2026
ANNUAL REPORT

TROUT LAKE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
ASSOCIATION



Your Community
Your Centre
in an Evolving Neighbourhood

We are a non-profit society comprised of community volunteers.

Located in a spectacular complex that opened in 2012, Trout Lake Community Centre (TLCC) is collaboratively operated by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Trout Lake Vancouver Community Centre Association (TLVCCA).

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), officially adopting the name of Trout Lake Vancouver Community Centre Association to match the facility, which had been renamed in 1977.

TLVCCA acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the unceded and ancestral territory of hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ (Halkomelem) [HUN-kuh-MEE-num] and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh speaking peoples — the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations — who have stewarded it since time immemorial.

Who We Are

We are committed to strengthening community ties and fostering inclusion.

Since 1956, the TLVCCA has been guided by dedicated, elected volunteers.



BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Subsidizing new programs
- Providing free workshop space
- Supporting the annual Mother's Day Pow Wow
- Awarding five high school scholarships
- Co-hosting election all-candidates meetings



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

- **Hosting annual events** including Earth Day, Family Day, and Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- **Creating community gatherings**: Fall Harvest Dance, Trick or Trout, Winter Troutfest and the popular Summer Concert Series

Our Purpose

VISION

Trout Lake Community Centre is a place of connection that fosters a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community.

MISSION

To provide accessible and inclusive social, cultural, recreational and educational opportunities that strengthen individual, family and community wellbeing.

VALUES

Inclusive & Welcoming

We celebrate diversity and create low-barrier spaces for everyone.

Respectful & Collaborative

We listen, learn, and work together with community and partners.

Innovative & Sustainable

We seek creative solutions that benefit our community long-term.

Connected & Compassionate

We build trust, empathy, and collaborate on opportunities that promote wellbeing.



The Joint Operating Agreement (JOA)

The Trout Lake Community Centre Association operates jointly with the City of Vancouver Park Board. Under the JOA, roles and responsibilities are divided between the Association and the Park Board.

The Association is responsible for:

- Board & committee governance
- Trout Lake Preschool
- Lobby furniture and equipment
- Setting the budget
- Trout Lake Café



The Park Board is responsible for:

- Site Operations
- Building maintenance
- Fitness Centre
- Ice Rink
- Employee management

Community Recreation Supervisor



Margo Dunnet

Community Recreation Supervisor,
Trout Lake Community Centre

This past year demonstrated the strength of our community centre as a place where residents connect, contribute, and bring new ideas to life. Through the efforts of staff, volunteers, Association members, and community partners, we continued to offer meaningful programs, events, and opportunities that reflect the interests and needs of our neighbourhood.

Community involvement remains one of our greatest strengths. Community members continue to contribute through active Association committees, including Arts & Social, Green, and Program Committee, providing valuable input into programs and events. The Green Committee partnered with our Rentals team to introduce an affordable dishware rental program through Shareware, helping reduce waste while supporting rental groups. We were also pleased to host our first Pride event, featuring a screening of the documentary, The Fruit Machine, made possible through grant funding identified by an engaged community member.

This year also brought several staff transitions and additions. We welcomed Artika Mehta as the Community Youth Worker and Krista Bones as Board Administrator, while new members joined our Youth in Action and Summer Camp teams. Their enthusiasm and dedication helped ensure these important programs continued to thrive.

Significant improvements were made to our facilities this year. The Association completed upgrades to the community kitchen, including a new stove, refrigerator, sink, and modified cabinetry. A new projector screen in the Grandview Room has expanded opportunities for community events and screenings, including a standing-room-only National Day for Truth and Reconciliation film screening in September.

The Park Board also completed the fitness centre steam room conversion, creating additional workout space that staff continue to optimize. Looking ahead, bird-strike mitigation film is being installed on the fitness centre windows to help protect local bird populations.

Thank you to our Association members, volunteers, staff, instructors, and participants for helping make the centre such a welcoming and vibrant community hub. We look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.



TLVCCA President

Lisa Kew

TLVCCA Board of Directors
President



When I think about my journey with the Trout Lake Community Centre Association, it is hard to believe it all started in the old centre's pottery studio.

