

EDMONTON **SOCIAL** **PLANNING** COUNCIL **ANNUAL** **REPORT** **2017**

FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF A
COMMUNITY IN WHICH ALL
PEOPLE ARE FULL AND VALUED
PARTICIPANTS



"Dear Susan and the Social Planning Council, I wanted to thank you and your organization for the Tracking the Trends Reports that have been assisting our agency for years in our planning and program design to meet the needs of our families and their children and youth. We have found that being able to access all this information from one place has saved us time and resources as the Tracking the Trends report is easily accessible and readable. Thanks for the great work, it is important and meaningful to our work"

**Liz O'Neill,
Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club Big
Brothers Big Sisters**

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ESPC ORIGINS

Back in 1939 a group of 50 Edmonton social service organizations voted to coordinate their efforts and move, towards integrations of a larger and more useful sphere of social service. This was in response to identified increase needs of impoverished families and the need for more equitable and coordinated distribution of services. As reported in the 1940 issue of the Canadian Welfare Summary, “the last war brought changed conditions in every community, and there sprang up distressed and bewildered families, incapable of coping with their problems alone, and requiring some form of assistance other than institutional care. As a variety of social services emerged to deal with this crisis, and as a new war appeared on the horizon, “Edmonton prepares to consolidate its peace-time efforts to the end that no overlapping of services may hinder its effective functioning and no unnecessary expenditure of money may result”.

In February of 1940 the Council was incorporated under the Societies Act and began its work under the name Edmonton Council of Social Agencies. As a result, over 60 social agencies were coordinated through one office.

ESPC MEMBERSHIP

FACT: SOME INDIVIDUALS HAVE HAD CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION SINCE 1992

27

ORGANIZATIONAL
MEMBERS



43

INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, GWEN FEENY



Gwen Feeny, *President*

As we reflect on 2017, it seems the theme of the year for both the Edmonton Social Planning Council and the Edmonton community may be that the only constant is change. With an office move, new staff and a constantly evolving political and economic climate, the ESPC has been kept on its toes in adapting the conversation. While the city and the province come out of recession, the work of the ESPC is vital in showing the impacts on the community and determining who is being left out of the recovery – and who was never part of the prosperity to begin with. With a recently completed municipal election and provincial and federal elections looming in the minds of many, the work of ESPC in providing well-respected research and advocacy around social policy will become all the more important.

Much of this ongoing work includes the bi-annual Tracking the Trends Report, an important source of information for policy makers and community advocates, as well as the Alberta Child Poverty Report in partnership with Public Interest Alberta and the Alberta College of Social Workers. Other annual work with far reaching influence in the community includes the updates to the Living Wage Report and the annual Vital Signs Report, with the exciting opportunity to expand these fact sheets to provide more focus on certain social indicators. ESPC has made another significant

contribution to the Edmonton community in 2017 by researching existing gaps and barriers and recommending a LGBTQ advisory committee for the city.

A major focus of this year's work by the Board has been placed on ensuring that ESPC has a strong foundation and framework to build upon in the coming years. We must be ready and equipped to evolve to changing needs and challenges in our community by providing the same quality research and supports for which ESPC is known.

As such, the Board has spent considerable time together, and with the guidance and advice of consultants Ron Coulombe and Dree Thomson-Diamond, in working on a fund development audit for the organization. This exercise challenged the Board as we needed to think about ESPC and our place in the non-profit and research sectors in new ways but also allowed us the chance to be creative and to learn about new ideas and approaches. It is our hope that this audit will serve as that foundation to provide ESPC with sustainable funding, but also that it will create new opportunities to build capacity, adapt and respond to the Edmonton social planning community and to grow the work of the organization.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the dedication and hard work of the staff in achieving so much in the midst of all of these changes. I would also like to commend our Executive Director, Susan Morrissey, for her unflagging commitment to the organization and her constant pursuit of the best for both ESPC and the Edmonton community.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work through these exciting and challenging initiatives with a talented board. I thank all of the Board for their dedication and hard work throughout the year and their openness to new opportunities. I look forward to the continued work ahead with a newly formulated Board in the coming year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, SUSAN MORRISSEY

Each year's preparation of content for the annual report is a great opportunity for me to look back and reflect on our work and accomplishments. Here is a high-lite of some of the work undertaken during the year.

We continued our work to inform the citizens in our community about social issues, challenges and trends related to poverty, homelessness and food security through lunch and learn sessions, our website and an active social media presence.

We engaged our community to increase their awareness and understanding of poverty by way of the municipal election by inviting all the candidates for city council to respond to our survey and explain their position regarding the City's role in addressing poverty. Their responses were posted on our website and through social media to inform citizens prior to the election on Oct. 16, 2017.

As in past years, we continue to research, analyze and produce reports including our updated Edmonton Poverty Profile, 2017 Living Wage and Alberta Child Poverty reports. Welcomed by our partners, decision makers, community planners, our work helped inform and advise them in their work to tackle social issues. We also completed, in partnership with the Edmonton Community Foundation our fifth edition of Vital Signs with a focus on belonging.

