



Summer 2025

30 Years of Giving Back

Over the past 30 years, Aspotogan Heritage Trust (AHT) has grown from a response to the closure of CFS Mill Cove in 1994 into a cornerstone of community development on the Aspotogan Peninsula. In its early years, AHT (formerly Mill Cove Park Development Agency) focused on land use planning, housing, business development, and repurposing community assets like schools and public spaces. By 2001, AHT had already invested significantly in local infrastructure and community support, including the purchase of the Hubbards Barn, funding Community Wheels and support for adult education and childcare. The first decade closed with the celebration of its 10th anniversary and a track record of meaningful accomplishments.

From 2015 onward, AHT focused on a strategic plan aimed at strengthening community ties, supporting volunteers, and promoting sustainability. Major milestones included awarding its millionth dollar in community grant funding, the celebration of Canada's 150th with regional projects and events, and the successful opening and operation of Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club. Even during the pandemic years, AHT adapted and continued to serve the region, with staff maintaining operations and programs that supported social connection and economic recovery. Community gardens, trail development, and relocation of public gym equipment further reflect AHT's role in meeting evolving local needs.

In 2024, AHT celebrated both its 30th anniversary and the 20-year leadership of Executive Director Kathryn Gamache. As the Trust looks forward, it remains grounded in the values of collaboration, community resilience, and service. With the support of dedicated staff, board members, and community partners, AHT continues to foster growth and connection across the region—honouring its history while embracing the future.

Canada Day 2025

On July 1, we celebrated Canada Day at the Aspotogan Heritage Trust building with a fun-filled day for the whole community! There were games and activities for the kids (with cool prizes!), Canada Day swag, hot dogs, cake, and ice cream.



We were thrilled to welcome so many families, friends, and neighbours who came out to join in the festivities. The atmosphere was full of laughter, connection, and community spirit.

Our amazing summer students—Jessica (AHT), Kai (HABA), Kendra (Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club), and Chelsea (Hubbards Barn)—collaborated to bring the day together and did a fantastic job organizing everything.

We'd also like to thank the staff and board members who helped with setup, activities, and clean-up. Your support made the day run smoothly and added to the welcoming, festive feel.

We lucked out with perfect weather—sunny skies and a warm breeze—which made it an ideal day to celebrate outdoors.

We're already looking forward to next year's Canada Day celebration! Until then, hope to see you out at the Beach Bash on Wednesday, August 13th.

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Annual Operational Report 2024–2025

AHT (Community Development—Core Operations) - Direct Service and Social Impact

By “*Investing in Community Visions*” since 1996, our work takes us into the heart of the community. Through AHT’s community development work, we continue to deliver programs that matter. From supporting community events, art shows, environmental clean-ups, adult literacy, and community-based transportation services, our grants help strengthen partnerships with community groups in ways that create impact, inclusion, and innovation. Our business support and printing services is a resource used by the broader community on a daily basis.

APT (Trustees of the Trust Fund) - Long-term Stewardship of Vital Resources

As trustees of the APT, our role is one of long-term stewardship. The trust fund continues to serve as a vital pillar in the financial support needed for the work of AHT, enabling us to deliver programs, support community initiatives, and maintain the offices at 10 Pte Richard Green Lane.

Parkwood Golf Club (Aspotogan Ridge—Social Enterprise) - Economic Opportunity and Recreation

Aspotogan Ridge continued to see growth in 2024. As a social enterprise, it is more than just a business—it is an opportunity to make a difference in the community. This year there was an increase in membership to 227, the highest to date. The Golf Club employed 18 people, had 17,768 rounds played, and hosted five tournaments. While we recognize that there are areas to improve in the year ahead, we are proud of the strides made operationally in 2024.



Aspotogan Foundation (Charitable Giving and Donations) - Future Sustainability and Growth

This is the newest initiative and is in the early stage of development. Aspotogan Foundation was created to serve as the fundraising and charitable arm of the AHT. As we seek to build financial resiliency and diversify our funding sources, the ability to accept donations and create donor-advised funds will be key. This is a new and exciting direction for us so lots of work on the horizon.

