



2025
Annual Report
&
Celebrating the First
25 Years of the
Community Foundation



Messages from the President and CEO of the Community Foundation

Twenty-five years of community impact is nothing to scoff at. As I take the time to reflect on this momentous occasion, one thought keeps coming to the top of my mind: "How did we get here, and where do we go next?" A truly loaded question, with a very simple answer, "we go to the community". It is through your shared voices and wisdom that we have found the most impact.

I would like to thank former and current board members, community volunteers, and our staff – Martha Murphy and Pamela van de Steeg – for their vision, leadership and hard work. I also want to thank all of you for being here today, and I would like to remind you that your voice truly matters.

I encourage everyone to get more involved in our community in whatever way you can, big or small. Whether it's volunteering, sharing your ideas, joining a local club, or simply showing up to the odd event, your contribution makes a difference, and your presence is absolutely wanted.

Give what you can and serve those around you. I promise, it's one of the most rewarding experiences you can have, and together, we can build a stronger, more connected future. Let's make the next twenty-five years even more amazing.

Mitchell MacLean, *President*

I would like to start with a trip down memory lane and share with you an excerpt from the very first 2001 Annual Report of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation.

The Future - A message from The President, the Late Hank Willis - April 2002

"The Board of Directors is to be congratulated for the outstanding volunteer service they have donated to the community. It is a group of thinking, devoted, hardworking and patient individuals with whom it has been my pleasure and honour to work. Along with the new replacement directors, **we will succeed** in developing for this community the tremendous potential of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation".

It has been an honour to be the first Executive Director of the Community Foundation and to collaborate with such amazing individuals. We have kept our promise, and retained and grown the assets to enhance the quality of life within the Municipality of Campbellford/Seymour.

We owe our deepest gratitude to the "founders" who introduced the concept of creating a community foundation. Equally, we are thankful that the Municipal Council of Campbellford/Seymour and the Public Utility Commission believed in the vision of a Community. We thank all of our Board members over the years, who have been leaders and visionaries and who have provided insight and direction for the Community Foundation.

I feel optimistic and excited about the future of the Community Foundation of Campbellford/Seymour and Northumberland. With the foresight to align geographically with Northumberland County, part of our mandate will be to continue introducing the value of the Community Foundation to a larger audience. We plan to seek opportunities and engage with the broader community to grow the Northumberland County Fund to provide more grants to this larger charitable sector.

Our intention will be thoughtful and diligent as we gain the trust of individuals who are considering giving locally.

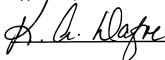

Finally, I want to thank Pamela van de Steeg, our Administrative Assistant, for her hard work over the years. Pamela and I have been here since the beginning, and we look forward to the challenges and successes of the next chapter. As Hank Willis brilliantly said, in 2002, "we will succeed"!

Martha Murphy, *CEO*

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CAMPBELLFORD/SEYMOUR AND NORTHUMBERLAND
(Incorporated without share capital)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS		
	2025	2024
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 28,808	\$ 54,810
Accounts receivable	7,211	4,604
Prepaid expenses	2,584	1,755
	38,603	61,169
LAND, BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT - note 4	152,889	156,928
INVESTMENTS - note 5	7,223,652	6,821,128
	<u>\$7,415,144</u>	<u>\$7,039,225</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,146	\$ 22,715
Deferred honorarium	5,000	-
	23,146	22,715
FUND BALANCES		
Internally restricted - invested in capital assets	152,890	156,929
Internally restricted - other	7,186,038	6,800,898
Externally restricted	73,669	73,469
Unrestricted	(20,599)	(14,786)
	<u>7,391,998</u>	<u>7,016,510</u>
	<u>\$7,415,144</u>	<u>\$7,039,225</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors:

 Member  Member

(See accompanying notes)

