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PCRC Annual Report 2015-2016



Board of Directors 2015-2016

- ♦ Hazen Barrett, Chair
- ♦ Luis Luna, Chair (resigned in October 2015)
- ♦ Scott Lawrence, Treasurer
- ♦ Pam Garnham, Secretary
- ♦ Paulyn Appah
- ♦ Yvette Cuthbert
- ♦ Doretta Harris
- ♦ Louise Ott
- ♦ Cassandra Pehura

A special thank you to Hazen Barrett who is stepping down from the Board of Directors. We are grateful for the time and energy that you have committed to PCRC over the years!

Staff

This has been a year of transition for the PCRC team. We recognize the contributions of Elicia Funk, Mary Lynn Moffat, Laurinda Larson, Sara Herrebout, Susan Ollinger, & Heather Patterson. We are appreciative of their leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm. And, thank you to the Summer 2015 Green Team Graffiti Removal team – Katarina Boychuk and Shelby Tarr.

Our current team looks forward to connecting with the community and carrying forward the good work of PCRC:

- ♦ Val Garlick, Executive Director
- ♦ Stefanie McKim, Community Engagement Coordinator
- ♦ Victoria Olson, Community Facilitator
- ♦ Sherri Walker, Administrative Assistant
- ♦ Dylan Berry & Morgan Paryniuk, Graffiti Removal team



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12 noon - Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Welcome, everyone!

Greetings

- ♦ Mayor Irvine Ferris, City of Portage la Prairie
- ♦ Jim Stewart, Neighbourhoods Alive!, Province of Manitoba

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Presentation – Robin McCartney & Cori Asham

Financial Report

Board of Directors Election

Adjournment



Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation

Minutes of Annual General Meeting June 17, 2015

Present: Board members: Cassandra Pehura, Cathy-Thomas Lobreau, Scott Lawrence, Doretta Harris, Paulyn Appah, Luis Luna

Members: Donovan Hillman, Betty Kelly, Mitch Tilk, Yvette, Cuthbert, Louise Ott, Sheri Blaylock, Mandy Dubois, Jeff Dubois, Lynn Parker

Non-Members: Dennis Bales, Aaron Wilgosh, Murray McDougall, Tammy Lilly, Katherine Dais, Michelle Laidlaw

Staff: Elicia Funk, Mary Lynn Moffat, Sara Herrebout

1. Greetings & Adoption of Agenda

Luis Luna called the meeting to order at 6:30 and welcomed guests.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting was included in member packages.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented. Mover: Scott Lawrence Second: Cathy Thomas Lobreau Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were included in member packages.

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the PCRC dated June 12, 2014. Mover: Lynn Parker Second: Paulyn Appah Carried

4. Chair's Report

Luis Luna presented the Chair's report for 2014-2015.

Motion: To accept the Chair's Report for 2013-14.

Mover: Doretta Harris Second: Cassandra Pehura Carried

5. Executive Director Report

Elicia Funk presented the Executive Director's report for 2014-15.

6. Guest presenter: Michelle Laidlaw, principal of North Memorial School

Luis Luna welcomed Michelle Laidlaw, principal of North Memorial School as the guest speaker. PCRC has been pleased to be able to support the school's Soup for Learning program through a Revitalize Portage Grant over the past year, as well as work together on initiatives through the Momentum: Economic Security for Women Project and support upgrades to the park and pathways neighbouring the school. At PCRC our mandate is to work with community to create community, and that is something that North Memorial School does here in this neighbourhood. Welcome Michelle.

Michelle presented on The North Memorial School and their initiatives in meeting the needs of the community and students.

7. Financial Report

Scott Lawrence, Treasurer to presented the Audited Financial Statements 2014/2015.

A copy of the audited financial statements for 2014-15 as prepared by our auditor MNP, was included on each table. The PCRC has worked hard this past year to continue to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of the organization.

Our revenue for this year was \$420,731 and our expenses were \$420,672, leaving us with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$59. The increase in revenue over 2014 was largely due to funding from Status of Women Canada for our final year of the Momentum Project. Added to our net assets at the beginning of the year, we ended the year with \$23,890 in net assets. These funds are part of our financial sustainability plan in which we are working to accumulate 3 months of operating funds to cover any potential future emergencies.

