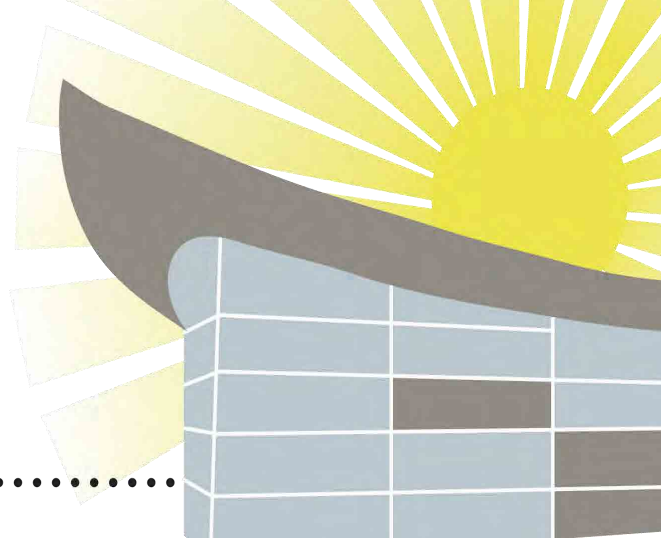


Sunset

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Annual
General
Report
2016



President's Report

As we move out of celebrating our 70th year as an Association, it is a good time to reflect on the changes in our neighbourhood.

We have seen an amazing expansion of programs for our community over the last year. This is thanks to the excellent work of our partners who focus on developing Programs to meet the needs of our community. Joe Wong from the Parks Board in particular has been a welcoming and dedicated community member and we wish to thank him especially while new faces are coming on board in the roles of Youth Worker and in the Moberly Arts and Cultural Center team.

The Association board is also in an exciting time. We welcomed new board members to apply to the board. We had four open positions for new members and had lots of interest expressed. Through the AGM voting process, we will learn who our new members will be and it is a wonderful opportunity to see so many want to give back to the community.

The Board was also proud to see the Out of School Care program expand to Sexsmith Elementary over the last year. A real team effort and value to the many working families in the community.

We continue to support efforts to improve our space and look forward to seeing further work to join most of our neighbouring venues through the Green-space initiative. Detailed engineering and community consultations continue with a target for construction in 2017.



Also on the radar for the Board is the Seniors Center proposed this year.

Finally, one event I really look forward to is the Canada Day Celebration which will be even better this year with Canada's 150th birthday. We do hope that you and your family will be able to attend.

Please feel welcome to join a committee or a project team to learn more about your community and meet new neighbours. Or simply come by and have a cup of tea or sign up for a class or event – we would love to meet you!

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Hubbard
President
Sunset Community Association





Treasurer's Report

The 2016 financial performance of the Sunset Community Association (SCA) remained stable and strong, consistent with prior years. Total revenue increased by 9.2% to \$1.2 million. Total expenses increased by 9.5% to \$1.1 million, resulting in a surplus of \$55,017. The direct correlation of revenue and expenses is a good indicator of strong fiscal performance. SCA is a charity and "not-for-profit" organization; the financial results are consistent with the objectives of the SCA which includes serving the community. The Board is committed to operating SCA with proper governance and stewardship.

With respect to the Statement of Financial Position, the net asset position of the SCA remains strong. Current Assets increased due to our operating surplus and the increase in our cash position reflects the surplus. As reported at the 2016 AGM, the Finance Committee performed a review its restricted net assets position. With the support of the Board, \$500,000 of the cash reserve were moved into an internally restricted classification: \$300,000 for preschool and out of school care operations, and \$200,000 for future initiatives. In order to use these funds or make changes to the restrictions, formal approval and consent from the Board of Directors must be obtained. The Board will review these restrictions at least annually. Accounts receivable increased slightly to \$30,266 due to timing of revenue processed through Parks Board. Our liabilities are virtually identical to 2015, and there are no concerns with settling the trade payables or delivering the programs relating to unearned revenue.

