

Minto Message



Golf Tournament

The 33rd annual Lady Minto Foundation Golf Tournament was a resounding success. We are so grateful to our sponsors and to everyone who showed up and played! ...cont



Update from the Board Chair

I'm excited to share with you what the Foundation has been doing. There has been a lot going on that I'd like to tell you about.

We are thrilled to announce the recent opening of a new Foundation office, located in the Creekside building in Ganges, and to welcome our new Executive Director, Eric Jacobsen, and new Communications and Admin Coordinator, Monet Venne. ... (cont pg 2)



New Emergency Department Nears Completion

Our new Emergency Department is set to transform the experience of emergency healthcare on Salt Spring Island. ...cont

Update from the Board Chair



Dennis Miller, Board Chair

Cont from pg 1... Both of these individuals bring enthusiasm and a commitment to the Foundation's philosophy of improving healthcare on Salt Spring Island. Bringing on new staff and establishing a new office are important steps in moving the Foundation forward to better serve our donors and the community.

The Foundation and its donors were instrumental in funding the development of a much-needed new Emergency Department at the Lady Minto Hospital. This project is nearing completion, with staff training and equipment installation planning underway. Upon opening, it will provide patients with a much-improved experience when needing emergency care.

On Bittancourt Road, the Foundation's project to convert the former Seabreeze Inne into 19 rental housing apartments for healthcare workers is moving forward at a quickening pace. Expect to see a lot of activity on the site shortly. Having access to this rental housing will enable more people to consider accepting employment at our Lady Minto Hospital and help reduce staff shortages.



*Monet Venne,
Communications / Admin*

The Foundation exists to bridge the healthcare needs of our community with our donors' willingness to contribute toward sustaining and improving healthcare outcomes. Our donors, large and small, provide the Foundation with the resources needed. We couldn't do it without each and every one of our donors. Thank you.

Dennis Miller
Chair, LMHF

My first six months as Executive Director

Eric Jacobsen

It's a great honor to serve the Hospital and health care on Salt Spring Island. While I have been in the role for less than 6 months, I can confidently say that the Foundation is making great strides on multiple fronts.

As we see in this newsletter, we are on the verge of opening the new Emergency Department, about to begin construction on the Seabreeze project and we just concluded the most successful golf tournament in the Foundations history. Along with this, we have made the largest, non-capital commitment to date to supporting Lady Minto with equipment, facility upgrades and staff education.

Along with all the exciting progress, to me, this is a building year. It is about stabilization and relationships. My main goal is to get to know all of the Foundation's supporters as best I can. I want to keep you informed and I want to hear from you. For those of you I have not yet had the pleasure to meet, I would like to extend an invitation to drop me a line and start a conversation.



Eric Beamish & Eric Jacobsen

I have really been enjoying meeting our donors, supporters and growing support for healthcare within our business community. I recognize the importance and privilege of the role I get to play in protecting the health of our community and I am continually struck by how fortunate we all are to have such a generous, engaged and caring community. You are what make this island the incredible place it is.



Thank You for Your Support

It is only with your support that Lady Minto Hospital and the health care on Salt Spring Island is as successful as it is today. Thank you for everything you have done and all the ways that you continue to show up for the health of everyone in this community.

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Dr. Larry Sterns, Cardiologist

Dr Larry Sterns, cardiologist, spoke at the “Hole 10” dinner event sharing a powerful story on how a defibrillator crash cart saved a patient’s life. Conrad Bowden gave an update on the new Emergency Department.



Conrad Bowden

A special thank you to our presenting sponsors Windsor Plywood and Country Grocer for taking the lead in supporting the purchase of a new defibrillator crash cart (\$35,000) for the emergency department.

You did it! Together we were able to not only purchase the Defibrillator Crash Cart which will save lives in our community, but our community was so generous that we raised an additional \$20,200. With this additional money we are also able to refresh the palliative suites at Lady Minto Hospital, supporting comfort and dignity at the end of life in our community.



The “Hole 10” Dinner Event was a great success with a delicious buffet, animated live auction, bustling auction tables, prizes, updates and more. Over \$5,000 was raised in auctions this year!

Many thanks to the incredible staff led by Eric Beamish for their hard work and prime golfing day. To Sergio and the team at Paco's tacos, we thank you for putting in the extra time and making a truly fabulous meal for us. Thank you as well to our 34 business sponsors for the prizes, auction items, and funding.

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This success is our communities success, we wish to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude all of the sponsors who contributed to supporting the hospital:

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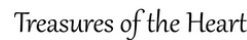
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New Emergency Dept Nears Completion

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Replacing an emergency department built in 1957, this state-of-the-art facility promises to serve our community for decades to come. The new facility provides a significant increase to acute and primary care capacity, a dedicated room for mental health and substance use treatment and enhanced triage areas.



After much planning, the new Emergency Department was approved by Island Health in 2021. The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation ran the most ambitious Community Campaign in Salt Spring's history with \$8.3 million raised to support the new build.

It was previously hoped that the ED would open in the spring but, as often happens in projects of this magnitude, there have been some delays. We believe Island Health is now working out the last of those, a workflow issue requiring a relatively minor rebuild of a nurse workstation. Island Health is currently in the process of engaging contractors to remediate this issue. While a September opening is projected, this date remains unconfirmed.

This impressive new facility represents a major achievement for our island. Stay tuned for further updates on this significant development in Salt Spring Island's healthcare infrastructure!

Update on Bittancourt hospital staff housing

Lack of available, affordable housing was identified as one of the key barriers to recruiting and retaining critical staff for Lady Minto Hospital. To address this problem the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation purchased the Seabreeze hotel with the goal to create staff housing.

After some delays, we are overjoyed to announce that we expect to start construction very soon! We recently hired a seasoned "Owner's Representative" to oversee the construction phase. Since then, we have put the project out for tender and selected our contractor for the build. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and is estimated to take 9 months to complete. Our next step will be to hire a building manager.

We are aiming for a move in date in 2025. We are very grateful for the supporters of this project. Your investment in the people who care for us shows your deep commitment to the health and well-being of our community. This housing initiative will not only help attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals but will also strengthen our local healthcare system, ensuring that Lady Minto Hospital can continue to provide exceptional care for years to come. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient healthcare infrastructure and your generosity is at the heart of this transformative project. If you would like to learn more about how you can support this project, please be in touch.

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Our vision is that healthcare support is there when you need it the most. Your contribution will support the entire community and ensure a safer place for everybody.

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Unit 5A
Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 2T6

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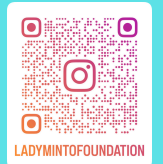
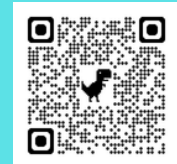
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