

# LEAVE A LEGACY!

Legacy (Planned Giving) gifts allow you to make a future donation to the Friends of Fish Creek without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned gift you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and vital impact on the park that you care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes.

Your legacy will help ensure that the important programs operated or sponsored by the Friends of Fish Creek can continue to be maintained and expand, thanks to your generosity.

## Planned Giving Alternatives

### Bequests

You can leave the Friends of Fish Creek a gift (bequest) in your will either as a specific amount or as a portion of your assets. You may wish to designate your funds to a program of personal interest or as a non-designated donation. Your estate will benefit from tax advantages on the portion left to charity.

### Life Insurance

Life insurance allows you to make a major donation at a modest cost. A policy, which names the Friends of Fish Creek as both beneficiary and owner may be purchased or amended. You then receive a tax receipt for the cash surrender value of the policy and accumulated dividends and interest. Further payments will also entitle you to a tax receipt.

### Gifts of Stock or Securities

Tax legislation has been amended to eliminate capital gains tax on donations of stock and listed securities (company shares, bonds, mutual funds and employee stock options) to registered charities such as the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society. In other words, donors will not pay any tax on the gain and a tax receipt will be provided for the full value of the donation.

Previously, capital gains tax was levied at approximately 25% of the gain on securities that were donated directly to a registered charity. With the elimination of capital gains tax on this type of donation, the incentive to donate listed securities becomes significant.

#### **Example 1**

The prospect donor purchased 1,000 shares of ABC company at \$25 each and the shares are now valued at \$50 each. The total value of the investment has increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000, resulting in a capital gain of \$25,000. If the prospect donor decides to sell the shares, he or she will

pay tax on 50% of the capital gain, and, assuming a 39% marginal tax rate, the donor will pay approximately \$4,875 in taxes.

If the prospect donor donates the shares to the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society, he or she will not pay any tax on the increased value of the shares and will receive a tax receipt for the full value of the donation, \$50,000 in this example. The donation tax credit will result in approximately \$25,000 in tax savings assuming a 29% federal tax credit and 21.0% provincial tax credit.

### **Example 2**

The prospect donor owns shares worth \$100,000. The donor had paid \$50,000 for these shares, therefore the capital gain is \$50,000.

The donor can sell \$80,000 worth of the securities and pay approximately \$7,800 in capital gain tax. To offset the tax, the donor can donate \$20,000 to the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society and get a 41.75% tax credit, or \$8,350.

*Disclaimer: The above comments are not intended to be, nor should they be construed as, income tax advice to any potential donor. Donors are encouraged to seek professional tax advice in order to ascertain the precise income tax implications of any contemplated donation.*

## **Annuities**

Using an annuity, you receive life time payments (or for a specified period of time) from the Friends of Fish Creek Park in return for a lump-sum donation. Some or all of the income from the annuity that you receive may be tax-free.

## **Charitable Remainder Trusts**

With this instrument, your assets are transferred to a trustee who manages the assets for your benefit during your lifetime. After death, the remaining principal is available to the Friends of Fish Creek.

A tax receipt will be issued for the present value of the assets placed in trust.

**We recommend that you consult with your legal or financial advisor to confirm which planned giving option best suits your personal situation.**

**When designating a gift please use our legal name: Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society and include our address: PO Box 2780, Calgary, AB T2P 2M7. Our Charitable Registration # is 89119 9747 RR0001**