

# Trout Lake Community Centre Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022–2023

November 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

*Trout Lake — Our Evolving Neighbourhood*



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Your Community**



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**HISTORICAL NOTE — OFFICIAL NAME CHANGE**

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The Association undertook a formal name change on February 25, 2019, whereby it retired its original name of Grandview Community Centre Association (under which it was constituted as a Society in 1956) and officially adopted the name of Trout Lake Vancouver Community Centre Association to match the facility, which had been renamed in 1977.

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## TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION 2022–2023 BOARD MEMBERS

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### Executive

Lisa Kew	President
Che Poppins	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
J Leslie Tenta	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Jim Morris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
Bill Hawke	Treasurer
David Finnis	Secretary

### Members at Large

Kari-Jane Adams	Yiman Jiang	Sam Simonton
Iona Bonamis	Anchita Kaushik	Valerie Spicer
Kevin Gilliam	Rebecca McInnes	Teresa Whitehouse
Stacey Hagerty	Igor Pavlov	

### Affiliated Group Representatives

Kari-Jane Adams	Grandview Skating Club
Myriam Duchesne	Trout Lake Pottery Club
Andrew Walker	Emergency Social Services
Kyle Sanderson	Trout Lake Little League
Marcus Treacy	Scribes Rugby Football Club

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**TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF 2022–2023**

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Erica Mark	Recreation Supervisor
Shannon Donaghey-Antunes	Acting Recreation Supervisor
Sandy Lim	Facility Clerk
Maggie Vasicek	Recreation Programmer II
Matt Sung	Recreation Programmer I
Jerry Chan	Rental Coordinator
Gloria Lai	Program Assistant III
Ivan Dragelj	Program Assistant III
Marlon Flores	Program Assistant III
Steven Tautscher	Fitness Programmer
Eddy Uechi	Ice Rink Programmer
Bernie Dionne	Community Youth Worker
Karine Ling	Youth In Action
Sunny Abebe	Preschool Head Teacher
Audrey Macaraeg	Preschool Teacher
Nayomi Rajapakse	Preschool Teacher
Dean Andrews	Maintenance Technician II
Chad Lum	UMW Lead Hand
Henry Lee	UMW Lead Hand
Wendell Tan	UMW Lead Hand
Sarge Bhatti	Building Service Worker
Sulakhan Dhillon	Building Service Worker
Carol Smith	TLCCA Senior Board Administrator
Anita Hsiao	TLCCA Board Administrative Assistant

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## **AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — NOVEMBER 22, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order
  - 1.1. Welcoming remarks
  - 1.2. Reading of Correspondence Pertaining to the AGM (Notice of AGM)
  - 1.3. Acknowledgements
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
4. Unfinished Business from Last General Meeting
  - 4.1. None
5. Presentation of the Financial Report, Auditors Report and Appointment of Auditor
6. Reports
  - 6.1. President's/Executive Committee Report
  - 6.2. Staff Reports
    - 6.2.1. Community Recreation Supervisor
    - 6.2.2. Recreation Programmer
    - 6.2.3. Fitness Programmer
    - 6.2.4. Arena Programmer
    - 6.2.5. Youth Programmer
    - 6.2.6. Preschool
  - 6.3. Committee Reports
    - 6.3.1. Arts and Social
    - 6.3.2. Program
    - 6.3.3. Finance
    - 6.3.4. Policy & Planning
    - 6.3.5. Parks
    - 6.3.6. Green
    - 6.3.7. Preschool Advisory
  - 6.4. Affiliated Group Reports
    - 6.4.1. Trout Lake Pottery Club Report
    - 6.4.2. Grandview Skating Club Report
    - 6.4.3. Emergency Social Services Zone C
    - 6.4.4. Trout Lake Little League
    - 6.4.5. Scribes Rugby Football Club
7. New/Special Business
8. Elections and Swearing In
  - 8.1. Thank You to Departing Directors
  - 8.2. Election of Executive Officers
  - 8.3. Election of Directors
  - 8.4. Swearing in of Board Members and Officers
9. Commissioner's Remarks
10. Adjournment

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2022

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Chair: Lisa Kew, Secretary

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 1.2. Welcoming remarks
  - a. Welcome to our first in-person AGM since 2019!
  - b. Lisa been a user of TLCC since 1995-ish and honoured to chair this year's AGM
- 1.3. Land acknowledgement
  - a. Important to acknowledge unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθkwə'yəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́ilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations
  - b. Invite all of you to review the history of the Musqueam people.  
<https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/our-story/who-we-are/>
  - c. We want to express gratitude for the people here before us and acknowledge our use of their lands as uninvited guests
- 1.4. Reading of correspondence pertaining to the AGM (Notice of AGM)
  - a. Notice convening the Annual General Meeting was posted in the Centre as of early October, disseminated by email newsletter, and published on the Trout Lake Community Centre website on October 21<sup>st</sup>, take such notice as having been read.
- 1.5. Director introductions

Kari-Jane Adams	Yiman Jiang
Iona Bonamis	Lisa Kew
David Clarke	James (Jim) Morris
David Finnis	Che Poppins
Stacey Hagerty	Nicki Simpson
Bill Hawke	Leslie Tenta
- 1.6. Acknowledgements
  - a. Kate Perkins, Vancouver Park Board Manager of Partner Relationships
  - b. Luke Balson, Vancouver Park Board Manager of Recreation Services
  - c. Thank you both for joining us tonight

### 2. APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Trout Lake Community Centre Association.

Leslie Tenta/Bill Hawke

CARRIED

### 3. APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Che Poppins/ Jim Morris

CARRIED

#### 4. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDITORS REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

##### 4.1. Presentation of the financial statements (Gary Wozny)

###### a. Statement of Financial Position

###### i. Assets

- Accounts and grants receivable; ActiveNet a big item because post-COVID programming resumed in Fall 2021
- Prepaid expenses include brochure costs
- Capital assets are equipment, furniture, etc., amortized over its lifetime

###### ii. Liabilities and net assets

- Increase compared to prior year relates to hiring additional contractors post-COVID
- Large chunk of deferred revenue is from pre-registration
- The John Hendry Park funds are meant to be spent on park upgrades

###### b. Statement of Changes in Net Assets

###### i. Internally restricted funds are set aside to meet financial commitments and unforeseen external events

###### ii. Often used in non-profit organizations as a planning mechanism; broken out into three categories: equipment, building, and contingency reserve

###### iii. Financial position has improved this year compared to last year

###### c. Statement of Operations

###### i. Covers operations year ended and includes operating results

###### ii. Highlights

- Since Sept 2021 there have been fewer health restrictions; back to somewhat of a “normal” year
- Program operations revenue jumped up to \$1,216,099, significant increase compared to last year, as expected post COVID
- Facility rentals returned and were quite buoyant
- In prior fiscal year, Association did very well obtaining Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy allowing high employee retention
- Operation fees, as part of Joint Operating Agreement with Park Board, are to pay 2% of revenue per year
- Operation fee for this fiscal year waived by Park Board due to COVID-19

**MOTION:** To adopt the Audit for the 2022 financial report.

Bill Hawke/David Finnis

CARRIED

**MOTION:** To hire Tompkins-Wozny Chartered Accountants as financial auditors for the TLCCA for the 2023 fiscal year.

David Finnis/David Clarke

CARRIED

#### 5. REPORTS

##### 5.1. President's/Executive Committee Report

a. First in-person AGM since 2019, been quite challenging over the last two years; we are so grateful to be here with everyone

b. We cannot say enough to acknowledge the Centre staff and fellow volunteers; appreciate everyone sticking in and making it through personal challenges; you are all so important to the operations of this centre



- c. Community spirit — thank yous come at end but wanted to start off expressing gratitude for continuity of Board volunteers who have carried on the Association values through the years; this community feels like a second family
- d. Board accomplishments include hiring supplemental staff, expanding benefits for full time staff, continuing to adopt and update policies, and provide regular oversight
- e. Milestones to highlight from this year
  - i. Programs and events
    - Eva contributed to the rise of this centre with her programming skills and now Matt and Maggie are carrying these programs forward, while striving to make them lower barrier and more accessible to the community
    - Thank you Matt and Gloria for your work in reanimating all events to continue their success throughout the pandemic
  - ii. We have youth volunteers like no others in this city
    - They spend their Friday evenings here, run our day camps extremely well, and make our events amazing
    - Huge thanks to the (over 130) youth who come from a variety of private and public schools all around our community and provide a lot of support to our events
  - iii. Preschool – hired extra staff to assist with COVID protocols
    - Proved to be very valuable for the kids
    - Thank you to our preschool teachers Sunny, Audrey, and Nayomi
  - iv. Seniors programs overseen by Maggie and Matt
    - Great to see seniors back through the return of fitness, mah-jong, etc.
    - Participants are extremely grateful, especially for the generous gym space provided for ping pong; thank you Maggie and Matt!
    - Thanks to Dorothy and the seniors! They are a dedicated group who see need in the community and act right away
  - v. Website redesign and launch
    - Kudos to Carol and David for the amazing website that we now have
    - Thank you to Carol, who has put in many hours of work to make it happen
  - vi. Pottery Club
    - Contribute generously through volunteer hours and pottery donations, such as Fall Harvest soup bowls
    - Phenomenal group that does a great job at keeping costs low and contributing to the vibrancy of community
  - vii. Mothers' Day Pow Wow
    - Extremely rewarding experience to be able to speak to so many elders and share their space
  - viii. Thank you Che Poppins for providing in-kind HR support prior to joining us as a Board member
    - Your in-kind advice strengthened our operations and continues to make a huge difference
    - Allowed us to bring on a second administrator and support our Preschool staff
  - ix. Newly signed café operator
    - Thanks to our café committee members Bill and Kari, as well as to Carol, who worked to get the café up and running again
    - It's so important to have food here and be able to provide our patrons with nourishment
- f. Gratitude to this community!
  - i. A big thanks to all Board members who powered through Zoom and in-person meetings this past year
    - We got a lot of work done and I look forward to continuing our work towards our strategic plan over the next few years

