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Mission & Values

“SPARCBC works with communities to build a just and healthy society for all.”

Our definition of “just and healthy” is based on five key principles:

- Equity:** The recognition that some individuals or groups require more or less than others to flourish, and that some individuals or groups are capable of contributing more to address deficiencies and promote fairness of distribution.
- Social Inclusion:** The recognition that both the rights and the opportunity to participate in and enjoy all aspects of human life enables individuals and communities to celebrate their diversity, and recognize and act on their responsibilities.
- Security:** The recognition that individuals and communities flourish when they have confidence in their surroundings as safe, supportive and stable environments.
- Adaptability:** The recognition that sustainability requires resilience for both individuals and communities, and the ability to respond creatively to change.
- Equality:** The recognition that increasing equality within society builds social cohesion, improves health, increases safety and security, and contributes to sustainable and vibrant communities.

Our work is founded on the following values:

- Social Justice:** We strive for a just and healthy society in which social, economic, and environmental well-being are interdependent, through advocating for equality, fairness and dignity for all.
- Inclusion:** We are committed to achieving access and the full participation and engagement of all in our diverse society by fostering communication, leadership, partnership, and collaboration.
- Integrity:** We are independent, accountable, transparent and non-partisan.
- Learning:** We seek, develop and share knowledge and understanding which encourages citizen participation and informs innovative, effective planning and decision-making.

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President's Message

For the past nine years, I have had the privilege of serving on SPARC BC's Board of Directors—this past year as President. What an experience!

There have been a lot of accomplishments but really, what astounds me the most is the dedication of our staff to their permanent mission: achieving social justice. The people who work at SPARC BC are constantly looking for ways to promote a more just and inclusive society.

We are all members of a society which needs to become more welcoming. SPARC BC at its core understands this. There should be no winners and no losers in our society. Rather, we must treat each other as equals. This is to be accomplished through our institutions as well as through our own personal actions.

SPARC BC through our research, our partnerships, and our outreach to communities continues to shine a light on the faults of our society. Although, it may be uncomfortable at times, it provides each of us with an opportunity to look at ourselves and our communities and to think about the kind of society we want to be.

We know that addressing the harsh realities of poverty and inequality are two of the most significant challenges of our time. Both the Board and staff at SPARC BC know that it is our mission to eradicate poverty or come as close to it as humanly possible. Our collaborations on the *Child Poverty Report Card* and, more recently, on the *Seniors' Poverty Report Card* are good examples of these efforts. Advocacy coupled with authentic research is the key.

As members of SPARC BC, may I ask you to commit your time, energy and resources to creating a society in which we forego the pervasive self-interest of our times and, instead, work for true equality and respect for all. In the end, this will make us all happier.

As my time on the SPARC BC Board of Directors comes to an end, I wish you all the best in your efforts in working for social justice and in your unwavering belief in the possibilities of a just and healthy society for all.

Nate Bello

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Bello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President, SPARC BC

Message from the Executive Director

Leading the work of SPARC BC is tremendously rewarding. As Executive Director, one has the opportunity to work with a broad and diverse range of individuals and organizations who are committed to standing up for ideals and who recognize the importance of taking a stand against injustice. When we look at our communities and the different roles that each of us plays, we know that “a just and healthy society” is one where seniors do not have to worry about their future and where children do not go to bed hungry. It is a world where parents are able to give their families the kind of time and support they need to grow healthy and strong and to realize their full potential. We also know that a just and healthy society is one where everyone is included and where diversity is celebrated. It is a society where all citizens have the opportunity to contribute their unique talents and abilities and where they have access to real opportunities.

Addressing the historical injustices experienced by Aboriginal people in Canada is central to a just and healthy society. Our work with Aboriginal people and communities across B.C. continues to teach us about the importance of respecting the distinct history, cultures and legal status of Aboriginal people and the need to stand up for what is right. Through our on-going work in the area of poverty and homelessness, we continue to see the impact of racial and cultural discrimination and the ways that Canada’s colonial past continues to affect Aboriginal people and families today. We also know that there is the need to both acknowledge this history and to work to create new pathways forward—pathways that truly respect the voices and experiences of Aboriginal people in Canada and that actively engage the pursuit of true reconciliation and social justice.

It is also important to recognize that so much of SPARC BC’s work occurs within the spaces between broader social policy areas. This includes health, education, housing, and income support where gaps in these systems have pushed too many families and individuals to the margins of society and to the edge of poverty. At the same time, it is often within these same spaces that opportunities exist to draw attention to needs that are going unmet and to work to pursue actions that ensure that everyone has a roof over their head, a decent quality of life, a chance to realize their potential, and a shot at a future that is important to them.

This past year, through our work at SPARC BC, we have continued to build important partnerships and relationships with individuals and organizations from across all levels of government (Federal, Provincial, regional, local, and First Nations). As well we have continued to be successful in identifying opportunities for action in the areas of housing affordability and homelessness, child poverty, and seniors’ poverty. As well, we have continued to concentrate our efforts on promoting greater access to social and economic opportunities for people with disabilities.

Our work is important in that it helps to create the foundation for change—changes that can have a profound impact on the well-being of people and communities. I am particularly proud of our work in the area of seniors' poverty and our ability to use evidence and research to give a voice to those who are not always heard—people who are hidden but who are struggling in plain view. I am also pleased with the voice that we have been able to bring to the issue of child poverty and to housing and homelessness within the Lower Mainland. Through our research and advocacy, our goal is to draw attention to needs that are going unmet and to work to change this.

As I reflect on the accomplishments over the past year, I would like to recognize the dedication and commitment of the members of the management team and the staff who work at SPARC BC. I would also like to express my appreciation for the wisdom, leadership and vision of SPARC BC's Board of Directors and their belief in the possibilities of what can be accomplished when people and communities come together.

It is also important not to under-estimate the role of civil society. SPARC BC is fortunate to have the support of a broad and diverse membership and donor base. This year, more than 7,100 individuals stepped forward to answer our "calls to action". This includes support for our efforts in the area of accessibility and inclusion as well as the provision of funding for almost 5,500 homeless comfort kits.

We also had more than 192 individuals come forward to support our Seniors' Harvest Basket initiative. Their generosity will help more than 500 low income and vulnerable seniors through the growing season. Through our Seniors' Harvest Basket initiative, our goal is to provide dignified access to healthy food for seniors. Through our partnership with *On the Farm*, we are hoping to create a model that can be adapted and scaled to meet the needs of low income and vulnerable seniors in other parts of the Province with the results of our first harvest becoming available in late July.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone here today for the role that you helped to play over this past year in moving us closer to our vision of a more just and healthy society. The results remind us of the truth in the African proverb which states that "if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." I am looking forward to more great things to come.

Lorraine Copas



Executive Director, SPARC BC

Highlights from 2017/2018

73

Research Projects
in progress or completed



responded to
21,500+
phone calls



40

Research, Planning &
Development proposals
created



Received **1,900+** ideas
from members & permit
holders to strengthen and
improve accessibility



raised funding for
5,500
comfort kits for the
homeless

Responded to
300+ calls to our
Accessibility &
Enforcement
Line



issued almost
54,000
Parking Permits

16

Community Development
workshops delivered



Launch our Senior's
Harvest Basket
initiative



Our Programs and Activities

Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities

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Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities

SPARC BC is well known for our work in the delivery of the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities as well as our work in the area of accessibility and inclusion. This section provides an overview of some of the key highlights for 2017/2018.

PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Since 1984 SPARC BC has led the delivery of the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities in British Columbia. This program seeks to ensure that people with disabilities have access to the parking they need in their communities. In 2017/2018, SPARC BC assisted almost 54,000 seniors and people with disabilities through the delivery of this program and responded to more than 21,500 phone calls and inquiries. As the population ages, we know that the demand for accessible parking will continue to increase. In response to this demand, our goal is to continue to work with local government partners to ensure that the Parking Permit Program remains strong and effective in meeting the needs of people with disabilities.

SPARC BC'S ACCESSIBILITY AND ENFORCEMENT LINE

SPARC BC introduced our Accessibility and Enforcement Phone Line in 2015. Through our Accessibility and Enforcement Line, we work to address issues that come to our attention about the potential misuse or abuse of designated accessible parking spaces and to educate parking permit holders and the driving public about the Rules of Use for the Program. This year, we responded to more than 300 calls around potential misuse and abuse. Over the coming year, we will continue to look at ways to strengthen our partnerships with local bylaw enforcement officers and others to ensure that the Parking Permit Program continues to be effective in meeting the needs of the people and communities we serve.

