



# BCTRA

BC Therapeutic Riding Association

## **BCTRA AGM 2024**

Year in Review

November 25th, 2024 @ 7:30 pm

Via video conference (Zoom)

AGM package & online voting on website:

**[bctherapeuticriding.com](https://bctherapeuticriding.com)**

<https://bctherapeuticriding.com/bctra-agm-2024/>





## **BCTRA AGM 2024 Agenda**

- 1. Year End Presentation**
- 2. Review Previous AGM Minutes**
- 3. Present March 2024 Year End Financials & Budget**
- 4. Online Vote**



# Vintage 1986

Since 1986, with the horse as our common foundation, we now have members offering Equine Assisted Services (EAS) across BC in:

Therapeutic Riding & Hippotherapy (TR),  
Para-Equestrian Athlete Development (ParaSport),  
Equine Assisted Learning & Therapy (EFW/EAL/EAP).



# Strategic 2024

October 2024, with the support of a members survey the BCTRA Board has developed a new strategic plan. We are happy to report our vision and values are on track and we updated our mission to be more concise and clear.

## Vision

We envision a community of support where all British Columbians can partner with horses to reach their ultimate potential.



## Mission

Create a provincial network to support & engage Equine Assisted Service providers through education, funding and outreach activities.

## Values

Respect   Integrity   Trust   Professionalism

# 2025-2027 BCTRA Strategic Plan Priorities

*What to watch for in 2025...*

## ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS



The BCTRA Board has recognized the benefits of adopting a governance-focused approach to better support the Board in concentrating on **strategy and sustainability**.



BCTRA will work to position itself as a **leader in the community** to advocate for inclusion of individuals with disabilities in Equine Assisted Services.

## MEMBER FOCUS



Planning will commence for a provincial educational conference designed to facilitate **knowledge sharing and skill building** for members, partners, and community allies.



Staff efforts will be directed towards **increasing opportunities** for member collaboration. This aims to better promote, recognize, and celebrate achievements and innovations made by members within our sector.



A new **Emergency Herd Wellness and Welfare grant** opportunity will be introduced to help address the urgent needs faced by BCTRA members. This annual, one-time grant will focus on supporting emergency costs related to herd health and welfare.

*Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!*



# 2024 Highlights



# BCTRA Annual Events

## Annual Grants

Year End March 2025 will bring us to over \$340,000 in funds shared with our members across the province.

## Round Tables

17 Educational Webinars and growing.

## 4th Annual Video Competition

We have a pattern for you!

## BC Summer Games

Riding Beyond Limits.









## Board of Directors

We have one opening as of November 2024 - we'd like to hear from you. If you or someone you know has BCTRA Board Member Responsibilities include:

- Provide strategic leadership
- Be knowledgeable about the organization's values, mission, programs and performance
- Be an ambassador for the organization and promote its work in the community
- Ensure the organization's financial viability and sustainability
- Participate on committees as required.

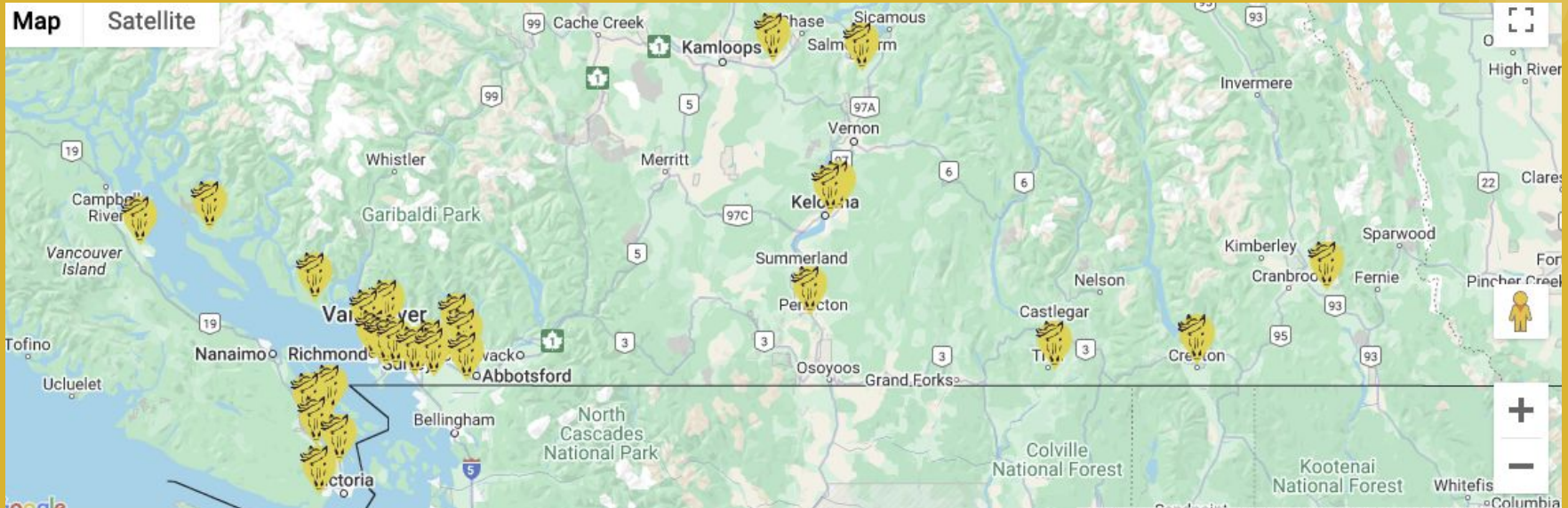
You are invited to share your interest in joining on website under **MEMBERS >> Board Nomination Form.**

# Inviting new MEMBERS...

**Equine Assisted Service Providers in BC.**

**Please help spread the word:**

Is every EAS provider in your area on the map?!





