

Annual general meeting and new website

NEW GWAII TRUST WEBSITE MAKES IT EASIER TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

We're excited to announce that our redesigned website is now up and running at gwaiitrust.com. The new website features complete and easy-to-read information about all our grant programs, user-friendly grant application guides and forms, and useful extras like budget and workplan templates. Islanders applying for grants will find the website's new grant management system much easier to use than the old system. Designed to work on both desktop and mobile devices, the website also contains information about our board members and staff, our history, and details about some of the successful projects we've funded. We'll be rolling out more changes throughout the rest of the year.

The new website was many months in the making, and we hope that it makes our programs and the grant application process more accessible to all islanders. Haw'aa/Haawa to website developer PathWise Solutions, our staff, and our local intern Shellene Van der Beke for all their hard work on this important project.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS MAY 4

The Gwaii Trust Society held its annual general meeting May 4 in Sandspit to present financial statements for 2018, confirm our incoming board of directors, and share some of the highlights of the past year. During 2018, we awarded:

- \$215,000 for food security initiatives.
- \$125,000 to Haida language programs.
- \$90,000 for youth outdoor camps.
- \$40,000 for off-island university tours for local high school students.
- \$35,000 for community events.
- \$1,000,000 towards the new Skidegate Wellness Centre.
- \$45,000 in bursaries for all students graduating from islands high schools.
- \$457,000 in Vibrant Community grants to local governments and community organizations.
- \$395,000 in Major Contributions grants to local government and non-profit groups.

Watch for our 2018 annual report, coming soon to your mailbox or available at our offices.