- ii. Thanks and farewell to Alison Cristall for her incredible work as supervisor for the past 6 years
  - iii. Welcome Erica!
    - Erica brings lots of compassion to this centre, her heart is here and we are so pleased to have her along with her many year's of Park Board experience and dedication to youth
  - iv. Thank you Matt for all the work you've done for the Centre, through injury and all
  - v. Thank you Maggie for acting as CRS and now returning back to programming; we are so grateful for all the strong programming work you provide the Centre
  - vi. Thank you Bernie for your support through youth, Youth In Action, and all volunteer work
    - Bernie is the most amazing networker; since he joined this centre he has brought endless opportunities for youth to succeed
  - vii. Thank you to Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht for your commitment to being present at our Board meetings, both in-person and virtually
  - viii. Thanks Carol for being the pillar of this organization
    - Carol has rocked through all the obstacles, and the Association could not function without her
    - Can't say enough about the strength that Carol has brought to our Association through our website development, food, policy development, everything
  - ix. Welcome Anita to your first AGM!
  - x. Thank you to front desk staff, especially Sandy, Program assistants, and all centre staff — including Sandy who keeps everything going smoothly and makes the front office into a well-oiled machine
- g. Looking ahead
- i. Can't wait for what's to come in the next few years!
  - ii. Working towards our goals outlined in the strategic plan
  - iii. There's still work to do, we are only about halfway

## 5.2. Staff Reports

### a. Community Recreation Supervisor (Erica Mark)

- i. Most of report touched on by Lisa, thank you
- ii. Lots of staff change but finally getting to a point of stability coming out of COVID
- iii. Things gradually picking up, almost fully back to pre-COVID capacity
- iv. This community, the staff, and Board are amazing, I am so thankful to be working here and look forward to the future of this centre
- v. Highlights
  - We faced a bit of setback with COVID measures, however, were able to pilot a youth-only fitness opportunity; was successful and taken advantage of by youth
  - Mothers' Day Pow Wow was fantastic, with around 3,000 attendees
  - First time cooling centre
    - Interesting opportunity provided many learnings
    - Filled a huge need in this community
    - Had more people than anticipated utilizing our cooling space
  - Board just approved single use item reduction strategy
    - Exciting time to be moving this forward and working towards more sustainable environmentally friendly initiatives

### b. Recreation Programmer (Matt Sung)

- i. Been here for 6 years in various positions

- ii. Foundation now feels established and I'm excited to move forward with the strategic plan
- iii. Events are coming back, Program and Arts Committees are so lovely to work with
- iv. Programs here are packed compared to other sites; we are proud to have kept so many programs running through the pandemic
- v. Lisa you've been our lighthouse, staff feel lucky and are so grateful to have you
- c. Arena Programmer — As submitted
- d. Youth Programmer — As submitted
- e. Preschool — As submitted

### 5.3. Committee Reports

#### a. Arts and Social (Lisa Kew)

- i. So happy to have so many events happen
- ii. Summer concerts and lantern procession were so amazing
- iii. Thank you to all committee members for contribution
- iv. Looking forward to upcoming winter, spring summer events

#### b. Program — (Yiman Jiang)

- i. Back to full capacity this year
- ii. Many programs have long waitlists, showing the success of programming and how well we serve our community
- iii. Gone through various staffing changes but despite so, programming team has kept everything running smoothly
- iv. Focusing on expansion of green programming for past few years
- v. Have been proud of green pages in brochure
- vi. working towards more sustainability in our centre and influential messaging towards patrons
- vii. Last year piloted member subsidies to help create more accessible programs for more people; very happy that the Association is providing this and creating more accessible opportunities

#### c. Finance (Bill Hawke)

- i. Gary has covered everything, one to highlight
  - Note 9 discusses contingency reserve – to be used if we run into trouble, it allows us to continue operations
  - Through COVID, staff costs were covered by government support; would have needed to dip into this reserved funding if we did not have government support
  - Would still have been able to continue operations without government assistance
  - Plan for upcoming year is to review this contingency fund and plan for the future

#### d. Policy & Planning (Che Poppins)

- i. Quite busy this year
- ii. Name change from Strategic Planning to Policy and Planning, as strategic plan was completed
- iii. Created bereavement and compassionate care policy for Association staff
- iv. Created new Preschool closure policy to cover things like COVID
- v. Discussed cost of living this year as it's been higher than typical years, brought in increase policy for this year, and will revisit next year as things change
- vi. Looking forward we have plans to review Preschool staff wages and dig into policies to make sure they are relevant and up-to-date

#### e. Green (Yiman Jiang)

- i. Had very first full-scale Earth Day event

- ii. Promoted green programs through various subsidies and brochure pages
  - iii. Passed single use item strategy aiming to reduce waste in the Centre
    - Example, Lisa worked with staff for Fall Harvest and invited all attendees to bring their own utensils
    - Proved to be very successful; patrons were happy to do so
  - iv. Lucky to have Brian Wong who used to be the lead at Zero Waste Vancouver, guide us in our journey towards sustainability
- f. Preschool Advisory Committee — As submitted

#### 5.4. Affiliated Group Reports

- a. Trout Lake Pottery Club Report (Lisa Kew)
  - i. Thank you, Association, for a very fair space rental agreement
  - ii. Been able to do everything we want to do at the Centre and with the club
  - iii. Thank you for your continuous support of the club through cost sharing
- b. Grandview Skating Club Report
  - i. Skate competition coming up then will rest for rest of holiday
- c. Trout Lake Little League
- d. Emergency Social Services Zone C (Andrew Walker)
  - i. Affiliate at Trout Lake and volunteer run emergency response group
  - ii. 6 zones, TLCC is the go-to centre for Zone C
  - iii. Thank you to the community centre for providing space for us to do this work
- e. Scribes Rugby Football Club — As submitted

### 6. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 6.1. None

### 7. ELECTIONS AND SWEARING IN

- 7.1. TLCCA consists of 17 directors who serve 2 year terms, a voting process is held if necessary
  - a. Carol, senior Board Admin will conduct the election process tonight
- 7.2. Elections (Carol Smith)
  - a. Thank you to the five directors continuing in office for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their elected term
    - i. Member at Large: Stacey Hagerty
    - ii. Member at Large: Iona Bonamis
    - iii. Treasurer: Bill Hawke
    - iv. Member at Large: David Finnis
    - v. Member at Large: Che Poppins
  - b. Members at Large David Finnis and Che Poppins are continuing in their terms and standing for Executive roles
    - i. David Finnis is wishes to take on the role of Secretary, nominated by Bill Hawke (Acclaimed)
      - Lives very close to the Centre and brings his grandkids to programs here, as well as uses the fitness centre for himself. He joined Board last year, enjoys contributing to various committees, and looks forward to taking on more next year
    - ii. Che Poppins would like to move into the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and is nominated by Lisa Kew (Acclaimed)
      - Used to nanny in this neighbourhood and frequented the Centre a lot, she initially volunteered to help with HR tasks and fell in love with the work.

She's very excited to join the Executive team and looks forward to the next year.

- c. Election of Executive Officers who are also standing for a new term
  - i. Secretary Lisa Kew is standing for a new term and election to the Executive role of President. She is nominated by Bill Hawke (Acclaimed)
    - Loves pottery and takes pride in being part of this community. She is pleased to accept this nomination and knows that she can contribute her historic knowledge of this space and further the work in relationship building with patrons, creating a sense of belonging, and low barrier programming for this community.
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Leslie Tenta is standing for a new term and re-election to the Executive role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, nominated by Jim Morris (Acclaimed)
    - Has been part of the Board for four years, initially getting involved through a senior's exercise group. She really admires the work of the people here at this centre and looks forward to another term.
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Jim Morris — Standing for a new term and re-election to the Executive role of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, nominated by Leslie Tenta (Acclaimed)
    - Jim began using this centre for the fitness amenities, saw that the Association was seeking Board members and got involved. He looks forward to staying on the Board for at least two more years.
- d. Election of Board of Directors (Members at Large)
  - i. Two key directors standing for a new term
    - Kari-Jane Adams — Standing for re-election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by Lisa Kew (Acclaimed)
      - Been a Board member since 2006 and liaison for Grandview Skating Club.
    - Yiman Jiang — Standing for re-election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by Leslie Tenta (Acclaimed)
      - Currently chairs the Program and Green Committees. She has lived in the neighbourhood for the past 10 years and is very thankful for Lisa, who invited her to join Board and encouraged her participation.
  - ii. Seven Director seats are open for election
  - iii. Five candidates seeking election to Board for the first time
    - Rebecca McInnes — Standing for election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by Lisa Kew
      - Rebecca has lived in the neighbourhood for the past eight years, she has two young kids and loves coming to the Centre for programs. She's excited to give back and wants to ensure the community centre will be here for generations to come.
    - Igor Pavlov — Standing for election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by Che Poppins
      - Works as a software engineer and currently chairs another non-profit. Finds volunteering very rewarding and hopes to continue through Trout Lake as his daughter attends Laura Secord, a nearby school. Is looking forward to getting to know everyone.
    - Teresa Whitehouse — Standing for election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by David Finnis
      - Honoured to be standing here. She discovered the community centre recently as a fitness instructor sub and felt extremely welcomed. Believes that community centres are a vital place for young people, but especially seniors as well. She wants to help contribute to the

work already done and loves that it's a place everyone can come regardless of social or political differences.

- Kevin Gilliam — Standing for election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by: Leslie Tenta
  - Is semi-retired bartender and funeral director. He used to live across the street as a child and used the community centre very often growing up. He wants to do more to support the community that has shaped him to be who he is now.
- Sam Simonton — Standing for election to Board as a Member at Large, nominated by: Che Poppins
  - (via phone call) Sam works as a CEO and Executive coach for TEC Canada and runs her own e-commerce consulting firm. She is originally from Calgary and has lived in Vancouver for 12 years. Sam is interested in giving back by supporting vibrancy through decision making in the community that she thrives in.

iv. All candidates are acclaimed

7.3. Thank you to departing directors (Lisa Kew)

- a. Nicki Simpson — We wish you well Nicki! You have been instrumental to the Board and we are grateful for your guidance through Board meetings, your keen mind for challenges that we've faced over the past years. We wish you well in your future journey.
- b. David Clarke — Thank you David for being so reliable and helpful with all of our tech questions. You've been instrumental to the opening of the Centre, we are so thankful for the time you have devoted to the Board and forever in gratitude. Your presence will definitely be missed.

