

Corridor companies join efforts to create Centrepont

~ Donations bring the fundraising total to \$1 million

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Three local companies in the Sea to Sky Corridor have joined Sea to Sky Community Services ⁽¹⁾ in its efforts to build Centrepont⁽²⁾:

- Carney's Waste Systems⁽³⁾ has donated \$75,000
- Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation⁽⁴⁾ and Capilano Highway Services Company⁽⁵⁾ have jointly donated \$75,000

With today's donations of \$150,000, Sea to Sky Community Services has raised \$1 million for Centrepont, one-third of the way to its \$3 million target⁽⁶⁾.

"Like us, these companies are passionate about the Corridor, here for the long term and working hard to develop and support the Corridor. We're so grateful for today's generous donations, which will help to ensure a better future for thousands of people from Britannia Beach to D'Arcy," says Lois Wynne, executive director, Sea to Sky Community Services.

"We're happy to help make Centrepont a reality. We know that the building will be a great new community resource, offer improved help to people, and enable more people to be helped," says Tom Cloutier, division manager at Miller Capilano.

"Supporting this project was an easy decision for us," says Steve Drummond at Capilano Highway Services. "This project is a great 'legacy' project, bringing benefits for many decades to come. We've been building the Corridor for decades, literally, and with this project are building community strengths; it's a great fit for us."

"I'm pleased to be helping to create something that will strengthen an organization, safeguarding its ability to look after people. You never know when you or a family member will need help. But at least you'll know Sea to Sky Community Services will be there when you do," says Owen Carney, owner of Carney's Waste Systems.

"Today we've hit a great milestone! With more community support like this, our fundraising campaign is sure to succeed," says Tracey Kliesch, the president of the board of directors of Sea to Sky Community Services.

Notes to editors

Three photographs are attached. Higher-res versions are available:

- a) (left to right) Tracey Kliesch, Lois Wynne, Steven Drummond, Tom Cloutier and Owen Carney
- b) (left to right) Owen Carney, Lois Wynne and Tracey Kliesch
- c) (left to right) Tom Cloutier, Lois Wynne and Steven Drummond

(1) Sea to Sky Community Services is one of the most impactful charities in the Corridor, strengthening communities and individuals through an unmatched breadth of vital programs, helping people through a crisis and with everyday challenges. The organization offers more than 40 programs, helping 4,000 people a year, in the areas of childcare, child development, parenting and family development, youth services, Community Living (for children with special needs and adults with developmental disabilities), counselling and assistance, addiction recovery and affordable housing. www.sscs.ca

(2) Centrepont is a planned new building on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Victoria Street in downtown Squamish. The project is a partnership between Sea to Sky Community Services and Squamish United Church, where the church is donating the land for Centrepont. While this is a collaborative partnership, the two organizations are running separate fundraising campaigns and, once Centrepont is built, will continue to operate separately and run separate programs.

Centrepont will contain community rooms, a preschool, programming rooms for a wide range of social services, a floor of affordable housing and office spaces. This project also includes the construction of a new church for Squamish United. An image of Centrepont is available upon request.

(3) Carney's Waste Systems, started in 1965 by Owen Carney, provides waste management, recycling services and waste removal services to the Corridor. Carney's also manages waste and recycling facilities on behalf of local municipalities including the Squamish landfill, the Whistler and Pemberton transfer stations and the Whistler compost facility. www.carneywaste.com

(4) Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation was formed when The Miller Group and Capilano Highway Services came together to secure the contract to operate, maintain and rehabilitate the Sea to Sky Highway from West Vancouver to Whistler. The company's 25-year contract runs until 2030. www.millercapilano.ca

(5) Capilano Highway Services Company has been involved in the construction of municipal roads, highways, railway grades, industrial sites, and residential subdivisions since 1975. In 1988 Capilano began maintenance of the provincial highway system in the Howe Sound area and to specialize in road and bridge maintenance. www.capilanohighways.ca

(6) Sea to Sky Community Services is working to raise \$3 million through the Building Opportunities Capital Campaign in order to build Centrepont. The campaign has received leadership gifts from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, Squamish Savings, a division of Vancity, and the District

of Squamish. A team of volunteers is leading the fundraising efforts. The team is comprised of co-chairs Owen Carney and Anne Carney, vice-chair Ron Anderson, Paul Lalli, Sonja Lebars, Corinne Lonsdale, Drew Meredith and Jen Schorz. www.buildingopportunities.ca.

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