



HAT



Annual
Report

2018



Message from the Executive Director & Board President

On behalf of the Habitat Acquisition Trust's entire Board of Directors, I want to thank our many partners, supporters, members and volunteers—all of whom have been fundamental to HAT's success this past year and for so many years before. HAT's substantial conservation impact on Southern Vancouver Island is made possible by you: the volunteers who show up in rain and shine to battle invasive species, monitor for endangered bats, and help us reach out to the broader community; the members and donors who invest in our local natural environment through HAT; and the landowners who partner with HAT to protect and steward the species and ecosystems in your own backyards. Thank you for your support and partnership. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in support of the natural world we share.

Stephanie Hazlitt
Board President



The staff at Habitat Acquisition Trust extend a sincere thank you to HAT's family of supporters. HAT is deeply rooted in our community of volunteers, financial supporters and partners who inform and enable our conservation programs. Your contributions of time and resources help us to create tangible benefits for species and ecosystems across south Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands.

This was a year of transition for HAT. Not only did we move to a new office in Victoria, but HAT also said goodbye to beloved Executive Director Jill Robinson. Jill's legacy of strong fiscal management and thriving partnerships has left a solid foundation from which to continue HAT's conservation work. Thank you to Jill for her tireless work on behalf of HAT. And though I know I have big shoes to fill, I am highly motivated by the privilege to lead HAT's work into the future. As southern Vancouver Island's regional land trust, it is our imperative to vigorously pursue the protection and stewardship of the precious and rare ecosystems that reside here. With your continued help, we will do exactly that through HAT's direct actions, and by inspiring others to do the same with outreach and education.

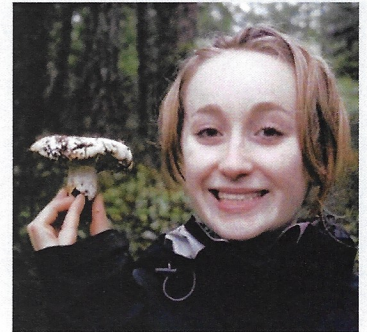
Lastly, a very special thank you to long-time Board Directors Jennifer Eliason and Ben van Drimmelen, both of whom have been loyal and valuable members of HAT's Board for many years. We will miss their expertise and their friendship at the board table, but we know they will never really leave our HAT family.

Katie Blake
Executive Director

Our Team



Wendy Tyrrell
Habitat Management Coordinator



Paige Erickson-McGee
Stewardship Coordinator



Barb von Sacken
Land Protection Coordinator



Ashlea Veldhoen
Community & Development
Coordinator

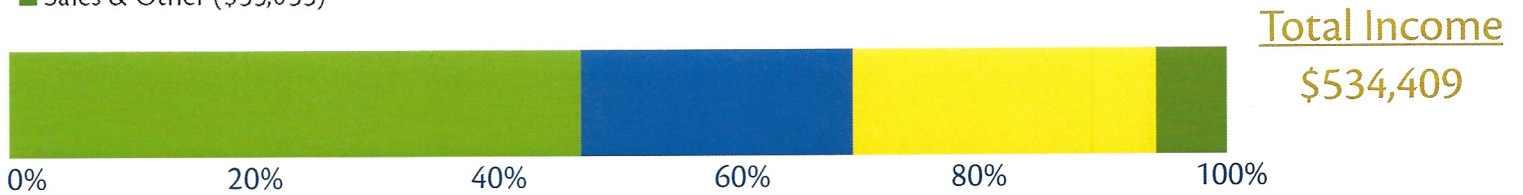


Financial Summary

Thanks to successful grants and generous donor support, HAT's financial position continues to be strong and stable.

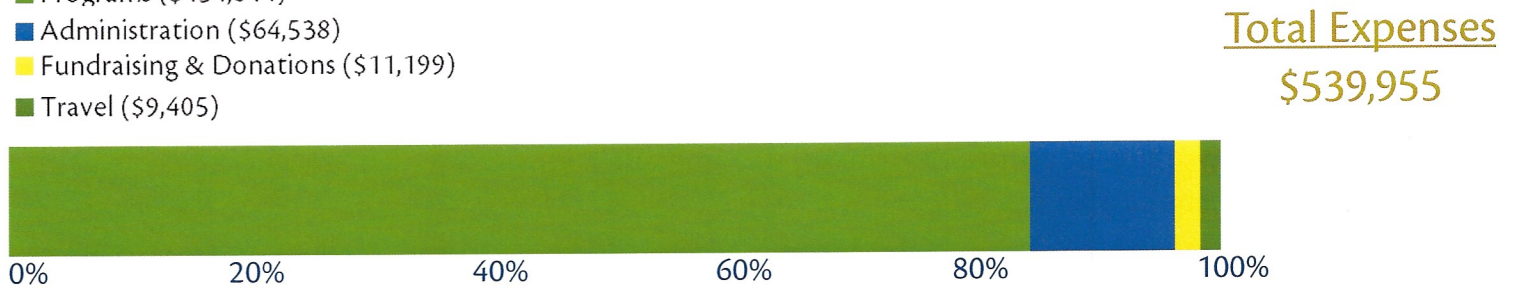
Income (2017-2018)

