



WARRIOR OF ATHLII GWAI

The Warrior of AthlII Gwaii Copper records the names of those who stood on the line in 1985 and was created as part of the AthlII Gwaii Reunion Project. For more information see our annual report.

Highlights of 2019 shared at online annual general meeting

On May 23, the Gwaii Trust held its first online annual general meeting, allowing directors and members of the public to attend without leaving their homes. Through Zoom, we presented our 2019 financial statements, confirmed our incoming board of directors, and shared some of the highlights of the past year. For example, during 2019, we awarded:

- 240 continuing education grants
- 171 travel grants
- \$220,000 to local food security programs
- \$180,000 to the Haida language programs
- \$2 million in Vibrant Community grants to local governments and community organizations.

We've posted the full video recording of the annual general meeting on our Facebook page, as well as the annual report. The annual report - which includes financial details and information about many of the projects we funded in 2019 - is also available on our website. We will be printing and distributing the report soon, as soon as it's safe to do so.

Almost \$450,000 distributed through COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants

Every aspect of life on Haida Gwaii and all Haida Gwaii residents have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant was designed to help keep islanders safe, healthy, fed, sheltered and connected, especially vulnerable islanders. Since early April we have distributed nearly \$450,000 to local governments and local non-profit organizations. Director Maureen Bailey, chair of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Committee, said she is particularly proud of the wide range of initiatives that have received grants. Successful projects include safe snacks for health care workers at the northern hospital, material to sew masks and gowns in Masset, youth activities in Skidegate, meals for families with children under 6 in Old Massett, iPads for patients, seniors and students throughout Haida Gwaii, youth tutoring youth in the south island area, and support for food banks, food delivery and community gardens in many communities.

The Emergency Response Grant continues to be open to applications from local non-profits and local governments. No equity is required, and projects may be in progress. We review applications and make decisions within about one week. Visit our website at gwaitrust.com for complete details about this grant and how to apply.