Called for any questions or comments on the financial statements.

Motion: To accept the Audited Financial Statements for 2014/2015 as prepared by MNP.

Mover: Scott Lawrence

8. Elections to the Board of Directors

Cathy Thomas Lobreau gave the Nominating Committee Report. This year, PCRC is saying goodbye to three of our Board members: Brad Poole, Cathy Thomas Lobreau, and Wayne Kelly.

We are pleased to welcome three new faces to the Board of Directors: Yvette Cuthbert, Pamela Garnham, and Louise Ott.

Motion: That Yvette Cuthbert, Pamela Garnham, and Louise Ott be appointed to the PCRC Board of Directors for a two year term.

Mover: Paulyn Appah

Seconded: Cassandra Perhura Carried

Yvette, Pamela, and Louise join the following Board members to make up the PCRC Board for 2015-16: Luis Luna, Scott Lawrence, Paulyn Appah, Hazen Barrett, Doretta Harris, and Cassandra Pehura.

9. Closing Remarks

Luis Luna concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn 7th Annual General Meeting of the PCRC at 7:36pm. Mover: Scott Lawrence

Meeting adjourned.

Message from the Chair

This will be my last official duty as PCRC Chair, since I will be resigning at the end of this year. It was exciting to be a small part of the inception of this organization many years ago, and I am equally as thrilled to be here to see the sophisticated, efficient and vibrant organization it has become.

This past year saw the election of a new board for the PCRC. With each passing year, it has been gratifying to see boards that have become more diverse, representing more people from all walks of life, with differing viewpoints that come together with one purpose in mind – to serve Portage la Prairie with socially responsible, forward thinking.

The past year also saw the hiring of several new staff, including a new Executive Director. Most, if not all of the people in the PCRC office, were not even born when I began my teaching career in 1984. That bodes well for the organization because it denotes a sense of youth and renewal, with new ideas and viewpoints that are focused on what needs to happen to secure Portage la Prairie's future as an important urban centre in the midst of a strong rural region.

Very few people actually realize the extent of the contributions already made by the PCRC to Portage la Prairie's cultural and economic landscape, but getting to know the people behind the scenes in this organization has given me faith in what has yet to come. I thank you for the job you have already done, and I wish you all the best for those initiatives you have yet to undertake.

Hazen Barrett

Outgoing Chair, PCRC



Message from the Executive Director

PCRC works with people and organizations in Portage la Prairie to build our community, and I am thrilled to be part of this amazing team. Community is a core value for PCRC, and over the past few months, I've been reflecting on what community is:

Community is the foundation, built on a sense of collaboration and generosity that is focused on meeting the needs of "us", not just "me." It's up to each and all of us to build the type of community we can be proud of. Look for the opportunities to participate.

Community is built on the little things— holding doors open for one another, saying hello, sharing a smile. These basics of connectivity are the threads of a caring community.

Community is more than connecting online. In addition to "liking" on social media, take the time to connect with the people who are part of your world – chat with the cashier at the grocery store, wave hello to your neighbour, as these are the links that build community.

Community is the ability to serve those who find themselves in places of need. Compassion does not need to have boundaries and there are always opportunities to support one another. There is more that connects us than divides us.

PCRC invites you to join us in meeting the challenges of this ever-changing world with positive and encouraging approaches. Thank you to each of you, PCRC's partners, funders, and volunteers who demonstrate the importance and value of community in Portage la Prairie.

Val Garlick,
Executive Director



Plan for Community and Social Development

The PCRC Community Plan guides the organization’s work and funding priorities. The 5 key themes are Community Building, Safety and Crime Prevention, Affordable Recreation and Leisure, Beautification and Community Pride and Building Economic Security.

Building a vibrant Portage la Prairie needs the entire community to become involved. PCRC encourages all of Portage la Prairie to come together to make a difference in our community.



Community Plan 2017-2022

During the next few months, PCRC will be connecting with Portage la Prairie residents to develop an updated Community Plan. Look for us at community events, and maybe on your doorstep, to find out what you see as priorities for Portage la Prairie in the coming years.

Community Building

To foster a welcoming community for all, with residents of all ages, cultures, income levels and backgrounds engaged and taking ownership of their neighbourhoods.