With respect to the revenue side of the Statement Of Operations, the increase is mostly attributed to Programs, notably Adult, Children, Preschool, and Youth. The revenue increase is matched by similar increases in program expenses. The prior years trend of declining rental revenue stopped in 2016 and we saw a slight increase in revenue. Over the last few years, our Preschool Manager, Paramjeet Munday and members of the Board (Barb Womersley and Deljit Paul) worked hard to add an Out Of School Care program at Sexsmith School in cooperation with the Vancouver School Board. The team was busy with all the necessary planning, constructions, licence, insurance and permits, which were completed in 2016. The Out of School program has commenced at Sexsmith in November 2016. Supplies and Expenses for Out of School care increased by about \$10,000 in connection with the anticipated set up cost for the new facilities. Total Child Care revenue was down slightly due to a reduction in Out of School Care grants.



Total Moberly revenues were \$3,300 higher due mainly to an increase in grants received. Offset by higher wages and lower utilities costs, the net surplus for Moberly was virtually identical to 2015 at \$5,813.

Despite the ongoing dispute with the Park Board, the Board is dedicated to ensuring our equipment and facilities are safe and current. Equipment is repaired or replaced as needed in accordance with maintenance schedules and input from the Program Committee. The Board reviews and votes on all requests for capital expenditure.

Items worth mentioning that are non-operating are that the audit of our 2016 financials went well and resulted in an unqualified audit opinion from our auditors, Thompkins, Wozny, Miller & Company. Liz Holstein-Sjerdal, our dedicated Bookkeeper who managed our record keeping duties very effectively, can take much of the credit for ensuring our finances are maintained accurately and orderly.

Looking forward, in 2017 your board will continue to look closely at areas of expenditure with an eye to increasing revenues and spending wisely. We expect to see the results of those efforts reflected in the financial statements presented at our next AGM.

Special thanks to the other members of Finance Committee, Deljit Paul and Phil Daum (former Treasurer) for all their help and guidance throughout 2016. We will be further expanding our Finance Committee in 2017 with interested and competent individuals.

Finally, in recognition of values that cannot be directly measured in dollars and cents - to all of those individuals who volunteered, worked, instructed, played, invested, and participated in Sunset - thank you for a great 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Fung
Treasurer
Sunset Community Association



2016 Objectives from the Sunset Strategic Plan

The five-year Sunset Strategic Plan was ratified at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Each year, the Association selects up to 5 objectives to target to meet the needs of our community, improve our service delivery, and maintain the highest professional conduct of our Association.

For 2016, the Association selected three objectives to focus their efforts for good governance and representation for the Sunset community. Progress to date includes:

2016 Association Objectives	Outcomes/Results
Maximize use of outdoor areas and green space	Further work was done for the Greenspace plan. Sunset expressed support and interest in the pool survey done by the Parks Board. In addition, support was given for the proposed senior center in the Sunset area.
Strengthen and expand partnerships and relationships	Sunset Community Association continued to work with status quo operations. The Board participated in the process for the revitalized Joint Operating Agreement which is on-going.
Maintain and improve facilities and infrastructure	Sunset Community Association opened the Sexsmith Out of School Care program in November 2016. Good relationships have been established with the school, PAC, parents and students.



In May 2017, we will target 3 new Objectives to further the implementation of our Strategic Plan. Focus will be on:

Maximize use of outdoor areas and green space - will continue to be a focus as the Green space plan becomes a reality. In addition, there will be a need to work with the community to build community gardens within the plan.

Govern the Association with effective and transparent policies and procedures – the Association will focus on adopting the new Society Act and updating its by-laws to ensure compliance.