YOUR IDEAS

In addition to our Accessibility and Enforcement Line, we also send out *Your Ideas* cards which ask our members and permit holders to share their ideas about how to strengthen the delivery of the Parking Permit Program, as well as ways to advance and support greater accessibility in their community. We use the feedback we receive from our members and permit holders to help to shape future communication around the Parking Permit Program and to guide our work in the area of accessibility. This year, more than 1,900 members and permit holders shared their ideas with us about the program and about possible actions and measures that can help to improve accessibility in their community.

YOUR IDEAS MATTER

Your Ideas helped inspire the creation of our Accessibility and Enforcement Line, encouraged us to use recyclable materials for our permits and identified the need to introduce stronger measures for collecting back expired permits. *Your Ideas* have also helped to guide our communication around hidden disabilities and helped to give us the idea for the development of an “Enforcement App” that we are hoping to launch in 2018.

The following provides some examples of the thoughts and ideas that were shared by our members and permit holders:

“Not all mobility issues are easily visible. People can be very judgmental when it comes to individuals using their permits when they don’t have physical disabilities. More education is needed for people in our community to understand that there are different types of disabilities!”

“Please educate the public about using handicapped parking—you often hear “I will only be two minutes”. I parked behind a car that was illegally parked in a handicapped parking space and said, “I will only be two minutes”. Luckily a police officer came along to de-escalate the fight.”

“Snow removal companies and employees often pile up or dump collected snow in the handicap parking spaces and then wait until it melts. When I complain, I have been told that handicapped people don’t drive in snow.”

“I know from experience and from others who use the SPARC program how valuable it is. However, it seems to me that on any day that I am out shopping, I see people (many who are young) park and run out of their cars and go into a shop or whatever. It is difficult to know what each handicap may be. Therefore, it is hard to judge. Having said that, I don’t know how else this could be handled. I do want to thank you for all of your efforts and wish that people were more respectful.”

Of course, there are also the comments that we love to hear and that give meaning to our work every day:

“Thank you for your kindness and patience whenever I phone you! Also, the parking card is really a blessing to have at hand. So, thank you for doing an excellent job! Well done!”



Our Programs and Activities

Accessibility & Inclusion

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In addition to the delivery of the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities, SPARC BC also works to promote greater accessibility and inclusion across communities. This includes initiatives like **Access Awareness Day** and **Everyone In!**

ACCESS AWARENESS DAY—Accessible Communities are Inclusive Communities

Saturday, June 3, 2017 was SPARC BC's 20th Annual Access Awareness Day. Each year, Access Awareness Day provides us with an opportunity to think about the different ways we can make our communities more accessible and inclusive for everyone. This year the theme for Access Awareness Day focused the different ways that "Accessible Communities are Inclusive Communities." In particular, the posters and materials that were developed focused on providing examples of different ways that we can build accessibility into our everyday thinking and actions.

EVERYONE IN!

Everyone In! is about the different ways that we can work together to create welcoming and inclusive spaces and places for everyone. Key projects and initiatives that were undertaken this year as part of Everyone In! included a partnership with Realwheels Society around the creation of accessible theatre spaces. As well, we worked with BC Parks on the design and launch of a survey to look at the different ways to help make B.C.'s Park system more accessible for people with disabilities. This included reaching out to members and permit holders to understand more fully the types of barriers they face when using B.C.'s extensive park system. The survey was also designed to learn more about the different ways that people with disabilities currently connect to, and access that different programs and activities that are available. More than 1,800 permit users responded to our survey and shared their ideas and experiences.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INITIATIVES

SPARC BC's work in the area of accessibility and inclusion includes the design and delivery of public workshops, planning and research, as well as conducting accessibility audits and other types of initiatives to promote greater accessibility. This year, SPARC BC worked with a number of different community partners including: the City of Quesnel, the Nanaimo Regional District—Parks and Recreation Department, the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach, the Village of Cumberland, the City of West Kelowna, and the District of Lake Country to put into place different types of accessibility-related initiative and to advance shared accessibility goals.



Our Programs and Activities
Social Policy, Research &
Advocacy

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Social Policy, Research & Advocacy

SPARC BC's work in the area of social policy, research, and advocacy focuses on the use of research and partnerships to advance positive policy change in the area of income security and poverty reduction. In 2017/2018, SPARC BC helped to provide research and support for a number of community-based initiatives and place-based strategies for addressing the issue of poverty. Key highlights for 2017/2018 included:

CHILD POVERTY REPORT CARD

Every year, SPARC BC works in partnership with First Call and Campaign 2000 to produce the annual *Child Poverty Report Card*. The most recent Report Card released in November 2017 showed that there were 153,300 children between the ages of 0-17 growing up in poverty. This represents 1 out of every 5 children in B.C. The research also showed that some children were at much higher risk of growing up poor including children that live in families that are visible minorities (23%), Aboriginal children (31%), and children living in families that recently moved to Canada (45%). Through our research and partnerships, we work to hold governments accountable and to live up to our social and moral obligations to ensure that there is no child whose future is limited because of poverty.

SENIORS' POVERTY REPORT CARD

This year, SPARC BC also worked in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland to produce the first-ever *Seniors' Poverty Report Card*. Our *Seniors' Poverty Report Card* complements and supports our work in the area of child poverty and is intended to draw attention to the economic and social realities of too many low-income and vulnerable seniors across the Province. Through our research, we found that almost 1 in 10 seniors in B.C. were in low income and that B.C. had the highest seniors' poverty rate in Canada. Our research also found that single seniors were 3 times more likely to be poor when compared to seniors living in couples or other extended family arrangements. Through this research, our goal is to give a voice to seniors who are struggling to get by and to ensure that everyone in society has access to food, shelter, and the basic necessities of life.

TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROVINCIAL POVERTY REDUCTIONS STRATEGY

In 2017/2018, SPARC BC had the privilege of working for the Provincial government to convene a series of community meetings and small group discussions to inform the development of B.C.'s first *Poverty Reduction Strategy*. Participation in this initiative helped to provide an important opportunity to connect with individuals and organizations from across B.C. who care about their community and who believe in a Province where everyone has the chance to succeed. Through the series of meetings, the conversations focused on the issues that people living in poverty face as well as potential actions and solutions. A series of transcripts for each meeting were produced and will become part of the background materials to be used to shape the development of B.C.'s first *Poverty Reduction Strategy*.

PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION TO DEVELOP A POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY FOR BC

The following provides a list of all of the community partners and organizations that helped to organize the community meetings and small group discussions to support the development of B.C.'s first *Poverty Reduction Strategy*:

Abbotsford Community Services
Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC
Alberni Children First Network (Success by Six)
BC ACORN
BC Poverty Reduction Coalition
BCPRC Community Action Network - DHH
Bridges for Women Society
Brightside Community Homes Foundation
Canadian Mental Health Association
Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division
Canadian Mental Health Association Vernon & District
Cariboo Family Enrichment Centre
Carnegie Community Centre Association
Carney Hill Neighborhood Centre Society
Cedar Cottage Neighborhood House
Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia
Chilliwack Community Services (Chilliwack Healthier Community)
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
Collingwood Neighborhood House
Community Action Network
Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society
Community Futures Boundary
Comox Valley Elders Take Action
Connecting Community to Surrey Youth Leaving Care
Desert Sun Counselling & Resource Centre
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association
Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative
Eagle Valley Community Support Society
First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition
The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks
Fraser Regional Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association
Friends of the Grove/Cedar Bark Poet
Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society
Habitat for Humanity Kamloops Society
HollyBurn Family Services Society
Hupacasath First Nation
Ishtar Transition Housing Society
Jewish Seniors Alliance
Kamloops A Way Home Committee to End Youth Homelessness
Kitsilano Neighborhood House
Kiwassa Neighborhood House
Lakes Districts Family Society
Langley Community Services Society
Langley Seniors Community Action Table (LSCAT)
Leq'á:mel First Nation
Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services
Living Wage Families Campaign
Lookout Housing and Health Society
Lookout Housing Society
Lower Kootenay Band
Lower Mainland Purpose Society - Burnaby Youth Hub
Migrant Workers Centre
Mission Community Services Society
Mom2Mom Child Poverty Initiative Society (Mom2Mom)
More Than A Roof Housing Society
Mount Pleasant Food Network (Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House)
Mount Waddington Health Network
North Shore Disability Resource Centre
Oaklands Community Association
Oliver Healthy Living Coalition (Oliver Parks and Recreation)
One Straw Society
Pacific Community Resources Society
Phoenix Transition Society
Port Alberni Friendship Center
Positive Living BC
Positive Living North
PREP Society
Prince George New Hope Society
Raise the Rates
Ray-Cam Community Association
Renfrew Collingwood Community Response Network
Restorative Justice Salt Spring Island and the Salt Spring Community Services Society
Revelstoke Poverty Reduction Working Group
Sea to Sky Community Services Pemberton
Sea to Sky Community Services Squamish
Seniors Advocacy Centre
Single Mothers Alliance of BC Society
Skeena Diversity Society
Sources Community Resource Centre
South Vancouver Neighborhood House
Spinal Cord Injury BC
Sunshine Coast Community Services
Surpassing Our Survival - Prince George Sexual Assault Centre
Trail Family and Individual Resource (Fair) Centre Society
TRRUST: Collective Impact for youth aging out of care in Vancouver
Union Gospel Mission
United Church Salmon Arm
United Way
Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users
Vancouver Rape Relief
Vibrant Abbotsford
Watari Research Association - Watari Counseling and Support Services
West End Seniors' Network
Westside Health Network Society
Whistler Community Services Society
Yellowhead Community Services Society Cache Creek
Yellowhead Community Services Society Clear Water
Youth for Chinese Seniors in the DTES
IUp Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre Society



