



Victoria High School Alumni Association

Annual General Meeting – Minutes

June 21, 2021 – 7 PM PDT

via ZOOM

6:00 PM Zoom session open for admittance to the meeting.

6:00 – 7:35 PM Registered alumni members who had signed-up for the AGM were verified and admitted from Zoom Waiting Room, and checked off the list of pre-registered members. Alumni not identified by name in Waiting Room were admitted and identity verified by roll call of device name, and checked off list of pre-registered members.

Directors Present Donna Lomas - Chair (1977), Donna Jones – 1st Vice-Chair (1957), Anne McKeachie – 2nd Vice-Chair (1968), Fern Johnson – Treasurer (1969), Linda Baker – Secretary (1969), Ian McKinnon (1966), Alan Perry (1974), Don Kissinger (1959), Helen Edwards (1964), Nita Loudon (1966)

Call to Order **7:35 PM** Donna Lomas chairing.

We recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees nations, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

We also acknowledge today, June 21, 2020, as National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Quorum Quorum confirmed. 226 members present. *This number increased as additional members were verified and joined the meeting.*

Welcome & Intros Alan Perry, 1974, Zoom Moderator
Linda Baker, 1969, Board Secretary
Rick Crosby, 1976, Parliamentary Procedure Support

Agenda The Chair presented the Agenda as circulated. It was Moved and Seconded to adopt the agenda as circulated.

It was Moved and Seconded to add a five-minute presentation by Friends of Vic High to the meeting agenda.

After discussion on the motion to amend the agenda, the Chair ruled that a member vote on the initial motion to adopt the agenda as circulated would proceed first, followed by vote on the motion to amend the agenda if the initial motion was defeated. Motion carried to approve the agenda as circulated.

It was Moved and Seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion defeated.

Minutes It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Annual General Meeting. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports – Board Chair Report is attached here as circulated. The Chair summarized highlights.

Officers' Reports – Board Secretary Report is attached here as circulated. The Secretary summarized highlights.

Moved and seconded to receive the Board Chair and Board Secretary Reports. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports – Treasurer Anita Loudon, Board Treasurer until December 31, 2020, presented the 2020 Financial Statement, attached as circulated. Moved and seconded to adopt the 2020 Financial Statements. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – Vic High Archives & Museum

Linda Baker, Archives Volunteer, summarized highlights of the Vic High Archives & Museum report, attached as circulated.

Committee Reports – Black & Gold Dinner

Anne McKeachie summarized highlights of the Black & Gold Dinner report, attached here as circulated.

Committee Reports – Communications

Linda Baker summarized highlights of the Communications report, attached here as circulated.

Committee Reports – Membership Directory

JoAnne Botten, 1968, summarized highlights of the Membership Directory report, attached here as circulated.

Reunion Co-ordinator

JoAnne Botten introduced Brigitte L'Heureux, 1975, as the new Reunion Co-ordinator. Report attached here as circulated.

Committee Reports – Scholarships & Bursaries

Don Kissinger summarized highlights of the Scholarships & Bursaries report, attached here as circulated.

Committee Reports – Vic High Multi-Purpose Athletic Facility

Ian McKinnon summarized highlights of the Multi-Purpose Facility report, attached here as circulated. Comments were made, questions asked, by various speakers. Roger Skillings, 1968, Alumni Past Chair and volunteer on this project since 2003 also answered questions.

Committee Reports – Website

Helen Edwards summarized highlights of the Website report, attached here as circulated.

Moved and seconded to receive all committee reports for information.
Motion carried.

Elections Donna handed the Chair to Ian McKinnon & Keith McCallion (former Vic High Principal) of the Nominating Committee. Ian reviewed the nomination and voting procedures, advising the Association is using the online voting platform, Simply Voting, to conduct the election. He also confirmed there would be two sections to the ballot, a link to which would be sent via email once the voting was opened.

(While the meeting was in session, a volunteer working with the Secretary was removing from the voters' list previously uploaded to Simply Voting, those Alumni members who registered to attend the AGM and vote but did not appear to be at the meeting.)

