



Renfrew Park Community Association

2016-2017 Annual General Report

September 2016-August 2017



Renfrew Park Community Centre is jointly operated by the Renfrew Park Community Association and the Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation.

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Seniors' Worker Cheryl Palidda

Affiliated Groups

Happy Corner Parent Participation Preschool

Lions Gate Camera Club

Nakashima Dojo

Shung Ying Kung Fu

The Vancouver Trojan's Football Club

Vancouver Aikikai

**Renfrew Park Community Association
AGM
Saturday, November 18, 2017
12:00pm – 2:00pm**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Guest Speakers

Adoption of previous year's minutes

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report
Auditor's report

President's Report

Q & A

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Committee Report

Program

Staff Reports – Please see report package

Community Recreation Supervisor – Marian Gardner
Recreation Programmers – Nick Fong, Geoff Langan
Pool Programmer – Shannu Marette
Community Youth Worker – Jenn Sather
Seniors' Worker – Cheryl Palidda

Old Business

New Business

Election of the Board of Directors

Closing remarks - President

Adjournment

Renfrew Park Community Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on November 16th, 2016
at Renfrew Park Community Centre.

Call to Order : 7:20pm

Tommy Huang introduced the Board of Directors, Erin Shum, Park Board Commissioner and Lisa Prescott, Director of Recreation for East Vancouver.

MINUTES OF RPCA AGM HELD ON NOV. 18, 2015.

Motion to accept the Nov.18, 2015 AGM minutes as presented. **Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Henry Lee explained the Treasurer's Report for the year 2015-2016.

- Everything is balanced

AUDITORS' REPORT DATED AUGUST 31, 2016.

Adam Gilchrist explained points from the Auditor's report.

- Association is continuing to have a strong financial standing.

Motion to adopt the Financial Statements for RPCA dated August 31, 2016 as presented. **Carried**

Motion to appoint auditors from Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. for the next financial year, 2016-2017. **Carried.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Gayle Uthoff

- Would like to thank staff, community volunteers and Association board members for their support.
- The Association will strive to continue to offer affordable programs
- The lunch program and seasonal day camps were very successful this year
- We wish to continue to engage with the community
- If you want to volunteer talk to a staff or Association board member.

Remarks from Erin Shum

Erin thanked the Association Board and the Park Board staff for their hard work. She is looking forward to a great 2017.

AFFILIATED GROUPS - Gayle Uthoff

The involvement of Judo, Aikido, Kung Fu Wushu, Lions Gate Camera Club, Renfrew Trojans Football, and Happy Corner Parent Participation Preschool can be found in the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Presentation of the brochure

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE - Albert Lee

- Ensures the quality of programs
- There will be new programs
- Thank you for showing up and giving your support and input

Albert Lee gives his thanks to the various staff for their hard work and to Emily Chan, who is leaving the Board, for her hard work.

STAFF REPORTS

SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION SERVICES REPORT- Lily Dong

- Grateful to be involved in this active community
- Thank you to the board for their countless hours of hard work and for a phenomenal year

RECREATION, POOL, COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER, SENIORS' WORKER REPORTS

- Reports can be read in the provided package
- Thank you to the Board for their hard work

NOMINATIONS

Current Board Members are:

Albert Lee	Tommy Huang	Judy Egerton
John Chow	Ting Fei (Fay) Lin	Sari Lundberg
David Sexton		

Nominees Running for Re-election to the Board:

Gayle Uthoff	Henry Lee	Anthony Mehnert
Chao Cheng	Helen Lee	Eddie Tang

Members introduced themselves

All nominees were acclaimed

CLOSING REMARKS

President, Gayle Uthoff thanked everyone for being a vibrant and amazing community.

Tommy Huang thanked Albert Lee for his hard work and for translating at the AGM.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 pm

President's Report

Submitted by Henry Lee

Welcome to our 2017 Renfrew Park Community Centre Association Annual General meeting. You may notice that our venue has been changed to a Saturday afternoon. We hope that this time will be more convenient for our Renfrew community members. I look forward to your comments and feedback.

I cannot believe that we are in the month of November already. Please take the time to read the reports from our Renfrew Staff. They are a group of committed and dedicated people providing excellent programs, activities, and events for our multi diverse Renfrew Community.

Our Renfrew Park Community Association has been very busy negotiating a new Joint Operating Agreement with the Board of Parks and Recreation Department. It has been a very long and challenging process. Concurrently our Association Board must incorporate and change our current by-laws to meet the new standards put forth by the Societies Act of B.C. .

I look forward to the 2018 year. One of the RPCA goals is to strategize and plan for future expansion to our community centre. Our population within our community continues to grow, spaces for our programs and activities is in high demand. We cannot continue to provide quality and new programs and activities with limited rooms and space.

If you would like to be a Board Member for the Renfrew Park Community Association, contact one of our Centre staff for more information. Our general board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you would just like to see how the board plans for all our programs, activities and events, I invite you to participate in our Program Planning Committee. Meetings are held on the first Tuesdays of each month.

Sadly, early in the months of 2017, we mourn the loss of one of our long serving Renfrew Park Community Association Board member Sandi Comack. She has been a board member for over 20 years. She served our community with great distinction and honor. Ms Comack was very dedicated and committed to making our Renfrew Community a better place for all. She last held the position of Secretary. I will miss her. The Renfrew Board will be planting a memorial tree on site to honor Ms. Sandi Comack.

Thank you for being a part of this multi diverse and vibrant community that we call Renfrew. I am very proud to be a part of this community. I look forward to a prosperous and successful 2018 year at Renfrew Community Centre.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Submitted by David Sexton

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the 2016/2017 Financial Statements for the Renfrew Park Community Association (RPCA). Our audit was conducted by Tompkins Wozny. Special thanks to our Association bookkeeper, Board of Directors and Renfrew staff for assisting with the audit.

The RPCA ran a surplus of \$22,193 which will be re-invested into the centre. Our revenues saw another decrease which has been the trend for the last four years from \$830,066 to the current \$787,897 and the Association and staff will be analyzing this trend to determine the cause.