Our Programs and Activities

Community Development, Education & Outreach

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SPARC BC's work in the area of community development, education and outreach focuses on strategies and initiatives designed to build capacity at the local level to meet the social development needs of people and communities. This section provides an overview of some of the key highlights for 2017/2018:

LEARNING INITIATIVES FOR RURAL AND NORTHERN BC (LIRN BC)

Since its inception in 2006, SPARC BC has consistently provided high-quality community development support to communities through the LIRN program (Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC). In 2017/2018 there were twelve (12) organizations that helped in the delivery of the various LIRN workshops. They included: SPARC BC, the Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC; BC Centre for Employment Excellence; BC Healthy Communities (PlanH); Community Social Planning Council (Victoria); Fraser Basin Council (Smart Planning for Communities Program); UBC Library, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre; Leave Out Violence BC (LOVE); PeerNetBC; Vantage Point; Volunteer BC; and YouthCo. The different LIRN workshops cover a range of topics including relationship building, engagement, coordinated approaches to community problem-solving and public policy, community economic development, skills development, and organizational capacity building.

SPARC BC's COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (CDE)

In addition to LIRN BC, SPARC BC offers a number of community-based workshops. These workshops are delivered in collaboration with partners from across all levels of government and all sectors of the community. In 2017/2018, SPARC BC delivered more than sixteen (16) different community development and capacity building workshops including workshops in the Village of Burns Lake, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, the Town of Comox, the Village of Cumberland, the City of Grand Forks, the District of Lake Country, the Township of Langley, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, the City of Prince George, the City of Richmond, the District of Squamish, the District of Tofino, the District of Ucluelet, the City of Vancouver, and the City of Victoria.

Workshop topics included understanding seniors' housing needs in smaller rural and northern communities, a discussion of the findings from the 2017 Homelessness Count for Metro Vancouver, analysis of key social demographic and economic data to support local social development strategies and initiatives as well as the completion of a public opinion poll and the development of a SPROUT publication on public attitudes toward homelessness as well as the identification for potential opportunities for action. Over this past year, SPARC BC has also worked to build and strengthen our relationships with the Aboriginal community including engaging in a project in partnership with Lu'ma Housing Society and Metro Vancouver to better understand Aboriginal Homelessness.

NOMINATION FOR THE 2017/2018 DERYCK THOMSON AWARD

The Deryck Thomson Award was created by SPARC BC's Board of Directors to recognize individuals and organizations making a significant contribution to social planning and social justice in B.C.

The Deryck Thomson Award was established to honour Deryck Thomson—one of SPARC BC's founding members. Deryck was one of the first social workers in B.C. and is recognized for his significant contributions to the social development and social well-being of B.C. communities.

Past recipients of the Deryck Thomson Award have included community activists, social groups, volunteers, and advocates for social change across the Province.

The criteria for the Award is:

- Advocating for equity, fairness, and dignity for all through inclusion, integrity and learning;
- Ensuring that those who are most affected by decisions have a voice in determining and implementing policies and programs that impact them and their families; and,
- Raising public awareness and consciousness about the importance of social and community well-being.

In 2017/2018, SPARC BC's Nominations Committee recommended *Some Assembly Arts Society and the Roundhouse Youth Theatre Action Group (RHYTAG)* for the Deryck Thomson Award.

The *Some Assembly Arts Society and the Roundhouse Youth Theatre Action Group (RHYTAG)*

has inspired people from every sector in the community to believe in the possibility of positive and sustainable social change for all citizens through arts and theatre.

The *Some Assembly Arts Society and the Roundhouse Youth Theatre Action Group (RHYTAG)* has also shown a strong commitment to the principles of community development and capacity building. Through their efforts, they have developed innovative ways to use theatre as a tool for education and social change within the public realm.

Members of *Some Assembly Arts Society and the Roundhouse Youth Theatre Action Group (RHYTAG)* are recognized for their artistic excellence, their commitment to building community, and their ability to create stories that promote social justice and that help to build greater acceptance and understanding within society.

Through their creativity and the use of dialogue, *Some Assembly Arts Society and the Roundhouse Youth Theatre Action Group (RHYTAG)* encourages community members to reflect on issues that are socially relevant and that have real human and social consequences.



Our Programs and Activities

Research, Planning & Consulting

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SPARC BC provides research, planning and consulting services to all levels of government (federal, provincial, regional, local and First Nations) and works with community-based agencies and service providers to provide research on a wide range of social policy issues. In 2017/2018, SPARC BC prepared forty (40) proposals and led seventy-three (73) community-based research and planning projects on a diverse range of topics including income security, employment, dignified access to healthy food, housing affordability, homelessness, seniors' housing needs in smaller rural communities, health services planning for First Nations communities, as well as different types of service delivery strategies and models.

Members of SPARC BC's Research and Consulting team bring:

- **Experience in applied research** including a strong track record in designing and implementing a broad range of community-based research projects and initiatives;
- **A strong track record in community facilitation and community engagement** including a commitment to making space for a diverse range of voices and perspectives;
- **Subject area expertise** including expertise on a wide range of social policy issues, including mental health and addictions, housing and homelessness, senior and age-friendly planning, community social planning, and community development;
- **National recognition and accreditation in the practice of program evaluation** including significant experience and expertise in research design and performance measurement to help support the effective delivery of services and to contribute to social innovation;
- **Social and relationship capital** including a reputation for being a good partner as well as advanced competencies in effectively managing complex change initiatives involving multiple partners and stakeholders;
- **Strong project management and leadership skills** including demonstrated success in the design, implementation, and monitoring of complex, multi-sided research and planning projects; and,
- **A commitment to the highest possible standards**, both ethically and socially, including a strong commitment to the values of social justice, inclusion, integrity, and learning.

FARM TO CAFETERIA/FARM TO SCHOOL: PROMOTING HEALTHY ACCESS TO FOOD

Farm to Cafeteria (F2CC) is an important partner to SPARC BC. Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) is a pan-Canadian organization whose vision is a “vibrant and sustainable regional food system that supports the health of people, place, and planet.”

F2CC works with partners across Canada to educate, build capacity, and strengthen and influence public policy and decision-making as it relates to bringing local, healthy, and sustainable foods into all public institutions.

Key initiatives undertaken by F2CC including working with local partners to create demonstration projects that highlight promising practices in local food production and that help to inform stronger policies locally, regionally, and nationally around food planning and access.

Schools across Canada have adopted the Farm to School approach to creating school food programs that help to get healthier local foods on the minds and plates of students.

Under Farm to School, the focus is on:

- Increasing the procurement, consumption and awareness of healthy local foods;
- Increasing student food skills and knowledge by providing students with hands on learning opportunities; and,
- Engaging students and community partners in program development and implementation.

A Farm to School salad bar is a full meal deal in several respects. Besides the obvious buffet style menu of delicious and colourful local vegetables, fruits, grains, meats, and dairy, it also tackles all three of Farm to School’s core elements. It offers “hands on” learning opportunities, changes school food buying practices, and builds connections with farmers and other community partners.

Recently, Whole Kids Foundation partnered with SPARC BC by investing \$722K to establish and implement a Farm to School Canada Grants program. In total, 55 grants were delivered to Canadian schools in B.C. and other parts of Canada, enabling 19,818 students to have the opportunity to grow, cook, and/or taste healthy local foods from their school salad bar.