We were equally please to share our knowledge and work through the many presentations conducted in 2017. Whether it was to post-secondary students, partner agencies or service providers, feedback indicated the continued importance of hearing and understanding the data as a means to better understand the overall picture of poverty in our community.

So what was the impact of our work? Though very often this is hard to measure due to the complexity of attributing success to complicated problems, we finally saw the needle move regarding poverty in a few ways. In the fall, the City of Edmonton implemented the Ride Transit Program which offers a monthly transit pass to eligible low-income Edmontonians at a subsidized rate of \$35/month. We are claiming a bit of victory here as we wrote position papers and spoke at City Council a number of times over many years in favor of establishing a low income transit pass.

Likewise, after many years of advocacy by ourselves and many other organizations at both the national and provincial levels in July of 2016 a new Alberta Child Benefit was introduced by the provincial government. The benefit provides up to \$1,100 per child, and up to \$550 per child for each of the next three children annually. Fast forward to 2017, this was the first full year the benefit was being paid which was truly a game-changer in reducing child poverty. Have a look at our report *Child Benefit Enhancements: Making a Difference for Low Income Families* for more information on the benefit and real life stories of impact.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to our Board of Directors, Volunteers, Staff and ESPC Members for their continued involvement. Many thanks to the funders, including the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, Edmonton Community Foundation, City of Edmonton and Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission for their financial support.

What I have presented here is just a snapshot of the many projects, committees, and initiatives ESPC was engaged in during 2017. Reading further into the document will give you a richer perspective of the many ways ESPC engaged, informed and contributed our expertise to addressing the social issues effecting many in Edmonton.

