

Kitsilano War Memorial Community Association



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

AGENDA

- **Welcome from Jerry Fast, President, KCCA**
- **Approval of 2024 AGM minutes**
- **Auditor's Report and Financial Statement**
- **Appointment of Auditor for 2025**
- **President's Report**
- **Committees and Task Force Reports**
 - Program Committee
 - Building Committee
 - Community Needs Assessment Task Force
 - Marketing Committee
- **Community Recreation Supervisor's Report**
- **Election of Directors**

Current Directors for a one-year term:

- Douglas Beaton
- Arlene Brown
- Elizabeth Cochran
- Jerry Fast
- Alfred Lam
- Cecilia Langill
- Suzanne Narvey
- Ryan Tittmar
- Angie Walkinshaw
- Anette Whitehead

Honorary Life Members: Peg Hillman, Robert Haines

- **Oath of Office**
- **Other Business**
- **Adjournment**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive

Jerry Fast	President
Darryl Lagerquist (until Jan 2024)	Vice-President
Suzanne Narvey	Vice-President
Elizabeth Cochran	Vice-President
Arlene Brown	Treasurer
Alfred Lam	Secretary

Members at Large

Anne Rooney (Until Mar 2024)	Director
Angie Walkinshaw	Director
Verity King (Until Feb 2024)	Director
Hanah Van Borek (Until Oct 2024)	Director
Karmel Leor Greenfeld (Until Jun 2024)	Director
Arezo Zarrabian (Until Oct 2024)	Director
Harley Gordon (Until Dec 2025)	Director
Annette Whitehead	Director
Douglas Beaton	Director
Ryan Tittmar	Director
Cecilia Langill	Director

Honorary Life Members

Peg Hillman, Robert Haines	Honorary Life Member
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KITSILANO COMPLEX STAFF

Community Recreation Supervisor	Jacklyn Altamura
Recreation Programmer II	Heather Rooke, Randy Chan
Fitness Programmer	Patrick Wong
Rink Programmer	Maegan Montemayor
Recreation Facility Clerk	Beatriz Becerra
Cashier Receptionist (RFT)	Kathryn Bolt, Mitchell Chau
Program Assistant III	Nita Bowerman, Sarah Batin
Youth Worker	Suzy Parker
Association Bookkeeper	Chelsey Amaral
Association Administrator	Irene Lagace
Tiggy Winkle Preschool Supervisors	Angela Karellas
TLC Special Needs Youth Program	Sydney Cumpstone - Coordinator
Maintenance Technician	Marcus Bhatti
Maintenance Lead Hands	Franco Caporale, Philip Kentworthy, Brian Curzon
Building Service Workers	Ranjit Purewal, Garth Probstl

2024 A.G.M MINUTES

Kitsilano Community Centre Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
Thursday, April 18th, 2024
Snowy's Lounge
7:00 pm
MINUTES

1. Welcome from Jerry Fast, President, KCCA

We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded ancestral territories of the Coast Salish Peoples including the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil Waututh Nations.

2. Approval of 2023 AGM minutes

Jerry Fast made a motion to accept the Minutes of the AGM Meeting for 2023.

Moved by: Liz Cochran Seconded by: Alfred Lam Motion Carried

3. Auditor's Report and Financial Statement

Jerry Fast called upon Arlene Brown, Association Treasurer, to introduce Erik Allas, our auditor from Tompkins Wozny to present the 2023 Financial Statements.

Erik provided a detailed review of the finances for 2023.

4. Appointment of Auditor for 2024

Jerry Fast asked for a motion to appoint Tompkins Wozny as Association auditors for the fiscal year 2024.

Moved by: Arlene Brown Seconded by: Rho Tuttle Motion Carried

5. President's Report

A written report was submitted. Jerry thanked the community centre staff. He spoke about the highlights of his report including a summary of the gymnasium storage project, and a statement on the future of the Park Board.

6. Committees and Task Force Reports

Each committee submitted a written report which you will find in the AGM package.

6.1. Program Committee

6.2. Building Committee

6.3. Community Needs Assessment Task Force

6.4. Marketing Committee

7. Community Recreation Supervisor's Report

A written report was submitted by Centre Supervisor, Jacklyn Altamura.

8. **Q & A**

Jerry invited the audience to ask any questions they may have about these reports or other matters of interest.

9. **Election of Directors**

Arlene Brown presented the slate of nominees for Officers for the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association.

Current Directors with one year remaining on their two-year term:

- o Alfred Lam
- o Annette Whitehead
- o Elizabeth Cochran
- o Jerry Fast
- o Suzanne Narvey

Current Directors to be elected for a two year term:

- o Arlene Brown

Current Directors to be elected for a one year term:

- o Hanah Van Borek
- o Karmel Leor Greenfeld
- o Arezo Zarrabian
- o Angie Walkinshaw
- o Harley Gordon
- o Douglas Beaton

Honorary Life Members:

- o Peg Hillman, Robert Haines

Jerry declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

10. **Oath of Office**

Jerry Fast invited Susan Mele to come forward to conduct the Oath of Office

Jerry Fast introduced Susan Mele, Manager of Recreation Services at the City of Vancouver. She conducted the Oath of Office for the Officers of the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association.

The oath was sworn verbally by Susan and the new members.

