



## TERMS OF REFERENCE: SUPPORT FOR BOWEN YOUTH AT RISK AND FOR PARENTS OF BOWEN YOUTH AT RISK

### PREAMBLE:

Bowen Youth are defined as individuals between the ages of 12 and 29 who reside on Bowen Island. Exceptions to this age range can be considered and endorsed by a majority vote of the "committee".

Youth at Risk are defined as individuals whose lives and opportunities are being compromised as a result of one or more of a number of factors, including but not limited to substance use, difficulties with mental health, depression and anxiety, and family conflicts.

Bowen Parents of Youth at Risk are defined as individuals who reside on Bowen Island and who are responsible for the care of their children between the ages of 12 and 29 --- and are seeking support to help them to assist these children, individuals whose lives and opportunities are being compromised as a result of one or more of a number of factors, including but not limited to substance use, difficulties with mental health, depression and anxiety, and family conflicts. Support may be provided to enable both youth and the parent or parents of the youth to participate together in treatment or counselling. Alternatively, support may be provided individually to the youth alone, or to the parent or parents alone.

### PURPOSE:

The Bowen Island Community Foundation (BICF) will provide grants to a "qualified donee" (charitable organization) that can provide flow through funding to assist individuals who are defined as "Youth at Risk".

### OBJECTIVES:

1. BICF supports a fund known as the "Bowen Island Youth at Risk Fund" to provide grants to a "qualified donee", Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation, which will then provide funding for the following two initiatives:
  - a. Treatment and/or counselling for specific individuals; and
  - b. Educational initiatives within the Bowen Island community.
2. A "Youth at Risk" (YAR) Committee is to be composed of five individuals, who are:



- a. well-respected as community leaders / professionals;
- b. residents of Bowen Island, or working on the island
- c. approved by the BICF Board.

The committee will be chaired by a Director of the BICF and will normally include representation, inter alia, but not limited to: on-island health care professionals, the fire department (as first responders), the Orchard Recovery Centre, and those employed by BIM to serve the interests of youth on Bowen Island.

The Bowen Island organization, Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation, will be responsible for the distribution of funds for treatment/counselling and education.

3. A referral for assistance or for support of an educational endeavour can be made by any member of the Bowen Island community to any member of the Youth at Risk Committee, or by any member of the Youth at Risk Committee. Alternatively, any member of the committee can receive a request from a youth via a counsellor. The Youth at Risk committee will then assess the request in order to understand the nature of assistance needed, and if there is an agreement to proceed, the Chair will contact the Community Health Worker at the Bowen Island Health Centre, who will then provide funds, in confidence, for that specific purpose.
4. Those seeking counselling support should seek this support from practitioners who are registered with a professional governing body -- Registered Clinical Counsellors, Psychologists, and/or Registered Social Workers who practice on Bowen Island. If a Bowen youth demonstrates an already existing contact with an off- island practitioner, an exception may be made to this expectation. Other relevant professionals who provide assistance to youth at risk and are accredited and/or registered with their professional associations or colleges may also be considered for support.
5. The initiative is funded by proceeds from the Fund and any other available funding, as approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the BICF. Youth will be funded for up to five appointments with a practitioner, to be completed within three months of the first session.
6. BICF will be responsible for all administrative work and financial management regarding "the Fund", including the issuance of tax receipts for donations received.
7. The "qualified donee", the Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation, will not be requested to or provide funding for this initiative.
8. The "qualified donee", with direction from the Youth at Risk Committee and the Bowen Island Health Centre Foundation, will provide an annual report to BICF itemizing the disbursement of funds without



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compromising confidentiality of the individual recipients receiving treatment/counselling assistance. Any excess funds not used are to be returned at the end of each granting cycle / year.

9. This program will operate on a trial basis from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

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