# Kelowna Nuseums

Vision:

To inspire a community to be alive with its history – *connecting people and place*.

We welcomed 39,751 museum users in 2017, a 24% increase over previous year.

This includes 19,805 people, mostly children, who participated in a school or public program.

423 school programs 133 public programs 556 total 1.6 average per day

147 researchers utilized Kelowna Public Archives and collections.

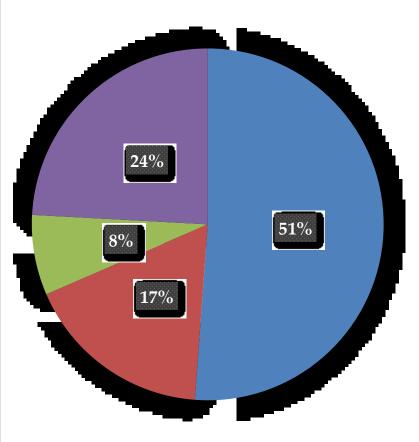
24,270 people attended 192 events at the Laurel Packinghouse.

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We engaged in over 80 partnerships.

In 2017 we had 16 full time and 11 part time or seasonal staff.
Federal wage subsidy grant programs allowed us to engage
4 university students for the summer.

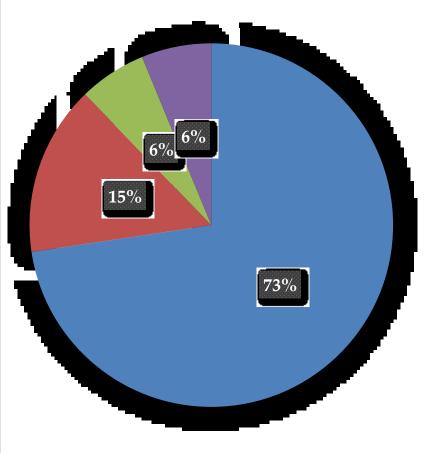
Volunteers are integral, and welcome guests, conduct research, catalogue and conserve artefacts, review inductees, and support events. 83 regular and many more occasional volunteers supported our work.



# 2017 Operations Revenues **\$1,254,159**

City of Kelowna	\$642,097
Provincial and Federal	\$217,382
Contributed	\$92,345
Self Generated	\$302,752

We recognized \$61,592 in project grants in 2017 from federal, provincial, regional, and local sources.



# 2017 Operations Expenditures \$1,309,864



The **purpose** of Kelowna Museums is to serve society and its development by acquiring, conserving, researching, communicating, and exhibiting the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study, and enjoyment.

## We do this through collections, conservation, exhibitions, educational programs, and research.

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In 2017, Canada 150 provided a unique opportunity for new partnerships. Through these, we were able to tell diverse stories from a variety of perspectives.

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We worked with OCCA on two Chinatown projects in 2017.

We partnered with **Colyna** Ukrainian Cultural Society to present *Bread* and *Salt* from the Royal BC Museum.

We provided space in the Wine and Orchard Museum for UBCO students to create a display. **Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame 2017 Inductees** Chris Taneda Malindi Emore Garett Hickling Conrad Leinemann Kelowna Buckaroos Western Canada Basket Ball Tournament

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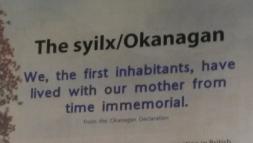
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Before colonization, the sylbx/ Okanagan people travelled throughout their territory to hurd fish and gather plant materials. They managed a sustainable economy through complex and comprehensive systems to meet their needs. Within this territory, the sylbx/Okanagan people continue to share culture, customs and the nsylbxcan language.

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We co-created this space with the SncƏwips Heritage Museum. This led to an opportunity to co-create panels for the new Tourism Kelowna VIC.

We are in process of transferring 2000 objects to the SncƏwips Heritage Museum.



We were honoured to carry the Friendship Staff, and offer outreach programming, at the annual siya Celebration, Westbank First Nation. Looking ahead, we are working with partners on a joint display and programming project for early 2019 with support from the new BC Resiliency grant. The partners aspire to walking a path of Reconciliation.

We partnered with the Orchard Valley Quilters' Guild to present an exhibition featuring quilts and quilting.

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# Still Not Over

The Spring Offensive on the Western Front was a desperate gamble by the German leaders to break the allied lines before the Americans newcomers to the war, became effective fighters. They held their own allies in check. and transferred men and material from the Russian Front. Meanwhile, Dominion troops were rehearsing open warfare tactics that would pry open the German lines near Arras and Amiens.

Some veterans were grateful they weren't 'in the fight.' They worried about their friends that were still there. Hopes of everyone being home for Christmas 1918 were dashed when troops waited months for passage home.

> League of Nations sounds like a dream. We didn't fight for big ideals. We fought for ... well. I don't know anymore, but I hope it was worth something Armistice = Victory

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We are excited to be presenting *Babes and Bathers*, a summer exhibition that all of us can relate to.

A key initiative continues to be gallery changes, aiming to create a remarkable experience.

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Laurel Courtyard project : attracted \$235,000 from BC Gaming. This project will honour our history, celebrate our unique identity, make learning fun, and enhance the vibrancy of downtown.











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