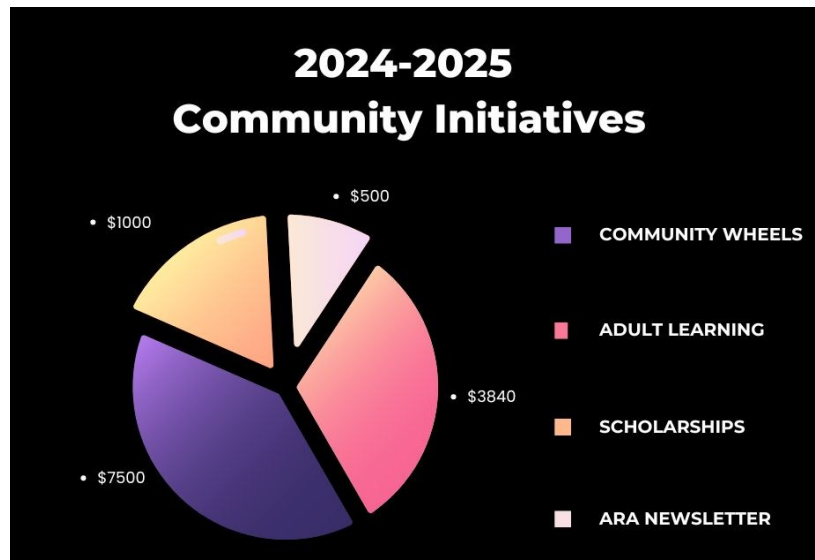
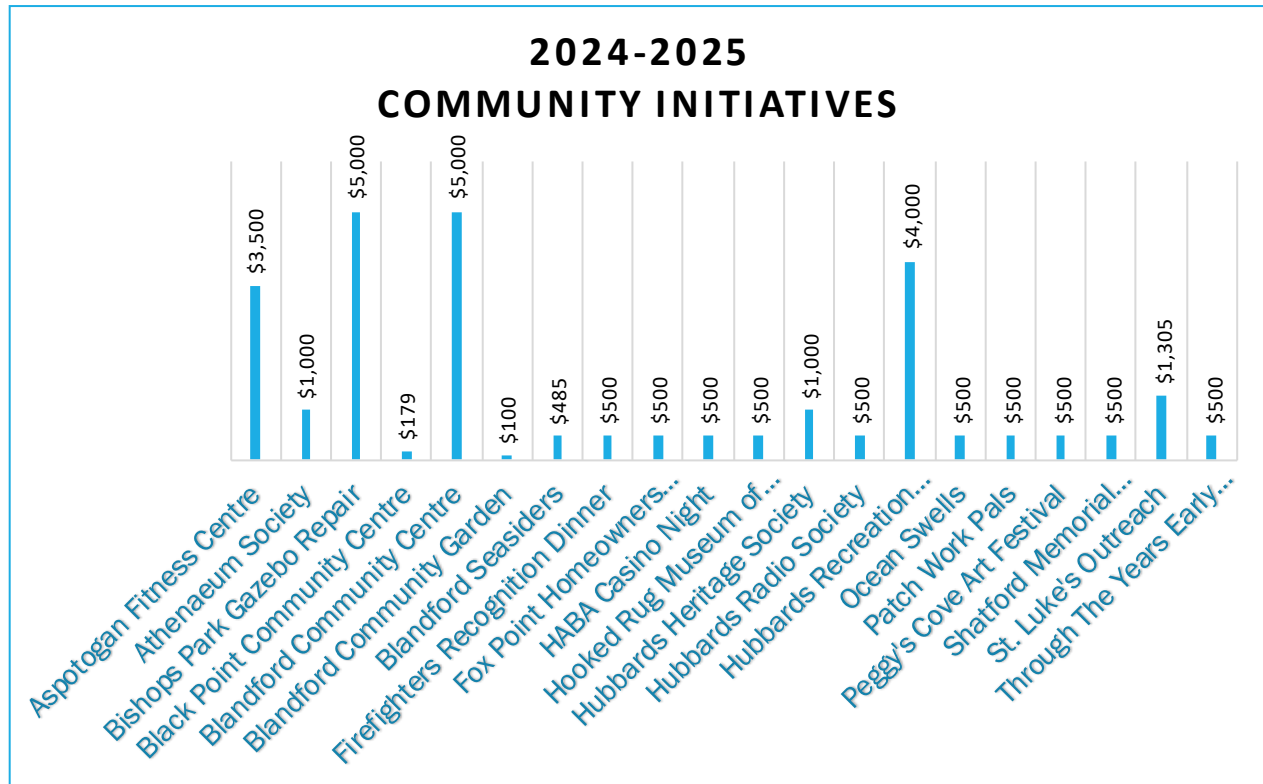
Board of Directors 2025–2026

We are pleased to announce our 2025-2026 Board of Directors for the Aspotogan Heritage Trust.

Ian Sutherland (Chair), Leslie Taylor (Vice-Chair), Ryan Burke (Secretary), Garth Moore (Treasurer), Joanne Lovett, Floyd Shatford, Christine Richardson, Randy Calvert, Claire MacInnis, David Chapman and a warm welcome to our newest board members Rhys Harnish, and Tina Schwartz.

These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of experience and passion to our organization and we are excited to work alongside them as we continue our goal to encourage and support the social, cultural, environmental, educational and economic development of the Aspotogan Region.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to our outgoing board members Kayleigh Rennie and Sally Langille for their commitment and contributions to our board.



Scholarship Award Winners

Aspotogan Heritage Trust awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating students at both Forest Heights Community School and Bay View High School. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!

Forest Heights Community School

Hailey Brigley
Mikayla Lojek-Graves

Bay View High School

Ava Millar
Peyton Nicks

Did you know there are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the Aspotogan Region? Volunteers are essential for the sustained success of any charitable or non-profit organization.

In every community, there are people quietly making a difference—delivering meals, coaching kids, planning events, answering phones, or even just lending a kind ear. These are volunteers. And while their tasks may seem small, their impact is enormous.

Volunteering: It's Not One Size Fits All

One of the biggest misconceptions about volunteering is that it requires a huge time commitment or a special set of skills. In reality, organizations thrive on people offering *whatever* time, energy, or expertise they can. Whether it's an hour a month or a few hours a week, it all adds up.

You don't have to do everything—you just have to do *something*.



Volunteers are the backbone of many community organizations. They make the impossible possible. From food banks and animal shelters to arts festivals, sports leagues, and senior programs—these groups rely on everyday people stepping up in whatever way they can.

No Act Too Small

Maybe you've thought, "I'd like to help, but I'm not sure I have enough to offer." Let us assure you—you do. Every contribution counts. You might be the friendly face that brightens someone's day or the steady hand that helps pull together a successful fundraiser.

What matters most is showing up. With your hands, your heart, or simply your presence.

There are many local organizations—community centres, arts groups, youth programs, environmental initiatives, and more—who would be thrilled to have your help. Don't wait to be asked. Reach out, ask what's needed, and see where your time and talents can shine.