



**2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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Photograph by Shannon Bettles

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Derby Reach Regional Park, Houston Trail, 2022.  
Photograph by K. Jane Watt

The Secretariat of the BCHF is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish speaking Peoples.

# MANDATE AND VALUES



The landscape beckons.  
Photograph by Shannon Bettles

## Inclusive and Diverse Voices

The BCHF includes people, stories, research, and preservation from geographically, culturally diverse, and Indigenous communities from around BC.

## Evidence-Based Storytelling

The BCHF is committed to research-based publishing that acknowledges the rights and wrongs of the past and provides a catalyst for dialogue.

## Supporting Preservation

The BCHF knows that the preservation of historical records, both tangible and intangible, is critical to the ability to present and discuss history. We support historical archives and projects that catalogue unwritten and unbuilt history.

## Accessible and Relevant

The BCHF puts accessibility at the centre of its storytelling. We listen to what the public is curious about and create information that puts history into context. Through *British Columbia History* magazine, and new uses of technology, including social media and video content, we are committed to remaining relevant and timely.

## Informal and Professional

The BCHF wants to create a fun and warm environment for its members while remaining professional. Members should feel comfortable and welcome with our direct, personal style.

## Transparent and Ethical

The BCHF will have a strong environment that ensures good financial stewardship and internal controls ensuring long term financial sustainability. We will communicate with members openly and clearly and behave ethically. We want to reduce our environmental footprint as much as possible.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## ROSA FLINTON-BROWN

As my first year as President of the BCHF draws to a close, I find myself full of gratitude for all our valued members, our hard working Board, and many others who contributed to the Federation's work in 2022-2023. Our federation continues to be renewed, more agile and more sustainable.

At the beginning of the year, the Board set the intention of finding ways to emerge from the pandemic. Our goal was to focus on our core projects. (It is always a challenge to rein in our natural enthusiasm to add new objectives). We sought ways to simplify our work together. This question guided us: "How can we find more simple, and perhaps elegant ways, to support our members, produce a high quality quarterly magazine and celebrate the work of BC historians?" We streamlined some processes, experimented with new technology, and found enthusiastic and skilled people to join our teams.

In 2022-2023, we continued to celebrate the BCHF's centenary. We bought t-shirts, bags and bookmarks to mark the occasion and to share with our members and prizewinners. Bert Ter Hart became our Explorer-In-Residence, sharing his canoe trip across Canada with us. After many years of advocacy, most recently with the Friends of the BC Archives, access to the BC Archives has been improved.

This year, the BCHF began to put our new core values into practice. *BC History* magazine focused on themes that reflect the richness of our history, with a diverse group of guest editors and a hard-working team with many dedicated contributors. We know from your feedback that you have noticed the changes and support their work. We needed to refresh our Constitution and Bylaws and after two years of steady work and reflection, we are excited



to bring those forward to our members for approval at the AGM. The new foundational documents are simple, easy to understand, and provide room from which the BCHF can thrive. We launched our updated logo and design for the Federation's website and social media accounts. Our guiding principles, our work for members, and how we present ourselves are now consistent with who we are and how we want to move forward.

Over the past three years, we have learned how to leverage technology to connect with each other and increase our engagement across the province. We had a fantastic online conference in June 2022 with incredible speakers and engagement. This year we are moving back to an in-person conference in Princeton July 20-23. We know the limits of building community virtually. It will be so good to be together "for real." Registration is open. Join us to reconnect, learn, and be inspired!

With great appreciation, we say goodbye to our outgoing Board Members Janet Ou, Kennedy Neumann and Refano Evan Lumempouw. We want to say a particularly fond farewell to Maurice Guibord, who has been a member of the BCHF Board for more than a decade. Maurice has led our Book Award program with great skill and gravitas. Thankfully, he has promised to continue to be involved with the BCHF and attend every future conference!

I am overwhelmed by the work and dedication of our membership. It is a difficult time for the heritage sector and many of you work under challenging financial constraints and always increasing expectations. Your commitment and vision for collecting, archiving, researching and communicating the history of BC gives all of us a deeper understanding of our collective past. As we build new relationships with one another that properly recognize our shared history, our civic life is strengthened.



