



HAT

*Annual  
Report*

2017



# Message from the Executive Director & Board President

Habitat Acquisition Trust - or simply HAT to many - had another amazing year full of achievements for local land conservation. With 2017 came a new covenant signed, protecting 3.5 acres of natural habitat, 32 good neighbours visits, over 50 species at risk projects, 45 bat boxes installed, 14 habitat restoration events, and many more actions that directly contributed to our vision of healthy and conserved natural habitats on south Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands. None of HAT's 2017 land conservation accomplishments could have happened without the efforts and support of our volunteers and members, and the generous financial gifts received in support of our mission. On behalf of HAT's Board of Directors, I thank all of those who supported HAT and our mission in 2017, and I look forward to continuing to make a difference, together, for local land conservation in 2018.

**Stephanie Hazlitt**  
Board President



As another year passes, we reflect on the incredible strides that HAT has made for conservation in our local community. We've planted trees, sowed seeds, removed invasive weeds, improved habitat for owls, bats & bees and inspired kids to dig in the dirt and take care of nature in their own backyards.

Through strategic conservation planning, we've protected new natural areas and ensured these wild places are thoughtfully managed for future generations. In just 365 days, it's amazing what our small, but determined team of staff and contractors have achieved. However, it took much more than just our staff's hard work, expertise and enthusiasm to make such an impact. It took a team of caring HAT supporters and partners. We are deeply inspired by the unwavering effort of our hardworking volunteers, and truly appreciate the support from our membership and donors that have made all that we do possible. Thanks to the growing number of individuals that generously contribute their time, energy and funds, we are able to provide leading programs in stewardship, education, restoration and land protection that positively benefit communities and natural areas across our region. We are tremendously grateful for all that you do.

As we look ahead and make plans for the future, I would like to extend a heartfelt farewell to Alanah Nasadyk, our Community and Development Coordinator. Alanah has been an incredible addition to our team and we have really appreciated her kindness, dedication and enthusiasm for HAT's mission and the community in the last 2 years. We wish her all the very best in her career ahead. She will always be a member of our HAT family. Many thanks!

**Jill Robinson**  
Executive Director

## Our Team



**Wendy Tyrrell**  
Habitat Management Coordinator



**Paige Erickson-McGee**  
Stewardship Coordinator



**Barb von Sacken**  
Land Acquisition Coordinator



**Alanah Nasadyk**  
Community & Development  
Coordinator

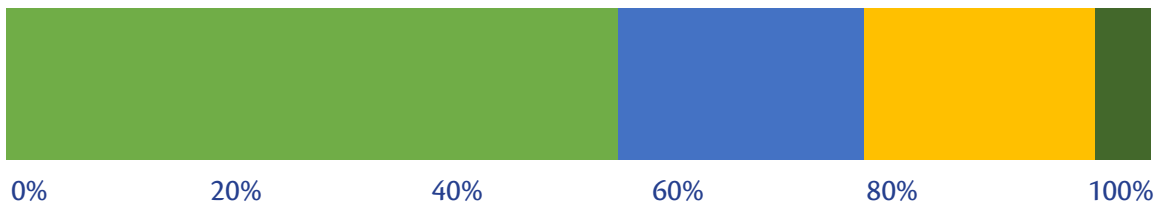


# Financial Summary

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

## Income (2016-2017)

- Government Grants (\$265,569)
- Donations and Memberships (\$107,165)
- Charities and Foundations (\$100,224)
- Sales & Other (\$24,366)



**Total Income**  
**\$497,325**

## Expenses (2016-2017)

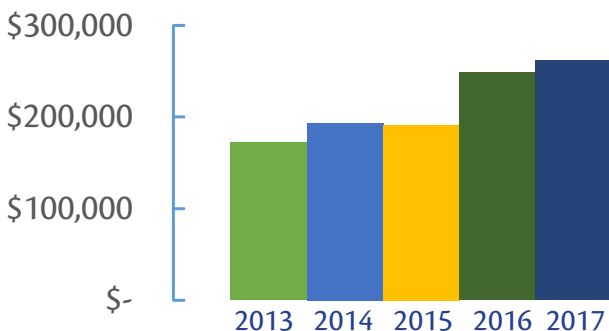
- Programs (\$447,493)
- Administration (\$36,470)
- Travel (\$10,248)
- Fundraising & Donations (\$4,540)



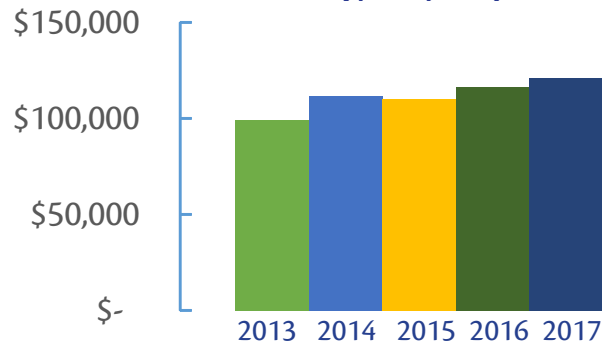
**Total Expenses**  
**\$498,751**

## 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 covenants, and working to ensure those natural areas are resilient and intact.



