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Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society receives \$15,000 Victoria Foundation grant to support watershed stewardship

July 20, 2026 — Saanich, BC — Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society is pleased to announce that it has received a \$15,000 grant through the Victoria Foundation's 2026 Community Grants Program, with funding provided by the Cereus Fund.

The grant will support the Society's Watershed Stewardship Coordination Program, helping strengthen the organization's ability to coordinate restoration work, support community-based stewardship, and continue protecting the ecological integrity of Maltby Lake and its surrounding watershed.

This project will support the ongoing implementation of the Invasive Plant Management and Removal Plan developed through the Society's 2025 Victoria Foundation grant. It will also help FMLWS consolidate and organize existing environmental data to establish a clearer baseline for the watershed, strengthen long-term ecological monitoring, support volunteer coordination, and build capacity for future conservation efforts.

"We are deeply grateful to the Victoria Foundation and the Cereus Fund for their continued support," said Gillian Harvey, President of Friends of Maltby Lake Watershed Society. "This funding helps us build on the important restoration work already underway and supports a more coordinated, long-term approach to caring for Maltby Lake."

This new grant follows the Society's 2025 Victoria Foundation Community Grants Program funding, which supported the development of an Invasive Plant Management and Removal Plan for Maltby Lake. That work is now underway, with invasive Scotch broom removal, biomass management, and restoration planning taking place on the Maltby Lake lands.

"This is an exciting next step," said Harvey. "The work at Maltby Lake is not only about removing invasive species. It is about restoring habitat, supporting native ecosystems, creating opportunities for learning and mentorship, and bringing people together around a shared commitment to conservation."

The Victoria Foundation announced that its 2026 Vital Stream funding will support 243 charitable organizations across the capital region, with more than \$6.19 million distributed through the Community Grants Program.

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

<https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/info-for/charitable-organizations/community-grants-program/vital-stream-distribution/>

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