

New Beginnings



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Chair's Message

It's easy to feel good when spring is in the air. For us Manitobans, it means we can shed 20 extra pounds of clothing and get our warmth from the sun instead of down feathers.

We can watch grass turn from brown to green, leaves take their places on trees and flowers paint the colours of the rainbow everywhere they grow. It's the perfect new beginning, and it happens annually.

At the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, our annual spring granting holds all the promise of new beginnings as well.

In this Community Report, you'll learn about the City of Selkirk's depth of commitment to community development through endowment. The city not only has four individual endowment funds with the Foundation, it also has an employee deduction program that supports those funds.

Stephen Grahame shares the story of his grandfather, whose incredible gift to Stephen's brother was life changing and born out of an abundance of love.

Also, an SDCF grant allowed Inclusion Selkirk to buy a newspaper baler for its recycling program and we're celebrating the wonderful news that the baler has seen almost 25 spring seasons come and go and it's showing no signs of stopping.

Enjoy the remainder of spring and we hope you'll embrace new beginnings whenever they present themselves!

– Shauna Curtin, SDCF Chair

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SDCF board and staff met with representatives of Community Foundations of Canada at the Gaynor Family Regional Library in March to talk about what new beginnings this year will bring!

Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament presented by IG Wealth Management

Thursday, September 7, 2023
Selkirk Golf & Country Club

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20-plus years of new beginnings for Inclusion Selkirk baler



Peter feeds the Inclusion Selkirk baler and helps turn old newspaper into new insulation.

At the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, we're proud to declare that we are 'Here for Good'.

There's a newspaper recycling baler at Inclusion Selkirk that's the mechanical embodiment of that statement. Purchased nearly 25 years ago with a Foundation grant, the baler is still going strong today.

"This baler has been around forever," says Pat Still Bird, who has worked at Inclusion Selkirk for more than 20 years and says the machine predates her.

"Dealing with paper, is our biggest duty and we do it every day, and everybody contributes in some way or another. If we didn't have it, we wouldn't have a lot of anything to do."

Sharon Holmes, Director of Day Services, says office paper, newspaper and flyers are baled and strapped and then stored until a company picks them up and recycles them into insulation.

The process is important financially to the organization, but also for the emotional wellbeing of the clients who work there on a daily basis.

"If we didn't have the bailer, these individuals would be out of work and honestly I think this is their happy place. They enjoy it, this is what they want to do," Holmes said.

"If we didn't have it, we would be out of profit, yes, but these guys would be disappointed. They'd be very, very disappointed."

The Foundation grant of \$4,500 allowed Inclusion Selkirk to purchase the baler. A used baler today would cost as much as \$20,000 and a new one would be \$100,000 or more. 🌱

City of Selkirk all in for power of endowment

At the City of Selkirk, endowment is a powerful word.

And for years, the city and its employees have been contributing to endowment funds at the Selkirk & District Community Foundation to make everything from city parks to the city's history and heritage better for all.

"Really the start of this whole thing was the Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund," said Selkirk CAO Duane Nicol.

It was Nicol, who as a Selkirk councillor, submitted an idea paper with the vision in 2012 to create a municipal museum.

Knowing that capital dollars to build a museum are far easier to come by than dollars to run and maintain, Nicol's idea was to use endowment to have money down the road to run the museum.

"Conceptually that was the first City of Selkirk Endowment fund and that's how it started."

There are now three more city endowment funds held at the SDCF besides the original, including the Recreation Fund, established in 2015, and the Accessible Transit and Parks funds, both established in 2020.



The city's annual SHEF fundraiser, 'An evening of History' entertained patrons and bolstered the SDCF-held fund on May 11. The city also had Selkirk swag on sale and a portion of those sales go to city funds as well.

Breathing new life into Libau Community Club

There truly is a new beginning underway in Libau.

Ashley Makarchuk is the treasurer of the Libau Community Club and she says residents of the little town tucked off Hwy. 59 know their highway sign doesn't turn many heads.

"We always say don't blink when you're driving by or you're going to miss it," Makarchuk laughed.

But the town is experiencing quite a boom, and as the census taker for Libau, Makarchuk knows it. The last Canada Census put the town's population at around 800, that's double what it was a few years back.



The Libau Community Club is having its own New Beginning, alive once again with community events and activities.

The city itself puts money into these funds and also allows employees to do so through a payroll contribution, which the city matches. Last year, approximately \$13,000 was donated by employees and matched by the city for a total of about \$26,000.

