

Heritage Community Association Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

2018 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

12:00 Noon, #100—1654 11th Ave, Regina SK S4P 0H4



City of Regina



HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

MISSION

To engage and empower residents to build a thriving, all-inclusive inner city community with links to our history and our future.

VISION

HCA envisions an inviting, vibrant, safe, healthy community where residents are proud of their environment, where partnerships are formed, where business is engaged, and where the community association is seen as a leading, innovative organization which is well respected, responding to the needs of the Heritage Community.

MANDATE

To provide relevant needs-based programs, services, and support to help create a healthy community environment.

VALUES

HCA believes and values:

- A healthy, thriving, vibrant, diverse, engaged community.
- Respect, honesty, trust, equality, cooperation and understanding as the basis for interactions with the community, partners, and staff.
- Involving the community and representation of the community to have a voice and Focus on community assets.
- Connections to our past, to our neighbours, to the community, to other stakeholders.
- Innovation, integrity and advocacy in the provision of high quality service.



HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. Board of Directors 2017/2018

SHAWN O'DELL	CHAIR
JAIME REBAN	VICE-CHAIR
IAIN FYFE	CHAIR, FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE
LISA LANIGAN	DIRECTOR
SARAH PEDERSEN	DIRECTOR
SHILPA BHUTADA	DIRECTOR
NAIRN MACKAY	DIRECTOR
CHRIS BAILEY	DIRECTOR



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AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD
- REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
- REPORT OF THE CHAIR, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
- AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT
- APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR
- ELECTION PROCEEDINGS
- SPECIAL BUSINESS
- OTHER
- ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson's Report 2017/18

Over the last year the Heritage Community Association Board of Directors has continued to work toward achieving the Association's vision of creating an inviting, vibrant, safe, healthy community where residents are proud of their environment and where the Community Association is seen as a leading, innovative organization which is well respected, responding to the needs of the Heritage Community.

Partnerships

The Heritage Community Association is grateful to our partners that help us achieve our vision including the City of Regina who provides us with core funding that enables us to pay for our Executive Director position.

Programs

HCA undertakes many great program initiatives and is a steady partner in the community.

Over the course of the present summer months the office is staffed in preparation for another Harvest Moon Festival in September. Last year's festival saw the location moved to take up a few closed blocks of 11th Ave. There were a lot of wonderful acts and some very good food there for all to enjoy. The festival was a success, and many volunteers and some dedicated and hard-working staff made it a very enjoyable experience.

One program that HCA continually offers is the Good Neighbour Grant which provided resources for residents of the Heritage Community Association to undertake projects that help to create positive community ties. Seeing more uptake of this program would be really great!

Staff

Believe it or not Shayna is even better at being the Executive Director of HCA than she was last year! All of us on the Board really appreciate Shayna's knowledge and abilities, and we have come to believe that with Shayna here at HCA we are in very good hands. Thank you Shayna for all your hard work!

Board

The HCA Board of Directors is largely composed of new members, and we have been successful in gaining some wonderful new additions who we bring forward to the Members Meeting for your approval.

The Board has been spending some time working on strategic planning and we hope to carry on with this work into the Fall. Our strategic planning meetings have been useful in helping us understand the history of the Association and has been a good way for the Board to get to know one another.

Every board member dedicates countless hours of their time to the HCA in the form of events, committees board meetings, online discussions, projects and planning sessions. I am proud to have worked with such a great group of volunteer board members!

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn O'Dell

Chair of the Heritage Community Association

Report of the Executive Director 2017/18

This year was a year of growth in many ways.

While we continue to operate with only one permanent staff person and our standard operational funding of \$55,000 from the City of Regina, we have grown our programming and profile significantly in 2017/18.

In early 2017, we began partnering with several other local organizations to develop programming and services for Two-Spirit people in Regina. In our first year of development and exploration, we hired a Program Coordinator and a Student Researcher to provide space for Two-Spirit people to gather, and some resources to support with relationship-building and research. The Talking Circle held to launch this program in May 2017 attracted some positive media attention, and Program staff have been invited to participate in many local events seeking Two-Spirit representation. While still in its infancy, this initiative is filling an important gap in our city, and HCA is playing a crucial administrative role in its initiation and development.

