

## **Fort Williams Park Foundation**

### **Report to the Fort Williams Advisory Commission**

**March 17, 2016**

#### **Foundation Activities**

The FWPF held its last board meeting on February 4. The next FWPF board meeting is scheduled for March 24.

An orientation session was held for the FWPF Advisory Council on February 4 prior to the FWPF board meeting. The FWPF Advisory Council will be touring the Arboretum sites on March 25.

#### **Fundraising Activities**

##### **2016 Spring Appeal**

As previously reported the 2015 Annual Appeal raised over \$90,000 which was a new record. As a follow-up to the Annual Appeal we are now commencing the 2016 Spring Appeal which is a targeted appeal to previous donors who did not contribute to the Annual Appeal. The Spring Appeal will be sent to 650 previous donors including a hand written board member note. The Spring Appeal has been budgeted to generate \$5,000 in donations.

##### **Children's Garden**

As previously reported the Children's Garden has achieved its fundraising goal of \$400,000. At the current time there are no outstanding grant proposals for the Children's Garden.

##### **Cliff Walk Landscape**

There have not been any grants awarded for the Cliff Walk Landscape since the last report. We are awaiting a decision on a total of 8 grant proposals amounting to \$165,000 which have been submitting to foundations to fund work at Cliff Walk Landscape. There are currently a dozen Cliff Walk Landscape proposals totaling \$400,000 in the grant writing process pipeline.

##### **2016 Garden Tour**

Planning for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour is underway. This year's event will take place on Sat., 7/16/16 with 10 gardens on display. The budgeted profit from the Garden Tour is \$30,000.

#### **Arboretum Activities**

##### **Children's Garden**

Planning for construction of the Children's Garden is well underway with Mitchell & Assoc. handling the pre-construction administration. LP Murray & Sons has been contracted to perform the excavation and site prep work which is expected to start in early April. Linkel Construction has been contracted as the

general contractor for the project and will begin work by mid-May. Ideally, the Children's Garden will be open to visitors early in July.

### **Cliff Walk Landscape**

Efforts continue during the off season to organize both individuals and corporations to staff volunteer work groups to begin clearing sections of Cliff Walk Landscape in the spring.