Due to JOA negotiations and kitchen renovation price increases, the Board has voted to extend the \$210,000 that is internally restricted and designated for the community kitchen upgrade for another year. The Board is working to finalize a new JOA and move ahead with plans to upgrade the kitchen and to advocate for a new centre.

In closing, I am happy to state that the RPCA is in a great financial position to continue to deliver affordable and appropriate recreation, social and cultural programming to the members of the Association and users.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
RENFREW PARK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

August 31, 2017

Limited Liability Partnership



Tompkins Wozny
Chartered Professional Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Renfrew Park Community Association

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Renfrew Park Community Association which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2017, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Renfrew Park Community Association as at August 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the British Columbia Societies Act, we report that the accounting principles used in these financial statements have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Vancouver, Canada
November 9, 2017

Tompkins Wozny LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants



Renfrew Park Community Association

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at August 31

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash - operating	48,936	293,032
- gaming	46,713	57,295
Guaranteed investment certificates [note 5]	310,037	103,530
Accounts and grants receivable [note 4]	57,432	65,017
Prepaid expenses	6,115	587
Total current assets	469,233	519,461
Guaranteed investment certificate [note 5]	150,000	100,037
Capital assets [note 6]	120,626	136,317
	739,859	755,815
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals [note 7]	20,627	41,506
Deferred revenue	105,590	121,718
Total current liabilities	126,217	163,224
Deferred contributions related to capital assets [note 8]	14,184	15,326
Total liabilities	140,401	178,550
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	106,442	120,991
Internally restricted [note 10]	210,000	210,000
Unrestricted	283,016	246,274
Total net assets	599,458	577,265
	739,859	755,815

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

On behalf of the Board:


Director


Director

Renfrew Park Community Association

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year ended August 31

	Invested in Capital Assets \$	Internally Restricted \$	Unrestricted \$	Total \$
2017		<i>[note 10]</i>		
Balance, beginning of year	120,991	210,000	246,274	577,265
Revenues over (under) expenses	(14,549)	—	36,742	22,193
Balance, end of year	106,442	210,000	283,016	599,458
2016				
Balance, beginning of year	135,138	210,000	190,203	535,341
Revenues over (under) expenses	(16,448)	—	58,372	41,924
Investment in capital assets	2,301	—	(2,301)	—
Balance, end of year	120,991	210,000	246,274	577,265

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Renfrew Park Community Association**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

Year end August 31

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Program operations <i>[schedule]</i>	578,555	583,903
Direct access gaming <i>[note 9]</i>	78,273	56,516
Grants	58,709	81,692
Facility rentals	57,587	64,535
Other	7,147	3,113
Vending	4,790	6,448
Interest	1,674	2,282
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets <i>[note 8]</i>	1,142	1,685
Donations	20	667
	787,897	800,841
EXPENSES		
Program operations <i>[schedule]</i>	371,354	366,951
Direct access gaming <i>[notes 9 and 12]</i>	78,273	56,516
Group I wages - Park Board <i>[note 12]</i>	74,455	66,335
Grants expense <i>[note 12]</i>	58,709	81,692
Bookkeeping and business administration	39,606	38,962
Repairs and maintenance	21,776	26,433
Employment costs	21,680	18,808
Advertising and brochures (net of recoveries)	20,387	22,058
Facility rentals <i>[note 12]</i>	17,835	15,825
Amortization of capital assets	15,691	18,133
Leisure access subsidies	13,871	10,817
Professional	12,140	6,570
Bank, credit card charges and online charges	12,129	13,039
Meetings and development	4,876	5,677
Office, supplies and other	2,922	11,101
	765,704	758,917
Revenues over expenses for the year	22,193	41,924

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Renfrew Park Community Association**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Year ended August 31

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Revenues over expenses for the year	22,193	41,924
Item not affecting cash		
Amortization of capital assets	15,691	18,133
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	(1,142)	(1,685)
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts and grants receivable	7,585	(45,480)
Prepaid expenses	(5,528)	(399)
Accounts payable and accruals	(20,879)	29,184
Deferred revenue	(16,128)	20,448
Cash provided by operating activities	1,792	62,125
FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of guaranteed investment certificates	(256,470)	(2,030)
Purchase of capital assets	—	(2,301)
Cash used in financing and investing activities	(256,470)	(4,331)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(254,678)	57,794
Cash, beginning of year	350,327	292,533
Cash, end of year	95,649	350,327
Cash consists of:		
Operating	48,936	293,032
Gaming	46,713	57,295
Totals	95,649	350,327

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2017

1. ORGANIZATION

The Association is incorporated pursuant to the British Columbia Societies Act, is a not-for-profit organization and is exempt from income taxes. The objectives of the Association are to provide affordable and quality facilities and programming to meet the diverse needs of the people of the Renfrew Park Community and to encourage use and participation of the Renfrew Park Community

2. GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

The Association carries out these objectives through the operations of the Renfrew Park Community Centre pursuant to a Joint Operating Agreement ("JOA") with the City of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ("Park Board").

For several years, the Association, along with other community associations, have been attempting to negotiate a new JOA with the Park Board.

Currently, negotiations with the Park Board are ongoing and the community associations and the Park Board are hopeful of being able to reach an agreement in the coming months.

Use of the Renfrew Park Community Centre premises as well as the providing of certain operating expenses, such as various staff costs, are provided to the Association pursuant to the JOA with the Park Board. The value of the use of the facilities as well as these additional operating expenses has not been reflected in the financial statements.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") and include the following significant accounting policies:

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses reported during the year. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the determination of net recoverable value of assets, in particular as it relates to useful lives of capital assets and the determination of deferred revenue. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2017

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Revenue from all other sources, except direct access gaming, is recognized when the respective program or service is provided.

Direct Access Gaming

Proceeds received from direct access gaming are recorded as revenue or deferred contributions related to capital assets, if applicable, in the year the related expenditures are incurred.

Measurement of Financial Instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, guaranteed investment certificates and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable.

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

Cash

Cash is defined as cash on hand and cash on deposit, net of cheques issued and outstanding at the year-end.

Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows is prepared on a net cash basis and cash flows from operating activities are reported using the indirect method.