11. **Other Business**

No other business.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Jerry Fast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Arlene Brown Seconded by Arezo Zarrabian Motion Carried

Minutes taken by Irene Lagace, KCCA Administrator

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

KITSILANO WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

December 31, 2024

Limited Liability Partnership



Tompkins Wozny
Chartered Professional Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the British Columbia Societies Act, we report that the accounting principles used in these financial statements have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Vancouver, Canada
March 20, 2025

Tompkins Wozny LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

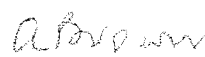
As at December 31

	2024		2023	
	Operating Fund \$	Capital Asset Fund \$	Totals \$	Totals \$
ASSETS				
Current				
Cash	219,711	—	219,711	221,296
Accounts receivable <i>[note 4]</i>	197,515	—	197,515	83,152
Prepaid expenses	5,767	—	5,767	24,907
Total current assets	422,993	—	422,993	329,355
Long-term investments <i>[note 3]</i>	501,398	419,600	920,998	1,066,204
Capital assets <i>[note 5]</i>	—	6,244	6,244	7,973
Total assets	924,391	425,844	1,350,235	1,403,532
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accruals <i>[note 6]</i>	180,763	—	180,763	148,036
Deferred contributions and grants <i>[note 7]</i>	89,800	—	89,800	69,587
Unearned revenue	184,565	—	184,565	139,536
Total liabilities	455,128	—	455,128	357,159
Fund balances				
Unrestricted	69,263	—	69,263	18,450
Invested in capital assets	—	6,244	6,244	7,973
Internally restricted <i>[note 8]</i>	400,000	419,600	819,600	1,019,950
Total fund balances	469,263	425,844	895,107	1,046,373
Total liabilities and fund balances	924,391	425,844	1,350,235	1,403,532

Commitments *[note 11]*

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

On behalf of the Board:



Arlene Brown, Treasurer
Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association



Jerry Fast, President
Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended December 31

	Operating Fund \$	Invested in Capital Assets \$	Internally Restricted \$	Total \$
			<i>[Note 8]</i>	
2024				
Balance, beginning of year	18,450	7,973	1,019,950	1,046,373
Revenue under expenses for the year	(147,055)	(4,211)	—	(151,266)
Investment in capital assets	(2,482)	2,482	—	—
Interfund transfer	200,350	—	(200,350)	—
Balance, end of year	69,263	6,244	819,600	895,107
2023				
Balance, beginning of year	180,460	10,414	819,600	1,010,474
Revenue over expenses for the year	41,539	(5,640)	—	35,899
Investment in capital assets	(3,199)	3,199	—	—
Interfund transfer	(200,350)	—	200,350	—
Balance, end of year	18,450	7,973	1,019,950	1,046,373

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended December 31

	2024		2023	
	Operating Fund	Capital Asset Fund	Totals	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Program operations [schedule 1] [note 7]	1,283,417	—	1,283,417	1,175,622
Rentals	56,057	—	56,057	34,564
Interest	37,895	—	37,895	28,660
Vending, promotions and other	4,248	—	4,248	4,968
Breakfast club program	3,139	—	3,139	1,200
Garden Project	1,898	—	1,898	2,045
Donations	132	—	132	580
	1,386,786	—	1,386,786	1,247,639
EXPENSES				
Program operations [schedule 1]	910,440	—	910,440	858,997
Group One wages	208,277	—	208,277	179,528
Administration staffing	47,077	—	47,077	44,963
Equipment	29,436	—	29,436	8,868
Credit card merchant fees and bank charges	26,526	—	26,526	23,015
Operation fee [note 11]	22,032	—	22,032	21,929
Professional fees	20,562	—	20,562	17,060
Advertising	15,911	—	15,911	13,557
Subscription fee [note 11]	14,790	—	14,790	12,283
Promotion and other	13,502	—	13,502	14,770
Rentals	9,389	—	9,389	934
Breakfast club program	4,659	—	4,659	3,839
Amortization of capital assets	—	4,211	4,211	5,640
Garden Project	4,104	—	4,104	593
Insurance	3,837	—	3,837	3,684
Awards and scholarships	1,000	—	1,000	1,800
Education	643	—	643	280
	1,332,185	4,211	1,336,396	1,211,740
Revenue over (under) expenses before other:	54,601	(4,211)	50,390	35,899
Capital improvements [note 8]	(201,656)	—	(201,656)	—
Revenue over (under) expenses for the year	(147,055)	(4,211)	(151,266)	35,899

See accompanying notes to the financial statement



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Revenue over (under) expenses for the year	(151,266)	35,899
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	4,211	5,640
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(114,363)	66,609
Prepaid expenses	19,140	(19,743)
Accounts payable and accruals	32,727	(40,402)
Unearned revenue	65,242	(10,670)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(144,309)	37,333
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net purchase of investments		15,883
Acquisition of capital assets	(2,482)	(3,199)
Cash provided by investing activities	142,724	12,684
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of Canada Emergency Business Account loan	—	(40,000)
Cash used in financing activities	—	(40,000)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(1,585)	10,017
Cash, beginning of year	221,296	211,279
Cash, end of year	219,711	221,296

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

1. PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association (the "Association") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association, operating in conjunction with the Vancouver Park Board, provides activities to area residents on a user fee basis.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses reported during the year. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the determination of net recoverable value of assets, in particular as it relates to useful lives of capital assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method in accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount receivable can be reasonably estimated and its collection is reasonably assured.

Licensed preschool fee revenue is recognized in the month to which the services relate based on enrollment rates.

General program revenue is recognized over the period the related program operates.

Facility rentals revenue is recognized on the date the space is rented or over the period the space is rented out, if applicable.

Interest income is recognized as revenue in accordance with the terms of the underlying investment, which is generally with the passage of time.

Revenue from all other sources other than direct access gaming is recognized when the respective program or service is provided.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Fund Accounting

Revenues and expenses related to activities and other programs are reported in the Operating Fund.