1. It was confirmed there are 7 Director terms up for election:
 - Two, 1-year terms
 - Five, 2-year terms
2. The following alumni were nominated and had agreed in writing to stand for election. Alumni chose between the following candidates:

Running for:

Baker, Linda – 1969	2-year term
de Goede, Hans – 1971	1-year term
Dorsey, Stephen – 1984	2-year term
Edwards, Helen – 1964	2-year term
Elewonibi, Moe – 1983	1-year term
Gorman, Sean – 1984	2-year term
Hunt, Richard – 1971	1-year term
Johnson, Fern – 1969	2-year term
Kozicki, Ed – 1969	2-year term
Loudon, Anita – 1966	2-year term
McKeachie, Anne – 1968	1-year term
Niketas, Tak – 1983	2-year term
Skillings, Roger – 1968	1-year term

Vipond, Maureen - 1983

1-year term

3. Ian McKinnon called three times for further nominations. None were forthcoming.
4. Candidates were invited to present their qualifications to the meeting, and given 90 seconds each to do so. Thirteen of the fourteen candidates spoke. It was noted:
 - a. Hans de Goede had not signed up for the meeting and therefore was not eligible to vote, but was attending via the Zoom link of Tak Niketas and made his presentation.
 - b. Richard Hunt had not signed up for the meeting and therefore was not eligible to vote but was attending via a Zoom link and made his presentation.
 - c. Moe Elewonibi had not signed up for the meeting and was not in attendance and therefore was not eligible to vote, and did not make a presentation.

Moved and seconded to allow Stephen Dorsey to present a videotaped presentation from Moe Elewonibi. Motion defeated.

5. Moved and seconded to close online voting at Noon, June 22, 2021, Pacific Daylight Time. Motion carried.
6. The voting process was reviewed, and the meeting advised that after the meeting adjourned, people could stay behind and the Zoom session would remain open until any who experienced challenges receiving their ballot would be helped.
7. Voting was declared open and the Secretary began reviewing the Simply Voting details, setting the Voting Start time and entering the Voting End time in order to launch the online voting.

Closing Remarks: The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in the AGM and their patience, and reminded everyone that 2026 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Vic High. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, particularly around the production of the 2023 return to Vic High – Grant Street, and the 150th celebrations. Search Volunteers on the Alumni website – www.vichigh.com – for a list of volunteer opportunities, or email info@vichigh.com.

Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Baker, 1969

Vic High Alumni Board Secretary

Approved at June 29, 2022 AGM

AGM – Annual Reports

Board Chair

Donna Lomas, VHS 1977

This June I complete my second year as Chair of the Vic High Alumni Association. It has been my privilege to work along side many devoted alumni who have brought a vast array of amazing skills and experiences to their volunteer endeavors. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting limitations on people being able to work together in person, major projects were completed, and new initiatives started. The student and staff move from the Grant Street campus to the Topaz campus created many challenges for everyone, but current students and staff managed to adjust to their temporary home and have a successful year. The Alumni Association continues to work with School Administration on planning the return to the Grant Street location and providing input into permanent displays and recognition of illustrious Alumni from the past.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic we have, to name a few projects, improved the communications systems with all our members, developed a new, more interactive website, increased scholarship opportunities for current and future students, safely secured and stored the archives for when the school is once again open, and increased the support for Alumni activities such as class reunions. The new monthly newsletter has received overwhelming support from members. I would like to thank the Alumni Board of Directors for taking the long-term view and supporting the many changes that were made this year.

All the projects listed above could only have been accomplished because of the hard work of many Alumni volunteers. There are too many fantastic volunteers to list here by name but, the class of 1969 has been incredibly supportive in helping the archives, assisting with the newsletter, helping spearhead changes to the website and communications systems, and exploring new fundraising ideas. The class of 1968 was also able to create and fund a new scholarship for Vic High students. Volunteers from other classes have also been busy in helping with the archives, serving on task forces looking at technology and fundraising, working to improve the recognition of our donors and increasing community awareness of the Alumni Association and its projects.

Highlights of some of the projects this year:

- **Fundraising:** Alumni Directors started the year being concerned about our ability to fundraise during a pandemic but the changes on the website as well as the community profile of Vic High during the seismic project resulted in the Association having a better-than-expected fundraising drive. The Black and Gold Dinner was again postponed but we anticipate it happening in the Spring of 2022. The dinner remains one of our important fundraising activities. Legacy gifts have proven to be an especially important source of funding for Association activities. It was a legacy gift that allowed us the flexibility to improve our website and communication systems. The largest single legacy gift to the Alumni Association was given this Spring by the Family of Laura Gardom, class

of 1940. Because of the generous gift starting this June three Vic High graduates will have a scholarship of \$1000.00 to further their post secondary education. Currently a task force chaired by Ed Kozicki class of 1969 is exploring additional fundraising options. One area of concern that this group is addressing is the need to involve more alumni from the classes of the 1970s and forward.

