



North Woodside Community Association

Annual General Meeting

June 14, 2015

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June 14, 2015 7:00 pm**

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and opening remarks | Chairperson |
| 2. Acceptance of Agenda | Chairperson |
| 3. Acceptance of 2014 Minutes AGM | Chairperson |
| 4. Presentation of Reports | |
| a. Chairperson Report | Craig Boutilier |
| b. Finance Report/Auditors Report | Elizabeth Crook |
| c. Centre Managers Report | Debby Meier |
| 5. Amendments to Constitution/By-Laws | Susan MacEachern |
| 6. Receipt and Acceptance of Resignations NWCA | Craig Boutilier |
| 7. Nominations for NWCA 2015-2016 | Elizabeth Crook |
| 8. Closing Remarks | Craig Boutilier |

*Invite to join the Directors for refreshments after the meeting.

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Attendance: Craig Boutilier, Elizabeth Crook, Debby Meier, Kim Carver, Alan Morris, Karen Clark, Susan McEachern, Grant MacDonald, Bryn Jones-Vaillancourt, Mary Sargeant, Charlene Boutilier
Regrets: Andrea Khiroya

1. The Annual General meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the Chair, Craig Boutilier. The chair welcomed all present.
2. The agenda was presented. **Moved** by Susan; **Seconded** by Elizabeth - to approve the Agenda as presented. **Carried.**
3. The minutes of the 2013 AGM were presented. **Moved** by Bryn; **Seconded** by Kim - to approve the 2013 AGM minutes as presented. **Carried.**
4. Presentation of Reports:
 - a) Chair's report was presented by Craig Boutilier. **Moved** by Debby; **Seconded** by Bryn – to accept the Chair's report. **Carried.**
 - b) Elizabeth Crook presented the Financial report. Included in this report is a draft statement from the auditor. Revenue from bookings increased this year. However our operating expenses also increased, as did minimum wage. We have \$6376.97 in GIC's that is reserved for capital projects. Our fundraising campaign for the new addition now stands at \$55082.62. **Moved** by Elizabeth; **Seconded** by Susan - to approve the 2014 Financial report as presented. **Carried.**
 - c) Debby Meier presented the Centre Manager's report. The Centre has been very busy. It is increasingly evident that the proposed expansion should be a priority of the Board, as we are busting at the seams. Our semi- annual events (flea market/craft show/pancake breakfast) were again successes. There were several capital projects to improve the Centre this year, notably new wood and linoleum floors, as well as a power upgrade to the main panel. Debby gave an overview of events, fundraising efforts, volunteers, programs, bookings, tenants, donations, and summer camp. Debby thanked all staff of the Centre for their hard work and dedication. **Moved** by Susan; **Seconded** by Grant - to accept the Centre Manager's report as presented. **Carried.**
5. Amendments to Constitution/By-laws: Susan read the proposed changes to all and suggestions and/or friendly amendments were welcomed and

discussed. **Moved** by Susan; **Seconded** by Charlene – to adopt the changes to the Constitution as discussed, agreed upon, and recorded. **Carried.**

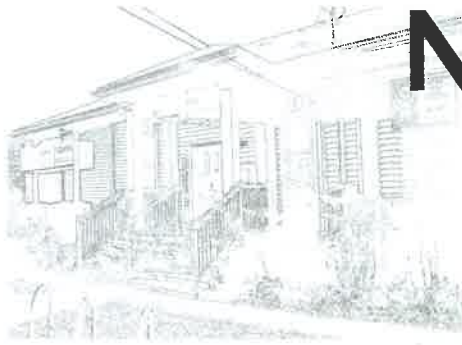
6. Board resignations: Resignations were accepted from Michelle Negus and Ann Van Nostrand, with regret.

7. Nomination of Directors: The following have indicated their intentions to remain on the Board as Directors: Craig Boutilier, Andrea Khiroya, Bryn Jones-Vaillancourt, Susan McEachern. Ex-officio members of the Board are: Karen Clark, Elizabeth Crook, Gloria McCluskey, Debby Meier. Bruce Heatherington remains as an Honorary Director. **Moved** by Debby; **Seconded** by Susan – to accept the slate of Directors, ex-officio officers and Honorary Director. **Carried.**

The Chair thanked all for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Date: June 22, 2014
Recording Secretary - *Alena Harris*
Secretary of The Board - *Bryn Jones-Vaillancourt*



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In October we had a great event where we were pleased to be celebrating 20 years of success of our Community Centre. Volunteers Robert Chisholm and Allan Rowe were in attendance participating in our celebration. Mayor Mike Savage and Councillor Gloria McCluskey were also present and presented the Association with an award of recognition.

