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Cheakamus Centre receives \$15,990 from Enabling Accessibility Fund

Squamish, April 11, 2018 - The Cheakamus Foundation for Environmental Learning is excited to announce a contribution in the amount of \$15,990 from the Government of Canada towards the *Opening Doors* cabin enhancement initiative. Funding from the Enabling Accessibility in Workplaces and Communities program will provide for accessibility improvements to two of ten cabins needing upgrades at Cheakamus Centre.

"Cheakamus Centre has a long standing history of providing outstanding environmental education experiences. As part of Canada's commitment to youth and the environment, we are happy to support improved accessibility for all guests." states MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones.

"Office of Accessibility funding is just one example of the generous support we have received from government, RDC Fine Homes, the British Columbia Institute of Technology, MEC, and private donors for the cabin project." comments Cathy Jenkins.

Cheakamus Centre is an environmental and indigenous cultural education institution located on the traditional territories of the Ch'i'yákmesh people. Tucked away in Paradise Valley near Squamish, the Centre provides nature-based learning experiences for thousands of students and adults each year. Unique features of this 420-acre ecological reserve include a traditional teaching longhouse, ancient cedars, wintering bald eagles, hatchery and restored spawning habitat for five species of Pacific Salmon.

Fondly remembered by many as the "North Vancouver Outdoor School", Cheakamus Centre is a well-loved tradition dating back to 1969. Students, even as adults, frequently talk about their overnight learning experiences as highlights of their school careers. The Centre has received numerous provincial, national, and international awards recognizing it as a leader in place-based education. Cheakamus Centre also hosts visitors from around the world for special events, workshops, conferences, meetings and retreats.

The campus renewal initiative includes new and upgraded facilities, and expanded public programs and activities associated with [Friends of Cheakamus](#) membership.

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