



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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**PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY**  
GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY -  
908 BURRILL ROAD GALIANO ISLAND, BC

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Galiano Island Parks & Recreation Commission, The United Way,  
and The Victoria Foundation.*

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# AGENDA

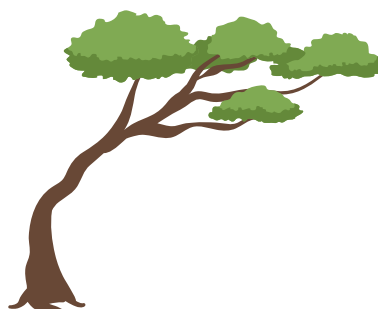
**APRIL 27TH, 2025**

**GALIANO COMMUNITY HALL 1:00PM**

1. Call to order and territorial acknowledgement
2. Verification of quorum, approval of Agenda
3. Invited guest speaker presentations: Dr. Andre Touchburn
4. Presentation of minutes of last AGM, approval of minutes
5. Presentation of reports, including year end financial reports
6. Presentation of Nominating Committee report  
- Election of Directors
7. Questions from the floor
8. New Business (TBA)

**Note: This meeting will be audio recorded. This helps us accurately capture the minutes, motions, and important details, ensuring everything is properly documented.**

**This is standard practice for many organizations.  
Thank you.**



# 2023/24 AGM MINUTES

## GHCS Annual General Meeting Minutes DRAFT

<b>Date:</b>	May 9, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	16:00 – 18:00
<b>Location:</b>	Galiano South Community Hall		
<b>Present:</b>	Available upon request		
<b>Guests:</b>	Chris Terpenning, BCEHS Community Paramedic Linde Zingaro, Home Hospice Support		

	Item
1.	The meeting was called to order at 16:05. President Liz Whynot opened with a territorial acknowledgement and welcomed attendees.
2.	Quorum was confirmed.
3.	The agenda was reviewed and approved on a motion by Louise Bentley, seconded by Gary Rosnick.
4.	The minutes of the last AGM of April 30, 2023 were approved on a motion by Gary Rosnick, seconded by Kate Hughes
5.	<b>Introduction of Current Board</b>
	<p>The current Board members who have agreed to remain for a subsequent term were introduced:</p> <p>Louise Bentley, Interim Vice President Judy Garland Jeannine Georgeson (regrets) Kate Hughes Fruzsina Pataky, Secretary and interim Treasurer John Ronsley Gary Rosnick Angela Thompson Cindy Weisbart Liz Whynot, President</p> <p>The following Board members have retired and were thanked for their service:</p> <p>Deborah Dunn-Roy Kim Kucille Jim Schmidt Dave Simone</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Guest Presentations</b>
	<p><b>6.1 Chris Terpenning, BCEHS Community Paramedic</b></p> <p>Chris Terpenning gave an update of EHS services available on island and of the role of the Community Paramedic (CP). This role provides valuable support in following patients with chronic conditions, home wellness checks, health promotion, education and in-clinic support to providers when there is no RN on site.</p> <p><b>6.2 Linde Zingaro, Home Hospice Support</b></p> <p>Linde described her role as Bereavement, Grief and Death Counsellor as part of the Home Hospice Support Program. This volunteer-based program allows residents approaching end-of-life to stay in their homes for as long as possible. Volunteers receive extensive training (30 h), partially supported by Palliative Care BC, as well as emotional support for their necessary and challenging roles. The Program is currently applying for a part-time coordinator position.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>President's Report</b>
	Liz Whynot provided highlights of the considerable achievements of the Society and Health Centre over the last year. The full report is available in the Annual Report for 2023-24.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p>Fruzsina Pataky highlighted the sources of the Society's funding and thanked local businesses and community members for their significant support over the last year. Memberships, fundraising, donations and bequests make up fully 21% of the Society's income in a given year, allowing the delivery of much-needed services to the community that are not funded by other means. The full report is available in the Annual Report for 2023-24.</p> <p><i>It was moved by Fruzsina Pataky and seconded by John Ronsley that the compiled Financial Reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED</i></p> <p><i>It was moved by Fruzsina Pataky and Seconded by Linda Ruedrich that Ascentia Professional Accountants be appointed to prepare the compiled Financial Reports for 2024. CARRIED</i></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Nomination Committee</b>
	<p>The following Society members have agreed to stand for election for the four vacancies on the current Board:</p> <p>Carol Craig Amber Hui Sherri Moore-Arbour Eva Wilson</p> <p><i>It was moved by Louise Bentley and seconded by Cindy Weisbart that the above slate of nominees be elected to the Board of Directors of the Society CARRIED</i></p>