Natural disasters, such as the 2022 Fraser Valley flood challenged many of our members this year.  
Photograph by Shannon Bettles

Thank you so much for all your hard work and your support of the BCHF.

## HONORARY PRESIDENT

### K. JANE WATT



It has been such a pleasure this year to observe this hard-working board as it works to lift up members and as it does its work with curiosity and warmth -- and also with the toughness needed to face longstanding inequities.

As a sector, we have so much to do as we meet post-pandemic operational challenges and as we dig into our colonial history and work collectively to step into the future. Our value lies here: in providing a place to come together with a group that does not shirk or minimize challenge. We are listening and finding new ways to learn and to foster leadership in the stories we share and tell and in the projects we support.

# COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Rosa Flinton-Brown**  
President



**Shannon Bettles**  
Past President



**Anna Irwin**  
Vice-President



**Kira Westby**  
Secretary



**K. Jane Watt**  
Honourary President



**Barbara  
Kearney-Copan**  
Treasurer



**Emma Quan**  
Director



**Greg Nesteroff**  
Director

# COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Elwin Xie**  
Director



**Maurice Guibord**  
Director



**Mark Forsythe**  
Director



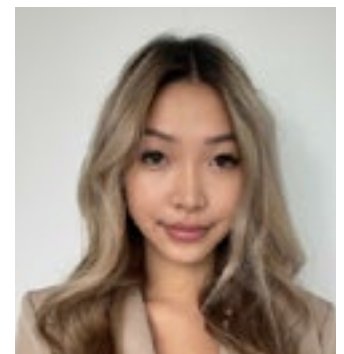
**Aman Johal**  
Director



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Director



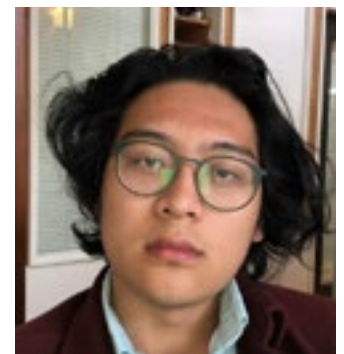
**Janet Ou**  
Director



**Kennedy Neumann**  
Director



**Refano Evan Lumempouw**  
Director





# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In March 2023, BCHF's Callie Anderson retired from her position as membership coordinator. In her time with the Federation and throughout the challenging days of the pandemic, Callie was instrumental in cleaning up the BCHF's membership database, following up on lapsed subscriptions, and providing a personal touch to her interactions with members and magazine subscribers. The BCHF appreciates Callie's time and the knowledge and expertise she brought to the role.

Starting in May 2023, the BCHF Board welcomes a new membership coordinator to the position, Monica Miller. Monica's experience in the BC publishing industry will prove invaluable as she connects with members and subscribers, keeps

the database up-to-date and answers questions and inquiries.

While organizations, societies, museums and archives continue to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, BCHF's membership numbers reflect changing realities of the heritage sector. Some organizations have reduced or closed their operations, while others have lost staff or are facing cuts to operating budgets.

In March 2023, the Vancouver Island Local History Society announced it was ceasing the operation of the Point Ellice House, a provincial heritage site and museum. In response to this, the BCHF issued the following statement to highlight the challenges faced by our membership:

## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS



**7%**  
**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>SOCIETY</b>	87	90
<b>AFFILIATE</b>	10	20
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	351	330
<b>CORPORATE</b>	1	0

# BCHF STATEMENT ON POINT ELLICE HOUSE

Our members are wearing down. Museums, archives, and cultural institutions across British Columbia continue to be affected by financial and capacity shortfalls stemming from the pandemic and chronic underfunding in the sector. In addition, high costs are stretching budgets precariously thin for many of our member organizations.

We urge governments at all levels – local, provincial, and federal – to support organizations operating cultural and historical institutions to provide sustainable funding for all aspects of operations, from staff wages, to repair and maintenance costs, to supplies for school programming.

The BCHF will continue its advocacy to support the work of our members. Generous support of the dedicated people who continue to collaborate, research, and share the stories of this place is essential to the well-being of communities.