7.4. Thank you to Park Board staff in attendance

- a. Kate was a president of the Board for many years. Her current role in Park Board did not exist before, but has become one that has strengthened the community centre associations. It's vital to childcare, core programming, and so much more. We are so thankful for your work and the strength you've brought to community centre associations.
- b. Thanks for coming tonight and taking time out of your busy schedule.

## 8. **SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

8.1. No current commissioner due to recent elections, so no process of swearing in tonight

8.2. New directors and directors renewing terms

- a. Please see Carol to sign the Consent to Act as a Director form as required by the Societies Act

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Kevin Gilliam

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## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## RETAINED EARNINGS PLAN FOR THE 2023–2024 FISCAL YEAR

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The Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between the Trout Lake Community Centre Association (TLCCA) and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation calls for the TLCCA to annually develop a plan to spend and/or keep as operating contingency its retained earnings. The JOA further requires that the plan to be publicly available. The TLCCA thus includes the plan in this annual report, which will be posted on the Trout Lake Community Centre website.

As of the close of its most recent fiscal year on August 31, 2023, the TLCCA had \$47,341 in retained earnings, as defined by the JOA\*.

The TLCCA plans to use these retained earnings as follows:

\$11,835 has been set aside in a Restricted Equipment Reserve for equipment purchases (capital assets with a value of at least \$500). These purchases will include additions the TLCCA believes will be beneficial to users of the Centre plus the replacement of existing equipment as needed.

\$7,101 has been set aside in a Restricted Building Reserve for renovations to the building and additions to the grounds used by the TLCCA.

\$440,000 has been set aside in a Restricted Contingency Reserve, which equals four months of operating expenses.

Since 2019 and through the year of COVID the TLCCA made every effort to retain staff while continuing to offer programs, particularly to critical populations like seniors and youth. These programs were dramatically reduced in size due to health restrictions on space and masking requirements. As the restrictions eased, the Centre returned to normal operations and full programming.

Reducing the number of participants in our programs while still retaining staff resulted in lower income. The Centre qualified for some Federal Government assistance that allowed the TLCCA to show a profit through these times. This resulted in additional retained earnings that will be reduced in the next few years. To accomplish this, we have started the following activities:

- We have added two temporary Program Assistants. This will allow Programmers a greater opportunity to explore areas we are not currently addressing, or not addressing at the level the community requires. More will be explained in other reports.
- We have given a cost of living increase to our staff to address the effect of high inflation.
- We have increased the power available in the Café to improve customer service.
- We continue to review our operation to identify areas where additional adjustments, services, or equipment would benefit the public experience.

The experiences of three years of COVID have made it difficult to project our financial operation for the coming year. The above changes, now incorporated in our operation, must be financed. We are monitoring our operation closely through this year and some adjustments may be required. We will continue to work with the Park Board staff to realize this.

\* *Unspent revenue accumulated by the Association over time from Facility-Generated Revenue.*

## **1. JOA — Finance**

### **2. SECTION 14.3 BUDGETS AND RECORDS**

#### **(e) Retained Earnings**

Prior to the end of the first year of the term, the Association will develop a plan to spend and/or keep as operating contingency, at the Association's discretion, its Retained Earnings and will update that plan on an annual basis to reflect amounts actually spent in the past year, use of funds, the current balance of Retained Earnings and any revised plans for future spending of the Retained Earnings. The Association will make its plan publically available and will post its plan and all updates on the Associations website. The Association will use its best efforts to execute on its plan and shall make expenditures of Retained Earnings in accordance with the plan, as it is updated from time to time. Subject to the foregoing, the Association agrees that Retained Earnings may only be spent on physical improvements to or capital projects within the Community Centre Network or for the direct provision of Programming services to the public at or from the Jointly Operated Facilities.

The Association acknowledges and agrees that the buildings and Fixtures comprising the Entire Facility are and will continue to be owned by the City and Park Board, notwithstanding any contribution of funds (including Retained Earnings and grant revenue) by the Association.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Committee Chair:** Lisa Kew, President

**Members:** Bill Hawke (Treasurer); David Finnis (Secretary), Che Poppins (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President); Leslie Tenta (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President); Jim Morris (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President)

**Staff:** Erica Mark/Shannon Donaghey-Antunes (Community Recreation Supervisor), Carol Smith (Senior Board Administrator), Anita Hsiao (Administrative Assistant)

### Purpose

The Executive Committee handles the corporate and administrative aspects of TLCCA and reports to the Board. It operates under the mission, strategic priorities, policies, and other governance structures of TLCCA. The Committee addresses immediate issues between Board meetings, curates Board agendas, initiates and oversees staff contracts, grants, and products to advance the operations of TLCCA. The operation of the Trout Lake Preschool is also under its purview. The able assistance of Carol Smith and Anita Hsiao, the administrative staff, is greatly appreciated.

### Year in review

As our Association was incorporated as a Society in 1956, this marks the close of what was technically the Association's 67<sup>th</sup> fiscal year. We hope that this Annual Report gives a sense of the breadth of the creativity, planning, collegiality and dedicated hard work that goes into our dynamic Trout Lake Community Centre. Please take time to read the varied information contained in the audited financial year end report, the staff and committee reports, and in those of some of our affiliated groups.

The Executive Committee — supported by an inclusive, committed Board — met regularly to examine and advocate for this community's needs.

Trout Lake Community Centre started and finished the 2022–2023 fiscal year with a determination to return to full activity and participation. Our operations were back at full capacity after the pandemic; staff, instructors, volunteers, and the community were eager and helped us to succeed in fully activating all programs, events and activities.

In this Executive Committee report we take some space to spotlight a few of TLCCA's top achievements and acknowledge the people behind them.

### Truth and Reconciliation

As an executive committee and board, we are unwavering on our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation within our community centre. The following are examples of the steps we are learning to take.

- TLCCA was happy to provide some financial support to the 2022 Nisga'a Ts'amiks Truth and Reconciliation Day event held in John Hendry Park.
- In May 2023, we expanded our support of the Mothers' Day Pow Wow held at Trout Lake Community Centre, enabling it to grow from a one-day to a three-day event. We set aside programming and rentals for the duration, making all the facilities available without charge, ensuring everyone was welcomed. As in the previous year, TLCCA directly hosted an Elders' Respite Room that provided a quiet, restful space. Refreshments were provided and Board volunteers were on hand for conversation and assistance, if needed.



- We are continually working to foster our relationship with Red Fox Healthy Living Society and gradually building working relationships with Indigenous organizations and exploring future connections.
- The Trout Lake Medicine Wheel programming partnership we have with Cedar Cottage Food Network has developed wonderfully under the guidance of Galit Mastai, bringing rich and enjoyable workshops featuring precious Indigenous knowledge sharing.
- Land acknowledgements are now made at meetings and in correspondence; we appreciate the grace of Indigenous led opening ceremonies at our events.
- The newly formed Truth and Reconciliation Committee will continue to help us move forward on this important path.

## Investing in our Community

**Staff** — Important human resources pieces were investigated and implemented during the year. TLCCA employees are mainly in these groups: Board administrative staff; Preschool staff; Youth in Action program staff; and staff who manage birthday parties, specials events, day camps and rentals, amongst other things. We are pleased to say that increases in wages were provided across all these Association positions so that we are meeting or exceeding average wages across Vancouver community centres.

**Seniors** — This year, TLCCA applied for and received financial support for two important initiatives. One of which was the Seniors' Programming Expansion Project, generously supported by the Al Roadburg Foundation. This project enabled us to initiate expert outreach in the community regarding under-serviced and isolated older adults and will help us add two free programs per season in the coming seasons. Thanks to Maggie and Carol, who spearheaded this work.

**Youth** — Trout Lake's Youth Worker, Bernie Dionne, secured a Building Safer Communities grant from the City of Vancouver's Social Policy section to support the Youth Belong Initiative at Trout Lake. This project examines and strengthens youth safety and belonging in our community. Part of the initiative is to give youth the opportunity to be part of a dragon boating team. Great work, Bernie and the Trout Lake Fishies volunteers!

**Preschool** — In a year of cost of living challenges, TLCCA was glad to be accepted into Child Care BC's Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, allowing us to offer reduced monthly fees for our four licensed preschool classes.

**Cost Assistance** — Again, with affordability in mind, TLCCA is proud of its Program Committee's ongoing efforts to boost financial accessibility to our offerings, via the resumption/renaming of our *TLCCA Program Cost Assistance* member-level subsidy.

**Café** — A much awaited electrical upgrade in the café area enabled the operator to expand food offerings. We are pleased to support Cassidy Chow and her operations. She employs several local youth and supplies Trout Lake with delicious café beverages and food.

**Sustainability** — Trout Lake is lucky to have had passionate and knowledgeable Board members to help us set and achieve strategic goals on sustainability and climate action. This fiscal's highlights include: the Board adopted the Green Committee's Single Use Item Reduction Strategy, we resumed offering zero-waste events and Green Party kits for our Birthday Party packages and started setting sights on sustainable decorations. Be sure to read the Green Committee report for their longer list of achievements.

## **Gratitude and Appreciation**

**Affiliate Groups** — We thank all our affiliate groups for their active community presence at Trout Lake. We continue to support active local affiliate community groups by providing meeting rooms and brochure promotions. You too may have enjoyed seeing (or participating in!) the Grandview Skate Club, the Trout Lake Pottery Club, Trout Lake Little League, and Scribes Rugby around the Centre and Park. We're hoping our Emergency Social Services (ESS) zone's team will reform and be back soon too.

**Welcome** — Margo Dunnet, Community Recreational Supervisor! Joining us just as the fiscal year closed, Margo brings a wealth of knowledge from her previous post at the Evelyne Saller Centre. The Board is glad for her experience working with non-profit groups and feels her objective overview lens coupled with a capacity for detailed examination will greatly benefit the community.