<b>10.</b>	<b>Discussion/Questions</b>
	<p>Liz Whynot opened the floor to questions and general discussion. The following topics were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of an Emergency Plan for the Clinic</li> <li>• Clinic Waiting list and the headway able to be made when we were fully staffed</li> <li>• Kudos for the mental health/social work pilot</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	The meeting was adjourned at 17:15 on a motion by Linde Zingaro



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am honoured to report on a year of extraordinary work and accomplishment by the staff of the Galiano Health Centre, the Board and volunteers who over and over again have stepped up to the challenge of developing, providing and sustaining health services for Galiano residents. The GHCS continues to be served extremely well by our clinic team. I want to particularly recognize and offer the thanks of the Board for the extraordinary work of our leadership staff, for our team of Medical Office Assistants and for our health care providers.

This year we have seen progress in many areas. With our Medical Director, Dr. Anik Mommsen-Smith, we have applied successfully to the Ministry of Health for additional physician funding (This is an increase from 1.5 to 2.5. Including the currently vacant Nurse Practitioner position, our total complement of funded primary practitioners is 3.5.) In addition, Galiano has been confirmed as a site placement for both International Medical Graduates and UBC Family Practice Residents, strategies that will help us fill our funded positions now and in the future.— Supported by the generosity of the community, we have hired a part time Registered Nurse to support the primary care practice, which physicians tell us is a key component in recruitment and retention of staff. And, we have worked with Capital Regional district and the Galiano Parks and Recreation Committee to ensure access to the Betty Kennedy House as reliable accommodation for practitioners. Our strong working relationships with Island Health and the Ministry of Health continue to be fostered, vital in achieving sustainable, funding for overhead expenses to support our physicians and nurse practitioner. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers we completed very successful fund raising events such the wonderful Woodstone Gala, Plant Sale, Golf Tournament and the First Annual GHCS Dog Show.

Kudos and thanks to our fund raising volunteers, who have worked creatively and tirelessly, many for decades, to support the health centre. Biggest kudos to our members and the community. The Galiano community has continually stepped up over the decades with donations of the time, expertise and money needed to develop and maintain the space, resources and staff of the health centre. We were blown away on Jan 1, 2025 by the incredible grass roots effort to implement the Polar Bear swim after unexpected challenges arose with BC Parks. The energetic, generous support from the Galiano Community is very much appreciated by everyone at the Health Society. Charitable contributions in 2024, including memberships, fundraising events, donations and bequests for the Health Society totaled \$170, 056, all of which has been used as donors intended to support clinical needs. This dollar amount does not take into account the significant donations of time and energy, without which we could not continue our work.

Other things to report: We partnered with health societies on Mayne, Pender and Saturna, in supporting a health summit in spring of 2024 (attended by many Galiano Community members). We have much in common with our friends on these islands, including practitioner shortages, inadequate access to specialized services, and many other resource and transportation challenges. Working together with them increases our impact and strengthens our advocacy efforts with government. For example, this group has been able to support the Outer Gulf Islands Chapter of the Division of Rural and Remote Family Practice (i.e. our docs and NP'S), in submitting a Primary Care Network Proposal that may provide additional primary care resources for these islands.

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In addition, the Board has assisted the day to day operations of the clinic by strengthening important GHCS Policies and Practices such as those required for Occupational Health and Safety and we have transitioned the GHCS accounting practices to an updated on-line system (Quickbooks).