The Capital Asset Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses related to the Association's capital assets.

Use of Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre and the Providing of Operating Expenses

Use of Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre premises as well as the providing of certain operating expenses, such as various staffing costs, are provided to the Association pursuant to a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. A new JOA was signed on January 1, 2018. The value of the use of the facilities as well as these additional operating expenses has not been reflected in the financial statements.

Measurement of Financial Instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, long-term investments (term deposits) and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost includes accounts payable and accruals.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded in the Capital Assets Fund at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded in the Capital Asset Fund at fair value at the date of contribution.

Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

- Furniture, equipment and computers 5 years

Amortization expense is recorded in the Capital Asset Fund.

Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute their time to assist the Association in carrying out its service delivery activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3. INVESTMENTS

The Association's investments are term deposits which bear interest rates ranging from 3.75% to 4.65% and have maturity dates ranging from July 17, 2025 to December 3, 2025.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation - online registrations	182,010	64,496
Accrued interest		13,661
Operations	10,743	3,350
Receiver General - GST	2,056	1,645
	2,706	
	<u>197,515</u>	<u>83,152</u>

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated	Net Book
	\$	Amortization	Value
	\$	\$	\$
2024	<u>21,057</u>		
Furniture, equipment and computers		<u>14,813</u>	<u>6,244</u>
2023	<u>440,932</u>		
Furniture, equipment and computers		<u>432,959</u>	<u>7,973</u>

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation	98,780	64,519
Operations	71,183	72,162
Wages payable	7,043	8,842
Government remittances - WCB	3,757	2,513
	<u>180,763</u>	<u>148,036</u>



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

	Opening Balance \$	Received \$	Earned During the Year \$	Ending Balance \$
2024 Grants				
City of Vancouver				
Spread the Paint	4,000	—	—	4,000
Province of British Columbia				
MCFD	45,051	95,180	83,078	57,153
CCOF - Licensed Preschool Program	—	31,563	31,563	—
- Covid Funding	4,177	—	—	4,177
Government of Canada				
HRDC - Summer jobs	—	40,511	40,511	—
Horizons	—	25,000	13,249	11,751
Other				
Other	—	2,000	486	1,514
Telus	12,152	—	5,154	6,998
Citizens U	3,044	—	—	3,044
Alzheimers grant	1,163	—	—	1,163
	69,587	194,254	174,041	89,800
2023 Grants				
City of Vancouver				
Spread the Paint	4,000	—	—	4,000
Province of British Columbia				
MCFD	49,226	94,873	99,048	45,051
CCOF - Licensed Preschool Program	—	16,758	16,758	—
- Covid Funding	4,177	—	—	4,177
Government of Canada				
HRDC - Summer jobs	—	27,291	27,291	—
Other				
Telus	17,409	—	5,257	12,152
Citizens U	3,044	—	—	3,044
Alzheimers grant	1,163	—	—	1,163
	79,019	138,922	148,354	69,587

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

8. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
AV project	6,768	6,768
Capital equipment and improvements	77,855	77,855
Lobby Redesign	75,000	75,000
Storage room	—	200,350
Needs Assessment	40,000	40,000
Project contingency	200,000	200,000
Snowy's Lounge project	5,259	5,259
Website Development	14,718	14,718
Capital equipment and other improvements	419,600	619,950
Operating contingency	400,000	400,000
	819,600	1,019,950

During the year, the construction of the storage room was completed. The Association's portion of the construction was \$201,656, in addition to the \$100,000 committed by the Vancouver Parks Board.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - RISK INFORMATION

The Association is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis presents the Association's exposures to significant risk as at December 31, 2024.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of being unable to meet cash requirements or fund obligations as they become due. It stems from the possibility of a delay in realizing the fair value of financial instruments.

The Association manages its liquidity risk by constantly monitoring forecasted and actual cash flows and financial liability maturities, and by holding assets that can be readily converted into cash.

Interest Rate Risk

The Association has variable interest rate term deposit investments which are subject to periodic review. Changes in the bank's prime lending rate or other rates can cause fluctuations in interest payments and cash flows.

In the opinion of management, the Association is not exposed to other significant risk on its financial instruments.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

10. DISCLOSURE OF RENUMERATION

Pursuant to the new British Columbia Societies Act, the Association is required to disclose contractor fees and wages paid to contractors and employees who were paid in excess of \$75,000 in each fiscal year. In this fiscal year, total Group 1 wages was \$179,527 [2023 - \$179,527] which was paid to one contractor. This amount represents payment for several individuals. No amounts were paid to any members of the board.

11. COMMITMENTS

Joint Operating Agreement (JOA)

In 2018, the Association signed a new JOA with the Park Board effective January 1, 2018 for ten (10) years with one five (5) year renewal term. Under the agreement, the Association will pay an operation fee to the Park Board starting in year 2 for 1% of prior year's gross facility-generated revenue and in years 3-10 for 2% per year of the previous year's gross facility-generated revenue. Effective January 1, 2020, the Association pays a 2% subscription fee for the ActiveNet registration system.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Year ended December 31