SPARC BC'S PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

SPARC BC's success is closely linked to the interests and aspirations of our collaborators, clients and partners who share our values and our commitment to working to promote lasting and positive change. The following is a list of some of the partners and collaborators who have worked with us over the past few years:

Local and Regional Government:

Capital Region District
City of Coquitlam
City of Kamloops
City of Kelowna
City of Lloydminster
City of Maple Ridge
City of Nanaimo
City of Nelson
City of North Vancouver
City of Pitt Meadows
City of Port Moody
City of Powell River
City of Quesnel
City of Revelstoke
City of Richmond
City of Surrey
City of Vancouver
District of Houston
District of New Hazelton
District of Tofino
District of West Vancouver
Fraser Valley Regional District
Kootenay Boundary Region
Metro Vancouver
Regional District of Nanaimo
Town of Osoyoos
Town of Smithers
Village of Burns Lake
Village of Cumberland
Village of Fraser Lake

First Nations and Health Authorities

First Nations Health Authority
First Nations National Health Council
Gitanmaax Band
Gitanyow First Nation
Gitksan Government Commission
Gitksan Health
Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nations
Lake Babine Nation
Office of the Wet'suwet'en
Taku River Tlingit First Nation

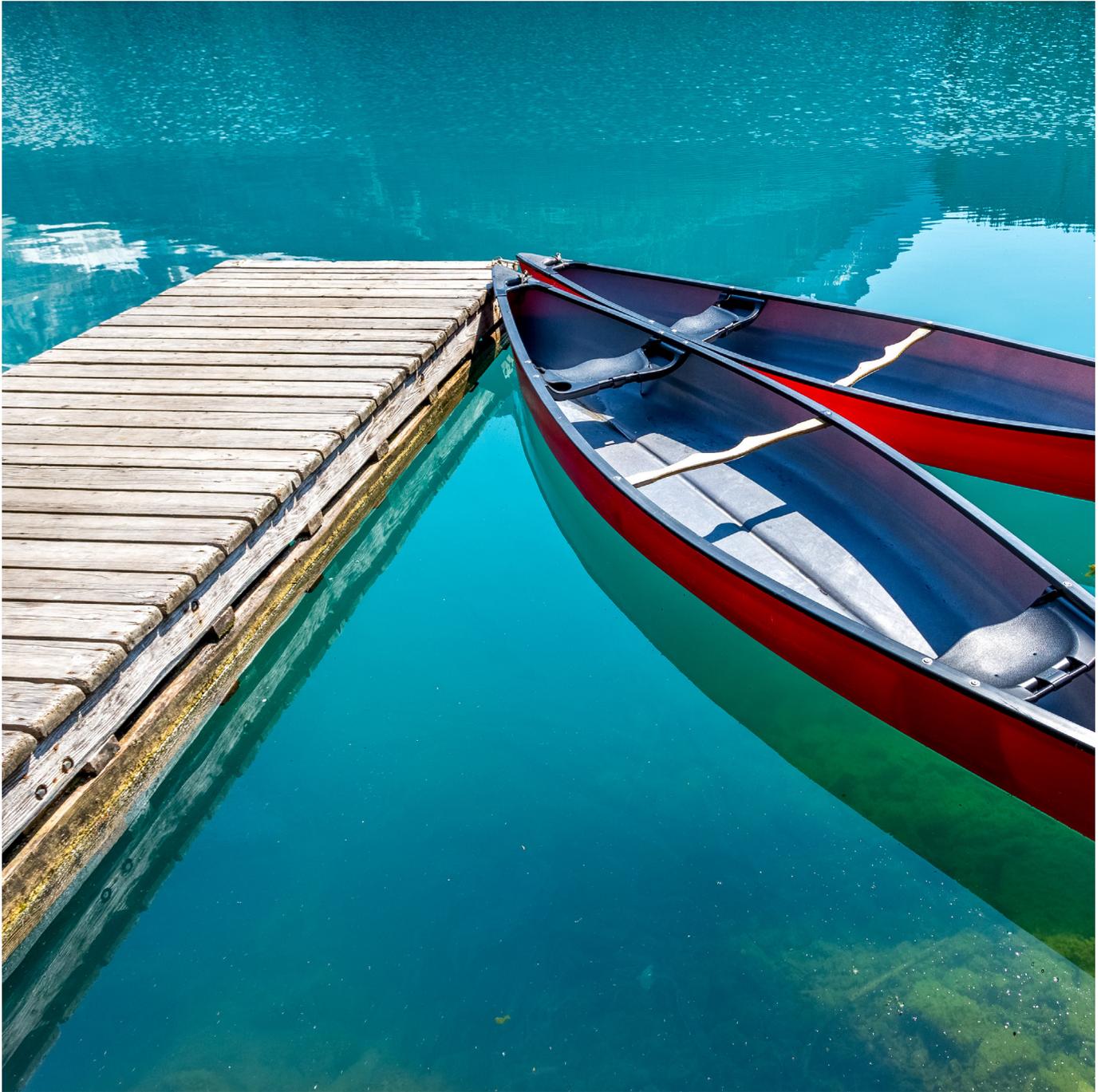
Non-Profit Organizations, Networks and Service Providers

2010 Legacy Now
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Alliance for Equality for Blind Canadians

Association of BC Public Library Directors
BC Aboriginal Childcare Society (BCACCS)
BC Clinical and Support Services Society (BCCSS)
Comox Valley Community Foundation
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC
Heart and Stroke Foundation
Highgate Strata Council
Hiiye'yu Lelum- House of Friendship
Human Resources and Skill Development Canada
Inclusion BC
Industry Training Authority
Kitsilano Neighbourhood House
Leave Out Violence BC (LOVE BC)
Metro Vancouver HPS-CAB
Ministry of Advanced Education
Ministry of Jobs Tourism and Innovation
Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training Sector
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre
Nanaimo Foundation
North Shore Homelessness Task Force (Homelessness Action Week)
North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership
North Vancouver and District Public Library
OBAC
Options Community Services Society
Pacific Community Resources Society
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
Planning Institute of BC (PIBC)
PeerNet BC
Peninsula Homeless to Housing (PH2H) (Homelessness Action Week)
Project Harvest
Public Health Association of BC (PHABC)
Provincial Health Services Authority
Public Health Agency of British Columbia (Farm to Cafeteria Canada)
Public Health Agency of Canada (Farm to Cafeteria Canada)
Public Health Services Authority
Realwheels Society
Regina Public Library
Respect Network Thompson
Richmond Centre for Disability
Richmond Homelessness Coalition (Homelessness Action Week)
Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS)
Salvation Army Caring Place (Homelessness Action Week)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)
 Seniors' Services Society
 SHARE Family and Community Services Society
 BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)
 BC Centre for Non-Profit Management and Sustainability
 BC Coalition of People with Disabilities (BCCPD)
 BC Council for Families (BCCF)
 BC Healthy Communities
 BC Housing
 BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
 BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA)
 BC Parks
 BC Poverty Reduction Coalition
 BC Schizophrenia Society
 BC Society of Transition Houses
 Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)
 Board Voice
 Burnaby Homeless Connect
 Burnaby Board of Trade
 Burnaby Family Life
 Burnaby Public Library
 Canadian Cancer Society
 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA)
 Canadian Centre for Studies on Disability
 Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD)
 Canadian Evaluation Society (CES)
 Canadian Institute for Health Research
 Canadian Mental Health Association
 Central Abbotsford Community School
 Central City Foundation
 Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
 Columbia Basin Trust
 Comox Valley Foundation
 Comox Valley School District (District 71)
 Co-op Housing Federation of BC (CHF-BC)
 Crisis Centre
 Disability Alliance BC (DABC)
 Environment Canada
 Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC)
 Federation of Community Social Services
 First Call
 Fraser Basin Council
 Fraser Valley Regional Library
 Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
 Georgia Strait Alliance
 Gibsons and District Public Library
 Gordon Neighbourhood House Seniors' Planning Table
 Government of New Brunswick
 Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society
 Homefront
 Sources Community Resources Society
 St. Mary's Kerrisdale
 Surrey Homelessness & Housing Society
 Terra Housing

The Gathering Place (City of Vancouver)
 Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership
 United Way of the Lower Mainland
 Vancity Community Foundation
 Vancouver Aquarium
 Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
 Vancouver Foundation
 Vancouver Public Library
 Vancouver School Board
 Vibrant Abbotsford
 Vibrant Surrey
 Voluntary Organizations Consortium of BC
 Volunteer BC
 Volunteer Canada
 West Coast Family Centres Society
 West Coast Family Resource Coalition
 Westcoast Community Resources Society
 Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 West End Seniors Network (WESN)
 West Vancouver Library
 Whole Kids Foundation
 Yellowhead Community Services
 Yukon Government, Department of Justice
Colleges and Universities
 Native Education College
 Simon Fraser University, Department of Sociology
 University of British Columbia, College of Health Disciplines
 University of British Columbia, Community Learning Initiative
 University of British Columbia, Department of Geography
 University of British Columbia, Human Early Learning
 Partnership
 University of British Columbia, Immigrant Inclusion
 Partnership Evaluation
 University of British Columbia, Irving K. Barber Learning
 University of British Columbia, School of Community &
 Regional Planning
 University of British Columbia Okanagan
 University of Toronto, Faculty of Social Work
 University of Waterloo, Propel Centre for Population Health
 Wilfred Laurier University



SPARC BC
Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

SPARC BC 2017/2018
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC June 29, 2018
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from the AGM, June 23, 2017
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements—2017/2018
6. Appointment of the Auditors for 2018/2019
7. Election of Directors
8. Message from the Executive Director
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

SPARC BC
Annual General Meeting 2016/2017

4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby BC
June 23, 2017
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes from the AGM, June 17, 2016

The President referred members to the minutes from the AGM held on June 17, 2016. The President called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion:

That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on June 17, 2016 be approved.

