



Coastal Community Donates \$5,500 to Comox Valley Co-operative

Monday-June 26, 2017 — Vancouver Island & the Gulf Islands: As part of our Building Healthier Communities Fund (BHCF), Coastal Community would like to congratulate the Comox Valley's The SHED Tool Library & Makerspace Co-operative, for being selected as a recipient of \$5,500 towards their initiative. Every year, our BHCF provides approximately \$90,000 in support for community organizations that contribute to building healthier island communities. These initiatives have long-term effects that support a broad range of people, are sustainable, and make an impact on one of our Island communities. Coastal Community is excited to announce The SHED Tool Library & Makerspace Co-op as one of our many Building Healthier Communities Fund recipients.

The SHED Tool Library & Makerspace Co-operative

With a strong focus on environment sustainability, The SHED Tool Library and Makerspace Co-operative, based out of the Comox Valley, has been selected as one of our recipients for the Building Healthier Communities Fund. This non-profit Community Service Co-op was incorporated in 2015 for the purpose of sharing tools, skills, and workspace. The SHED is still in the planning and development phase and will eventually become a place where members can borrow tools, use the workspace and attend workshops. The funds will be used to construct a mobile tool library, or The SHED.

The existing group of volunteers has been meeting regularly to bring this project to fruition and additional volunteers are amalgamating often. The team has already acquired an 8x12 flatbed trailer, which they plan on using to construct the Tool Library. The funding from Coastal Community will specifically be used to provide the trailer with new brakes and wiring, as well as providing materials to build the structure and complete the racking for the tools.



The members of The Shed Tool Library and Makerspace Co-operative have a strong desire to reduce their footprint on the earth and have a strong belief in sharing over consuming. They support re-creating, repurposing and repairing what already exists, rather than purchasing new, promoting a more sustainable life by consuming less.

"As a vibrant and socially conscious community, the Comox Valley is the perfect place to implement this initiative. The Shed will promote lifelong-learning and mentorship, in addition to community engagement and resilience to a tough economy and environmental change. As a Building Healthier Communities Fund initiative, we are confident The Shed will promote economic development, support a broad range of islanders, and remain a sustainable program. We look forward to supporting our common goal of building healthier communities," says Allyson Prescesky, Manager, Community Experience and Communications with Coastal Community Credit Union. For more information on our Building Healthier Communities fund please visit www.cccu.ca.



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Improving financial health, enriching lives, and building healthier communities... These are at the core of who we are and what we do at Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU). With these as our focus areas, we continued to grow our position as the largest financial services organization based on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, while remaining among the largest credit unions in British Columbia when measured by asset size.

In order to help our members and clients improve their financial health, CCCU's family of companies offers a wide range of products, services and expertise in personal, business and commercial banking, general and commercial insurance* and wealth management**. Across the Islands, we operate 23 branches, 16 insurance offices, four regional business centres, one centralized contact centre (1.888.741.1010) with extended service hours, plus a team of mobile experts and a full range of online and mobile services. CCCU was the first to bring cutting-edge Interactive Teller Machine technology to the Island and continues to add new innovations to simplify finances—and life. By really listening and understanding, and then providing meaningful solutions, Coastal Community's 600-person-strong team is able to help our members and clients achieve their financial and life goals.

As a 100% Island-based business, we're committed to making meaningful differences in the places we call home. Our Building Healthier Communities Fund has provided hundreds of thousands in seed money to activate dozens of local community betterment initiatives. CCCU is also an award winning organization, having most recently been recognized as one of B.C.'s Top Employers.

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