



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of the  
Social Planning  
and Research  
Council of  
British Columbia

**June 2, 2006**



# 2006 Annual General Meeting

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adopt Minutes of the Last Meeting, June 2005
3. Adopt Written President's Report
4. Adopt Written Treasurer's Report
5. Adopt Audited Financial Statements
6. Appoint Auditors, Loewen Stronach, for 2006/07 Fiscal Year
7. Election of Directors

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# A Remarkable Organization, a Remarkable Milestone

*2006 marks the 40th anniversary of SPARC BC—and another great year*

THIS IS MY final report as President, as I step down from this position at our Board meeting tomorrow. This is a remarkable organization, celebrating a remarkable anniversary.

SPARC BC continued to produce important results in our three key areas of strategic priority set by the Board: income security, community development, and accessibility. In income security, it has been a part of our history to produce reports that compare the cost of living and income assistance levels. Last year's updated report could only be called *Left Behind*; it brought renewed attention to the significant inadequacy of income assistance.

In the area of accessibility, we appreciate the support from Vancity and from Direct Access Gaming Funds to continue our work with networking among accessibility-oriented committees, organizations, individuals, and municipal representatives throughout the province. The accessibility contact directory was updated and distributed, and regional meetings were held in the Okanagan and Lower Mainland.

The Community Development Education Program delivered another ten workshops in rural and northern communities. Each workshop was tailored to the community needs and issues. Evaluations were very positive. The program will expand again this coming year.

The Research and Consulting Services program managed significant personnel changes over the course of the year, but also undertook and completed a wider range of projects than ever before.

Some examples of contracted work in the past year are:

- *Cross-Canada Civic Initiative on Building Inclusive Communities*

- *Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents*
- *Defining the Role of the City of Kelowna in Social/Community Planning*
- *CMHC research projects on Homelessness and People Who Use Substances and those with Concurrent Disorders*

The Parking Permit Program hit another milestone this past year, now administering over 90,000 permits for designated parking for people with disabilities. Services were expanded and customer service training was a priority. The Finance and Administration team kept SPARC BC professionally managed and functioning smoothly.

*SPARC BC News* continues to be a pleasure to receive and read. The themes of the last year attracted a wide range of authors and proved a valuable way of communicating with our members and the community at large about important social issues.

We changed our name last year, but our mission, our definition of a just and healthy society, and our values remain resolute. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank the staff of SPARC BC for their dedication and hard work. We are proud to be a part of such a dynamic and professional organization. I also want to extend my special thanks to my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their vision, diligence, and prudence. I have enjoyed working with you all.

Respectfully submitted,



**Daniel Hill, President**

TREASURER'S REPORT

# SPARC BC Reports a Increased Revenues and Continued Financial Strength

*Strong funding, donations, and social enterprise revenues mark 2005/06*

AS A TREASURER of SPARC BC, I am very pleased to report that 2005/06 was another strong and successful fiscal year, with a total recorded surplus of \$80,165.

SPARC BC expenditures increased 6% over 2004/05. Most of this increase is due to increased payroll costs from new staff, including an additional Researcher for Community Development hired in August. The organization also undertook a number of large events and projects, including a dialogue event on accessibility in collaboration with Simon Fraser University in April, the first provincial Community Social Planning Network Conference in June, public education around elections at every level of government, and the continued expansion and development of the Community Development Education Program, among others. As is typical in service-oriented non-profit organizations, the SPARC BC staff is our primary asset and vital to achieving our goals.

Supporting the core mission activities of SPARC BC is always a challenge. The organization strives to balance the work of its social enterprises against the scope and scale of core-funded activities, such as accessibility programs. Contract work commitments, staffing variations, and the leveraging of external funding opportunities over the course of the year can affect this balance, leaving opportunities for program adjustment and reinvestment from year to year. We had a very successful year in acquiring support funding for core projects. We did not anticipate the significant rise in parking permit sales. Reinvestment of our enterprise incomes will continue and we have planned a number of ambitious core-funded activities in the coming year.

SPARC BC continues to maintain a reserve fund for adequately supporting our cash flow needs as well as its capacity to provide some stability for the organization in the event of an interruption in funding. We remain committed to prudent financial management of the organization to ensure that it can continue to deliver on its social mandate over the long term.