Renfrew Park Community Association**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

August 31, 2017

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost, less accumulated amortization. Amortization of furniture and equipment is recorded on a straight-line basis at a rate of 20% to 33% per year.

Leasehold improvements - building are amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of 15 to 25 years.

Donated Services

The Association and its members benefit greatly from donated services in the form of volunteer time. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, the value of donated services is not recognized in these financial statements.

4. ACCOUNTS AND GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Grants	13,002	14,983
Park Board	43,711	48,585
Interest	719	1,449
	57,432	65,017
Allowance for doubtful accounts	—	—
	57,432	65,017

5. GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES ("GIC")

The Association holds a GIC in the amount of \$150,000 with escalating annual interest rates of 1.0% to 1.3% and a maturity date of June 2020.

The Association holds GIC's in the amount of \$210,000 with interest rates of prime less 2.1% and a maturity date of June 2018.

The Association holds a GIC in the amount of \$100,037 whose rate of return is tied to the S&P/TSX Banks Index (the "Index"). The Association can earn up to a maximum return of 13% over a three year period ending in September 2017 if the Index increased to that extent. If the Index did not increase or decrease over the three year period, the Association would not earn a return on the GIC and the original principal of \$100,037 would be returned to the Association. Subsequent to the year, the GIC matured and paid 8.26% rate of return or \$8,263 in interest.

Renfrew Park Community Association**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

August 31, 2017

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$
2017			
Leasehold improvements - building	229,083	113,647	115,436
Furniture and equipment	332,240	327,050	5,190
	561,323	440,697	120,626
2016			
Leasehold improvements - building	229,083	103,830	125,253
Furniture and equipment	332,240	321,176	11,064
	561,323	425,006	136,317

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Trade and accruals	14,055	18,442
Wages	—	19,073
Government remittances - WorkSafe BC	1,579	1,275
- GST	1,905	15
Park Board	3,088	2,701
	20,627	41,506

8. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	15,326	17,011
Deduct: Amortization	(1,142)	(1,685)
Balance, end of year	14,184	15,326

Renfrew Park Community Association

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2017

9. DIRECT ACCESS GAMING EXPENSES

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Renfrew Youth Development		
- Wages and benefits	28,265	16,812
- Supplies and other	4,187	5,075
Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival		
- Wages and benefits	14,012	13,982
Renfrew Lunch program		
- Wages and benefits	9,255	8,111
- Supplies and other	7,158	465
Seniors Multicultural		
- Wages and benefits	10,642	8,980
- Supplies and other	4,754	3,091
Total	78,273	56,516

10. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

The Association previously internally restricted \$100,000 for future capital projects. During the year, the Association restricted this amount to be spent on or before August 31, 2019.

The Association previously internally restricted \$75,000 for the construction of a community kitchen to be spent on or before August 31, 2017. During the year, the Association extended this date to August 31, 2018.

The Association previously internally restricted an additional \$35,000 for capital for the community kitchen to upgrade appliances and materials to be spent on or before August 31, 2017. During the year, the Association extended this date to August 31, 2018.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis presents the Association's exposures to significant risk as at August 31, 2017.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2017

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Credit Risk (cont'd)

The Association is exposed to credit risk with respect to its cash, guaranteed investment certificates, and accounts receivable. The Association assesses, on a continuous basis, accounts receivable on the basis of amounts it is virtually certain to receive. The Association's cash and guaranteed investment certificates are invested with a large financial institution.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of being unable to meet cash requirements or fund obligations as they become due. It stems from the possibility of a delay in realizing the fair value of financial instruments.

The Association manages its liquidity risk by constantly monitoring forecasted and actual cash flows and financial liability maturities, and by holding assets that can be readily converted into cash.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Association is exposed to interest rate risk on its guaranteed investment certificates in so far that the initial rate may be higher than the current interest rate obtained on maturity and renewal. In addition, one of the Association's guaranteed investment certificate's rate of return is tied to the S&P/TSX Banks Index (*see Note 5*).

12. WAGES AND CONTRACTOR REMUNERATION

Pursuant to the British Columbia Societies Act, the Association is required to disclose contractor fees and wages and benefits paid to contractors and employees who are paid \$75,000 or more during the fiscal year.

Contractors, wages and benefits include \$121,596 of expense provided by a contractor. Of this amount, \$18,335 is included in program operations - wages and contractors, \$5,740 is included in grant expense, \$74,455 is included in Group I wages - Park Board, \$22,782 is included in direct access gaming, and \$284 is included in facility rentals.

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - PROGRAM
OPERATIONS**

Year ended August 31

	Revenue	Expenses		Total	Net Income (Loss)
		Wages and Contractors <i>[note 12]</i>	Supplies and Other		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2017					
Licensed preschool	161,505	98,272	6,794	105,066	56,439
Preschoolers	47,831	25,205	610	25,815	22,016
Children	158,742	99,384	10,105	109,489	49,253
Youth	2,802	—	2,802	2,802	—
Adult	85,103	44,614	2,984	47,598	37,505
Senior	57,085	11,978	18,137	30,115	26,970
Special events	4,004	4,070	9,663	13,733	(9,729)
Summer preschool and Day Camp	61,483	14,834	21,902	36,736	24,747
	578,555	298,357	72,997	371,354	207,201
2016					
Licensed preschool	169,321	106,832	8,806	115,638	53,683
Preschoolers	29,510	18,477	—	18,477	11,033
Children	149,613	91,319	6,695	98,014	51,599
Youth	1,815	—	1,612	1,612	203
Adult	83,003	39,098	3,497	42,595	40,408
Senior	51,906	9,481	15,942	25,423	26,483
Advanced Aquatics	8,875	7,060	—	7,060	1,815
Special events	2,375	3,062	7,036	10,098	(7,723)
Summer preschool and Day Camp	58,569	14,668	13,587	28,255	30,314
Piano	28,916	19,169	610	19,779	9,137
	583,903	309,166	57,785	366,951	216,952

Program Committee

Submitted by Albert Lee

Members: Henry Lee (Chair), Sari Lundberg, Albert Lee, Helen Lee

Staff Members: Nick Fong, Geoff Langan, Lynsey MacDonald, Jenn Sather, Shannu Marette, Cheryl Palidda

Role: The role of the Program Committee is to evaluate the programs, research new ideas, suggest program adjustments and changes. Program requests, such as for new equipment, and employee wage increases are also discussed with the assistance of the Recreation Programmers. Community members are invited to express any comments, questions or concerns at these meetings. Meetings are held usually on the first Tuesday of each month.