	Expenses				Net Income (Loss)
	Revenue	Wages and Contractors	Supplies and Other	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
2024					
Adult	473,175	301,211	12,894	314,105	159,070
Aerobics	60,438	31,045	—	31,045	29,393
Children	204,371	138,269	38	138,307	66,064
Preschool	172,502	95,881	12,024	107,905	64,597
Senior	40,931	18,803	13,714	32,517	8,414
Special events	6,216	4,850	15,032	19,882	(13,666)
Special needs	95,460	70,229	9,205	79,434	16,026
Summer	113,636	71,658	24,865	96,523	17,113
Tiggy Winkle Preschool	90,164	65,267	1,890	67,157	23,007
Youth	26,524	16,991	6,574	23,565	2,959
	1,283,417	814,204	96,236	910,440	372,977
2023					
Adult	457,990	294,682	10,486	305,168	152,822
Aerobics	62,103	32,006	1,199	33,205	28,898
Children	142,860	101,506	975	102,481	40,379
Preschool	179,385	95,872	9,454	105,326	74,059
Senior	24,354	16,762	7,850	24,612	(258)
Special events	6,359	4,980	20,349	25,329	(18,970)
Special needs	112,349	85,962	9,939	95,901	16,448
Summer	89,197	65,011	19,684	84,695	4,502
Tiggy Winkle Preschool	80,264	60,003	1,912	61,915	18,349
Youth	20,761	9,445	10,920	20,365	396
	1,175,622	766,229	92,768	858,997	316,625

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I complete my ninth year as President, I would like to thank the Directors and participants who volunteered their time and energy to conduct the important work of our various Committees and Task Forces: Program Committee, Building Committee, Finance Committee, and the Community Needs Task Force. All of this work is so important to the successful operation of our Centre, for it provides local volunteer citizen input and decision-making into the programming and operations that guide the Centre throughout the year.

I am stepping down as President at this Annual General Meeting. I became active on the Board as a Director in 1998, became part of the Executive Committee in 2012, and President in 2016. I will continue to serve in a more limited capacity on the Board as Past President. It has been an honour to work with the staff and volunteers all these years at the Centre, and to serve the community of Kitsilano. I continue to serve as Chairperson of the Association Presidents Group (APG), representing 19 Vancouver Community Centre Associations. I will also continue my work as Spokesperson for the Coalition to Save Our Park Board, bringing together the APG, 36 former Park Board Commissioners and a large group of active concerned citizens.

Teamwork at KitsCC

We work as a team, the Park Board staff and the Association volunteers, in close collaboration to accomplish our goals and run our programs and events. The Association co-manages the Centre with the Park Board under a contract called the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA). The Association is primarily responsible for developing all the programming at the Centre (with the exception of the fitness centre and the rink). We work closely with the Park Board Programmers (we have two: one for adult/seniors programming and one for children's programming) and the Centre Supervisor. We manage a budget of over \$1,000,000 per year of program revenue. The Association is not just providing input on programming; rather, we have the decision-making responsibility under the JOA for programming. This unique structure – it doesn't exist anywhere else in Canada – ensures local community input and authority in decision making.

The Board of Directors meets once a month, 10 months of the year (not in July and August), on the third Thursday of the month. The Program Committee also meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss and plan programming with the Park Board Programmers. This Committee is a core group given our responsibilities for programming under the JOA. The other Committees (Finance, Marketing, Building, Needs Assessment) meet as needed to deal with issues as they arise.

You will recall that Nona Thompson was given an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Association at our AGM on April 20, 2023. I am sorry to report that Nona passed away on August 6, 2024. Nona was very active in Association work as a Director from 2002 onwards, in particular with the senior's programming. She developed the very popular monthly Multicultural Program that celebrated a different country's culture each month, a program that ran successfully for more than 20 years.

I would like to recognize and thank the many Park Board staff who work with us throughout the year to keep the Kitsilano Community Centre a vibrant center of activities, especially our Recreation Supervisor Jacklyn Altamura, our Programmers Randy Chan and Heather Rooke, our Youth

Coordinator Stratos Charalambides (until April 2024), Suzy Parker (starting October 2024), and the reception and other support staff.

Finally, a big thank you to Irene Lagacé our Association Administrator, our bookkeeper Chelsey Amaral, our Tiggy Winkle staff Angela Karellas and Miho Bay, and Sydney Cumpstone who directed our TLC Program, for their dedication and hard work in support of the Association and the community.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors at the beginning of 2024 included Jerry Fast (President), Liz Cochran (Vice President), Suzanne Narvey (Vice-President), Darryl Lagerquist (Vice-President), Arlene Brown (Treasurer), Alf Lam (Secretary), Annette Whitehead, Anne Rooney, Karmel Leor Greenfeld, Hanah Van Borek, Arezo Zarrabian, Verity King, Angie Walkinshaw, and Harley Gordon. Douglas Beaton and Ryan Tittmar were elected to the Board at the April AGM. Cecilia Langill was elected to the Board by the Directors on November 21, 2024. I want to thank Anne, Karmel, Hanah, Arezo, Verity and Harley for their service: they resigned from the Board at various times during the year to take on other responsibilities.

Future of the Park Board

Last year I reported that, on December 7th, 2023, Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim announced he would be putting forward a resolution to City Council to abolish the elected Vancouver Park Board, and to transfer their responsibilities to City Council. The resolution passed at the City Council meeting on December 13th. This change in governance require amendments to provincial legislation called the Vancouver Charter, so the final say in this matter rests with the provincial government. The Council decision was met with strong opposition from the Community Centre Associations who belong to the Association Presidents Group (APG) and by a group called Save Our Park Board, representing 30 former Park Board Commissioners

The campaign to keep the elected Park Board continued and expanded throughout 2024 and into 2025. The APG and the former Park Board Commissioners joined forces with an active group of concerned citizens to form the Coalition to Save Our Park Board. The Coalition has taken the lead in this campaign, funding a website at saveourparkboard.ca, a Facebook page, and a number of media press releases and interviews with myself acting as spokesperson. Petitions were signed by over 7200 Vancouver citizens opposing the Mayor's plan. The provincial government did not bring legislation forward in 2024 to make this change, neither before the provincial election in October nor afterwards. At this time of writing, in March 2025, they have not yet done so. The Coalition has said that only Vancouver voters can determine the future of the elected Park Board, not 8 City Councilors, and that if Mayor Sim wants to change the governance structure of the Board, he should say so as part of a policy platform statement at the next municipal election in October 2026.