**Farewells** — TLCCA thanks **Erica Mark**, Community Recreational Supervisor, for her time steering the ship and wishes all the best to **Chad Lum**, Building Service Worker.

We are also saying so long to **First Vice-President Che Poppins**, who began as a generous "knowledge philanthropist", then joined the Board and Executive team and accomplished a thorough overview of TLCCA's human resources. Che will be greatly missed for her thoughtful, caring and genuine approach to people in our organization and community.

**Kara Misra** joined the TLCCA Board not long after the new centre opened. After serving for a few terms, Kara stayed on as an active and engaged Program Committee volunteer. As part of her Committee role she took on promoting Trout Lake through social media. Kara's contributions to Trout Lake and our community were immense and impactful. We are appreciative of her all her volunteerism to our Board and centre.

Trout Lake must also bid farewell to arts icon **Beth Beeching**. Involved at Trout Lake since her now adult children attended Trout Lake Preschool, Beth spent time on the Board followed by many years on the Arts & Social Committee. Compassionate, determined and resilient, Beth is a strong and passionate advocate for the arts who very positively impacted artistic culture in our community.

### **Thank you**

Trout Lake is a top-knotch experience for our patrons thanks to the fact that we have inspiring community leaders across all levels of our organization. We close our report by extending sincere thanks to the various spokes in the community hub that is Trout Lake:

#### ***Vancouver Park Board Staff***

Shout outs to all of the Park Board members of Team TLCC. From the helpful team at the front desk, the creative and dedicated Programmers and Program Assistants, and the Community Youth Worker & Youth Program Assistants to the Rink, Fitness Centre and Maintenance teams.

#### ***TLCCA Staff***

We are thankful for our amazing employees too. This includes: staff of our Preschool, Youth in Action and Day Camp programs; folks that help our patrons with room rentals, birthday parties and the play gym; the Centre's many Program Instructors and its Pottery Technician; our expert bookkeeper; and our administrative team.

### ***Board, Executive and Committee members***

With a full Board of 17 directors, and most Committees reactivated and ticking along, this community benefited immensely from an incredible amount of commitment received from these (mostly unsung) volunteer heroes.

### ***Volunteers***

And speaking of unsung, we'd like to shine some admiration on **Trout Lake's dynamic and committed Youth Council**. Not only do they decorate and help out in a number of capacities at all of Trout Lake's events, they also impress with their own initiatives.

We also extend true appreciation to the **Seniors Committee and the philanthropic older adult volunteers** who are always there to help out with fundraising and events, and are so valuable for creating TL's special multigenerational spirit.

Last but certainly not least, we thank our community and their support. You are why we do what we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kew  
President

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## COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR REPORT

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The successful delivery of recreation, education and leisure services to the community throughout this past fiscal year is attributed to the hard work and dedication of Park Board and Trout Lake Community Association's (TLCCA) staff teams and the countless volunteer hours contributed by the TLCCA Directors, community committee members and volunteers.

The TLCCA has continuously provided financial, strategic, operational support and direction to ensure that the best possible services were provided to the community. Working together in partnership, we can proudly celebrate this years' achievements and acknowledge the changes.

Erica Mark, Community Recreation Supervisor started June 2022 and left for a new opportunity in May 2023. Shannon Antunes backfilled the CRS position for the summer. Despite multiple CRS leadership changes over the year, the staff team remains strong because of their experience, skill and dedication. Changes can be challenging but the staff and TLCCA Board are resilient.

### **Gratitude for Staff**

The staff team includes many part time and full time positions, both Park Board and Association employees. Sandy Lim and the front office team ensure that community is welcomed and taken care of. Dean Andrews and the maintenance team keep the high use facility functioning and in good order.

Recreation Programmers Maggie Vasicek and Matt Sung with Gloria Lai as the events Program Assistant, provide great experiences and a wide variety of contracted programs and special events for all ages. Youth Worker Bernie Dionne engages youth and oversees the Youth Council, Summer Day Camp and the year round Youth in Action program.

Ice Rink Programmer Eddy Uechi and Fitness Centre Programmer Steve Tautscher work with their teams and coordinate with Centre staff to ensure smooth operations. Sunny Abebe leads the Preschool program and Jerry Chan coordinates facility rentals and rental supervisors. Thanks to the generosity of the TLCCA, Program Assistant III positions filled by Marlon and Ivan were added in May of the fiscal year to the day time schedule to help support and expand program capacity.

### **Highlights**

#### **Events**

The year started off with the 10th Plus Anniversary event that included a viewing of the commemorative film premiere on the making of the new Trout Lake Community Centre facility.

The annual Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow was bigger than ever this year! It was a three-day event held on May 12, 13 and 14. An Indigenous planning committee supported by Park Board staff from various community centres as well as community partners — TLCCA, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House and Britannia Community Services Centre — came together to make this traditional event happen. This event featured the Grammy nominated Northern Cree Singers, a powwow and round dance drum circle. Over 15,000 people attended including hundreds of dancers, 60+ vendors, and 10 food trucks, and 3,200 free meals were distributed to community members along with traditional gifting.

In June, the Scooter Rodeo was a success thanks to collaboration with partners ICBC, Translink, VPD/Community Police Office. This event included a free lunch and several health and safety workshops for older adults.

Then an amazing Summer Concert series happened on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. It saw all ages and families out picnicking and enjoying the live music. The final concert of the season ended with a fantastic Lantern Parade around the lake at dusk with about 700 in attendance.

### **Facility**

Many improvements within the Centre were made this year. While lengthy, the floors of the Centre were refinished to mitigate risk of injury. New accessibility lines were painted in the hallway as well as added to the stairway.

Centre improvements also included the electrical upgrade to the Café supported by the TLCCA and a new kiln for the Pottery studio. The fitness centre flooring was also replaced in key areas for safety and stability.

Just outside the entrance from the parking lot, the TLCC signage was replaced, and in the parking lot electric vehicle charging stations were installed and became operational in July complete with signage.

### **Looking Forward**

More good things are on the way with the new Community Recreation Supervisor, Margo Dunnet starting September 2023, the Artist in Residence art installation later in December, and finally, the progress on moving forward with the Glulam beam repair/retrofit which will begin in Spring of 2024. There will be continued focus on facility security and community need.

Thank you for your welcome and support during my short time at Trout Lake Community Centre. I have enjoyed my time and positive experience working with the Trout Lake Board and staff team.

Respectfully,

Shannon Antunes  
Acting Recreation Supervisor

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## RECREATION PROGRAMMER REPORT

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### Program totals

Fall 2022 – Summer 2023

Offered: 1,740    Cancelled: 210

Ran: 1,530 (88%)

It was a great year for the Programming Team as we have had continuity in our delivery of programs with two consistent Programmers Maggie Vasicek and Matt Sung. This gave us the opportunity to build relationships with our instructors, community partners and the community that we are able to provide programs to.

The Program Committee would normally subsidize several programs to enhance their accessibility by making them low cost or free; however, this year the Committee decided to rename the *Equal Access Program* to *TLCCA Program Cost Assistance* in hopes to attract the patrons who need it. In addition, we were able to expand the number of Committee members, which added more value to discussions, suggestions and decision making. In partnership with the Program Committee, Arts Committee, Seniors Committee, and local organizations, our programming team offered over 1,700 programs and several successful special events. During the Winter, Spring and Summer breaks we focused on children's programming, specialty camps and some outdoor programming for adults and seniors.



### Highlights

**Parent & Tot Gym** — We brought back Parent & Tot gym twice a week in a safe and sanitized environment with the addition of the bouncy castle on Sundays and an additional staff person to support the operation.

**Birthday Parties** — Our birthday party packages continue to be very popular, selling out almost as soon as registration opens. We continue to run a morning party and a afternoon party on Saturdays out of the Grandview Room and Gymnasium. We hired new and returning birthday party staff and resumed the Green Party in a box where we offer reusable plates, utensils, cups, and decorations. We have enhanced the birthday package by also offering add-on activities like button making, face painting, and popcorn. Sunday parties have also been added two times a month that run congruent with our public Parent & Tot Gym time, which have been very popular. Nearly every weekend has been sold out and we have received many positive comments of the quality of our birthday party package and staff.

**Earth Day** — The Green Committee and Arts committee helped grow our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Earth Day event last April. We were able to increase the number of vendors participating and had many interactive activities like DIY Beeswax, DIY cleaning products, seedling potting and a seed swap. Relationships were strengthened with collaborating organizations that attended the event like HUB Cycling, Vancouver Tool Library, City of Vancouver Sold Waste Programs, and Wildcoast Ecological Society. We were able to partner with them throughout the year for additional workshop offerings.



**Family Day** — This year we brought back Family Day in full swing. Our biggest event of the year was even more special this year as we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the building by displaying the short film “What Does Trout Lake Mean to You?” Over 1,000 people visited the Centre that day participating in program demos, arts and crafts led by our Youth Council, and enjoying live performances from the Carnival Band and Axe Capoeira.

**Summer Concert Series Returns** — Our Summer Concert Series continues to be a community favourite every summer. For 7 weeks local bands once again played outside in the park for over 200 people consistently every week. We once again had Red Fox Healthy Living Society here every week providing free games and skills teaching to kids as well. We were very lucky to have some new musicians play for us and some returning favourites as well.

**Lantern Procession** — The Lantern Procession hosted about 700 people this year. The Carnival Band led people around the entire lake and along the way they were entertained by glowing hula hoop-ers, light spinners, lantern animals and stilt walkers. Special thank you to our youth volunteers who created many of the decorations this year and helped for the entirety of the event. Also special thank you to the Arts Committee volunteers who helped us plan, set up and clean up for the day as well. We had many families making their own lanterns led by our association staff and volunteers during the finale of the concert as well.

**Seniors programs** — With the help of the Association we applied for a seniors grant to help find the gaps within our programming and programming in our neighbourhood to enhance our programs offerings. This grant also helped financially to support mini events and new programs each season. The two mini events; an Open House and a Scooter Rodeo for our seniors this year which were well received and will continue to offer annually. We were also able to bring back some bus trips this year.