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We had another successful year in Renfrew Park Community Centre. We were able to continue to offer a variety of social, educational, recreational, art and cultural programs and activities to meet the diverse needs of our community.

We had successful enrolment in a number of programs, such as line dance, private music lessons, Tai chi for seniors and pool lessons. Badminton and basketball are popular sport for the adults, pickle ball for the seniors, and soccer and basketball for the children.

We have a strong youth development program at the Centre. Over the year, we had over 100 youth volunteers contributing over 4500 hours in birthday parties, summer camps, and special events such as the Moon Festival and Youth Celebrate Canada Day. This year, we had two Windermere students receiving the Association's scholarship.

As we tailor the programs to meet the needs in our community, we often bring in new programs, making adjustments to old ones or rejuvenating them with fresh approach. We have hired new instructors to run new math classes and dance classes for children, ballroom dance for adults, and Chinese calligraphy and Ukulele classes for seniors. All of them have been well attended.

Much like other years, this year had its share of challenges. In a relatively short period time, we lost the contractor/instructors for three long-running and well received programs, Taekwondo, Early Cantonese Immersion and Violin programs. Finding qualified and available replacement instructors is always a challenge our Centre staff are faced with. Another challenge that we did not have to deal with for the past number of years was the heavy snow we faced with in the winter season. The seniors programs were most affected by this bad weather.

A major role of the Programming Committee and the Board of Directors is to balance the limited resources we have when offering the programs and supporting our community partners in special events. We utilized the grants, we received as a non-profit society, to run various programs at an affordable price or even free. In summary, we received \$67.8K from Gaming grant for our Direct Access Program (DAP), of which about 20% spent on Meals program, 20% on Moon Festival, 18% on seniors program and 38% on youth development. As a child care provider, we got \$38.5K from the Federal pre-school grant for running the Pre-school program. We had \$38.5K from the Federal Summer Job Grant to provide for 11 summer job positions. This has helped us to further develop youth leadership in our community. Please refer to the staff reports for details of all our programs.

It may be hard to believe but we had 55 staff on the Association's payroll this year to run our programs. In addition, we had paid for additional Centre staff to the tune of \$74.5K. Over the year, we have also replaced worn out or broken equipment which include a portable lift (with a price tag of over \$12K) for the pool. In total, we spent \$5.5K on various items, for example: a small freezer and tents, and \$3K for various items for the pool.

With the advance in technology and new ways of communicating in social media and over the internet, we have a directly controlled website running for almost a year now. We hope to use these tools to help promote our programs and events more effectively, and also as a means to get feedback.

As always, we try to deliver our programs with the highest possible standard. This would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the Centre staff and our instructors and contractors. Looking ahead, we are aware that with

the ever increasing development in our community and the aging facility, our ability to offer quality programs would be greatly impaired. We need to stand together and be united to make our concerns and demands heard by the City.

The Program Committee is always looking for new members! If you are interested please contact:
Recreation Programmer: Nick Fong (604) 257-8387, nick.fong@vancouver.ca

Acting Community Recreation Coordinator's Annual Report

Submitted by Marian Gardner

My first year at Renfrew Park Community Centre has gone by very quickly. I am new to the Park Board and the community of Renfrew as of January 2017. I have spent the last twenty years managing ice rinks in the private sector operating within a private public partnership. I consider myself very fortunate to have landed a position in the wonderfully vibrant community of Renfrew Collingwood.

I have spent time meeting with community partners such as the Vancouver School Board, Collingwood Neighbourhood House, the Still Moon Arts Society, as well the Area Services Team. Understanding their needs and how we can work together to deliver services has been a goal for me in my first year.

We had a bit of movement in our maintenance team. Kasun Perera left in January for a new opportunity with the Real Estate and Facility Management with the City of Vancouver. We are very fortunate to have our former, retired maintenance worker, Billy Pio Rada fill in during our staff transitions.

Angela Thompson, our shared programmer with Thunderbird, left on maternity leave in January and her replacement Geoff Langan started with us in April. Lynsey MacDonald filled in as our Community Youth Worker when Suzy Parker went on medical leave until Lynsey also left on maternity leave at the beginning of August.

A lot of the year has been focused on getting a new Joint Operating Agreement between the association and the Park Board. This process has taken a lot of your board members' time and I am hopeful that having an agreement signed will allow us to focus on new priorities for 2018. Getting started on the kitchen renovation, renewing our agreements with our affiliated groups and increasing awareness of our programs through marketing are just some of the priorities for 2018.

I am grateful to the staff at the community centre who have helped me understand both how the Community Association operates as well as the workings of the Park Board. Their patience and support has been invaluable to me as I learn my new role.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all the hard work put in by our wonderful volunteers over the year. Without them we couldn't deliver all the programs we do! I am especially grateful to the board of directors who volunteer countless hours to guide the direction of the association.

Centre Recreation Programmer's Annual Report

Submitted by Nick Fong

The 2016-2017 year has come and gone, and as usual it was an eventful year. There are a number of major highlights to touch upon for this year.

In Fall 2016 we started off the season with a number of special events. One of which was the BIG DRAW Vancouver event. This event was a city wide event that was held simultaneously at all Community Centres across Vancouver. The event was a success as we saw over 40 individuals attend and spend time drawing with our artist Yoko Tomita. The community was also fortunate to experience another amazing Moon Festival celebration. This year, the rains stopped just prior to the event start. Other programming successes over this season were our Taekwondo programs, our new Rhythmic Gymnastics program, and our Early Cantonese Immersion programs. Registration overall was quite strong for the Fall 2016 season.