Our events continue to get the support of businesses from all over HRM such as our Appreciation Dinner, Merchandise Bingos, and Canada Day Idol.

The Centre continues to be lovingly maintained and regularly improved. The old oil furnace which provided heat for the whole building has been replaced with two smaller natural gas boilers. An Access Control Card System was installed in 2014 to allow a more secure form of entry through an increased amount of outside doors that had been previously only be used as emergency exits.

We were also pleased last year to roll out NWCA memberships cards which allow new members yearly reports and voting privileges, 10% off personal rental spaces and NWCC programs, and advance notice of events and programs offered.

I would like this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our Community Centre. We couldn't have made it here without you.

Respectfully,
Craig Boutilier
Chairperson
North Woodside Community Association

The mission of the North Woodside Community Association is to aid in focusing the energy and skills of citizens in building a stronger community in which to live, work and play

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FINANCIAL REPORT

On behalf of the North Woodside Community Association it is my pleasure to present our annual Financial Report. Our fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st.

As of March 31, 2015 our **revenue** was **\$233,322.00**

As of March 31, 2015 our **operating expenses** were **\$215,106.00**

Our excess of **Revenue over Expenses** for the year was **\$18,216.00**

Our regular revenue comes from the general public in the form of rentals, donations and fund-raising. As a non-profit charitable organization, we are allowed a surplus as we need to have monies set aside to maintain the Centre if at any time our income was decreased below operating costs. These funds are put into a reserve to be used only for that purpose.

An operating grant from HRM was received in the amount of \$27,946.00. However, this HRM grant comes with restrictions on how the funds should be spent. We have to apply for this grant each year and submit it within the deadline set by HRM. This grant has enabled the Centre to provide increased programming, meet the many maintenance needs of the Centre, staffing and equipment needs.

The Centre has grown in its bookings and our revenue from rentals has increased by over \$2,652.00 since last year. We are currently booked every weekday and during the weekends.

As per other years, some expenses have increased and due to the increase in Centre activity, the janitorial and maintenance needs have also increased. These expenses are included in the budget. This past year the old oil furnace was replaced and natural gas was installed. This new method has led to savings in our utilities cost. At the time of installation the Association was told that we would save at least \$5000.00. The savings are reflected in utilities at \$6320.00.

There was an increase in the Provincial minimum wage and salaries were increased. The busier the Centre is the more staff has to be brought in and at a greater frequency. The position of Events Coordinator was not filled in the past year and staff costs were under budget because of this.

We work extremely hard to stay within our budget.

While we do have \$6376.97 invested in a GIC, this is a restricted fund and is reserved for Capital Projects only.

At this time I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Debby Meier, our Centre Manager for her excellent work on behalf of the Centre. We would be lost without her knowledge and devotion. Thank you so much Debby.

In closing, the Association's goals for the coming year are:

- to be financially responsible as always and to strive to meet the budget that is established by the Board.
- to continue to promote and fully utilize the North Woodside Community Centre
- to increase revenue to meet the many needs of this Centre

And in closing, the Association remains committed to this facility, our tenants, regular users and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Crook
Treasurer
North Woodside Community Association

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of North Woodside Community Association

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of North Woodside Community Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets 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 entity'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 entity'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 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

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Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, North Woodside Community Association derives revenue from fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of North Woodside Community Association. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the year ended March 31, 2015, current assets and net assets as at March 31, 2015.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of North Woodside Community Association as at March 31, 2015 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.