Moved: Cameron Gray, **Seconded:** Susan Jensen, **CARRIED.**

3. President's Report

Steve Harvard observed that he is reaching the end of his term on SPARC BC's Board of Directors. He noted that he hopes that during his term, he was able to make a positive impact on both the current and the future direction of SPARC BC. Steve noted that the journey in leading the Board wasn't done alone and that he was accompanied by a team of dynamic individuals who shared in the successes and learned from the challenges. Steve also noted that he would be remiss if he did not recognize the dedication of management and staff at SPARC BC, who each day worked to advance SPARC BC's mission of a just and healthy society for all.

Steve concluded by recognizing the significant role that SPARC BC's members and donors play in enabling SPARC BC to advance its mission-driven work. Steve noted that SPARC BC would not be able to accomplish everything that it has without the strong and continued support that we receive from our members and donors. Steve wanted to take a minute to recognize our members and donors and to thank them for choosing to support SPARC BC. Following the presentation of his report the President called for a Motion to adopt the President's Report.

Motion:

That the President's Report be adopted

Moved: Cameron Gray, **Seconded:** Hugh Kellas, **CARRIED.**

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (Hugh Kellas) provided highlights from the past year and noted that SPARC BC had a successful 50th year. The Treasurer noted that we have strengthened each area of SPARC BC's social enterprises and programs and that SPARC BC is fortunate to have the support of our members and donors who help us to advance our work. The Treasurer also noted that he would like to thank the BC government for the assistance that they provide through the BC Community Gaming Grant which supports SPARC BC's work in the area of accessibility and inclusion and community development education and outreach. He concluded that, on behalf of the other members of the Finance and Audit Committee and the SPARC BC Board of Directors he would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the accomplishments highlighted in this year's Annual Report.

Motion:

That the Treasurer's Report be adopted

Moved: Hugh Kellas, **Seconded:** Sharlene Frank, **CARRIED**

5. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements -2016/2017

The Treasurer referred members to the Audited Financial Statements prepared by KPMG. He noted that the Finance and Audit Committee met with KPMG to review the Audit Findings Report and that the Finance and Audit Committee is recommending the adoption of the 2016/2017 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion:

That the 2016/2017 Financial Statements be approved as presented.

MOVED: Hugh Kellas, **SECONDED:** Marilyn Belak, **CARRIED.**

6. Appointment of the Auditors for 2017/2018

The Treasurer also noted that one of the roles of the Finance and Audit Committee is to review the services and costs of SPARC BC's external auditing services and to do periodic calls for proposals to ensure that the costs are competitive. The Treasurer observed that KPMG has served as the external Auditor for SPARC BC for a number of years and that the Committee has appreciated their advice and guidance. He noted in keeping with the Board's policy for periodic review, the Finance and Audit Committee issued a request for proposals and that they received a number of responses. After reviewing all of the proposals received, the Treasurer noted that the Finance and Audit Committee is recommending that DMCL be appointed to provide external auditing services to SPARC BC for 2017/2018.

Motion:

That DMCL be appointed to provide external auditing services to SPARC BC for 2017-2018.

MOVED: Hugh Kellas, **SECONDED:** Sharlene Frank, **CARRIED.**

7. Report from the Governance Committee on changes to SPARC BC's Constitution and Bylaws

Cameron Gray, as Chair of the Governance Committee explained that under the new Societies Act, nonprofit organizations like SPARC BC are required to make changes to their Constitution and Bylaws. Cameron noted that the Governance Committee has reviewed SPARC BC's Constitution and Bylaws and that, the following special resolutions are designed to bring SPARC BC's Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with the changes required under the new Societies Act.

"BE IT RESOLVED, AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION, that the Directors of the Society are hereby authorized and directed to submit a transition application for the Society with the British Columbia Registrar of Companies' Office pursuant to the Societies Act, under which:

- (a) the Constitution of the Society will consist of the current section 1 (name) and current section 2 (purposes) of the Constitution, and all other sections of the current Constitution will be moved to the Bylaws of the Society; and
- (b) the Bylaws of the Society for the purposes of the transition will consist of the current Bylaws of the Society together with the former sections of the Constitution which have been moved to the Bylaws in accordance with the preceding resolution."

(The "Transition")

"BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the Society that the following special resolution is hereby passed, subject to the condition that the Transition is completed, such that the following special resolution will be effective upon completion of the Transition without further act by the members of the Society:"

"BE IT RESOLVED, AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION, that the existing Bylaws of the Society are hereby cancelled in their entirety and that the Bylaws as set out in Schedule "A" of the SPARC BC Annual Report 2016/2017, pages 37-52, are hereby adopted as the Bylaws of the Society."

Motion:

That the following Special Resolutions be adopted by the membership:

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MOVED: Cameron Gray, **SECONDED:** Hugh Kellas, **CARRIED**

8. Report from the Nominations Committee

The Bylaws establish that the Board of Directors shall have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Directors with the ideal number being set at twelve (12).

The Bylaws also establish that the Board of Directors should represent the geographic and social diversity that is characteristic of the province.

The report from the Nominations Committee noted that there are five (5) Directors whose terms were ending in June 2017 – Steve Harvard, Cameron Gray, Marilyn Belak, Christene Walsh and Bev Onischak.

It was also noted that four (4) Directors – Cameron Gray, Marilyn Belak, Christene Walsh and Bev Onischak have agreed to stand for re-election and that Steve Harvard will be leaving the Board as he has reached the end his nine (9) year term.

To this end, the Nominations Committee is recommending that:

Cameron Gray, Marilyn Belak, Christene Walsh and Bev Onischak be re-elected to serve on SPARC BC's Board of Directors for an additional three-year term ending in June 2020.

Motion:

That Cameron Gray, Marilyn Belak, Christene Walsh and Bev Onischak be re-elected for an additional 3-year term, ending June 2020.

MOVED: Cameron Gray, **SECONDED:** Hugh Kellas, **CARRIED**

The Nominations Committee has also identified a potential candidate, Angela Towle, to fill the vacant position on the Board that was created as a result of the departure of Steve Harvard. To this end, the Nominations Committee is recommending that Angela Towle stand for nomination to serve on SPARC BC's Board of Directors for a three (3) year term ending in June 2020.

Motion:

Angela Towle stand for nomination to serve on SPARC BC's Board of Directors for a three (3) year term, ending in June 2020.

MOVED: Cameron Gray, **SECONDED:** Hugh Kellas, **CARRIED**

Background information about each of the Directors can be found as part of the Report from the Nominations Committee.

9. Message from the Executive Director

Lorraine Copas welcomed Angela Towle to SPARC BC's Board of Directors.

Lorraine noted that this year was a significant milestone in SPARC BC's history. As an organization, SPARC BC has been around for almost half a century!

Lorraine noted that the Annual Report for this year shares some of the highlights and key reflections arising from the Board's Social Development Forum which was held in March.

Lorraine also noted that the information contained in the Annual Report includes the thoughts and reflections shared by each of the different speakers along with the insights gained through the Table Discussions at the Forum.

In presenting the report, Lorraine felt that it was important to let the Board know that John Freidmann recently passed away and that we have included an in memoriam, under John's section in the Annual Report.

Lorraine noted that John was one of the speakers at the Forum and that many of the Forum participants appreciated the insights and wisdom that John shared around the role of civil society and shared responsibilities that we have for each other.

Lorraine concluded by thanking the Board for their leadership and by recognizing the dedication and commitment of staff who help to make SPARC BC the caring and committed organization that it is.

Adjournment

The President noted that this concludes the Annual General Meeting for 2016/2017. The President called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

That the 2016/2017 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: Nate Bello, **SECONDED:** Hugh Kellas, **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

I would like to present the Treasurer's Report for 2017/2018. SPARC BC operates through a social enterprise model where income generated through the Parking Permit Program and Research and Consulting is reinvested in keeping our programs and services strong.