In Winter 2017, we ran into a lot of snow which caused a bit of slowing of programs for the end of 2016 (seniors programs especially), and likewise a slow return to programs for the Winter 2017 season. Even with the snow, we put on some free programs at the beginning of January to promote some of our new instructors. These trial programs saw some good turnout, and resulted in increased enrollment for the remainder of the season. It was towards the end of the Winter 2017 season that we received some bad news in that our Taekwondo Program would be leaving Renfrew. We would like to thank Tony Kook (Taekwondo) for quality programming and dedication to Renfrew during their tenure. We had great working partnerships and are still looking for suitable replacements for their programs at Renfrew. Spring Break day camps were well enrolled for two weeks in March. We were able to reserve and offer spots in partnership with the VSB and neighbouring elementary schools in our catchment.

In Spring 2017, we were given similar news regarding a contractor leaving. This time it was the CUE Educational Resources group led by Kapo Szeto who had obtained retail space and would be leaving Renfrew to expand their programming. We thank Kapo and her team for providing years of excellent programming. At the end the spring, we also had our drawing and painting instructor part ways with Renfrew. We have since hired a replacement, and will begin new programming with this instructor for Winter 2018. Also leaving Renfrew in the Spring was Kady Tishyadhigama, who was a long time Violin instructor for us. She started off as a volunteer for us and progressed into a quality instructor. We are sad to see her go, but are happy that she's progressing into new endeavours. In May we also collaborated with Collingwood Neighbourhood House and the Collingwood BIA to help put on the annual Collingwood Days event at Gaston Park. This was a huge adjustment as we did not have our typical location at Carleton Elementary. The adjustment went well and the event was a success. The weather was great (in comparison to May 2016 when the event got rained out), and we had great involvement from our board and staff during the event. In spring we also recognized our volunteers with our annual volunteer appreciation dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre. We were able to recognize and appreciate over 50 of our volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to Renfrew Park Community Centre.

For the Summer 2017 season, we shifted again to our day camp programs. We were able to obtain funding from the Government of Canada to hire students to run our programs. This funding was for approximately \$40,500 for 11 students over a 9 week period. This helped us tremendously, and we were able to service approximately 690 enrollments into our school aged camp programs. Aside from the school aged kids we serviced, we also were able to hire local students to work in 9 out of our 11 positions. This is a positive sign for development of youth in our community. We also had an extremely successful summer of Licensed Preschool camps, with registration averaging out to 98% full for the entire summer.

As usual, the year came and went, and all that's left was a blur of details. I hope that this report gives you some insight as to some of the positives and challenges that we were able to work through this year. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, we are more than happy to listen and discuss at our monthly Program Committee Meetings. For more information, contact me via email or phone (604 257-8387).

Acting Centre Recreation Programmer's Annual Report

Submitted by Geoff Langan

It has been a pleasure spending the last 8 months working with the fantastic team of Park Board and Association Staff and incredible program volunteers and Board and Committee members. I have been looking after the Adult, Senior & Adult Fitness and Aerobics program areas.

Adult fitness and aerobics has had a few changes this year. Instructor availability, priorities and health issues have forced a number of changes to our schedule, but we continue to offer classes of a wide variety of types and intensities to the Renfrew Community. We have introduced Zumba Toning to our schedule, a variation of Zumba using light weights. The community has responded very well to the new format, and continue to participate in large numbers. Thank you to all the instructors, who consistently bring, their energy and enthusiasm for fitness.

Adult Drop in Sports has been very well attended. Basketball has sold out both the Wednesday and Sunday sessions for the last year. Badminton consistently has large numbers of drop-ins and the Badminton Court Rentals continue to be booked at a high rate. The community has definitely been looking at Renfrew Park Community Centre as a hub for sports.

This past summer I had the opportunity to be part of planning the Music Fest event at Slocan Park. Together with Lindsey MacDonald and Angela Lee we planned the event and it ended up being attended by about 350 people from the community and they were all entertained by some very talented youth from the Renfrew Community. It was an incredible August afternoon filled with music, food and fun.

I would like to thank the Program Committee members, the Board and the entire Staff Team for all their support and hard work over the past year, ensuring a community has quality recreation programs for everyone is a team effort and can't be done by just one person. It has been a very eventful and enjoyable year and I am proud to have been able to work with the Renfrew Park Community while Angela is away on Maternity leave.

Pool Programmer's Annual Report

Submitted by Shannu Marette

Maintenance and Shutdown

This year we shifted our Maintenance Shutdown back to June as there were too many challenges last year with not only getting the trades persons here as other facilities were also closed but also the minimum requisite number of classes for the Red Cross swimming lessons.

This year the work consisted of:

- The leak in the wall by the sauna shower dripping into the tunnel area
- Fabrication of replacement locker doors for the change rooms (15 in total)
- The 14 ceiling lights over the pool were again serviced
- The 6 underwater pool lights were serviced as 3 keep consistently burning out
- Repairs were made to the hot tub UV system – we have been waiting almost a year for parts
- Diving board resurfaced due to paint bubbles
- The sauna was completely gutted and new wood installed throughout

The only major items that did not get addressed this year:

- Window frosting on the cashier door and programmer's window

Lessons

A significant challenge this year across the organization has been finding qualified staff. As such, in Winter and Spring we were not able to offer our full spectrum of classes, not due to lack of demand but due to a lack of available staff to teach. A full 4 hours of teaching was cancelled on Tuesday nights, Thursday nights and Sunday mornings for both seasons.

There is no comparable data for the Fall season as our swimming lesson we still have almost two more months of lessons. What we can compare is where we were last year at this time. Last year our total lesson revenue from January 1 to October 31 was \$292,139.02; this year, we have revenue of \$251,541.45 or a \$40,597.57 decrease.