Halifax, Nova Scotia
June 9, 2015

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

NORTH WOODSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures****Year Ended March 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
REVENUE		
Grants	\$ 44,441	\$ 39,262
Donations and fundraising	20,029	30,495
Hourly bookings	61,146	67,349
Interest income	811	49
Other	720	268
Monthly rentals	68,834	66,182
Programming	37,341	39,673
	<u>233,322</u>	<u>243,278</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	2,581	3,524
Equipment	5,699	3,733
Insurance	3,347	3,622
Interest and bank charges	2,465	1,642
Janitorial cleaning	18,707	16,323
Professional fees	2,225	2,419
Programming	15,265	18,426
Repairs and maintenance	9,732	8,528
Salaries and wages	95,458	98,509
Scholarship	500	500
Snow and garbage removal	10,354	10,688
Special events	4,483	4,712
Supplies	11,082	12,688
Utilities	33,208	39,528
	<u>215,106</u>	<u>224,842</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 18,216	\$ 18,436

NORTH WOODSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 61,255	\$ 44,295
Cash - restricted	64,257	61,460
Accounts receivable	1,068	1,486
HST receivable	5,116	8,259
Prepaid expenses	2,100	2,063
	\$ 133,796	\$ 117,563
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 3)	\$ 12,361	\$ 14,344
NET ASSETS		
Internally restricted net assets (Note 4)	64,253	61,460
Unrestricted net assets	57,182	41,759
	121,435	103,219
	\$ 133,796	\$ 117,563

COMMITMENTS (Note 5)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

_____ Director

NORTH WOODSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 18,216	\$ 18,496
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	418	(688)
HST receivable	3,143	(4,395)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,983)	1,628
Deferred income	-	(2,134)
Prepaid expenses	(37)	297
	<u>1,541</u>	<u>(5,292)</u>
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW	19,757	13,144
Cash - beginning of year	<u>105,755</u>	<u>92,611</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 125,512	\$ 105,755
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	\$ 61,255	\$ 44,295
Cash - restricted	<u>64,257</u>	<u>61,460</u>
	\$ 125,512	\$ 105,755

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Stick with us. We're the glue.



Let's all hold the
community *together*.

Centre Manager's Report

April 1st 2014 – March 31st 2015

It's that time of the year again to reflect on the Centres' many accomplishments and to thank all who contribute daily to the success of the Centre. We see 200-300 people come through our doors daily to take part in our own programs and events, tenants and bookings, programs and community rentals. This past year we had over 409 rentals for instructional space, social space for birthday parties, showers and meeting space. We had over 300 people take part in our many programs that we offer throughout the year. We have utilized over 75 volunteers on a regular basis to help run our events, help facilitate programs, offer helping hands within a program, ticket sales, bake sales, monitoring our new jump tent, and much more.

This year we offered memberships at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Our membership offers a discount on our programs, advance notice of events and programming, discount on rental space for personal use and yearly report and voting privileges at our AGM. To date we have sold 44 memberships.

We have so many people, groups and organizations from within HRM who utilize the Centre. We are home to Tenants and Regular Bookings that offer many diverse activities and services. Our involvement in the community is strong as we provide services, programming, events and activities for all ages that everyone can take part in, benefit from, and enjoy. Our mandate is to promote a healthy community.

The staff continues to prove their dedication to this organization through provision of top quality service, ongoing devotion, along with their insightful relationships with other employees and clients of the Centre. The North Woodside Community Centre does not accept the status quo as "all right", but instead continues to strive to meet the unique needs of our community, employees and the many users of the Centre. Together the staff and I have met another challenging year head-on and I have worked hard to provide administrative guidance and planning. The commitment of all staff to the vision of the North Woodside Community Centre, as well as to the surrounding community and its needs, is an invaluable asset.

Working together with community organizations, clients, the general public and the City of Halifax is a rewarding experience and their ongoing support and involvement with the Centre is a wonderful benefit to everyone involved.

Finally, within the walls of the Centre is a community that is strong and willing to offer a helping hand when needed. The working relationship between the various tenants and

regular bookings is one that is considerate of each other's needs. The staff and participants of the various tenants, bookings and instructors of programs have formed relationships that foster camaraderie within the Centre. This past year we said goodbye to Dolly and Denzil David of Kinderville Daycare and Preschool and we welcomed the new owners Sheldon and Jennifer Bixby of The Growing Place Early Education Centre.

The North Woodside Community Association truly reflects, in the Centre it operates, the meaning of community.

