



Figure 1 - Longhouse Dialogues photo by L. Mennigke



PACIFIC PEOPLES'
PARTNERSHIP

Annual General Report

Fiscal 2018-2019

Pacific Peoples' Partnership is proud to be a situated guest on Lekwungen Coast Salish Traditional Territories, we are ever grateful for the opportunity to live and work in these beautiful and abundant lands which have been stewarded since time immemorial by the Coast Salish peoples.

About Pacific Peoples' Partnership

For over forty-four years, Pacific Peoples' Partnership has supported the aspirations of South Pacific Islanders and Indigenous peoples for peace, environmental sustainability, social justice, and community development.

Situated on Lekwungen territories in Victoria BC, Canada, we are Canada's only non-profit organization and registered charity focused specifically on the island nations of the South Pacific. Our programs reach members and supporters in more than 20 countries worldwide.

- **Our Vision** / Healthy and resilient communities across the Pacific.
- **Our Mission** / Working in partnerships to support the aspirations of Canadian and South Pacific Indigenous peoples for peace, justice, environmental sustainability and development.
- **Our Approach** / North-South Indigenous knowledge exchanges are central to our work. We facilitate ongoing knowledge exchange opportunities between Indigenous communities in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, and Pacific Islanders from Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia.

Current Staff & Associates

April Ingham, Executive Director
Pawa Haiyupis, Program Associate-RedTide
Alan Thomas, Financial Officer
Bob Broughton, BookKeeper
Andy Nystrom, Archivist and Research Assistant
Volunteer

Former Staff 2018-2019

Steven Davies, Coordinator One Wave Gathering 2019
Interns: Russ Johnston, Allyship program, Dana Johnson, 2018 Program Coordinator, Austin Willis, 2018 Multimedia Coordinator, Zachary Fenn 2019 Program Coordinator, Jaegar Hartwig, 2019 Multimedia Coordinator and Miranda Wang, 2019 Development Coordinator

Board of Directors 2018-2019

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Executive Report

Talofa Lava respected friends,

2018-2019 was a year of hard work as we continued to deliver local and international programming with the support of our many partners and funders. In preparations for our upcoming 45th anniversary, the Board of Directors worked alongside our staff to explore our organization's legacies, past strategies, solidarity initiatives and programming. This effort provided a forward-looking foundation for PPP communications, partnerships, governance and ultimately future.

As we plan for beyond 45, we are embarking on a voyage of re-connection to South Pacific peoples, partners, places and initiatives that have resulted in transformative change over the course of our long history. We plan to learn from our shared experiences this coming year through deep listening and reflection as we plan for impactful and responsive new programs moving forward. This essential process will keep us grounded where we belong, working in dynamic partnerships directly with community!

We can take much pride in our many accomplishments which were made possible with thanks to our Team including supporters and partners like you. We have much to celebrate as the past fiscal resulted in many programming successes as outlined in this annual report. These included our partnered initiative with HELP Resources: Women Vendors Collective Voices in Papua New Guinea; our 11th Annual One Wave Gathering; Pacific Resilience Funds projects in Fiji and Samoa; work towards the RedTide 2020: International Indigenous Climate Action Summit and the coordination of the Longhouse Dialogues in Vancouver BC, as part of the International Women Deliver International Conference.

Building upon Canada's Feminist International Assistant Policy, we also co-developed program plans for expanded programming for women and gender equality in the South Pacific. We are hopeful that we will realize these ambitious plans and more in the coming fiscal as we celebrate our 45 years of accomplishments! Be sure to keep involved as many special features and programming will be taking place beginning early in the New Year.

Moving ever closer to PPP's 45th birthday in 2020, we know we are on the right track as we continue to offer our best efforts to serve our South Pacific partners. But we cannot do this alone. In recent weeks we have seen terrible crisis' hit our Southern Friends, from escalating human rights abuses in West Papua, to the disastrous volcano eruption in Aotearoa and the Samoa Measles outbreak. There is much more solidarity work left for us to do together for the benefit of all Pacific peoples.

