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Sybil Andrews Heritage Society donates to cottage restoration

The Sybil Andrews Heritage Society presented a \$5,000 cheque to the City of Campbell River at the end of March in support of restoration work on the artist's cottage.

"This is a community donation to the Sybil Andrews cottage restoration," says a thrilled Fern Seaboyer, President of the Sybil Andrews Heritage Society. "We've been fundraising for five years, and we've sold 600 calendars featuring the work of local artists and almost 300 flour sacking towels similar to the ones Sybil Andrews used. Through these fundraising sales and personal cash donations, we're able to contribute this \$5,000 on behalf of numerous community supporters."

"Cottage restoration work is now substantially complete, which means that it's ready for use – ahead of schedule and under budget," says the City's capital works manager Jason Hartley. The building sits on a new foundation, with perimeter drainage improvements installed, and it sports a new roof. A new wheelchair ramp and access door are in place and minor exterior repairs have also been done. The final landscaping is scheduled to be completed by the end of April, depending on weather, Hartley adds.

Along with the donation from the Sybil Andrews Heritage Society, the project has received financial support from the Coast Sustainability Land Trust, Heritage BC, the Heritage Legacy Fund and the City of Campbell River through the Strategic Parks Plan and the Parks Parcel Tax.

"The Sybil Andrews Heritage Society would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to our fundraising efforts," Seaboyer sums up.

"The restored cottage will create a heritage focal point in south Campbell River that acknowledges the important role Sybil Andrews played in art history and in the development of Campbell River," says Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture. "The heritage site will offer a range of possibilities for the entire community and is expected to be a tremendous resource for cultural tourism and the creative economy in Campbell River."

For more information about this project please call the City of Campbell River Parks Department at 250.286.7275.

Photo: Fern Seaboyer (far right), Sybil Andrews Heritage Society President presents Lynn Wark, City of Campbell River Parks Project Supervisor with a donation of \$5,000 toward the Sybil Andrews Cottage rehabilitation. Also in photo from left to right are: Michele Sirett, City of Campbell River Recreation and Culture Supervisor; Carolyn Belanger, Sybil Andrews Heritage Society Secretary; Mary Teer, Sybil Andrews Heritage Society Vice President and Adrienne Rideout, Sybil Andrews Heritage Society Treasurer.

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