



Robert "Bob" Morris

• Morris Bursary Fund •

Robert "Bob" Morris established the "Morris Bursary Fund for Excellence in Mathematics" with the Shuswap Community Foundation in 2008. The income from that fund will provide a bursary to a female student graduating from Salmon Arm Senior Secondary School who has demonstrated excellence in mathematics and who intends to pursue post secondary studies in mathematics or a related field.

Bob has lived in Salmon Arm for seven years after retiring from the Canadian Navy. An avid reader, he recalled studying a poll conducted in the United States where, of some 1,100 students, only 11 planned to take further studies in the field of mathematics. "Some of the best jobs in North America require mathematics yet only 11 of 1,100 took math," he exclaims.

He also noted that in areas, such as Salmon Arm, there is often an emphasis on sports, an abundance of good coaches and opportunities for male students to obtain scholarships. He feels there is not the same advantage for young women to obtain scholarships and adds that there are careers, that require foundations in math, for women in: physics, computer science, and nursing to name a few.

"I had the opportunity to contribute and to level the playing field," he smiles.

Bob says he feels he is contributing something to the community with this bursary. " I have an interest in the next generation. I don't have children, yet I'm conscious of leaving a useful legacy."