

## WELLS GRAY COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY ACTIVITIES IN 2019

In 2019 the Society advertised two granting cycles spring \$100,000 and the fall \$50,000.00.

The Society is working towards having a signed Management Agreement with the Corporation. In May the Society gave the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation a management agreement template that came from the BC Confederation of Community Forests “Community Forest Guidebook II” to review. The Corporation is in the process of reviewing and will be passing the template by their lawyer.

In June Canfor announced the closure of their mill and potential sale of the volume-based license to International Forest Products Ltd. In response to this announcement the Society, in July, spearheaded a letter writing campaign to government. The society asked community organizations that have received grants to write letters to government supporting the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation in their efforts to increase the size of their area based license, which would increase the annual allowable cut.

In November an advertisement was placed in the local paper for new trustees to join the WGCF Society, filling the vacancy for Ted Richardson (sadly passed) and Wayne Sim (moved away). Wayne Sim was replaced with Ron Hadley from the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation board and Leslie Groulx was selected from three applications received for the position of community member at large.

The annual general meeting was held January 20th, 2020 once the new trustees are selected.

Evergreen Acres Project asked for extra funds due to unforeseen costs that put the project budget above planned costs. The Society and Commission approved the following motion. *The WGCF Society in conjunction with the WGCF Commission approved in principal an additional \$500,000.00 for the senior’s housing project to assist with the increased costs for contractors and materials. With the condition that the Province and BC Housing came to the table to provide matching or a minimum of \$250,000 to the project short fall.*

A founding member of the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation and the Society - Ted Richardson passed away in October 2019. The Society members agreed that in honour of Ted’s long-standing contribution to the Community Forest Corporation and Society a bursary program should be set up in his memory. The Society and the Commission approved a bursary of \$2,000.00 per year to be given to a deserving student whom attends Clearwater Secondary to honour the memory of Ted and all he did for the Society and the communities of Clearwater, Vavenby and area.

**GRANTS/LOANS:** As in previous years, the Society distributed funds for a wide range of community projects (see table below) via the normal spring and fall granting cycles (\$118,677.93 in total).

### **APRIL 2019 (\$100,00.00):**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Grant Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Gray Outdoor Club	Half marathon	\$4,000.00
Wells Gray Curling Club	Safety Equipment	\$1540.35
Clearwater & District Hospice Society	Palliative Care Room	\$20,000.00
CSS	Green house replacement	\$3,000.00
CSS	Kiln replacement	\$7,000.00
CSS	Music Instruments	\$2,100.00
Evergreen Acres Senior Housing Society	New outdoor Community Space	\$5,000.00
Clearwater Minor Ball	New Competitive Uniforms	\$2,000.00

North Thompson Arts Council	Children's Art Festival	\$1,100.00
Upper Clearwater Volunteer Fire Brigade	Suppression equipment for fire truck 2	\$8,500.00
Yellowhead Community Services	DLCC Event Equipment	\$8,275.50
Raft Mtn. Skating Club	Skates, helmets and guards	\$1,000.00
Wells Gray Seniors Society	Luncheons	\$8,500.00
<b>TOTAL Approved:</b>		<b>\$72,015.85</b>

**OCTOBER 2019 (\$50,000.00):**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Grant Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Gray Outdoor Club	Marathon	\$4,000.00
Vavenby Trails and Recreation Society	Insurance	\$600.00
Clearwater Food Bank	3 utility carts, 12 food safe storage bins, 24 trays and paper bags	\$2,500.00
Evergreen Acres Society	Upgrade flooring	\$7,624.80
CSS	Family day	\$700.00
CSS	Miter saw/2 sander units	\$5,000.00
CSS	Soccer uniforms and goals	\$5,100.00
Clearwater Ski Club	Lift maintenance	\$4,562.28
Raft River Elementary School	Outdoor classroom design	\$2,575.00
Raft River Elementary School	Tree kit project	\$400.00
Clearwater Badminton Club	Fee relief	\$800.00
Clearwater Minor Hockey	Ice rental	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL Approved:</b>		<b>\$43,862.08</b>

**SPONSORSHIP GRANTS 2019:**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
District of Clearwater	Winter Festival	\$500.00
Clearwater Secondary School	Mountain Bike Provincials	\$500.00
Clearwater Secondary School	Soccer Provincials	\$1,500.00
District of Clearwater (2020)	Winter festival	\$300.00
<b>Total Approved:</b>		<b>\$2,800.00</b>

**Summary of 2019 Disbursements:**

Spring Grants	\$ 72,015.85
Fall Grants	\$ 43,862.08
Sponsorships	\$ <u>2,800.00</u>
	<b>\$118,677.93</b>

The following examples are but three of the many projects assisted by Wells Gray Community Forest funds in 2019.