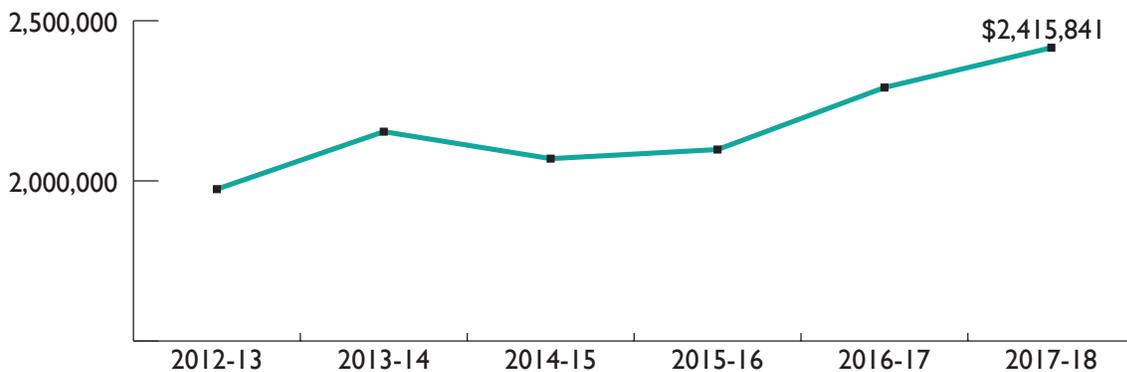
Essential to SPARC BC's financial well-being, however, is the very significant support we receive from our members and donors which enables mission-driven work in the areas of accessibility and inclusion, social policy research and advocacy, and community development education and outreach.

SPARC BC had a successful financial year, closing with an operating surplus of \$322,127 which resulted from higher than anticipated revenues from the Parking Permit Program and the Research and Consulting services that SPARC BC delivers as well as through tight control of expenditures.

SPARC BC's annual operating expenditures were \$2,093,715. This is \$54,785 below the budgeted amount. Significant attention was paid to the daily operating expenses at SPARC BC to ensure the organization continued to streamline costs and realize efficiencies.

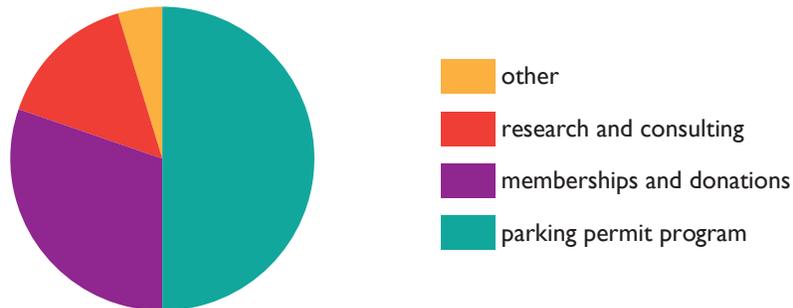
Revenues for 2017/2018 were \$2,415,841, exceeding the annual target by \$267,342. As shown on the graph below, revenues have been trending up in recent years:

Revenue by Year



SPARC BC's revenue is largely comprised of three areas—the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities, Membership and Donations, and Research and Consulting. The following graph shows each area's contribution to overall revenue this year:

Revenue Composition 2017/2018



The Parking Permit Program represents 50% of SPARC BC's revenue, a total of \$1,210,659. SPARC BC issued 53,675 permits in 2017/2018, up from 50,586 the prior year. Issued permits are either permanent (85%), temporary (14%) or organizational (1%). This revenue not only enables SPARC BC to administer the Parking Permit Program for people who depend on this service, it also supports our Accessibility and Enforcement line and our work on accessibility and inclusion in communities.

Memberships and donations play a critical role in supporting our work across B.C. SPARC BC is fortunate to have the generous support of a broad membership and donor base who share our vision of a just and healthy society for all. In 2017/2018 contributions from members and donors totaled \$729,181, 30% of our revenue. Campaigns in June and December generated \$169,029 of this total and helped to support our mission-driven projects in accessibility and inclusion, income security and poverty reduction as well as a number of specific "calls to action" around comfort kits for individuals experiencing homelessness and the launch of our seniors' harvest basket initiative.

As a non-profit society and federally-registered charity, we rely on the generosity and support of our members and donors to advance our work and to help to make a difference in the lives of the people and communities we serve.

In 2017/2018, the revenue generated through the Research, Planning and Consulting services SPARC BC provides was also strong. Based on the year-end operating results, Research and Consulting had revenue of \$367,475 for 2017/2018. This represents 15% of the revenue recorded for the year. It is also worth noting that the Research and Consulting team worked on 73 projects in 2017/2018 and distributed over \$1,062,000 to communities through various projects and initiatives.

One of the projects carried out by staff in Research and Consulting is SPARC BC's partnership with Farm to Cafeteria. Over the past few years, this program has continued to grow and has helped to improve food security for many children both in B.C. and in other parts of Canada. This year, through our partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Whole Kids Foundation we have been able to continue to expand this program.

In response to significant food insecurity issues for seniors, SPARC BC also launched our Seniors' Harvest Basket initiative in partnership with *On the Farm*. Through the Seniors' Harvest Basket initiative, our goal is to provide dignified access to healthy food for seniors.

This year SPARC BC also had the privilege of working for the Provincial government in leading a series of community consultations and meetings to support the development of B.C.'s first *Poverty Reduction Strategy*. The stories and insights shared through the meetings draw attention to the need to recognize our collective responsibility to each other and the importance of working together to promote greater economic and social inclusion for everyone.

I want to conclude this report by thanking all of our members, donors and staff for a productive and successful year at SPARC BC. Similarly, I would like to thank the BC government for the assistance provided through the BC Community Gaming Grant which supports our work in the area of accessibility and inclusion and community development education and outreach. On behalf of the other members of the Finance and Audit Committee and the SPARC BC Board of Directors, I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the accomplishments highlighted in this report and look forward to continued success in 2018/2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Kellas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Hugh Kellas
Treasurer

Report from the Nominations Committee

SPARC BC's Board of Directors brings a depth of knowledge and understanding of social policy and social justice in B.C.

The Bylaws establish that the Board of Directors shall have a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Directors with the ideal number being set at twelve (12).

The Bylaws also establish that the Board of Directors should represent the geographic and social diversity that is characteristic of the province.

The following provides information on the current structure and composition of SPARC BC's Board of Directors including those members whose terms are ending and those who are standing for re-election.

The Nominations Committee notes that there are four (4) Directors whose terms are ending in June 2018—**Nate Bello, Hugh Kellas, Susan Jensen, and Linda Locke.**

Of these Directors, **Nate Bello** and **Linda Locke** have reached the end of their nine (9) year term and will be leaving the Board.

Of the remaining Directors—**Hugh Kellas** and **Susan Jensen**—the Nominations Committee is recommending that they serve for an additional three (3) year term ending in June 2021.

There are also two (2) Directors—**Marilyn Belak** and **Stephen Dooley** who have indicated that they are unable to complete their current term and who will be stepping down from the Board.

With the departure of **Nate Bello, Linda Locke, Marilyn Belak, and Stephen Dooley,** there are four (4) vacant positions to fill.

The Nominations Committee has identified three (3) potential candidates to fill the vacant positions currently on the Board. They include: **Tarita Davenock, Kara Keam, and Marla Reed.**

Information about each of the individuals identified to stand for election to the SPARC BC Board of Directors can be found at the beginning of the following section:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Nominations Committee is recommending that:

- (a) **Hugh Kellas** and **Susan Jensen** be re-elected to serve for an additional three-year term ending in June 2021;
- (b) **Tarita Davenock, Kara Keam, and Marla Reed** be nominated to serve on SPARC BC'S Board of Directors for a three (3) year term ending in June 2021; and,
- (c) The one (1) additional vacancy created from the departure of **Stephen Dooley** be filled at a later date.

The Proposed Structure and Composition of SPARC BC's Board of Directors:

Based on the recommendations, put forward in this report, the following reflects the proposed structure and composition for SPARC BC's Board of Directors for 2018/2019:

The following members are nominated to serve on SPARC BC's Board of Directors for a three (3) year term ending in June 2021:

Tarita Davenock	Nanaimo	--	Term expiring 2021
Kara Keam	Vancouver	--	Term expiring 2021
Marla Reed	Dawson Creek	--	Term expiring 2021

The following Directors whose terms are ending are nominated to stand for re-election for an additional three (3) year term ending June 2021:

Hugh Kellas	West Vancouver	Director since 2012	Term expiring 2021
Susan Jensen	Prince George	Director since 2015	Term expiring 2021

The following Directors are continuing to serve their three (3) year term ending in June 2019:

Sharlene Frank	Comox	Director since 2013	Term expiring 2019
Manpreet Grewal	Abbotsford	Director since 2016	Term expiring 2019

The following Directors are continuing to serve their three (3) year term ending in June 2020:

Cameron Gray	Vancouver	Director since 2011	Term expiring 2020
Bev Onischak	Castlegar	Director since 2016	Term expiring 2020
Christene Walsh	Kelowna	Director since 2014	Term expiring 2020
Angela Towle	Vancouver	Director since 2017	Term expiring 2020

There is one (1) additional vacancy created from the departure of **Stephen Dooley** which will be filled at a later date.

