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# President's Report

At last year's Annual General Meeting, we made great efforts to celebrate and reflect on forty incredible years of delivering results and serving communities through SPARC BC. In our 41<sup>st</sup> year, and my first year as President, I can't help but think that we are increasingly focused forward into the future. It is an exciting time to be involved with this organization, as we continue to strengthen our financial position, achieve greater impacts and serve more and more requests to leverage our expertise around key areas of income security, community development, and accessibility.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of SPARC BC's work is the extent to which we are taking on initiatives that serve multiple priorities and express a more holistic vision of how we support 'a just and healthy society for all.' Accessibility issues are social justice issues. They connect to income security issues and are often best addressed through an inclusive process of community development and evidence-based research. When we track our core work and research and consulting projects, we pay ever closer attention to how different issues interconnect and how we can further our mandate. In the process, we better serve our clients and stakeholders on multiple levels and are more effective in our work.

Our Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities serves more than 94,000 people across the province. We are embracing our role a promoter of broad issues of accessibility through our networks in community, and via high profile events like our World Urban Forum workshop on accessible urban space.

Our Community Development Education Program continues to be well received and has grown to provide program service in fifteen communities across the province. We are also looking at how we can improve the program with better support for collaboration between aboriginal and non-aboriginal populations.

Our staff also continues to produce important leading edge research, such as a project funded by Canadian Council of Learning that looks at the way aboriginal culture is communicated within schools in the Lillooet area, and a critical examination

of the social development planning processes underway in a number of municipalities in the province.

It is clear that we have absolutely top-notch staff in the organization and we are extremely proud. We would also like to recognize the efforts of our many volunteers and partners, as well as our funders and clients, without whom we could not do this work.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gent', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Derek Gent, PRESIDENT

# Executive Director's Statement

Annual reports are mostly about looking back, but as the Executive Director of a vibrant, active organization, I need to always be looking ahead. We have another exciting year planned at SPARC BC. As we've doubled in size over the last few years, we have had to develop new ways of working in order to meet the challenges of growth. This year, our challenge will be to find appropriate, accessible, and adaptable space for all our activities.

Our emphasis in our core work will continue to be around community development issues. Not only will we continue to expand the Community Development Education program with our collaborative partners from the Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC, we will develop a series of publications as part of a Community Learning Library to further knowledge transfer that supports community work. The initial publications will include books that look at the development of a social plan, organizing a local homelessness count, and assessing the cost of living within community.

We are also working on the organization's other priority areas of focus: accessibility and income security. In accessibility, we will work on a study of municipal supports to accessibility, looking at both policy and bylaw support. We will use the review to develop recommendations around local governments' best practices for legislative support for accessibility. In the area of income security, we will continue to support Campaign 2000 in its reporting on child poverty within the province and across the country.

We expect to see a federal election within our planning year, so have already begun to work on our Canada Chooses papers. We plan to collaborate with colleagues from other social planning councils in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick to bring a national perspective to the social issues we feature in the papers. We will

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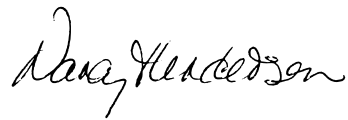
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distribute the Votes papers and encourage voter engagement on social issues across the country.

The Social Planning and Research Council of BC could not be the vibrant and active organization it is without its talented and committed staff. Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers, and especially to the Board of Directors for another year of exceptional leadership.

Sincerely,

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

Nancy Henderson, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# Treasurer's Report

In my first year as Treasurer of SPARC BC, I am pleased to announce another strong financial year for the organization, with a recorded surplus of \$105,826.

SPARC BC had strong revenue this fiscal year, with total revenues 5% above budget forecasts. Thanks to the hard work of SPARC staff, contracted research exceeded budgeted expectations by 10%. Donations and parking permits were 14% and 5% above budget, respectively. Membership fell 2% short of the budgeted target.

Despite some expenses exceeding their budget amounts, due in large part to staff growth, total expenditures remained 2% below budget. After a long negotiation, a new collective agreement was ratified in March. This contract provides the organization with some stability in terms of staff salary and advancement for the next four years.

