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Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society receives \$22,000 Victoria Foundation Grant

July 3, 2025 - Saanich, BC – The Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$22,000 grant from the **Victoria Foundation** as part of their 2025 Community Grants program.

“We are deeply grateful to the Victoria Foundation for their support,” said **Friends President Gillian Harvey**. “This grant will allow us to advance critical invasive removal and restoration work through completion of an Invasive Plant Survey and Invasive Plant Removal Management Plan. The grant also supports intergenerational stewardship, something very important to myself,” she said.

The protection of Maltby Lake is a layered story deeply tied to the TLC (The Land Conservancy of BC) going into creditor protection in 2013; setting off alarm bells for conservation lands all over the province. That’s when the **Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society** and the broader community galvanized – organizing protests, letter-writing campaigns to government and the Supreme Court of BC, and fundraising to safeguard the lake and its surrounding lands.

Since then, the Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society has steadfastly worked to establish itself as a community voice in environmental protection centred on Maltby Lake. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration with landowners and partners, the Society has become an important voice for preserving the ecological integrity of Maltby Lake, located at the headwaters of the greater **Tod Creek Watershed**, in the District of Saanich.

“My board colleagues and I are very pleased. This grant is not just an investment in Maltby Lake. It’s an investment in people coming together to protect what we love. It strengthens our partnerships with landowners, conservation organizations, and the broader community, and helps protect Maltby Lake for future generations.” said Gillian Harvey.

To view the full list of this year’s recipients, visit:

<https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/community-grants-program-distribution-2025/>

The Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society is a registered BC non-profit and Canadian charity. To stay connected and learn more, visit www.maltbylake.com or follow us on Facebook at [Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society](#).

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