As the organization grows, physical capacity has become a significant concern. We have been actively searching for a larger office space that meets our needs. The Board of Directors has segregated funds within the reserve to cover the costs required to find, prepare, and move to a new office.

We are very pleased to mark the occasion of Michael Goldberg's retirement from 19 years with SPARC BC as our highly regarded social researcher and advocate, by using reserve funds to establish an investment with the Vancity Community Foundation. The income from SPARC BC's Michael Goldberg Legacy Fund will be directed by the Board each year into advocacy or research projects that respect Michael's many contributions.

Over the past two years as Treasurer of SPARC BC, the organization has shown promising growth and financial strength. Finally, I would like to thank to all SPARC BC members and donors for your generous support of the organization's research, programs, and services.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek Gent, Treasurer

## NOMINATIONS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

# Board Member Recruitment and Selection

## *Report and recommendations for the 2006/07 Board of Directors*

THE NOMINATIONS AND Governance Committee, by policy of the Board of Directors, recruits members for the Board of Directors, works to meet the Board's goal of a Board representative of the diversity of the province, and recommends nominations to the Board of Directors to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Members may also make nominations, by giving notice of the nomination to the President at least 48 hours prior to the AGM. No nominations have been received.

The Bylaws of SPARC BC set the ideal number of directors at 12, between a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15. The Committee recommends 13 members for the coming year. The Board may also appoint members during the year to serve with the Board until the next annual general meeting.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following current Board members are nominated for election to a further two-year term, ending June 2008:

Peter Chau, SOUTH OKANAGAN	Since 2002
Stephen Hutchinson, QUESNEL	Since 1998
Aleem Bharmal, VANCOUVER	Since 2004

The Committee nominates the following individuals to be elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term, ending June 2008:

Hal Gerein, VICTORIA
Marcie Fofonoff, CHETWYND
Irene Willsie, WILLIAMS LAKE

The following members of the Board are continuing their two-year terms, ending June 2007:

Jean Bennet, SECHELT	Since 2005
Sheila Dobie, PRINCE RUPERT	Since 2001
Lynn Florey, PRINCE GEORGE	Since 2005
Derek Gent, VANCOUVER	Since 2003
Daniel Hill, NORTH VANCOUVER	Since 1997
Mike Popoff, CASTLEGAR	Since 1997
Denise Taylor, KAMLOOPS	Since 2005
Glenda Watson Hyatt, SURREY	Since 2005

The Nominations and Governance Committee on behalf of the whole Board would like to thank the following members for their service in the governance of SPARC BC:

Liz Robertson, WILLIAMS LAKE	Since 1997
Suzanne Blown, VANCOUVER	Since 2004
Norma Strachan, VICTORIA	Since 2004

### NEW CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD

#### *Hal J. Gerein*

In 24 years of public service, Hal served at both the deputy and assistant deputy minister levels in the governments of BC and the Northwest Territories. In his consulting practice, he specializes in planning, leadership, and management. His educational background and extensive experience with community development, social indicators, and social economy initiatives will complement SPARC BC's work.

#### *Marcie Fofonoff*

Marcie is the Healthy Communities Coordinator for Chetwynd and the Family Literacy Coordinator at the Chetwynd Library. She received Chetwynd Citizen of the Year 2005 for extensive volunteer work and involvement in community development. She is a founding member of the Chetwynd Environmental Society, Chetwynd Society for Community Living, and Chetwynd Social Planning Society. She received the BC Community Achievement Award in 2006.

#### *Irene Willsie*

Irene is the Executive Director of the Women's Contact Society of Williams Lake, prior to which she worked in project management for youth and addictions programs. Her career in not-for-profit society management, advocacy, and community development is diverse and progressive. In particular, she has worked on income security issues, program development and delivery models, and developing community partnerships. She also has experience with fundraising.