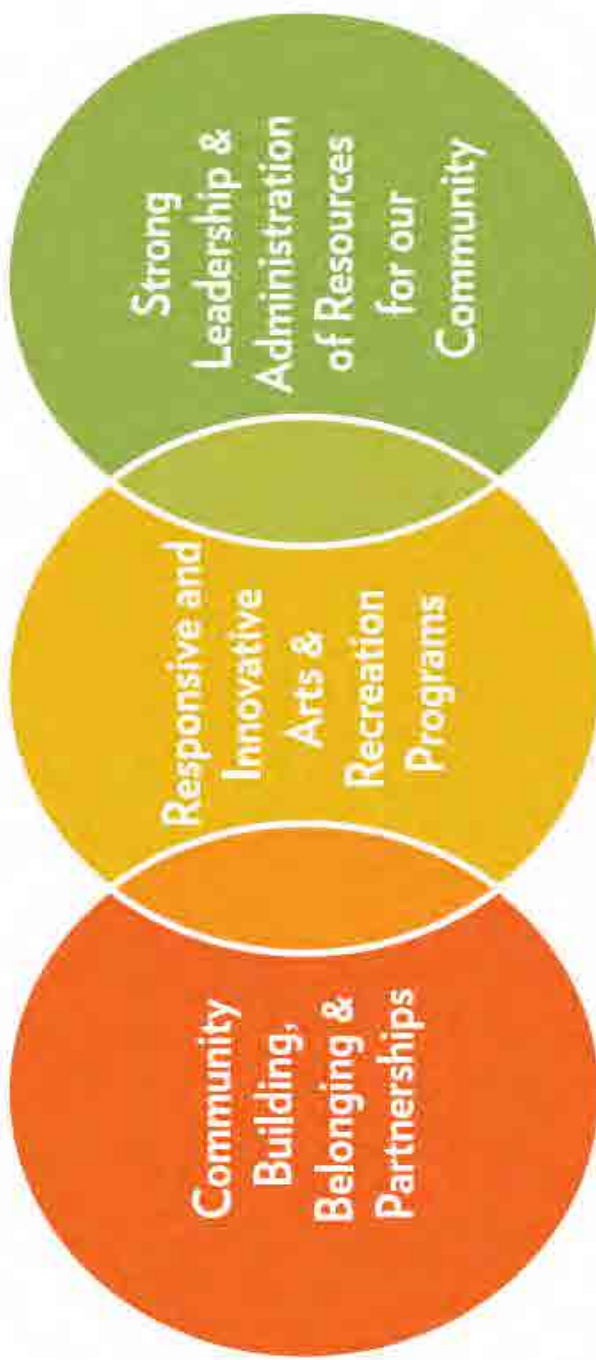
Develop communications and fundraising strategies – efforts will continue to engage local businesses to support Canada Day and other projects that the Association will support such as community gardens.





STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2017

Our vision is a healthy community where diverse cultures thrive, everyone belongs, and feels welcome to play, create and succeed in their own way.



- Increase community involvement and sense of belonging
- Strengthen & expand partnerships and relationships
- Develop arts and recreation programs that reflect needs of Sunset community
- Maximize use of outdoor areas and green space
- Govern Association with effective and transparent policies and procedures
- Improve and maintain facilities and infrastructure
- Develop communications and fundraising strategies



- 1 Sunset Community Centre**
6810 Main Street (Between 51st & 53rd)
- 2 Sunset Ice Rink**
390 East 51st Avenue (At Pince Edward)
- 3 Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre**
7646 Pince Albert Street (Between 59th & 61st)

WHAT'S IN A COMMUNITY CENTRE?

The Sunset Complex is made up of 3 facilities jointly operated by the Sunset Community Association & the Vancouver Parks Board: Sunset Community Centre, Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre, and Sunset Ice Rink. We have everything you need to indulge in arts, recreation, leisure & cultural activities right here in your neighbourhood.



SINCE 1953

The Sunset Community Association has been led by a committed group of volunteers dedicated to providing arts and recreation services for all our community members. We moved from the old centre in 2007 into our beautiful new building designed by local architect Bing Thom.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Our staff, volunteers, youth and adults live and work in South Vancouver and strive to make the Sunset facilities a fun, safe and welcoming space. Volunteers are key to the success of our community and we encourage you to join us to make Sunset a healthy and vibrant community. Be a part of your Sunset.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?
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EOR Committee Report

It's my pleasure to be part of Sunset Community Association Board, and serve as your EOR Chairperson. We had very successful, colourful, and productive year 2016.

Your day care and preschool was made more sound proof, some changes to rental policies were adopted and providing extra staff to serve you better resulting in low vacancies.