### **2023-2024 Goals and Objectives**

- Continue to add more Indigenous-focused programming
- Educate the community about the TLCCA Program Cost Assistance
- Continue to expand on the Monthly Greening Initiative Workshops in consultation with the Green Committee
- Continue to expand daytime seniors’ programs and hold more healthy living programs and educational workshops
- Continue to identify the gaps in our programming and expand on programs that we are not offering

Respectfully submitted,

The Trout Lake Programming Team

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## TROUT LAKE ARENA PROGRAMMER REPORT

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Over the last 12 months, despite staffing shortages in the sector, the rink has managed to run the two lesson days with a near-full roster of instructors. Thank you to our Program Assistant III (PA3) Edward and our PA3 in training, Meeka, for continuing to make adjustments to our ever-changing rotation of instructors and for helping to keep them all on the same page.

Due to a maintenance shutdown at Sunset Rink over the summer, our dry-floor season was shortened, which unfortunately resulted in the ice sheet being unavailable for summer day camps this year.

A special thanks to Dean, our Maintenance Technician, Lead Hands, UMWs & BSWs for all their continued support in keeping our facilities clean and running smoothly. Honourable mention to Chico for assisting when our ice resurfacers went down and needed repairs.

There have been increasing demands on the front desk over the last couple of years, and it can be overwhelming at times. A big thank you goes to Sandy and the front desk staff. They are always the first point of contact for the public and do their very best every day to assist patrons, address their concerns, and do so much to provide the level of customer service and information our patrons have come to expect from Trout Lake.

Also, thank you to our Minor Sport User Groups who provide an avenue for skaters to pursue their passion and continue to offer high quality sport opportunities and experiences for their participants and the community.

Lastly, thank you to the patrons of Trout Lake Arena who continue to remind us the essential role the rink and the activities that populate them play in enrich their lives.

Thank you everyone for helping to build and run our recreational programs and for providing such a valuable space for people to create positive experiences.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy Uechi  
Arena Programmer



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## TROUT LAKE YOUTH WORKER REPORT

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I want to express thanks to the Board and staff for being so supportive, especially in this year of many changes and challenges. The staff team had returning leaders Witton Chau and Maya Liem. Witton has been at Trout Lake since 2006, we are hoping he will stay until he hits his 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, which would be a bonus for our youth council. The youth team did lose Jenny Loi as she transitioned out of Program Assistant, Youth Services, in March. We added Helen Zhao to the team at Spring break. Helen was a great addition and it was an easy fit, as she is also with the Youth in Action program's team here at Trout Lake. Both Helen and Maya are former were a part of our Youth Council in years past, so it shows how our team is good at building from within.

### Highlights

#### **Trout Lake Youth Program Participant (TLYPP) —**

This past year, the TLYPP enrolment reached 4,691 members. In March of 2023, Vancouver Parks and Recreation Youth Services recognized the benefits of the youth OneCard, and instituted a City Wide Youth Pass. We will no longer be using the TLYPP but instead switching over to the City Wide Youth Pass. Based on TLYPP's data over the past 8+ years, our total youth scans at Trout Lake this last year were 14,023 from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. This is strictly youth who are attached to this community centre with the OneCard. With this system, we were able to keep track of the number of youth participating in our programs on a daily basis.



**Building Safer Communities Grant** — We applied for City of Vancouver Building Safer Communities funding and were one of the recipients for a \$10,000 grant. These funds were used to help keep the youth out of trouble and away from youth violence.

**Trout Lake Fishies Dragon Boat team** — The Fishies returned for the first time since 2019 and it was great to see them back on the water learning new skill sets and making new friendships. They trained weekly and competed in 2 festivals.



**Spring Break Sports Tournaments** — During spring break, Trout Lake hosted a volleyball tournament that saw eight teams in the senior division and six teams in the junior division. Congratulations to senior team “Apex and a Half” and junior team “Windi Sins” on winning the tournament.

We also had a maximum turn out of eight teams in each, senior and junior. play in our 3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament with team “The Munchkins” winning the senior division and “Glizzy Willies” winning the junior division. Special shout and thanks to RainCity Basketball for helping to run the basketball tournament and provide swag.

## Events and Activities

**Youth in Action (YIA)** — The YIA program is for youth aged 13 to 19 living with mild to moderate developmental differences. Staff guide participants in developing life skills that will be useful as they transition into adulthood. The youth are also given opportunities to develop social skills, gain independence and foster friendships in a positive environment.

A few long time staff left the program last winter. We therefore added 5 new staff members to the YIA team, all of whom also work as teachers or support workers with the Vancouver School Board. Karine Ling is the program's supervisor.



### **Movie in the Park**

Our Youth Council, in partnership with Collingwood Community Policing, hosted a showing of "Ferdinand" on Friday, July 7. We had about 175 participants attend.

### **Keep Vancouver Spectacular**

We held our tenth Electronic Clean Up on February 25. We had nearly 375 participants drop off small appliances and power tools, saving these items from the landfill. All

our youth volunteers helped organize and sort these donations.

### **Trout Lake Youth Council**

Trout Lake Youth Council is a very popular program through which we provide youth with various opportunities, such as leadership skills, life skills, and guest speaker interactions. In addition to this, the Youth Council plays a huge role in assisting the Centre with special events. Currently, 71 youth are enrolled in Youth Council for this fall. Last year there were 85 youth registered in our Youth Council.

This photo showcases the youth of our entirely youth-led event. The Trout Lake Youth Carnival was hosted on May 5<sup>th</sup>, led and organized by our Youth Council. They had applied for and won a grant for youth week and decided to use these funds to host this event. We had approximately 200 kids and families attend.



## **Workshops**

We hosted two Standard First Aid courses and two Food Safe Level One courses that were well attended. We also offered a Babysitting course and Stay Safe for Preteens courses that were also well attended.

## **Camp Sasamat**

The youth enjoyed Camp Sasamat for the first time since 2019. We had 85 youth attend from August 29-31. The trip includes accommodations, transportation, food and other activities. The youth were able to enjoy nature, go hiking, canoeing and kayaking and, most importantly, be away from technology like video games and their cell phone for two nights and three days. The cost of the trip was subsidized by the Trout Lake Community Centre Association, for which we were very grateful.

## **Improvements and Growth**

For 2024, I am looking to get the youth involved in the Community Centre through sports, community events, programs, and workshops. We are also looking to really get our youth involved in recycling projects and green initiatives aligned with the Association's goals.



Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Dionne  
Community Youth Worker

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## TROUT LAKE PRESCHOOL REPORT

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As I write this, we have started our preschool year and things are going well. We are very fortunate, grateful and thankful to the Association that teacher Nayomi is working with Audrey and I again this year, after having added her to the team due to COVID complexities.

For the first time since COVID, in June we had our first field trip, taking our graduating class to the Greater Vancouver Zoo. We went by charter bus and it was a huge success because the children had a lot of fun.

We brought in pumpkins for all our preschool classes and had a mini pumpkin patch in the preschool playground. The children enjoyed it very much.

Our theme currently is Fall and we have been taking nature walks around the lake with our 4-year-olds' classes and they really enjoy exploring, climbing, collecting different coloured leaves, pine cones and treasures, as they call them. We bring all the treasures back and they've been making their own "open ended creations".



We will be having one of the Centre's talented expert early childhood instructors, Cathy Belgrave, come in November to do art activities, and our storytelling at circle time will be around the theme of Fall. We are looking forward to it as last year was a huge success.

The staff will be attending the Vancouver Public Library's *Read, Sing, Engage! Story Time Conference* soon and are very much looking forward to deepening our skills.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunny Abebe  
Preschool Head Teacher



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## ARTS AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Committee Chairs:** Beth Beeching (TLCCA Volunteer), Lisa Kew (President)

**Members:** Norine Pihowich, Lana Austin, Janaline Smalman (TLCCA Volunteers)

**Staff:** Matt Sung (Programmer I), Gloria Lai (Program Assistant III)

### Purpose

The Arts and Social Committee's mandate is to develop policy and plans that support and expand opportunities for people in the community to learn and create through the arts. The Committee ensures that there is a strong arts and expression component to programming available at the Centre and brings the community together through events that blend community involvement and the creative arts. We welcome other arts enthusiasts to join us at our monthly meetings with fresh ideas to bring to 'Our Community Hub — Trout Lake Community Centre'.

### Year in Review

The Arts Committee sped through the 2022–23 year in full throttle. Committee members and centre staff started planning in the summer of 2022 for full capacity fall events and programs. Re-imagined classic and signature events were delivered to a very appreciative community. We have enjoyed being back in the Centre, meeting in person and brainstorming new ways to connect. We were especially thrilled to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Plus Anniversary of the opening of the new Trout Lake Community Centre.



### Highlights

In 2022 and early 2023, the following events were held:

***The Harvest Bowl Dance*** was an incredible and memorable event that left a lasting impression on all who attended. With all 100 tickets sold out, it was a testament to the enthusiasm and support from our community.

Three delicious soups were skillfully prepared by Teresa and served in handcrafted bowls crafted by the pottery club at Trout Lake. To complete the festive atmosphere, The Heretic Old Time String Band, with Professor Banjo as the caller for square dancing, provided lively toe-tapping music that had everyone on their feet. It was heartwarming to see collaboration between the Youth Council and Pottery Club volunteers, who worked together making the event a huge success.

**Winterfest** is the perfect celebration of winter for families, offering an affordable and fun-filled experience. This event brings the community together for a day of winter joy. Attendees can enjoy a variety of activities, including free ice skating, engaging crafts, games, and other winter-themed pastimes. New was the 'Cozy Pajama Pancake' breakfast that was a huge hit and of course also quickly sold out.

It was the **10<sup>th</sup> Plus Anniversary Film Premiere** this year! This eagerly anticipated event commissioned by the Arts & Social Committee to commemorate a decade since the new center's construction commenced with an Indigenous welcome and blessing, led by Wendy Nahanee of the Squamish Nation. The catering for the event was a delightful fusion of Indigenous flavors, thanks to Cedar Feast.

