

**From:** Kathy/D Drew  
**Sent:** January 9, 2023 1:00 PM  
**To:** Caitlyn Anderson  
**Cc:** Loyal Wooldridge  
**Subject:** Regarding Fintry

Hi Caitlyn,

I have received your request for more information re the survival of the Friends of Fintry without ongoing assistance from RDCO. I have been in discussions with our BC Parks Area Supervisor, Wendy Pope and she said for you to inquire through Murray Kopp and James Chester as she has been in discussion with them re this issue.

The ramifications of the RDCO funding cut are now being felt and it is doubtful if the Friends of Fintry will manage to continue past this next season.

Due to the fact that Dan Bruce (our only employee) has worked for the Friends of Fintry for 20 years, supported by funding from RDCO, we were put into a very difficult position with BC Employment Standards having to let him go without just cause. (His last day with us is January 31, 2023.)

We are now applying for a student grant through Canada Summer Jobs and are doubtful if we will be successful as we will no longer have a qualified mentor as an employee to train the student(s) in museum workings. (A requirement of the grant).

BC Gaming grant applications will be released soon and because our expenses will no longer be at least 50% of our overall budget (because we do not have Dan's salary as an expense), once again we will probably not receive any funding.

Applying for grants is not the forte of myself or any of our volunteers. What the Friends of Fintry need is sufficient funding to cover the cost of hiring a part-time Business Manager and a part-time Curator.

FYI...I am attaching a scan of a document outlining the beginnings of Fintry Provincial Park and the Regional District's involvement which you might find of interest.

By the way, BC Parks has supported us in many ways over the years and we are just one small piece of their ever expanding universe. Following is an excerpt from a letter of support (2022) from Wendy Pope. BC Parks.

*"BC Parks continues to support its commitment to the Friends' programs and vision. We followed the FOF's suggestions during the 2012 structural renovation of the Manor House and included an accessibility ramp, a caretaker suite with rooms for summer history students, and a commercial prep kitchen for hosting public events.*

*BC Parks' Park Enhancement Fund supports FOF initiatives such as the Syilx Acknowledgement Plaque recognizing the cultural significance of the ancestral lands occupied by the Fintry Estate.*

*Fintry Provincial Park is a destination campground, and post-pandemic will return to attracting thousands of visitors annually. BC Parks' ongoing campground expansion continues to increase visitor capacity, thus setting the stage for an ambitious program of events to be carried out by this dedicated group of volunteers. Upcoming infrastructure developments in 2022, such as parking lots, a new gatehouse and a playground with bike skills course will bring increasing numbers of day-use visitors."*

Best regards,  
Kathy Drew, President  
Friends of Fintry Provincial Park