We still have many challenges, of course, as do all the outer gulf islands and frankly all rural and remote communities. Although we have made important gains in the past 2 years towards our vision: “Everyone on Galiano has access to comprehensive and culturally safe healthcare services”, we have a lot more work to do to stabilize and broaden the capacity of the clinical team. Our Health Centre is a "Rural and Remote" health clinic not funded as an urgent care centre (although we have tried!) , without the basics that most doctors and nurse practitioners expect: no quick access to diagnostic services ( X-rays, CT, etc.), no full time nursing support and no road access to a hospital with an emergency department. The practitioners must not only manage the routine primary care needs of registered patients but also respond, within the limits of resources and time, to the urgent needs of anyone on Galiano Island. Given these challenges I believe we have been extraordinarily lucky in our practitioners though we still have vacancies in our clinical team, including the full time nurse practitioner and one physician; in other words the primary care practitioners are working at half strength. Until we are fully staffed, we cannot provide longitudinal primary care to the many residents who cannot access the family practice clinic. Although we have increased access to skilled mental health services, these are still insufficient to the needs on the island. We continue to advocate for sustainable government funding to support a full time registered nurse in the clinic.

In the coming year, we will be focusing on creative ways to get more health care to our island, continuing our advocacy efforts (grant applications, lobbying govt, pursuing the PCN with its possibility of additional health providers shared amongst the islands, etc.) and continuing to work on recruiting and retaining the primary care providers we need, achieving support for nursing services, increasing our mental health and addictions resources and improving our awareness and skill in delivering culturally safe and appropriate care. We look forward to working with the Galiano Community in achieving all of this and more.

Submitted by Liz Whynot  
President, GHCS Board of Directors



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THE SPACE, RESOURCES AND STAFF OF THE HEALTH CENTRE.”**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

The Compiled Financial Statements for 2024 are included in the Annual Meeting materials.

The Statements reflect the excellent work done by our clinic leadership and the entire team at the Health Centre to manage the various funding sources and associated costs required to operate the Health Clinic and outreach services. Without their tireless negotiations and submissions to our funders, the Galiano Health Care Society and the programs that operate in our clinic would be in an untenable and unsustainable financial position. Staff and clinicians deserve recognition for the careful stewardship of every hard-won dollar.

## **2024 Highlights**

2024 was a bellwether year of changes in Finance at GHCS and GHCC. In the spring the Board approved a short-term investment policy that allowed us to invest money not immediately required for operations in low-risk term deposits/GICs. The strategy involves keeping 2 months of operating expenses in liquid cash, another 2 months of operating expenses in a 30-day cashable term deposit and setting up smaller non-cashable term deposits with staggered maturity dates at the best interest rate available. This strategy will have earned us over \$10K in interest in 2025.

Summer was the season for software implementations/upgrades. In July we went live with QuickBooks Online, the cloud version of QuickBooks desktop software we had been using on a single workstation in the clinic since 2006. The online version offers numerous advantages including improved data security, role-based access by multiple authorized users and a robust audit trail. Improved functionality includes comprehensive reporting capabilities, the ability to directly import banking/credit card data and is essential as the basis for the implementation of a payroll system.

In August/September we began the setup of QuickBooks Payroll for an October implementation. The automated system has significant advantages over the manual system including comprehensive payroll processing and accounting under a single login, provision of biweekly pay stubs with current and YTD information, direct deposit of wages, direct submission of payroll taxes and T4s to CRA, accurate tracking of leave banks and benefits, and changes in tax and benefit rates are maintained by the vendor. Extensive testing indicated that implementation would be least complicated and preferable at the start of a new fiscal year and the system went live January 1, 2025. Processing time for payroll has decreased from two full days of multiple calculations and transcriptions biweekly to less than two hours; payroll taxes can be submitted monthly with a single keystroke.