The guest list included esteemed figures such as Minister Adrian Dix and MP Don Davies, along with the dedicated Park Board Staff and TLCCA personnel who have played a pivotal role in the Centre's journey. Notable attendees also included past Presidents Sarah Lusina and Kate Perkins, as well as past and current board members, all of whom shared their insights on 'What Trout Lake Means to You' discussing the significant impact of the new Trout Lake over the past 10 years. This captivating film was skillfully shot and directed by local filmmaker Jon West, filled with reflection and appreciation for a decade of growth and community at Trout Lake CC.

At **Family Day 2023** attendees beautifully expressed "What Trout Lake Means to You" through a unique Wishing Tree where attendees shared their heartfelt thoughts and wishes. The event began with a warm and inclusive Indigenous welcome by Wendy Nahanee and her family from the Squamish Nation, honoring the deep cultural roots of the region.

In a nod to sustainability, seed paper commemorating the Centre's 10-year anniversary was shared, symbolizing growth and hope for the future. The celebration was further enriched by captivating performances and a showcase of engaging demonstrations highlighting the creative talents within the community.

The Red Fox 'Active Play' session in the gym was a fun outlet for unique physical activity. And what's a celebration without a sweet treat? Family Day concluded with a delectable chocolate cake, a delightful way to mark the anniversary of the Centre's opening, bringing everyone together in joyful commemoration.

The **Artists in Community** project has been a successful collaboration between our Association and the Park Board. Ed Juan stepped in as the new artist-in-community, taking over in September and continuing the project's mission. As part of the initiative, no-cost printmaking workshops were offered, focusing on the craft of making handmade paper from locally sourced natural materials and creating ink from indigenous plants.

The popularity of these workshops was evident, as they consistently sold out, demonstrating a strong community interest in learning these artistic techniques. The final workshop will culminate in a mono printing session, utilizing the inks and handmade paper created during the previous workshops. To commemorate the project's success, a legacy artwork will be unveiled at Winterfest on December 17 and prominently displayed within the Centre, ensuring a lasting artistic presence for the community to enjoy.

The **Outdoor Summer Concert Series** is another much-anticipated annual event that brings a delightful blend of favorite returning musicians and exciting new artists to the stage at Trout Lake. The crowd favourite was 'The Boytles,' a Beatles tribute band known by their fans for their Beatles' renditions that captivated the crowd.

Beyond the music, the event embraces a holistic approach to community engagement, with the Red Fox Society promoting active play for children and youth, fostering a spirit of health and well-being. The grand finale of the series is marked by a mesmerizing lantern procession around the picturesque lake, casting a magical glow over the summer evenings and creating lasting memories for all who attend.

## **Supporting our Community**

Donations were made to various local Indigenous and art organizations to support their valuable initiatives. Among these contributions, \$1,500 was given to the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society for their National Day of Truth and Reconciliation event promoting awareness and understanding. The Vines Arts Festival received \$1,250 to continue their important work in the arts community, and \$2,750 was contributed to All Bodies Dance, demonstrating a commitment to inclusivity and diversity in the arts.

Additionally, donations were allocated to support the Red Fox Society's 'Active Play' Programming, which benefits children and youth during the TLCC Summer Concert Series and Family Day, emphasizing the significance of physical activity and well-being.

Arts and Social Committee funds were directed toward essential items such as an outdoor canopy tent with the TLCCA logo, new red volunteer vests priced at \$1,000, and the creation of an event banner and informational flag to enhance the overall experience and functionality of the Centre. These investments reflect a commitment to providing a welcoming and well-equipped environment for the community to enjoy.

## **Acknowledgments**

**Aaron Chiang** — During his Langara internship from January to April 2023, he showcased a remarkable blend of creativity, attention to detail, and a strong work ethic. His contributions were invaluable across various areas of our organization, including special events, senior and youth programs, and the front desk.

One standout achievement was his creation of a captivating display for Family Day, which beautifully showcased 'What Trout Lake Means to You' and highlighted our centre's programming. Aaron's dedication and commitment proved to be a great asset to our programming team, and his willingness to go the extra mile made a positive and lasting impact on our community and organization.

**Beth Beeching** — Beth has been a dedicated and cherished member of our Board and Arts and Social Committee for a long time. Her unwavering commitment to the arts and her creative spirit have made her a strong supporter and advocate for the artistic community at Trout Lake. Beth has played an instrumental role in bringing the arts to our centre, enriching the lives of many.

Her hardworking nature, resilience, and imaginative approach to her work have been truly inspiring. As she moves on to new horizons, we will dearly miss her presence and the incredible contributions she has made to our organization. Beth's legacy will continue to shine brightly within our community.

**Programmer Matt Sung and Gloria Lai, PA III** — A dynamic duo known for their remarkable organization, thoughtful approach, resourcefulness, and tenacity.

**The Youth Council volunteers** who have consistently demonstrated dedication, creativity, and a strong work ethic, contributing their unique talents to all Trout Lake events.

**The Centre's staff**, known for their caring and helpful nature, provided valuable support and assistance to everything happening at our centre.

A heartfelt thank you to the **Green Committee** for their dedicated efforts and commitment to sustainability. Collaborating on Earth Day was a true pleasure, and their focus on the single-use strategy has translated to all centre events and programs. It's clear that their dedication to sustainability is making a positive impact, and their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, a sincere **thank you to the members of the Arts and Social Committee**. Your unwavering commitment to fostering creativity and imagination within our community is truly commendable. Your accountability to remaining within budget while still delivering outstanding arts and social events have been a driving force behind our success. Your passion and commitment to the arts and social events are deeply appreciated and contribute significantly to the enrichment of our community.

It's clear that this collaborative effort makes the Trout Lake Community Centre the best in Vancouver.

## **Looking Ahead**

Our commitment to our community is at the heart of our mission. We believe in investing in the community through the arts, supporting local artists, and hosting a wide range of social events that bring people together. We're dedicated to making these experiences affordable, inclusive, and accessible to all, ensuring that everyone can participate in our seasonal events.

Sustainability is another key pillar of our efforts, we continue to emphasize the reduction of single-use items at our events to minimize our environmental impact. Additionally, we are committed to strengthening our relationships with Indigenous communities, working together to promote cultural understanding and collaboration throughout our initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kew  
On behalf of the Arts & Social Committee



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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Co-chairs:** Leslie Tenta (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Yiman Jiang (Director at Large)

**Members:** Stacey Hagerty, Kevin Gilliam, Teresa Whitehouse, Igor Pavlov (Directors at Large), Kara Misra (TLCCA volunteer)

**Staff:** Maggie Vasicek, Matt Sung (TLCC Recreation Programmers,) Aaron Chiang (Langara College Intern)

### Purpose

The Program Committee's mandate is to inspire and enhance program offerings based on community needs and interests, by:

- ensuring the development of a strong, diverse, accessible and responsive range of programs;
- fostering the development of community level partnerships for programming and events; and
- informing processes and practices at governance and operational levels as they relate to programming.

The Committee meets monthly and provides input on the core programs offered by TLCCA and we welcome those who are passionate about seeing TLCCA grow in its programming to join us.

### Year in Review

Programming at TLCC was at full capacity for the September start of the 2022/23 fiscal year. However, re-evaluating and tweaking of existing programs was necessary due to changing needs and expectations that were partially a function of the COVID protocols.

Here are a few examples of that process:

Plans were made to develop a **new program evaluation form** that could be done online. That came to fruition in November when a QR code to access the form and other details was made available throughout our TL Centre, on our website, and in our printed program guide. Many thanks to Andrew Walker for volunteering his expertise and time to design and develop this important tool.

**Parent and Tot Gym was expanded** to two sessions per week (now Wednesday and Sunday mornings). This is a low cost TLCCA subsidized drop-in program to make it more economically accessible and it is often the entry point for families to the Community Centre.

**Programmed birthday party packages** continue to be very popular and sell out quickly. A Sunday morning toddler party, which melds nicely with the new Parent and Tot gym, was added. Although this may reduce revenue for TLCCA as rental income from the Grandview Room is likely greater than the birthday party revenue, the party package fulfills a greater need for quality programming and community involvement.

The Committee has been working to enhance member-level subsidy opportunities and in March the TLCCA Board approved amendments to the *TLCCA Program Cost Assistance* policy that is now described on our website, in the program guide (aka brochure) and at the front desk. Uptake of this subsidy is in its infancy; TLCC staff and social media channels are endeavouring to bring more awareness of this policy.

Our creative programmers are responsive to community input. Throughout this fiscal year, a total of 44 new programs were offered. Examples include Zumba Gold, Vinyasa Yoga, Creative Play for Homeschoolers, Family Fun Pottery, TL Little League Skills Clinic, Badminton for Teens, Fish Leather Crafting, Grind Writers' Group, Leatherwork, Beginners' Pickleball, Latin and Ballroom Dance, and more. The TLCCA provides a program-level pilot subsidy that is used to support new programs if needed.

Recommendations from the Green Committee continue to be embraced by the programming staff; this is reflected in the variety of available workshops, classes, information and other sustainable initiatives which included subtle changes such as *no balloons in Birthday Party packages* and requests to *bring your own utensils/cups to events*.

The Program Committee is proud to have initiated the process that culminated in a 6% wage increase for the TLCCA employees who work in various positions such as birthday party, rental and special events assistants, in day and holiday camps, plus others. The 6% increase is in line with the increase in minimum wage that came into effect June 1, 2023, impacting junior employees in this group.

Happily, we can report that overall 1,740 programs were offered during this fiscal year and 1,530 of them ran effectively for a success rate of 89%. Nice work, programmers! In addition, a number of full programs had waitlists — in the Fall 116 people, in Winter 136, in Spring 138 and in Summer 89.

We bid farewell to Kara Misra whose busy life led her to leave this committee. Kara was always insightful and hard working. Her long-term contributions are much appreciated.

Matt and Maggie, with input from Aaron and Gloria, are the heart of the TLCC programming team. The Trout Lake Community is fortunate to have this hard-working, thoughtful, informed team helping us thrive — and they are fun, too!

