



THE GALIANO CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2020





This year has been an unprecedented challenge for all of us as individuals and as a community, and the same is true of our organizations. The global pandemic tested the Conservancy's ability to adapt and thrive in a novel situation, and it responded admirably. Hats off to the staff who took in stride restrictions on the use of the office, new safety protocols, working from home, and above all the constant uncertainty about what the next month might bring. It's an old lesson that it's the diverse ecosystems that survive abrupt changes, and the GCA benefited greatly from its diversity of

programming this year. Thanks in particular to the Education staff who found themselves without any school groups, but were instead able to refocus their energy and talent on refining programs, improving digital outreach, and assisting with trail building and other outdoor infrastructure projects at the MLC. (If nothing else, this pandemic has reaffirmed the benefits of spending time outside, in the fresh air - a phrase which has renewed poignancy).

Thanks also to all of the volunteers, donors, members, and my fellow board members, who work so hard to keep the Conservancy's ecosystem vital. It seems almost miraculous that we have come out of this year on such a sound financial and organizational footing, but somehow, with your help, our staff were able to pull it off. We are well positioned for the future, and with your continued support, I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together.

Here's to fresh air and a fresh year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Avi Bryant'.

Avi Bryant

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WALKALONG 2020

Our heartfelt appreciation to the generous supporters of our 8th Annual Walkalong for Learning, including 14 musicians, 2 painters, 20 volunteers, 184 walkers, 9 fundraisers and 161 donors! Thank you, together we raised over \$19,000 for environmental education. A special thank you to the Zita And Mark Bernstein Family Foundation for helping us surpass our fundraising goal!

*A note to our supporters: We appreciate your generous donations to the Galiano Conservancy Association, and want to ensure we recognize everyone with 100% accuracy. If we have inadvertently made an error or an omission, please contact us with concerns or corrections.

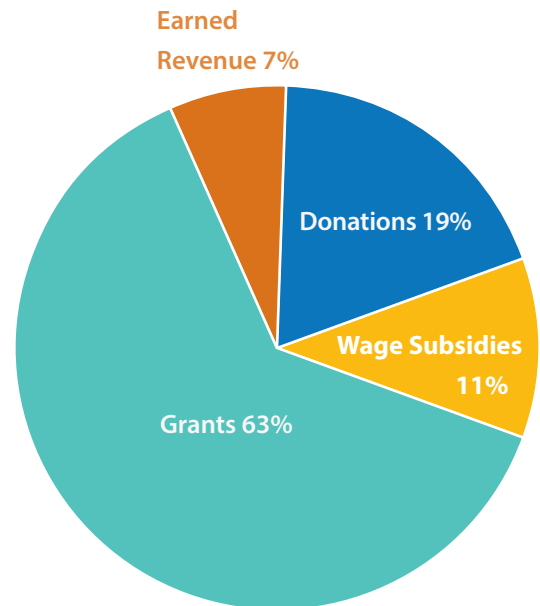


FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE FOR 2020

In 2020, we experienced a 65% decline in earned revenues, including a 76% decline in revenue from Education Programs. Donations also declined by more than 20% compared to 2019. Yet, thanks to the diversity of our conservation initiatives and continued success supporting projects and programs through grants, much of our work proceeded as planned, despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Administration and fundraising expenses declined in 2020, due to both staffing changes and decreased overhead, together accounting for less than one quarter of total expenses for the first time since 2014. Negative net revenue reflects an increase in amortization expenses, which almost doubled in 2020 due to the addition of the MLC program centre (office building); 2020 cashflow was marginally net positive.

