



STRATHCONA
COMMUNITY CENTRE

We take care of each other

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



STRATHCONA COMMUNITY CENTRE
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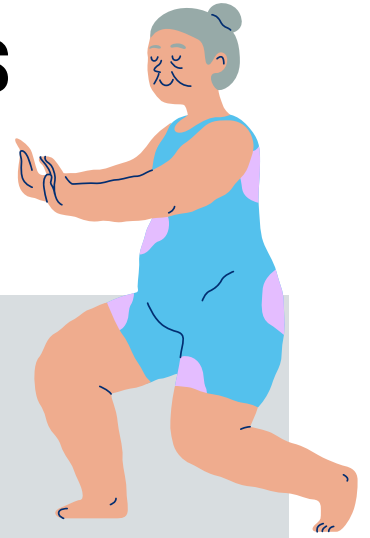
'Cycles' mural by Indigenous artists Bracken Hanuse Corlett, Ocean Hyland, Atheana Picha and Kelsey Sparrow

We acknowledge that Strathcona Community Centre is located in the traditional, unceded, ancestral territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), sk^wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and selíl'wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

We thank them for their care of these lands and commit to working with them in partnership in our community.



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SCCA EXECUTIVE REPORT

2022 was a big year – we’re 50 years old! To mark this incredible milestone, we hosted a big party for our community in the building parking lots and playground – complete with bouncy castle, games and workshops, a BBQ, program showcase, and more. Huge thanks to staff past and present, volunteers, and the over 500 community members who came out to celebrate us.

This past year saw our programming finally return to post-COVID levels and the team did an excellent job re-engaging with our community. Adult ballet, toddler gymnastics and youth judo fit well alongside legacy programs like seniors Tai Chi and basketball, and our well-loved programs like Zumba and kids cooking.

After pausing during the pandemic, our Youth Council started up again in 2022, and we could not be happier. They hosted two events in the later part of the year – Spooky-Noon Halloween trick or treating and an ornament-making workshop around Christmas. They also helped run Breakfast with Santa, a popular yearly event and even put together an Easter Egg Hunt this spring. We can’t wait to see what the Youth Council does with the rest of 2023!



Seniors Tai Chi Program: Seniors practice together every Monday - Friday

EXECUTIVE REPORT, CONTINUED

2022 was also an exciting year for our Strathcona Licensed Childcare Program. SCCA became a site for the Provincial government's new \$10/day childcare program in March 2022. We are now able to offer this to all families in our preschool and out of school care programs — including winter, spring, and summer break. As the largest single-site out of school care program in Vancouver, this development has had a huge impact on families in our neighbourhood and the city.

Food Security is the cornerstone of Strathcona Community Centre. Our centre is a leader in weaving food-based programs into recreation, ensuring everyone in our neighbourhood has equitable access to health and recreation. Our Breakfast and Backpack Programs continue to provide high quality food to Strathcona kids and their families and we completed a comprehensive review of our food programs this past year to ensure we continue to meet growing food needs in the community. A huge thank you to donors, who provided over \$400,000 in food and resources to our programs last year.

A heartfelt thanks to all the SCCA Board members, the excellent and dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this incredible community.

SCCA Executive Committee

Caitlin Jones
Ella Chan
Deb Miller
Danielle Lewis
Julia McKnight



Caitlin Jones at our 50th Anniversary event

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Strathcona Community Centre celebrated its 50th Anniversary with an amazing community event on September 10, 2022 that was held on the VSB parking lot and gravel field on Pender Street. The event was very successful as we had many local residents, children, families, seniors, youth, performers, and community partners attending the event. Kudos to all the staff and volunteers who helped organize the event!

The Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) offers many services such as child care, food security and recreation programs under the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the Vancouver Park Board. Many of the services and programs are running back up to pre-COVID levels and we are seeing more families, children, youth, adults, seniors back in our facility.



Artist Atheana Picha speaks about her work at the mural blessing event in October 2022

The SCCA and Park Board collaborated with VSB to have a mural painted on the external wall of the community centre on Pender Street which was completed in July of 2022 by Indigenous artists, Bracken Hanuse Corlett, Ocean Hyland, Atheana Picha and Kelsey Sparrow. The mural explains the Indigenous harvesting cycles through plant and animal motifs. VSB organized a blessing ceremony in October to commemorate the Indigenous mural for the community.

