Foodbank AGM Meeting
September 22nd 2025
Manager's Report

Welcome everyone to the Powell River Action Centre Society Foodbanks annual AGM meeting. I do apologize for not being here but I have just received a complete shoulder replacement and have left the reading of my report to Sheona Scott in my absence.

We are deeply involved in our community and are working to improve the lives of people in need who have financial hardship and food insecurity in our city. For all of us here at the Foodbank charitable giving is at the core of who we are. It is our mission and the very reason we exist. In a time of rising need and stretched resources we are grounded in the client's real stories. We are driven by community need and powered by the possibility of changing lives.

Martyn Woolley and Benjamin Tucker have announced their departure from the Foodbank board. We thank them for their community service and wish them all the best that life offers. Live long and prosper.

A congratulations is in order for completing the Foodbanks Canada Standards of Excellence program - we are an accredited charitable society now with our certificate hanging on the wall. This has created performance benchmarks of a well-run organization, while promoting transparency and accountability to the public. We have worked very hard over the past year to achieve this and I must thank our policy writer Debbie Dee, our tech Sandra Haszard, the board for their guidance, and my team for carrying out all their appointed tasks. We are extremely proud and will continue to work diligently.

I am in touch with the qathet Regional District's Ryan Thoms and we are working on being added to the City's disaster response plan. We have a lot to offer our community in the event of an emergency. We have the capacity to feed a lot of people with the BBQs, generators to keep food fresh, and large cooking pots for soups etc. Foodbanks Canada has an emergency program and has strategically staged over 50,000 emergency hampers across the country in case of a crisis to ensure a rapid response time. There are 2 types of boxes with a least 3 days of food including bowls, a can opener, and cutlery. These are filled with shelf stable essentials and with one phone call we can receive this help within 48 hours.

The Nanaimo hub continues to be a big resource for us with many pallets of assorted foods given for free to members of Foodbanks BC as you will see in the donations of note in this report.

Our events did not do so well this year - I said no to Sandcastle as it would have burned out my volunteers and myself. It would have been three weekends in a row of events and that's just too much. Texada Blues and Roots landed on the long weekend and had a low turnout. The forecast for Blackberry was so grim with all this rain and powerful winds that I made a call on Thursday after talking with Jena and Martyn to cancel us going through all that. As it turns out the weather eased off in time but many did not set up. The dance that was put on last April made up for all this but I really do need help with fundraising activities in the future and our new committee can help with just that. Our 2nd annual Toy Run was last Saturday and I will have a report for you next meeting.

I have heard from Collabria, our VISA application for an increase to $12,000 has been approved. Doug Logan our treasurer and myself talked with the VISA people and he now has a Foodbank credit card so I am not the only one with a card. I also gave him a front door key and the code in case of an emergency.

Debbie Dee has submitted her request to be on the board but is out of the country right now. Her letter to you all is in your paperwork and she is requesting to be the secretary of the board. The constitution can be amended to coincide with our society's needs, so if you have suggestions or changes, please let me know and our new committee will bring the board its suggestions.

I made a call to Mathew Hall from the Mormon Church on September 1st. He said they are backing out this year from the brown bag Thanksgiving drive. He is going to try to arrange something with the school board for next year. I am extremely disappointed in this as we rely on the food it would bring in. I called Brian Bomprezzi our community paramedic to help, he is putting a call out to all the fireman and first responders from Lund, Tla'Amin, and south of town to do a fundraiser for us. This will be on October 4th or 5th at all the major stores, I am proud to say he use to volunteer at the Foodbank and still continues to donate what he can, we thank him for all he does.

Our Financial committee is presenting you today with their recommendation for investment of $50,000 that we have in the chequing account. I have an alert on the computer for the first week of February 2026 stating that the $100,000 investment will be up on June 21st 2026 and to call a meeting. We all need to keep in mind all the new clients coming in and that we paid approximately $155,000 in food last year and this year will be a lot more.

New committees need to be struck with a minimum of two people on each and here is a list of them. Our new policies state that the manager must sit on all committees and that minutes will be required for all these meetings.

- Governance Committee – this can also include the Policy Committee.
- Finance Committee – this one is done and as the policy says, it includes the board treasurer.
- Fundraising Committee
- Health and Safety Committee

For everyone here today, thank you for caring, taking an interest and wanting to make changes in people's lives. Our motto is "Feeding our Community" and it takes us all to make that happen. I want to thank my board for their guidance throughout the years. And I thank any new members for this journey to come.

Thank You. Savanna Dee, Manager

Here is the list of donations of note and our fundraising activities this past year.

<u>2025 Summer Events:</u>

Blues & Roots	$1,100 after expenses
No sandcastle or Blackberry in 2025	
Logger sports	$640 food, $2,500 cash
Toy run is on Sep 19	
Poker Run	$1,495
Dance 2025	$5,090 after expenses

<u>2024 summer events:</u>

Blues, Sandcastle, Blackberry	$5,998 after expenses
Logger sports	$1,126 food, $3,400 cash
Toy Run	$2,034 cash – over $6,000.00 in toy donations

<u>For Fiscal year 2024-2025:</u>

Grants

Foodbanks BC	10,625	Agency Relief Fund - annual funding
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Foodbanks Canada	5,255	Standards of Excellence
Foodbanks Canada	10,915	Standards of Excellence Round 2
Community Prosperity Fund	24,103	Vancouver Foundation - 2 workers 1 year
PR Community Forest grant	2,825	100+ Women Who Care applied for this

Donations

Stuff the trailer	74,555	*includes*	
		10,000	*Anon*
		9,000	*Anon*
		5,000	*Anon*
		5,000	*Anon*
		5,000	*Powell Air LTD*
		3,958	*Freshco*
		2,500	*Western Forest Products*
		2,000	*Anon*
		2,000	*Real Estate Powell River*
Total Food donations	85,172	*includes*	
Nanaimo Hub		*38,339*	
private donors		*14,211*	
store donations		*12,760*	*not incl FreshCo bags*
Freshco bags		*11,090*	
community orgs		*8,476*	
Total card donations	5,734		(Not including Stuff the Trailer)
Total cash	209,873	*includes*	(Not including Stuff the Trailer or events)
Foodbanks BC		*16,505*	*Fundraiser - CBC Day*
Foodbanks BC		*10,675*	*Donation from the Rossy Foundation.*
Anonymous Regular Donor		*8,500*	
Powell River Energy		*7,000*	*Evolugen by Brookfield*
Faith Lutheran Church		*6,000*	
Walmart		*5,971*	*Annual campaign*
Tla'amin Nation		*5,000*	
100+ Women Who Care		*4,275*	
Freshco		*3,000*	*Corporate Donation*
Paramedics Fundraiser		*2,550*	*Outside Save-on early December*
CanWest Drilling		*2,500*	
Golf Tournament Sep 2024		*2,413*	
Sunshine Coast Health		*1,825*	
BCLDB		*1,744*	*BC Liquor Dist. Branch donation*
Electronic funds breakdown:			
Etransfer		21,410	
PayPal		16,825	
Canada Helps		14,234	
Benevity		1,348	