I began by volunteering my time to clean the pottery studio in exchange for studio fees. When the Association was considering closing the studio due to low usage, a few of us came together and formed the Trout Lake Pottery Club.

We wanted to keep the studio alive and make sure this creative space remained available to the community. Little did I know that this would be the beginning of a much longer journey with the Association.

After many years on the Board, serving two terms as President has been both a privilege and a learning experience. It has given me a greater appreciation of the work, commitment and collaboration that go into supporting our community centre.

What I have enjoyed most is the opportunity to give back. There is a real sense of satisfaction in knowing that our efforts help bring people together, create opportunities and make our Centre a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

I am grateful to the many Board members, committee volunteers, Park Board staff and community partners who have shared this journey with me. It is the people, friendships and shared commitment that make this Association special.

As I step down as President, I hope to see a new generation of volunteers bring fresh ideas and energy to the Association. You don't need years of experience to make a difference. A willingness to get involved and care about your community is a great place to start.

It has been an honour to serve. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Staff



Margo Dunnet
Recreation Supervisor

TBA
Facility Clerk

Joe Oliveira
Recreation Programmer II

Jerry Chan
Rental Coordinator

Gloria Lai
Program Assistant III

Matt Sung
Recreation Programmer I

Alison Wright
Program Assistant III

Artika Mehta
Community Youth Worker

Patrick Wong
Fitness Programmer

Maegan Montemayor
Ice Rink Programmer

Sunny Abebe
Preschool Head Teacher

Audrey Macaraeg
Preschool Teacher

Alison Wright
YIA Coordinator

Kya Prince
Program Assistant III

Jason Wu
Maintenance Technician

Brian Parker
UMW Lead Hand

Henry Lee
UMW Lead Hand

TBA
Building Service Worker

Krista Bones
Board Administrator

Wendell Tan
UMW Lead Hand

Anita Hsiao
Communications Coordinator

Board of Directors



Lisa Kew
President



Leslie Tenta
1st Vice President



Valerie Spicer
2nd Vice President



Jim Morris
3rd Vice President



Bill Hawke
Treasurer



Kari-Jane Adams
Secretary



Anchita Kaushik
Member at Large



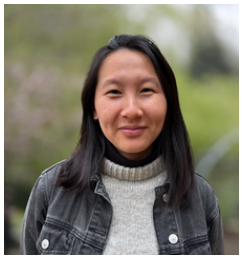
Igor Pavlov
Member at Large



Sam Simonton
Member at Large



Jordan Huang
Member at Large



Selina Liu
Member at Large

Through the commitment and enthusiasm of community centre staff and many TLVCCA volunteers, we ensure that the Trout Lake Community Centre remains a vibrant, welcoming hub for all.

Financial Highlights

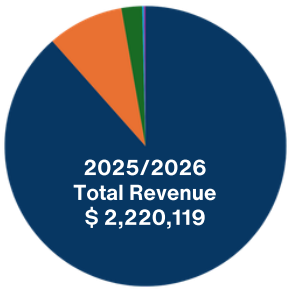
Bill Hawke | Treasurer

2025-26 in Summary

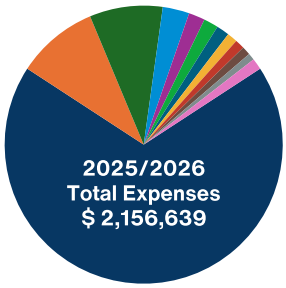
Revenue increased by 7% while expenses increased by 9%. These numbers are related so closely because of the relationship between Registration fees and Instructor remuneration. Our Retained Earnings increased again but is still less than 3% of total revenue.

	2025/2026	2024/2025
Revenue	$ 2,220,119	$ 2,067,186
Expenses	$ 2,156,639	$1,981,606
Net Income	$ 63,480	$ 85,580

We continue to work on a list of projects, some of which were completed this year. Those include replacing the stove, refrigerator and sink with some electrical and cabinet changes in the Community Kitchen. We also replaced the washer and dryer in the Preschool and installed a ceiling projector and screen system in the Grandview Room. These have amounted to about $50,000 in expenses. We made some additional repairs to and cleaning of the furniture in the lobby of the Community Centre. We also updated our website to include additional content and allow flexibility.