- Government Grants (\$250,486)
- Donations & Memberships (\$118,585)
- Charities and Foundations (\$132,305)
- Sales & Other (\$33,033)



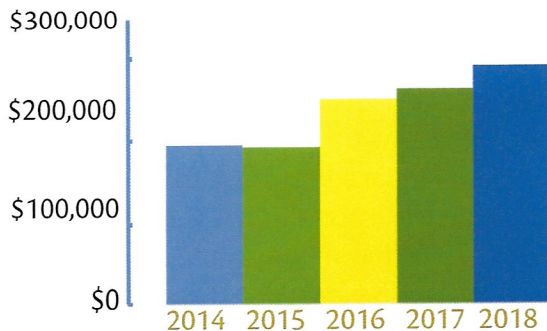
Expenses (2017-2018)

- Programs (\$454,814)
- Administration (\$64,538)
- Fundraising & Donations (\$11,199)
- Travel (\$9,405)

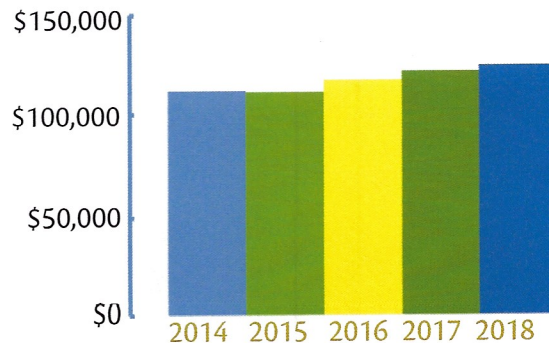


Endowments: held by Victoria Foundation

HAT Endowment Fund (\$261,874)



Matson Endowment Fund (\$121,076)



This is a summary only. For complete financial statements, visit our website at <http://hat.bc.ca/index.php/publications>.



Program Highlights

Land Protection and Habitat Management



The Land Protection Program conserves nature by permanently protecting natural areas through interests in title, and working to ensure those natural areas are resilient and intact

LAND PROTECTION

- We conducted our first annual bioblitz in covenant areas in Sooke and East Sooke regions to increase our knowledge of the species that live on HAT's covenanted lands - over 200 species have been found so far
- We monitored and surveyed 16 conservation covenants assisted by our summer interns and volunteers
- We streamlined how we collect, store, report and map our annual covenant monitoring data

HABITAT MANAGEMENT

- We coordinated 15 restoration events on 13 different covenanted properties, involving 230 volunteers, contributing over 15,000 hours of volunteer time
- We planted 900 native wildflowers, shrubs and trees on 3 protected lands
- We coordinated two stewardship groups: Matson Mattocks and Friends of Havenwood Park
- HAT hosted a Riparian Restoration Workshop with Kristen Miskelly of Saanich Native Plants

Habitat Stewardship: Green Spots



The Green Spots Program helped schools and students understand and care for nature through outdoor restoration and planting

- HAT empowered 21 at-risk youth at the Westshore Alternative School to integrate native plants into their food garden. We put 210 plants in the ground, 100 of which were Camas bulbs!
- Margaret Jenkins Elementary planted 375 native meadow plants under their fenced oak trees. Every single student (407 students, 19 classes in total) participated in the plantings, with support from Pollinator Partnership and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. The Aboriginal Arts and Culture Coordinator Sarah Rhude will be coordinating an Elder's blessing in the new year



Program Highlights

Habitat Stewardship: Good Neighbours



Good Neighbours Program is focused on helping landowners become Good Neighbours to nature by learning to be stewards of the habitat on their land

- HAT collaborated with Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance, the CRD, and the Districts of Sooke and Metchosin to launch the Wildwood Wildlife Corridor Good Neighbours Project, connecting habitat through private lands from East Sooke to the Sooke Hills Regional Parks
- We provided personalized advice to 43 landowners to help them care for nature on their land – 8 Habitat Ambassadors received matching funds to purchase seed and native plant species
- In partnership with Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation Youth Field Team, we co-hosted 2 community BBQ Broom Bash events on reserve land, with 25 members in attendance
- Created long-term stewardship strategies for Power to Be on Prospect Lake, Scouts at Camp Barnard, the YMCA at Camp Thunderbird and the Boys and Girls Club of Canada Wilderness Camp Metchosin, encompassing almost 1600 acres that will be part of the HAT Good Neighbours Program in coming years
- HAT hosted 6 Citizen Science and Stewardship Training workshops from frogs to bears to bees!