Throughout 2017, we had the opportunity to be involved in a project showcasing some unique neighbourhood history. The national Lost Stories Project selected the story of Yee Clun, former Heritage resident, to be part of their Canada 150 project highlighting under-told histories from across the country. Yee Clun was a restaurant owner who lived in Heritage in the 1920s and stood up against racist and sexist laws of the day. The project hired visual artist Xiao Han to create an art installation in Art Park to commemorate Yee Clun's story, and also created a documentary that shows Xiao's process of creating the work and some of Yee Clun's story. In August 2017, we partnered on an unveiling ceremony in Art Park which was attended by 30+ members of Yee Clun's family (most of whom travelled from Vancouver), and about 100 guests in total. It was a great opportunity to re-invigorate and bring new eyes and hearts to the often under-appreciated Art Park.

Another new experience for us was providing a work placement for the Regina Immigrant Women's Centre's Skills Training to Advance Immigrant Youth (STAIY) program. For 11 weeks in Summer 2017, we hosted Himadri Patel, who helped us with our Heritage Community Survey and other office admin tasks.

In Summer 2017, we ran the first phase of our Mural Project, in partnership with Street Culture Project and Sâkêwêwak Artists' Collective. We hired visual artists to work with youth to paint several murals along 11th Avenue and at Thomson Community School. This project received some positive media coverage and a lot of positive feedback from our community.

Our 2017 Harvest Moon Festival was moved from Maple Leaf Park into the street on 11th Avenue. The move allowed us to begin developing stronger relationships with businesses and organizations along 11th. We also heard from attendees that most found the new location better and more accessible overall. We had 2 stages – a Dance Stage and a Music Stage. An estimated 600 people showed up to celebrate.

Tai Chi Chuan and Kung Fu classes with Heritage resident Eric James was a new program in 2017/18. It was run as a pilot in Fall 2017, for ages 9-14, out of Thomson Community School. With demonstrated interest from the community, and some funding from the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, we were able to extend it to the end of May 2018.

This year, we merged our two physical activity programs (formerly Girls On The Move and Boys Movin' On Up) into one program called "Let's Move." The program reached its max capacity of 40 participants ages 9-14.

Our TRC Report Reading Group, initiated in 2016, continued this year, and we formed a new partnership with the Regina Public Library. The Library sponsors bannock for the meetings, helps to promote, and provides additional resources and communication to participants between meetings. The partnership has helped us attract more consistent attendance.

Our Heritage Kids Cook program in partnership with REACH continued this year, providing 15 young people ages 9-12 the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge around healthy eating, grocery shopping, and cooking.

In February 2018, in partnership with Councillor Stevens, we launched our Graffiti Abatement Initiative, aimed at reducing and removing unwanted graffiti through murals and community engagement.

One major setback this year was a huge power surge accidentally caused by a SaskPower worker. It displaced us from our office for about a month in May/June 2017 and destroyed a number of our computers and kitchen appliances. SaskPower was able to reimburse us for all costs incurred, but it was still a major disruption that cost me a lot of time to manage (thank goodness the Artful Dodger was still across the street to act as a surrogate office space!).

As always, the HCA has been strongly engaged in local events and issues that impact the neighbourhood. We were vocal about our opposition to the Regina Police Service's renewal of their parking lot contracts on Saskatchewan Drive. I have been participating in meetings of Reconciliation Regina and Regina Homelessness. We supported the Safer Sidewalks motion brought to City Council by Councillors Stevens and Bresciani, and the Access Without Fear motion brought by Councillor Stevens and community members. We also regularly provide feedback to the City on applications for re-zoning or development in the neighbourhood.

I think one of the main successes in our 2017/18 year has been the raised profile of the Heritage Community Association. By developing meaningful partnerships with organizations doing important work, by engaging strategically and publicly around relevant current events and issues, and by identifying and responding to significant pressing needs in our community, we have managed to attract a lot of positive attention from both within and outside of our neighbourhood.

I am grateful for a supportive and engaged board, volunteers, staff and community to help make this work feel meaningful and sustainable.