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About the Candidates Nominated for Election

Information about the members standing for election can be found below:

Tarita Davenock, Nanaimo, B.C.

Tarita has built a reputation as a global expert in the field of accessible travel, and inclusive tourism. A speaker and contributor to the Huffington Post, and other travel publications; her company Travel For All is Canada's premier accessible travel agency. Tarita is sought after for her extensive business knowledge as an entrepreneur with a disability and is passionate about creating access for all. Tarita has served in a diverse range of roles over the years in promoting greater accessibility including participating on the Accessible Tourism Committee for the Standards Council of Canada. Tarita has graduate degrees in English and Behavioural Psychology and is currently working on the completion of her Doctoral Thesis. Prior to establishing Travel For All, Tarita worked as a social worker.

Kara Keam, Vancouver, B.C.

Kara is a community-based advocate currently working in social housing in east Vancouver. Previously, Kara trained and volunteered with the Central Okanagan John Howard Society as a Restorative Justice Facilitator. In her role as a Housing and Outreach Coordinator for the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kara has contributed mentorship and leadership skills to the Partners in Community Collaboration (PICC), Partners for a Healthy Downtown (PHD), the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) and Central Okanagan Recovery Home Alliance (CORHA). Kara also helped to facilitate the work of the Provincial Women's Health Strategy. Kara's experience in this area gave her a greater understanding of the challenges and strengths of women in rural and remote areas of the Province. Kara's areas of interest include housing, poverty reduction, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Marla Reed, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Marla is the Executive Director of the Dawson Creek Society for Community Living. Marla brings extensive knowledge of the community living movement and has worked in the social service sector for twenty-five (25) years. Over the course of her career, Marla has worked with a broad range of partners on a wide range of community development initiatives designed to promote and support greater economic and social inclusion for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Marla's work has included the development of numerous housing options for low-income adults with developmental disabilities, families, and seniors. Marla is passionate about the inclusion of adults with developmental disabilities and seniors in the Province and is committed to creating a more inclusive society for everyone.

Background Information about Current Directors

The following provides additional background information about each of the Directors currently serving on SPARC BC's Board as well as those who have been nominated for re-election:

Sharlene Frank, Comox, B.C.

Sharlene joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2013 and serves as a member of the Board's Nominations Committee. Previously, Sharlene served as a member of the Finance Committee. Sharlene is a member of the K'ómoks First Nation and holds a Master's of Public Administration. Sharlene has a long history of working in the area of community development and has worked with Aboriginal communities for more than 20 years to help them to define and develop their programs, services, and vision. Sharlene has played many different roles from researcher, policy analyst, educator, mentor, advocate, to elected leader and Task Force member. Sharlene has observed that, over the course of her career, she has come to appreciate the need for a continual process of developing, evaluating and refining a holistic view on community development.

Cameron Gray, Vancouver, B.C.

Cameron joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2011 and serves as the Chair of the Governance Committee. Cameron is the former Managing Director for the Department of Social Development for the City of Vancouver and the former Director of the City's Housing Centre. Cameron holds a planning degree and a diploma in urban economics and is recognized for his knowledge and expertise in the area of housing affordability and homelessness. Cameron is also recognized for his commitment to social justice and for his significant contribution to the development and implementation of innovative strategies and approaches in the field of housing.

Manpreet Grewal, Abbotsford, B.C.

Manpreet joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2016 and serves as a member of the Board's Nominations Committee. Manpreet is currently the Director of Multicultural and Immigrant Services and a member of the shared leadership team at Abbotsford Community Services. Manpreet has worked in the Immigrant Integration and Diversity Education field in B.C. for the last 27 years and has been involved in developing and managing several community-based programs and strategies. Manpreet has an extensive background in advocating for programs and services to address the needs of immigrants and newcomers. Manpreet brings extensive experience in communication and has been published regularly in the print media. Manpreet also has experience in radio and public television and holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Delhi. Manpreet also has a diploma in print journalism from the London School of Journalism and recently earned her Chartered Director designation from the Conference Board of Canada and the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University.

Susan Jensen, Prince George, B.C.

Susan joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2015 and serves as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee. Previously, Susan served on the Governance Committee. Susan was born in Dawson Creek and currently resides in Prince George. Susan attended Northern Lights College where she took courses in business administration and business finance. Susan has a passion for social justice and has had a long career working with seniors, adults and youth from a variety of backgrounds (abuse, criminal justice, family matters and access to benefits). Susan found her work at Legal Services as an Intake Legal Assistant to be gratifying and believes in the importance of doing good deeds for others. Susan brings extensive front-line experience and understanding to SPARC BC's Board of Directors.

Hugh Kellas, West Vancouver, B.C.

Hugh joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2012 and has served as the Treasurer/Secretary since 2013. Hugh also serves on the Board's Finance & Audit Committee. Trained as an urban planner, Hugh held a series of positions within Metro Vancouver, including the Manager of Policy and Planning, and currently provides consulting services. Active in his profession, Hugh is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and a past president of both CIP and the Planning Institute of British Columbia. Hugh has also served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of the Lower Mainland. Hugh brings extensive knowledge of urban and community development.

Beverly Onischak, Castlegar, B.C.

Beverly joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2016 and serves on the Board's Governance Committee. Beverly is a retired Nurse with more than 40 years of practice in acute care and complex care. Bev is also an educator with experience in providing instruction for nursing students. Bev has a long history of advocacy on issues of accessibility and disability. Bev currently serves on a number of Committees including the National Committee for Persons Living with DisAbilities. Through her work, and various labour and union affiliations, Bev has championed women's' rights, and has worked to address issues around occupational health and safety including the working conditions for short-term and part-time instructors. Bev is active on the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council and is a member of the Castlegar Mayor's Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee. Bev is also an active community volunteer who enjoys the Garden Club and Friends of the Library.

Angela Towle PhD, Vancouver, B.C.

Angela joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2017 and serves on the Board's Governance Committee. As a member of SPARC BC's Board, Angela brings extensive knowledge of the social determinants of health, the health sector, and training of health professionals. Given the role health plays, either directly or indirectly, in so many of the issues that affect society today (housing, poverty, employment and social isolation) Angela believes she can make an important contribution to SPARC BC's Board. Angela

brings a commitment to the inclusion of grassroots community voices, and a belief that different forms of knowledge (academic and experiential) are necessary to gain a more complete understanding of societal problems and potential solutions. Angela also has an extensive track record of scholarly investigation and publications, and a desire to promote and disseminate high quality research through both traditional and more unconventional means in order to reach and benefit a wider sector of society.

Christene Walsh, Kelowna, B.C.

Christene joined SPARC BC's Board of Directors in 2014 and serves as the Chair of the Board's Nomination Committee. Previously, Christene served on the Board's Governance Committee and the Board's Finance and Audit Committee. Christene is a registered social worker (MSW) and currently employed with the Regional District of Central Okanagan [RDCO] as Manager, Police/Community Support Services. Previously Christene held a number of community development roles within the Central Okanagan's social services sector. Prior to joining SPARC BC's Board of Directors, Christene worked with SPARC BC's research team in looking at the issues of hidden homelessness and family homelessness in smaller communities and urban centres outside of the Lower Mainland. Christene has a strong commitment to social justice and has worked in a broad range of roles in mental health & substance use services, palliative [cancer] care, hospital social work and child protection (Aboriginal communities).

Financial Statements of
**SOCIAL PLANNING AND
RESEARCH COUNCIL
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Year ended March 31, 2018

**SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF
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SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

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Year Ended March 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society that comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society as at March 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report to the Members of Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society *(continued)*

Other Matter

The financial statements of Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society for the year ended March 31, 2017 were audited by another practitioner who expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements on June 20, 2017.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a consistent basis with that of the preceding year.