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the SPARC BC Society:

We have audited the balance sheet of the SPARC BC Society (Formerly SPARC Association of B.C.) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of revenues and expenditures and net assets, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2006, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Society Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Vancouver, BC  
May 9, 2006

*Loewen Stronach & Co.*  
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**SPARC BC SOCIETY**  
(Formerly SPARC ASSOCIATION OF B.C.)  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006**

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**SPARC BC SOCIETY**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	147,862	34,751
Short-term investments	622,885	570,000
Accounts receivable	96,290	119,906
Recoverable project costs in excess of unexpanded project funds (Note 3)	-	35,283
Prepaid expenses	32,484	30,559
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 4)</b>	<b>899,521</b>	<b>790,499</b>
	<b>53,420</b>	<b>91,593</b>
	<b>952,941</b>	<b>882,092</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	79,157	92,312
Unearned revenue	34,500	32,500
Unexpanded project funds in excess of recoverable project costs (Note 3)	8,581	-
Current portion of deferred lease inducement	6,742	6,742
<b>DEFERRED LEASE INDUCEMENT</b>	<b>128,980</b>	<b>131,554</b>
	<b>10,114</b>	<b>16,856</b>
	<b>139,094</b>	<b>148,410</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>53,420</b>	<b>91,593</b>
Invested in property and equipment	708,408	617,800
Internally restricted (Note 6)	52,019	24,289
Unrestricted	813,847	733,682
<b>LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 5)</b>	<b>952,941</b>	<b>882,092</b>

Approved by the Board:

*P. A. ...* Director

*[Signature]* Director

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**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND NET ASSETS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Permit sales	595,836	494,603
Memberships and donations	527,667	488,436
United Way	146,892	146,892
Direct access gaming funds	32,500	20,000
Interest	18,329	15,416
Grants	13,476	3,481
Photocopy recovery	1,488	3,402
Publications and others	480	330
	<b>1,336,668</b>	<b>1,172,559</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>		
Consulting services	215,373	296,253
Expense recoveries	111,675	229,263
	<b>327,048</b>	<b>525,536</b>
	<b>1,663,716</b>	<b>1,698,095</b>
	<b>1,563,551</b>	<b>1,566,857</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES (Schedule 1)</b>		
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>80,165</b>	<b>131,238</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<b>733,682</b>	<b>602,444</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<b>813,847</b>	<b>733,682</b>

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

**SPARC BC SOCIETY**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Cash derived from (applied to)		
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	80,165	131,238
Amortization of property and equipment	45,646	59,176
Amortization of lease inducement	(6,742)	(6,742)
	<u>119,069</u>	<u>183,672</u>
Change in non-cash operating working capital items:		
Accounts receivables	23,616	(72,342)
Prepaid expenses	(1,925)	(5,044)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(13,155)	9,291
Unearned revenue	2,000	12,500
Unexpended (recoverable) project funds	43,864	(122,424)
	<u>173,469</u>	<u>5,653</u>
<b>INVESTING</b>		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(7,473)	(42,768)
Acquisition of short-term investments	(32,895)	(30,000)
	<u>(60,368)</u>	<u>(92,768)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<u>113,111</u>	<u>(87,115)</u>
CASH, beginning of year	34,751	121,866
CASH, end of year	<u>147,862</u>	<u>34,751</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006		2005
	Invested in Property & Equipment	Internally Restricted (Note 6)	Total
	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE, beginning of year	91,593	617,800	709,393
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(45,646)	-	(45,646)
INVESTED IN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS	7,473	(7,473)	-
	<u>53,420</u>	<u>98,081</u>	<u>151,501</u>
BALANCE, end of year	135,013	709,881	844,894
	<u>53,420</u>	<u>708,408</u>	<u>761,828</u>
	<u>24,289</u>	<u>125,811</u>	<u>150,100</u>
	<u>733,682</u>	<u>80,165</u>	<u>813,847</u>
	<u>602,444</u>	<u>131,238</u>	<u>733,682</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006**

**1. CHANGE OF NAME**

On July 6, 2005, the Society changed its name to SPARC BC Society from SPARC Association of B.C., also known as the Social Planning and Research Council of B.C. SPARC BC Society is a provincially incorporated non-profit Society and a federally registered charitable organization. Its mission is to work with communities in building a just and healthy society for all persons in BC.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, including those discussed below.

**Use of estimates**

In conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that could 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 revenues and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those reported.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Equipment is amortized on the straight-line method over three years. Leaseholds are amortized on the straight-line method over the term of the lease.

**Unearned revenues and unexpended project funds**

Project funding and other revenues received in advance are recognized as operating revenues when the related expenditure is incurred.