- **Communications:** A task force completed a review of our communications systems and recommended several changes. With the support of the Board of Directors, changes were implemented and executed by the end of 2020. Because of these changes, we can reach out to alumni much easier, and the newsletter and other communications can be sent out more efficiently. Part of the project was to also substantially upgrade the website so that members can access services much easier. Linda Baker, JoAnne Botten and Helen Edwards have been particularly engaged in this project and I thank them for their tremendous work.
- **Archives:** It was a challenging task but under the direction of Annie Boldt and Linda Baker, volunteers managed to store all the documents and artifacts that comprise the school's archives. The large task of documenting and coordinating all the material so that it can easily be accessed in the future is now underway. Much of the archives are boxed away and cannot be accessed at this time but volunteers are working with the School Administration to plan the new space in the revitalized school. Some material has been digitalized and can be currently accessed.
- **Seismic upgrade project:** Details of this project will be updated by the School Principal; however, the Alumni Association continues to work closely with the School District and the School. The Association remains hopeful that the Stadium project will include many of the components that have long been supported by Alumni. We continue to work for an all-season turf field, improved stadium seating, new outdoor field lighting, and a field house. I wish to thank three Alumni for their hard work on this project. Ian McKinnon, Keith McCallum and Roger Skillings have worked tirelessly on this project.
- **Membership:** The Association is always looking for new members who wish to increase their level of activity and support for the Association. It would be terrific to see more members from the decades of the 70's through to the current day become more involved either with their time or with their financial support. If you wish to participate, please contact the Association through the website.

It has been a busy year and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Directors and the many volunteers who have been so willing to give of their time to the institution that we all love Victoria High School. The future looks incredibly bright, and I can hardly wait for the day when we will all be able to meet again in person and walk the halls of our refurbished and expanded high school. Thank-you to everyone who has made this year one of growth and financial success for the Alumni Association.

Finally, I want to express my congratulations to the class of 2021 and encourage them to stay in touch as they get on with the next phase of their lives.

Board Secretary

Linda Baker, VHS 1969

This year:

- Prepared and circulated Minutes of all Board meetings, 2020 AGM
- Filed reports with Registrar of Companies per Societies Act
- Distributed incoming postal and electronic mail
- Managed digital recordkeeping, including secure record of all Alumni accounts, account numbers, passwords, etc. Old paper files are stored during seismic upgrade.
- Launched and maintain a detailed **Donor Tracking** spreadsheet to ensure updates are done where needed (website, alumni directory, etc.)
- Send hand-written Thank You notes to all cheque donors, emails to online donors.
- Managed **Seat Plaque** orders & installation
 - Photographed all Auditorium seats with **Seat Plaques**, updated Seat Plaque charts for website & recordkeeping,
 - accumulated list of plaques to be ordered for school re-opening (18 ordered to date)

Goals

- Separate the online VHSAA storage platform account from the Vic High Archives & Museum online storage needs
- Add to Alumni Board manual:
 - simple organizational chart
 - standing committee descriptions
 - policies adopted by the Board
- Recruit a new Board Secretary (so I can focus on Communications & Archives)

2020 Financial Statements **[Financial-Statement-Final.pdf](https://vichigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2020-Financial-Statement-Final.pdf)**

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Archives & Museum

Annie Boldt, VHS 1967

We volunteers manage the collections owned by Vic High/School District 61. Highlights of the last year:

- Accessioning (cataloguing) of almost every item was completed, a task that without the extra volunteer help could have taken several more years. Everything was packed up, 339 boxes and contents recorded by box number, to be stored during the seismic upgrade. Temporary locking storage was built by the District in the Fairey Tech concourse so sensitive items did not have to be moved off-site.
- Vic High thanked Linda Baker, Fergie Andison and I with a Vic High hoodie. Much appreciated!
- Principal Aaron Parker wore Samuel J. Willis' teaching robes at the Vic High Topaz, on loan from the Archives. Some kids couldn't believe they were over 100 years old!
- November we helped Vic High students prepare for their virtual Remembrance Day ceremony – providing photos we fortunately had available digitally. We also attended the ceremony from the Library with other stuff, and found it very moving.
- After reviewing options, we determined an Excel spreadsheet would be the best option to digitize information about all items in the Archives so we can find things much more easily. We have now added almost all accession information to the spreadsheet, and are now starting to organize and rename photos taken of items we accessioned in the last year.
- We are involved in discussions with the school about where and how to best present Vic High's history and notable alumni in the upgraded school.
- Grad class photos were all accessioned before being packed up by the District, notes made of which needed refurbishing, and quotes have been obtained for the cost. Eric Earl, our resident 'tech wizard', has created a head shot collage of the Class of 1966 which has never had a group photo on the wall. (Funds needed: approx. \$3500)
- We've continued to receive new items into the collections such as photographs, a VHS 1959 sweater, saddle shoes, basketball scrapbook from 1958 Totems player Mike Soltice, and old Camosuns.
- Our loyal Obituary volunteer, Barb Coates, continues to monitor the local paper, save the obits for the Archives, and provide updating information to our Alumni Directory and Website volunteers.
- April Linda and I had tour of the VHS construction site, top to bottom, with Site Manager Gord Wallace, parent of two Vic High alumni, and very passionate about the project and the school's history. A photostory was posted on the website and referenced in a past newsletter. We will go back for tours periodically and continue to make photos and information available on the website and in newsletters.
- *Vic High 2020*, the gorgeous photobook we published last year, won a Hallmark Heritage Society Communications Award, no small thanks to Fergie Andison, VHS 1968, for his gorgeous photos. Covid has made sales at reunions and events impossible, but we've recovered publication costs so now each book sold is funds raised for the Alumni's work.
- The Heritage Architect on the Seismic Upgrade project asked us and we worked out floor plans for the new Archives & Museum space and provided details for electrical and internet access. The space is on the first floor, just inside the new Fernwood-facing

Student Entrance. It's smaller than the previous space, but additional storage will be provided in the basement (and the school will have two elevators). We've managed to re-use key storage units, however the space will require additional custom-sized shelving which the school does not provide. (Funds needed for materials, assuming volunteer labour to build simple plywood shelf units: approx. \$6,000 – or more if plywood prices stay high!)

- Denis Johnston prepared a Vic High history for the Victoria Genealogical Society's Summer Journal. They were very interested in our Camosuns now being accessible digitally from our website, and shared that info with all their members.
- Professional writer and historian Helen Edwards, VHS 1964 and Alumni Director, will be writing the Vic High history from 1976 onwards, to be published for the 2026 150th anniversary of the school. She has already begun work on this, following in the footsteps of the 100 year history book *Come Give A Cheer*, written by alumni Dr. Peter Smith for the 1976 centennial.
- We've been unable to obtain digital files of Camosuns produced digitally over the last number of years, so we're starting to scan some that we kept out of storage. Eric Earl will organize them and they'll be loaded onto the website (Camosun Yearbooks link on the home page)
- The logo from the Roper Gym floor was rescued and is now safely stored. It will likely go on display in the upgraded school.

Needless to say, we continue to be very busy even though we are not physically connected to our wonderful collection of memories at VHS.

Goals

- Organize existing digital photos and information into a better system
- Obtain information on digitizing our audio and video items – numerous formats
- Look into possible grant or funding options to assist with digitizing our entire photo collection once we're reopened.
- Recruit more volunteer help: for simple online tasks that can be done now, and to augment the two people who have already indicated they will help on-site once we reopen.

Black and Gold Dinner 2022

Anne McKeachie, VHS 1968

- Black and Gold Dinner originally scheduled for May 2020 has been postponed to May 14, 2022
- Tickets will be available in January, 2022
- For information contact blackandgold@vichigh.com
- Honourees are:
 - Ann Kipling, Class of 1951 – nationally acclaimed impressionistic artist
 - Ian McDougall, Class of 1956 – renowned jazz musician, music professor

- Sylvia Hosie (Mobey), Class of 1961 – entertainer, director, choreographer
 - Mohammed Elewonibi, Class of 1983 – 1992 NFL Super Bowl Team & CFL Player
- And posthumously,
- Gillian (Jill) and Lawrie Wallace, Class of 1966 & 1930 – only father/daughter Deputy Ministers of BC

Communications

Linda Baker, VHS 1969,

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive year!