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CAMPBELLFORD/SEYMOUR AND NORTHUMBERLAND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	General Fund \$	Community Fund \$	Municipal Fund \$	Capital Assets Fund \$	Endowment Fund \$	2025 Total \$	2024 Total \$
REVENUES							
Donations received	300	70,748			200	71,248	16,830
Miscellaneous income	21,290					21,290	27,920
Investment income - unrestricted	1,470					1,470	1,511
Investment income (Note 9)	-	454,169	391,452	-	-	845,621	941,857
	<u>23,060</u>	<u>524,917</u>	<u>391,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>939,629</u>	<u>988,118</u>
EXPENSES							
Amortization				9,226		9,226	9,247
Board and meeting expenses	1,488					1,488	1,439
Community relations	4,426					4,426	10,414
Community projects		6,300				6,300	8,324
Grants		84,288	96,201			180,489	147,563
Insurance	3,251					3,251	3,768
Community Fund expenses		40,883				40,883	37,641
Municipal Fund expenses			35,218			35,218	32,432
Advertising and promotion	8,186					8,186	7,801
Memberships	2,490					2,490	2,555
Office	31,882					31,882	24,083
Professional fees	42,925					42,925	21,657
Property taxes	3,622					3,622	3,466
Salaries and benefits	186,483					186,483	186,126
Telephone	3,700					3,700	3,577
Training	2,066					2,066	661
Travel	1,506					1,506	1,109
	<u>292,025</u>	<u>131,471</u>	<u>131,419</u>	<u>9,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,141</u>	<u>501,863</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(268,965)	393,446	260,033	(9,226)	200	375,488	486,255
Interfund transfers (Note 7)	263,152	(139,339)	(129,000)	5,187	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUNDS	(5,813)	254,107	131,033	(4,039)	200	375,488	486,255
Fund balances - beginning of year	(14,786)	3,625,697	3,125,201	156,929	123,469	7,016,510	6,530,255
FUND BALANCES - end of year	<u>(20,599)</u>	<u>3,879,804</u>	<u>3,256,234</u>	<u>152,890</u>	<u>123,669</u>	<u>7,391,998</u>	<u>7,016,510</u>

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The Foundation Movement

The first foundation was set up in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914 after a banker responsible for trusts wondered what to do with long-standing bequests earmarked for causes that no longer existed - his solution was to set up a community foundation.

Winnipeg became the first Canadian city to set up a foundation in 1921, using the Cleveland organization as its model. Today, Canada's largest foundation is the Vancouver Foundation.

In 1992 the Community Foundations of Canada was founded. CFC is the national leadership organization for Canada's over 200 local community foundations. Together with community foundations across the country, they help drive local solutions for national change on the issues that matter most to communities.

The Early Years of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation

In 2000, changes in provincial legislation forced the Town of Campbellford to sell its 100-year-old public utility (established in 1894). The electrical distribution company was sold to Hydro One Networks Inc. and the electric generation corporation was sold to Peterborough Utility Services, Inc.

In 2001, a citizen's group was formed and this group researched ideas, held community meetings, and then lobbied the Mayor and Council of the Town of Campbellford/Seymour and the Campbellford Seymour Public Utilities Commission, with the idea of the creation of a Community Foundation with the proceeds of the sale, for the benefit of the rate payers of the Campbellford/Seymour geographic area. Council agreed and passed a resolution to make this happen.

2001 Founding Directors

Russ Christianson
Michel Proulx
Paul Smith



A forced amalgamation took place in 2001 bringing together Campbellford, Hastings and Warkworth to establish the Municipality of Trent Hills. The original Town of Campbellford's motion was rescinded by the new Council.



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

In December 2002, the net proceeds of the sale, an amount of \$6,212,047 was transferred to the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation. However, the new Council required the proceeds to be split 50/50 into two designated endowment funds, \$3,106,023.50 into the Community Fund and \$3,106,023.50 into the Municipal Fund.



Town of Campbellford/
Seymour logo

The Community Fund provides grants to registered charities and not-for-profit organizations primarily in the Campbellford/Seymour area, through our grant application process.

The Municipal Fund is used for projects determined by the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hill to enhance and benefit the Campbellford/Seymour community. Currently these funds are earmarked for recreational projects.

In 2003, our first branding took place. The acorn represents the seed of an idea that will, if nurtured properly, grow to become a tree - a legacy. The colours chosen reflect the green of agriculture and the blue of the Trent Severn Waterway.



CAMPBELLFORD/SEYMOUR
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
a living legacy rooted in the community

By 2007 The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation has provided over \$1 Million dollars back to the community in the form of grants to charitable organizations for projects and programs.



