



Greetings members, donors and partners

What a year 2020-2021 has been for Lasqueti Island and the world! Travel and in-person meeting restrictions, sickness, job loss, social distancing and masking up forced all of us to adapt to a challenging situation. For many people, including myself, just getting outdoors and experiencing the natural world was a salvation. During this time of staying local, access to trails, beaches, mountains, parks and nature reserves on Lasqueti has become pretty important for our collective mental health, and I count myself lucky to be living surrounded by forests and ocean.



When I reflect on the past year with LINC I find a lot to be grateful for. I appreciate the solid partnerships LINC has formed with the Islands Trust Conservancy, BC Parks, Nanaimo and Area Land Trust and the SeaChange Conservation Society. I'm thankful for all the donors who support LINC's work with their financial contributions. Donations to LINC doubled this year. I value our long time and new members who support our work parties, events and celebrations. Memberships increased by 20% in 2020. I am so very grateful to the LINC Board of Directors who gave so generously of their time and expertise to guide the organization through 2020.



Directors Aigul and Izzy organized two spurge purges that gave Lasquetians opportunity to safely visit outside while working together to stem the advance of Daphne Spurge Laurel. With the help of Directors Hilary and Jordan and an enthusiastic Katimavik crew, 500 feet of wire fencing to keep out sheep and deer was installed around a man-made pond which supports two species at risk in the new Salish View Nature Reserve. A few weeks later 1,000 little plants arrived at False Bay and Director Wendy Schneible and a crew from NALT and LINC went to work re-vegetating around the pond and inside the fence. Wendy and Bruce helped bring over 700 tree seedlings that were planted on the island this past year and Wendy and Izzy worked with SeaChange, who planted eelgrass shoots in Scottie Bay and removed over three tons of garbage from Lasqueti waters!



Throughout the year Director Izzy kept our books and records straight, published three Newtletters with stimulating articles and created six Seen in Passing





### Photos

Left: wetland planters having lunch at Salish View  
 Over: Muscari or Grape Hyacinth with native bee, volunteer Heather Crawford planting at Salish View, trail building with Kaia Bryce and Gordon Scott, Katimavik crew and Aigul Kukulj putting up fence, wetland plants and tree seedlings in transport, Salish View Wetland Enhancement complete

special digital editions with photos and wildlife sightings submitted by members. Director Ken Lertzman wrote two fascinating articles on our perceptual “Shifting Baselines” and “Ferns on Lasqueti.” He also worked with some awesome members and an ungulate specialist on planning a new fencing enclosure and restoration project for Mt. Trematon. In addition to helping with every work party, Director James Schwartz led a couple of very popular hikes through two local Crown Land parcels, with thanks to Mikyla Lironi for bringing in her mushroom expertise to the mix. In early 2021 new Director Duane West and Hilary and Aigul organized a small and dedicated crew of LINC members who opened up an official footpath through the Salish View Nature Reserve. Thanks to the partnership between BC Parks and LINC, the trail now starts in Squitty Bay Park, skirts a pristine wetland and wends its way up to the riparian enclosure, old growth trees and a spectacular vista point. Other director and member projects completed in the last year include tree planting and caging at Mt. Trematon, invasive plant removal and boundary marking at Johnny Osland Reserve, monitoring four conservation covenants and attending monthly meetings. When I look back on all the important voluntary conservation work LINC directors and members completed this last year, I am so impressed by our commitment and enthusiasm. Thank-you everyone!

Lasqueti is changing and the challenges to conservation do increase with population growth and development. Climate change, invasive flora and fauna, overgrazing, and habitat loss, unfortunately, continue. Yet, with all the resilience and determination of all of you – LINC’s members, partners and donors, I can’t help but be excited about conservation opportunities for the next year. Gordon Scott, President

### Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy Statement of Operations Fiscal Year April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 Prepared without Audit

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2021	2020
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Memberships	1321.83	980
Donations (General)	6029.33	2654.1
Donations (Salish View)		
Sales/events		1815.22
Fee for Service	1450	500
Grants qrd	1500	1000
interest	37.75	1268.83
GST rebate		
Sales general	50	105
<b>General Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,388.91</b>	<b>8323.15</b>
<i>Transferred from Salish Reserve</i>		203,869
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	1470	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,858.91</b>	<b>\$212,192.15</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Acct., bk cgs., legal and insurance	945	907.26
Communication & Education	1931.91	2240.6
Office supplies (General)	469.17	
Land Management & monitoring	1615.92	262.04
	<b>4962</b>	<b>3409.9</b>
Land Protection costs (Salish)		203,877.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,998.68</b>	<b>\$207,286.90</b>
Operating Surplus for the year	<b>\$6,860.23</b>	<b>\$4,905.25</b>
Operating surplus start of year	21,128	16,223
<b>Net Operating surplus at end of year</b>	<b>\$27,988.23</b>	<b>\$21,128.25</b>

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<b>Credit union chequing</b>	25864.26	20348.27
Petty cash	653.97	1117.97
Credit union GIC's Salish View		
Accounts Receivable	1470	
Accts payable		-338
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$27,988.23</b>	<b>\$21,128.24</b>

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