# GOVERNANCE

The 100th anniversary of the BC Historical Federation provided an opportunity to look not only at the history of the organization, but to consider its future. The Governance Committee considered this anniversary milestone an opportunity to review the Constitution and Bylaws of the Federation, to ensure that they are reflective of the organization's values and procedures as it operates today.

The committee consulted other similar organizations both within BC and further afield, and reviewed both the current *Societies Act* and sample bylaws to ensure compliance with current legislation. The need for revisions and updates were identified, and the revised Constitution and Bylaws are presented to the membership for adoption at the June 3, 2023 AGM.

We thank the membership for their review of the updated Constitution and Bylaws and ask for your vote in supporting their adoption.



Hydro-Electric powerhouse at Anyox, British Columbia, 2022.  
Photograph by Shannon Bettles



Participants retrace the steps of students who attended St. Augustine's Indian Residential School while wearing orange shirts in support of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Shísháhl Nation, September 30, 2022.  
Photograph by Shannon Bettles

# MAGAZINE

We are so proud of *British Columbia History* magazine and of the many writers, editors, and volunteers who work together issue on issue to make it happen. Writing and editing are just the front-facing jobs, but behind the scenes we have our BCHF Communications and Web teams spread the word of the magazine across our other channels.

We said a few goodbyes this year: copy editor Sue Safyan, designer Bill Glasgow, Archives and Archivists editor Emily Lonie, and membership and subscriptions manager Callie Anderson went on to other things. We welcomed copy editor Robyn So and designer Carolyn Rapanos. We continue to lean on the wisdom and work of Books Editor Aimee Greenaway, Editor-at-large Greg Nesteroff, columnist Mark Forsythe, and our stalwart team of proofreaders: Ron Greene, Greg Nesteroff, Georgie Agostini, and Spencer Legebokoff.

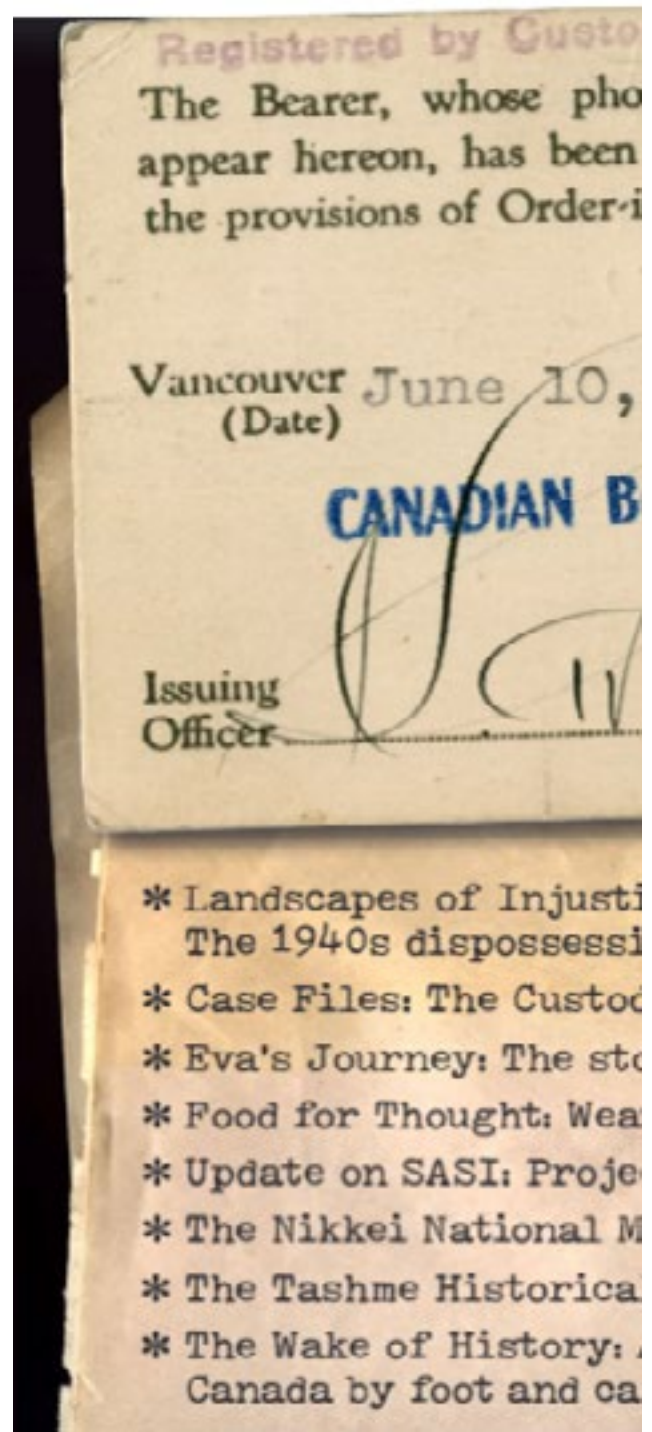
Our Writer-in-Residence for two years, Jenn Ashton completed her term in December with her final column in "Sharing Space: Reclaiming BC's Indigenous History." We were lucky to be able to follow our Explorer-in-Residence, Bert Ter Hart as he paddled and walked solo across Canada on historic trails and blueways and were honoured to host publishing intern Alice Watkin. We are excited to be walking with Researcher-in-Residence Terry Arnett as he shares the life of his great-grandmother Mejade'sse and the story of his evolving relationship with his own Tahltan heritage.

