



*The Alberni Valley
Community Foundation*

31st Annual General Meeting

held at

**Echo Centre
Port Alberni, B.C.**

at 7:00 p.m.

on Thursday, 21st May 2026

*Creating Lasting Benefits
For Our Community*

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7:00 p.m. Call to Order

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Chair
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Grant Recipients

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Reception

The Alberni Valley Community Foundation
Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting

Held at Echo Centre Port Alberni, B.C. at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th May 2025

Present:

AVCF Board: Hugh Grist, Peggy Hartman, Debra Hamilton, Don Jones, John Mayba, Jean McIntosh, Ken Watson, Marta Williamson. 2025 Grant Recipients.

Regrets: Robert Gunn.

Motions to approve and accept the 2024 AGM minutes; Report from the Chair 2025; Auditor's Report for 2024:

Reports were heard from the grant recipients regarding their projects that were partially funded by the Foundation.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Report from the Chair for 2026

May 2026

Welcome to the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Foundation.

The total invested income of the Foundation now exceeds \$2.6 million and as those revenues increase, so does the discretionary distribution to local charities such as yourselves. Since inception the Foundation has distributed in excess of \$1.1 million within the Valley.

In the past year an additional major capital donation from the Gaming Fund Liquidation and a large donation of equities from a very generous local philanthropist have provided a significant boost to the invested capital of the Foundation. Generous donors have also established two more bursary funds for deserving Alberni students who are proceeding to post-secondary education. This brings the number of bursary funds that the Foundation manages to six, which in turn generate thirteen individual bursaries.

At the end of this meeting we will be presenting you with a copy of our 2026 Vital Signs. This is the fifth publication that we have produced. It has become very popular with many government, charitable and other agencies, and of course for the Foundation, to see the areas of concern and successes that have occurred over time in our Valley.

I would like to thank the other dedicated volunteer members of our Board, who are a pleasure to work with and very generous with their time. Once again our thanks to you, who put this money to work.

Respectfully,

Hugh Grist

Hugh Grist – Board Chair



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2026 Discretionary Grants

Organization Receiving Grant	Amount Requested	Approved General Fund AVCF	Approved Homeless Fund HF	Project Description
Can. Mental Health Ass'n.	\$10,000	\$10,000		Replace flooring in Clubhouse
Special Olympics	\$1,500	\$1,500		Competition Expenses
Youth Excellence	\$2,050	\$2,050		send 2 P.A.youth to summer camp
A.V.Makerspace Society	\$5,000	\$5,000		expand facility to incl. woodshop, classroom
P.A. Backpack Program	\$3,000		\$3,000	expand the locally grown meal program
P.A. SPCA	\$1,500	\$1,500		request from Ross Holt, donor
Society of Vincent St. Paul	\$5,000		\$5,000	Food hampers to the needy
Westcoast Native Health	\$5,942	\$5,942		toward purch. 2 specialized wheelchairs
A.V.Transition Town	\$700	\$700		Spring public forum - wildfires interface
Abbeyfield House	\$5,000	\$5,000		sanitizing dishwasher & heat pumps
Community Arts Council	\$2,500	\$2,500		rotating art exhibit costs
P.A.Family Guidance	\$5,000	\$5,000		consulting room furniture & computers
A.V.Hospice Society	\$1,300	\$1,300		Prov.approved volunteer training
Birthing Families	\$5,000	\$5,000		Commence operation in the Valley
Alberni Valley Media	\$5,250	\$5,250		Local Media Coverage
Riders of Alberni Valley	\$5,000	\$5,000		Purch. Utility Cargo Trailer for event equip.
Alberni Valley Museum	\$5,000	\$5,000		salary for part time indigenous educator
Alberni Athletics Soccer	\$5,000	\$2,500		soccer equip, such as nets, flags etc.
Port Alberni Lawn Bowling	\$2,400	\$2,400		purchase an onsite defibrillator
Portal Players	\$8,000	\$8,000		Purchase projection system
P.A.Marine Rescue	\$5,000	\$5,000		Upgrade navigational electronics on boat
ADAPS	\$2,000		\$2,000	Bike rehab program
Soap for Hope	\$5,000		\$5,000	Hygiene & Linen Support
P.A. Picklers	\$2,000	\$2,000		Pickleball Court
	\$98,142	\$80,642	\$15,000	

Total 2026 Grant Amount

\$95,642

Directors 2025/26

Grist, Hugh (board chair)

Hartman, Peggy (treasurer & finance committee)

Hamilton, Debra

Jones, Don (finance committee)

Mayba, John (grants committee chair)

McIntosh, Jean (bursary committee chair)

Robert Gunn (secretary)

Watson, Ken (finance & bursary committee)

Williamson, Marta (bursary committee)



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Background Information

Brief history of the Foundation?

31st Annual General Meeting, 25 years of grant making.

Makeup of the Board of Directors?

The Board is appointed by committee made up of a cross section of the Community that includes the Mayor, the Director of North Island College, a Member of Nuuchalnil Tribal Council, a Local Judge or Chair of the Bar Association and the President of the Labour Council.

Why an appointed Board?

To prevent one group introducing Board Members to gain a majority, thereby redirecting funds to their field of interest.

Why does a Foundation differ from other charities?

The money received by the Foundation is not given directly to local charities, but invested. The returns on investment are then distributed within the Valley. An analogy would be to consider Service Clubs, Medical Need Groups etc. as the chequing account, then we are the savings account. The capital remains in perpetuity.

Our current assets and how much do they generate?

Our assets currently exceed 2.6 million dollars and we have distributed in excess of \$784,000 over the last twenty-five years. In addition the Foundation was able to access \$161,000 of additional funding from various sources to aid local charities during the Covid 19 pandemic and another \$171,000 from the Community Services Recovery Fund in 2023.

To whom do we make grants?

All facets of the community, Education, Heritage and Restoration; Arts & Culture; Senior Citizens; Social Services; Children and Youth.

The Future?

We need to build up the asset base so that significant interest is generated to fulfill all the needs of this Community. We currently receive more requests for funds than we can generate, and therefore have to turn down some very worthwhile projects. We would appeal to the more fortunate citizens of the Alberni Valley to consider making bequests (and there are many ways one can do this) to the Foundation, so that we can continue to help those less fortunate within our Community.