SCA main event of the year "CANADA DAY" is celebrated every year on July 1st this celebrations brings the multicultural communities, families, young and golden ages together to celebrate our beautiful country "CANADA".

Thanks to all tireless staff, volunteers, board members, Khalsa Diwan Society of Vancouver, Guru Nanak Free Kitchen (for lovely warm meals throughout the day) and our Proud sponsors for making a very successful event.

It was estimated that there was ~ 7000 spectators throughout the day. 150th Canada Day celebration planning is already in progress for 2017.

Respectively submitted,
Bhalwinder Waraich
EOR Committee Chair
Sunset Community Association





Program Committee Report

It is my pleasure to be writing this 2016 Program Committee Report as Program Chair for the Sunset Community Association. As a long-time Director for the Association, I have seen varying levels of involvement in Programs, but this may be the strongest group since I was first elected. Programs are the engine that drives activity at our Community Centre, so involvement and participation at Program Committee is crucial in order to provide successful options for our members. Remember that Program Committee meetings are open for anyone to attend, so if you would like to join in just ask at the front desk or contact our Programmer.

Let me take this opportunity to thank our great group of volunteers and staff that work so well together to provide the quality programs, activities and workshops that our members have come to expect. At Sunset the Association strives to keep our work environment friendly and, above all, non-political. I am confident that is a big reason for our recent success.

There were many highlights and some challenges in 2016, and I will list some below in point form:

- Program participation was up about 30% for 2016, thanks mainly to Joe Wong, Maggie Li, Clara Chan and Hilary Davis.
- Canada Day was the highlight of the year, with probably the largest crowd in Sunset Canada Day history.
- Sunset continues to be open on Statutory Holidays, so members and their families have options during their free time.
- Sunset provides access to people of all abilities and income levels – as demonstrated in the All Bodies Can Dance program.
- Game Ready is a program for at risk youth that uses sports and professional athletes to instill discipline and active lifestyle as positive life choices.
- Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre (MACC) continues to see increased participation, and the highlight of the year is (in my opinion) the Big Band concert in March.



- Paramjeet Munday continues to do a fabulous job with our Preschool and Out Of School Care. We are all very proud that we have added a satellite location for our OSC at Sexsmith, which opened in November. Thank you for your efforts Paramjeet.
- Our Fitness Centre keeps operating at a torrid pace. It may not be the largest site in the system, but it is a reasonable cost to enter (\$3.75 drop in) and anyone can get a decent workout up there. Don't be afraid to ask your fellow athletes to share the equipment when it is busy, and look for new equipment soon.
- It was disappointing that our Youth Worker decided to pursue other avenues in his chosen field and left Sunset after the summer season, but we were able to delegate his duties to current staff and part timer TJ Shukla.
- The Youth Lounge was a space that caused concern early in the year, but it has been cleaned up and Youth Leaders are helping to keep the area and equipment in good repair. We are hoping this is a step in the right direction.

Respectively submitted,
Karl Gulbransen
Program Committee Chair
Sunset Community Association





Out of School Care (OSC) Program

Sunset and Sexsmith:

One of the highpoints for 2016 was the addition of Out of School Care Program at Sexsmith Elementary School. The Program is licensed to provide care for 24 school age children. It opened in November 2016 and has 19 children enrolled for the 2016/17 school year. It will be operating at full capacity of 24 children in September 2017. City of Vancouver supported the startup costs by providing \$4,500 as a development grant.

One new staff, Kimberly was hired and Raman was transferred from the Sunset OSC program. 15 children who came to the Sunset OSC program from Sexsmith Elementary transferred to the Sexsmith program and are now able to stay at their school for OSC. For the 2016/17 school year 3 staff are working at the Sunset OSC. There are vacant spaces at the expansion space of Sexsmith due to the mid-school year opening date. Posters have been posted at Trudeau Elementary to advertise available spaces for the remainder of the school year.