With the organization desperately outgrowing its current office and the lease expiring in 2008, this is the year to locate and renovate a new home for SPARC BC.

Overall, the organization has shown growth and financial strength, which should continue for the foreseeable future. Thanks to all SPARC BC staff, members, and donors for another great year in building a just and healthy society for all!

Respectfully submitted,



Glenda Watson Hyatt, TREASURER

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# Nominations & Governance

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 which represents the diversity of the province, and recommends nominations to the Board of Directors to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Members can 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 is recommending a total of 11 members for the coming year. The Board can also appoint members during this year, to serve with the Board until the next annual general meeting.

## **The Nominations and Governance Committee recommends for election by the members as follows:**

*These members, who currently serve on the Board of Directors, are nominated for election to a further two-year term, to June 2009:*

Lynn Florey	(Prince George)	(Director since 2005)
Derek Gent	(Vancouver)	(Director since 2003)
Mike Popoff	(Castlegar)	(Director since 1997)
Glenda Watson Hyatt	(Surrey)	(Director since 2005)

*The following are nominated by this Committee to be elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term to June 2009:*

Julie Kirkbright	(Prince Rupert)
Lorraine Lundquist	(Vancouver)

The following members of the Board who are continuing their two-year terms to June 2008 are:

Aleem Bharmal	(Vancouver)	(Director since 2004)
Peter Chau	(South Okanagan)	(Director since 2002)
Marcie Fofonoff	(Chetwynd)	(Director since 2006)
Hal Gerein	(Victoria)	(Director since 2006)
Irene Willsie	(Williams Lake)	(Director since 2006)

**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:**

Jean Bennet	(Sechelt)	(Director since 2005)
Sheila Dobie	(Prince Rupert)	(Director since 2001)
Stephen Hutchinson	(Quesnel/Vancouver)	(Director since 1998)
Daniel Hill	(North Vancouver)	(Director since 1997)

## Information on New Candidates to the Board of Directors

### ***Julie Kirkbright***

Julie is completing her degree in Social Work through UNBC and its distance learning site in Prince Rupert. She hopes to use her degree in promoting the interests of people with disabilities as she sees accessibility as a significant barrier, particularly in northern communities.

### ***Lorraine Lundquist***

Lorraine comes as an experienced Social Planning Council Board member, having served on the Board of the Edmonton Social Planning Council. She has recently taken a job with Legal Services Society, in which she'll be travelling to communities throughout BC and has an extensive work background in community development in Alberta. She also has a social work degree, as well as an MBA. Her volunteer work has focused on issues of homelessness and shelter.

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# *Audited Financial Statements*

SPARC BC selected Loewen, Stronach & Co. as auditors for the 2006/07 fiscal year. The auditors, in consultation with the Executive Director and the Manager of Finance and Administration, undertook a complete audit of the society's financial statements and accounting practices in May 2007.

The auditors' report is reproduced in its entirety on the following pages.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Members of the SPARC BC Society:

We have audited the balance sheet of the SPARC BC Society as at March 31, 2007 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, 2007, 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.

*Loewen, Stronach & Co.*  
Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, BC  
May 14, 2007

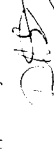



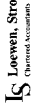
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**SPARC BC SOCIETY**  
BALANCE SHEET  
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	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	65,615	147,862
Short-term investments	849,019	622,885
Accounts receivable	125,489	96,290
Prepaid expenses	44,944	32,484
	<u>1,085,067</u>	<u>899,521</u>
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 3)</b>	47,784	53,420
	<u>1,132,851</u>	<u>952,941</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	117,061	79,157
Unearned revenue	35,000	34,500
Unexpended project funds in excess of recoverable project costs	51,004	8,581
Current portion of deferred lease inducement	6,742	6,742
	<u>209,807</u>	<u>128,980</u>
<b>DEFERRED LEASE INDUCEMENT</b>	3,371	10,114
	<u>213,178</u>	<u>139,094</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in property and equipment	47,784	53,420
Internally restricted (Note 5)	756,128	708,408
Unrestricted	115,761	52,019
	<u>919,673</u>	<u>813,847</u>
<b>LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 4)</b>	1,132,851	952,941