Our print run took a dip in 2022 but is growing again as is our digital presence through Zinio. Our relationship with Ebsco means that the digital magazine is easily available in public libraries through the Libby app.

We are always looking for great people to work with, and we can tailor tasks and asks to fit your time, so if you think *British Columbia History* magazine is a place you'd like to serve the historical community, we'd love

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## RECENT EDITIONS

### SUMMER 2022:

Landscapes of Injustice,  
with guest editors  
Jordan Stanger-Ross  
and Michael Abe

### FALL 2022:

Rethinking Recreation,  
BC History editorial  
team

### WINTER 2022:

Chinese Exclusion Act: 100  
Years with guest editor  
Catherine Clement

### SPRING 2023:

Climate Change with  
guest editor Karen Aird

# CONFERENCE 2022



Chad Reimer presenting at BCHF Conference, June 2022.  
Screenshot by Shannon Bettles



Conference Presenter Planning Meeting with Doug Brigham (top left), Shannon Bettles (top right) and Jenny Clayton (bottom), May 2022.

Screenshot by Shannon Bettles

In June 2022, the BCHF hosted its annual conference in partnership with the Victoria Historical Society. The conference was held entirely online through videoconference out of an abundance of caution while communities and organizations started to reopen again following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The conference's theme was "Memory," a fitting topic as the BCHF reflected on its 100th year anniversary and considers the next 100. Keith Thor Carlson, Director of the Peace and Reconciliation Centre at the University of the Fraser Valley, presented the conference's keynote talk: History as a Tool for Reconciliation. A handful of other virtual presentations featured public and academic historians and curators from around the province sharing their stories, projects, and work in the sector.

121 people attended the conference, representing 50 unique organizations across 39 communities from around British Columbia. All presentations were recorded and are available for viewing on BCHF's YouTube channel.

## PRESENTERS AT THE 2022 CONFERENCE

- **Keith Thor Carlson**, History as a Tool for Reconciliation
- **Chad Reimer**, The BC Historical Federation at 100: Facing a Crossroads
- **Genevieve Weber, Charlene Belleau, and Whitney Spearing**, Accessing Residential School Records
- **Tzu-I Chung**, A Tale of Two Families: BC's Intercultural Family Teachings
  - **Lorne Hammond**, BC History, Objects, Collections and Change
  - **John Adams**, 1922 Victoria – A Re-creation
- **Nicole Kilburn**, A Photo Taken, A Memory Preserved, The Material Act of Remembering in Victorian Concepts of Death
- **Michael Abe and Jordan Stanger Ross**, A New Perspective on the Uprooting and Dispossession of Japanese Canadians
  - **Tom Bown**, BC History in Fragments: What Lies Beneath our Feet
  - **Scott Sheffield**, The Second World War in BC

Special thanks to the organizing committee who met regularly through the months leading up to the conference: John Lutz, Anna Irwin, Frances Aknai, Ron Greene, Doug Brigham, Emma Quan, Janet Ou, Maurice Guibord, Paul Ferguson, and Shannon Bettles.

The conference was sponsored by Johnson Insurance and the University of Victoria's History Department.