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

Board of Directors and Community Centre Association:

- Caitlin Jones was elected as President in May 2022 when Dawn Hoogeveen stepped down from the role.
- Deb Miller and Danielle Lewis are our two Vice Presidents.
- Julia McKnight took on a new role as our Secretary.
- Ella Chan remained as Treasurer for 2022-2023.
- The SCCA hosted a Food Security planning session in September where we had Janine de la Salle from Urban Food Strategies facilitate the one day workshop.
- The Provincial Government approved \$10/ day funding for the SCCA Child Care in 2022.

Staff Changes:

- After 20+ years, Jane Newton-Moss retired in February 2022 from the Breakfast Coordinator position. The community gathered to wish her well in her retirement.
- In January 2022, Gabe Dennis, Community Youth Worker, received an opportunity to act as the Program Coordinator at RayCam Cooperative Centre from January to May of 2022. This led to extending Larry Govinthasamy to June of 2022 in the Community Youth Worker position. Larry got accepted to join the Vancouver Police Department and had to leave the position in June. In September, Carmen Chen underfilled the CYW position until December 2022. Carmen did a great job in the role and connected well with the youth. She started a youth council committee in the short amount of time that she was working at Strathcona Community Centre and organized a Halloween event for the community.
- In November, the Community Youth Worker position was posted for Regular Full Time as Gabe Dennis was promoted to the Regular Full Time Youth Coordinator position in Park Board. After the interview process, Aneesh Vashisht was the successful candidate for the RFT Community Youth Worker position for Strathcona Community Centre.

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

The Provincial Health Order relaxed many of its guidelines in 2022 and they were still promoting vaccinations to lower the spread of COVID-19. Vancouver Coastal Health reached out to activate more clinics to help lower the barrier for people to get vaccinated. Vaccination clinics held in March, June, October and November at Strathcona Community Centre were very successful, as local residents got vaccinated in their community. We had volunteers help with language translation as many of the folks in the community do not speak English.



Seniors Art Class

On October 31, 2022 we had a flood in the basement due to an atmospheric rain storm. Because of this flood, we had to move all the contents so that the floors could be replaced by the VSB insurance. Some items were damaged from the flood. We had a close call for another flood on December 24, due to melting snow from external pipes. Staff reacted quickly and were able to drain the water and call the VSB for emergency help.

The sustainable funding project has restarted again with a meeting in May 2022 but the community engagement had to pause for the civic election. The project resumed again in February 2023 and we are hopeful it will be completed in 2023.

I am grateful to be working with an amazing team and with Strathcona Community Centre Association who is considerate and thoughtful in their approach with situations. I look forward to working with the Strathcona Community Centre Association and all of the staff at Strathcona Community Centre in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Chow
Community Recreation Supervisor

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Day Camp | Senior | Family | CAPC | Special Events | Youth

Looking back at 2022, we had a successful year full of programs, events, day camps that were all in-person, and it was amazing to see our facility with the same liveliness as prior to the pandemic. The increase in numbers in our programs showed our rooms were filled with participants, laughter and chatter throughout the halls, and our events jam packed with the community coming together to celebrate.

At the beginning of the year we were able to support the Red Ribbon Skirt Project by providing them space to come together and sew red ribbon skirts for the MMIWG2S Women's Memorial March on February 14. Seeing them come together in a safe space has been very amazing to have and witness.

Throughout the year our facility got busier than ever as our CAP-C (Community Action Program for Children) programs expanded and every family, children, parent workshop that we ran was full. This provided extra time for local and immigrant families to come and support one another by learning various skills from cooking, health workshops, hair cutting, etc. Our senior programs were filled every week and it was so great to see our Wellness Program, Tai Chi and senior luncheons completely full and lively. Having a space for our seniors to come together and exercise and socialize is amazing to see after many years of isolation.



Weekly Seniors Wellness Program

Fast forward to the summer, our Supershine Day Camp for children ages 5-12yrs and Summer Cruisers Day Camp for ages 50+ yrs were full each week and everyone had an amazing time. Each week the children's day camp was mainly spent roaming the local excursions and neighbourhood activities and everyone had a blast.

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT, CONTINUED



Summer Day Camp Program

The older adults in Summer Cruisers took big trips this year to Victoria to experience the Malahat Skywalk and took another day long trip to Salt Spring Island.

Then came our 50th Anniversary Event on September 10th, 2022 that was hosted outdoors with live music, performances, partnership booths, face painting, bouncy castles and much more! We had upwards of 500+ people and it was amazing to see both the past and present staff/board members/patrons attend to celebrate the community that we all love.