Season	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Variance 2016-2017
Winter	\$64,426.05	\$64,374.10	\$65,707.44	\$68,979.99	\$63,977.44	-\$5002.55
Spring	\$67,363.69 <i>June closure</i>	\$69,283.35 <i>June closure</i>	\$110,832.94	\$110,142.28	\$58,952.63 <i>June closure</i>	-\$51,189.65
Summer	\$74,889.23	\$73,485.16	\$55,086.15 <i>August closure</i>	\$65,207.28 <i>August closure</i>	\$68,886.43	\$3679.15
Fall	\$112,684.91	\$106,367.44	\$110,387.62	\$95,438.53	\$59,724.95 <i>As at Oct 31, 2017</i>	-\$35,713.48 <i>As at Oct 31, 2017</i>
Total	\$319,363.88	\$313,510.05	\$342,014.15	\$333,768.08	\$251,154.45 <i>As at Oct 31, 2017</i>	-\$88,226.53 <i>As at Oct 31, 2017</i>

Advanced Aquatic courses such as the Aqua Tillicum program, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross have seen a decrease in numbers over the last year as there is a trend of less teens taking Lifesaving Courses. We have had to cut down the number of Tillicum instructors from 2 to 1 and cancelled the Medallion and Cross courses in the Winter and Spring seasons. Both the Medallion and Cross courses ran this Fall at almost full capacity.

All of the Water Safety Instructor Recerts, Lifesaving Instructor Recerts, and National Lifeguard Recerts over the last year have been cancelled as finding certified Park Board staff to teach these recerts is extremely difficult. They are usually in high demand with limited availability.

Pool Staff Changes

Renfrew Pool continues to have a lot of staff changes making it challenging to build a stable staff team with a clear leadership direction on the pool deck. Of the 2 full time and 2 part time Aquatic Leader positions, we currently only have 1 full time and 1 part time AL..

Full Time Aquatic Leaders

Liisa McQuitty, one of our full time Aquatic Leaders, has been off since May 2015 and we have no word as to if or when she will return. Bill Funnell, an auxiliary guard from Killarney and outdoor Head Lifeguard, was filling Liisa's hours until the end of March but was unable to continue due to health reasons. Bill was then accommodated until June in cashiering hours and was extremely in May when both the Pool Programmer and other AL were off.

In January, Marina Cooke transferred to Renfrew as our full time AL after being seconded her most of last year.

Unfortunately Marina needed time off last minute for the month of May when the Pool Programmer was booked off for vacation. Marina brings a wealth of teaching experience and a ready smile to the pool deck!

Part Time Aquatic Leaders

Dennis Chen was the successful candidate for our RPT position and began with us in January. In July Dennis pursued a full time opportunity in his chosen field and had to give up his position with us shortly afterward. His position is currently posted and should be filled by January 2018.

Sarah Harries, our other part time AL began working with us in May and has been an excellent addition to the team. She has jumped in when we needed her to by picking up additional AL hours and teaching several Aquafit classes a week.

Auxiliary Staff

Finding certified staff willing to work is still an ongoing challenge across the Lower Mainland and not only have we had to cancel classes due to lack of instructors but so have most other Vancouver facilities. In July we only had 13 applicants make it through the skills screening and interview process but the latest screening in September we saw that number almost double to 24! Hopefully this means that we are seeing a change to the previous trend.

Aquafit has suffered throughout the City with the lack of qualified staff. We have not been able to bring back the popular Tuesday and Thursday evening classes and were struggling to find instructors for our Morning classing. Fortunately both Marina and Sarah have Aquafit and between the two of them they have covered the 5 classes a week. We are still trying to hire more Aquafit instructors to not only provide the customer's with variety but also to give the two a well-deserved break!

Equipment

In the last three years, we have been working very hard to improve the facility appearance and equipment at Renfrew. Last year the focus was on upgrading the lifeguarding and teaching equipment by buying new CPR mannequins, AEDs, as well as other training equipment so that we have the equipment to teach upper level courses (Medallion and Cross) and for training staff. This again left room available in the budget from Park Board to address other equipment needs. Last year the Association was able to help by purchasing teaching equipment for regular swimming lessons and Aquafit classes such as swim fins, PFDs, pool noodles, and kickboards.

This year the Association has again been generous and we were able to purchase:

- 6 much sought after deck loungers
- 10 new deck chairs
- An accessibility lift for the pool (this was ordered last year but arrived this year!)
- Much needed parts for repair and upkeep of the pool inflatable (Wibit)

Closing

This year our biggest challenge has been staffing. Classes were cancelled due to not only a lack of staff but also a lack of staff wanting to work. Of the 9 new staff hired in the Spring and Summer, only 4 have had shifts with us this Fall. We have recently hired 5 new staff for the Winter season, but already 1 staff member has indicated that she will not be able to work for us until Summer!

While our lesson revenue is \$40, 000 less that last year due to having to cancel classes, Renfrew is still a busy, well used facility and is still 4th in terms of lesson revenue. While the loss in revenue has been offset by the reduction in staffing costs this has left little money available to purchase items for our customer's comfort, access, and enjoyment.

Renfrew's Association has been excellent in helping bridge this gap again this year and all of the customers appreciate it greatly. The loungers were a resounding success with the customers as they were very vocal about our lack of and it was difficult to find suitable replacements so we were without for almost 6 months. Within second of 4 going out on the pool deck, there were already customer's stretched out on them!!

We thank them for their help in making Renfrew such a success.

Acting Youth Worker's Annual Report

Submitted by Jenn Sather

The 2016-2017 year highlights the strong youth presence and spirit of community engagement that takes place at Renfrew Park Community Centre. Youth continued to be heavily involved in various programs, special events and volunteering opportunities this year. Renfrew has provided a hub for youth to participate in pro-social activities, develop their leadership skills and emerge as active participants in the community.

Youth programs at Renfrew focused primarily on two areas: recreational drop in and leadership development. Through Monday and Friday night drop in, youth utilized a safe and inclusive space to play games, sports and connect with their peers. Renfrew's recreational, drop in and leadership programs brought 2,547 youth through the doors last year.

Renfrew youth continued to demonstrate their commitment to community development by volunteering in various programs and events throughout the year. 113 youth volunteered last year, contributing 4,668 hours of time. Volunteering opportunities included 6 special events, birthday parties, summer camp, and 22 children's programs. Highlights include facilitating and planning children's activities at various special events inclusive of Music Fest, Renfrew Carnival and Youth Celebrate Canada Day.