Debby Meier
Centre Manager

**North Woodside Community Centre
Board of Directors & Staff 2014/2015**

Directors	Position
Craig Boutilier	Chairperson
Bill Zebedee	Vice Chair
Elizabeth Crook	Treasurer
Bryn Jones -Vaillancourt	Secretary
Susan McEachern	Director
Andrea Khiroya	Director
Gordon Hayward	Director
Ex- Officio Members	
Karen Clark	Recreation HRM
Andy Conrad	Community Facility Service Delivery Coordinator
Gloria McCluskey	Councilor District 5
Bruce Hetherington	Past Councilor and Chairperson
Staff	
Debby Meier	Centre Manager/Ex-Officio
Kim Carver	Centre Administrative Clerk / Program Coordinator
Marly Morris	Centre Clerk, Camp Developer/Supervisor
Charlene Boutilier	Centre Clerk / Volunteer Coordinator
Michael Burton	Centre Clerk
Alan Morris	Custodian / Janitorial
Frank MacLeod	Janitorial

Facility Bookings

The Centre is the home to many organizations. The Centre houses instructional groups, support groups, educational groups, recreational groups, as well as meetings and seminars for many people. Below are some of the many groups who use the Centre on a regular basis:

- ❖ Active Life Styles Exercise Class
- ❖ Active Life Styles Music Class
- ❖ Active Life Style Music Therapy
- ❖ Active Life Styles Yoga
- ❖ AIAnon
- ❖ AIAnon District #7 Business Meetings
- ❖ AIAnon Institutions
- ❖ All About Dogs
- ❖ Ann Graham
- ❖ Andrew Janusas
- ❖ Bernadette Dawson Belly Dance
- ❖ Budo Central
- ❖ Christadelphians
- ❖ City of Lakes Quilters
- ❖ Citizens Church
- ❖ Coordinators Square Dance
- ❖ CUPE 3698
- ❖ Deborah Skilliter (Yoga)
- ❖ Diana Doherty (Yoga)
- ❖ Down Home Fiddlers
- ❖ Elizabeth MacDonald (Step Dance)
- ❖ English Country Dance
- ❖ Greene School Parents Association
- ❖ Halifax Correctional Services
- ❖ Homebridge Youth Society
- ❖ Kerry Fletcher
- ❖ Lakecity Swingers
- ❖ Lena Fraser
- ❖ Linda and John Powell (Oil Painting)
- ❖ Lisa McKenna
- ❖ Margaret MacDonald
- ❖ Marlene York
- ❖ Mawi'omi Childcare (Waterfront Campus)
- ❖ NSCC
- ❖ Racially Visible Caucus
- ❖ Royal Scottish Dance
- ❖ Shamhbala
- ❖ Thistle Scottish Country Dancers
- ❖ Top Hats and Roses
- ❖ Tops
- ❖ Wasp

Full Time Tenants

Our Tenants consist of The Growing Place Early Education Centre, Greene School of Irish Dance, Dasc Industries, City of Lakes Boxing Club, Al-Anon Information Services, Susan McEachern, Greg Simm, and Leica Hardy School of Dance.

The Centre strives to meet the many needs of our Tenants on a daily basis. There is open communication at all times with the Tenants and the staff of the North Woodside Community Centre. Staff works very hard to ensure a sound working relationship with all the tenants and provide a safe and clean environment for all to work in.

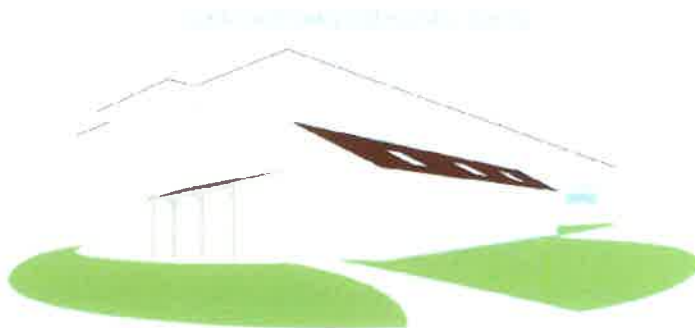
Helping Hands

The North Woodside Community Centre offers a helping hand when needed to organizations that have no funding and are giving of their time to help others in need. The Association sponsors various groups throughout the year. TOPS and The City of Lakes Quilters are some of the groups who we sponsor.

Once again, Theresa Hurst and Shirley Murphy of V.O.N quilters both contributed \$1000.00 through the Imperial Oil V.I.P grant towards our new addition for their volunteer hours at the Centre, working on a quilt for the Centre to sell tickets and fundraise for the new addition. Both women are part of The City of Lakes Quilters who make quilts and donate these quilts to organizations to help raise funds.

