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The Lagoon Society (Ruby Lake Lagoon and Nature Reserve Society) announced that they are among the 81 organizations in Canada that have been awarded funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) PromoScience grants.

The society will receive \$91,400 in grant money to support the Lagoon Society's Natural Connections program and the Science Odyssey and Science Literary programs over the next three years. These are programs offer hands-on learning experiences for young students.

PromoScience supports young students and their science teachers by offering financial support for organizations working with young Canadians to promote an understanding of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Science Odyssey is Canada's largest STEM celebration featuring fun and inspiring experiences in museums, research centres, laboratories and classrooms from coast to coast. The Lagoon Society was among 200 partners participating in Science Odyssey last week to promote STEM sciences in Canada over 10 days.

LS Education Program Coordinator Lee Ann Ennis said, " The Lagoon Society will be building three ROV's (Remote Operated Vehicles) with a small group of keen Pender Harbour Secondary School students. The ROV's will be outfitted with waterproof goPro cameras and tools for sampling the ocean bottom."

"This fits in well with our PH Coastal Waters Monitoring program that is being launched this month," said Ennis. "There is a chance the ROVs will be put to work following Science Odyssey week to map seagrass beds in and around Pender Harbour."

Science Odyssey program occurs each spring while the Science Literacy program happens in the fall.

"I'd like to congratulate all recipients who received PromoScience funding. By promoting fantastic initiatives such as Science Odyssey and PromoScience, we are investing in our country's youth, and ultimately, in our country's future. Through science, they are learning, discovering, and creating the most innovative ways to improve the lives of all Canadians."

The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science

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