- Spring newsletter was produced and postal mailed to approximately 850 donors.
- the Email function of our old custom alumni database finally failed completely,
- The Board approved the Tech Task Force report recommending the approach and the resources needed to create a new updated Alumni website and proper email platform.
 - Communications played a key role in organizing existing content and developing new content for the new website, launched November 2020
 - Communications person is trained to do website updating (lots yet to learn!)
- November – annual Funding Appeal letter postal mailed to past Donors
- November - MailChimp set up to produce/send e-newsletters to alumni with email addresses (approximately 3600 email addresses on file)
 - new alumni registrations are fed automatically to MailChimp list
 - contacts are tagged with last school year, plus where relevant - Staff, Reunion Organizer, Non-Alumni, Donor
- December 1: launched the first monthly Alumni e-newsletter, 6 now sent
 - High delivery rate, very few bounce-backs (follow-ups done to get new email)
 - Good Open and Click rates – people are reading them!
 - great feedback, appreciation, and story ideas come in after each newsletter

Communications Role

- Produces print and electronic newsletters, researches & writes stories
- Website support: some posting of new information, collaborates with Web Co-ordinator on site navigation and best way to present information
- Manages release of information to external media – print, broadcast, online
- Supports Archives & Museum in retention of information about the school & alumni

Thank Yous

- King Lee, reporter/writer, for always being willing to do interviews, research, and write stories for the newsletter and website; King and Keith McCallion for help liaising with local media
- Communications Team members Ian McKinnon, Roger Skillings, Donna Lomas, Denis Johnston for thoughtful discussions and guidance
- Denis Johnson, former newsletter editor, for taking on occasional writing projects

Future Goals

- Obtain email addresses for all registered alumni
- Expand the Communications team to include
 - 1-2 storytellers to help interview, research, write stories for newsletter & website
 - Social Media Manager to handle
 - Following relevant FB pages, Instagram, etc., (ie VicHistory, etc.)
 - Post stories/info on our FB page
 - Launch Instagram account, TikTok, etc.

Membership Directory

JoAnne Botten, VHS 1968

- The new website went live mid-November. The 15-year old custom database was retired and the new directory was implemented. There has been a fair bit of activity of alumni doing profile updates, especially following a newsletter email. Also some new registrations.
- There are currently 17,466 records, of which 2435 alumni are deceased which leaves 15,031 live members. Of these approximately 3500 have email addresses, which is the main way we communicate with most alumni. We therefore have many alumni who receive no communication from the Alumni Association at all, so please encourage any alumni you know to register with us or if registered, ensure we have their current email address. We maintain records on alumni who have registered as members with the Association, not on all alumni who ever attended Vic High.
- The process for new registrations is a multi-step process. The directory administrator receives an email saying there is a new registration pending. The record is checked to ensure the person is not already in the directory and if they are not, a check is done of the online Camosuns to ensure the person actually attended Vic High (hopefully this will prevent any future spam). The registration is then approved and the alumni gets an email asking them to subscribe to MailChimp, our email/communications platform. An alumni can choose to not receive email or postal mail. If they say no to email, other alumni will not be able to contact them and they will not receive any mail from the association. For those who say yes to email and subscribe to MailChimp, their contact information is automatically sent to MailChimp.
- To contact other alumni, you must create a username and password. This was called “sending a blind email” in the old database. Anyone can look at the website without creating a username and password.
- We provide alumni contact lists to Reunion Organizers on request, and have asked them to ensure updated records are provided back so we can continue to keep the Directory as current as possible.

Reunion Co-ordinator

- Welcome Brigitte L'Heureux, VHS 1975, as our new Reunion Co-ordinator. Brigitte has been very active helping produce reunions for the Class of 1975. As reunion committees resume planning she will help support their work and facilitate idea-sharing amongst reunion organizers.
- Thank you to JoAnne Botten, VHS 1968 and MaryAnn Roueche, VHS 1968, for performing this role for many years, and for preparing reunion resource information for the website.

Scholarship/Bursaries

Don Kissinger, VHS 1959/Staff

- Academic year 2020-21 has been remarkable for the development of new awards. We received our largest ever donation, \$126 000, endowed in the Victoria Foundation honouring the memory of Laura A Gardom, grad 1940. This will generate 3 bursaries of \$1000 each year with a growth of \$100 every 4 years to offset inflation.
- We have 2 new bursaries.
 - The Leduc-McQueen bursary of \$500 for tenacity and resilience in academics, arts, athletics or trades. This bursary is not endowed but is supported by a grad from the class of 2006.
 - A second bursary for \$500, also not endowed, the Chelsea & Jazelin Maskos for leadership and meaningful involvement in social activism is supported by sisters from the classes of 2003 and 2004.