Unearned revenue represents direct access gaming funds designated for expenditures in 2006/2007.

**Deferred lease inducement**

The deferred lease inducement is being amortized over seven years, the term of the related lease.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006**

**3. UNEXPENDED (RECOVERABLE) PROJECT FUNDS**

	Balance March 31, 2005	Billings during the year	Costs incurred during the year	Balance March 31, 2006
CCPA-Food Bank Users	\$ (154)	\$ 9,034	\$ (7,907)	\$ 973
Ched MCR	-	7,701	(9,664)	(1,963)
City of Vancouver SDR	-	-	(4,475)	(4,475)
CMHC-Homelessness & Addiction	(11,365)	23,786	(12,423)	-
CMHC-Shared Accommodation	(1,581)	6,632	(5,251)	-
Creating Collaborative Community	(1,352)	-	1,392	-
Cross Canada Civic Initiatives	(1,370)	26,462	(28,092)	-
Engagement of Dialogue on Accessibilities	(1,506)	6,192	(4,686)	-
Fraser Health Authorities	-	11,938	(11,938)	-
Global Justice	600	400	(703)	300
Health Canada Inclusion	-	9,900	(7,050)	2,850
HELP-JCBC Child Benefits	(6,304)	8,630	(2,326)	-
Homelessness Population	-	-	(2,450)	(2,450)
HRDC-Homelessness Count	(37,886)	59,609	(21,721)	-
Ishtar Transition Housing Soc	(4,852)	5,517	(625)	-
Jewish Poverty	-	4,500	(4,500)	-
KDC-Low Income Volunteer	(7,655)	10,750	(10,750)	-
Kelowna	-	17,367	(31,735)	(13,778)
Miscellaneous - other projects	1,970	11,287	(10,244)	3,013
NHS-Concurrent Disorders	38,023	-	(66,867)	(20,844)
North Shore Community Food Action	-	24,000	(10,750)	13,250
Paynet	-	26,755	(3,337)	23,755
Profile of Rooming House Resident	-	9,225	(14,929)	(5,703)
Reliques Study	1,842	-	(1,842)	-
Shelter Planning	-	6,813	(6,838)	(25)
Social Well-being of Surrey Residents	(8,912)	14,719	(5,807)	-
Social Well-being of Surrey Residents II	-	30,081	(30,081)	-
UNB-Grainview Woodland	-	5,888	(5,888)	-
United Way Translance 2002	5,262	-	-	5,262
VPL Working Together Reevaluation	339	8,076	(8,415)	-
VPL Working Together Reevaluation II	-	5,768	(7,647)	(1,289)
Whistler Affordability Study	-	5,000	(6,000)	(1,000)
	(32,283)	370,912	(327,548)	8,881
Costs incurred during the year comprised of:				
Consulting services			216,373	
Other projects costs			111,675	
			<u>327,048</u>	

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**SPARC BC SOCIETY**  
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Schedule 1

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	909,827	826,944
Rent	76,869	75,648
Printing	70,047	69,216
Postage and courier	63,763	57,789
SPARC BC News	56,428	48,764
Travel and meetings	46,111	20,300
Amortization	45,646	59,176
Fundraising	29,029	24,786
Board and executive meetings	26,197	40,756
Telephone	19,770	13,977
Computer and website maintenance	19,310	19,189
SPARC contribution to projects	16,719	-
Summer student	14,819	13,224
Office supplies	13,384	11,893
Audit and legal	13,371	10,933
Other expenditure	13,155	11,431
Partnership contribution	9,000	3,500
Photocopying	7,517	7,198
Repairs and maintenance	7,259	11,919
Publicity and promotion	7,192	5,800
Staff training and development	6,662	5,131
	<u>1,471,876</u>	<u>1,337,574</u>
<b>OTHER PROJECT COSTS</b>	<u>111,675</u>	<u>229,293</u>
	<u><b>1,583,551</b></u>	<u><b>1,566,867</b></u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2005	2004
	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
	\$	\$
<b>4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Leaseholds	51,507	46,824
Computer	145,282	58,443
Other	27,320	2,734
	<u>277,529</u>	<u>108,001</u>