Both OSC programs are working co-operatively and sharing ideas, substitute staff and volunteers. Children are given opportunities to cook/prepare food for snack every Wednesday. They are learning about healthy foods, nutrition, and are excited to eat what they make. Many out-trip and in-house workshops were planned during the school breaks keeping developmental needs in mind. The most enjoyed workshop was the visit by O.W.L Rehabilitation Society with a Falcon and Owl. It was fascinating seeing the birds up-close.





Operating funding of a total of \$25,167 was received for both programs to keep the fees below city average. Enhancement grants \$14,267 from City Of Vancouver was received for Sunset program.

Preschool:

The Program operated at full enrollment throughout the preschool year. The objective of preparing children for kindergarten was the focus of overall programming. Focus and use of the Reggio/Emergent curriculum, added more natural elements to the classrooms. Activities were planned according to the children's interest. Documentation of children's work was displayed outside the classrooms for families to see. Field trips in the community were organized in the fall and spring. Resources were brought from the community to the classrooms. Centre for ability, Behavior Interventionists were involved to support the children who needed extra help.

Artist in residence, Julie Label, from Moberly Arts worked with some of the classes (dance). Nursing students from BCIT presented the handwashing sessions to preschoolers. Student Teachers from Langara, VCC, Burnaby School District, MTI and Sprott Shaw were supported for their work experience.

Operating funding, a total of \$19,196 and Enhancement grant of \$9,416 from City Of Vancouver were received to keep program fees below city average.





Goals of 2015/16:

- Reduction of noise level in classroom 1 – phase 1 acoustic panels were installed and tested. They showed an improvement to reduce echo and phase 2 has been approved.
- Access to Gym for PS afternoon classes - accomplished
- Storage shed for the outdoor equipment, Playground for OSC - not accomplished and in consideration for the greenspace plan

Goals for 2017:

- Phase 2 acoustic panels to be installed to reduce the noise level in classroom 1
- Reaching out to all neighborhood schools to fill OSC spaces at Sunset now available due to increased capacity at Sexsmith of 24 spaces
- Focus on in-house training for staff and families

I would like to thank the Sunset Board for their time and commitment to serve the children and families in the community. Also, thanks to the Sunset Community Centre staff and Sexsmith Elementary Staff and PAC for their support with our programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Paramjeet Munday
Preschool and Out of School Care Manager
Sunset Community Association





Recreation Supervisor's Report

It has been a pleasure working at Sunset this past year. The Sunset Community Association continued to embrace diverse initiatives at Sunset Community Centre and Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre (MACC) and provided generous support to programs and services that benefit the community.

In 2016, program revenues increased over 22 percent and the growth of participation at the centre was significant. Thank you to the Sunset Community Association for their dedication in making Sunset a better place for all to enjoy.

Staff transitions midway through the year included a new regional Arts & Cultural Programmer (Hilary Davis replacing Lorrie Wager), and the addition of fourteen program assistance hours at MACC filled by Clara Chan. The additional hours at MACC were provided to improve sustainability of operations and staff safety. Sean Henry, Sunset's Community Youth Worker also left in the summer and his position was backfilled successfully by Sunset's core auxiliary team members TJ Shukla and Maggie Li.

As we moved forward in 2016:

- MACC utility expenses shifted from the SCA to the Park Board
- Sunset's Park Master Plan made progress
- Surveillance system received an equipment upgrade
- Neighbourhood matching grant resulted in 80 community-made mosaic tile pavers
- New exterior window sun screens and acoustic panelling were installed in the preschool
- Vending machine products were replaced with healthier choices
- The lobby hallway morphed into a mini art gallery
- Sunset's youth "café" began its afterschool operations
- Staff In-service took place, with 17 in attendance.



The staff in-service included the new city-wide power point slides which provides consistent training in the areas of emergency procedures and OH&S. In addition to being involved in the development of the in-service material, I also began a Park Board risk management process review. This review focuses on how practices, that ensure our community centres are safe and risks appropriately mitigated and managed, can remain current, be easily comprehended and communicated, and be applied consistently throughout the organization.

Joint efforts were made to further work together in the development of operating budgets. The Park Board's Outcome Based Budget and the SCA Terms of Reference and annual budgets all provided a framework from which to operate.