“The city seeded and started the endowment, and we’ve started creating ways for us to fund these endowments, but really it was to create a place for passionate people to donate locally,” he said.

“We’ve always encouraged people to shop locally. Manitobans are some of the most generous people in the country, I think yet again we’ve topped the charts for personal donations, so this was an opportunity for us to help local folks, and by local I mean Selkirk and district.”

The city’s partnership with the Foundation is unique in our province.

“To the best of my knowledge, no other municipality in Manitoba comes close to the level of community foundation-municipal collaborations we see in Selkirk,” said Alan Goddard, Vice President of Endow Manitoba. 📍

She says the town was settled by immigrants and after years of stagnation or decline, Libau is seeing the grandchildren of those early settlers moving to town. She visited her grandparents as a child and is among the new second wave.

“I have friends that I brought here as a little girl growing up and now they’ve built a home and moved into the area,” she said.

“It’s neat. There’s a lot of newer, young, generational families moving into the town with some sort of history or background to the town.”

There’s an effort to restore the community club and a Selkirk & District Community Foundation grant will help with roof repairs and more. Makarchuk says the club is once again becoming the hub of the community.



Ice plant keeps Petersfield Curling Club, community, on solid ground

Petersfield Curling Club President Tom Charlo and board member Robin Jackson say the club is about more than curling, it's a 'vital hub' of the community. Charlo just finished painting lines on the floor for pickleball this summer.

This year, the Selkirk & District Community Foundation provided a grant to the Petersfield Curling Club to go towards a new ice plant.

The old one is failing and without ice, not only does curling go away so too does the sense of community that lives and breathes within the club’s walls.

Robin Jackson, a club board member, says since the original curling club was built in 1937, the people in the community have kept it going and are the reason the club is thriving today.

“This curling club in comparison to other clubs is doing quite well,” Jackson says.

“We see other clubs closing their doors at a very rapid pace. It’s a struggling sport but those of us who love it are passionate about it.”

“We’ve had a bunch of events at the community club that are for families and their children, so everyone can meet each other, lean on each other once you know who’s who and we’ve just become family,” she said.

They’ve got big plans to resurrect the new generation’s version of an old town classic – the Libau Tractor Pull.

“The town has never forgotten about the famous Libau Tractor Pull,” she laughed.

The new version won’t feature tractors – at least not yet – but will pay tribute to the old games that were played and the good times had.

“We’re planning a Libau Summer Festival this year, we really want to hit the town with bringing back the ‘90s festival.”

Check out the community club’s social media for more information. 📍

The community has always supported the club, from locals hauling ice from Lake Winnipeg to melt down and use for pebbling in the original club to taking charge when fire destroyed it.

“Our curling club has seen its ups and downs; we actually had an entire structure burn back in 1990 and it was again volunteers and volunteer tradesmen and skilled community people who came to help resurrect the facility. Within months we had a new club built,” Jackson said.

The club has produced some of the country’s finest curlers, including Greg McAulay, the 2000 world champion and his niece, 4-time Canadian champ, and 2-time World bronze medalist Kerri Einarson, both of whom were junior curlers in Petersfield. Current senior men’s Provincial Champions, Dave Boehmer team curls out of the Petersfield club, and that’s just to name a few.

“Lots of people have once called our club home, even if they don’t now, we have a connection.”

Jackson says the curling club hosts much more than curling including soccer practices when the fields are too wet in the spring, and Regional Health Authority flu clinics and other events.

“For us to be in the position that we are really shows the commitment and dedication of our community to keep it thriving, not only for the sport,” she says.

“It’s a vital hub for our community.” 📍

Making New Beginnings Come True

Community Grant Program 2022/2023

New beginnings often need a leg up. In 2022/2023 SDCF helped support 125 projects/scholarships and bursaries with \$837,795 that includes immediate and future granting. Two times a year, charitable organizations in the region – City of Selkirk, R.M.'s of St. Andrews and St. Clements – are welcomed to submit proposals to the Foundation detailing how we can help them activate their wishes and dreams.