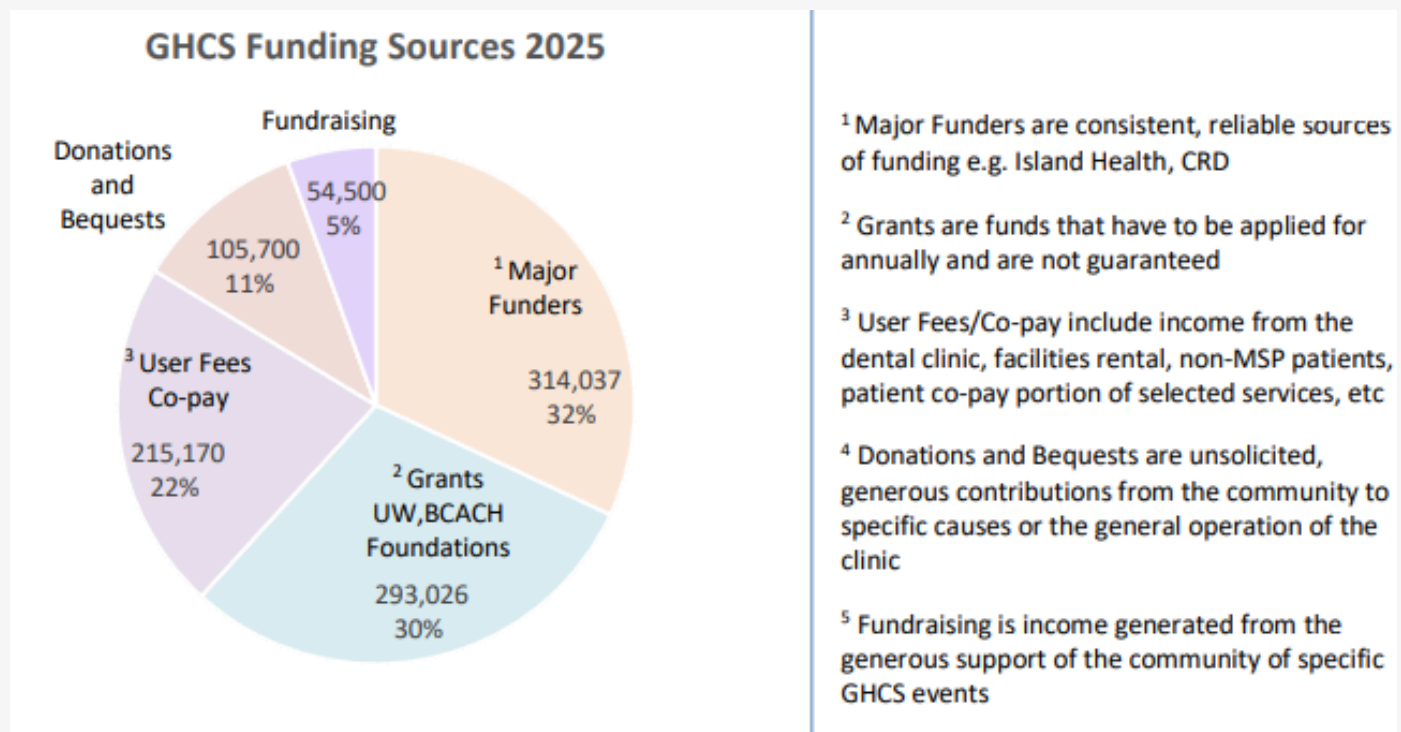
The Cleardent Dental information system was successfully implemented in August. In addition to the management of clinical data, the system is able to produce detailed invoices for care provided and provides instant and accurate financial information regarding accounts receivable. While not interfaced with QuickBooks, we have optimized how the two systems can complement each other to minimize and where possible to eliminate transcription and duplicate data entry.

In November we moved our dental accounts to Vancity to consolidate our banking at a single institution. This reduces our overall banking fees, facilitates the transfer of funds between accounts and requires only one stop in Victoria to do deposits instead of two.

### 2025 Budget Projection

Our 2025 operating budget is expected to be about 12% higher than 2024. The CRD recognizes a 3% inflationary increase in our 2025 funding but our contracts with Island Health remain flat. While some of the increase will be offset by unused funds carried over from 2024, this highlights the need to continue to apply for available grants and to maintain our fundraising efforts.

The following chart illustrates the sources of our anticipated funding for the coming year:



We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the community and the generous donations from local businesses for the Fundraising Committee's initiatives and the tireless volunteers who undertake activities such as the Polar Brrr Swim, Golf Tournament, Plant Sale, Dog Show and Fall Gala. Community members are encouraged to maintain their membership in the Society and to please consider planned giving and bequests to the GHCS to help ensure the continuation of a viable and vibrant health care centre and essential programs for Galiano residents and visitors.