Yours for Pacific / Peace & Solidarity,



Muavae (Mua) Va'a, President



Figure 2 - Mua, Premier Horgan & April mark Multi-cultural week in BC



April Ingham, Executive Director

Financial Report Fiscal 2018-2019

2018/19 PPP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

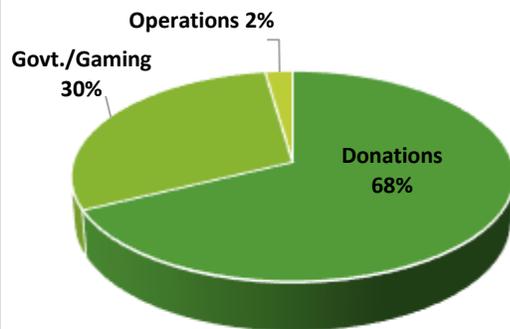
Revenue

Donations	68%	137,113
Govt./Gaming	30%	60,544
Operations	2%	4,617
		<u>\$ 202,274</u>

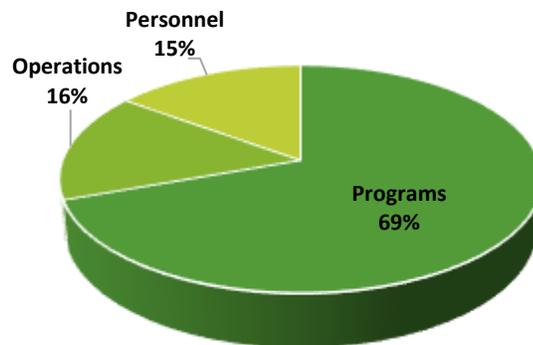
Expenditures

Program Delivery	69%	139,959
Operations	16%	31,359
Personnel	15%	30,065
		<u>\$ 201,383</u>

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



Summary Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash	\$ 34,442
Receivables	\$ 6,392
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,483
Capital Assets	\$ 3,709
Endowment Fund	\$ 50,299
Total Assets	<u>\$ 96,325</u>

Liabilities

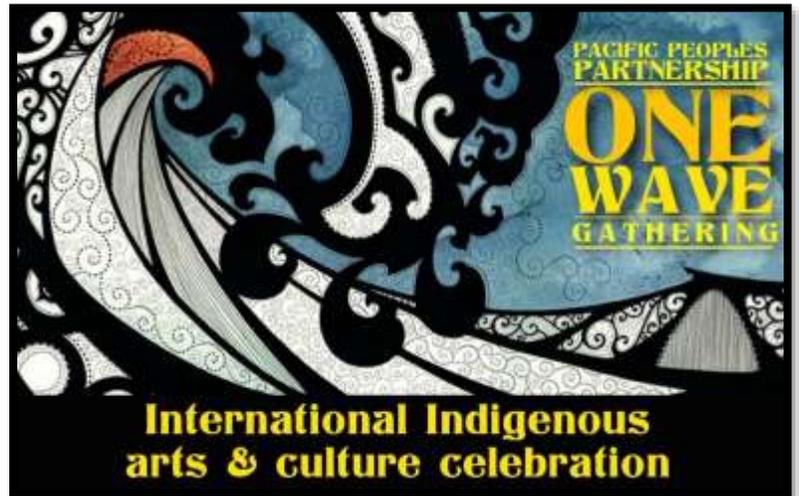
Payables	\$ 8,704
Deferred Revenue	\$ 32,067
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 40,771</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 55,554</u>

Audited financial statements available upon request.

Program Overview

One Wave Gathering 2018

“Through film, artistic expression, lectures, and conversation, One Wave brings the Peoples of the Pacific together to share their stories of struggle, strength, and resurgence ... One Wave builds new solidarities and relationships across the Pacific so that we can confront the realities of climate change, injustice and gendered violence collectively to promote change.” by Dr. Jeff Corntassel. Associate Director CIRCLE, Acting Director Indigenous Studies at the University of Victoria, PPP Partner since 2014 and Current PPP Board Director.



From September 1-15th 2018, Pacific Peoples’ Partnership (PPP) is proud to have presented the 11th annual One Wave Gathering, an international Pacific Indigenous arts cultural celebration on Lekwungen territory. One Wave has celebrated international Pacific community, arts and culture in Victoria, British Columbia since 2008. This gathering offers a unique opportunity for communities to meaningfully engage with local and international Indigenous artists, youth and culture, fostering an environment of solidarity and expression amongst Pacific peoples. To this end, in 2018 we had the benefit of working with Russ Johnston, an intern who developed our Allyship training program as his community project, for which he earned his Indigenous Governance Master’s degree.

One Wave Gathering is held with permission and engagement of Songhees & Esquimalt Nations on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples. The 11th One Wave Gathering spanned two weeks and was held in three venues, providing a host of free public programming that celebrated



Figure 3 - Special Guest Award Winning Samoan Dancer - Photo by Heather Tuft

Pacific Indigenous arts and cultures through music, dance, film, digital art and community discourse. The solidarity building program included special guests and participants from Samoa, Hawai’i, and Australia. All were respectfully received and welcomed by members of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. In the course of the program approximately 1500 people participated directly within the rich program offerings.

