

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **\$50,000 Contribution from Nelson & District Credit Union Benefits The Community and New School!**

Crawford Bay - The building of the new LEED Gold status school in Crawford Bay has generated a lot of interest on the East Shore going all the way back to the initial discussions on how to make it happen.

The excitement is growing as opening day approaches and people driving by see the project nearing completion. When the community found out a couple of years ago the project was going ahead, two community groups became involved and approached then Branch Manager of Nelson & District Credit Union, Allan Turberfield, for some financial assistance.

Doug Stoddart, CEO of the Credit Union said, "Being able to recognize a community benefit to the proposals was very important to us, especially with the amount of money we were investing into the project." The Credit Union received a submission from the East Shore Community Facilities Committee and from the Crawford Bay PAC Playground Committee.

Leona Keraiff, Treasurer for the Facilities Committee was very pleased to receive a \$30,000 cheque from Nelson & District Credit Union and commented, "This generous support from NDCU truly honours our efforts to create these wonderful facilities which our school and all East Shore residents will share!"

Helene Carter, Chair of the Crawford Bay School PAC echoed the same sentiments when she indicated, "The Ministry of Education does not fund playgrounds so when the Credit Union accepted our proposal and contributed \$20,000 to our cause we were just so happy. It will be a contribution that our children and our community can enjoy for some time to come."

Nelson & District Credit Union's Community Investment Program (CIP) supports a variety of volunteer enterprises in the East Shore, Rossland and Nelson areas. In conjunction with their wholly owned subsidiary, Allard Insurance Services Ltd. they are able to provide a wide selection of financial and wealth management products and services.

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