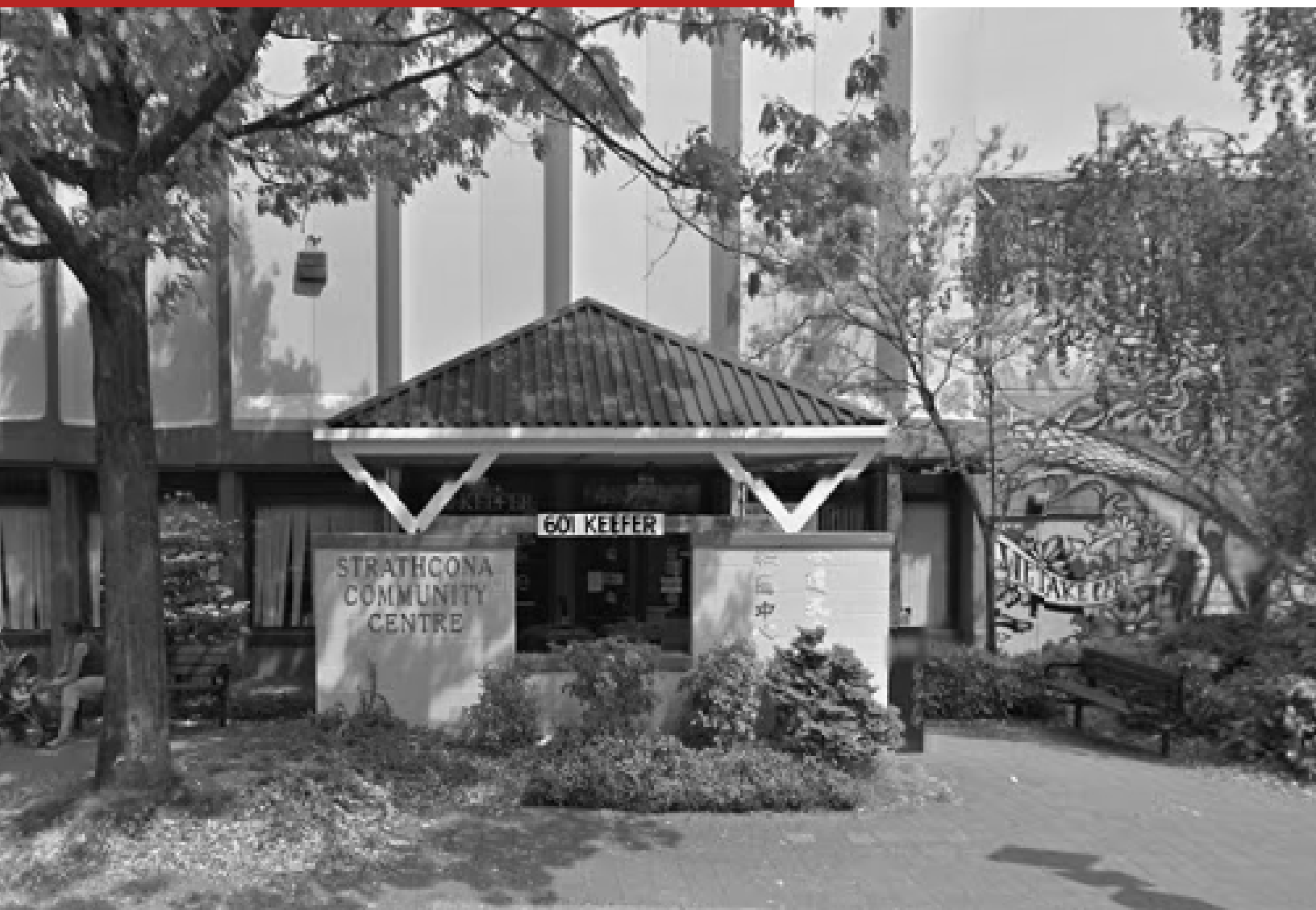


# STRATHCONA COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

## **STAFFING**

We welcomed wonderful additions to our programming staff in the past year. In April 2019, Luke Balson became our new Community Recreation Supervisor. Luke provides excellent leadership at our Centre, working hard to support staff and the community.

We were also lucky to add Jennifer Taylor, as our Recreation Programmer, and Khalid Jamal who oversees our Food Programs. Jennifer and Khalid both joined our dedicated group of staff in the summer of 2019.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

One of our biggest successes in 2019 was the continuation of our place-based youth programming spearheaded by Community Youth Worker Gabe Dennis. The new Youth Lounge opened in late 2018 and continued to provide a safe space for youth and a place to connect with outreach staff.

Youth programming was expanded offsite as well in Summer 2019, with Strathcona Community Centre partnering on a pilot project with BC Housing to run a place-based youth program run out of MacLean Park Housing at 701 Jackson Ave (1 block from our Centre).

# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

## **FOOD PROGRAMS**

Our Food Programs continued the very important work of feeding our community. Our weekday Breakfast Program ensured students and families of Lord Strathcona Elementary (attached to our building) started their school days with a healthy breakfast.