Sunset is the "centre of the community" for the Sunset neighbourhood. Energy abounds, youth arrive in droves, adults socialize, and all ages participate in activities to enhance their wellbeing. As the fabric of the community continues to shift, activities will be planned that will entice, welcome and invite all people to be active, connect with others and explore new experiences.

The people of Sunset care deeply about where they live and are passionate about their community - through collaborative processes and hard work the social fabric of the community can further be enriched by providing recreational opportunities for all. In 2017, I again look forward to working with Sunset's team that is dedicated to delivering programs and services and keen to encourage active healthy lifestyles.

Thank you to the SCA Board, committees, volunteers, staff, stakeholders and participants for being a part of what makes Sunset a great place to be.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Grant
Recreation Supervisor
Vancouver Park Board



Programming Staff Team

In conjunction with the Program Committee, 2016 program goals were established for the purpose of expanding programs and services to develop a more welcoming and vibrant community centre that flourishes with diversity. We are pleased to report that these 2016 goals were successfully accomplished. The highlights of 2016 include the addition of a public art gallery, stronger partnership with Vancouver School Board's Community School Teams at two local hubs, addition of an adaptive program targeting participants with various physical or developmental challenges, and a grand Community Canada Day Celebration event that was supported by local sponsors and community service agencies.

2016 Attained Goals

- Creating a more welcoming environment for the public.
 - Sunset Art Gallery located in the main foyer began in the fall featuring local artists.
 - Morning tea or coffee at least one morning a week to provide the community a comfortable place to socialize over refreshments.
- Addition of outdoor programs for all ages.
 - Outdoors sports and tennis for preschool and children were implemented in late spring to end of summer.
- Continue to increase program room usage.
 - At least one of the two classrooms is used every day after school for preschool and children programs.
 - At least one of the two licensed preschool room is used for preschool and children educational programs on the weekend.
- Improve marketing and promotion for programs and services.
 - Program enrollment has improved over the year: Fall season of 2016 (37 of 280+ programmed activities were cancelled) versus fall season of 2015 (50 of 220+ activities programmed were cancelled).



- increase program diversity and inclusiveness.
 - All Bodies Dance is a new and free program fully subsidized by the Sunset Community Association. This program welcomes any abled body to perform art and dance, creating a performance after a 10 week session.
- Develop a stronger volunteer presence at, and support for, special events.
 - Holiday special events and weekly Family Movie Matinee have been run by preteen volunteers from the Junior Leadership program.
- Work on achieving 2015 tabled goals.
 - Increase parent and tot programming during day time hours: at least one new program per season.
 - O Increase Arts and Social programming for adults: at least two new successful programs.
 - New and successful programs, free to the public were implemented: English Conversation Class and All Bodies Dance
 - Partnership programs free to the community were implemented: Beyond the Conversation – English Conversation Circle
 - Expand education programming for children: 3 new programs.
 - Development of skilled staff from entry level birthday party leader to program instructor resulted in new educational programs on the weekends: Head Start Math, Young Phonics Plus, Reading and Writing, Little Einstein's.





2017 Goals

The programming staff team would like to acknowledge the ongoing positive support from the Program Committee, Board of Directors, and centre staff, and would also like to thank the public for using the facility and providing valuable feedback. The diversity in this community allows limitless opportunities. For 2017, the programming team will be working on the following goals:

- Continue to increase diversity and inclusiveness, including reconciliation initiatives
- Continue to expand programs and make use of unused facilities by increasing adult and senior programs in the morning and early afternoon, and pre-school and children programs after school and on weekends.
- Continue to develop a stronger art presence at the community centre and at special events.
- Create stronger bonds with community partners and work together on local community projects.
- Encourage healthy food choices in programming.
- Develop a standardized contractor and staff manual.

