

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



Building Community Together Since 1950

Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House (CCNH) is a volunteer-driven community service agency and gathering place with a mission to make our neighbourhood a better place to live. We accomplish all this in a welcoming space, filled with warm and caring staff and volunteers who are united by a commitment to community development and social justice.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY BOARD

Words from the Co-Chairpersons

WRITTEN BY MIKE CHAN & TANYA FINK



This year has been one of exciting new beginnings. We have settled into our temporary home at Helping Spirit Lodge, welcomed wonderful new members to our community, and celebrated breaking ground on our new building.

Looking ahead, the Board is eager to embark on this next chapter of Cedar Cottage while continuing to honour its rich history and the neighbourhood we are proud to call home.

We are deeply grateful to every staff member, volunteer, and Board member for the time, energy, and heart they bring to strengthening connections and building community. Their efforts remind us that the strength of Cedar Cottage lies not only in its programs and services, but in the relationships that grow here.

As we move forward, we remain committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive place where people of all ages and backgrounds can thrive. With this strong foundation and the dedication of our community, we are excited for all that these new beginnings will bring in the year ahead.

MIKE CHAN & TANYA FINK
Co-Chairpersons of
Cedar Cottage Community Board

List of Board Members

Co-Chairpersons

Tanya Fink
Mike Chan

Treasurer

Asha Kaila

Secretary

Emily Beam

Members

Brian McGibney
Carol Macpherson (Outgoing)
Dan Kalivoda (Outgoing)
Janelle Mah
Janet Lee
Khristine Carino
Manjit Channa
Neema Kulkarni
Sarah Martin Sittrop
Wesley Joe



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House will long be remembered as a special place, shaped by so many remarkable people. The year 2024 marked a time of profound change—changes that invited us to reflect on the strength of our past and the promise of our future.

From 2023–2024, we prepared for the move out of our beloved building. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to pack up 60 years of photos, documents, and supplies, ensuring as smooth a transition as possible into our temporary space at 3973 Dumfries Street.

We also knew it was important to celebrate our history. Together, we hosted one final Carnival and a last Wine and Cheese Listening event—moments of joy, gratitude, and reflection shared with our community. I feel truly honoured to work alongside people who embrace ambitious plans with such heart and commitment.

There are so many people to thank—from our Community Board, to staff, to participants. I hope each of you know how deeply I value the support, care, and guidance you have given me.

On a final note, this year we said farewell to Karen Cooper. As Director of Child Care, Karen was instrumental in the growth and development of our programs. More importantly, she was a leader within our Cedar Cottage family, making a difference in the lives of countless children and families. I offer my deepest thanks to Karen—for her leadership, her friendship, and for being my colleague for more than 30 years

Donna Chang
Executive Director

2024-2025 Milestones

- May 22, 2024 - Wine and Cheese Event “Building Community through stories of Kensington Cedar Cottage: Past Present, and Future”
- June 1, 2024 - Mini Carnival and Pancake Breakfast to re-connect
- June to August, 2024 - Moving and transition to new temporary space
- September 27, 2024 - Orange Shirt Day for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 3, 2024 - All Candidates Provincial Meet and Greet
- November 7, 2024- Diwali Celebration
- January 7, 2025 - Cultural Groundbreaking Ceremony
- February 8, 2025- Lunar New year Celebration



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SAYING GOOD BYE TO OUR OLD BUILDING AT 4065...



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OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Our special events are a bridge to foster cultural pride, to promote local leadership, and to build intercultural connections. Special events enable CCNH to welcome our neighborhoods and celebrate our shared sense of belonging in the rich diversity of our community.



DIWALI CELEBRATION



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



HALLOWEEN



LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



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A SECOND HOME

At CCNH, people feel a strong sense of safety and belonging. Stepping inside does not feel like entering an office or clinic—they do not see themselves as customers, clients, or patients. Instead, it feels like coming home. CCNH is a second home where people of all ages gather under one roof, and everyone is known by name. The staff are more than service providers; they are part of our extended family.



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VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS



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FAMILIES INVOLVED

SPRING OUT-TRIPS



COMMUNITY GARDENING



MOTHER GOOSE



SATURDAY FUNDAY



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SENIOR ACTIVITIES



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YOUTH ENGAGED



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REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



On January 27th, the community was invited to a Cultural Groundbreaking Ceremony as the new building was set to begin construction. This ceremony honoured the gifts of the land, the family, and the partners in celebration of this very important milestone. The project is to unfold with a process where values lead through meaningful engagement and a plan for future generations. Intentional principle-led development of the building is to ensure comfort, health and safety, and to view the project through an Indigenous Lens.