**5. LEASE COMMITMENTS**  
On October 1, 2001 the Society entered into a lease for its premises. The lease is for \$53,200 per annum to September 30, 2006 then for \$45,100 to September 30, 2008

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>6. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		
Designated to:		
• Contribution to Vancity Community Foundation for SPARC BC's Michael Goldberg Fund	60,000	-
• Upgrades to technological infrastructure	13,500	12,000
• Support to unfunded Core Projects and SPARC BC Society 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event	19,908	19,800
• Planning for growth and space needs	200,000	200,000
• Provide for the ongoing financial stability of the Society. It is the policy of the Board of Directors (approved October 2003) to maintain financial reserves equal to 25% of the annual operating budget due to the unpredictability of revenues and the potential for an interruption or cut in funding	415,000	386,000
	<u>708,408</u>	<u>617,800</u>

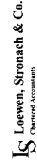
These internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Directors.

**7. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**  
The comparative figures have been reclassified where applicable in order to conform to the presentation used in the current year.

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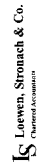
SPARC BC SOCIETY (Formerly SPARC ASSOCIATION OF B.C.)		Schedule 3	
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - CORE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006			
	2006	2005	
	\$	\$	
Salaries and benefits	447,311	358,824	
SPARC BC News	56,428	48,764	
Travel and meetings	45,656	20,203	
Rent	34,495	34,050	
Printing	31,319	32,586	
Fundraising	29,029	24,786	
Postage and courier	26,814	23,254	
Board/Executive meetings	26,197	40,756	
Amortization	22,367	28,997	
SPARC contribution to projects	16,719	-	
Summer student	14,819	13,224	
Computer and website maintenance	12,700	14,825	
Telephone	11,972	7,563	
Audit and legal	9,231	5,770	
Other expenditures	9,131	8,084	
Partnership contribution	9,000	3,600	
Office supplies	8,514	7,844	
Publicity and promotion	7,192	5,891	
Staff training and development	5,600	3,506	
Photocopying	6,416	6,207	
Repairs and maintenance	3,492	5,525	
	<u>834,602</u>	<u>694,362</u>	

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SPARC BC SOCIETY (Formerly SPARC ASSOCIATION OF B.C.)		Schedule 2	
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - CORE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006			
	2006	2005	
	\$	\$	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Memberships and donations	527,667	488,441	
United Way	146,892	146,887	
Direct access gaming funds	32,500	20,000	
Interest	18,329	15,416	
Grants	13,476	3,481	
Photocopy recovery	1,488	3,402	
Publications and others	480	329	
	<u>740,832</u>	<u>677,956</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURES (Schedule 3)</b>	<u>834,602</u>	<u>694,362</u>	
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(93,770)</u>	<u>(16,406)</u>	

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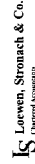
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Schedule 5

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - CONTRACTED RESEARCH**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Consulting services	215,373	296,253
Expense recoveries	111,675	229,283
	<u>327,048</u>	<u>525,536</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	204,231	214,435
Other projects costs	111,675	229,283
Rent	3,852	3,773
Telephone	3,183	2,614
Amortization	910	1,183
Computer and website maintenance	629	417
Audit and legal	414	645
Staff training and development	400	506
Office supplies	394	296
Repairs and maintenance	359	564
Postage and courier	342	335
Other expenditure	183	215
Photocopying	121	110
Printing	-	49
	<u>326,703</u>	<u>454,445</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>345</u>	<u>71,091</u>

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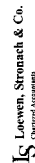
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Schedule 4

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Permit sales	595,836	494,603
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	258,085	254,329
Printing	38,728	36,580
Rent	38,522	37,725
Postage and courier	36,608	34,200
Amortization	22,389	28,697
Computer and website maintenance	5,979	3,958
Office supplies	4,477	3,952
Audit and legal	3,726	3,873
Telephone	4,606	3,799
Other expenditure	3,640	3,131
Repairs and maintenance	3,408	5,811
Photocopying	980	881
Staff training and development	463	717
Travel and meetings	455	97
	<u>422,246</u>	<u>418,050</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>173,590</u>	<u>76,553</u>

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## AGM 2005 MINUTES

*Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia*  
SPARC Association of B.C.