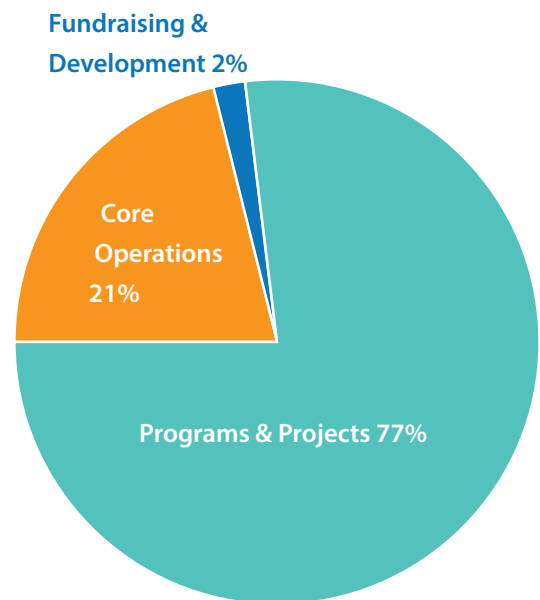
Revenue Sources

Grants	\$ 348,302
Wage Subsidies	\$ 60,678
Donations	\$ 104,916
Earned Revenues	\$ 35,796
Total Revenue	\$ 549,692



Organizational Expenses

Programs & Projects	\$ 442,234
Fundraising & Development	\$ 13,080
Core Operations	\$ 121,337
Total Expenses	\$ 576,651



NET REVENUE \$ -26,960

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Learning & Outreach

- **32** hands-on programs delivered to **608** participants (39% regional and 61% Galiano community)
- **3** Nature Camp Programs delivered in collaboration with Parent Support Services Society of BC
- Reached **5254** people on GCA Facebook account & website with new Digital Environmental Education Programs
- Reached **1000+** online viewers with nature-focused "Holiday Special" videos -- played hundreds of times on GCA YouTube account
- Delivered TETÁCES Climate Action Project Course #2 in collaboration with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre and members from the Penelakut and WSÁNEĆ nations
- **2** popular 'Feed the People' Deer Processing workshops organized, 2nd cancelled last-minute in response to newly instated COVID-19 restrictions
- **200** people safely hosted mid-pandemic for 8th annual Musical Walkalong For Learning event, over **\$19,000** raised for bursary fund

New Education Programs & Workshops:

- Renewable Energy in Action Grade 9-12
- Native Plant Inspirations Grade 9-12
- DEEP (Digital Environmental Education Programs)
- Zoom Nature Camp
- Galiano School Nature Classroom Programming
- Herbal Harvest - Herbal Remedies for the Times

Post-secondary Engagement

- **6** university research projects hosted at the MLC
- **11** seasonal positions created to employ youth
- **2** UVIC Coop Students mentored
- **1** volunteer intern hosted; **5** international volunteer internships cancelled due to COVID-19

MLC Infrastructure & Climate Action

- Rebuilt MLC sign destroyed in car accident
- Installed **3** composting toilets at MLC
- Converted old shower building into the "Generation Station" where youth can learn about renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Installed **18** solar panels on GCA office roof
- Net electricity produced at MLC in 2020: **12,000 kWh**
- Initiated the One Island, One Earth project to calculate an Ecological Footprint for Galiano Island



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ecological Restoration

- Added **4** permanent deer-browse monitoring plots to the eight established in 2019
- Controlled invasive species in **26.5 ha** of sensitive habitat
- **195** volunteers participated in restoration projects that established **1100** native plants of **90** different species across **2.5 ha**
- Converted gravel turnaround at classroom into educational liner wetland with aid of **150+** volunteer hours



Land Stewardship

- Monitored **10** conservation covenants totaling **217** hectares of protected land
- Managed **7** protected areas totalling **192 ha**
- Maintained **12 km** of public trails

Nursery & Forest Gardens

- **90** different native plant species propagated
- Provided over **1900** native or edible plants to community members or restoration projects
- Over **313** volunteer hours in the Community Food Forest and Nuts'a'maat Forage Forest
- Over **336** participants in tours, programs and workshops
- **200+** bags of Forest Garden Tea sold

Wildlife Conservation

- **8** cameras monitored fishing pressure in Rockfish Conservation Areas bordering Galiano over **15** weeks. **27.2%** of days had fishing incidences, a large increase from **2.8%** in 2019.
- In partnership with **4** other conservancies, **40 ha** of bull kelp beds and **30 ha** of eelgrass meadows were mapped here in the Southern Gulf Islands
- **192** people informed about rockfish and cetacean conservation through **16** public events; online outreach included **173** social media posts viewed cumulatively by **29,917** people
- Began multi-year project monitoring red-legged frog populations in **2** wetlands at the Millard Learning Centre