In September, we were lucky to have Carmen Chen under filling in the Community Youth Worker position after Larry Govinthasamy departed in June 2022. She did a wonderful job working with the youth and was able to start back up the first youth council since pre-pandemic. The youth council met every Saturday, planned and ran their first ever event for Halloween within 3-4 weeks and everyone attended had a spook-tacular time! In late September we hosted the first Reconciliation Walk on September 30th where the youth also volunteered in leading the group from Strathcona Community Centre to Grandview Park. They also supported the Breakfast with Santa event that was a huge success and could not have done it without their support. Carmen did a wonderful job in her short time here bringing youth back into our facility and in late December, the youth worker position was filled by Aneesh Vashisht, who has been a great addition to our team!

Respectfully Submitted,
Adrianna Teoh
Recreation Programmer II

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Preschool | Children | Adult | Rentals

2022 was my first year as a Programmer at Strathcona Community Centre and it was an amazing one. My biggest highlight was hosting the first Strathcona Orange Shirt Walk on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We had 90-100 people attend the event and the walk to Britannia's annual event was peaceful.

We added quite a few new preschool programs, but the most successful program added was the gymnastics program on Sundays. It is a parent and tot program and it has been consistently full ever since we have implemented it. There are plans of expanding the program to primary school aged children.



Strathcona Basketball - Learn to Play Program

Strathcona Basketball program has picked back up in 2022. With donations and funds raised from the annual Hoop-a-thon, we were able to lower the cost of the program significantly and enroll more children. It's a very affordable program, and we give Strathcona residents a week in advance to register before opening the program up city-wide. Our Coaches, Jadon, Josh and Billy are instrumental in teaching the kids the fundamentals of basketball. There are also volunteers from Britannia Secondary helping weekly.

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT, CONTINUED

Another program that was started in 2022 was the Piano Playing Project, which involves volunteer youth instructors teaching referred children from the school. The aim is to give free instruction to those who normally can not afford lessons.

For Adult Programs, we've added Line Dance, Adult Ballet and Volleyball-Learn to Play to our existing programs. The programs were well received by our community. Zumba, Yoga and Drop-in sports programs continue to be our most popular programs.

We had an increase in rentals in 2022, including weekly sports rentals in the gymnasium. In July, a motion was passed that faith-based and political groups can only rent space after hours, and we have had a consistent group on Sundays after we close.

I am looking forward to an amazing 2023 to further enhance our programs and to meet the needs of the community. We have built great partnerships within the community and the school and looking to expand on it.

Raymond Eng
Recreation Programmer II



Choy Lee Fut Kung Fu, a longstanding program at SCC

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

Strathcona Community Centre's Food Programs support the community through food access, food skills and opportunities for community connection. We do this through the Breakfast Program, The Backpack Program, Community Kitchens, Farm Trips and Workshops.



Breakfast Team - Verdann, Parwen, Vuong My and Sam



Breakfast Buddies student participant

The Breakfast Program is for students attending Lord Strathcona Elementary and uses a grab and go model that runs out of the community centre. The program served an average of 200 breakfasts per day during the school year in 2022. The team served delicious breakfasts such as egg wraps, breakfast bowls, fruit cups, homemade muffins, fresh fruit and even a very special salmon chowder. Sadly our long time Breakfast Coordinator Jane Newton-Moss retired this year. Jane coordinated the program for 23 years and we'd like to thank her for so many amazing breakfasts and years of community leadership with the Breakfast Buddies.

FOOD SECURITY REPORT, CONTINUED

The Backpack Program continues to provide direct food support to local families. We provide 130 families (800 individuals) with a food box each week. The box is made up primarily of fresh fruits and vegetables provided by Fresh Direct. Fresh Direct has been a supporter of the Backpack Program for over 10 years and we are grateful for the years of support they provide to this community. Using a grant provided by Community Food Centres Canada we were able to purchase gift cards for all Backpack families before our March break closure, as well as purchase eggs and halal meat for our members earlier in the year. Every week the Backpack program engages with 33 regular volunteers who make the program a success. Volunteers are the heart and soul of this program, they are involved in everything from helping to distribute the food, welcoming members at the hospitality table, making lunch and snacks but also in many behind the scenes tasks such as picking up donations, packing boxes and providing translations - **Thank You Volunteers!**

Many well-loved programs started back up after the pandemic. One program being the Summertime Community Kitchen. This kitchen had community members preparing food from around the world! Everything from the dinner tables of Ireland to the streets of Italy. As restrictions lifted we were able to increase the number of canning and food preservation workshops and in the summer we offered 2 berry picking trips to Emma Lee Farms and had over 30 community member joining us.



Backpack Coordinator Lindsey with longstanding volunteer Tuck

FOOD SECURITY REPORT, CONTINUED

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Food Security Programs. Without the support of the community donating time and money these programs would not run.