Port Coquitlam, BC
June 28, 2018

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SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 978,384	\$ 739,078
Short-term investments <i>(Note 3)</i>	1,089,065	886,392
Accounts receivable	526,704	103,728
Accrued interest receivable	9,480	5,337
Goods and services tax rebates	14,366	14,309
Prepaid expenses	32,029	45,782
	2,650,028	1,794,626
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT <i>(Note 4)</i>	33,110	78,068
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS <i>(Note 3)</i>	127,664	327,664
	\$ 2,810,802	\$ 2,200,358
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 304,990	\$ 248,497
Payroll withholdings payable	25,465	12,729
Deferred revenue on projects and disbursement recoveries	582,054	342,391
Deferred contributions <i>(Note 5)</i>	80,000	80,000
Current portion of deferred lease inducement	10,275	20,572
	1,002,784	704,189
Deferred Lease Inducement	-	10,278
	1,002,784	714,467
NET ASSETS		
Internally restricted	1,074,251	659,984
Unrestricted	733,767	825,907
	1,808,018	1,485,891
	\$ 2,810,802	\$ 2,200,358

COMMITMENT *(Note 7)*

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


 _____ Director

 _____ Director

See notes to financial statements

SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended March 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

	2018	2017
REVENUES		
Permit sales	\$ 1,210,659	\$ 1,096,771
Memberships and donations	729,181	700,764
Gaming grant	80,000	80,000
Interest income	14,984	14,803
Other (miscellaneous) income	-	12,195
Rental income	10,440	7,140
Other grants	3,103	3,085
Contracted research	367,475	376,703
	<u>2,415,842</u>	<u>2,291,461</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Audit and legal fees	23,609	23,721
Amortization of property and equipment	57,501	66,006
Board and executive meetings	34,384	41,663
Community data consortium	-	7,577
Computer and website maintenance	65,762	38,627
Direct mail fundraising	54,323	40,557
Insurance	6,901	6,888
Marketing, publicity and promotion	26,968	29,672
Office supplies	15,844	20,495
Other expenditures	23,196	17,295
Photocopying	30,857	36,934
Postage and courier	109,699	112,158
Printing	47,946	58,507
Professional and consulting services	8,451	101,061
Programs and projects	97,815	102,580
Rental	207,093	207,125
Repairs and maintenance	8,185	7,839
Salaries, wages and benefits <i>(Note 8)</i>	1,238,392	1,192,286
Staff training and development	15,149	9,632
Telephone	21,640	14,015
	<u>2,093,715</u>	<u>2,134,638</u>
Contracted Research Disbursements		
Disbursement recoveries	1,062,373	829,493
Project disbursements	<u>(1,062,373)</u>	<u>(830,831)</u>
	-	(1,338)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 322,127</u>	<u>\$ 155,485</u>

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SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended March 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2018	2017
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 659,984	\$ 825,907	\$ 1,485,891	\$ 1,330,406
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	322,127	322,127	155,485
	659,984	1,148,034	1,808,018	1,485,891
Interfund transfers	414,267	(414,267)	-	-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,074,251	\$ 733,767	\$ 1,808,018	\$ 1,485,891

See notes to financial statements

SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY**Statement of Cash Flow****Year Ended March 31, 2018***(Unaudited)*

	2018	2017
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 322,127	\$ 155,485
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of property and equipment	57,501	66,006
Amortization of deferred lease inducement	<u>(20,576)</u>	<u>(20,576)</u>
	359,052	200,915
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(422,976)	39,542
Interest receivable	(4,143)	13,340
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	56,494	80,405
Deferred revenue on projects and disbursement recoveries	239,663	(500,347)
Prepaid expenses	13,753	(9,696)
Goods and services tax rebates	(57)	8,860
Payroll withholdings payable	<u>12,736</u>	<u>(3,525)</u>
	(104,530)	(371,421)
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>254,522</u>	<u>(170,506)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(12,543)	(3,511)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment	-	7,211
Purchase of investments	<u>(2,673)</u>	<u>(327,664)</u>
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(15,216)</u>	<u>(323,964)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	239,306	(494,470)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	<u>739,078</u>	<u>1,233,548</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS- END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 978,384</u>	<u>\$ 739,078</u>

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SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia Society (the "Society") is a Not-for-Profit Organization incorporated as a Society under the Societies Act (British Columbia). The Society's mission is to work with communities in building a just and healthy society for all persons in British Columbia. The Society is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and accordingly is exempt from income taxes, provided certain requirements of the Income Tax Act are met.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and short-term deposits which are highly liquid with original maturities of less than three months at the date of acquisition.

Investments

Short-term investments are comprised of term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates and high interest savings accounts that are traded in an active market and are readily convertible to cash. These items are carried at amortized cost at the date of the statements of financial position and have a maturity period of less than one year.

Long-term investments are comprised of guaranteed investment certificates. These items are carried at amortized cost at the date of the statement of financial position and have maturity period of greater than one year.

Property and Equipment

Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense. Betterments which extend the estimated life of an asset are capitalized. When an asset no longer contributes to the Society's ability to provide services, its carrying amount is written down to its residual value.

Property and equipment are amortized on a straight-line basis using the following rates.

Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	3 years
Leasehold improvements	over the term of the lease

Property and equipment acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Revenue Recognition

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions from grants. Under this method, externally restricted contributions are recognized in the period the related expenses are incurred or the restrictions are met.

Unrestricted contributions which are received in the form of donations and membership fees are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is assured.

Revenue from the sale of parking permits is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer, there is no continuing managerial involvement, the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, and the related receivable is received or collection is reasonably assured.

Revenue from projects is recognized on the percentage of completion basis as the research project is performed, collection of the related receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the contract fee is fixed or determinable. The percentage of completion is determined by a combination of management's estimates of the progress on the project and the costs incurred to date. Costs are generally the most determinable measure of performance which relate as directly as possible to the activities critical to the completion of the contract.

A provision is made for the total anticipated loss when the estimates of total costs on a contract indicate a loss.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The society has not elected to carry financial instruments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of the financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs. These costs are amortized using the effective interest rate method.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indications of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Society determines if there is significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Society expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future year, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial impairment charge.

Deferred Revenue On Projects and Disbursement Recoveries

Deferred revenue on projects and disbursement recoveries consist of deposits received for projects where revenues or disbursement recoveries have not yet been earned or recognized.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Deferred Lease Inducement

The deferred lease inducement consists of a construction allowance provided by the landlord which is being amortized to offset rent expense on a straight-line basis over ten years, which is the term of the related premise's lease.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year.

Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include provisions for impairment of trade accounts receivables, the carrying amount of property and equipment, deferred revenue on projects and disbursement recoveries and the percentage of completion or projects. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Short-term Investments</u>		
Term deposits	\$ 886,392	\$ 686,392
Guaranteed investment certificates	<u>202,673</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>1,089,065</u>	886,392
 <u>Long-term Investments</u>		
Guaranteed investment certificates	<u>127,664</u>	<u>327,664</u>
	<u>\$ 1,216,729</u>	\$ 1,214,056

Short-term investments consist of term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates with maturity dates between September 2018 and November 2018 at interest rates of 0.9%

Long-term investments consist of guaranteed investment certificates maturing in January 2019 and January 2020 at interest rates ranging from 1.46% to 1.81%

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2018 Net book value	2017 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 267,890	\$ 254,553	\$ 13,337	\$ 24,962
Furniture and fixtures	168,656	164,074	4,582	7,892
Leasehold improvements	298,773	283,582	15,191	45,214
	<u>\$ 735,319</u>	<u>\$ 702,209</u>	<u>\$ 33,110</u>	<u>\$ 78,068</u>

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5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Balance, beginning of year	Contributions Received	Amounts recognized value	2018	2017
BC Gaming Commission	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000

Deferred contributions represent funds received in advance from the BC Gaming Commission. Amounts are recognized to revenue when the expenditures on the designated projects are made.

6. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	2018	2017
<u>Designated to:</u>		
Provide for the ongoing financial stability of the Society. It is the objective of the Board of Directors to maintain a reserve fund of at least one-half of the annual operating budget or \$500,000 whichever is more. The reserve will be set aside in a restricted account to be used to maintain operations during difficult financial circumstances; or to cover contingent liabilities.	\$ 1,074,250	\$ 537,125
Provide for the operating requirements of the Whole Kids Program	-	122,859
	<u>\$ 1,074,250</u>	<u>\$ 659,984</u>

These designated internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Directors.

7. COMMITMENT

The Society entered into a ten-year lease agreement for its premises commencing October 2008. Basic rental payments are \$110,385 per annum to September 2018, excluding goods and services tax, operating expenses and property taxes.

8. EMPLOYEE AND CONTRACTOR REMUNERATION

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, the Society paid total remuneration of \$216,890 to two employees for services, each of whom received total remuneration of more than \$75,000.

9. DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

The Society's directors do not receive remuneration.

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10. FINANCIAL RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

The significant risks to which the Society is exposed are credit risk and liquidity risk.

(a) Credit risk

Credit Risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss. The Society's exposure to credit risk is indicated by the carrying amount of its accounts receivable, cash and cash equivalents, and investments. The Society deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults on its accounts receivable. The Society deposits its cash and cash equivalents and investments with high credit quality financial institutions. There has been no change to the risk exposure from 2017

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Society will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Society manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Society prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations. There has been no change to the risk exposures from 2017.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of fixed income investments held by the Society. The Society manages this risk by investing in highly rated term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates with varying maturity dates.

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative information has been reclassified to conform to the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.
