

Deaf Community Foundation of BC **2012 Annual Report**

Foundation annual report of activities is as follows:

Report on the Status of the Deaf Community Foundation of BC

The Board, including the previous Boards, has discussed some potential inconsistencies at the Foundation, but there had been no successful solutions until last year when they thought of new ideas or changes in guidelines and bylaws that may help reduce the inconsistencies.

The application website and informational website developments are in process and hopefully they will be ready for launching within two weeks. The informational website will contain links to organizations, services, programs, media, and announcements. The reading format will be text and video blogs. Hopefully, the improvements will allow communities throughout the province to have equal access to the activities.

Since January 2012, three grant applications were received and approved. The grantees were Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf, Okanagan Valley Association of the Deaf, and BC School for the Deaf. A distribution was made to Jericho Hill Legacy Trust for their scholarship program. At the time of this writing the Foundation has been contacted and is expecting to receive two more applications.

To date, the Foundation has been running well, reviewing and granting funding requests when appropriate. The Foundation will file a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) Information return for Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for the year of 2012 and a Society Annual Report Form 11 for the year of 2013.

A variety of services and duties on behalf of the Foundation were regularly performed. These tasks include:

- responding to emails, inquiries
- discussions with RBC-DS

- monitoring investment portfolio
- grant applications
- bookkeeping / reporting
- website maintenance
- Non-Profit Organization Return filing
- Society Annual Report Form 11 filing

Financial Statements and Accounts showed the total portfolio value up by 3.5% since December 2011. Since the trust fund was transferred to RBC Dominion Securities in 2001, the account balance has grown by 32%. The account investments and transactions were adjusted to be more conservative after some investment changes.

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy and enjoyable Spring-Summer season.