



Assessment Aids Museum Enhancement

In November 2005, RJ Haney Heritage Village and Museum embarked on a facility assessment of exhibit areas, gift shop, offices, reception area, archives room, storage areas and mechanical room. The services of Cuyler Page, the Kamloops museum curator and design consultant, were procured and wheels set in motion. The assessment was made possible by a generous grant from the Shuswap Community Foundation.

A grant of \$1,000 from the Askew Family Fund allowed for space assessment and re-design.



Access Justice



Access Justice received \$800 from the Askew Family Fund and the Foundation's General Fund. (Neighbourlink sponsored the application to the Foundation.)

Access Justice is a non-profit agency that provides volunteer lawyers for people who cannot afford this service. The program offers a half-hour appointment with a lawyer, a follow-up

appointment if necessary and step-by-step advice to find solutions to disputes or to prepare for trial.

Co-sponsors for Access Justice include: Neighbourlink, Western Canada Society to Access Justice and KAIROS.

Canada Day Celebrations

An \$800 grant from the Shuswap Community Foundation's General Fund and countless hours of volunteer work made the South Shuswap's celebration of Canada's 139th birthday a huge success.

Activities included: a parade, face paintings, inflatable obstacle course and slide, mini putts and toss games along with band music, line dancers, presentations to Community Award recipients, a Black Powder "Shoot 'Em Up" and, of course, cutting up and serving a Canada Day birthday cake.

Festivities closed with a spectacular fireworks display by the Blazing Trails Fireworks Display Team of Blind Bay.