Approved by the Board:

 Director  
 Director

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**Loewen, Stronach & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Permit sales	652,181	595,836
Memberships and donations	550,052	527,867
United Way	146,892	146,692
Grants	60,917	13,476
Direct access gaming funds	34,500	32,500
Interest	24,032	18,329
Photocopy recovery	2,269	1,488
Publications and others	10	480
	<u>1,470,853</u>	<u>1,336,668</u>
<b>PROJECTS</b>		
Consulting services	296,831	215,373
Expense recoveries	181,867	111,675
	<u>478,698</u>	<u>327,048</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	1,949,551	1,663,716
<b>EXPENDITURES (Schedule 1)</b>	1,843,725	1,583,551
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	105,826	80,165
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	813,847	733,682
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<u>919,673</u>	<u>813,847</u>

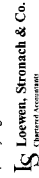
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Cash derived from (applied to)		
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	105,826	80,165
Amortization of property and equipment	29,238	45,646
Amortization of deferred lease inducement	(6,742)	(6,742)
	<u>128,322</u>	<u>119,069</u>
Change in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivables	(29,199)	23,616
Prepaid expenses	(12,460)	(1,825)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	37,903	(13,155)
Unearned revenue	500	2,000
Unexpended (recoverable) project funds	42,423	43,864
	<u>167,489</u>	<u>173,469</u>
<b>INVESTING</b>		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(23,602)	(7,473)
Acquisition of short-term investments	(226,134)	(52,885)
	<u>(249,736)</u>	<u>(60,358)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>(82,247)</b>	<b>113,111</b>
CASH, beginning of year	147,862	34,751
CASH, end of year	<u>65,615</u>	<u>147,862</u>

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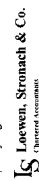


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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Invested in Property & Equipment	\$ 53,420	\$ 708,408
Internally Restricted (Note 5)	-	-
Unrestricted	52,019	135,064
Total	<u>813,847</u>	<u>733,682</u>
<b>BALANCE, beginning of year</b>	<b>813,847</b>	<b>80,165</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>105,826</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>INVESTED IN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(23,602)</b>	<b>(47,720)</b>
	<u>47,720</u>	<u>(47,720)</u>
<b>BALANCE, end of year</b>	<b>919,673</b>	<b>813,847</b>

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**1. PURPOSE OF SOCIETY**

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 British Columbia.

**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.

**Revenue recognition**

Permit sales, memberships and donations are recognized on cash basis when received.  
 United Way and other grants are recognized on cash basis when the grants were received.  
 Direct access gaming funds are recognized when the approved programs have commenced.  
 Consulting services are recognized on the basis of research project agreements.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Computers and other equipment are 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 for the 2008 fiscal year.

**Deferred lease inducement**

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

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**3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	2007		2006	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leaseholds	87,907	66,038	21,869	36,400
Computer	185,726	159,811	25,915	16,842
Other equipment	27,498	27,498	-	178
	<u>301,131</u>	<u>253,347</u>	<u>47,784</u>	<u>53,420</u>

**4. LEASE COMMITMENTS**

On October 1, 2001 the Society entered into a lease for its premises at \$53,200 per annum to September 30, 2006 then at \$55,100 to September 30, 2008, plus operating expenses.

**5. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

The Board of Directors of the Society has internally restricted the following amounts:

Designated to:	2007	2006
	\$	\$
• Provide for the ongoing financial stability of the Society. It is the policy of the Board of Directors 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	475,000	415,000
• Planning for growth and space needs	200,000	200,000
• Support to unfunded Core Projects	68,128	19,908
• Upgrades to technological infrastructure	13,000	13,500
• Contribution to Vancity Community Foundation for SPARC	-	60,000
• BC's Michael Goldberg Fund	<u>756,128</u>	<u>708,408</u>

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

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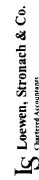
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**6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Society's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency and credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