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Tenta  
On behalf of the Program Committee

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Committee Chair:** Bill Hawke (Treasurer)

**Members:** Lisa Kew (President), Jim Morris (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President), David Finnis (Secretary), Kevin Gilliam (Member at Large), Anchita Kaushik (Member at Large)

**Staff:** Margo Dunnet (Community Recreation Supervisor), Chelsey Amaral (TLCCA bookkeeper)

### Purpose

The Finance Committee's mandate is to prepare the budget and to strengthen and maintain the financial health of the Trout Lake Community Centre Association.

### Year in Review

This year the Association saw an increase in both the number of programs offered and in attendance. By the end of the fiscal year the Association had returned to a pre-COVID financial level.

We are now operating without government support programs. We have maintained an additional teacher in the Preschool and have a balanced financial situation. We continue to screen students daily and escorted them into the facility with their parents remaining outside. The Park Board staff have been maintained. We benefit from the experience the staff brings in operating our programs.

During the year the Finance Committee continued to provide oversight for the budgeting process, managed capital accounts and investments, advised the Executive and Board on banking requirements, and provided quarterly financial reports to the Board to ensure we set strategy and operate the Association in a financially responsible way.

Some low interest savings account funds were transferred into 3-year escalating rate term deposits with various start dates. This allows for term deposits to mature at various times of the year.

Term deposit interest rates have increased, and we are realizing better returns. We are monitoring the rates of our current investments compared to rates of new term deposits and realize that the rates of our current investments are giving us better returns over the course of the 3-year term.

The Committee would like to extend a warm thanks to Margo Dunnet, our new Community Recreation Supervisor, and her staff who play an integral role in developing our programming budgets, as well as to Chelsey who also develops the overhead part of the budget and does a fantastic job of keeping our books in order and paying all our staff.

### Looking Ahead

Bill Hawke continues his work in the position of Treasurer. Lisa Kew, David Finnis and Jim Morris continue on the committee and Kevin Gilliam and Anchita Kaushik have joined our team.

The plan for the next year of programming by our amazing staff will see the Centre return to 100% normal programming load. This is great because the Centre thrives when filled with eager people of all ages.

As time permits, we will again tackle the task of determining the profitability of our programs. This analysis will take some time and we will work towards targets yet to be established. We will be working at our ability to produce a budget that better reflects our operation for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hawke, Chair

## GREEN COMMITTEE REPORT

**Co-Chairs:** Iona Bonamis (Director at Large), Yiman Jiang (Director at Large)

**Members:** Leslie Tenta (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Chris Cheng (TLCCA Volunteer), Emma O'Flynn (TLCCA Volunteer), Rebecca McInnes (Director at Large), Brian Wong (Former TLCCA staff), Lana Austin (Volunteer), Amanda Hodovick (Volunteer)

### Purpose

Since its inception in the spring of 2019, the Green Committee at Trout Lake Community Centre was mandated to champion environmental conservation and climate action in the context of the community centre through:

- Advocating for the urgency of climate issues
- Developing and delivering programs and events focused on environmental sustainability
- Engaging with and supporting community members on taking climate actions
- Reviewing and improving Association policies that impact the environment.

### Highlights

When the Green Committee was first formed in 2019, it started on smaller projects and this continued until recently due to COVID-19. In 2023, in collaboration with staff, Board, Program Committee and Arts/Social Committee, we were able to expand the scale of our projects, and we expect this to continue moving forward.

### 2023 Earth Day Celebration

We held our second annual Earth Day event and despite the weather not being ideal, we had a very successful event.

The event was held mainly inside the gymnasium due to the weather, with 19 groups/organizations talking about climate change issues and actions individuals can take to minimize our collective impacts on our planet.

The majority of these groups had an interactive component to their booth/station, which helped attract families and people of all ages (see list of groups in this chart on the right).

Name	Location	Description
Green Committee	1	Meet the Green Committee to find out what we do and how you can get involved!
Learn2Ride	2	Learn to ride safely through an obstacle course with HUB Cycling Bring your own bike or borrow one
Minor Bike Repair	3	Come check out Vancouver Tool Library Bring your bike for a minor bike repair
Chop Swap	4	Swap one time use chopsticks for a reusable one
Bees Wax Workshop	5	Handcrafting beeswax wrap (registration required)
DIY Body Care & Cleaning	6	Workshop on how to make lip balm, hand and foot salve, all-purpose cleaner, and dish soap (waitlist)
"Unflushables"	7	Learn about why fats, oils and grease should not be flushed down the drains!
BC Hydro	8	Learn helpful energy savings tips
Botanical Prints	9	Come make your own leaf or flower print with Nathaniel Marchand, our centre's artist in residence
Recycling Game	10	Is it recyclable, compostable, or garbage? Come have some fun and test your recycling knowledge!
Who Gives A Brick	11	Drop off your used LEGO bricks
Seed Potting	12	Plant a seed and bring it home
Master Gardeners	13	Info booth on sustainable gardening practices
Seed Swap	14	Bring seeds and swap with others
Wildcoast Ecological Society	15	Learn about how you can help remove invasive plants
Worm Composting	16	Come see wiggly worms and learn how they help make compost!
Vancouver Bird Challenge	17	Bring your binoculars and learn about birds
Cedar Cottage Food Network	18	Learn about indigenous foods and medicine.
Alllyship & Reconciliation	19	Learn about the environmental issues faced by Indigenous Peoples Drumming and singing at 12PM

The planning for the Earth Day event began earlier this year (in Dec 2022), and this enabled us to develop a poster for the event to put on the back cover of the Winter 2023 program guide (see the left side of the image below).

It has also enabled us to promote three Earth Day workshops much earlier and to require pre-registration of the workshops (see the right side of the image below).



We also made a considerable effort to promote the event at the Centre and throughout the city, which helped boost attendance. A large reusable weatherproof banner was purchased and hung outside on the chainlink fence at the gravel field. We also placed a board inside the Centre near the registration desk asking people to write down a challenge they would take on to better care for mother earth. The event was also promoted through multiple social media and online news media channels (e.g., Georgia Straight, TLCC’s social media, the TLCC Youth Council Facebook page, NextDoor, Miss604, etc.). The list of media contacts developed through this event will be used to promote future events.

**Green Workshops** — Over the four seasons of 2023, 12 green-theme workshops were offered to the community. The topics ranged from bats to Indigenous plants, DIY beeswax wraps and body care products, zero waste, wildlife in John Hendry Park, and various gardening courses. Thanks to the TLCCA for their generous sponsorship, all these programs were offered at subsidized rates, to encourage broad, accessible participation.

**Green Initiative in TLCC Brochure** — If you flip through the TLCC program guides, we have two Green Initiative pages at the back for each season.

Content on these green pages included:

- Highlighting green workshops
- Providing a summary for green initiatives that TLCC is taking in the community centre’s operation
- Introducing green actions for individuals to adopt in their everyday lives

**Single-Use Item Reduction and Elimination Strategy** — Since passing of the single-use item strategy in 2022, the Green Committee has been working on implementing the strategy. This year, we have focused on reviewing the facility rental agreement to ban renters from bringing in balloons (this was also promoted in the program guide and the ban is now in effect for birthday packages) and incentivizing renters to reduce their use of single-use items (e.g., 5-10% off their rental fee if they don't use certain single-use items — this is still in development). We are also working to clarify to renters when they need to start cleaning up during their rental period so that there is sufficient time to place their waste into the proper collection bins.

In addition, the Green Committee has been working to update the signage for the indoor compost, recycling, and garbage bins so that they are clearer and include items most commonly found at the Centre. We are also working to improve the lighting and design of the enclosure where the outdoor collection bins are stored to increase the likelihood renters are disposing of their items in the correct bins. We are also looking to provide additional training to staff to help them better understand the types of items that should be going into each collection bin.

The Green Committee has also been supporting the Trout Lake Café in reducing single-use items. One of the initiatives that was recently introduced is a mug recycling program, where community centre users are encouraged to drop off mugs they no longer need to the Café so they can be sanitized and left out for customers to use and bring home when they purchase a beverage. This is a low-cost, low-barrier initiative, as it does not require the Café to spend any funds on purchasing reusable mugs, and it reduces the number of single-use cups.

Lastly, the Green Committee has been creating blog posts for the Trout Lake website (<https://troutlakecc.com/category/blog>) about various sustainability topics, such as alternatives to balloons, how to plan a green birthday party, and how to green your holidays.

## **Looking Ahead**

In the coming year, the Green Committee looks forward to bringing up more workshops and dialogues on climate issues and actions we could all take, and to implement the Single-use Item Reduction And Elimination Strategy in more aspects of the Centre's operation. In addition, a feasibility study that identifies opportunities to reduce carbon emissions at the Centre was recently completed. We are keen to see these recommendations be implemented in the coming years.

We are also looking to grow the Green Committee with more members and welcome concerned community members to join us at our monthly meetings with fresh ideas on how together as a community we can address the biggest challenge of our time that impacts everyone — the climate emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Iona Bonamis and Yiman Jiang  
Green Committee Co-Chairs

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## PRESCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Members:** Karolina Barski, Jennifer Campbell, Alyson Neil, Meena Duhra, (TLCCA volunteers),

**Staff:** Sunny Abebe (Preschool Head Teacher), Carol Smith (Senior Board Administrator)

### Purpose

The purpose of the Preschool Advisory Committee (PAC) is to support the Preschool operations to be successful and sustainable. The Committee strives to inform, advise, and make recommendations to the Board on child care related issues. In addition, PAC will work with the Board and its committees to ensure the integration other Board programs into its Preschool services.

### Highlights

The Preschool Advisory Committee members were able to meet and organize fundraising initiatives in-person this year as done prior to the pandemic and successfully met fundraising targets. These funds raised were used to give the preschoolers some special and fun dance classes. The outdoor potluck picnic at the end of the school year was held again at the Trout Lake gazebo with beautiful weather.