### LAND PROTECTION

- A conservation covenant, *Calypso Woods*, was registered to forever protect land and increase habitat connectivity
- We monitored and surveyed 16 conservation covenants across the CRD
- We completed ecological baseline report for a conservation covenant negotiation in progress.
- We contributed to land management plans for shared conservation covenant to ensure ecosystem function & integrity is maintained over time.

### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

- We coordinated 14 restoration events on 8 different conservation covenants, 245 volunteers, contributing over 16,850 hours of volunteer time.
- We planted over 750 native wildflowers, shrubs and trees on 3 protected lands.
- We coordinated two Stewardship Groups: Matson Mattocks and Friends of Havenwood Park.
- HAT hosted a 2-Day Riparian Restoration Workshop

## Habitat Stewardship: Green Spots



The **Green Spots Program** helped schools and students understand and care for nature through hands-on, outdoor activity.

- HAT worked with over 475 students at Hans Helgesen and Macaulay Elementary Schools to create Outdoor Classroom Habitat Gardens on both school grounds.
- Students at Hans Helgesen removed 21 cubic metres of invasive Scotch Broom and Himalayan Blackberry from their school grounds.
- HAT planted over 320 native plants and hundreds of seeds at Hans Helgesen and Macaulay Elementary Schools in partnership with the Township of Esquimalt, the School District, and Saanich Native Plants.
- HAT worked with 350 students and 20 teachers at Cloverdale Traditional School, planting 250 bulbs and plants. We consulted with JB Williams of Tsawout Nation for the plantings, and the blessing ceremony was led by Aboriginal Education Assisant, Mr. Kissinger



# Program Highlights

## Habitat Stewardship: Good Neighbours Metchosin Shoreline



- Visited 32 landowners to help them care for nature on their land, including a shoreline planting of 83 shrubs with Metchosin Councillor Andy MacKinnon.
- In partnership with the Metchosin Biodiversity Club and Metchosin Foundation, we provided invasive species removal workshops for local Farmers
- In partnership with the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation Youth Field Team and Saanich Native Plants, a group of 13 indigenous youth learned hands-on skills training on plant identification and restoration techniques from Biologist Kristen Miskelly. The Youth team removed 11 cubic metres of Scotch Broom and planted 233 culturally significant plants on Sc'ianew shoreline.
- In partnership with the Songhees First Nation land manager Cheryl Bryce, University of Victoria instructor Leigh Joseph (Skwxwú7mesh – Squamish Nation), and Saanich Native Plants, we planted edible and medicinal plants into the Songhees Community Garden, and restored a plot of Garry Oak meadow at an elder's residence.

## Habitat Stewardship: Species of Concern



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

- We partnered with District of Saanich to provide an underground corridor for amphibians in high-risk road mortality areas.
- We provided or installed over 40 bat boxes to support bat communities in our region, and monitored 15 roost sites.
- We developed and distributed management plans to enhance habitat for Western Painted turtles
- We provided additional habitat for Western Screech Owls through installation of 30 nesting boxes
- We restored habitat for Blue-grey Taildropper through community invasive species removal events



# Programs

## 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 donating at a variety of levels contributing over \$18,000 towards our salmon run education programs at the Goldstream Nature House.
- Close to 5000 students participated in the Goldstream Nature House salmon run school programs (close to 250 classes from 5 different school districts on Southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands)
- Welcomed close to 40,000 visitors through the doors during the salmon run season, October until early December.

## Community and Development



- Hosted the Conservation Connection Forum and Benefit Banquet (Oct 12; 104 guests; \$13,228 raised)
- Total volunteers in programs and events: 360+
- Member Lunch (June 13; 59 members present)
- Business sponsorships & partnerships formed: 47

## 2017 Board of Directors

**Stephanie Hazlitt** - President

**Ben van Drimmelen** - Vice- President

**Peter Lewis** - Treasurer

**Jennifer Eliason** - Secretary

**Andrew Harcombe** - Director

**Rick Kool** - Director

**Rhonda Korol** - Director

**Elizabeth Easton** - Director

**Kathy St. John** - Director

## Summer Students & Contractors

**Salia Wilson** - Summer Intern

**Jordana Heron** - Summer Intern

**Chandra Horth** - Summer Intern

**Thomas Barbin** - Summer Intern

**Michael Brinsmead** - Bookkeeper

**Christian Engelstoft** - Biologist

**Kristiina Ovaska** - Biologist

**Lennart Sopuck** - Biologist

**Tania Tripp** - Biologist



# Supporters

## Thank you to everyone who supported HAT in 2016-2017

### Individuals & Family

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#### **Government**

City of Colwood  
City of Langford  
District of Central Saanich  
District of Highlands  
Province of British  
Columbia

#### **Charities & Organizations**

BC Conservation  
Foundation  
BC Hydro & Power

**Authority**  
BC Transit Authority  
**Denman Island  
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Association**  
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#### **In Memory of HAT Supporters who passed away in 2016-2017**

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