Respectfully,

Shayna Stock
Executive Director

Report of the Chair, Finance & Audit Committee 2017/18

We had a fine year financially, being able to maintain our core funding. It was approximately a break-even year (a small deficit of \$2,011).

Some notes of this year:

- We invested \$40,000 of excess cash in three different term deposits in order to earn a return.
- We were able to significantly increase our project funding through grants and other sources. Some of this funding is treated as deferred revenue as it relates to future projects.
- Going forward, we will look towards increasing our core funding as it has remained at \$55,000 for many years. Our goal would be having it keep pace with inflation. We are also always looking for additional operational funding to pay for more part-time staff members.
- In the coming fiscal year, we are projecting another small deficit, but these should not last into future years if we increase our funding.

Overall, we are in a strong financial position, and this should continue going forward.

Respectfully submitted by Iain Fyfe, Chair of Finance and Audit Committee.

Nomination Committee Report 2017/18

The Heritage Community Association's Board of Directors can consist of five to twelve members. Throughout the year the Board seeks out individuals to fill vacant positions. Candidates are interviewed and presented to the Board for appointment. All appointments that occur during the year are presented to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association for ratification.

The board would like to say farewell to board members Lisa Lanigan, Shilpa Bhutada and Sarah Pedersen. We thank them for all of their work and expertise and commitment to the community and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Over this last year three new people have been appointed to the board: Sheena McCallum, May Chan and Shawna Semeganis. All three live within Heritage, and together they bring a wide breadth of experience and skills to the table. All of these appointments are being presented to the membership at the AGM on June 20, 2018 with our recommendation for ratification.

With these appointments, our total board membership will be at 8.

Nairn MacKay

On behalf of the Nomination Committee



HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AT WORK IN 2017/2018

Community Spirit

Good Neighbour Community Grant Program

Community residents and neighbourhood businesses are encouraged to submit their idea for a “Good Neighbour” project. Winning submissions will receive up to \$500 to assist them with their project. The goal of this program is to engage residents to become involved in helping to achieve a safe and connected neighbourhood. In 2017/18, we awarded 1 Good Neighbour Grant to a group of visual artists involved in Swamp Fest – a new festival held both within Heritage and on Willow Island. The artists created a sticker vending machine with stickers of their own original art, which is now available at neighbourhood business T + A Vinyl and Fashion.

Heritage Art Park

The Heritage Art Park, located at the corner of 11th Avenue and Halifax Street, is an evolving green space that features numerous artistic displays, edible and native trees, shrubs and over 1000 perennials. It is a unique project in Regina and an important resource in our community. Our vision is to maintain the Art Park as a safe place for community members to enjoy and to foster resident engagement by hosting regular cultural events in the park. In Summer 2017, we held several work bees in the park to help keep it tidy and healthy.

Harvest Moon Festival

This autumn celebration offers family-friendly activities and cultural performances to all Heritage residents, free of charge. The festival fosters cohesiveness and community pride by highlighting, hands-on and interactively, traditions of yesterday and today and moving the community towards its vision for tomorrow. Our 8th annual festival in 2017 was held in the street, along 11th Avenue between Osler and St. Johns. It brought together over 600 community members and was made possible through the contributions of many volunteers and organizations, including the City of Regina, SaskCulture, and the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.

Heritage Merchandise

We commissioned t-shirts and tote bags with a hand-printed typographic map of the Heritage neighbourhood. These have been sold at our office and events, and given to volunteers. They enable Heritage community members to literally wear their community spirit on their sleeves.

“I’m Glad We’re Neighbours” Signs

In Spring 2017, in response to widespread Islamophobia including the shooting at a mosque in Quebec City, the HCA developed lawn signs that say “I’m Glad We’re Neighbours” in English, Arabic and French, and the word “Welcome” in over 20 different languages present in our neighbourhood with Cree and Saulteaux featured

prominently. Signs are available for free to Heritage residents, and for a suggested donation of \$10 to non-residents.

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Heritage Kids Cook!