**Clearwater Food Bank (\$2,500.00):**

The Wells Gray Community Forest Society believes the Clearwater Food bank is a vital organization to support as it benefits residents, from Blue River to Round Top, in their time of need. The grant application was for equipment to aid the volunteers with the organization and storage of food donations making it easier to prepare food hampers. The Food Bank is also committed to stopping the use of plastic bags. The funds granted purchased 3 utility carts, 12 storage bins, 24 trays and paper bags.



### **Clearwater Minor Ball: (\$2,000.00)**

Baseball in Clearwater is a central sport for youth in our community for many decades. Clearwater Minor Ball is a successfully run volunteer organization that offers our youth the opportunity to obtain skills needed to succeed in life such as sportsmanship, leadership, team work, commitment and coaching. The club demonstrated this by making it to the U14 competitive level and have plans to compete at even higher levels. The grant purchased the uniforms required to compete at the higher levels of competition. The Society is pleased to support the organization in being ambassadors for our community.



**Raft Mountain Skating Club:** An example of the required report from a club and some photos.



## **Raft Mountain Skating Club**

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### **RMSC COMPLETION REPORT**

April 2019 Equipment Purchase Grant

Jan 23, 2020

To the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation (WGFCF):

The Raft Mountain Skating Club (RMSC) and its skaters are so pleased with their new skates, helmets, guards, labels to identify our new gear, and off-ice training equipment that we were able to purchase with the grant that we received from you. Without this grant many of these skaters would never have the opportunity to use such good quality skates because they simply can not afford them. However, now they can rent them from us for a minimal cost and not only do they get wonderful skates to use but we can keep them in skating longer as it is more affordable for families. The better quality skates also provide our skaters with a better chance of improving their skills. When the current RMSC Executive applied for the April 2019 Grant we had not realized at the time that the previous Executive had an outstanding Grant. Therefore, we have not used up the full \$1000 that we had been granted.

We have also submitted photos of the equipment we purchased as well as some of the happy skaters that have rented them from us.

Thank you again for your amazing support,

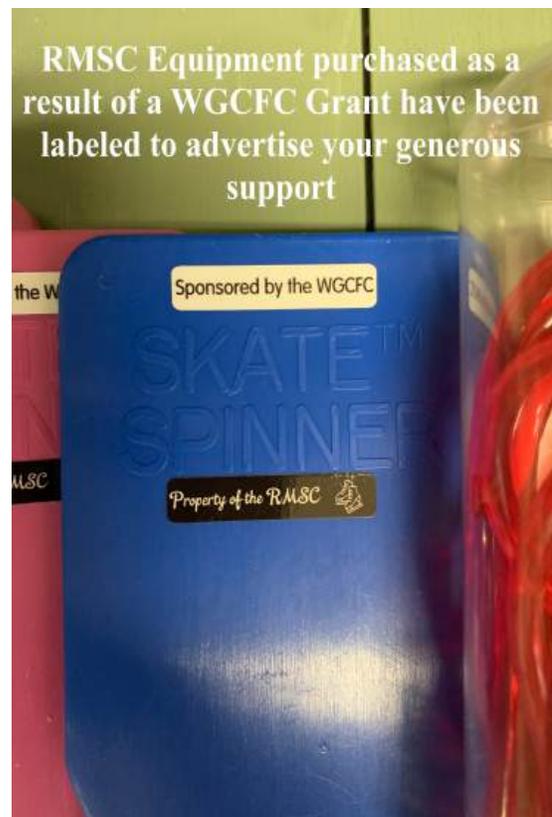
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Barb Coates

Director of Sponsorship



**RMSC Skates and Guards  
Courtesy of a WGCFC Grant**



**RMSC Equipment purchased as a  
result of a WGCFC Grant have been  
labeled to advertise your generous  
support**



**RMSC Skate Guards  
Courtesy of WGCFC  
Grant**



**RMSC Skaters use the  
Skate Spinners (purchased  
with a WGCFC Grant)  
weekly during Off-Ice  
sessions**