We offer space to community groups to meet for the first time aiding them in starting up their group or community cause.

Each year the Association sponsors one child a week for our summer camp program, who would not normally have the opportunity to attend a camp.



General Donations

We receive many donations from local community people and users of the Centre. Donations go towards summer camp, regular programming, and equipment needs or are made to support a special event itself. We are very appreciative of any amount of support we receive and recognize each donator at our annual dinner.

General Donations 2014-2015

Imperial Oil Esso Canada Day \$2000.00
Exxon Mobility (Building) – \$1000.00 (Theresa Hurst)
Exxon Mobility (Building) – 1000.00 (Shirley Murphy)
Top Hats and Roses (Summer Camp) – 1,040.00
Valero Energy Foundation of Canada – 3000.00

Under \$1000.00

Harry Cheesman – 50.00
Margaret Dunn – 300.00
Bruce Hetherington – 200.00
Bill Maguire – 348.30
United Way – 24.00
TOPS – 160.00
Astrid Trefry – 20.00
Roberta Chisholm – 52.00
Shelly Hiltz – 21.00
Royal Scottish Dance Society – 50.00
Christopher Kraseman – 100.00
George Jewell – 20.00
Robert Chisholm – 200.00
Gen MacInnis – 68.50
Reginald Jones – 100.00
Top Hates and Roses – 265.00
Marlene York – 100.00
Gen MacInnis – 58.00
Helen Zebedee – 47.55

Each year our many events would not be a success without the support of so many businesses from within our Community and businesses throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

A & W - Woodside	Mary Browns Tacoma Drive
Alexandra's Pizza – Woodside	Irving Oil Limited
Johns Lunch	Mackay's Pharmachoice
Atlantic Superstore - Portland Street	Pilot's Pub
Beo Spa Downtown Dartmouth	Pizza Hut - Portland Street
Shoppers Drug Mart Tacoma Drive	Pizza Tonight
Napa Auto Pro Eastern Passage	Sobey's - Penhorn
Circle K - Cole Harbour	Sobey's - Russell Lake
Circle K -Eastern Passage	Sobey's - Westphal
Dartmouth Sportsplex	Tim Horton's - Pleasant Street
Family Drug - Pharmachoice	Tim Horton's - 207 Portland Street
Guardian - Dartmouth Gate	Walmart - Cole Harbour/Dart Crossing
Superstore Braemar Drive	Glenda's Barbershop
	Dave Doolittle's Bar and Grill

Capital Improvements

- ✓ Belfor in to remove asbestos in furnace room, storage room, boxing club and all asbestos removed from any piping in the lower hallway in the gym.
- ✓ Metro Burner in to remove furnace and outside oil tanks in preparation for installation of Natural Gas system.
- ✓ Metro Burner in to install new burners and natural gas system.
- ✓ Southern Electric in to establish 4 fire alarm pull stations and install.

Also this past year the Centre switched from a regular key locking system to a fob/card system. Many thanks to Craig Boutilier for the many volunteer hours he gave to install

this new system. The Association also had a sink installed in the upper staff room and cabinet in June 2014. Mr. Router was hired to install all plumbing associated with it.

Maintenance

Maintenance items are completed on a day-to-day basis. There are too many items to list. We take much pride in the appearance of the Centre both indoors and outdoors. The appearance, cleanliness and safety of the building are top priorities. A few of these items are:

- Door to staff kitchen changed to swing out
- Disconnected old washer. New washer purchased and installed
- Carvery's in to install outdoor cage for propane tanks
- Secured soffit under awning on harbor side of building
- Replaced light switch for gym handicap washroom
- Painted blue wheelchair accessible parking spots
- Painted yellow parking lines
- Company in to strip and wax gym
- Installed door handle at south upper level
- Guilfords in to insulate piping in furnace room
- Hussman in to service heat exchanger
- Outside clean-up : leaves and debris
- Atlantica Engineering in to replace 2 circulators
- City in to check infrastructure check list for long range planning
- Drywall holes in gym and paint
- Roof leaks in many rooms. Remove wet tiles and put in garbage
- Replace ballast in boxing club
- Strip built-up sections of wax off gym floor
- Paint walls in MP3 and MPR4
- Replaced light switches in canteen and gym

New Equipment

- Pickleball Equipment/Lebarre Equipment
- Indoor garbage systems to replace steel cans
- Stove, Fridge and Washer
- Jump Tent for events, summer camp and private parties
- Business router for internet
- Popcorn machine
- New computer
- Floor Mats for upper main hallway

Special Events/Fundraising

Each year our events continue to be a success. Our pancake breakfast is enjoyed by many and combined with a craft show has become a great fundraiser. We had over 300 people come through the door this year and served 165 breakfasts.

