

Media Release

Local credit union makes a significant donation to the restoration of the community hall in Crawford Bay.

Financial support from Nelson & District Credit Union ensures this important community project is one step closer to completion.

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Crawford Bay, BC - Nelson & District Credit Union (NDCU) has made a \$30,000 donation to the Crawford Bay & District Hall and Parks Association to support its efforts to restore the Crawford Bay Community Hall and make it more energy efficient.

“The local hall is the centre of every smaller community in Canada, and NDCU is all about community” says Cam Stokes, East Shore Director and first vice-chair of the Credit Union. “When the Crawford Bay & District Hall and Parks Association reached out to NDCU to support their restoration and retrofit of the hall, we knew this was a project we needed to support due to its importance as a landmark and gathering place on the East Shore.”

The Association has raised more than \$1.8 million to date so it can fortify the hall’s foundation, insulate the building, replace the roof, and add many energy efficient features like enhanced heat recovery and demand-control ventilation to the 86-year old hall.

“The generous donation from Nelson & District Credit Union got us one giant step closer to completing this important project,” says Leona Keraiff, the president of the Crawford Bay & District Hall and Parks Association. “Our community hall has an impressive history and with this restoration project, a promising future. Donations like the one from NDCU will ensure the hall continues to be a key gathering place for our community.”

The retrofit also received provincial and federal government funding. The Association needs just over \$270,000 more to meet its obligation to contribute 35% of the project cost. Once these funds are in place the restoration can begin.

Details on the fundraising and restoration efforts of the Crawford Bay & District Hall and Association, and how others can help, can be found at www.cbhall.ca.

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Nelson & District Credit Union was established in 1950 and has assets close to \$300 million and serves members throughout the Kootenay area. NDCU is a community based financial co-operative that offers a full range of banking, financial planning (NDCU MoneyWorks) and general insurance (KIS Ltd) services.

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Teresa from the Nelson & District Credit Union East Shore branch, centre, is joined by directors from Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association celebrating the Credit Unions \$30,000 donation towards the restoration of the Hall.