Community Foundation of Campbellford/Seymour and Northumberland

This past year, in 2025, the Community Foundation went through some major changes as follows:

- We amended our charitable purposes to be able to fund not-for-profit organizations directly without an intermediary due to Canada Revenue Agency new rules.
- We purchased a Community Edition of "Grant Connect" software provided by Imagine Canada which has been installed in most libraries across Northumberland County to be available to anyone searching for potential grants.
- Three NEW funds were created by donors: The Gordon Family Fund; the Teresa Castonguay Memorial Fund and the Food Security Fund.
- We converted our Aron Theatre Co-op Bonds alternative investment into a Mortgage which provides the Community Foundation with some collateral.
- We implemented the Zoho Platform to be available for 2026 on-line grant applications.
- The first Job Opportunity for Youth grants were offered to charitable organizations throughout Northumberland County and 5 grants will be provided to charitable organizations. These grants are funded by the Northumberland County Fund.
- We are celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2026 and the Community Foundation has now provided over \$5.2 Million in grants.

The First 25 Years of the Community Foundation

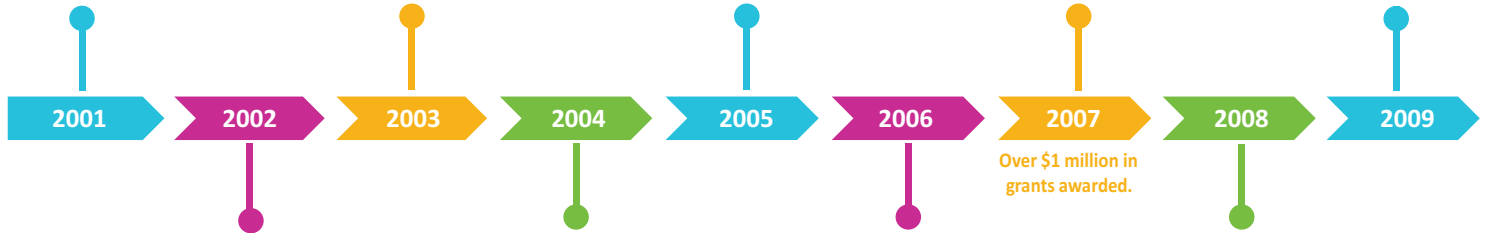
Incorporated and registered as a charity as of January 23, 2001.
Citizen Group Lobbied Council to create a Community Foundation with proceeds from sale of Hydro.

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) created.
First grants awarded to 16 charities - totalling \$125,876.50

HATCH Grant initiative for local schools - Helping Assure Tomorrow's Charitable Hearts.

Moved to 39 Doxsee Ave. N. Created an Environmental Committee who created Environmental Scan of our community.

Partnered with the Municipality Revitalization of Kennedy Park project. Partnered with Sk8park Group. Raised \$375,334.00 for skatepark. Environmental Committee created a Community Garden.



Transfer of Net Proceeds from Hydro sale from Municipality of Trent Hills. Created the Ontario Endowment for Children & Youth in Recreation Fund.

Branding – First Logo and Tagline created. First Full-time Executive Director Hired

Citizen of the Decade Gala event in celebration of Campbellford's 100th anniversary - partnered with Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society
Creation of the Northumberland Arts & Crafts Fund.

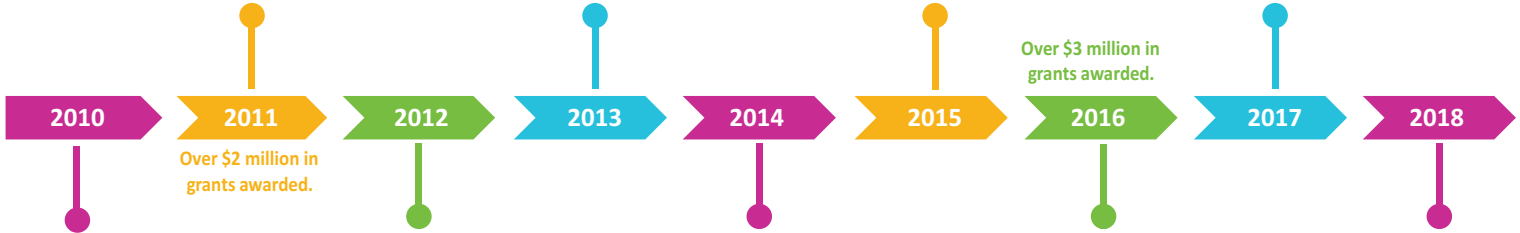
Introduced "Peer Leadership Awards" for local schools
24 Awards were Presented.