We welcome feedback, program ideas and any comments the public would like to provide and look forward to another successful and eventful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Clara Chan, Maggie Li & Joe Wong
Programming Staff Team
Sunset Community Association





Community Youth Worker Report

Having started my relationship with Sunset at the age of seven, I was both thrilled and honoured to take the helms of the youth portfolio these past eight months. The leadership team at Sunset has played an integral role in helping grow the youth portfolio to greater heights by significantly increasing youth engagement in terms of volunteering, special events and even employment. Special recognition goes to the Association for their continued support and active involvement with all our special events, programs, and youth led initiatives.

2016 Goals:

- Host an annual Youth Staff in-service, which would include team building, specialized training opportunities, and generating new program ideas.
- Continue to systematize the youth volunteer program, including a youth leadership and volunteer training component.
- Create regular volunteer opportunities to have the Games Room open for longer hours and a youth driven concession.
- Support the Sunset Youth in Action Council to plan and facilitate 1-2 special events or fundraisers per season.
- Support several youth to engage at the program committee planning level bi-annually.





2016 Outcomes:

- Held an in-service with all youth personnel and recreation supervisor updating youth staff on policies and procedures & gathering input on new program ideas
- Ran several volunteer intake orientations, as well specific training workshops for volunteers involved in birthday parties, concession and games room
- Created a games room monitor program allowing games room to open six days a week, with a trained games room monitor supervising the space
- Sunset Youth Council grew the Halloween event to run five different stations. Council helped plan, prepare and execute three of the stations, with the pre-teens planning the little kids haunted house
- Grew Jersey Day event into a three-part tournament targeting all age groups (Bump tournament, 3v3 basketball tournament, 3v3 ball hockey tournament)
- Elected one youth as representative to all program committee meetings, and four different youth to the city-wide youth council
- Began a pilot-program called Leaders-in-Training (LIT) where youth were paired with strong program leaders and grew under an eight week mentorship. All five youth were then hired as staff for various roles.
- Systemized volunteer intake and created a single database to better communicate volunteer opportunities to all volunteers
- Successfully ran weekly drop-in program teaching youth about valuable life skills, such as: resume writing, interview skills, creating cover letters, etc.
- Helped grow Sunset Youth Council to over twenty-five kids coming from six different high schools
- **Successfully hosted Sunset's first Amazing Race Volunteer Appreciation night** with over thirty five volunteers coming out to take part in the youth council planned event
- Brought back Family Fridays which has continued to grow in attendance with each month



2017 Goals Include:

- Continue to increase overall youth involvement in terms of volunteering and engagement, moving from special events to more regular commitments
- Strengthen partnerships with school teams at both John Oliver & David Thompson by growing programs with both teams
- Grow Volunteer Appreciation Event to draw more than fifty volunteers and include the participation of summer camp staff

Respectively submitted,
Tejinder Shukia
Youth Program Assistant
Sunset Community Association





Sunset Ice Rink

Another great rink season is in the books!

Shannon Ellis returned from maternity leave and along with her and Michael Fong we had a very busy lesson season. Our Preschool 1 class for 3-5yrs olds continues to be our most popular class and we're continually trying to open enough classes to meet the demand. Thank you to all of our instructors for their hard work & dedication to our lessons and True Sport principals. Regular rink staff Jo-Anne Gammie (Head Cashier), Gord Tronrud (Skate Room Attendant II), and Rink Attendants & cashiers continually provide top notch customer service and build relationships with those who use our facility.

We introduced a new Adult Learn to Play Hockey program on Tuesday evenings. This program is for beginner and intermediate players who are looking to work their skills & develop more confidence on the ice. Each week, our instructors ran through skating, passing and shooting drills. We had between 10-15 students each set which is great for our first season! Geoff Millar & Jordan Hirayama were our knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors and I received nothing but compliments from students about them. We will definitely bring this program back for Fall 2017.

We worked together with the Canucks Autism Network (CAN) in offering them space to teach their skating lessons on Thursday evenings. The program at Sunset was for children with autism to learn how to skate in a safe and supportive environment. Jodie Leong represented us and led the program with trained support workers and volunteers. This is a very popular program with waiting lists for all their skating programs they offer throughout the City. We will have them back in October!