Habitat Stewardship: Species of Concern



The Species of Concern Program helped species that are facing immediate threats through education, habitat enhancement & restoration

- 186 stations were surveyed using call playback for Western Screech-Owl; we detected owls at 6 stations this year
- We enhanced Western Painted Turtle nesting habitat at Eagles Lake in the Highlands and installed turtle basking logs in Prospect Lake and Metchosin
- With help from volunteers, 41 km of roads were monitored for amphibian crossings
- HAT certified 26 Farmers and 22 Land Managers as Pollinator-Friendly through a 2-day training workshop with Pollinator Partnership Canada & Saanich Native Plants
- Located 36 NEW bat roosts; assisted with the safe exclusion of 16 bat colonies across the CRD
- HAT, with the help of 58 trained team leaders and over 2,350 hours of volunteer hours, monitored 26 roosts and observed 10,273 bats this summer



Habitat Stewardship: Goldstream Chums



Through the Goldstream Chums Program, HAT created opportunities for thousands of local students to experience salmon runs first-hand with educators

- Supported by over 16 community businesses and individuals contributing over \$24,000 towards our salmon run education programs at the Goldstream Nature House
- Thanks to support from “spawn”ers, close to 6000 students participated in the Goldstream Nature House salmon run school programs, produced in partnership with RLC Enterprises
- The Nature House ran close to 250 programs for students from Kindergarten to Grade 9

Community and Development



- Raised over \$18,000 for Land Protection through the Habitat Guardians campaign
- Hosted the Big Bat Bash at the Metchosin Community Hall (MCH) in partnership with the Metchosin Community Hall Committee and Estraven Lupino-Smith. Over 300 participants and volunteers attended the event, including the Metchosin Community Hall Committee, HAT staff, volunteers Board of Directors and the 14th Juan de Fuca Scouts
- Total volunteers in programs and events: 300+
- Successful Member Lunch on June 21 with 35 members present

2018 Board of Directors

Stephanie Hazlitt - President
 Andrew Harcombe - Vice- President
 Peter Lewis - Treasurer

Jennifer Eliason - Secretary
 Ben van Drimmelen- Director
 Rick Kool - Director

Rhonda Korol - Director
 Elizabeth Easton - Director
 Pia Archibald - Director

Summer Students & Contractors

Michael Brinsmead - Bookkeeper
 Christian Engelstoft - Biologist
 Kristiina Ovaska - Biologist
 Tania Tripp - Biologist

Matt Fairbarns - Biologist
 Ali Jones - Bat Coordinator
 Alex Mitchell - Bat Coordinator
 Jordana Herron - Summer Intern

Liam Guy - Summer Intern
 Thomas Barbin - Summer Intern
 Jaelin Ellis - Summer Intern
 Monica Short - Summer Intern



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Thank you to everyone who supported HAT in 2017-2018

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Richard and Libby Avis
Richard Wormald
Rick Kool

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Robbie Newton		City of Langford	Victoria Residential Builders Association	Metchosin Jazzercise
Robert (Bob) McMinn	Yves and Laurel Duruisseau	District of Central Saanich	Wildlife Preservation Canada	Miiko Skin Co
Roger Hird	Yvonne Becker	District of Highlands	Woodmere Strata Corporation	My-Chosen Cafe
Ron Townshend	Local Business	District of Metchosin		Opus
Roy Kendall		Government of Canada		Oscar & Libby's
Russell Nursery		Province of British Columbia		Pina Art and Clothing
Ryan Senechal	Archipelago Marine Research Ltd		In-kind Contributions	Republic of Vancouver Island
Seonaid MacPherson	Coast Capital Savings Credit Union	Charities and Organizations	A-Z Wildlife Series Author Sherry Ewacha-Poole	Robert Bateman Centre
Sharon Godkin	Downs Construction	BC Conservation Foundation	Atman Massage/ Retreats in Being	Royal Bay Bakery
Sheila Blake	Gartside Marine Engines	Benevity Community Impact Fund	Bosley's Pets	Royal BC Museum
Sheila Howard	Good Planet Company	Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria	Clipper Vacations	Russell Nursery
Sheila South	Gye & Associates Urban Forestry Consultants	Camosun College	CloverCare Massage	Saanich Native Plants
Sheila Watson	HB Electric	Friends of Knockan Hill Park Society	David Fraser	Sapphire Day Spa
Sherry Ewacha-Poole	Inspire Hair Design	Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	Dierdre Chettleburgh	Smoking Lily
Shirley Embra	Investors Group Financial Services	Hummingbird Foundation	Discovery Coffee	The Copper Lights
Siobhan Zelwietro	Island Equipment Owners Assn	Metchosin Film Night	Erickson-McGee Family	The Gardens at HCP
Stephen Koerner	Market on Yates	Metchosin Foundation	Esquimalt Coffee Roastery	Thursday Spinners
Sue Norman	Peninsula Co-Op	Outdoor Club of Victoria Fund	Farhill Bookkeeping	Wendy Tyrrell
Susan Nelson	Phillips Brewing Company	Pacific Northwest Raptors	Foxglove Farm	Wildergarden Vacation Rental
Sylvia and Ron Samborski	PIM Pacific Industrial & Marine Ltd.	PayPal Charitable Giving Fund	Fred Herman	Wilson Tutube
Sylvia Austin	RLC Enterprize Ltd	Provincial Employees Community Services Fund	GardenWorks Colwood	ZeroWaste Emporium
Sylvia Pincott	Smoke & Mirrors	Sitka Foundation	GardenWorks Saanich	
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