In closing, I move the following two items:

1. Adoption of the 2024 Compiled Financial Statements
2. Appointment of Proulx Smart Chartered Professional Accountants to prepare the Compiled Financial Statements for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fruzsina Pataky  
Treasurer, Galiano Health Care Society

**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**COMPILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**



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## COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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To the Management of Galiano Health Care Society

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the statement of financial position of Galiano Health Care Society as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

The financial information for the year ended December 31, 2023 was compiled by another accounting firm and was neither audited nor reviewed and is presented for comparative purposes only.

Sidney, British Columbia  
May 5, 2025

***PROULX SMART & ASSOCIATES INC.***  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 266,531	\$ 533,839
Term deposits	279,000	5,477
Accounts receivable	6,035	14,366
Due from government agencies	909	-
	<u>552,475</u>	<u>553,682</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT <i>(Note 5)</i>	<u>897,308</u>	<u>924,608</u>
	<u><b>\$ 1,449,783</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,478,290</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Current portion of long term debt	\$ 8,685	\$ 8,685
Deferred income	128,563	211,583
	<u>137,248</u>	<u>220,268</u>
LONG TERM DEBT	<u>279,855</u>	<u>288,612</u>
	<u>417,103</u>	<u>508,880</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General fund	366,063	302,793
Capital reserve fund	666,617	666,617
	<u>1,032,680</u>	<u>969,410</u>
	<u><b>\$ 1,449,783</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,478,290</b></u>

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

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*Director*

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*Director*

See notes to financial information

**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>		
BCACHC grant funding	\$ 221,329	\$ 69,077
United Way Grants	150,591	91,931
CRD tax income	141,920	137,120
Community Wellness: Fee for Service Senior Program	6,937	9,542
Dental clinic income	82,200	96,720
Dental hygiene clinic income	24,911	28,185
Donations and bequests	138,769	180,803
Fundraising income	7,357	39,099
Government grants	1,853	6,287
Grants	85,174	45,692
Medical clinic income	2,847	2,167
Membership fees	3,515	2,603
Nurse Practitioner Income	64,167	68,429
Physician contract income	132,311	112,810
Rental Revenue	33,165	35,607
Truth and Reconciliation Engagement	-	1,250
VIHA Clinic support income	4,875	16,669
GST Rebate	1,205	699
	<b>1,103,126</b>	<b>944,690</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising and promotion	3,102	2,188
Amortization	48,356	47,648
BCACHC grant expense	138,696	61,664
Bad debts	7,754	-
Bank charges	12,193	12,129
Buildings and grounds expenses	117,482	57,354
Community Initiatives	7,634	8,611
Dental clinic expenses	82,933	95,227
Dental hygiene clinic expenses	17,683	18,024
Fundraising expenses	4,696	48,606
Insurance	15,842	14,513
Medical clinic expense	12,558	-
Nurse practitioner salaries and expenses	62,217	56,766
Physician contract expense	112,701	76,172
Professional fees	21,438	4,238
Programs and community expenses	141,721	130,364
Rental	16,600	-
Admin staffing and office expenses	216,226	222,139
Truth and reconciliation expense	24	1,800
	<b>1,039,856</b>	<b>857,443</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 63,270</b>	<b>\$ 87,247</b>

See notes to financial information

**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	General Fund		Capital Reserve Fund		2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$	302,793	\$	666,617	\$ 969,410	\$ 882,161
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>		63,270		-	<b>63,270</b>	87,247
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$	366,063	\$	666,617	\$ <b>1,032,680</b>	\$ 969,408

See notes to financial information

**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**NOTES TO COMPILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Galiano Health Care Society as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts receivable less an allowance for doubtful accounts;
- Property, plant and equipment is recorded at historical cost and amortized on a declining balance method;
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities;

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

Some users may require further information as these statements have not been prepared for general purposes.

**3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization and is amortized over its estimated useful life on a declining balance basis at the following rates and methods:

Buildings	20%	declining balance method
Equipment	20%	declining balance method
Computer equipment	55%	declining balance method
Furniture and fixtures	20%	declining balance method
Generator	20%	declining balance method
Helipad	8%	declining balance method
Parking lot	8%	declining balance method

The organization regularly reviews its property, plant and equipment to eliminate obsolete items. Government grants are treated as a reduction of property, plant and equipment cost.

Property, plant and equipment acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

**4. PURPOSE OF SOCIETY**

Galiano Health Care Society (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Society Act of British Columbia. As a registered charity the organization is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The organization operates to maintain a health care clinic and administers medical and dental services to the Galiano Island community, as well as other health related programs and support.