Canada Day Idol was hosted once again. This event was attended by over 300 people and we highlighted 20 talented contestants from within Halifax Regional Municipality. Once again Imperial Oil Esso was our main sponsor and helped ensure the success of this event.

Merchandise Bingos are another fundraiser that we host 2 times a year. The Bingos are well attended and we have been fortunate to obtain donations from local businesses throughout Halifax Regional Municipality for the games that are played

There are many events we would like to host. However, due to limited space, the distance with so many stairs from the upper level to the lower level for seniors or physically challenged to manoeuvre, and a workable kitchen on the same level as the gym, it limits the Association to the type of events we can host.

Special Events

Merchandise Bingo November	\$1418.38
Kris Kringle Craft Show and Breakfast	\$2333.55
Spring Craft Show and Pancake Breakfast	\$638.56
Canada Day Idol	1226.35
Total	\$5616.84

Ticket Sales

Lobster Draw	1161.53
Quilt Draw	629.35

20th Celebration

This year we celebrated our 20th year of operation. As a way to thank the community members who made the past twenty years a success, we decided to host an event that brought us back to our roots: an Autumn Fair! This event was held on the afternoon of October 26, 2014. Initially intended to be an outdoor fair, the rain prevented us from holding our event in the backyard. However, it did not prevent us from celebrating and enjoying all of the various activities that were offered. These included a mock jail, pumpkin carving competition, cake walk, Halloween photo booth, square and line dancing, jump tent, memory book station, and more. We had a great turnout, and had many compliments on the afternoon. We could not be more proud of the past 20 years!

Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Dinner

Volunteers are the heart of any organization. Volunteers are special people who offer their services and undertake tasks that are invaluable to an organization such as the North Woodside Community Centre. We are very lucky to have volunteers today, as people lead such busy lives and free time is a luxury that is less and less. We rely heavily on volunteers for so many of our special events and fundraisers. We appreciate the support we receive from local businesses, community members and organizations.

A volunteer dinner was held on February 22, 2015 in the Gym. As in the past, we began fundraising for this event months before. Total amount raised was \$1296.25. This year we went for a casual theme. Guests enjoyed pizza from Alexandra's. We had plenty of appetizers before the meal during the meet and greet and ended the evening with the Celebration Cake.

We also approached local businesses so that we would be able to give out door prizes throughout the night. Volunteers earned their prizes by singing, dancing or answering quizzes. All in attendance enjoyed the live entertainment and the many great prizes that were given away.

Thank you to all the volunteers, donators, sponsors and staff who help make the programs, special projects, and special events possible.

Volunteer Coordinator Annual Report

We have come to the end of another successful year in terms of Volunteers at the North Woodside Community Centre!

Recruiting began in September. We were fortunate to attend Orientation week at the Nova Scotia Community College, plus we recruited through Facebook, Twitter, our website, our newsletter, and by word of mouth. We screened and welcomed 9 new volunteers this year ranging in ages from 18 to 66! Some of the new volunteers included students seeking volunteer opportunities needed to meet school requirements, to those seeking to just give back to the community.

As usual, volunteers were involved in many events and programs this year. Most of our approximately 75 volunteers were utilized in many areas. Volunteers were scheduled and used for the following: 3 Elementary Dances, 20 Youth Nights, 2 Merchandise Bingos, the Kris Kringle Craft Show, the 20th Anniversary Autumn Fair (including a night of decoration making), Quilt Ticket sales (2 full days at Mackay's Pharmachoice and 12 evenings at the Centre), Lobster Ticket Sales (4 full days at Mackay's Pharmachoice), two 8 week sessions of Move to the Beat, and the Spring Craft Show and Pancake Breakfast. We are fortunate to have many fabulous and dedicated volunteers!!