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**June 2020 News**

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**The Chinook Fund Dinner in the Age of COVID**

For our 10th anniversary we are proposing to change things up. Rather than host a fundraising dinner in October, at one of Calgary's great dining venues, we are proposing to host a series of smaller, outdoor fundraising gatherings between July 15 and September 15.

We thought about taking a year off, but decided the community need is greater than ever. We thought about charging boldly ahead, with the successful format we've used since 2011, but decided that was irresponsible. Instead, we decided to pivot and change the format of the Chinook Fund Dinner for 2020--into something that fits the times.

We know outdoor events are safer than indoor. Although Stage 2 of Alberta's re-launch plan allows for outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people we aren't comfortable hosting (or attending!) an event of that size. We think smaller is safer. Better to host 4-6 gatherings of 20-ish of our donors in the beautiful backyard setting of one of our Advisory Committee members. Essentially, a series of Chinook Fund Garden Parties, held throughout the summer months.

The events will allow us to socialize, at a distance, while giving back to the community.

**Would you attend?**

Before we proceed we need your input. This is a drastic change in direction for the Chinook Fund and we need to know if it feels right for you.

Your safety and comfort is paramount.

Please send us your thoughts at [info@calgarychinookfund.ca](mailto:info@calgarychinookfund.ca) or reach out to any of the Advisory Committee members.

Your current Chinook Fund Advisory Committee members are: **Michel Bourque, Tony Hailu, Chris Post, and Gordon Sombrowski.**

## Chinook Fund Hero

William (Bill) Wuttunee was awarded the 2019 [Chinook Fund Hero](#) at last fall's dinner. The award was given to Mr. Wuttunee posthumously in the presence of family and friends.



**Nola Wuttunee**

"Bill Wuttunee was one of our allies as an early and proud champion of LGBTQ2 rights at a time when others went out of their way not to help us. Wuttunee was Everett Klippert's lawyer. Thus he gained the distinction of defending the last person in Canada to be prosecuted for homosexuality."

Bill Wuttunee lived his life by the following words he expressed at age 85: "Get active in your world to make it better. Don't sit by and wait for others to do it."

### **Chinook Fun(d) Facts!**

Our endowment with the Calgary Foundation at the time of writing is **\$523,500.**

As the result of your ongoing generosity the Chinook Fund is able to issue over \$22,000 of grants in 2020.

[Donations to the Chinook Fund](#) help support organizations in Calgary and surrounding area that provide services, programming, education or support for or about the LGBTQ+ community.



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