Organization & Project	Awarded
Gaynor Family Fund	
Rotary Club of Selkirk – NOW (Nutrition on Weekend) program	\$ 20,000
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation – Girls Wellness Summer Day Camp/After-School Program	\$ 20,000
United for Literacy – Investing in Literacy Success in Selkirk	\$ 20,000
Hand in Hand Daycare – Program supplies to support early years learning	\$ 4,800
Selkirk Daycare - Outdoor play equipment	\$ 3,734
The START Program - Parenting through the Teen Years program	\$ 2,575
Lord Selkirk Education Centre – Food security program over the holidays (Charity of Choice)	\$ 2,000
Swimmingly Manitoba - Swimming lessons for children with special needs	\$ 2,000
St. Andrews Community Club – Family gaming night program	\$ 1,825
Nova House – Food security program over the holidays (Charity of Choice)	\$ 1,000
Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund and Ruth & Richard Konzelman Fund and Community Fund	
Manitoba Brain Injury Association – Selkirk Brain Wellness Support Program	\$ 8,394
Kirstin's Walk for Kids and Childrens Program Fund	
Hand in Hand Daycare – Program supplies to support early years learning	\$ 2,990
Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund	
Lord Selkirk School Division – Parker Sutherland Memorial Environmental Scholarship	\$ 1,075

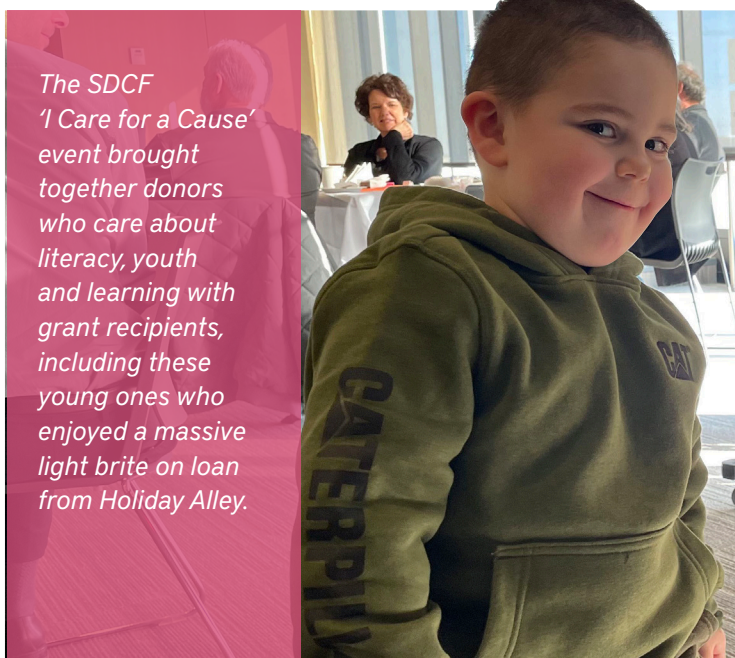


Learning about your heritage is important. A SDCF grant to the Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation's Cultural Club allowed youth to learn more about their culture in many ways, including a project where they built a mini rez.

Organization & Project	Awarded
Polinuk Family Fund	
STARS Air Ambulance – Human Patient Simulator	\$ 13,000
St. John Ambulance – Therapy Dog Program Expansion	\$ 10,000
Artists in Healthcare Manitoba Inc. – Music for Selkirk Mental Health Centre	\$ 7,000
R.M. of St. Andrews Fund	
Clandeboye Community Club – Dance floor replacement	\$ 10,304
R.M. of St. Andrews Fund and Kusner Fund	
Petersfield Curling Club – Replacement of ice plant	\$ 13,766
R.M. of St. Clements Fund and Community Fund	
St. Hubertus Wildlife & Conservation – Sporting Clays Automatic Thrower	\$ 10,000
Sean Nicol Legacy Fund	
Lord Selkirk School Division – Sean Nicol Legacy Bursary	\$ 500
Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund	
KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$ 318

Organization & Project	Awarded
Community Fund	
East Selkirk Recreation Assoc. – Ice Plant Condenser replacement (Charity of Choice)	\$ 30,000
Red River Basin Commission (over two years); Netley-Libau Marsh Renewal Project (Phase2)	\$ 10,000
Seasonal Holiday hampers (Charity of Choice)	\$ 13,250
Royal Canadian Legion, Selkirk Branch #42 – Bathroom renovations to lower-level banquet hall	\$ 10,000
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation – Indigenous Cultural Club Program	\$ 10,000
Libau Community Club - Roof, ceiling repairs to community club	\$ 7,500
East Beaches Heritage Wing – 2 Touchscreens replacement	\$ 6,000
Lord Selkirk Regional School – Pool area/deck changing partition	\$ 5,000
Marine Museum of Manitoba (Selkirk) Inc. – S.S. Keenora Exterior Restoration Phase II	\$ 5,000
East Selkirk Fire Department – R.M. of St. Clements - Jaws of Life	\$ 5,000
Manitoba Harm Reduction Network – Community based initiative “Peer Voices”	\$ 5,000
R.M. of St. Andrews – Development of pickle ball at Petersfield Curling Club	\$ 5,000
Gordon Howard Centre – Drawings for future build	\$ 5,000
Earth Rangers – LSSD School Assembly Programs	\$ 3,000
Project Linus Manitoba Selkirk Chapter – Blanket program supplies	\$ 1,000
Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School – Costume Update	\$ 1,000