I thought I would include two documents in my report, which explain in some detail the concerns being expressed by the Coalition over the Mayor's plan. The first outlines the reasons why the elimination of the elected Park Board is a bad idea, and the second outlines the reasons why the Mayor's alternative governance structure is a much inferior replacement for the existing elected Board.

This is the information we handed out to interested folks during our petition drives:

Many citizens and community groups, including 19 of our neighbourhood Community Centre Associations, are opposed to the decision taken by eight of the eleven City Councillors on December 13 last year to abolish the ELECTED PARK BOARD. Eight City Councillors do not have a mandate to eliminate the Park Board elected by thousands of Vancouver voters in October 2022. Fundamental democratic principles must be respected.

The Park Board has a mandate to protect, preserve and develop the parks and recreation facilities loved by the citizens of Vancouver. That is their ONLY mandate. Park Board Commissioners are elected to carry out that mandate and are accountable to Vancouver citizens at election time. City Councillors have a very broad mandate managing all aspects of City operations and development beyond parks and recreation. We are deeply concerned that parks and recreation will not receive the same priority attention that it has now with the elected Board.

The elected Park Board was created in the 1880s because the citizens at that time wanted to be sure that the pressures for real estate development did not compromise their determination to have a robust parks and recreation system. We have the same concern today. We all know how influential the development industry is on City Council. There is an inherent conflict of interest when the same elected officials must deal with both development proposals needing land assembly and parks preservation and expansion. The elected Park Board is a powerful bulwark against the loss of our park land. Examples of some treasures created by our visionary elected Park Board include: English Bay Beach, VanDusen Botanical Garden, The Stanley Park Seawall, Fraserview Golf Course, Sunset Nursery.

Citizen groups and organizations work closely with the elected Commissioners. Commissioners have the time and inclination to meet with the public and representatives of organizations to address matters of concern and to consider innovative proposals. The public have open access to bi-weekly meetings of the Board. City Councillors are very busy with the wide range of responsibilities they have managing City affairs. They will have far less time to work with community groups. This will be a source of frustration for those working to improve services and programs in their communities. We fear that they will be sidelined to dealing with City staff and cut off from effective communication with elected Councillors. The governance structure becomes less informed of community needs and concerns. It is a step backward eliminating this layer of elected governance, not a step forward as the Mayor would like us to believe.

The Mayor has yet to produce any evidence of the benefits of City Hall control over Parks and Recreation. What we do know is that he is trying to tell Vancouver citizens that the governance system is broken, by pointing to the disrepair of facilities such as the Aquatic Centre and Kits Pool. The facts are that City Council took control in 2010 of the specialized facility maintenance staff from the Board in the name of efficiency. Ever since, the Real Estate and Facility Management department in the City has failed to properly maintain these facilities and respond to work orders in a timely manner.

This is the response of the Coalition to the alternative plan proposed by the Mayor's Working Group:

The City of Vancouver released the final report of the City's Transition Working Group on Thursday, November 21st, 2024. This Working Group was tasked with developing a plan for bringing parks and recreation under the jurisdiction of City Council once the provincial government passes legislation to amend the Vancouver Charter to abolish the elected Park Board.

The Save Our Park Board Coalition is opposed to the proposal to remove the elected Park Board, the process used to date, and the recommendations in the City's transition report. We urge Premier Eby to follow through with his assurance at the Point Grey candidate's town hall that, if re-elected, this is not a priority for his government before the next civic election in 2026.

The Save Our Park Board Coalition has several major objections to both the process underway and the principle recommendations of the Working Group report as follows.

Undemocratic Process: First and foremost, the Coalition believes the process initiated by the Mayor last December is fundamentally undemocratic. On December 13th last, the Mayor and seven Councillors passed a resolution to ask the provincial government to amend the Vancouver Charter to eliminate the elected seven Park Board Commissioners and transfer their mandate and authority to City Councillors. When asked if he would consult the voters of Vancouver, the Mayor said he didn't need to because his ABC party had received a majority in the 2022 municipal election.

However, removing the elected Park Board was not part of the ABC platform. The same 170,000 voters also elected the Park Board Commissioners to carry out their four-year mandate and program. The City Council majority should not negate or override the mandate given by voters to the elected Park Board. If the Mayor thinks his idea is sound, he needs to campaign for Mayor in the 2026 municipal election clearly stating his position as part of the party platform and have the voters decide the issue. Eight members of City Council do not have a mandate to abolish the Park Board elected by thousands of Vancouver voters. Fundamental democratic principles must be respected.

There is also the legal advice given to the Park Board that removing the elected Park Board mid-term could be a violation of two provisions in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Flawed Proposed New Governance Structure: The Coalition believes the recommendations in the report for a new governance structure is less democratic and more bureaucratic than the current structure with the elected Park Board. This is particularly true for community groups and organizations, such as Community Centre Associations, who work closely with the current Park Board. The recommendation is to set up a Council Sub-Committee on Parks and Recreation of five appointed City Councillors, with no decision-making authority, to advise Council. Community groups won't be presenting and discussing their issues with the full complement of City Councillors at Council meetings, as happens now with the elected Park Board Commissioners. These five Councillors will be a go-between community groups and the full City Council. This isn't streamlining: it's creating a more bureaucratic, less democratic decision-making structure.