**7. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

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



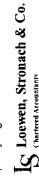
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Schedule 1

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007**

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	1,005,490	909,627
Rent	78,729	76,869
Postage and courier	68,637	63,763
Printing	60,574	70,047
Contribution to Vancity Foundation	60,350	-
SPARC BC News	59,578	56,428
Travel and meetings	54,803	46,111
Board and executive meetings	34,458	26,197
Fundraising	30,915	29,029
Amortization	29,238	45,646
Audit and legal	20,737	13,371
Telephone	20,468	19,770
Computer and website maintenance	19,785	19,310
Professional and consulting services	18,358	4,218
SPARC contribution to projects	18,157	16,719
Publicity and promotion	15,730	7,162
Summer student	14,948	14,819
Office supplies	14,297	13,384
Other expenditures	13,315	8,937
Repairs and maintenance	8,978	7,259
Photocopying	7,435	7,517
Staff training and development	6,878	6,663
Partnership contribution	-	9,000
<b>OTHER PROJECT COSTS</b>		
	<u>1,661,858</u>	<u>1,471,876</u>
	<u>181,867</u>	<u>111,675</u>
	<u>1,843,725</u>	<u>1,583,551</u>

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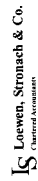
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Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - CORE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Memberships and donations	550,052	527,667
United Way	146,892	146,892
Grants	60,917	13,476
Direct access gaming funds	34,500	32,500
Interest	24,032	18,329
Photocopy recovery	2,269	1,488
Publications and others	10	480
	<u>818,672</u>	<u>740,832</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES (Schedule 3)</b>	<u>897,101</u>	<u>834,602</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(78,429)</u>	<u>(93,770)</u>

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Schedule 3

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - CORE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Salaries and benefits	425,045	447,311
Contribution to Vanity Foundation	60,350	-
SPARC BC News	59,578	56,428
Travel and meetings	54,803	45,656
Rent	35,296	34,495
Board/executive meetings	34,458	26,197
Fundraising	30,915	29,029
Postage and courier	27,390	26,814
Professional and consulting services	18,358	4,218
SPARC contribution to projects	18,157	16,719
Printing	17,572	31,319
Audit and legal	16,094	9,231
Publicity and promotion	15,730	7,192
Summer student	14,948	14,819
Amortization	13,838	22,367
Computer and website maintenance	11,872	12,700
Telephone	11,785	11,972
Other expenditures	8,755	4,913
Office supplies	7,355	8,514
Photocopying	5,638	6,416
Staff training and development	4,899	5,800
Repairs and maintenance	4,265	3,482
Partnership contribution	-	9,000
	<u>897,101</u>	<u>834,602</u>

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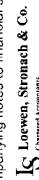
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Permit sales	652,181	595,836
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	313,100	255,085
Printing	42,795	35,728
Postage and courier	40,868	35,608
Rent	39,485	35,522
Amortization	14,290	22,369
Computer and website maintenance	7,159	5,979
Telephone	4,700	4,506
Repairs and maintenance	4,265	3,408
Audit and legal	4,178	3,726
Other expenditure	4,102	3,840
Office supplies	3,837	4,477
Photocopying	1,702	980
Staff training and development	600	453
Travel and meetings	-	455
	<u>481,081</u>	<u>422,246</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>171,100</u>	<u>173,590</u>

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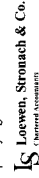
Schedule 5

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - CONTRACTED RESEARCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Consulting services	296,831	215,373
Expense recoveries	181,567	111,675
	<u>478,398</u>	<u>327,048</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries and benefits	267,345	204,231
Other projects costs	181,567	111,675
Telephone	3,983	3,193
Rent	3,948	3,852
Office supplies	3,106	394
Staff training and development	1,379	400
Amortization	1,110	910
Computer and website maintenance	754	629
Audit and legal	464	414
Other expenditure	458	183
Repairs and maintenance	449	359
Postage and courier	379	342
Printing	207	-
Photocopying	94	121
	<u>465,243</u>	<u>326,703</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>13,155</u>	<u>345</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements



# *Minutes of the 2005/06 Annual General Meeting*

**Friday, June 2, 2006**

**Vandusen Garden, Vancouver, BC**

This SPARC BC's AGM is a very special one, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organization. Many supporters of SPARC BC attended and enjoyed catching up with each other. Founding member Deryck Thomson was celebrated, as was original member Patricia Fulton. Life members and Deryck Thomson award winners were also recognized, and two new life members named: Michael and Dianne Goldberg. As the celebration was also in honour of Michael Goldberg's retirement, the Board of Directors were pleased to announce the creation of the Michael Goldberg Legacy Fund for SPARC BC. This fund will be held at the Vancity Community Foundation and will be directed by SPARC BC's Board each year into advocacy or research projects that respect Michael's many contributions.

Nancy Henderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda booklets were distributed.

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Minutes from the June 2005 Annual General Meeting were introduced.

*Moved by Jean Bennet, seconded by Sheila Dobie, that the June 2005 Annual General Meeting Minutes be adopted. CARRIED.*

## President's Report

The President's written report, contained in the package, was referenced. Daniel Hill noted that he steps down from this position at this meeting, but thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve with such a remarkable organization. He offered congratulations to all the staff at SPARC BC and to fellow Board members on this special anniversary and thanks for their work in continuing to support it.

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

## Treasurer's Report

The written report of the Treasurer, contained in the package, was referenced. Derek Gent, Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2005/06. Derek noted that strong funding, donations and social enterprise revenues mark 2005/06. He also reviewed the creation of the Michael Goldberg Legacy Fund and thanked all the supporters for their generosity.

*Moved by Derek Gent, and seconded by Glenda Watson Hyatt, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. CARRIED.*

*Moved by Derek Gent, and seconded by Daniel Hill, that the Audited Financial Statements of 2005/06 be adopted. CARRIED.*

*Moved by Derek Gent and seconded by Liz Robertson, that Loewen Stronach is appointed as SPARC BC's auditors for 2006/07 Fiscal year. CARRIED.*

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## **Executive Director's Report**

Nancy Henderson, ED of SPARC BC spoke to some of the current work of the organization. She described some of the activities around Access Awareness Day, and particularly the planned work for the World Urban Forum promoting Accessible Urban Space. The Community Development Education program is working collaboratively with other organizations providing education to ensure that communities are receiving the best possible programs tailored to their needs. Our last report on the growing gap between cost of living and income assistance, issued in December 2005, was again welcomed by advocates for its data and analysis, but unfortunately had to be called "Left Behind", to indicate the unsustainable gulf between income assistance rates in the province and what is needed to support an included life in community.

There are many interesting research projects, and SPARC BC is pleased to be working even more often with local governments around the province. She particularly thanked the staff, present and past, for making the organization the credible, respected one it is. She also thanked the Board, as important volunteers for the organization, and for providing leadership and direction to maintain the successes that SPARC BC enjoys.

*Moved by Aleem Bharmal, and seconded by Liz Robertson, 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 13 members and that this well-rounded provincial representation on the board has again been maintained. The Committee recommends that the AGM vote that these members be elected to the Board of SPARC BC.

*Moved by Liz Robertson, and seconded by Sheila Dobie, that the current directors, Peter Chau, Stephen Hutchinson, and Aleem Bharmal, whose terms are*

*expiring to be re-elected to another two-year term to June 2008, and that Hal Gerein, Marcie Fofonoff, and Irene Willsie, be elected to serve two-year terms to 2008. CARRIED.*

Liz noted that Jean Bennet, Sheila Dobie, Lynn Florey, Derek Gent, Daniel Hill, Mike Popoff, Denise Taylor, and Glenda Watson Hyatt, are continuing their two-year terms to June 2007.

The Board recognized and thanked Daniel Hill, for his service as President of the organization since 2003. The Board also thanked retiring Board members Liz Robertson, Suzanne Blown, and Norma Strachan for their service in the governance of SPARC BC.

The Annual General meeting was adjourned to continue the celebration of SPARC BC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Michael Goldberg's career on the occasion of his retirement.

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

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