2018 Highlights

Awarded $81,000 in grants to 14 recipients

Completed new 5 year Strategic Plan

Assembled full 7 member Board

2018 Grant Awards

Terrace Community Foundation Funds
(Endowment Fund: $14,120 available)

Terrace Women’s Resource Centre Society
$5000 for the Dolly Parton Foundation “Imagination Library”

Terrace & District Museum Society
$2100 for heritage themed Workshops and Tours

Canadian Red Cross
$2700 for automatic door for Terrace H.E.L.P. (medical equipment loan) office.

Terrace Off Road Cycling Association (TORCA)
$16,900 for Shangri-La Trails Project (from Skeena Track fund)

City of Terrace Community Funds ($50,000 available)

Terrace & District Arts Council
$15,750 for arts programs in the Terrace area.

Terrace Peaks Gymnastics Club
$5000 for new gymnasium floor

Skeena Salmon Arts Festival
$2500 for legacy project from the 2018 Festival (combined with LNG Canada funding)

Volunteer Terrace
$7310 for elder cleaning and computer training projects

Terrace Little Theatre Society
$9000 for lighting system upgrades

Skeena Nass Centre for Innovation in Resource Economics (SNCIRE)
$2150 for annual competition (combined with LNG Canada funding)

Parkside School
$3500 for personal hygiene program

Green Thumb Society
$3250 for community garden expenses

LNG Canada Funding ($7000 available)

Skeena Valley Runners
$1000 for King of the Mountain Running Race

Skeena Salmon Arts Festival
$2500 for legacy project from the 2018 Festival

Terrace Skating Club
$1650 for spring 2019 ice show expenses

RE Choir
$1000 for Sound Shell and Messiah concert expenses

Skeena Nass Centre (SNCIRE)
$850 for annual competition

2018 Board of Directors
Norm Parry - Chair
Andrew Webber - Vice Chair
Rich Toomey - Treasurer
Phyllis Proteau - Secretary
Carole Marcellin - Secretary
Tony Walker
Mark Doehler
Mayor Carol Leclerc - ex officio

With funding support from the Terrace Community Foundation, the Terrace Women’s Resource Centre has established in the northwest the Imagination Library—an innovative program to foster the enjoyment of reading with the very young.
2018 Strategic Plan
Late in 2016 the City of Terrace renewed its commitment to the Terrace Community Foundation by soliciting for new Directors and delegating authority to the Foundation to award $50,000 in community grants that originate from City funds.

After a strong start for the Terrace Foundation, which included success in raising funds and developing community awareness about the potential of the Foundation, poorer economic conditions combined with loss of Foundation directors caused a lag in growth for the Foundation. With a view to improving the effectiveness of the Foundation, the TCF Board commenced writing a new 5 Year Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan is the culmination of a facilitated brainstorming session of the Directors, followed by meetings to refine priorities and assign tasks.

Terrace Community Foundation Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

Fundraising
This includes an objective of increasing the TCF Endowment Fund from $565,000 currently to $1 million within 5 years but also reflects a commitment to being more active in soliciting donations and facilitating where feasible a more diverse range of donations, such as bequests, named endowment funds, flow-through funds and general fund gift contributions.

Communications
Closely aligned with fundraising objectives is the need to raise the profile of the Foundation in the community and have the communications tools to support our messages. This requires updating of our website and printed materials, creation of presentation materials such as a PowerPoint talk and in-person meetings with current and potential donors.

Governance
This includes a range of needs from director education, to requirements for administrative support, to considering its legal capacity and how best to achieve the Foundation’s mandate as a philanthropic organization. For example, the TCF can only direct Endowment Funds to registered charities.

Looking Ahead to 2019
Strong earnings in 2018 in the Endowment Fund should produce grant funds in excess of $45,000.

Two Terrace Community Foundation Directors will attend the national conference of the Community Foundations of Canada.

Implementation of elements of the Strategic Plan to raise the profile of the Foundation in the Terrace area and increase contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Commencement of Vital Signs project.

"Vital Signs"
Through its Strategic Plan the Terrace Community Foundation is proposing to develop "Vital Signs" for the Terrace area. Used by more than 85 Canadian Community Foundations, Vital Signs is an exercise to document issues which affect the vitality of a community--issues such as inequity, inclusiveness, access to services and environmental conditions. The report will help guide the Terrace Foundation and other agencies with allocating financial resources for the best community impact.