City's Lack of Specialized Expertise: The Coalition is very concerned that the proposed governance structure will seriously undermine the expertise and specialized knowledge needed to manage Vancouver's extensive park and recreation system. The report recognizes this problem wherein it states the Sub-Committee will address stakeholders' needs for "some specialization of Councillors to ensure there are elected members who have a focus on, deeper knowledge of, and accountability for, parks and recreation issues." This means there will be "some specialization", but without

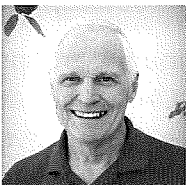
approval authority, amongst five of the eleven members of Council. This is a dramatic diminution of expertise compared to the current structure where all seven Park Board Commissioners are directly involved in community engagement and decision-making.

City's Lack of Sole Mandate for the Parks System: This concern for loss of expertise is further heightened when we remember that Park Board has a mandate to protect, preserve and develop the parks and recreation facilities loved by the citizens of Vancouver. That is their ONLY mandate. Park Board Commissioners are elected to carry out that mandate and are accountable to Vancouver citizens at election time. City Councillors have a very broad mandate managing all aspects of City operations and development beyond parks and recreation. We are deeply concerned that parks and recreation will not receive the same priority attention that it has now with the elected Board.

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Lack of Meaningful Cost Savings: The report suggests that eliminating the elected Park Board would bring \$7 million in savings per year. While this may make for a good headline, it fails to come with meaningful details on how that would be achieved and appears to be nothing more than a very rough estimate that may not be realistic. It also is a very small savings compared to the vast overall budget, yet even if achieved, would not justify the dramatic loss of democratic process of this 130 year institution.

The estimated cost savings are predicated on cutting 10 to 20 unidentified staff positions and on estimated reduced wait times when building infrastructure projects. Both staffing and infrastructure management are issues that can be addressed without eliminating this elected, effective and accountable level of governance in our city.



Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fast
President

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Tiggy Winkle Preschool (licensed)

Tiggy Winkle Corner Preschool has been an integral part of the Kitsilano Community Centre and the community for over 50 years. The preschool year runs from September to June. Tiggy Winkle Preschool offers a learning and social opportunity for 3 and 4 year olds. The most popular program was the Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am-12 noon morning program for 4 year olds as well as the Tuesday/Thursday morning program for 3 and 4 year olds. The Tuesday/Thursday afternoon program continues to be less popular with fewer registrants. Maximum registration numbers were reduced in the Fall from 20 to 16 with anticipation of moving the Preschool into the Hobby Room. This was delayed and Tiggy remained in the same space. However, the Fall September to December school year saw fewer registrations overall than the first half of the year.

The success of Tiggy is due to experienced, caring and committed ECE teacher Angela Karellas who has taught and been the face of Tiggy for many, many years. Teacher Miho Bay was with Tiggy from January-June and we thank her for her valued teaching and time. Hiring a second teacher in September proved very challenging. Emma Holloway an ECE student from the Sumer Day Camps was able to sub and then Miss Judy, Yanhong Li saved us at the end of October. Thanks to our teachers, Tiggy Winkle Preschool is a vibrant, creative learning place for preschoolers in the Kitsilano Community Centre and an important, foundational start to a child's educational journey.

Preschool & Children's Programs

Registration continues to go well for both Preschool and Children's programs. Most programs were fully registered throughout the year. Parent participation programs were popular in Music, Dance, Baby Sign Language and Sportball allowing parents and children an opportunity to recreate together. Parent & Tot Gym continued to be a hit, providing parents and their preschoolers a fun, safe place to play and socialize.

Birthday Parties were very popular and fully booked. A second piano teacher was brought on as private music lessons such as Piano and Violin lessons continued to be popular with school aged children as well as tennis lessons. All-in-all it was another busy, well-attended year.

Kits Kids Summer Day Camps

The Canada Summer Day Camp program, Kits Kids Day Camps (6-12 years) enjoyed their fourth year with home being the Ice Rink/Dry Floor Arena. The program runs Monday-Friday for eight weeks in July and August. Registration took place in March and all 8 weeks were fully registered within minutes with 55 children. We are fortunate to be in such a great neighbourhood as Kits. The children enjoyed weekly trips to Kits Beach, nearby parks, and playgrounds within walking distance. Private charter buses were also utilized as well as public transit for fun outings.

We had a brand-new Summer Day Camp staff team. The leaders did an amazing job to offer a fun, creative and stimulating camp experience. Guest instructors were included to offer art, dance parties, science, gold panning and an opportunity to see some unique critters. Summer 2024 Day Camps were enjoyed and appreciated by both parents and the children who attended. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the summer camps a huge success! **Youth & Youth Lounge**

We continue to develop and support a strong youth presence at the centre in the youth lounge. Throughout the seasons. The Youth Lounge at Kitsilano continues to be a popular spot for the youth, especially during their lunch break for the students at Kitsilano HS. Youth use the lounge for

their lunch break and can also shoot a few hoops during our open gym times Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In October of 2024 we welcomed our new Community Youth Worker, Suzy Parker. She is working with the youth staff to see where we can improve youth participation besides just the open gym. Suzy and the youth staff have been working to identify the needs and make improvements. She would like to open the lounge up to youth 10 years and up on certain days such as Saturday mornings. Youth would like to request more gym time besides Friday nights and Saturdays.