10th Anniversary
New logo and tagline. Purchased \$50,000 - 15 year Aron Theatre Bond as an alternate investment.

Flourish ~ The Trent Hills Wellness Campaign was initiated. \$2 million commitment from CSCF towards Recreation and Wellness for our community.

Organized the grand opening of the Hastings Field House and sponsored Canadian Astronaut, Chris Hadfield as the guest speaker.

Disbursed \$50,000 through the Fed. Governments Community Fund for Canada's 150th. Sustainability Scorecard Tool created to track CSCF's Economics, Social and Ecological



Community Build Day – Over 300 community members helped build 3 Playgrounds in 3 Communities in one day. Purchased 39 Doxsee Ave. N. Building as office and an alternate investment.

The Splash Pad at Kennedy Park was opened and named by Municipality. "Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation Splashpad". Created Job Opportunity for Youth Grant program.

Construction of Field House in Hastings started. Grant maximum changed to \$5,000.00 due to \$2 million commitment in 2013. Purchased \$22,000 Aron Theatre Bond from Municipal Fund

15th Anniversary Celebration with two new grant programs. Creation of Joseph Rudolph Marth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

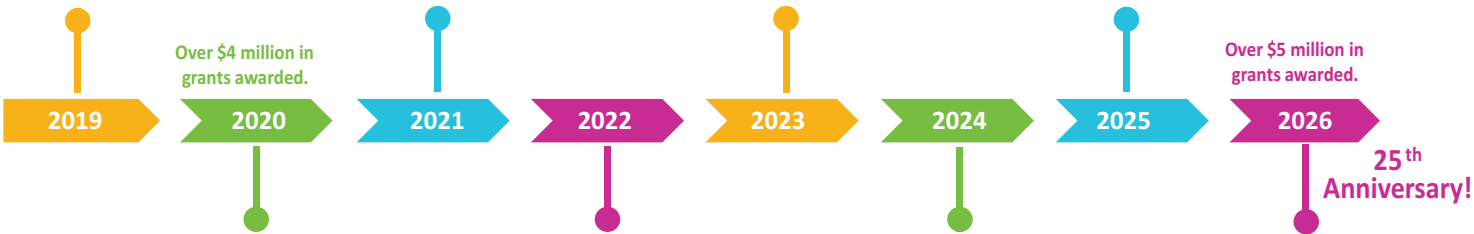
The Harold (Hank) Leith Willis Memorial Scholarship Fund was created. The Northumberland Land Trust set up an Agency Fund. Give Where You Live campaign to support local giving.

Participated in the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge and were allocated \$9,400 to distribute for youth led projects. Became a Bee City Canada organization. Planted six trees for our long serving Board Members.

20th Anniversary. Received a bequest in a Will set up in 2021 to create the Cyril, Anne and Bernard Murphy Scholarship Fund for Cobourg High Schools. Steven, Patricia and Russill Glover set up the Glover Family Fund to support social service causes.

Distributed \$285,000 in grant funding to 11 organizations through the Fed. Gov'ts COVID-19 Community Services Recovery Fund. Aligned our Geographic Boundaries and legally became the Community Foundation of Campbellford/Seymour and Northumberland. Created the Northumberland County Fund.

3 Funds were created: The Gordon Family Fund, The Teresa Castonguay Memorial Fund and the Food Security Fund. Purchased a Community Edition of Grant Connect for all Northumberland County libraries



COVID-19 Pandemic – created a Community Response Grant program and awarded \$50,000 in funding for 12 local projects. Participated in the Fed. Gov'ts Emergency Community Support Fund and distributed \$105,000 in funding to 14 organizations.

Construction started on the new Recreation and Wellness Centre in Campbellford. CSCF Grants were suspended for 2023 due to the downturn in the global economy.

Launched Northumberland's Vital Signs report at 4 events across Northumberland County. Changes to Income Tax Act allowed for Charities to apply to be able to make grants to "non-qualified donees"

Implemented the Zoho platform for on-line grant applications. Amended our Charitable objects to provide grant directly to non-qualified donees, as per the new CRA rules. First JOY grants from the Northumberland County Fund to 5 organizations in Northumberland County.