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

June 3, 2005

Guilford Public Library, Meeting Room, Surrey, BC

*“Celebrating Community Development in Surrey”*

SPARC BC'S AGM is being held in Surrey for the first time. The Board of Directors of SPARC BC supports the social development activity burgeoning in Surrey and wants to demonstrate its commitment to working with communities throughout the province in building a just and healthy society for all.

Norma Strachan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda packages were distributed and introductions were made around the room.

### MINUTES

Minutes from the June 2004 Annual General Meeting were distributed.

*Moved by Liz Robertson, seconded by Sheila Dobie, that the June 2004 Annual General Meeting Minutes be adopted. CARRIED.*

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's written report is contained in the package. Daniel Hill noted that it has been a busy active year. The Board is pleased with the 3 areas of focus; income security, accessibility and community development, and on the progress towards strategic goals and objectives. The strategic and operational planning cycle are effectively producing appropriately targeted actions.

The Board is particularly proud of the increase in the scope and effectiveness of SPARC BC's work on issues of community accessibility. A highlight is the successful Dialogue on Accessibility; this was a unique event and it has generated much interest. Access Awareness Day activities happening tomorrow will include bus and radio advertisements. SPARC BC has issued 86,000 parking permits across BC.

We are proud to present needed community development education in northern and rural areas in BC. We're also very pleased with the improved layout and theme contents for SPARC BC News.

Congratulations to all the staff at SPARC BC and to my fellow Board members for the work that supports this robust and complex organization.

*Moved by Sheila Dobie, seconded by Lynn Florey, that the President's report be adopted. CARRIED.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The written report of the Treasurer is contained in the package. Derek Gent, Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2004/2005. Derek reported that SPARC BC had a very good year financially. The SPARC BC research department is being discovered by the community and the revenue of this enterprising element of the organization has doubled from the previous year.

The organization has done a lot of work in planning for its future; this reflection has resulted in a strong year, good performances and success even in light of the economic climate for the not-for-profit sector. Our success in social enterprise, our managed growth and the Board's stewardship has increased our capacity to promote social change.

Derek reported that the auditors were very complimentary regarding the work of Ken Kaneda, SPARC BC's Manager of Finance and Administration. The exceptional record keeping made their job easy and demonstrates the wisdom of the investment's Ken has made in information technology.

*Moved by Mike Popoff, and seconded by Norma Strachan, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. CARRIED.*

## AGM 2005 MINUTES (cont'd)

*Moved by Aleem Bharmal and seconded by Peter Chau, that the Audited Financial Statements of 2004/2005 be adopted. CARRIED.*

*Moved by Norma Strachan and seconded by Roberta Hamilton, that Loewen Stronach is appointed as SPARC BC's auditors for 2005/2006 Fiscal year. CARRIED.*

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy Henderson, ED of SPARC BC says that she always plans her report as a look to the future. There is much planned for the coming year, not only building on some of the projects from the last two years, but also laying groundwork for events coming up. One task in the coming year will be to do some development in government relations in preparation for our release of the new advocacy report on income assistance.

With the upcoming municipal election, SPARC BC will be doing our usual "Vote" work and engagement on public education and participation of the issues. The World Urban Forum coming in June 2006 leaves us with time to prepare.

Jim Sands reported on the upcoming Community Social Planning Network Conference (CSPNC) on June 17 & 18, 2005. There are about 60 registrants, the conference hopes to create a network and nurture continued communication among the delegates. It also aims to increase the profile of social planning as an issue for the upcoming municipal elections.

*Moved by Suzy Blown, and seconded by Aleem Bharmal, that the Executive Director's report be accepted. CARRIED.*

### NOMINATIONS REPORT

Liz Robertson, Chair of the Nominating Committee referred to the report from the Nominating Committee in the package. She noted that with the nominees the Board of Directors will total 14 members and that this is the best well-rounded provincial rep-

resentation on the board. The Committee recommends that the AGM vote that these members be elected to the Board of SPARC BC.