# 2022 CONFERENCE BY THE NUMBERS



	2022	2021
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	121	109
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	50	45
<b>COMMUNITIES</b>	39	35

**11%**  
**ATTENDANCE,  
ORGANIZATIONS  
& COMMUNITIES**

## 2023 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Plans are currently underway for the Federation's 2023 annual conference being held from July 20 to 23 in Princeton, BC. Hosted by the Princeton & District Historical Society, the conference promises to bring BCHF members and friends

together once again for the first time since 2019. The host committee chairs are Jon and Rikka Bartlett and for the BCHF, Shannon Bettles and Anna Irwin.

British Columbia Historical Federation  
**CONFERENCE**

**PRINCETON**  
**JULY 20-23**



# CENTENNIAL LEGACY FUND

We are grateful for the generous donations that make this award possible. Because it was the decision of the judges not to award the Centennial Legacy Fund in 2022, funds gathered last year were disbursed along with donations made to the fund this year.

We would like to introduce the winners of our 2023 round of awards:



Barriere and District Heritage Society team, 2023.  
Photograph courtesy of the Barriere and District Heritage Society

## BARRIERE & DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY

### REMEMBERING THE 2003 MCLURE WILDFIRE

**\$1,500**

Twenty years after the 2003 McLure Wildfire, the Barriere & District Heritage Society will be conducting interviews and gathering photos to create a small travelling exhibit illustrating the fire's force, its destruction, and its legacies.



Upper Phoenix Cemetary Gates, Greenwood, B.C.  
Photograph courtesy of Boundary Historical Society

## BOUNDARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### GROUND PENETRATING RADAR FOR UPPER PHOENIX CEMETARY

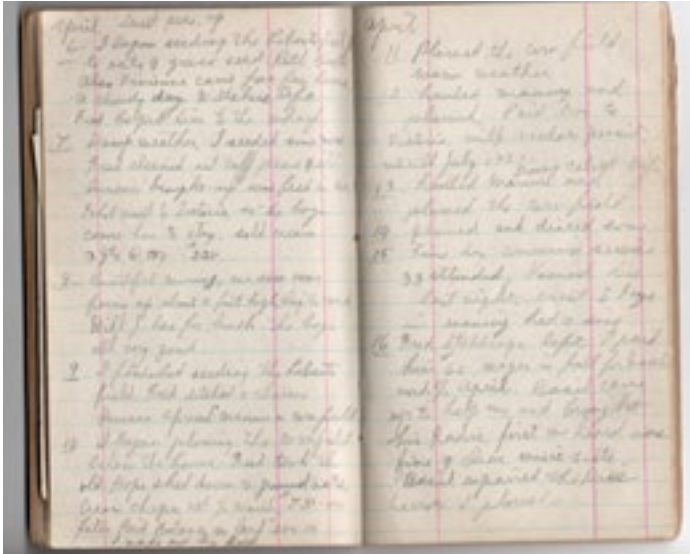
**\$4,000**

Phoenix Cemetery, near Greenwood, dates from the time the City of Phoenix was a major producer of copper, between the 1890s and 1920.

The Boundary Historical Society took over the care of the Phoenix Cemetery in the 1990s. Although the records for the cemetery are lost, research has determined there are approximately 160 graves, most unmarked.

This project will enable the society to determine next steps in the care of this place.





## PENDER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### VICTOR MENZIES DIARIES – MAKING 50+ YEARS OF ISLAND HISTORY ACCESSIBLE

**\$5,000**

The Pender Islands Museum holds the Victor Menzies collection that spans over 90 years and includes 33 diaries and related records that detail island life and the interconnectedness of the island community.

The digitization and transcription of this valuable and vulnerable resource will ensure its survival and accessibility.

Victor Menzies diary detailing daily life, April 1923. Photograph courtesy of the Pender Island Historical Society

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The 2022-2023 Recognition Committee consists of Rosa Flinton-Brown, Jane Watt, Greg Nesteroff, Kira Westby, Paul Ferguson (external), Christina Reid (external) and committee chair, Anna Irwin.