**5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Land	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Buildings	1,120,346	311,856	808,490	842,177
Equipment	194,221	152,659	41,562	31,664
Computer equipment	28,508	25,583	2,925	3,982
Furniture and fixtures	112,130	100,067	12,063	13,438

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**GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**  
**NOTES TO COMPILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT *(continued)*

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Generator	43,381	41,704	1,677	2,096
Helipad	20,215	19,543	672	730
Parking lot	39,283	32,364	6,919	7,521
	<b>\$ 1,581,084</b>	<b>\$ 683,776</b>	<b>\$ 897,308</b>	<b>\$ 924,608</b>

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## **“PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION.”**

This year has been one of continued growth, collaboration, and community impact for the Galiano Health Care Society. From clinical operations to community programming, the team has worked with dedication and resilience through a year of change and forward momentum.

### **Clinical Services & Staffing**

A key milestone this year was the successful recruitment and onboarding of Dr. Ghomi, who joined the clinic team on April 1st. His transition has been smooth, and his presence has added depth and stability to the clinic. Thanks to Dr. Mommsen-Smith and Dr. Touchburn's incredible stewardship, we were approved as a site for UBC Residents. Our first joined us in March for a five-week rural rotation, and expressed strong interest in future locum opportunities. Starting in July, we have residents back to back scheduled for an entire year.

Staffing within the clinic continues to evolve: We welcome Mark Adam as Community Wellness Coordinator, taking the strong and established reins from Nancy McPhee. Skyllar Erickson moved into dual roles in administration and the Better at Home program. Chelsea Janaway has joined us as a new Medical Office Assistant (MOA). I am so grateful and constantly humbled by the dedication of our staff, including the MOAs (Erin and Jenni), Dental Clinic Team (Joy and Kristina), Better at Home Service Providers (Yasemin and Chris), Mental Health Outreach (Andrew), Housekeeping (Ayla and Kristina), and nursing (Regina and Sarah Anne).

### **Community Programs & Grant Successes**

Our core community programs—including Better at Home, Community Connector, and Social Meals—were all successfully renewed through United Way funding. We were also successful for the The Canada Summer Jobs grant, which allow us to hire a student to help format and revise our Employee Handbook for both digital and print use.

We submitted additional a grant application for continued project-based funding from the Victoria Foundation to support major tech upgrades (satellite internet and cloud-based phone system), addressing frequent EMR and phone outages during power disruptions. The Victoria Foundation's funding is also make it possible for us to develop a comprehensive, accessible guide for older adults on Galiano, supported by a dedicated project manager. The guide will cover local, regional, and federal resources, and be made available both in print and online.

The Society received an extraordinary \$150,000 donation from longtime Galiano resident Richard Dewinetz, with the intention of establishing the Richard Dewinetz Foundation and purchasing new equipment for the centre. His generosity is deeply appreciated.

### **Challenges & Strategic Planning**

Security upgrades are underway, and strategic planning continues to focus on technology and building improvements including new equipment and fostering “flex spaces”, and strengthening administrative systems.

Thank you to the Board, our staff, volunteers, and community partners for your unwavering support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Williams  
Executive Director  
Galiano Health Care Society



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# COMMUNITY WELLNESS

## **Mark's Message**

Hello friends. I am honoured to present this year review as the new Community Wellness coordinator. It has been almost six months since I took over this role from Nancy McPhee who left a thriving and important program for myself and Skyllar to coordinate.

At the onset of my arrival Nancy's role was divided into two roles. Skyllar took on the coordination of the Better at Home program while I took over the Home Hospice, now Compassionate Community- Galiano Cares program as well as the Community Connector role.

I would like to thank Lindsay for her amazing support both morally and administratively. Her guidance and care made my easing into the role both comfortable and enjoyable. Nancy's support was vital as well as she made herself available to Skyllar and myself.

As I learned about each program I was impressed with the work Nancy and others did around Advanced Care Planning and the Home Hospice (Compassionate Community) program. The volunteers within this program are committed and eager to assist and be involved in the evolution of the program. The Good to Go Booklet has become an important and enduring resource that will provide excellent information and support for our Advanced Care Workshops in the future.