The Backpack Program, provided healthy food access to families each Friday during the school year.

Other successes this year were an expanded World Food Day celebration, a regular schedule of free soup for the community from The Good Soup Truck, and community kitchen workshops and trips.

A Food Charter, a framework for the development of a centre-wide food policy, was drafted in fall 2019, followed by a campaign to gather input and feedback from the community centre membership and staff. This document was approved by the board and can be found on the [SCCA website](#).

## **CHILDCARE**

Our Childcare Programs – Strathcona Licensed School Aged Care and Preschool – continued to be run by the capable hands of Veronica Light. Strathcona Community Centre was again the largest single site after school childcare program in the City of Vancouver, serving 174 children and their families. The programs were closed as of March 13, 2020 due to the COVID worldwide pandemic. As part of the provincial COVID response, the programs will be adapting to the new normal when they restart.

## **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

Longstanding vital programs for seniors, adults and children continued throughout 2019, but it was also a year for new recreation opportunities. New classes including Capoeira, Pilates and Zumba were a success and recreation programmers continued to evaluate current programs and plan for different ways to engage the community.

# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

A series of strategic planning sessions were held with the SCCA Board and Staff in late 2019, and a Strategic Plan was developed that has set our direction for the next three to five years. This document was finalized in March 2020 and summary is forthcoming.

## **C40 CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE**

Women 4 Climate (W4C) In partnership with Trout Lake Community Centre Association, we submitted a bid to participate in a year long program to support the development of CCA wide programs and policy related to climate change. The name of the program is Communities for Climate Hope (C4CH).

## **FUNDRAISING**

The SCCA is grateful for the support of all our donors. Without donations and grants, we would not be able to provide programs that help so many in our community.

In June 2019, we participated in the Dragon Boat Festival and received a sizable donation from Concord Pacific.

Long time donor and supporter Port Metro Vancouver committed \$125,000 to new initiatives at our Centre.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Strathcona Community Centre  
Executive Committee**

# COVID-19 UPDATE

On March 16, 2020, the City of Vancouver announced the closures of all recreational facilities, including Strathcona Community Centre, to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. The Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) had planned to host our AGM on April 16, 2020, but this was postponed as we worked to notify members of closure, cancel programming, and figure out what we could do to still serve our community during this challenging time.

By April 15, all but five Strathcona Community Centre Association staff were temporarily laid off. Even two months later in early June, things look very different at Strathcona Community Centre. The Centre is still closed with only two programs – Childcare and Food operating. Two Childcare staff are working to support families and laid off staff, regularly checking in during this challenging time. They are also planning for eventual reopening of childcare. Food Programming has continued in a revised capacity, including provision of dinners to 24 families through the Canucks for Kids Fund, and an off site outdoor weekly Backpack Program distributing 170 food hampers at 701 Jackson (1 block from the Centre).

Vancouver Park Board programming staff, including our Recreation Programmers for youth, adults, children and seniors are also on temporary layoff due to COVID-19. As such, with most Centre staff on leave, we were unable to produce a full annual report sharing our achievements and progress in 2019.





# COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

In late April 2019 I joined the Strathcona Community Centre team as the Community Recreation Supervisor. Immediately I was struck by the regular use of the facility by a whole variety of patrons from throughout the community. Being attached to a school meant a lot of families, children and youth would come streaming through the centre each day. The community centre plays an important role in the centre of the Strathcona Community. Strathcona continued to deliver a wide array of programs and services to the community in 2019.

I want to acknowledge that this report is being written during COVID-19 pandemic, but is intended to be a reflection of where the year landed and to note some highlights of what we accomplished during 2019.

## PROGRAMMING

- Maclean summer youth program - Created a new relationship with BC Housing and used a space at Maclean housing to run a summer drop-in style program for children and youth (ages 8-18) for 4 days per week. BC Housing became a funding partner and provided space at Maclean Housing. This summer program provided continuity to the strong youth program that runs throughout the year.
- Continued with important reconciliation work including hosting a Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment (RISE) Leadership Program leader joining us late in 2019 and again offered a cultural program in the Inner City Spirit Space.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Strategic planning – Created a renewed strategic plan including a set of strategic goals, a renewed vision, mission and values.
- Sustainable funding working group – Worked with the Strathcona Community Centre Association to work towards a sustainable funding model.

## **STAFFING**

- Programmer II – Welcomed Jennifer Taylor as our new Programmer II for the centre. Jen brought such a positive and dedicated energy to the team and we are very happy to have her join our team.
- Food Security Coordinator – Welcome Khalid Jamal to the team as the new Food Security Coordinator. Khalid has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as a calm and even demeanour, a great asset to the team.

It has been such a pleasure to work at Strathcona Community Centre and to get to know the staff, volunteers, patrons, and Board of Directors. I want to acknowledge our incredibly dedicated staff team that worked so hard throughout the year to offer the very best programs for the community. We also could not do all the work we do without the dedicated team of volunteers and the Board of Directors. Thank you so much to all of you for all of your hard work and dedication to Strathcona!

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Luke Balson**

Community Recreation Supervisor

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