Youth Council

Another group making a significant impact at Kitsilano is the Youth Council. This group has been committed to engaging in creating community events and fundraisers. Highlights included:

- **February 2024** - Valentine's Day Card fundraiser (raised \$175)
- **March 2024** - Easter Event activities and arts & crafts created by Youth Council
- **April 2024** – Spring Keychain fundraiser (raised \$135)
- **August 2024** – 2 youth from Youth Council volunteered and worked summer day camps (reliable recruitment and valuable work experience)
- **October 2024** - Second year of Easy Bake Kitchen, enrollment met the minimum, many returning youth. Halloween Howl Event (arts & crafts and activities created and led by YC volunteers)
- **December 2024** - Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (raised \$412), - Breakfast with Santa Event (arts & crafts and activities created and led by YC volunteers)

Youth Council has been particularly excited about organizing fundraiser for local organizations and for Kitsilano Youth programs. These efforts have been hugely successful, and the Youth Council has been gaining momentum in recent months by seeing increases in enrollment from new schools (St. Patrick's, Prince of Wales, LFA, Vancouver College)

Special Events & Volunteers

Our volunteer numbers continue to remain steady, and we see new and old faces at every event and program. Every special event continues to see about 20-30 youth volunteers supporting the event along with our KCCA Board members.

- **Family Day** – 2-hour free event with ~200 people in attendance. Fun activities such as 2 interactive sessions of Zumba and indigenous weaving, arts & crafts, parent and tot play area, and free popcorn and refreshments were offered.
- **Easter Carnival** - 2-hour event, \$7 per child. This event was sold out and was very popular! Our Easter bunny was a hit and enjoyed by all.
- **Music in the Park** – 2-hour free event. Highlights included community groups, magician, musical performances, youth fundraiser, concession of Papa John's pizza, carnival games, and free popcorn!
- **Halloween Howl** – 2-hour \$7 per child; fun activities were offered: arts and crafts, bouncy castle, activities, guessing jars, activity scavenger hunt for goodie bag claim.
- **Breakfast with Santa** – 2-hour event, \$7 per participant. Event held ~144 people in the gymnasium with one sitting. With generous support from White Spot Kitsilano who provided a delicious breakfast with pancakes and sausages. An arts and craft corner, as well as a visit with Santa and photo opportunity allowed for a successful event. Thank you to youth volunteers, the Association Board Members and staff who generously provided support to make this event fun and festive.

TLC- Youth with Special Needs

TLC, an adaptive youth program for teenagers has been going strong. 2024 was a great year for TLC, as they welcomed new staff Emily and Matthew to the team. The program has been growing stronger over the year thanks to amazing and supportive staff. The TLC staff's educational background and expertise have been vital in managing and supporting behavioural challenges. Any challenges the team were given, were handled with professionalism, patience, care and understanding.

The after-school program has continued to include many life and social skills along with recreational activities such as arts and crafts, team building games, gardening and cooking. The spring and summer camps for 2024 both ran very smoothly. The teens got to experience different activities across Vancouver such as the aquarium, fly over Canada, bowling and playland. Families have reached out to express their satisfaction with both after school skill building along with exciting planned out trips.

The new MCFD team lead for children with special needs has stated "TLC is an amazing program and Sydney is doing an amazing job and working hard." The collaboration between TLC and the community has been increasing as Sydney has been reaching out to different organizations and schools to promote awareness of the program and foster connections. Parents, youth and staff have expressed their gratitude for the program which has been running successfully and cheerfully.

Adult Programs

In 2024 Adult programs had another fantastic year. Program participation continues to steadily increase with a full return of recreation programs, and fitness programs.

We welcome Jan Cooper who is teaching vocal (talent) training classes, focusing on music and performing arts training. We have increased our arts-based programs and workshops – working with Chloe Greenberg on various one day art workshops. Angela Ford has continued our Explore Wine series. UBC Changing Aging – working with UBC on bringing their highly successful strength based, fall prevention program to the Kitsilano Community.

Pickleball drop in opportunities have increased based on gymnasium availability.

Kerrisdale Basketball League has restarted in the Fall of 2024 after a short postponement due to gymnasium construction and personal leave from the league contractor.

Tennis (both indoors and outdoors) continue to be a huge hit. Tennis courts currently used at McBride Park, Kitsilano Beach Tennis Courts. In 2024, Tatlow Park was closed due to extensive rehabilitation. Adult sports continue to utilize the gymnasium to maximum capacity (regular programming plus added drop in opportunities). Group Power has continued to be a popular addition.

Shower Breakfast Program, for individuals experiencing homelessness, has now increased back to a weekly operation. Participation levels has continued to be steady welcoming new and returning participants. In the Fall of 2024, Kitsilano CCA agreed to be a pilot site for Park Board's new "Artist in the Kitchen" program – more news to share in 2025.

Older Adults

2024 was a fantastic year of growth for our seniors' programs! Thank you to Nita Bowerman for all her dedication and work throughout the year! Additionally, we have continued worked on growing and solidifying our multicultural luncheons and exciting additions and new workshops. We look forward to continuing to grow and develop our seniors' program portfolio!

Luncheons:

- Attendance has grown, so we are increasing capacity from 24 to 30 patrons per luncheon.
- Held a Senior's/TLC summer BBQ, which was very well attended.

Bus Out-Trip Programs:

- George C. Reiffel Bird Sanctuary. Due to high demand, we rented a larger bus for the trip.
- Partnered with Enjoy the Journey tour company: destination tours (e.g., Richmond Sunflower Festival) with lunch included. Will continue the partnership with Trout Lake & West Point Grey Community Centres.