Youth Celebrate Canada Day continued to demonstrate the impressive capability and dedication of Renfrew youth. In collaboration with Windermere Secondary Schools' leadership program, the youth successfully planned and executed this large scale event. This year's Youth Celebrate Canada Day saw 73 youth contribute 772 hours for this event from the Renfrew-Collingwood community. 17 youth from Windermere Secondary School made up the Executive Core Committee and spearheaded the organization and logistics of the entire event for four months. 3 staff members (2 from Collingwood Neighbourhood House and the Community Youth Worker at Renfrew) mentored the Executive Core Committee members. This event was a huge success and saw over 200 patrons in attendance.

Renfrew continues to serve as a youth hub and provide a space for young people to engage in healthy, prosocial activities. The youth have utilized Renfrew's extensive leadership development programs and opportunities to build on their capacities and nurture their spirit of volunteerism. These factors contribute greatly to the role of youth in the unique composition in the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood. The future for Renfrew youth looks extremely bright and the role on the community centre plays a pivotal role in this continued development.

Thanks and appreciation for the continued support from the Renfrew Park Community Association and their persistent belief in nurturing the young people of their neighbourhood.

Senior Worker's Annual Report

Submitted by Cheryl Palidda

Renfrew offers a wide range of social programs and services for seniors to connect and network with other seniors within their own community. Staying active and avoiding social isolation promotes psychological well-being and reduces feelings of depression and loneliness.

Programs

Socials - Socials are not only a social but the senior have chance to meet new friends.

Games Area – Is offered 3 times a week and the senior are able to play table tennis, fuse ball and pool from 9am to 12pm.

Sports - Foamball tennis, pickle ball, carpet bowling available on an ongoing basis.

Fitness and Dance -These dance programs and activities that promote and encourage seniors to stay active in their later years.

Music and Singing - Karaoke, English Choir, Piano and Ukulele

Computer and Technology - Skilled bi-lingual instructors teach seniors how to use Lap Top, I-pad, Computer Basics, Internet and I-phone. These programs are offered in English and Cantonese.

Workshops - Ongoing workshops that are offered every Friday from 11am to 12pm. The various subjects include legal, health, financial and other topics. These workshops are mainly geared towards seniors, but are available to anyone wishes to attend.

Language class -ESL class enable seniors to learn and improve on communication skills.

Luncheons - are once a month on a regular base based on special themes for each month.

Out Trips – These trips are usually done by a tour company Enjoy Tours and Travel and is shared by 6 other community centers.

Community Lunch Program /Lunch and Movie Socials- Both these programs are meant to make sure that everyone has a healthy meal. Leftovers are frozen and participants are able to enjoy a nutritious meal at a later time.

Diwali Event –Lunar New Year – this event is open for ages and is well supported by our community.

14th Annual Craft Fair - this fair is always held on the last Saturday in November. This Fair is always has good turn out and is popular with our community.

13th Annual Health and Wellness Fair - is co-sponsored by Adrian Dix and Renfrew Park Community Centre. There are usually over 500 old adults attending this event.

Clinics and Support Services- Renfrew regularly there is foot care clinics, flu clinic, income tax clinic, chronic health self-management program and peer counseling

Chinese Senior's Group - apply every year for the Neighbourhood grant and with this grant they put on a Community Fun Day held in August. Chinese Senior's meet twice a week to practice dancing and the social group meet weekly. Once a month I attend the Chinese Seniors board meetings.

I would like to thank all the centre staff and the board for supporting me with my work, programs and special events.



Happy Corner Parent Participation Preschool

Submitted by Lesley Ormiston

Over this past year, Happy Corner Preschool continued to stand out from other early education facilities in its offering. As a parent participation preschool, we receive many students from the Renfrew neighbourhood and beyond interested in being a part of the HCP community and benefiting from the creative and innovative programming offered by our head teacher, Hisae McMichael. The 2016/17 year has only a few spots available between the two classes that run throughout the week, September to June.

One of the highlights of last year was in using part of a sustainability grant we had received to embark on a strategic planning process. With the support of an outside facilitator, the Executive Board was able to clarify HCP's vision and mission as well as identify some longer range goals. Out of this process, we are focused on ways to increase our enrolment through local community outreach, enhancing our social media presence, rebranding our website and offering a high quality parent education to the public.

With this in mind, we are currently developing an ongoing Parent Education Series in service to HCP parents and the broader community. These evenings are hosted by experts in their field on topics ranging from childhood development to parenting skills and support. They are open to the public and we are seeing a growing interest for this offering.

HCP continues to be active in fundraising efforts throughout the year. In 2015/16, we held two major events: A Pub Night & Silent Auction as well as a Preschoolers' Spring Festival. Both of these fundraisers were well received and fun for everyone involved, young and old. Alongside this commitment, we continue to apply for grants which afford us the ability to offer amazing programming while maintaining our tuition at a rate that is reasonable for families and competitive with other preschools.

We are growing and learning alongside our children at HCP and appreciate and benefit from the lasting relationship to the Renfrew Community Centre Association. We look forward to enjoying many more years in this partnerships and the space we call home for Happy Corner Preschool.



Lions Gate Camera Club

Submitted by Tony Keen

Lions Gate Camera Club was founded in 1938 by a small group of enthusiastic hikers who loved to record their adventures in the North Shore mountains photographically. The Club is now the oldest continuously operating photography club in British Columbia.

Lions Gate Camera Club has met weekly throughout the winter months at Renfrew Park Community Centre since 1965. The Club currently meets in the Community Centre most Thursday evenings from September to June. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

At the present time Lions Gate Camera Club has approximately 40 active members who submit images for evaluation and critiquing on a regular basis. In addition to the regular evaluation sessions the Club offers workshops on various photography topics, photographic outings, mentoring and a number of enjoyable social events each year. Membership fees are \$50.00 per year.

Members' images may be viewed and additional information about the Club found on the Club's web site at www.lionsgatecc.com.



Nakashima Dojo

Submitted by Frank Nakashima

We have been providing judo lessons to members of the Renfrew Park Community Center as an affiliated group since 1968.

Our Instructors are all volunteers which enable the Judo Club to provide Judo Lessons at a very affordable cost to our students.

Our fees of \$25.00 per month for Children under 16 and \$35.00 per month for the Adults is the lowest in the Province and possibly in the Country. Our last increase was 3 years ago when the Center increased our rent.

