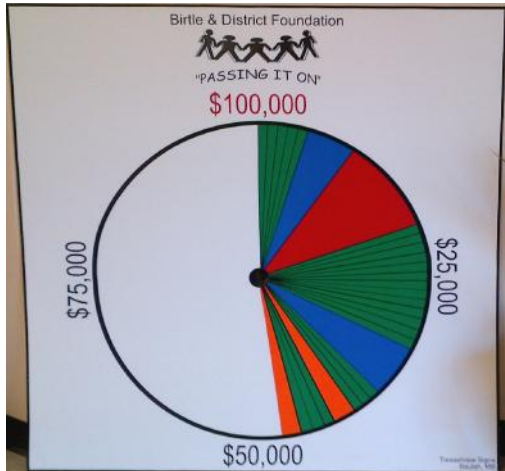


Foundation is over half way to meeting the 100,000 goal with only 2 months to go



The Birtle and District Foundation was created in 2011 to allow citizens to be involved in the future of their own community. Although still short of the original \$100,000 goal, the Board is thrilled at the fund's growth to date and wish to thank the many donors that have contributed to the current \$50,000 balance.

The range of ideas as to what is important to a community is as broad and varied as the folks that live there; projects are unveiled, others wrap up; priorities change as the community evolves. Grass roots people need to participate in the ongoing process that determines where funds are gifted. In approximately one year from now, when it comes time to choose where the first disbursements will be awarded, it is hoped that locals will be vocal about the community projects that matter most to them.

Foundations are set up on the premise that the principle amount of the donation is held in trust and only the interest is spent in the form of gifts to designated organizations. As an incentive to 'grow' the principle account, a "Founders Club" has been created. Donations of \$1000 or more, received before midnight on December 31, 2011, will be commemorated on a 'Founders Club' plaque in order that these gifts will be remembered forever. Third party, and anonymous, and memorial donations are welcome and will also be honored on the plaque. The temporary sign listing Founders Club members will be on display at various locations and events in the community and can currently be viewed in the front window of the CDC building. Check it out, (it is updated regularly with the names of new donors), and be sure to thank those donors when you see them, for their commitment to the community.

Certainly donations of any size are appreciated. Although the Board looks forward to the first million dollar bequest, the reality is that Foundations are largely built on donations of \$20, \$50 and \$100, and they look forward to those smaller gifts as well. Donations may be made in person at the CDC building, by mail to Birtle & District Foundation, c/o Box 598, Birtle, MB; R0M 0C0, or visit on line at www.birtle.ca (click on 'Birtle Foundation'). A tax deductible receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for all donations. Please call 204 842 3602 with any questions, comments or suggestions.

The Board has not given up on the \$100,000 goal for 2011. Through donations large or small, you can help make it happen.