Organization & Project	Awarded
Immediate granting	\$ 205,000
Community Fund & Rob Cox Memorial Fund and Kinsmen, Kinette & K-40 Clubs of Selkirk Fund	
Gaynor Family Regional Library; Expansion project – <i>The Place To Be</i>	\$ 37,000
Designated Funds	
Edith Schofield Estate – Supporting the St. Amant Centre	\$ 50,147
Selkirk Hospital Fund	\$ 45,653
Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund	\$ 31,251
Lord Selkirk School Division Scholarship Foundation Fund	\$ 19,667
Chief Peguis Heritage Park Fund	\$ 17,196
Palliative Care Fund	\$ 9,917
SDCF Administrative Support Fund – Buhr Family Endowment Initiative	\$ 9,945
Our Daily Bread Endowment Fund	\$ 2,170
Marine Museum of MB – Selkirk Fund (Agency)	\$ 5,106
Selkirk Parks Endowment Fund	\$ 5,514
Selkirk Youth Hockey – Supporting KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$ 1,950
Amma’s Book Shelf Fund - a gift of the book “Good Night Moon” for every baby born at the SRHC	\$ 1,661
Mooring - Griffioen Library Fund – Supporting the Gaynor Family Regional Library	\$ 1,642
Inclusion Selkirk Futures Fund (Agency)	\$ 1,336
St. George Anglican Church, Wakefield Fund (Agency)	\$ 964
Leslie & Marguerite McRae Fund – Cemetery Fund of St. George’s Wakefield Anglican Church	\$ 682
Youth in Philanthropy Fund	\$ 424



The SDCF 'I Care for a Cause' event brought together donors who care about literacy, youth and learning with grant recipients, including these young ones who enjoyed a massive light brite on loan from Holiday Alley.



Summer reading loss can best be prevented by reading! A SDCF grant to United for Literacy allowed for a reading tent that visited events over the summer and allowed kids to listen to stories and take books home with them.

Organization & Project	Awarded	Organization & Project	Awarded
Western Canada Games Legacy Fund		Scholarships & Bursaries	
Interlake Phillies Softball – Indoor Batting cage	\$ 9,000	St. Andrews Airport Aviation Fund	\$ 1,000
Selkirk Canoe and Kayak Centre – Tandem kayaks	\$ 4,650	Ernest & Helga Kromrei Memorial Bursary	\$ 900
KidSport Manitoba (East) – Charity of Choice	\$ 2,826	Robert John Jefferson Education Fund	\$ 850
Interlake School Division (Basketball Manitoba) – Interlake East Targeted Athlete Program – Basketball	\$ 2,500	Elizabeth Neskar Bursary	\$ 800
Scholarships & Bursaries		Selkirk & District Community Foundation Bursary	\$ 800
Gaynor Family Education Fund (28)	\$ 47,838	Olive & Bill Joseph and Michael Cholosky Music Award	\$ 700
Vicki Cielen Education Fund (2)	\$ 5,500	McLeary Family Education Fund	\$ 600
Gilhuly Family Education Fund	\$ 5,000	Fred Jensen Memorial Welding Program Bursary	\$ 550
Bob Jefferson Century 21 – Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary	\$ 3,000	Sharon Chanas Memorial Scholarship (immediate grant)	\$ 500
Micky Hannesson Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,500	Vicki Cielen Automotive Technology Bursary (one-time for two years, first year)	\$ 500
Dare to Dream Education Bursary (Nova House)	\$ 2,500	Graeme H. Lowden Memorial Bursary	\$ 400
Selkirk Youth Hockey Association Education Fund (2)	\$ 1,900	Carry forward for future granting include:	
Rotary Anns Education Fund (2)	\$ 1,600	Gaynor Family Fund, Homes for All Fund, Children's Programs Fund, Endowment for the Arts Fund, Travel Kit Fund, McLeary Family Fund, Local Environmental Action Fund, Sean Nicol Legacy Fund	
Nancy Bogaski Memorial Fund (one-time for two years, second year)	\$ 1,900	\$ 13,975	
Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council # 6150 Education Fund	\$ 1,250		

Total Grants Awarded \$ 837,795



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The past year the communities of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements lost some very committed, loving leaders, volunteers, philanthropists and friends. Their thoughtful families asked that donations be made in their memory to The Selkirk & District Community Foundation. We honour their memories and we are forever thankful for their gifts.