89.7%	Program Fees
7.7%	Rentals
1.8%	Interest
0.2%	Café
0.1%	Vending Machine



68.4%	Program Operations	1.5%	Facility Rental
9.5%	Group 1 Staff Costs	1.2%	Advertising and Brochures
8.5%	Staff Costs	1.1%	Subscription Fees
3.1%	Office Supplies	1.0%	Professional Fees
1.9%	Transaction Fees	0.8%	Kitchen and Building upgrades
1.7%	Operation Fees	1.3%	Other

Investments

Our Reserves are held in Term Deposits in a local large financial institution with maturities spread throughout the year to benefit from our changing times.

Retained Earnings

Most of our Retained Earnings are set aside in restricted allocations for specific purposes. We have a Contingency Reserve that is for restricted use should an event cause significantly reduced revenue.

Additional reserves are set aside for Equipment and Building improvements.

Recreation Programmers

Joe Oliveira, Programmer II | Matt Sung, Programmer I

The programs at Trout Lake continue to grow, with over 40 new programs introduced this past year!



2,126	Programs offered during the year
950	Nutritious meals served at Seniors Lunch programs
532	Programs offered on average per season
225	Average attendance across 7 free concerts
110	Birthday package celebrations

Joe Oliveira and Matt Sung play an important role in enhancing programming at Trout Lake Community Centre. Working closely with Association committees, they help create a welcoming, active and connected community for all ages.



Community Youth Worker

Artika Mehta | Community Youth Worker

Our dynamic Youth Worker Artika provides an inclusive and welcoming place for youth to connect, get active, enjoy recreation and contribute to the community.

500	88	84
unique youth in drop-in and volunteer programs	Friday night Youth Council members	volunteer hours by Youth Council members

Youth volunteering

Youth from diverse schools and backgrounds join together to support our community and make special events possible. The Association sincerely appreciates the dedication and contributions of our youth volunteers!

Supported 8 Special Events

- Fall Harvest
- Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Thanksgiving Stat
- Trick or Trout
- Winter Troutfest
- Family Day
- Easter
- Earth Day

Vancouver Pop-Up Recycling Event

2 community clean-ups around the lake and neighbourhood



Lions Club Christmas Tree Chipping event



Youth Council workshops

- Self-care and mental health
- MISKA mural painting
- Post-secondary information
- Leadership training

Supporting Youth in the Community

Scholarships

This year the Association's total scholarship pool has increased to $6,000, now split across five distinct awards rather than three, each recognizing a different quality in our youth volunteers. Additionally, the Association provides the Kate Perkins Award: an annual bursary for a student studying in the Department of Recreation Studies at Langara College.

$1,500 Academic Achievement & Community Involvement Scholarship	$1,000 Athletic & Community Involvement Scholarship	$1,000 Community Volunteer & Service Bursary
$1,500 Trout Lake Community Centre Youth Leadership Scholarship	$1,000 Youth Volunteer Mentorship Scholarship	$1,000 Kate Perkins Award, Langara Recreation Studies

Youth in Action (YIA)

A year-long program that supports youth aged 13 - 19 with mild to moderate developmental differences. YIA helps youth build life skills, social skills, independence, and friendships in a positive environment as they transition into adulthood. YIA is funded through a BC Ministry of Children and Family Development grant that is administered by the Association.







Trout Lake Preschool

Sunny Abebe | Preschool Head Teacher

A welcoming, nurturing community for all children

For over 25 years, our dedicated and experienced teachers have helped 3 and 4 year-olds take their first steps into learning. Thanks to our participation in the provincial Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, we can offer families in our community affordable rates.



Focus

Supporting children's emotional, social, cognitive and physical development

Emphasis

Inclusiveness, multiculturalism, interdependence and dignity.

Nature walk in our local John Hendry Park

"My favourite thing to do at preschool is . . ."