Here are the key PAC achievements:

1. For the 2022/2023 Preschool year, PAC had representation from both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes
2. The Preschool Potluck Picnic Event, an end-of-the-year celebration for all classes & their families was held.
3. The Preschool fundraised a total of **\$1,373.03**, we're seeing so many families and centre patrons rocking their Trout Lake logo gear!
  - a. Trout Lake logo gear: \$745.62
  - b. Art Cards: \$116.45
  - c. Purdy's Chocolates: \$510.96

### Looking Ahead

The PAC did not officially reconvene for the 2023-2024 school year as no Board member is available to act as liaison. Staff will be handling streamlined fundraising, and parent volunteers have been welcomed to help out with Preschool events, as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson Neil



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## TROUT LAKE POTTERY CLUB REPORT

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The Trout Lake Pottery Club is a volunteer-run club of 50 people who share a passion for pottery. Coming from a variety of backgrounds and skill levels, the members share their creative insight and experience, supporting each other's artistic endeavours.

As of September 2023, our membership is full at 50 members for the first time in a few years! Using our online application form and waitlist, we have welcomed 9 new members over the last year. We have been working on developing and refining policies aimed at fostering a safe and inclusive space for members, as well as organizational systems and protocols with the sustainability of the club in mind.



Both long standing and newer members have been active in club management and upkeep and it has been exciting to see the level of engagement and participation from members increasing.

### Community Events

This year we saw a return of the majority of our regular community and social events. For Family day, our members had a wonderful time inviting the community into the studio for some creative scene building with clay. Our Spring and Winter sales saw a record amount of member participation and we were able to donate funds raised from items donated by members to the Aboriginal Mothers' Center Society and Kiwassa Neighbourhood House.

### Looking Ahead

We are now starting to prepare for our next sale in November! This year members made 110 Harvest bowls, as well as a number of other bowls and items to be used as door prizes for the Fall Harvest Festival. And we have a handful of members excited to help out with the event coming up.

On behalf of the entire Trout Lake Pottery Club we would like to thank the Association and community centre for their continued support.

With gratitude,

Myriam Duchesne  
President of the Trout Lake Pottery Club



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## GRANDVIEW SKATING CLUB REPORT

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The Grandview Skating Club (GSC) is a registered non-profit society based in East Vancouver and was established in 1977. GSC provides quality ice skating programs which service a wide range of interests, skills, and abilities. Our club skating programs include CanSkate, StarSkate, CanPower, Star 1, Special Olympics Learn to Skate and Special Olympics Competitive Figure Skating. GSC is the only lower mainland skating club to offer all disciplines of Skate Canada (SC) endorsed programming and fully supports the SC sport for life philosophy.

### Year in Review

The past year at Grandview has been a time of continued growth and program expansion for our club. In July 2022 we held a general meeting for all coaches, and Board members to discuss the club's future direction, what is working, what is not working, and how we can improve. This meeting resulted in five main programming goals for the 2022/2023 season:

- To maintain full capacity for current registration across all programs while considering all Grandview members
- To maximize utilization of available ice time
- To encourage StarSkaters to increase registration days per week (minimum 2 x Jr, 3 x Sr) to ensure skater progress
- To increase integration of Special Olympics (SO) skaters into mainstream programming
- To incorporate elements of Synchro into StarSkate programming (enrichment) as per Skate Canada assessment plan
- To provide workshops and seminars for Skaters/Coaches – minimum 1 per season (Fall & Winter)

GSC is delighted to report that all goals were achieved including an overall increase of **17%** in membership growth.

The highlight of the year was long-awaited return of the Grandview Ice Show which took place in March 2023 after a long hiatus due to COVID-19. It was our most successful show to date with more than 200 members showcased in 24 numbers.

It was standing room only for spectators and the skaters received many standing ovations as they performed for their friends and families. This event was held free of charge so everyone in the community could attend.



It is also important to acknowledge the achievements of our skaters. Congratulations to Alex Pang, Regional and Section Program Assistant of the Year; Mia Webster, Regional StarSkater of the Year; and Alex Pang, Edmund Lau, and Tin Yee Ho, medalists at the BC Winter Games and Canada Winter Games.



In addition, we had many wonderful moments at Regional competitions this year where some skaters competed for the first time, others achieved personal bests and everyone had lots of fun.

We would also like to recognize the commitment of our coaches and families this past year. The growth and success of our club would not be possible without the amazing contributions of our

volunteers. Without hesitation, skating families, adult skaters, program assistants, coaches and Board members have stepped up throughout the year to offer their time and energy to the club.

In total for the 2022/2023 season, GSC volunteers contributed an astonishing **1,721** hours to ensure the successful operations of our club.

We look forward to another successful, fun, and event-filled skating year ahead as an affiliate of the Trout Lake Community Centre Association, we are proud to be your partner!

Respectfully,

Christina Webster, President  
Grandview Skating Club

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## TROUT LAKE LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

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Trout Lake Little League is a non-profit, volunteer run organization that offers baseball for players' ages 4 to 12. Please visit [www.troutlakebaseball.com/about/](http://www.troutlakebaseball.com/about/) for more information.

### Highlights

Trout Lake Little League has seen a steady rise in registration numbers over the last few years. This year we had 376 registered players and maxed out in several age categories. Our club has an amazing group of parents who are extremely committed to fundraising and volunteering. This year we raised funds through registration fees, sponsorship, a hit-a-thon competition, merchandise, and concession sales. Because we are a not-for-profit, all our costs are covered by fundraising.

### Year in Review

This baseball season was truly extraordinary. Membership was up, we hosted some great tournaments, weather was on our side, we held several player and coaching clinics, our volunteer groups were outstanding, the concession was in full swing and a crowd favourite — for not only our club but for everyone who uses the park.

This year marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Trout Lake Little League. We celebrated with an epic picnic that had an incredible turnout, including many alumni and featured a historical tribute, activities for kids, a hugely successful basket raffle, and a BBQ truck. We found inspiration from the past, creating an amazing new line of merchandise that paid homage to one of the founding teams of TLLL — The East Van Optimists.

The club is continuously upgrading and updating our facilities, equipment and gear. This year, we did repairs to our diamonds, purchased new player equipment and new player uniforms.

### Looking Forward

As always, we look forward to another great season of little league. Again, we are anticipating maximum membership and look forward to working with the Vancouver Park Board on the changes coming to John Hendry Park in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Fleetham, Treasurer and Kyle Sanderson, President  
Trout Lake Little League



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## SCRIBES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT

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The Scribes Rugby Football Club (RFC) is a rugby club and member of the Vancouver Rugby union. The club is based in East Vancouver and has been playing and practicing at John Hendry Park since the early 1970s. Scribes RFC is the only rugby club in the East Vancouver area.

Over the years several rugby club members have been involved in the Trout Lake Vancouver Community Centre Association in roles ranging from President, Treasurer and as Board members. The Scribes RFC also participates and volunteers in Association activities. A Scribes member served as the art director for the painting of the mural on the old community centre.



In years past and current, the Scribes RFC is continuing to play in the VRU. In 2013, we introduced a spring and summer coed tag rugby league, which was well participated. A mini rugby program was introduced in autumn 2014 for children 5–12 years of age. Spring 2015 brought the introduction of a women's side to the club. Scribes now has about 100 playing members, most of whom live in the area around John Hendry Park.

Scribes RFC has bounced back from after the shutdowns during COVID. This summer we ran a touch rugby league, which had over 100 players. We are now heading into the new season of 2023/23 and will be running two adult mens teams, a womens team, juniors (U14, U16, U18) and minis (U6, U8, U10, U12). We are planning to have a team for every age group from as young as 4 years of age all the way up to players in their 60s.

Rugby is continuing to grow in our community and we are supporting local elementary and secondary schools with their rugby programs. Over the next few years, we are expecting to see more and more athletes from East Vancouver play for local, provincial and national teams.

Over the years the Scribes practiced on Monday and Wednesday evenings at John Hendry Park. We are always looking to recruit new players of all abilities and ages. Some regular season games on Saturdays are at John Hendry Park, Gordon Park and Rupert Park depending on field conditions. Interested persons can view more details at the club website (<https://www.Scribesrfc.com/>) for game and event updates.

The Scribes RFC would like to thank the TLVCCA and the Trout Lake Community Centre staff who assist and coordinate the use of the Centre with the teams playing times and needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Treacy  
Scribes RFC Secretary  
Director for youth development  
[thequill@scribesrfc.com](mailto:thequill@scribesrfc.com)

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## TLCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION

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The Trout Lake Community Centre Association is an active charitable society that jointly operates the Trout Lake Community Centre with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Board Members are elected at an Annual General Meeting held each year in November.

An elected term is two years (except for those seats vacated mid-term). In addition, terms may be staggered so that half of the Board is elected each year.

Board meetings are monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings generally last two (2) hours.

Board members are encouraged to also sit on one of the committees or help with a project.

In total, the TLCCA Board has 17 elected positions — 6 Executive Officers and 11 Members at Large — as well as one advisory Past President (when applicable).

### 2022–2023 TLCCA Board Members

<b>Role and name</b>	<b>Status at AGM 2023</b>
1. President: Lisa Kew	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
2. Vice President (1 <sup>st</sup> ): Che Poppins	<b>Seat open</b>
3. Vice President (2 <sup>nd</sup> ): Leslie Tenta	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
4. Vice President (3 <sup>rd</sup> ): Jim Morris	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
5. Treasurer: Bill Hawke	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
6. Secretary: David Finnis	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
7. Director (Member at Large): Kari-Jane Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
8. Director (Member at Large): Yiman Jiang	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
9. Director (Member at Large): Iona Bonamis	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
10. Director (Member at Large): Rebecca McInnes	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
11. Director (Member at Large): Kevin Gilliam	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
12. Director (Member at Large): Igor Pavlov	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
13. Director (Member at Large): Stacey Hagerty	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
14. Director (Member at Large): Teresa Whitehouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term
15. Director (Member at Large): Sam Simonton	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
16. Director (Member at Large): Anchita Kaushik	<u>Standing for re-election</u>
17. Director (Member at Large): Valerie Spicer	<u>Standing for re-election</u>

### Board Member Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations

For complete details on Board Member roles and expectations, please get in touch with TLCCA's Senior Board Administrator Carol Smith at [carol.smith@troutlakeecc.com](mailto:carol.smith@troutlakeecc.com)