<https://www.cedarcottage.org/redevelopment-project/>

PROJECT TIMELINE



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



It is an honour to create this beautiful community asset on the unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxw.7mesh .xwumixw (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil- Waututh) Nations. CCNH acknowledges the local Host Nation connection to these lands and is committed to the "Rebuilding of Indigenous Economies".



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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



In the spirit of reconcili-ACTION and elevating local Host Nation entrepreneurs, we collectively made a decision to hire Kwasen Enterprises, local Tsleil-Waututh citizens Dennis and Curtis Thomas (co-founders) and their Joint Venture partners Naikoon Contracting to be the construction managers of this project. Together, we all contributed to "Paddle Together" on this journey by sourcing local nations and urban indigenous entrepreneurs to contribute to this development. The funders strongly believe in and support the vital role neighbourhood houses play in fostering connected, resilient communities across British Columbia. By investing in the new CCNH redevelopment project, they are ensuring the continued growth and success of these community hubs. The supporters and partners of this initiative include the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver, DA Architects, CitySpaces, and K^wasən-Naikoon Joint Venture. Under the Community, Culture, and Recreation Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, the federal government committed more than \$8.3 million and the Province of British Columbia contributed \$5.2 million towards the project. The City of Vancouver also provided \$8.2 million to help with the redevelopment.



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PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Community Programs

Family Participants: 1760

New Families: 130

Family Programs: 13

Family Events: 25

Community Meals: 520



Adult Day Program

Participants: 106

New Participants: 36

Volunteer Participants: 21

Volunteer Groups: 5

Volunteer Hours: 420

Childcare

Children Served: 642

Childcare Sites: 8

Inclusion Contracts
1:1 Contracts to
Support Individual
Children: 25



Volunteers

Volunteer Participants: 47

Volunteer programs: 16

Volunteer hours: 563



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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2025	2024
Revenue	\$	\$
Earned Income	1,448,290	1,490,829
Province of BC	1,996,094	1,721,172
United Way	61,178	38,719
Contributions from Foundations	81,047	73,006
Other Contributions and Miscellaneous	202	8,971
City of Vancouver	496,881	250,228
Donations and Fundraising	7,384	24,002
Gaming	40,500	60,000
Federal Government	126,540	84,141
Interest & Investment Income	231,352	536,977
TOTAL REVENUE	4,489,468	4,288,045
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	2,976,817	2,868,610
Building Occupancy	254,091	161,866
Purchased Services & Subcontracts	468,814	258,271
Program, Food & Transportation	221,661	220,630
Office Expenses	25,024	18,414
Other Expenses	26,755	31,317
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,973,162	3,559,108

This Statement of Operations has been prepared for the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House Community Board by ANHBC and was included in the audited financial reports presented at the ANHBC AGM on June 26, 2025.



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STAFF LIST

Executive Director

Donna F. Chang

Operations

Anjani Singh
Kelly A. Woods
Karen Cooper
Steven Eastman

Adult Day Program

Hazel Ann Pabalan
Ivory Ha
George Santo
Flores Joven
Alex Lee
Melissa O. Pacleb
Bugan Nadugo

Community Programs

Alfred Han
Lilian Paola Antia
Carmen Chan
Chavindi Weerawansha
Joanne Chow
Phyllis Yip
Ryan Brigham

Operations

Isuri Karunachandra
Katie Kuang

Child Care

Aaminah Kadir
Adam Ashraf
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Azadeh Fakhri
Carly Severson
Catherine Falkner
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Delmis Pineda
Dilushi Manthirratna
Dinesha Anjani
Elif Bakca
Emma Watkins
Erin Gaw
Ernest Cheung
Ernest Wong
Evelyn Derilo
Fahimeh Kianfard
Gem Labra
Gloria Ordonez
Gunjan Chamoli
Indigo Ochoa
Jackie Ma
Jade VanVelzen
James McGibney
Jamie Jenkins
Jamie (Hyejin) Kim
Joanna Magano
Julie Delahooke

Child Care

Karla Colmo-Sacanli
Liliana Bellagamba
Linda Brooks
Lucy Kim
Marisa Law
Maryam Abdollahi
Meena Mehai
Meena Thakur
Mickey Pham
Miho Hitotsuyanagi
Nay Yar Islam
Nina Jagpal
Octavia Juanicotena-heal
Oi Yan Miranda Wong
Razieh Kianfard
Ryan MacPherson
Sayeeda Noorani
Shemar Johnson
Shanti Cordoni-Jordan
Shweta Matlani
Siobhan Hyde
Sui Hrin
Suzy Macpherson
Sweta Desai
Shweta Matlani
Tallon Ellison
Tally Shumacher
Thomas Newton
Tina Chen
Tina Ma
Tracey Matheson
Wing Yee Cheng
Yuki Sunarti
Zahra Tabriz



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