"Play in the kitchen and make cakes"
-Kash

"Dress up like a fireman"
-Ellie

"Draw ice cream with my friends"
-Anika

Green Committee

Selina Liu | Chris Cheng | Yiman Jiang
Co-Chairs



Championing environmental conservation and climate actions in the context of Trout Lake Community Centre.

The Green Committee is a group of community volunteers working together with staff to develop and organize green workshops and green events at TLCC.

5th Annual Earth Day Celebration
Showcased 30 environmental groups for 500 attendees

Shareware: 'Green Your Event'
Reusable dishware introduced in 2026

Weekly Zero Waste Collections
Popular community service Sundays 2-4pm

Green-themed workshops

- Vertical gardening
- Bat workshop
- Mending techniques
- Eco-printing
- Repair café

"Let's Be Sustainable-ish" Interactive Display

Encouraging everyone to take one step!



Arts & Social Committee

Lisa Kew | Chair

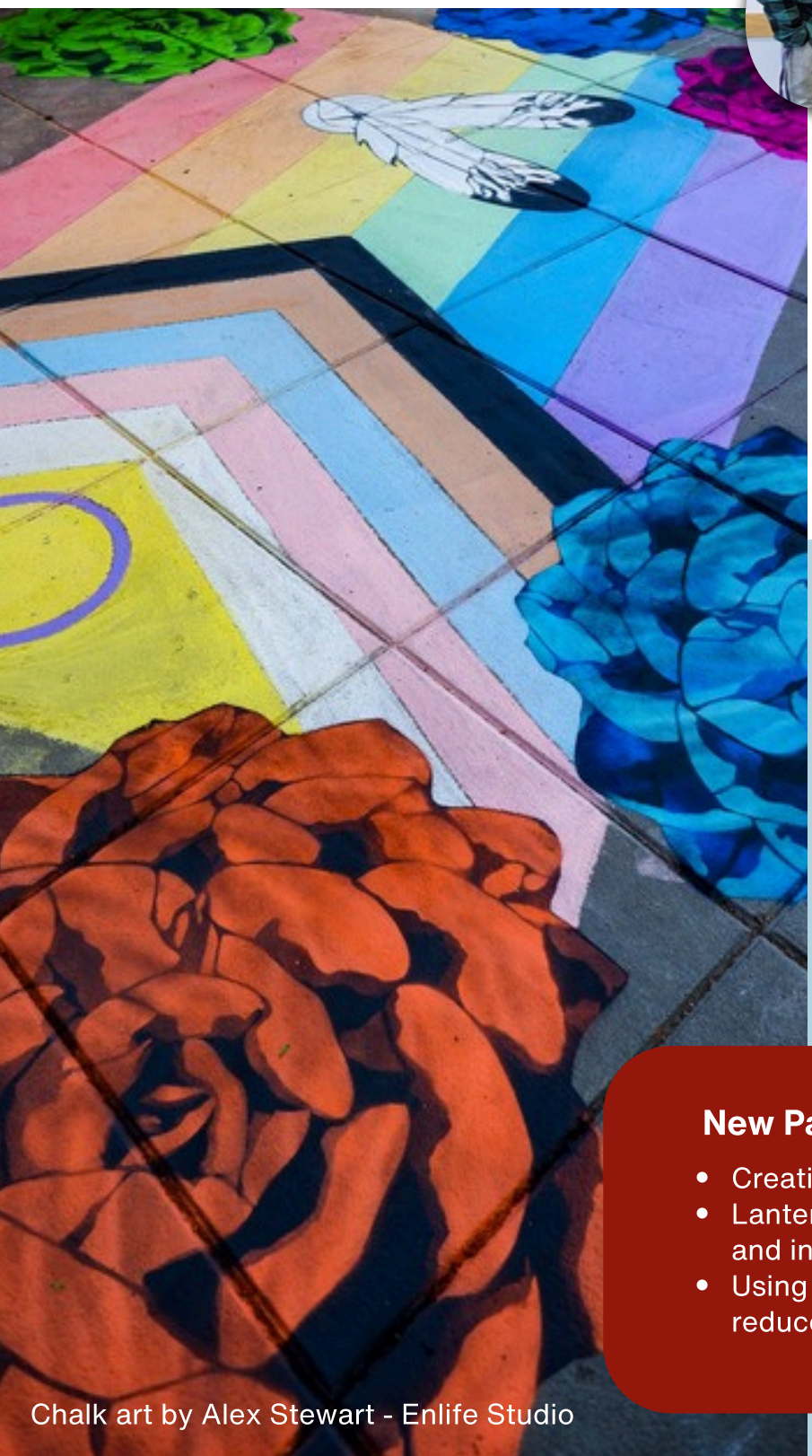
Planning events that bring community together

