

# Horse Council BC and Back Country Horsemen Society of BC

We all understand that our members must be members of Horse Council BC (HC). This is because we have a club liability insurance policy through Capri insurance which states that all our members must belong to a Provincial equine association.

This paper explains how BCHBC is involved with Horse Council BC and why it is advantageous to us to maintain and grow this partnership.

Our members are involved at Horse Council. The HC Board has six VP which forms the Executive Committee. Our main contact is with the VP of Recreation, Terre O'Brennan, previously held by Rose Schroeder. Her job is to work with the Executive Director of HC, developing ongoing recreational programs and projects. HCBC has a dedicated staff person, Nancy Spratt, who is the Recreational Coordinator. We should remember, we are all recreational riders and this department is involved in trails, trail access issues, Joint Trails and Access Committee, Outdoor Recreational Council, BC Parks Volunteer Strategy, Share the Trails Workshops (annual) etc.

Horse Council maintains the Online Trail Database. This was originally started by BCHBC, but when our site was hacked we lost most of the data. We passed over the remaining data to HC and they have been adding and improving the information since. We are all able to contribute trail information to keep this listing accurate and complete.

Sharon Pickthorne is our Affiliate Director of Horse Council and a member of the Finance Committee. BCHBC is an "affiliate" of HC since we have many members located in the majority of zones in the Province. Her job is to promote HC to our members and bring her expertise and personal perspective to bear on the issues of the day. Sharon is also representing HC and BCHBC on a committee of Outdoor Recreation Council that is dealing with access to Private Wildlands, such as private timberlands, Douglas Lake Ranch etc.

BCHBC is also a partner in the Joint Trails and Access Committee. This committee was formed as a partnership between HC and BCHBC. This Committee makes recommendations to the Provincial Boards of HC and BCHBC. Backcountry Horsemen takes a leading role in the field activities of this Committee and Horse Council provides administrative support from the office. Sharon Pickthorne is the Chair.

The purpose of the committee is:

- To preserve and advocate for access for equines and riders on new and existing trails.
- To gather, record and distribute information on new and existing trails
- Work with other Horse Council affiliates and clubs as well as other trail users to coordinate representation to all government bodies.

### **Horse Council BC – Funding Opportunities:**

Our chapters can apply and receive funds for trail and facilities through the BC Equestrian Trails Fund, plus other grants.

YEAR	TOTAL FUND AMOUNT	BCHBC AMOUNT	%
2012	\$30,514	\$22,145.	73%
2013	\$25,453	\$16,144.	63%
2014	\$27,073	\$21,073	78%
2015	\$26,255	\$11,600	44%
2016	\$30,000	\$23,000	77%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,295</b>	<b>\$93,962</b>	<b>67%</b>