Sharing Our World

The 2015 Sharing Our World event was a fun event, with approximately 500 people attending and more than 125 volunteers. The majority of cultural groups provided food samples and showcased traditional dress and music. The cultural displays provided opportunity for interactions with guests and learning about various cultures.



Revitalize Portage! Grants

Revitalize Portage! grants allow PCRC to support great ideas in the community.

In 2015, 20 grants were distributed with a value of \$34,557.11. These grants leveraged a total of \$132,088.65 in funding, contributing to our community in many ways.

2015 Revitalize Portage! Grants

- ♦ Centennial Community Club, Inc. – Furniture
- ♦ Cubs and Scouts Canada (5th Portage) – Scout Troop Equipment
- ♦ La Verendrye School – Breakfast program
- ♦ L'il Gym – Equipment for preschool gym
- ♦ Newcomers Welcome Centre – Newcomers' Winter Holiday Celebration
- ♦ North Memorial School – Soup for Learning & Community Engagement Equipment
- ♦ Portage Curling Club – Board Governance workshop
- ♦ Portage Day Care Centre – Wall Mural
- ♦ Portage Friendship Centre – Louis Riel Day Celebrations, ROC National Family Week Celebration
- ♦ Portage la Prairie Regional Library – Play @ the Library
- ♦ Portage la Prairie School Division & Southern Health/Santé Sud – Kids Cooking Club
- ♦ Portage Plains United Way – Christmas Carnival & Non-profit Training Sessions
- ♦ Portage Potato Festival – Festival programming
- ♦ Portage Service for Seniors – Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- ♦ William Glesby Centre – The Drama Room
- ♦ Youth for Christ – Bouncy Castle & Programming at The Door

Beautification & Community Pride

To build citizen responsibility for beautification by engaging citizens, businesses & organizations in beautifying properties, greenspaces, & streets.

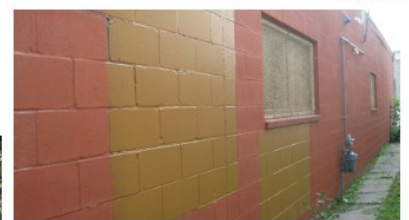
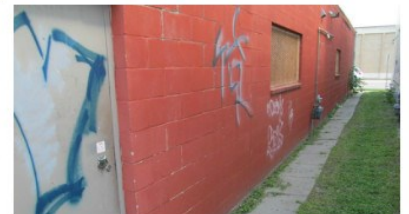


225 bags of garbage & 29 bags of recycling were collected during Beautification Days 2015.



Graffiti Removal

This year, the Green Team removed graffiti from 17 homes, 15 businesses and 1 church.



Home Beautification Grants

With funding from the Province of Manitoba's Community Housing Improvement Initiative, the Home Beautification program offers grants of up to \$2,500 to eligible home owners, and matching grants of up to \$1000 towards exterior improvements of lower cost rental units. This program is making a difference in improving neighbourhoods in Portage la Prairie.

The 2015-2016 year was a great success with \$24,250.00 in grants disbursed. In addition, homeowners contributed \$35,997.02 for a total of \$60,247.02 in home beautification projects. Funds were granted to 8 homeowners and 4 rental property owners.

	Homeowner Grants	Rental Grants	Grant Amount	Owner Contribution	Total
2008	13	--	\$28,850	\$6,949	\$35,799
2009	14	9	\$37,555	\$50,060	\$87,615
2010	16	7	\$36,607	\$12,812	\$49,419
2011	16	3	\$36,825	\$48,175	\$85,000
2012	12	4	\$29,255	\$47,211	\$76,467
2013	15	1	\$27,986	\$30,527	\$58,513
2014	11	3	\$27,700	\$30,406	\$58,106
2015	8	4	\$24,250	\$35,997	\$60,247
Total	105	31	\$249,028	\$262,137	\$511,166



**What a difference
between the Before
and After!**



Affordable Recreation & Leisure

To increase the affordability, accessibility and awareness of recreation and leisure opportunities, with an emphasis on families, children and youth; pathway and park development.



Building Economic Security

To reduce barriers to economic security for lower-income individuals, by reducing barriers to education and employment such as lack of childcare, transportation, limited employability skills, awareness of existing supports and meeting basic needs.