2022 was a year of stability and deepening for the Recognition Committee. Following many years under the steady hand of Doug Brigham, Kira Westby stepped up to take on the reins and administration of the W. Kaye Lamb Award for Best Student Works. The award provides scholarships to outstanding original works produced by undergraduate university students. It is an integral part of our awards program, encouraging new historically-inclined trailblazers to keep a weathered eye on British Columbia’s rich, diverse, and colourful past as they grow in their studies.

Subcommittees formed in years previous remained largely intact, ensuring continuity and consistency within our awards portfolio. Greg Nesteroff continued as point-man for the Best Article Award, rallying a team of volunteer



Fort Langley National Historic Site. Photograph by Mark Forsythe

adjudicators to select this year's winner. Rosa Flinton-Brown and Jane Watt pushed forward with their all-star work overseeing the Centennial Legacy Fund subcommittee (see report), while Maurice Guibord completed another successful year running the Historical Writing Competition. Special thanks to our external

committee members Paul Ferguson and Christina Reid, whose ongoing wisdom and camaraderie have contributed significantly to the shape and direction of many of our awards going forward into 2023.

## 2023 AWARDS

- **AWARD OF RECOGNITION**
- **CULTURAL RESOURCE ACCESSIBILITY AWARD**
- **STORYTELLING AWARD**
- **ADVOCACY AWARD**
- **W. KAYE LAMB AWARD**
- **BEST ARTICLE AWARD**
- **HISTORICAL WRITING COMPETITION**

Thanks to the continued dedicated work of our Communications team and intern Alice Watkin, Awards has seen a marked spike in the overall number of applications submitted for 2023. Especially notable within the Recognition Awards categories, the number of applications serves as a strong reminder of the persistent passion, fire, and ingenuity of those who work within the historic and heritage sectors. They are the individuals who hold us strong and stable during challenging times, all the while blazing new intellectual trails as they paint the historical canvas to show new connections. To them go our thanks, and our gratitude: we look forward to bestowing awards upon our newest batch of winners at the upcoming BCHF Conference in July 2023.

# COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL

BCHF's communication's team continued to meet monthly to discuss news and stories to cover, share and develop. Team members Rosa Flinton-Brown, Mark Forsythe, Elwin Xie, Greg Nesteroff, and Emma Quan worked together to produce blogs, content for social media and the web page. BCHF values and commitment towards reconciliation, diversity, and inclusion help guide the communications team as it shares all histories of the province.

Special thanks to Greg for crafting the monthly *BCHF BUZZ* newsletter; it is an important and well-read vehicle for connecting directly with members around the province.

Thank you also to Elwin for his technical expertise in producing videos seen on the BCHF YouTube Channel. Watch presentations from our annual conference, author interviews and various



M.V. Shirley tugboat at Stave Falls.  
Photograph by Mark Forsythe



historical presentations at  
<https://tinyurl.com/hudw6bwd>

The communications team received valuable assistance from intern Alice Watkin, a British student pursuing studies in publishing. We appreciated her creative contributions toward the annual Giving Tuesday campaign that generated donations for the Centennial Legacy Fund.

A new logo (left) took centre stage during our 100th Anniversary year. The rebranding is contemporary and versatile and has helped refresh the organization's public profile.

## THE *BCHF BUZZ* NEWSLETTER

The *BCHF Buzz* is the Federation's monthly e-newsletter, which is now emailed to more than 700 addresses. This number of recipients is a marked increase on last year.

The newsletter highlights projects, organizations, and news affecting the history, culture, and heritage communities in the province, and provides opportunities for paid advertisements from members and from the public.

Trail resident Greg Nesteroff is the senior reporter for the Vista Radio stations in the Kootenays and proprietor of The Kütne Reader blog. He's responsible for the *BCHF Buzz*.

Archived issues of the *BCHF Buzz* are found online here: <http://www.bchistory.ca/community/bchf-newsletter/>



BCHF Buzz Banner, April 2022.

# WEBSITE

BCHF's website works together with its membership management portal to provide information, share stories, handle membership and subscription services, and capture news items of interest to members and the public.

The WordPress website is maintained and updated by volunteer BCHF Board members,

especially Shannon Bettles and Greg Nesteroff. The membership management system, Wild Apricot, is a useful tool that allows members to manage their accounts, purchase magazines, and look up other historical societies.

