

KELOWNA WALDORF SCHOOL
Education from the Inside Out

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Mayor Sharon Shepherd
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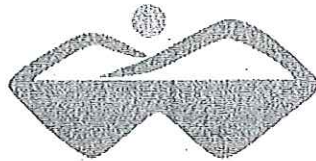
Re.: Request for Support

Dear Madame Mayor:

We are excited to offer you this opportunity to participate in our school's innovative **Solar Energy Project**! Our school has been selected from over 50 applicants province-wide to receive a \$20,000,00 BC provincial grant to install an array of solar panels on our roof (for more information please see also the letter from Solar BC included in this package). Our solar system will capture the electricity necessary to provide one of our school buildings with its electricity needs, while any excess electricity will be fed back into the grid.

"How much energy does the sun produce in a day?" Questions like this one will be answered by students as they learn about solar energy. In fact, student involvement is integral to this project! Students will be able to learn about the best location and angle for solar panels to take full advantage of the sun's rays. The set-up of our system will allow students to take daily readings to discover how much power is produced by our panels. Through these readings, they will be able to determine greenhouse gas emissions and energy savings. Students have a unique opportunity for hands-on learning about the benefits of this renewable source of energy. Teachers of all grades will make solar energy an important part of the daily curriculum. For example, they will use solar energy for cooking classes and develop solar powered cars.

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Our school will share what was learned about solar power with greater community and other schools. Through videos, tours, science fairs and more, our school will showcase solar technology. We hope that we will encourage families across the province to investigate clean, renewable energy solutions in their own homes.

This project will receive much attention from various media, our local and provincial government representatives, industry, as well as local and greater community members and groups over an extended period of time. Everyone will be monitoring our success as a leader in the use of solar technology, and as providers of education in the use and benefits of solar power. As a donor to and supporter of this project you will not only be able to help us to increase the scope of our project, but you will receive the positive benefit of being associated in name with this progressive soft technology effort.

Our goal is to install the most productive solar system possible. However, the school is faced with some external solar panel installation costs (for example, roof upgrades), which require additional funding. We need your help raising the funds needed to cover these additional costs. We would like to speak with you in person about the many possible different ways that you can support this project (please see the attached donor structure).

Please consider your donation as a positive contribution to the wellbeing and education of future generations, as we look for ways to live more lightly on our precious planet.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We will be in touch with you soon, or you can contact us via the school's office at 250-764-4130, or via e-mail at solar@kelownawaldorf.org.

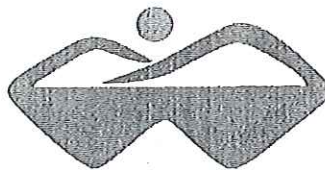
Yours truly,

Carol Kergan

Carol Kergan, Pam MacRae, Tina Marten, Greg Salloum and Cindy Taylor

The members of the Solar Project Committee of the Kelowna Waldorf School

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Level	\$'s	Exposure
1	5,000.00 +	Big plaque/ray in the sundial Mention on all the walking tour signs Specific recognition at all public events, (annual) conferences and speaking engagements Same as below
2	2,000.00 – 4,999.00	Jr. sundial plaque/small ray Mention in the documentation of the process/the school's blog/website Same as below
3	1,000.00 – 2,499.00	Brochure recognition Kiosk recognition Same as below
4	500 – 1,000.00	Donor page in newspaper Certificate of Support (poss. in frame) Same as below
5	Under 500	Mention on our project website Thank-you letter Tax receipt

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NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Energy and Mines
(Minister Responsible for Housing)
Solar BC

Eleven B.C. schools power up with solar

VICTORIA – How much energy does the sun produce in a day? Students at 11 B.C. schools will soon learn the answer through a grant for \$20,000 per school to buy and install new solar panels.

Students will be involved right from the start in bringing solar power to their school. They will help to find the best location and angle for the solar panel to take advantage of the sun's rays. Students will take daily readings to see how much power is produced by the panel. Through these readings, they will be able to determine greenhouse gas emissions and energy savings.

Students at these 11 schools have an opportunity for hands-on learning about the benefits of this renewable source of energy. Teachers will make solar energy an important part of the daily curriculum. For example, they will use solar energy for cooking classes and making solar-powered cars.

The schools will share what they have learned about solar power with their community and other schools. Through videos, tours, science fairs and more, the schools will help to encourage families across the province to investigate clean, renewable energy solutions in their own homes.