Destination Walks:

- Implemented a new 'Destination Walk' initiative, using public transit to visit local attractions (e.g., Queen Elizabeth Park, Camosun Bog, Diwali @ Roundhouse CC, Museum of Anthropology, Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver). Walks will continue through 2025.

Social Crafting:

- Held three seasons of social crafting with varying success. Attendance did not grow enough to continue classes.

Mah Jong:

- Mah Jong is increasing in popularity with the addition of lessons to grow the player base. We've grown from sometimes not having enough players to consistently having two tables. Preparing for the program to expand to three tables.

Program Planning:

- Started program planning sessions to gather feedback directly from patrons on the senior's programming they would like to see.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

- Supported Musqueam businesses by: Hiring Salishan Catering for our September Luncheon.
- Hosting a weaving workshop by Moon Tide Reconciliation.
- Serving bannock and jam from Salmon n' Bannock.
- Purchasing coloring books directly from a Musqueam artist for a community coloring project.
- Plan to develop this relationship further, including creating a permanent display of a cedar hat woven at the weaving workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Rooke, Recreation Programmer

Randy Chan, Recreation Programmer

Suzy Parker, Community Youth Worker

Nita Bowerman, Program Assistant III

Sarah Batin, Program Assistant III

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Gymnasium Equipment storage room project to create a new storage room is now complete. The compressor in the Ice Rink has been replaced.

A new digital Reader Board installed on 12th Avenue is now fully operational. The KCC Building Committee is hoping to have a full-time Day Care operating sometime in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Alfred G Lam, Chair
KCCA Building Committee

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

Marketing activities for 2024 were comprised of social media, seasonal newsletters, printed recreation guides, in-house advertising via flyers and digital ads on the TV Lobby, and outreach and partnerships with community groups.

Our social media performance continues to grow on both Facebook and Instagram. To increase engagement. Regular posts, stories and highlights were shared on social media groups as well as sharing of instructor and partner posts on KCCA social media platforms.

The KCCA e-newsletter is released on a seasonal basis with a focus on promoting program registration, new programs, and sharing important updates with our community members.

Regular website maintenance and program updates were completed with the support of Kristiina Oinonen, Website Developer.

Irene Legace, former Administrator continued her work in Community Outreach + Engagement, with regular participation in the West Side Literacy Hub. Our community partnerships continued to grow with the VPL, Kitsilano Neighbourhood House, MLA David Eby's Office, West Broadway BIA, Sport4U, and many others – co-promoting each other's events and networking to share information and resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacklyn Altamura for Irene Lagacé
Association Administrator

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Historically, the CNA was formed to take on the task of analyzing the needs of the Kitsilano community to better serve its patrons. As such it researched and identified needs for seniors, families and youth. From this grew various initiatives including: the Memory Cafe - Building Capacity, an educational workshop on Reconciliation and creating events around National Truth and Reconciliation Day, promoting the establishment of a day care and after school care at the Centre and increased collaboration with other community groups including the Westside Seniors Hub and Westside Food Collaborative.

Work in many of these areas has continued at the Community Centre over the past year. In particular, we are pleased with the slow and steady work being done on the proposed daycare. We hope to have after school care starting in September of 2025 and full -time daycare for 3–5-year-olds starting in September 2026.

As part of the Seniors Hub, we have attended meetings and workshops on housing and other supports for Seniors. We will be attending a quarterly meeting on Emergency Preparedness on April 30th with the intention of this information being shared with our members.

One of our newer initiatives includes our formative help and participation in the Westside Food Collaborative (WFC). Issues around food security have been identified as increasingly important in our community. This year we attended monthly meetings and a 'Celebration of West Side Food Services' in December. We were active participants in the 'Organizational Asset and Low-Cost Food Resources Mapping'. Several Board members also attended Kits Farmer's market as part of the WFC's 'Outreach and Engagement' work.

Our involvement in the WFC has led to an intentional effort to increase community use of Ken's kitchen. As such, in addition to it being used by the Seniors and Youth program, it is utilized by Flavours of Hope a non-profit social enterprise and Farm to Marketplace, for its pickling workshops.

Recently, an exciting dimension has been added, with KCC agreeing to take on the Parks Board's pilot project for the Artist in the Kitchen. The cooks/artists Pierre Leichner and Johnny Trinh are leading demonstrations, food tasting, story telling and discussions from various cultures.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Cochran
Community Needs Assessment Task Force

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

We are thrilled to celebrate another successful year, with several programs surpassing the targets set for 2024. Notably, we expanded our offerings in Outdoor Tennis, Adult Group Fitness Classes, and Seniors Social Programs, all of which were met with positive feedback from patrons. Additionally, Room Rentals have continued to be in high demand, and we are pleased to once again accommodate some after-hours rentals.

We are proud to maintain a full team of dedicated full-time staff, with Randy Chan and Heather Rooke continuing in their roles as Programmer II. While attracting new auxiliary staff has proven challenging, we have successfully retained those recruited in 2024, ensuring a consistent operation and the extension of weekend operating hours.

The Childcare Project is back on track, with ongoing modifications to the Hobby Room Preschool area. We anticipate that the Tiggy Winkle Preschool program will relocate to the newly renovated space in the Fall of 2025.

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff teams—both Association and Park Board—whose hard work has been invaluable in ensuring the success of our programs this past year.

A special thank you goes to the Kitsilano Community Centre Association Board of Directors for their unwavering support. Their commitment as volunteers plays a crucial role in helping our staff provide the highest quality of service to the community. It is a privilege to collaborate with such a dedicated and passionate group.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacklyn Altamura
Community Recreation Supervisor