## DIGITAL STATISTICS

[www.bchistory.ca](http://www.bchistory.ca)

	2022	2021
<b>USERS</b>	34,998	22,354
<b>PAGE VIEWS</b>	60,211	51,168
<b>TOP CITIES</b>	VANCOUVER; VICTORIA	VANCOUVER; SURREY
<b>NEW VISITORS</b>	93%	90%
<b>RETURNING VISITORS</b>	6.9%	10%

57%

**WEBSITE USERS**

17%

**PAGE VIEWS**



# SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS & SUBSCRIBERS



	2022	2021
FACEBOOK	1,600	1,219
INSTAGRAM	616	550
TWITTER	825	757
YOUTUBE	316	143

# 120%

**YOUTUBE FOLLOWERS**

# 31%

**FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS**

# 17%

**INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS**



Lost Kootenays: A History in Pictures  
9.1K views · 1 year ago



Lost Kootenays - A History in Pictures // Part 2: East Kootenay  
5.4K views · 1 year ago



Fire Destroys Niaka'pamux Lytton Basket Collection  
1.5K views · 1 year ago



Bert ter Hart- Journey Across Canada on Foot and Canoe - April ...  
1.2K views · 1 year ago

BCHF YouTube Screenshot, May 2023.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The BC Historical Federation engages with the public through social media by sharing stories, inviting conversation, and promoting the work of those working in BC history. BCHF's communication volunteers find, vet, and share stories online that are of interest to members and reflect the values of the organization. The BCHF manages communications on the following social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Flickr.

The communications team also helps with press releases for the annual conference and award winners; they manage the online fundraising campaign for the Centennial Legacy Fund through Canada Helps; and they undertake special video projects including author interviews, museum tours, and conference recordings.

Mark Forsythe, Elwin Xie, Emma Quan, Greg Nesteroff, Shannon Bettles, and Rosa Flinton-Brown were behind the efforts to share stories and spark interest in BC history last year.

# FINANCIALS

## BARBARA KEARNEY-COPAN

Please refer to the accompanying financial statements for more detailed information. This information will include an overview of the most significant changes and balances.

As we continue to come out of the pandemic this fiscal year 2022-2023, the BCHF continues to operate in a strong financial position and looks forward to supporting public history in BC.

BCHF has received strong continued support from the Canadian Periodical Fund again this year, which continues to allow us to increase the money we pay to our Canadian editors and writers. We continue to work toward our goals of paying market rates to our authors and editors.

While our subscriptions and sales income are down slightly, our advertising and referral fees revenues have increased over the fiscal year. The Canadian Periodical Fund and magazine revenues have covered the magazine's production costs.

The BCHF is grateful to our donors who continue to support us again this year. Donations have increased approximately 24% from 2022. These donations in part contribute to the awards presented to members at our annual conference gala.

While our financial results for the year ended March 31, 2023, show a deficit of \$4,604, we remain in a strong financial position with cash and savings of \$131,394, with a GIC earning 4.35% coming due December 31, 2023. We have no accounts payable balance as of year-end.

Overall, this has been another solid year for BCHF from a financial perspective. Thanks to all of you and your societies for your continued financial support of the BCHF.



Victoria's Inner Harbour at Night, November 2022.  
Photograph by Shannon Bettles

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BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended March 31, 2023

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	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and savings	\$ 60,660	\$ 62,997
Marketable securities, at cost		
Coast Capital Savngs GIC December 31, 2023 @ 4.35%	69,711	69,711
	<u>130,371</u>	<u>132,708</u>
Accrued interest, prepaids and GST receivable	1,023	831
	<u>\$ 131,394</u>	<u>\$ 133,539</u>

<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	4,200
Deferred Conference Income	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,700</u>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets - page 2</b>	93,328	97,932
<b>Internally Restricted Net Assets - page 2</b>	38,066	30,907
	<u>131,394</u>	<u>128,839</u>
	<u>\$ 131,394</u>	<u>\$ 133,539</u>