We raise our hands to the Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation for their hospitality, guidance and support throughout the coordinating process, for their beautiful lands and waters that sustain us, and for their leaders who guided us and opened our events in a good way.

Hay’sx^wqa to all who helped make this event possible.

Vendors Collective Voices



Figure 4 - Vendors Base Line Study Team photo by HELP-Resources

In 2017 Pacific Peoples’ Partnership (PPP) and HELP-Resources (HELP-R) planned a pilot project to demonstrate effective, district-level implementation of the IE Act, and associated government policy and strategy in the middle-Sepik region of Papua New Guinea (PNG). The pilot project aims to facilitate education, information and training that will motivate and support emerging vendors organisations and their leaders to find their collective voice and influence planning, budgeting for effective Development. The project was possible thanks to our lead donor, the British based Commonwealth Foundation.

Staff and associates of both PPP and HELP-R have previously worked together to facilitate PPP links with Sepik artists. HELP-R is based in Wewak, the provincial capital of the East Sepik Province, the gateway to the Sepik River, where PPP has well-established links with women and men carvers, weavers and painters. HELP-R has facilitated the communication and cooperation links between PPP and remote communities on the river and most recently has enabled one village to set up safe water supplies. However, the ‘Vendors Voice’ partnership is a new and exciting joint venture to realize a transformative process conceptualized and drafted by HELP-R.

Now entering year three, Vendors Collective Voices is making vendors aware of the PNG Constitution, the Informal Economy (IE) Act, and PNG’s commitments to global human rights and gender equality norms and standards and sustainable and inclusive development. It is about engaging vendors in participatory research to become more aware of the injustice of their ‘working conditions’ and the current governance of markets and street trade. The project aims to strengthen women vendors’ organisation, leadership, confidence and capacity to advocate for change and shape informal economy development as it was envisaged in the constitution and in the new IE law. On the supply side, the project will also contribute to the gender and rights awareness and sensitization of local government leaders and administrators, so that constructive engagement of vendors with local government is possible and effective.



Figure 5 - Sample Baseline Survey Infographic



RedTide & Climate Connect – Upholding Indigenous Youth!

PPP and partners have been working steadily towards RedTide 2020: International Indigenous Climate Action Summit & Youth Conference which will be held on Vancouver Island from July 7-11, 2020, focusing on the following topics: Climate Action, Land Stewardship, Environmental Sustainability, Governance and the exchange of knowledge and solidarity building north-south. Watch for an official announcement early in the New Year.

Meanwhile, in preparations for RedTide program development, Pacific Peoples' Partnership is proud to announce that, in collaboration with ECO Canada and with the support of the Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Fund, we presented a brand new interactive training program in 2019 called Climate Connect; this will support the development of the RedTide 2020 Climate Action Summit.

This **Climate Connect** program was piloted to 100 Indigenous youth ages 10+ at the LAUWELNEW Tribal School from November 13-15, 2019. The program was facilitated by Eli Enns, and featured special Guests including Elders, Climate Experts, BC Climate Action and Ocean Network Canada Indigenous educators.

Our goal is to increase climate literacy and inspire agency for Indigenous youth to become the next wave of change makers through clean technology, green entrepreneurship, creative arts, and cultural practice. With the help of amazing certified instructors and spiritual leaders, youth will learn through a cultural and scientific lens about local and traditional perspectives, aiding the understanding of the interconnected factors of climate change.



The Longhouse Dialogues

PPP and BC Council for International Cooperation were pleased to organize The Longhouse Dialogues in downtown Vancouver right on the waterfront at Harbour Green Park from May 31-June 5, 2019. The Longhouses were created by Nuu-chah-nulth Artist Hjalmer Wenstob as part of our award-winning One Wave Gathering in 2017. This is the first time all four temporary Longhouses have been raised as a village again since 2017.

The Longhouses were utilized as places to uplift gender equality and explore Indigenous Issues, through safe accessible spaces for community dialogue on issues of importance to women locally and globally as an

official side event for the International Conference with 7000 attendees at Women Deliver 2019. Special thanks to all those that helped make this project happen including our funders CanWaCH and LUSH Cosmetics, our countless volunteers, and the artist Hjalmer Wenstob and his family. In particular we offer a special acknowledgement to the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh Nations who welcomed this project onto their shared Territories.