# Committees

You are invited to join one of our committees, choose from: Educational, Member Engagement, Therapeutic Riding, Para-Equestrian, and EFW/EAL/EAP.

Please email [board@bctherapeuticriding.com](mailto:board@bctherapeuticriding.com) if you wish to join any of these committees. *We encourage everyone interested in joining the BCTRA Board of Directors in the future, to join a committee today!*

# Education



And of course our bi-monthly BCTRA Member Round Tables are continuing throughout 2025.

Have a topic to present?

Want a topic presented?

Let us know!



# Will you be joining us? Educational Event 2025

Plans are underway to create an educational event to bring EAS providers across the province together for connecting and learning.

The hybrid event will take place November 2025 in the Vancouver area. **Are you interesting in partnering to host event at your facility? Let us know!**

If you would like to join our planning team please email [admin@bctherapeuticriding.com](mailto:admin@bctherapeuticriding.com)



# Granting



# Three Annual Granting Streams

currently accepting applications **(closing Dec 13th, 2024.)**

- Ensure you are in **good standing** and your **Level A (Service Provider)** membership is renewed before December 31st.
- Ensure your **\*Grant Reports** are completed  
\*if funds have been received in the past year.
- **50K** has been budgeted to be handed out March 2024.



# ANNUAL GRANTS

(Open to Level A Service Providers)

## **Growth**

For developing new programs, upgrading current programs, volunteer training and supports.

## **Operational**

Support for program and facility support, expansion, location development, equipment. Utilize funds to build capacity or to cover increased expenses to provide inclusive, safe participant experiences.

## **Developing EAS Professionals**

For continuing education and training to upskill professionals within the member organization. (CEU hours, advancing certification levels, conferences/ workshops).

OPEN GRANTS reviewed monthly  
(Open to Level A Service Providers)

## **BCTRA Equipment (Safety and Adaptive)**

Equipment, supplies or training (eg First Aid) to ensure the safe delivery and participation of participants in therapeutic riding, para-equestrian, or EFW programming. This open grant will be awarded to a maximum of \$500 per application.

## **BCTRA Bursaries Funding**

Applicants must demonstrate an active interest in either therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, para-equestrian or equine facilitated wellness and be prepared to provide references stating their activities. This open grant will be awarded to a maximum of \$1,000 per application.

OPEN GRANT ongoing  
(Open to Level A Service Providers)  
Opens January 1, 2025

\*new for  
2025\*

## Herd Health & Welfare Emergency Fund

The Herd Health & Welfare Emergency Fund is for **BCTRA Level A Service Providers** encountering an **unexpected health or welfare emergency** in relation to their equine team. BCTRA recognizes that sometimes surprises happen and we would like to support initiatives that create a safe environment for all participants and team members including our horse partners. *(This fund is not meant for day to day operational expenses or regular maintenance costs eg: hay, feed, vaccines).*

This open grant will open January 1st, 2025.  
Maximum of \$500 per application.

# **Year in Review 2024**

## **What are the numbers?**





# 35+

## Level A | EAS Providers

centers/facilities, coaches/facilitators/instructors





**40+**

# Level B | Community Supporters

volunteers, board & community members





# 60+

## Participant Registry

Riders & Para-athletes Events

(eg BC Summer Games & BCTRA Video Competitions)



**\$289k+**

**awarded in funding**

**(since 2017)**







**20+**

**Educational Events**

adding Round Tables every year!





# 5 Committees

Education

Member Engagement

Therapeutic Riding

Para Equestrian

EAL/EAP/EFW

(equine assisted learning / psychotherapy / wellness)

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# Countless & Priceless

The **commitment** of our members across BC, who are providing vital and distinctive programs in their communities, as well as supporting BCTRA efforts, is truly commendable. We eagerly anticipate ongoing **collaboration and engagement with all of you.**

# In Appreciation



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Monica Copeland, BCTRA Board Director, who resigned in 2024. Your years of dedicated service, unwavering support, and valuable insights have been truly impactful, and you will be greatly missed. We deeply appreciate your steadfast commitment to helping BCTRA reach and connect with EAS providers across BC, including your continued support of our annual Video Competition – we are so grateful. The Board sincerely thanks you for your dedication and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

**Happy Trails Monica!**

# AGM Package

**Voting closes at 9pm PST tonight.**



**Visit the website to review the package and cast your vote.**

<https://bctherapeuticriding.com/bctra-agm-2024/>

- **Previous AGM Minutes (November 28, 2023)**
- **Financial Report Current Year End (March 31, 2024)**
- **Annual Budget (2024/2025)**
- **Board of Directors Terms/Voting**



# Remember to VOTE!

**Voting closes at 9pm PST tonight.**



# Thank-you

## Looking forward to 2025!

Annual Granting cycle closes **Dec 13, 2024**

Membership Renewals are **due before Dec 31st**

**LOGIN into the BCTRA website and view  
ACCOUNT >> SUBSCRIPTIONS >> RENEW.**