Thanks to funding by the City of Regina we were able to offer two 7-week cooking classes for students at Thomson ages 9-12 – one in Spring 2017 and one in Fall 2017. These classes focus on healthy eating, how to follow recipes, and how to shop for food (via a trip to a local grocery store). They are run in partnership with REACH.

Let's Move

In partnership with Thomson Community School, we offer this weekly physical activity program to participants aged 9 to 14 years. Participants help coordinate the program by choosing physical activities of interest and activities that promote positive relationship-building. This year, participants engaged in a variety of physical activities including swimming, bowling, laser tag and gymnastics. Thanks to funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program, we are able to offer this program for free to all participants.

Mural Project

In partnership with with Street Culture Project and Sâkêwêwak Artists' Collective, this program develops art-based skills among local youth and works with them and local businesses to create more public art in the neighbourhood. In summer 2017, we hired visual artists to work with youth to paint several murals along 11th Avenue and at Thomson Community School.

Senshudokan Judo

These classes began as an HCA program, and after a few years of running independently, have returned under the HCA umbrella. Classes for children, teens and adults run on a weekly basis out of Thomson Community School.

Tai Chi Chuan

New as of Fall 2017, Heritage resident Eric James teaches free introductory Tai Chi Chuan classes for youth ages 9-14 at Thomson Community School. In 2017, we received support from the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation's Smart and Caring Fund.

TRC Report Reading Group

This program is a monthly gathering of people who are reading the Executive Summary of the Truth & Reconciliation Committee's report, to discuss its content and implications. As of 2017, the group is run in partnership with Regina Public Library.

Support Services

Graffiti Abatement

Launched in February 2018, this initiative aims to engage community members in removing unwanted graffiti. With support from community members and local businesses, we have supplies and labour to provide to residents who need help removing or covering up unwanted graffiti on their properties.

Two-Spirit Group

In early 2017, we began partnering with several other local organizations to begin to develop programming for and with Two-Spirit people in Regina. We are currently holding gatherings every two weeks at the HCA office. Indigenous people of variant genders and ways of loving are invited to come listen, learn, talk, and teach. The

group also held several special events throughout 2017/18, including a Talking Circle with Marjorie Beaucage, BBQs, Games Nights, and a Bowling Night.

Community Engagement

Business and Service Directory

The HCA maintains an online directory of businesses and services in the neighbourhood at www.heritagecommunityassociation.com/business-service-directory. This was fully updated in Summer 2017.

Community Forums

Information sessions and community dialogues are hosted by HCA on a variety of community-related topics or concerns. In 2017/18, we partnered with Councilor Stevens on two community forums: one on parking and safety, and another on development.

Community Newsletter

The community newsletter *Heritage Happenings* keeps community residents in touch with programs, events, and community related news. The print newsletter is published 2 times per year and distributed to 3000 residents and businesses in the community. Advertising is available. To keep in touch in between publications of *Heritage Happenings*, HCA also produces and distributes an email newsletter 12 times per year.

Community Signs

Two reader boards and one public notice board, housed in all three sections of the community, are used to inform residents of programs and services being offered by HCA. The signs are also available for rent.

Community Switchboard

The purpose of the switchboard has been to provide community residents a means to communicate and report to HCA any relevant community concerns. This can include general and specific issues that arise in the community, for example inadequate and unhealthy housing conditions, community safety issues, crime and drug related issues, graffiti, traffic control, etc. Once reported, specific issues are directed to the appropriate agencies or organizations for them to deal with and the follow up of these reports are monitored. The community switchboard can also be used to let HCA know about what works well in the community and what residents enjoy about living in our neighbourhood.

Heritage Community Survey

Beginning in Summer 2017, we have been engaging members of our community in a survey to assess the current assets and needs of the neighbourhood. The survey consisted of door-to-door surveys, an online survey for residents, in-person interviews with directors of service organizations, and an online survey for staff of service organizations. We also worked with local data enthusiast Doug Elliott to compile 2016 Statistics Canada numbers for our neighbourhood. Research is ongoing, and full results will be presented in Fall 2018.

Information Library

HCA has created an Information Library where residents can easily access a wide range of educational information on social, health, community and economic programs relevant to the neighborhood.

Website

Please visit us at www.heritagecommunityassociation.com