Quotes:

Rich Coleman, Minister of Energy and Mines –

"It is great to see so much interest in solar power from schools. Educating our students on practical ways to harness solar energy is an invaluable learning experience that will prepare them for a clean energy future."

George Abbott, Minister of Education –

"When we build new schools, they are designed to be energy efficient. This solar panel project builds on that work, as we partner with students to find new ways to protect the environment."

Nitya Harris, executive director, SolarBC –

“We were delighted to receive so many applications and very impressed with the effort and ingenuity demonstrated by the applicants. Narrowing the list to 11 schools from 51 was a very tough job for the selection committee.”

Facts:

- The 11 schools receiving \$20,000 in funding are:
 - Sir Charles Tupper Secondary school, Vancouver
 - Rockridge Secondary school, West Vancouver
 - McNair Secondary school, Richmond
 - Claremont Secondary school, Saanich
 - Shawnigan Lake school, Shawnigan Lake
 - G. P. Vanier Secondary school, Courtenay
 - Kelowna Waldorf school, Kelowna
 - LV Rogers Secondary school, Nelson
 - Golden Secondary school, Golden
 - Highglen Public Montessori Elementary school, Prince George
 - North Peace Secondary school, Fort St. John
- In total, the 11 schools will generate about 29,500 kWh/yr of electricity from solar power, approximately enough energy to power three homes per year.
- The 11 schools will save approximately 712 tonnes per year in greenhouse gas emissions, which is equivalent to taking 140 cars off of B.C. roads.
- B.C. now has a total of 58 solar schools. They include 45 schools that have solar hot water and four schools that already have solar power through SolarBC grants.
- 28 municipalities across B.C. have adopted solar-ready regulations. This means that all new single family homes in the municipality are built ready for solar installation.
- 39 municipal buildings, 15 social housing unit, five hospitals and nine colleges and universities have solar hot water through the SolarBC program.
- 546 homes have solar hot water through the SolarBC program.
- The funding for the schools' solar panels is part the Province's \$5-million investment in the SolarBC program to encourage solar energy growth throughout B.C.

Learn More:

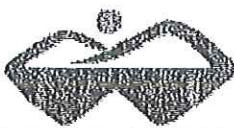
- Details about solar energy for schools, can be found at:
<http://www.solarbc.ca/install/schools>
- Solar lesson plans can be found online at:
<http://www.solarbc.ca/install-solar-hot-water/schools/lesson-plans>

- More information on solar energy, can be found at:
<http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/RET/RenewableEnergyTechnologies/Solar/Pages/default.aspx>

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December 10, 2010

Re: Solar Schools Initiative Application
A. Initiatives and Actions

To Whom It may concern

The Kelowna Waldorf School is applying for grants toward an installation of solar panels, as part of the SolarBC Initiative.

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the Waldorf School Association of Kelowna has recently passed a resolution to commit \$5,000 toward this important initiative. We are planning on securing the school's contribution through a targeted donation campaign, but are prepared to cover possible shortfalls through our school's funds.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions regarding this item of the application.

Sincerely,

Jens Gessner, Treasurer
On Behalf of the
Waldorf School Association of Kelowna



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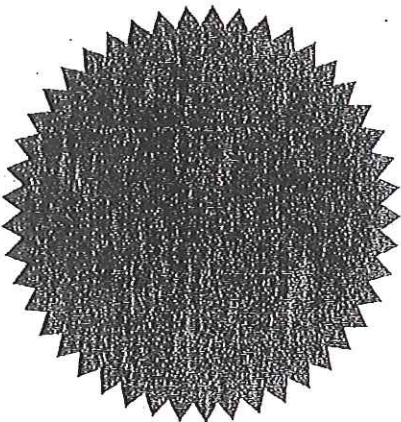
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OF
GOOD STANDING**
SOCIETY ACT.

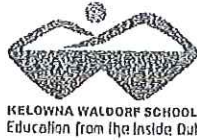
I Hereby Certify that WALDORF SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF KELOWNA, a society duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia is, according to the records of this office, an existing society and is, with respect to filing of returns, in good standing.

*Issued under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia,
on September 16, 2010*



RON TOWNSHEND
Registrar of Companies
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
CANADA





December 13th, 2010

To Whom it May Concern,

Please be advised that the Waldorf School Association of Kelowna (operating as the Kelowna Waldorf School) is a Not-Profit Society under the Society Act of British Columbia since June of 1981. We are in good standing. Our certificate number Is S-16486.

Any consideration that your organization is willing to give in respect of this will be greatly appreciated by the children and parents who support our educational endeavours in Kelowna, British Columbia.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

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