

Collaborating to Build a Thriving Gabriola



September 2023

PROPOSAL: A NEW COMMUNITY WELLBEING COORDINATOR

What is the Gabriola Health & Wellbeing Collaborative?

Begun in 2016, GHWC is a network of over 50 charities, non-profits, public services, informal groups, individuals, etc. (See over for members.) It meets monthly to work on improving the health and wellbeing of Gabriolans.

Over 50
groups &
individuals
participate!

What does the GHWC do?

- Develops new programs like the Gabriola Home Hospice Program, now provided by PHC.
- Acts quickly to bring urgent resources to island residents, like the COVID vaccine clinics. The connections made at GHWC meetings were essential to making those clinics happen.
- Gathers information, such as the “2020 Gabriola Health Report”, that organizations need for program planning and to attract funding.

The GHWC is run completely by volunteers, and this is not sustainable!

What would a Community Wellbeing Coordinator do for Gabriola?

- Coordinate the Collaborative’s work to:
 - Develop health & wellbeing services for the community
 - Respond promptly to urgent community needs
 - Collaborate among members to obtain funding for community services
- Administer Collaborative activities (meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, events, etc.)
- Communicate with members and the community

Who would pay for the Community Wellbeing Coordinator position?



Gabriola property taxes to the RDN would pay for the position, via an increase of approximately \$3-\$4 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (2023).

The position would be a half-time contract, administered by a local organization.

Using the RDN’s Alternate Approval Process, in early 2024 the eligible voters on Gabriola will choose if they support this new position. If less than 10% of voters are opposed, the CWC position will be approved.

Questions? Comments? Please contact:

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MEMBERS OF THE GABRIOLA HEALTH & WELLBEING COLLABORATIVE (GHWC)

(August 2023)

CO-OPERATIVES

Gabriola Agricultural Coop
Gabriola Island Community Investment Coop

CHARITIES & NON-PROFIT SOCIETIES

Gabriola Ambulance Society
Gabriola Arts Council
Gabriola Auxiliary for Island Health Care
Gabriola Island Memorial Society
Gabriola Commons Foundation
Gabriola Community Bus Foundation
Gabriola Ecumenical Society
Gabriola Health Care Foundation
Gabriola Historical & Museum Society
Gabroula Housing Society
Gabriola Island Community Hall Association
Gabriola Island Land Stewards Society
Gabriola Land & Trails Trust
Gabriola Recreation Society
Gabriola Senior Citizens Association
(Rollo Centre)
Haven Foundation
HOPE Centre
Island Futures Society
People for a Healthy Community Society

LOCAL BRANCHES

Gabriola Chamber of Commerce
Gabriola Lions Club
Gabriola Chapter, Rural & Remote Division of
Family Practice, BC Family Practice
Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee

NETWORKS

Gabriola Healing Arts Network
Gabriolans for Local Food Choices
Sustainable Gabriola Network
Naut'sa mawt Community Wellness Network
(Nanaimo and area)

CHURCHES

Christ Church Gabriola
Gabriola Fellowship Church

PUBLIC SERVICES

BC Ambulance Service
Community Paramedics
Community Social Worker (Island Health)
Gabriola Branch, VI Regional Library
Gabriola Elementary School (GES)
GES Parent Advisory Council
Gabriola Emergency Support Services (RDN)
Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department
RCMP
Gabriola Medical Clinic

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Regional District of Nanaimo, Area B Director
(Gabriola, Mudge, DeCourcy)
Islands Trust Local Trustees

SIX INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Individual members do not represent an organization but bring specialized knowledge e.g. dental health