



## **Sooke and Juan de Fuca Health Foundation**

### **AGM 2022**

#### **Co-Chairs Report**

*The Sooke and Juan de Fuca Health Foundation acknowledges the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, SCIA'NEW Nation and T'Sou-ke Nation, and Nuu-chah-nulth Pacheedaht Nation to the west, upon which we work together to improve health and wellbeing for all.*

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic we again relied on virtual board meetings. While in-person meetings were hampered, the virtual option facilitated the participation of board members living beyond Sooke. The board composition was stable this past year with the three founding members remaining active on the board.

Thanks to ongoing support for both the Community Builder and Mary Brown Memorial Funds the board was able to provide \$5,000 grants for both the Sooke Shelter Society and the Sooke Family Resources Society to aid in the delivery of mental health counseling services.

The contracting of a professional grant writer will in future enable us to access both private and public foundations. This initiative is an investment in the future of the Foundation.

In this past year the board received notice of a pending significant bequest by a local family. In future this will help us realize our aspiration to have a capital investment from which the interest will benefit our communities.

We look forward to the year ahead as an opportunity to grow both local donations and the involvement of like-minded foundations in our cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Chris Bryant and Rick Robinson, Co-Chairs

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