



# RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION *of* NOVA SCOTIA



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FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA  
*all for community.*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

*Dedicated to creating a dynamic, healthy and prosperous future for  
Nova Scotia's rural communities*

## Who We Are

The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia (RCF) is a charitable foundation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from across the province. RCF is the only rural-focused member of the Community Foundations of Canada and a member of Volunteer Canada.

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*Whirly-gig.* Photo courtesy Elaine Frampton.

Cover photos, clockwise from upper left:

1. *Mabou Fishing Boats.* Photo courtesy Elaine Frampton.

2. *Grand Pre National Historic Site,* Photo courtesy Tourism Nova Scotia.

3. *Mahone Bay Stand Up Paddle Boarding,* Photo courtesy Tourism Nova Scotia;  
Photographer: Acorn Art Photography.

4. *Cycling at Blue Rocks.* Photo courtesy Tourism Nova Scotia.

## Our Mission

To build on the strengths of Nova Scotia's rural communities by stimulating and establishing philanthropic giving, to develop a permanent endowment and to grant funds.

## Our Vision

Nova Scotia's rural communities are dynamic, healthy and prosperous!

## Our Values

- We believe in the inherent value of rural communities and the important contribution they make to our province.
- We believe in being accountable to donors, grantees and communities.
- We believe that leadership and innovation are integral parts of community vitality.

## A Defining Statement

The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia supports community based initiatives which:

- Seek to improve understanding of issues facing rural communities in Nova Scotia.
- Offer solutions to problems and challenges in rural Nova Scotia.
- Create an environment that enhances and sustains rural Nova Scotia.

## ***Message from the Chair***

**2017 was RCF's best year yet.** We became more deeply engaged with the communities we serve, built new collaborations, explored new approaches and, above all, we learned valuable lessons that will continue to guide us.

**In 2017, RCF ran one of its most successful grant programs ever: The Rural Vitality Grant.** With generous support from the Community Foundation of Canada's 150th fund, we were able to support some of the most exciting and innovative initiatives that are happening in rural Nova Scotia today. We did this by taking a new approach to grantmaking, collaborative grantmaking, in which we partnered with other funders including municipalities, Mi'kmaq Bands, local communities, CFC and Federal Government.



*Arthur Bull, Chair  
Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia*

**Another area of learning and innovation was the Rural Navigator Project.** In partnership with networks, agencies and government departments, this project piloted and documented a new approach to providing access to service and information for seniors in remote rural communities.

**In 2017 RCF also undertook a major research project that looked at the role and potential of rural philanthropy.** Based on a series of conversations with rural Nova Scotians, a working group wrote a report that will both inform our future work and contribute to a national conversation on rural philanthropy.

**2017 was a year in which RCF forged new collaborations and strengthened existing ones.** We worked more closely than ever with Community Sector Council and Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, as well as the wider foundation community through the always helpful work of Community Foundations of Canada. At the same time, our long time working collaboration with Literacy Nova Scotia continued to help our operations be as effective and efficient as possible.

**2017 has brought RCF to a place where we can see, better than ever, the possibilities for the future of RCF, and has set the stage for the challenges in the year to come.**

*Arthur Bull, Chair  
Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia*

## Accounts for the year - Year ended December 31, 2017

This summary is based on excerpts from audited financial statements by McIsaac-Darragh Chartered Accountants.

### Income and Expenditure Account for year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Rural Vitality and Senior Grants	162,000	
New Horizons for Seniors Project	72,396	68,347
Vital Conversations Grant	5,046	-
Donations	244	26,045
Rural Housing Nova Scotia	-	1,500
	<u>\$ 239,686</u>	<u>\$ 95,892</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising and promotion	-	2,279
Literacy NS service fee	28,400	18,057
Meetings and travel	21,635	14,407
Memberships	595	575
Office expenses	8,666	5,994
Professional fees	9,272	8,200
Salaries and benefits	30,209	30,415
Rural Vitality and Senior Grants	174,000	-
	<u>272,777</u>	<u>79,927</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ (33,091)</b>	<b>\$ 15,965</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Investment income	10,829	11,911
Realized gain on disposal of investments	6,234	-
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(11,750)	745
	<u>5,313</u>	<u>12,656</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (27,778)</b>	<b>\$ 28,621</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 25,957	\$ 36,465
Contributions receivable	5,046	-
HST recoverable	2,277	1,353
Prepaid expenses	450	450
Investments	219,803	279,491
Investments held in trust	-	9,993
	<u>\$ 253,533</u>	<u>\$ 327,752</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,141	\$ 784
Deferred contributions	500	41,305
Trust liability	-	9,993
	<u>5,641</u>	<u>52,082</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General Fund	83,580	111,358
Internally restricted reserve fund	164,312	164,312
	<u>247,892</u>	<u>275,670</u>
	<u>\$ 253,533</u>	<u>\$ 327,752</u>

## 2017 Rural Vitality Grants: 15 Grants totaling \$159,000

**Municipality of the County of Colchester: \$30,000**

Project: PlaceSpeak Colchester and Connect Colchester

**Municipality of the District of Shelburne: \$4,000**

Project: Shelburne County Community Profile

**New Dawn Community Development Educational Fdn: \$30,000**

Projects: Doing it Together and Many Hands Provincial Conference

**Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute: \$4,000**

Project: Economic Revitalization Workshop Series

**The Eldridge Memorial Library: \$4,000**

Project: Inspiring Community Connections

**Clean Annapolis Valley River Project Society: \$5,000**

Project: Integrated Management Planning for the Annapolis Valley Watershed

**Municipality of the County of Inverness: \$15,000**

Project: Mawiomi W'jit Mijuwajjik- Raising the Villages

**Municipality of the County of Cumberland: \$30,000**

Projects: Retreat White Paper Outcomes and Thinkers Lodge Retreat

**Kings Volunteer Resource Association: \$3,000**

Project: Youth Volunteer Leadership Project

**Ulnooweg Community Education Centre: \$4,000**

Project: First Nations and Philanthropy

**Millbrook First Nation: \$15,000**

Project: Ulnooweg Summer Solstice Run

**Tall Ships Reception from Membertou: \$15,000**

Project: Msit No'kmaq Tall Ships Project Reception

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**5 Rural Seniors Grants totaling \$15,000**

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**Heritage Models Association (Bud Johnston Fund): \$10,541.91**