

**Rotary Club of Whistler**

**Grant Number:**

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** Don's Sign project

**Amount of Grant:** \$10 800



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**PROJECT OUTCOMES**

1. Outcomes achieved by your project.

**Sign Inventory.**

The mapping of the signs (location, picture, GPS, topic, condition) has been completed and is available. A job for 2016 is to review all existing signs and determine their fate. - remove; replace, clean, new words, etc

**2015 New Signs**

The following 4 new large signs and 4 new small signs were composed, graphically designed, manufactured and shipped to Whistler. The signs were installed in the spring of 2016.

1. **Welcome to the Whistler Interpretive Forest** sign - in the existing kiosk on the highway at function junction.
2. **Forest History Sign** - information on the forest history from old forest to the present day. It is a new kiosk located near Loggers lake. It is a recycled kiosk from the Whistler Museum.
3. **Don MacLaurin life history sign** - Location at MacLaurin's Crossing
4. **Invasive species sign**, - location at Loggers Lake

In addition, the 4 small road side signs that were installed in several locations, indicating the history of the forest stand.

NOTE: Please note that the Don MacLaurin sign was paid for by the RMOW and is not included in these costs.

**Sign Creation & Production**

The sign design was completed, manufactured and delivered to Whistler. Pictures of the signs are available on line.

**Cleaning Signs**

A Rotary work party spent half a day cleaning and maintaining existing signs in the Discovery Loop, near Function Junction. The loop trail is heavily used by the public and also school children.

**Brushing Road on the Spacing Loop**

Boyd MacTavish was hired to chop out the road and dispose of the brush. It was a large job. The road is one kilometer long and was impassible to vehicles.

**2. To what extent did you meet the original project goals? Did your goals and objectives change over the course of the project? If so, how? Why? If the project was unable to meet one or several objectives, why not? What happened?**

The project met the original goals.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES (FROM APPLICATION)	OUTCOMES
Sign inventory	Complete list and locations of signs
New Signs	Designed and installed
Cleaning and maintenance of old signs	Discovery Loop signed maintained

**1. Describe the key activities undertaken.**

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### 2. **Were there any challenges to overcome? Were there any unintended results?**

Getting the work completed with many contractors and volunteers is always a challenge.

### 3. **What were the most important lessons learned?**

There is a good team of workers at Rotary. They are very community minded and willing to work to improve the community. The contractors are also community minded and donated part of their work to the project (i.e. did not charge as much as expected)

4. **List and describe the community partners their specific roles in the creation and implementation of this project. What did you learn from working with these partners? How did the project strengthen partnerships or collaboration?**

The partners were the

- Rotary club - leader
- RMOW
- Local forester volunteers
- BC Forest service
- Lime Design - sign design and manufacturer

5. **How did the project promote participation, inclusiveness, and build connections in the community?**

The Whistler Interpretive Forest is legacy of Don McLaurin. The Forest is 30 years old and many people in the community recognize as a good public education project and a great outdoor recreation area.

**Tell us who and how many people were involved in the project:**

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|-------------------------|----|
| a. Project Organizers - | 3  |
| b. Volunteers           | 12 |
| c. Participants         | 4  |
| d. Others               | 2  |

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## PROJECT IMPACT

1. **Describe the impact of your project. What changes have been brought about by your actions? What effects has the project had on the participants, the partnering organizations and the community?**

The upgrading and refurbishing the forest education signs is a very visible contribution to the Whistler community.

2. **What indicators did you use to measure your success?**

- The completion of the sign inventory
- The design, manufacture and installation of the new signs
- The maintenance of the old signs
- The signs cleaned in the Discovery Loop
- Spacing Loop road completely brushed out.



3. **Provide us with personal stories that demonstrate the impact of this project. Please provide photos, narratives, testimonials, videos or other means of sharing one or more impact story from your project.**




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### PROJECT EVALUATION

4. **How was the community involved in the evaluation process?**  
The project was evaluated by the citizens of the Rotary Club, the forester volunteers, the RMOW staff, and the Provincial govt staff.
5. **Will this project continue? How will your organization move forward with what was learned from this project?**  
The project is planned to continue until 2018. A second CFOW grant was awarded in May 2016.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

A detailed financial statement showing the revenue and expenses is attached using the CFOW Financial *Template for Grant Reports*. See attached.

In summary

Revenue: CFOW provided \$5400 to date.

Expenses: The final expenses are \$8232

CFOW owes Rotary the balance of \$2832

## **RECOGNITION**

The Rotary Club of Whistler appreciates the help and funding of the CFOW. It has moved our goals and objectives ahead at a very productive rate. See attached items and photos.

We would also like to thank the Whistler Museum and Archive Society for their help and advice. They also provided us with a kiosk that we installed in the forest, and provided us with help on the Forest History sign content. .

## **PRESS RELEASE** **Rotary Club of Whistler** August 29, 2016

Through a generous grant from the Community Foundation, The Rotary Club of Whistler is continuing their work in support of the Don MacLaurin Forest Sign Project. The project has focused its current efforts on the Whistler Interpretive Forest area - located just off of Cheakamus Lake Road. This Interpretive Forest was created and developed over the past thirty year period by fellow Rotarian Don MacLaurin whose work and legacy has been honoured with a memorial sign just up the road next to the suspension bridge.

The Rotary Club of Whistler Clean-Up Crew sprung into action on Saturday, August 27th at the Whistler Interpretive Forest. Following a photo opportunity at Don's memorial sign, the group got to work cleaning the signs along Craterview Loop. Craterview loop is 1km loop through the forest. It has several signs that point out the forest management work that has been completed in the area. Recently, the road has been cleared making it more accessible for outdoor enthusiasts. It's great for a slow drive and even better for mountain bikes.

The funding received from the Community Foundation of Whistler will support ongoing public education signage, culvert and clean up work in the Whistler Interpretive Forest. To learn more about local and international projects supported by the Rotary Club of Whistler, join us on Tuesday mornings from 7-8:30 am at the BG Urban Grill.

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