Sunset Rink is packed full of programs, especially Mon-Fri from 3:00-midnight & Sat-Sun from 6am-midnight. If it weren't for the hard working crew of Lead Hands, U.M.W.'s & Jose, this wouldn't be possible. Thank you so much for your help and working so hard to keep our facility going.

Thank you to our all of our Minor Sport User Groups and lastly, thank you to the patrons of Sunset Ice Rink for your continued participation in our programs!

Thank you everyone for another great Rink season!!

Sincerely,

Brittany Burant (Wong)

Rink Programmer

Vancouver Park Board



Sunset's Saturday Lessons staff dressed up for Halloween



Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre

Opening individuals to an art experience is an integral part of any healthy, inclusive community. As a Community Cultural Hub, MACC works with artists to empower community to be creative through all arts disciplines. At MACC, we are excited to support projects that focus on supporting the creative voices of all participants; building on their personal experiences and backgrounds to realize a collaborative creative outcome.

Artist Residence

Moberly has continued to work with artists who seek space for rehearsals, presentations and collaborative art projects.

In 2016, we hosted the following:

Writers International Network (WIN), Dezza Dance, Polymer Dance, Girls Rock Camp Vancouver, Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra (VICO), Vancouver B Movie Factory, Lori Weidenhammer (fabric arts and community garden), Cindy Mochizuki (animation), Siobhan Sloane-Seale (dance), Paper Playground with Julie Lebel, Comics in the Cloud- Cloudscape, Y Bellydance Dance Troupe with Leona Finlayson

Residencies support community through events, projects, and outreach. Artists benefit from a space that gives them the opportunity to develop professionally and/or to create and complete projects. They give back through community outreach, events and programming.





2016 Overview of Special Events/Presentations

- South Hill Community Dance on January 30
- The 13th Annual Big Band Festival on March 19
- Leg Up- Contemporary Dance Series on March 25 and 26
- Hafla Bellydance Performance with Y Bellydance on June 4
- WIN- Evening of Poetry- Gathering of Poets on June 18
- Slofemists' Intensive organized by Lori Weidenhammer and Lois Klassen from June 23 to June 25
- Siobhan Sloane-Seale "When Life Gives You Lemon" performance on Sep 9
- VICO- Tzimmes Performance on Oct 26
- Interplay with Deanna Peters on Oct 14 and 15



Community Outreach

MACC worked collaboratively and cooperatively with residents to bring a diverse range of experiences to the community. This includes the Arts & Health Project, Food Skills for Families, weekly workshops with the Canadian Diabetes Association, and two programs from South Vancouver Neighbourhood House: Move, Groove and Improve and the South Asian Women's Health Program.

"The Moberly Move, Groove and Improve program has been a huge success. Since September of 2016, more than 35 unique seniors living in the neighbourhood have attended the free weekly chair yoga program. To reflect the linguistic needs of the community, Move, Groove and Improve is currently taught in Punjabi. We have heard from our volunteer facilitators that participants value the program because it is offered at no cost. In addition, the all-female participant group finds the program to be safe and comfortable."

—Sophie Fung,
Seniors Hub Community Development Coordinator at the South Vancouver
Neighbourhood House



Fee for Service Programming

MACC continued to offer successful fee for service arts programs including Bellydance, Shiamak's Bollywood Jazz and Creative Remix Summer Arts Camps. These programs are examples of quality, arts-based recreational programs that have become sought after by residents of our community and those who seek out for innovative programming.



Shiamak's Bollywood Jazz

Staff Transitions and Changes

In Aug 2016 Lorrie Wager and Hilary Davis began a one year job-share as MACC/South Region Arts Programmer. Lorrie worked at Park Board Head Office on South region and city-wide projects and Hilary worked as the Arts Programmer for Moberly.

Clara Chan became the Program Assistant II/III for Moberly in July 2016.

Caroline Liffmann is the Park Board Arts and Health Project Coordinator city-wide. She works out of MACC several days a week.

Rental Space and Coordination

In 2016, creative and artistic-based project rentals had brought individuals to MACC from all over the Lower Mainland and continues to be a great source of revenue to the Sunset Community Association. Such rental includes: Royal Conservatory of Music and Theatre Under the Stars.