Still we subsidized some students who cannot afford to pay the full monthly fees by lowering their fees or pay for their Tournament entry fees when they participate in tournaments in the Lower Mainland.

Besides providing Judo lessons and participating in regional tournaments, we have our annual Christmas party and get together to celebrate a going away of members or at the end of the Summer Session.

Our membership is steady with about 35 members. We enroll about 6 – 10 new members each year in our program and have about the same number not returning.



Shung Ying Kung Fu Club

<http://www.shungying.com>

Shung Ying Kung Fu Club

Submitted by Hilbert Yiu

Annual Report of Activities:

- Lion Dance performance for Alpha 1 Automotive for Chinese New Year Celebration. Feb 2017.
- Lion and Dragon Dance performance for Marpole Kumon Math and Reading Center. Feb 2017.
- Lion dance and martial arts demonstration at The Annual Chinese New Year Chinatown Parade in Feb 2017.
- WestCoast Can-Am Championship Martial Arts Competition (Held at the Richmond Oval). May 2017.
- Participation at the Canadian National Wushu Team Trials Held in Toronto, Canada. June 2017
- Lion Dance and Drum performance for Canada Day at the Chinese Cultural Center in Chinatown and Telus world of Science. July 2017
- Lion dance and Martial Arts performance at Floata Chinese Restaurant for the Annual Founders day celebration. August 2017.



The Vancouver Trojans Football Club

Submitted by Stanley Zhu

As we approached the end of 2017 season, we are not only celebrating with upcoming year end banquet and award presentation on Nov 18 this year, we are also preparing for the new upcoming season in 2018. Trojan's vision of providing community football program to the youths of different age groups in the local community will never draw a period.

It was an exciting yet a challenging year for everyone in the Trojan as this is only year in the Trojan's 45 year history without a fall tackle team. A rising concern of injury and especially concussion inflicted on players of playing contact sports continue to outweigh the benefit of this great team sports throughout the lower mainland. Many community football across lower mainland including Vancouver Trojans has continuously faced the challenges with recruitment. As result, many community football club will end up folding their entire fall tackle season due to shortage of players. To continue to promote the safety and importance of teamwork of football, this is the second year Trojan introducing fall flag program. Building upon the momentum and success of last year fall flag program, we have over 30 kids participating in the fall flag programs. Fall flag program is non-contact team sports that will be nurturing and developing football skills among younger players from age 7 to 14.

In the new season, recruitment and retention of talented young football player is still our primary task to be executed under the leadership of Andrew. We are looking forward to any imminent opportunity and attract new players throughout education and wide spread of knowledge with regards to the importance of team sports. We believe the skills that are developed behind teamwork, human interaction, collaboration, and sportmanship would outweigh the risk of injury and ease the worries of many concerned parents. As we all know every single sports contain the great risk of injury if we don't know how and why. At Trojans, we will not only teach our youths the skill to avoid injuries but also entrench the passion of love in anything in life with hearts and guts.

As one thing we believe that football is free of discrimination and simply it is sports that can be played by anyone without limitation of their speed, height, weight and physical ability. It is team sport that we always have a spot for you to play...

Once again we would like to thank the parents, volunteer and friendly staff from the Renfrew community center. With all of your support in our community, we would continue to make the Trojans a legend to last...



Vancouver Aikikai

Submitted by Dave Alexander

Over the last year Vancouver Aikikai's active membership has remained small but stable. We currently run 3 to 4 classes a week, all of which welcome both beginners and advanced students ranging in age from their 20's through their mid-60s. In addition to our ten or so regular members we attract practitioners from other Aikido clubs, several of whom drop in to attend our classes regularly. Three of our five black-belt members taught classes in some capacity throughout the year. Vancouver Aikikai traditionally holds dojo unity seminars several times a year, inviting practitioners and instructors from other Vancouver and lower mainland dojos to join in a day of joint learning and collaboration. We hope these events and other efforts by our members to promote Vancouver Aikikai and Aikido in general will help us achieve some modest growth.

In addition to participating in classes at the Renfrew Community Centre several of our members regularly train at other dojos and attend seminars in BC and around the country. We also maintain strong relationships with dojos such as Trout Lake, SFU, Vancouver West, Victoria, and Mountain Coast Aikikai.

Vancouver Aikikai continues to strive to provide an invigorating and safe training environment for both beginners and seasoned practitioners of the art of Aikido and to promote Aikido to the community at large. We look forward to another year in partnership with the Canadian Aikido Federation, the BC Aikido Federation, and the Renfrew Community Centre.

Renfrew Park Community Association 2016-2017 Board Members

President..... Henry Lee	Past President..... Gayle Uthoff
1 st Vice President..... Albert Lee	2 nd Vice President Tommy Huang
Treasurer David Sexton	Secretary..... Judy Egerton

Members at Large

Chao Cheng	John Chow	Helen Lee	Ting Fei (Fay) Lin
Anthony Mehnert	Eddie Tang		Sari Lundbert



Renfrew Park Community Association Mission Statement
 We aim to assist in developing and fostering community spirit and involvement and to work closely with the other groups in the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood.
 We aim to provide cultural, intellectual and physical activities through affordable recreation and leisure.”

Renfrew Park Community Complex Staff 2016-2017

Community Recreation Supervisor.....	Marian Gardner
Centre Programmer.....	Nick Fong, Angela Nicholson, Geoff Langan
Pool Programmer	Shannu Marette
Fitness Centre Programmer	Steve Tautscher
Community Youth Worker	Suzy Parker, Lynsey MacDonald, Jenn Sather
Senior’s Worker	Cheryl Palidda
Recreation Facility Clerk.....	Jeanette Lum
RPT Cashier Clerk Typist.....	Donna Miazga
Head Cashier	John Henry White
RPT Cashier	Amanda MacRae
Aquatic Leader	Marina Cooke
RPT Aquatic Leader	Dennis Chen, Sarah Harries
Utility Maintenance Worker.....	Andy Xie, Louie Resoso
Building Service Worker	Pedro Duran



Renfrew Park Community Association
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Park Board Mission Statement
 “Provide, preserve and advocate for parks, open spaces and leisure services to enhance the well-being of individuals and communities.”