## **Community Wellness Message**

The first month had a flurry of activity as decided to apply for a United Way grant called The Therapeutic Activation Program for Seniors. We planned a diverse range of activities, gathered partners and sent the proposal. We were disappointed not to receive the funding, but on consideration realized that the denial will allow us up to focus on doing what we are currently doing with more efficiency and with enhanced internal infrastructure.

New calls for proposals arrived and we got to work planning and altering some of our programs. Skyllar handled the Better at Home proposal brilliantly, while Mark focused on The Community Connector proposal as well as a streamlined Social Meals proposal. Happily we were approved for each proposal submitted.

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Within the Community Connector role we are working to create adequate data management, outcomes measurement and reporting systems. We are close to holding several community asset mapping sessions which will provide us with a list of community services/assets. Informing the broader public of this service is ongoing and will become a major focus once we have the infrastructure and resources in place.

Our Social Meals program now includes Soup and Bread subsidized meals and seniors table hosted by a staff or volunteer, frozen meals deliveries, Good Food Box hampers, Page Drive Luncheon and The Chatterbox program.

Obviously, without the Galiano Food Program, our program would lack the integral and meaningful component of healthy, shared and subsidized meals. These services are vital to many vulnerable seniors and also creates and fosters social connections within our community. Many thanks to Alison Colwell and the many volunteers within Food Program.

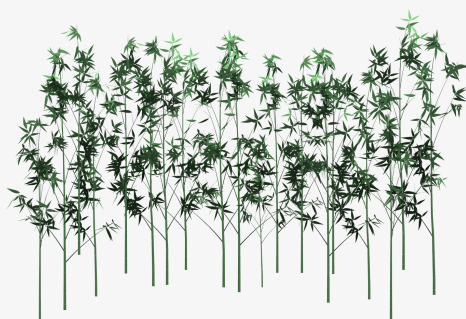
We would like to re-brand this program as The Galiano Seniors Social Club which we can use for unified promotional materials and merchandising for fundraising. What do you think of this?

We are also planning to offer scheduled Advanced Care sessions with Mark and a Compassionate Community volunteer at the office. People can make an appointment and come in for an hour session with them.

Volunteers have also been a key focus. Recruitment and stewardship of volunteers is on-going.

Looking forward we aim to strategically establish the Community Connector program both within the Health Care Team and within the community. We also want to increase our Social Meals community of seniors. Community Wellness could begin to include other demographics like youth and Indigenous people. We welcome any ideas around how we might serve these populations.

Submitted by Mark Adam  
Community Wellness Coordinator



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# FUNDRAISING REPORT

As we look ahead to another exciting year of community events, GHCS is proud to continue bringing people together in support of local health care. Our fundraising calendar is shaping up beautifully, with a variety of events that offer something for everyone.

On May 7th, GHCS is delighted to provide tea and scones for the Garden Club's spring event. It's a lovely way to welcome the season, connect with fellow garden enthusiasts, and share in the spirit of community. May 17th, we host our annual plant sale from 10 to 1pm, which features your favourite trees, shrubs, and a wide variety of plants- many of which are deer resistant.

Our Golf Fundraiser on July 5th is always a highlight. This fun and relaxed event is open to golfers of all skill levels and includes a 9-hole round of golf, followed by a delicious buffet dinner. The evening also features 50/50 tickets and a variety of prize opportunities, adding an extra layer of excitement to an already enjoyable day. We're also thrilled to announce the return of the Dog Show on August 10th. After a joyful and well-attended event in 2024, we're hoping for an even bigger turnout this year. With friendly competition, fun categories, and plenty of tail wags, this event promises fun for the whole family—including the four-legged members.

Finally, we're planning something truly special to mark a major milestone—40 years of community health care on Galiano. Inspired by the success of The Gala, we're dreaming up an elegant evening of live music, delicious food, and a silent auction that will celebrate the spirit of GHCS and everyone who makes our work possible. More details to come!

Each of these events reflects the heart of our island—generosity, connection, and community spirit. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, and participants who help bring these fundraisers to life. We look forward to another year of meaningful support and memorable moments.

Submitted by Angela Thompson  
Chair, GHCS Fundraising Committee

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