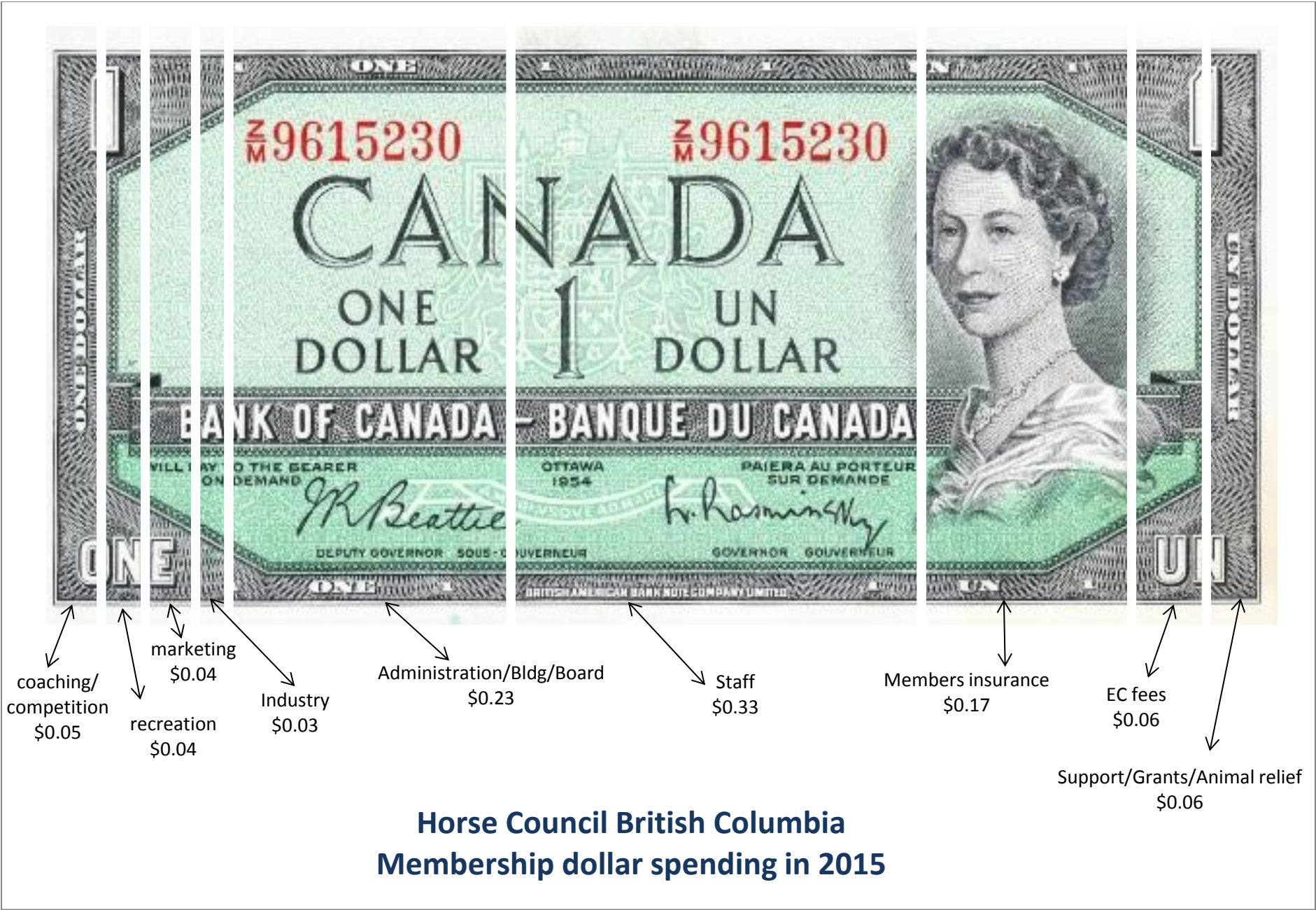
In 2015 and 2016, Chapters also received \$2,000 in Zone and Participation grants from HCBC.

# Horse Council BC

Horse Council British Columbia is a member service organization that collaborates with business, industry and government on behalf of equine welfare, sports, recreation and the individual rider/driver.

<b>? Where a HCBC dollar comes from 2015</b>		
Membership	\$0.71	HCBC membership fees including, EC levy, Individuals, Clubs, Affiliates and Businesses
Marketing	\$0.01	Sponsorship or advertising collected
Recreation	\$0.00	Ride and Drive registration and BC Equestrian Trail Fund donations
Coaching/Comp.	\$0.01	Registration for rider development programs. Fees collected for competitions, team events, education of official/judges
Industry	\$0.01	Equine Education Summit and industry registration fees
Sales	\$0.02	Bookstore and HCBC Merchandise Sales
Building	\$0.03	Rent and additional rent collected
Grants	\$0.15	Sport and Gaming grants must be spent on approved programing
Other General	\$0.03	Admin, Interest, Sport Trust and Miscellaneous

<b>Where a HCBC dollar goes 2015?</b>		
Coaching/Competition	\$0.05	Expenses for coach and rider development programs, admin of competitions, team events, BC Summer Games, 55+ Games, education of official/judges and symposium
Marketing	\$0.04	Awards, advertising, marketing and communication including website, magazine, print, online etc.
Recreation	\$0.04	BC Equestrian Trail Fund, Share the Trails Workshop, Ride & Drive, recreation publications, and other recreation costs
Industry	\$0.03	Equine Education Summit, Industry Association fees, Travel, publications and other industry representation costs
Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.01	Bookstore and HCBC Merchandise costs
Staff	\$0.33	Including: recreation, coaching, industry, competition, and admin staff, includes travel, training, benefits etc.
Board of Directors	\$0.02	Board and committee travel and materials
Building	\$0.04	Property tax, mortgage interest, insurance etc.
Administration	\$0.16	Telephone, leases, credit card processing, postage, printing, accounting and legal etc., insurance
Support/Grants	\$0.06	Core Grants, Zone Funding, Scholarships, Athlete Assistance Funding and other Sport Grants Spending
Animal Relief	\$0.00	Emergency Responder Training and equipment
EC Fees	\$0.06	Equine Canada membership levy
Members Insurance	\$0.17	Member's Insurance and optional insurance



**Horse Council British Columbia  
Membership dollar spending in 2015**