It's wonderful that recent grads are supporting current students!

- A number of other awards are reaching values of \$1000 as their endowments are reaching full earning power within the Victoria Foundation.
- Establishing an award is easily done by going to the alumni website <http://www.vichigh.com> or just type in vichigh.com and click. On the site click Contact Us, click on "general enquiries" and the drop-down menu appears. Choose **scholarship chair**, write your note and send it. I'll contact you.
- You can make a donation to an existing scholarship or set up your own scholarship if you have a special interest. It can be a cash amount for 1 year, continued in future years if you continue donations.
- Looking over a longer term an endowment, in trust, it can be built up by you, your friends, grad mates over 2-3 years. It takes about \$25 000 to produce a \$1000 annual return. You don't need a large principal investment if others help you establish an endowment.
- Whatever you do, we invest the money into our alumni trust fund with the Victoria Foundation. This generates funding from your donation forever.

Giving feels good! You are helping today's students.

Thank you very much.

Awards being given by the Alumni to students in 2020-2021

Awards Honouring Individuals	Amount
• Noel Collison Tech Ed Award	\$ 500
• Ellison Grade 11 Fine Arts Awards 2 @ \$500**	\$0 2 VOUCHERS IN 2021 REDEEMABLE UPON GRADUATION FROM VHS IN 2022
• Dorothy Evans Music Award	\$ 1000
• Laura A Gardom Bursaries	\$ 3000
• Barbara Gidney Award	\$ 1200
• Leduc-McQueen Bursary	\$ 500
• C&J Maskos Bursary	\$ 500
• Tommy Mayne Fine Arts in 2 or more areas	\$ 1000
• Fred Packford Tech Ed	\$ 1000
• Reg Reid Leadership Award	\$ 1000
• Peter Smith Academic	\$ 1000
TOTAL	\$10 700

** The 2 Ellison Fine Arts awards will be awarded to grade 11 students in 2021. They receive a voucher for the funds payable when they complete grade 12, at Vic High.

Subject Awards

• Fine Arts-Music	\$ 500
• Hairdressing	\$ 500
• Tech Ed	\$ 500
• Computer and IT	\$ 500
• Biology	\$ 500
• Fine Arts	\$ 500
• Languages	\$ 500
• Mathematics	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$4000

• Other	
• Alumni Bursary	\$ 600
• Fine Arts	\$ 1000
• Class of 68 Leadership Award	\$ 750
TOTAL	\$2350
GRAND TOTAL	\$17 050

Sources of endowed funding for Alumni awards, rounded to nearest \$100

Vancouver Foundation		194 500
Victoria Foundation	Alumni	263,800
	Laura Gardom	126,200
TOTAL ENDOWED		\$ 584 500

Vic High Multi-Purpose Athletic Facility Keith McCallion (Staff), Ian McKinnon (VHS 1966), Roger Skillings (VHS 1968)

The past year has seen much work done on the project. Ian, Roger and Keith have attended numerous meetings with principal Aaron Parker, school district administration, Bays United Football, the City of Victoria (both administration and councillors), the provincial government and the Friends of Vic High. We have also answered requests from local media and sports groups.

We reiterated to our partners that we have \$166,000 of our money committed to its funding. Bays made the same commitment vis a vis their \$100,000, and the City has its \$250,000 matching funds still in reserve.

We continue to work on further funding options.

Website

Helen Edwards, VHS 1964

I have been the web coordinator since late 2019. Many thanks to Mary Ann Roueche, my predecessor on the job. She educated me on the various activities that needed to be done on the site, primarily obituaries. The entire website was out-of-date, and it was with great anticipation that I volunteered for the Technology Task Force. I was delighted when the board approved the design of a new website to meet the needs of the Alumni Association now and in the future. It has been challenging learning how to update pages, but training has made it easier, and work is now proceeding smoothly.

The website is our connection to the world of our alumni, and it must be fully functional. The new site is straightforward for alumni to follow and offers a visual glimpse into the life at Vic High, past and present. We are currently looking for a volunteer to learn how to update the website so that those who are doing it now are not in their positions for life.