*Moved by Norma Strachan, and seconded by Aleem Bharmal, that the current directors, Sheila Dobie, Daniel Hill, Mike Popoff, Liz Robertson and Derek Gent, whose terms are expiring to be re-elected to another 2 year term to June 2007 and that Lynn Florey, Jean Bennet, Denise Taylor and Glenda Watson Hyatt be elected to serve for a two year term to 2007. CARRIED.*

Liz noted that Peter Chau, Stephen Hutchinson, Aleem Bharmal, Suzy Blown and Norma Strachan are continuing their two year terms to June 2006.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR OFFICIAL CHANGE OF NAME

Aleem Bharmal explained this AGM vote is to implement a change of name for ourselves, our third in our 39 year history. The organization was first incorporated as the Voluntary Association for Health and Welfare, and then changed its name in 1971 to SPARC Association of BC. SPARC once stood for "Social Planning and Review Council" and more recently as "Social Planning and Research". Lots of people know us just as "SPARC", but with the implementation of our new logo identify for our 35th anniversary, the Board wanted to make sure to emphasize our operation as a provincial organization. We've been using SPARC BC for almost five years, and in preparation for our 40th anniversary in 2006, the Board of Directors has decided to recommend that the name change become official.

A Special Resolution is required for this change, and it must pass with a 75% majority of votes.

*Moved by Derek Gent, and seconded by Sheila Dobie, that the Special Resolution of the Society pursuant to Section 20 of the Society Act of BC that the name is hereby changed to SPARC BC Society be accepted. All attended voted in favour, no objections. CARRIED.*



## GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY

On behalf of the whole Board, Sheila Dobie thanked the 2 departed Board members.

Joanne Schroeder, was with us for a very brief time. Her new job and family situation just had more demands than she'd anticipated therefore it was necessary for her to resign from the Board.

Paul Cabaj was a Board member from 2001, but had been offered an opportunity to move with his family to Uruguay. We've since heard that he's settled and is working on a community economic development project. Paul had much direct experience and academic background with cooperatives and other tools and we appreciated his perspective and humour on the Board.

We are also saying goodbye to another Board member tonight: Roberta Hamilton has been a member of the Board since 1998. She has represented three regions of the province during her tenure with SPARC BC; first Fort St. John, then Prince George, and finally Castlegar. What has been most impressive is the effort she has taken to engage with the local community and connect them with the work of SPARC BC in each place. She has shared her knowledge and experience of organizations and governance issues as well as her experience in public health and the direct awareness of social issues that brings. Roberta earned a Masters Degree from Royal Roads University in her time at SPARC BC. Roberta was presented with a windchime for her garden in Castlegar to thank her for all her work with SPARC BC, helping to blow the winds of change.

Celebrating Community Development in Surrey, Suzy Blown and Lynn Florey presented the "Thumbs Up" volunteer recognition awards to individuals and organizations that are here tonight for the work they are doing for community development in Surrey.

- *Phoenix Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Society*: Michael Wilson said his organization tries to create a learning community which adapts to changing circumstances as necessary and has been successful in achieving the Vancity Award to build new premises. They have found that their work has enriched the culture and has brought people together.

- *Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society*: Charan Gill informed the audience that the organization started by assisting farm workers but has grown to serve the needs of the growing and changing community. They have just expanded their senior housing facilities. Today ELSA and ESL courses are a large part of the programming that they offer in addition to translation services to the diverse community.
- *Surrey Quality of Life*: Randall Mackinnon expressed he felt he'd come home and related a story that his early exposure to SPARC BC had made an impact on his career decision to study Social Planning at UBC. He has worked in social planning in Calgary and has now returned to Surrey to bring a positive spin to the topic and its issues. The organization is building positive awareness to the issues with its conversations with stakeholders this is assisted by the organization becoming a member of the Surrey Chamber of Commerce.
- *Surrey Abilities Society*: Patricia Cecchetto had given up her job to volunteer her assistance to those with a brain injury seeking the services they required. No services for people with brain injuries were available in Surrey at the time and now, the organization has come a long way from its first client and its first support group meeting at the Surrey Recreation Centre next door. The organization has now grown significantly to 4 facilitators and support workers.

Make Poverty History wristbands were distributed to the audience. Michael Goldberg provided background for the campaign. Matthew Beall showed the audience a video clip from the promotional campaign.

Liz thanked everyone for coming and sharing their Friday evening with us and reminded everyone of the very special event for next AGM to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned to continue the celebration of social planning work over refreshments.

*Moved by Peter Chau and seconded by Derek Gent that the AGM be adjourned. CARRIED.*