We would like to thank the following funders and donors:

- City of Vancouver
- Adopt A School
- Community Gaming Grant
- Community Food Centres Canada
- Face The World Foundation
- Marleena Markham & CIBC Miracle Day
- Click Foundation
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Jane Lee

In Kind Food Support

- Fresh Direct
- Greater Vancouver Food Bank
- Food Runners
- Sweet Thea
- Lotus Light



Verdann making delicious breakfasts

2022 Community Partners

- Lord Strathcona Elementary School staff, admin and support workers
- Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Network
- Ancestral Food Ways
- Food Stash
- Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House
- Strathcona Dental Clinic
- Public Health Nurses
- BC Housing People Plants and Homes
- Vancouver Public Library
- Strathcona Community Gardens

FOOD SECURITY REPORT, CONTINUED



CHILDCARE REPORT

During the reporting period April 2022 to March 2023, Strathcona Licensed Childcare experienced the delights and struggles of the first year as a 10\$ADay ChildCareBC site. We were very excited to roll out this new funding model that capped preschool and after school care fees at \$140 per month and only \$200 per month for "full days". Full days include before and after school care, VSB professional development days, as well as summer, winter and spring breaks.

For the families who had historically enrolled in only certain days of the week we made the commitment to help them transition to either full week enrollment or out of childcare over the course of the year. This commitment enabled us to support the families of the older children who had made life arrangements around this model of care. We were fortunate to have support with a COV child care enhancement grant to make this transition happen. I'm happy to report that as of now we have transitioned all families into the 10\$ADay model of no shared spots.

We were able to provide summer preschool for the first time since COVID started. We believe this helped support the children who entered kindergarten in the fall of 2022 who were developmentally behind due to under socialization. We were able to provide a 3rd person to help the preschool staff with outdoor play and handwashing through grants for Health and Safety by the provincial government and a childcare enhancement grant from the City of Vancouver.



CHILDCARE REPORT

Regarding the financial picture, we signed a funding agreement with 10\$ADay ChildCareBC for the next 3 years. We are in a very solid funding situation for the years ahead and are hopeful that this is a permanent funding change. Internally, the administrative requirements for tracking and reporting the enrollment numbers as well as the financial picture have increased to the point of needing to look at how our child care program is organized. We hope to complete a child care specific organizational review in the coming year to solve some of the issues that we have faced.

We would like to thank the board again for their continued support of Strathcona Licensed Childcare's school aged and preschool programs. Thank you for your tireless volunteering to help ensure the children and families of Strathcona have a safe space.

Veronica (Roni) Light Childcare Manager



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 BC Centre for Ability
 BC Gaming I Direct Access
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 BC Government - family subsidies
 BC Housing
 BCIT Nursing Program
 BC Recreation and Parks Association
 Benny's Market
 Better Homes for Everyone Foundation
 Bosa Foundation
 Breakfast Clubs of Canada / Walmart
 Britannia Community Services Centre
 Buddhist Temple
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 Canadian Living Magazine
 Canadian Tire - Jump Start
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 Central City Foundation
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 City of Vancouver
 City of Vancouver - Childcare
 City of Vancouver - Sustainable Food Systems
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 Hearts of Gold Foundation
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 Jenn Worth Insurance via Scotia Bank
 KIA Canada
 Kids Upfront
 Langara Falcons Womens & Mens Basketball Team
 LMBG Media Group
 Lochmaddy Foundation
 Lord Strathcona Elementary School
 Lotus Light Charity Society
 Lucy Woodsworth Foundation
 McCleery Golf Course
 Maria Mimie Ho Foundation
 Matchstick Coffee Roaster
 MCFD - Ministry of Child & Family
 Metro Theatre & Vancouver Sun
 NBA Canada (and Toronto Raptors)
 New Horizons
 Nighthoops
 No Frills
 Nobody's Perfect
 North American Soccer Store
 Not So Fast Food For All
 Secret Lantern Society
 Seycove Secondary School
 Shangri-La Hotel
 Strathcona Health Society
 Strathcona Residents Association
 Sunrise Soya Foods
 Sweet Thea
 Opus Art Supplies
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 Salvation Army
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 Seattle Asian Sports Club
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 SFU Womens Basketball Program
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 St. George's School
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 Ray Cam Co-operative Centre
 RBL - Real Basketball League
 Red Fox Healthy Active Living Society
 Rock Basketball
 Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise
 UBC - Centre for Community Engaged Learning
 UBC - Learning Exchange
 UBC - Thunderbird - Men & Women's Basketball
 Union Gospel Mission
 Union Market
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