- Donna Grove
- Marilyn Lane
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Fun Foundation Facts

New Beginnings all start with donors whose gifts lead to grants, that ensures the community will be "Here for Good"

356

Number of Donors

April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

\$837,795

Community Grant program

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

70

and growing

Number of Funds

38

Number of organizations supported

\$15 Million

Total Assets

June 30, 2022

\$740,525

Donations Received

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022 have been reviewed by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants. These annual financial statements, along with accompanying notes and the review engagement, can be found on the Foundation website at www.sdccf.ca – About/Reports tabs. To have a copy please call 204-785-9755 or email fm.manager@sdccf.ca



A gift from under the front porch, with much love



A young Stephen Grahame, left in photo at left and right in photo below, with his brother John, says his grandfather was a true believer that if we take care of everybody, everybody rises up.



Most often people see an endowment as a financial gift and while it is that, the reason for the gift is love.

Stephen Grahame, Director of the Lord Selkirk Education Centre, felt his grandfather's love and compassion every day of his life. And when Stephen's grandfather willed a substantial amount of money to Stephen's older brother, John, who had autism, he witnessed the love continue for the rest of his brother's life.

"My grandfather was a smart, smart man and very forward thinking, a little bit ahead of his time. Just in his view of how society outta work, and how... we're all in this together and those are important things. We have to take care of everybody and everybody rises up," Stephen says.

"He was a real true believer in that."

The grandfather, Wesley McGill, was a school principal. And in the 1930s found himself working at a school in Red Lake, Ont., where there was a gold mine.

"Part of his paycheque at the time at the end of the school year he took home in gold. It was the '30s and banks were insolvent, and all sorts of things were going on and people were worried about putting their money in banks so he took the payment home in gold."

The lack of faith in banks prompted McGill to hold onto his gold.

"He didn't put it in safety deposit boxes, he had it stored under the front porch of his house. He had a strong

box that he could access from the basement and he pushed it under with a stick and he had a very small little piece of fishing line or something that he could pull the box out and get it. No one would know it was there," he said.

Fast forward to the '70s and McGill is retired and he's cashed in his gold – which was worth about \$35 an ounce in the 1930s and substantially more in the '70s – and invested it.

Stephen and John and their parents had been living abroad and moved back to Winnipeg around this time. Their grandfather played a big part in

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all the kids' lives, and especially John's. While kids with autism typically lived in institutions in the '70s, John lived with his family and attended a segregated school in St. James.

"My grandfather came to our house every single day and took my brother for a walk between 4 and 5 o'clock so that my mother could get dinner ready," Stephen says.

"When you think about a commitment to every day, day after day, month after month, and this went on for years, from 1970 until the time my brother moved out in the mid-'80s, 15 years. That's a lot of walking."

Stephen says his grandfather realized his investments, his endowment, were needed most by John.

"He could see that his other grandchildren, myself and my three cousins, were all on the road to get university educations and we would be able to provide for ourselves," he said.

"His thinking was that my brother wouldn't have those opportunities and wouldn't be able to make his own money and fend for himself. My grandfather believed in being in the community and so he left part of his estate to my mother and my aunt, but also a large part to my brother so that things could smooth that over, there would be money to do some things, to help him along.

"The idea of building this endowment for my brother is really an act of love. It's foresight that this would help him long term."

And it did. John lived independently and at the time of his passing in the late '90s he was the oldest person in Manitoba with autism who had never been in an institution.

"That's a credit to my parents but that's also a credit to my grandfather who really was able to help them out," Stephen said.

"Certainly that's really the gift of love and commitment and all of those things. A huge piece was played by him."

Wesley McGill's endowment looks a little different than today's, but it served the same purpose.

"It's a neat story about keeping it under the front porch in the strong box because that's what you did," Stephen says.

"When I think about those things now, and we have the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, you don't have to keep it under your porch and that's a good thing." 🌱

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