Giving back to local families with accessible, inclusive activities.



MISKA Creative Society collaboration: Two large community murals created with

- Trout Lake Youth Council
- Family Day participants
- Proudly displayed in the Willow Room.



Chalk art by Alex Stewart - Enlife Studio

Standout event:

Pride Month Film Screening in June
“The Fruit Machine”

- Special guests shared firsthand experiences of LGBTQ2S+ purge
- Positive feedback from audience

New Partnerships

- Creative enhancements to events
- Lantern Procession: Added professional lighting and increased local artist involvement
- Using Shareware at food-related events to reduce single-use waste

Program Committee

Leslie Tenta | Chair

The Program Committee works actively to encourage community interest and input, working with dedicated Park Board staff to provide programs that meet the community's needs.

Expanded support for volunteer-led community programming

The Program Committee supports these initiatives by:

- Providing rooms
- Supporting table set-up
- Advertising in the Program guide
- Reducing or eliminating program fees

Participants appreciate that these initiatives are low barrier, accessible, sociable and welcoming.

Programs supported this year

- Flourish Summer Camps (girls 10-14)
- Journaling Meet-up and Stationery Shop (all ages, up to 45 attendees)
- Letter-writing Club
- Medicine Wheel workshops
- Bluegrass Jam
- Leatherwork Drop-in Days
- Spoon Club Drop-in
- Quilting Group
- Board and Card Gaming Groups





TLVCCA Affiliate Groups

In an effort to serve the community, the purpose of the Affiliate Group relationship is to create and enhance connections between the TLVCCA and local community groups or clubs by:

- Creating a channel of communication
- Providing arrangements to use space at Trout Lake
- Promoting and supporting their activities

Grandview Skating Club Since 1966

Celebrating 60 years of skating in our Community!

Special Olympics British Columbia

TROUT LAKE LITTLE LEAGUE EST 1953

Trout Lake Little League is located in John Hendry Park, along with three diamonds, a batting cage, a clubhouse and a concession stand.

Scribes Rugby Football Club

The Scribes RFC is a member club of the Vancouver Rugby Union and based in John Hendry Park. The club has a men's team, a women's team, sponsors mini rugby and tag rugby in the spring and summer. The rugby playing season is from September to March.

www.scribesrfc.com

Pour L'Amour Du Jeu

Celebrating 30 years of pottery in the community!

TROUT LAKE POTTERY CLUB since 1996

The Trout Lake Pottery Club (TLPC) is a volunteer-run community of 50 members who share a passion for pottery.

Community Centre Spotlight

A big thank you to our Seniors Luncheon and Social Tuesday Volunteers and Staff!

The Association subsidizes our Seniors Tuesday Luncheons and Friday Social Lunches. The volunteers and staff provide delicious and nutritious meals twice a month.





"They're a wonderful chance to get together with friends and have someone else do the cooking!"

-Luncheon attendee

"For someone who doesn't have a budget to eat out at a restaurant, this is a treat for me."

-Luncheon attendee

The Seniors lunch programs are a meaningful provision for our community, promoting positive mental health and reducing isolation

From greeters at the registration table to cooks in the kitchen who thoughtfully plan and skillfully prepare each meal, volunteers make our Seniors lunch programs possible. The Association is grateful to everyone who works alongside Trout Lake staff to make these programs such a success!



Our tireless greeters have been checking in attendees for multiple years!

"It gives you a feeling of community and it's a chance to socialize more."

-Luncheon attendee

Many thanks!

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