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

**Year Ended March 31, 2023**

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2023	2022
<b><u>Changes in Net Assets</u></b>				
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 30,907	\$ 94,440	\$ 97,932	\$ 124,134
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditures - page 3	-	3,492	4,604	3,492
Donations received	6,143	-		7,159
Transfer of Conference Book Sale Proceeds	1,016	-		2,454
Internally Restricted - Expenses	-	-		(8,400)
<b>Balance March 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 38,066</b>	<b>\$ 97,932</b>	<b>\$ 93,328</b>	<b>\$ 128,839</b>

**Internally Restricted Net Assets**

	Centennial Legacy Fund	Contingency Fund	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,685	\$ 20,222	\$ 30,907	\$ 29,694
Donations received	6,143	-	\$ 6,143	7,159
Transfer of Conference Book Sale Proceeds	1,016	-	1,016	2,454
	17,844	20,222	38,066	39,307
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Catherine Clement - 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act	-	-	-	4,000
Jonathan Kalmakoff - CCUB Lands Project	-	-	-	2,200
Stewart Historical Society - Wards Pass Cemetary	-	-	-	2,200
	-	-	-	8,400
<b>Balance, March 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 17,844</b>	<b>\$ 20,222</b>	<b>\$ 38,066</b>	<b>\$ 30,907</b>



**BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION**

**Statement of Operations**

**Year Ended March 31, 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>		
Subscriptions and Sales	\$ 23,682	\$ 24,731
Canadian Periodical Fund Grant	12,408	14,499
Memberships	6,133	6,368
Advertising	4,505	3,745
Donations	2,422	1,795
Interest Income	693	1,240
Digital Magazine Project Grant	-	8,000
Referral Fees - Johnson Inc.	6,431	3,334
	<u>56,274</u>	<u>63,712</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
BC History Magazine:		
Printing	13,932	13,653
Design and Layout	4,685	3,236
Mailing	8,343	5,628
Zinio - Digital Distribution	2,092	1,523
Canadian Editorial and Content	13,754	12,814
	<u>42,806</u>	<u>36,854</u>
Award - Writing Competition	5,000	5,000
Award - W. Kaye Lamb Student Prize	1,000	1,750
Award - Best Article	250	250
Award - Best Website Media	500	250
Award - Story Telling	750	-
Award - Cultural Resources Accessibility	1,000	-
Administration	595	689
Conference Shortfall	1,567	948
Bank Fees	1,195	864
Insurance - Directors & Officers	765	765
Membership Database Software	2,888	2,628
Promotional Merchandise	1,210	-
Website and Web Meetings	442	641
Rebranding 100 Project and Logo	-	650
Digital Magazine Project Costs	-	8,000
GST expense net of recovery	910	931
	<u>60,878</u>	<u>60,220</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ (4,604)</u>	<u>\$ 3,492</u>

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The British Columbia Historical Federation (the “Society”) is registered under the Society Act (British Columbia) and its principal activities include providing public education about British Columbia and local history. The Society is a registered Canadian charity under the Income Tax Act.

### **1. Basis of Presentation:**

The recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure principles in these financial statements may not be in accordance with the requirements of any of the financial reporting frameworks in the CPA Canada Handbook – *Accounting*.

### **2. Significant accounting policies:**

#### **(a) Revenue recognition:**

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for grants and contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Contributions received directly as endowments are recognized as direct increases to net assets when received. Donations intended for scholarships that are received in advance of their disbursement to a worthy candidate are recorded as current liabilities.

#### **(b) Contributed materials and services:**

The Society receives a substantial benefit from volunteers. It is not practical for the Society to record the receipt of contributed material and services.

#### **(c) Marketable securities:**

Marketable securities are recorded at cost and market value.

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(d) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**3. Internally restricted net assets:**

Internally restricted net assets represent resources established by the Board of Directors (the "Board") for specific purposes and with administrative conditions determined by the Board. These funds are held for endowment purposes by the Society for the benefit of its present and future members.

During the 2018 fiscal year the Board approved the establishment and allocation of Internally Restricted Net Assets into two Funds:

- Contingency Fund
- Centennial Legacy Fund

The Contingency Fund represents resources to be used in the event of unforeseen financial difficulty as determined and approved by the Board.

The Centennial Legacy Fund is to be used for project based extraordinary items as approved by the Board.

**4. Comparative Figures**

Certain prior years comparative figures have been restated to reflect the presentation adopted for the current year.