Figure 6 - Ministry Photo of Min. Monsef at Closing Ceremony

Postnote: Canada's Minister of Gender Equality and the former Minister of International Development, the Honourable Maryam Monsef, sent PPP and BCCIC a personal letter congratulating us for the tremendous success of the project; she attended the closing ceremonies and participated in dance and song sharing along with the host Nations. She also spent private time with PPP to learn about our work and focus in the South Pacific.

Pacific Resilience Fund

Inspired by the effects of disasters on their own family and friends in the South Pacific, Pacific Peoples' Partnership and members of the South Pacific Diaspora in Canada, endeavored to create a small and responsive fund called the 'Pacific Resilience Fund'. Whereby communities can apply directly to the fund to finance small-medium scale initiatives that increase the social, cultural and physical resilience of their community to the impacts of climate change and globalization.

In the past fiscal, donations towards the Pacific Resilience Fund have allowed Loreto School in Levuka, Fiji to build stronger and modernized school buildings, and we supported a citizen defence training course put on by Samoa Social Welfare Fesoasoani Trust for young adults at risk. We have big plans for the future of this inspiring fund. In 2020 we will embark on a feasibility study to help develop the PRF even further, watch for announcements early in the New Year.

Knowledge Sharing - Presentations, Campaigns & Reach

Pacific Peoples' Partnership 2016-2020 strategic plan focuses on Climate Action, Gender Equity, and Knowledge Sharing. Ongoing networking and peer to peer engagement is an essential part of how we accomplish this work. Our educational programming and content is global in reach, and features issues that matter to Indigenous peoples and Pacific Islanders. Together we produce original content for our YouTube channel and Pacific Stream live broadcast events, as well as publishing written works within our bi-monthly Pasifik Currents E-Newsletter and on social media and provide critical points of reflection to drive policy change.

2018-19 Sample Activities

Women's Health Women's Rights (Oct 1/18): 1 new Pacific Islander partnership, 1 other new partnership, 45 in attendance

RRU Student Presentation and Dialogue on South Pacific Tourism - Mua Va'a & A. Ingham (Oct 15/18) 1 new partnership, 19 in attendance

BCCIC-SOVI - Network meeting GAC Funding Scoop & Social (Oct 24/18)
3 new volunteers, 30 in attendance, 6 volunteer hours

International Development Week Display, Hillside Mall (Feb 9/19)
10 new donors, 71 in attendance, 7 volunteer hours, 1 new TV story

One Wave Part II - Ghost Net Artist Programming (Mar 8-10/19)
1 new First Nations partnership, 1 new Pacific Islanders partnership, 22 in attendance, 10 volunteer hours

Vancouver Island University - One Wave Gathering: Building Community Through Programming (Mar 14/19)
1 new Academic partner, 14 in attendance

Key Note presentation plus 2.3.4 "Research as relationship: Community engagement in research partnerships."
(Jun 5/19 Keynote, Jun 6/19 Panel presenter)
2 new Canadian government affiliations, 1 other new partnership, 60 in attendance

Transformative Power of the Arts - Presenting the Longhouse Project (Jun 5/19)
2 new donors, 1 government partner, 60+ in attendance, 25 volunteers hours

What goals were successfully achieved? Built partnerships to increase capacity and resources; raised awareness of Pacific island issues among Canadians & decision makers; secured PPP programmes and initiatives funding; facilitated link between peoples of the Pacific islands and Aboriginal Canadians.

Note: Many additional stories, media and materials are generally accessible on our website at www.pacificpeoplespartnership.org Want more information? Contact us at info@pacificpeoplespartnership.org



Social Media Statistics

Facebook / Pacific Peoples' Partnership main page:

https://www.facebook.com/pacificpeoples/?ref=br_rs

2,105 people like this / 2,177 people follow this (increased by 312 over last year)

Facebook / Pacific Peoples' Partnership group page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/124262600950502/?ref=br_rs

412 members (increased by 8 over last year)

Twitter / <https://twitter.com/pacificpeoples?lang=en>

Following: 494 / Followers: 510 (increased by 117 over last year)

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3yH9nJEfHt5m2Pfm0Nc8zQ>

22 Subscribers / 24 Videos (5 of which are in Podcasts playlist)

6,043 Views all time (increased by 1705 over the last year)

Watch time: 4.2 hours / Average view duration: 2:57

Instagram pacificpeoplespartnership <https://www.instagram.com/pacificpeoplespartnership/?hl=en>

26 posts / 102 followers / 217 following / onewavefestival <https://www.instagram.com/onewavefestival/?hl=en>

12 posts / 91 followers / 115 following

Thank You, Mahalo, Merci!