Susan Morrissey
Executive Director



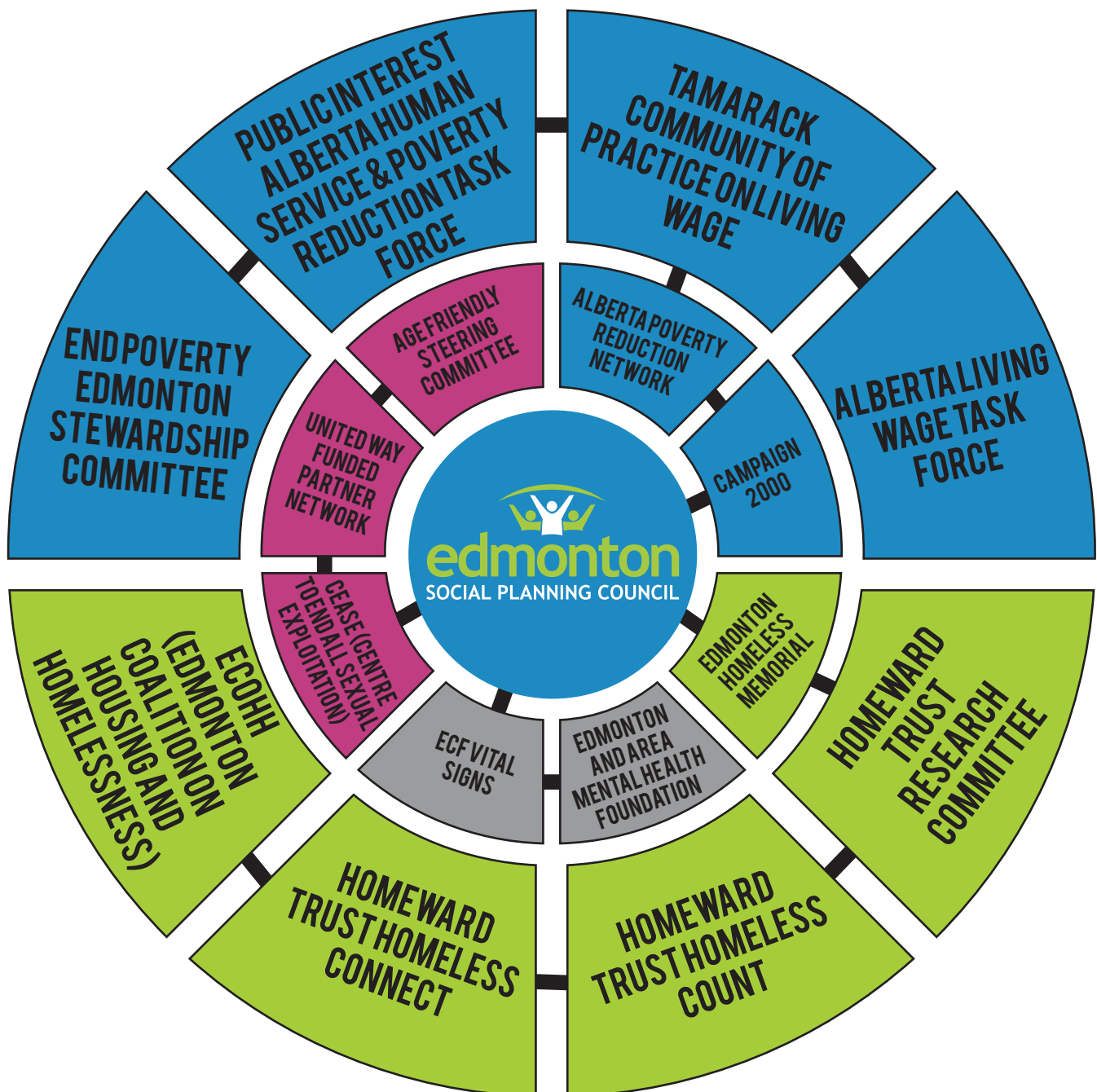
COMMITTEES AND COALITIONS

POVERTY

HOMELESSNESS

COMMUNITY

RESEARCH



LUNCH AND LEARNS

A TOTAL OF 35 PEOPLE ATTENDED THESE LUNCH AND LEARNS.

"THIS INFORMATION HAS INCREASED MY UNDERSTANDING OF SPECIFIC AREAS."

"GREAT PRESENTATION, WONDERFUL WAY TO MAKE CONNECTIONS."

IMPACT OF LUNCH & LEARN

51% of participants said the information presented at Lunch and Learns increased their knowledge of issues that affect their quality of life.

48% of participants said they would be engaging further with the agencies that presented at the Lunch and Learn for further information and or to get involved.



THE FAMILY CENTRE – FROM THE GROUNDUP: BUILDING LOVE THAT LASTS/HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



Lunch and Learn
Social Isolation

March 23 | Noon | Enterprise Square Library

SENIORS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER EDMONTON – SENIORS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION.



COLEEN CASSADY-ST. CLAIR – URBAN COYOTES: IN CONFLICT OR COEXISTENCE?



EDMONTON SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL & EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – 2017 VITAL SIGNS

BOARD REPORTS

2017 Finance Committee Annual Report

Committee Members: Doug Meggison, Committee Chair
Gwen Feeney, Maxwell Harrison, members

In November 2017, the Edmonton Social Planning Council board approved a 2018 calendar year balanced budget which included a modest percentage wage increase for all staff. In addition, each employee received a lump sum payment for the 2017 year pro-rated to hours worked.

A glance at the audited statement of operations for 2017 shows that for the fourth year in a row, ESPC realized a surplus in our operations. In fact, our audited financial report reveals a significant surplus of \$32,684.

Increased revenue is accounted for by deferred income from the very successful 2015 Casino, an additional grant from the City of Edmonton's Age Friendly Initiative for an Indigenous Seniors Social Isolation research project and the Edmonton Community Foundation which not only gave ESPC a Fund Development Sustainability grant but also extended the Research Associate Position for three years.

Decreased expense included a position vacant for part of the 2017 year, a rebate for common area costs in the Commonwealth Building location, and less than budgeted expenditures in telephone, publications/subscriptions, stationery, and membership/professional fees.

Increased expense for 2017 included a \$10,000 non-budgeted permanent endowment contribution to the Edmonton Community Foundation. The ECF will administer and invest the ESPC endowment. Persons interested in leaving a bequest to the ESPC can do this through the ECF. The ESPC will be the recipient of income earned on this fund.

In December 2017, the Board moved \$20,000 of the surplus into Internally Restricted funds for future operating costs in the event of an unanticipated funding loss. The Board also set up two additional funds during the year: a staff development fund \$8,000.00 and special projects fund \$7,000.00. The Board will be reviewing and monitoring these funds and their use on an annual basis.

All non-profits are under pressure to use social entrepreneurial approaches to maximize grant and project funding, largely because core funding does not increase very much or very often. It is a constant stress on the organization to maintain our financial balance.

In 2017, our core United Way funding was increased by 2%. As a proportion of revenue from all

sources, core funding from United Way of the Alberta Capital Region showed a relative decrease to 57%. [2016: 62.2%] [2015: 55.7%] [2014: 49.5%] [2013: 54.7%]. ESPC has been a member agency of the United Way since inception.

The Council continues to do a volunteer casino every second year. These revenues represented 15.7% of our 2017 operations year. [2016: 11%] [2015: 10%] [2014: 8.4%] [2013: 12%]. The April 1-2, 2017 casino recruited 32 volunteers with a strong showing from the ESPC board.

Council executive director Susan Morrissey has continued to successfully—and dare I say relentlessly—pursue and capture fee-for-service research and evaluation contracts. Don McFarlane continues as our contract bookkeeper, and executive assistant Stephanie Haar takes responsibility for most postings.

Our 2017 audited financial report will be presented to the AGM by Carla Walker of Peterson Walker LLP and is available to members on request.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Doug Meggison
Treasurer

AT A GLANCE



SURPLUS OF \$32,684



UNITED WAY FUNDING INCREASED 2%



VOLUNTEER CASINO 15.7% OF 2017 FUNDING



\$10,000 ESPC ENDOWMENT FUND



**\$8,000 STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUND
& \$7,000 SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND**

2017 Membership and Board Development Committee Report

Committee Members: Doug Meggison, Chairperson
Peter Schalk, Ben Whynot, members

The Membership and Board Development Committee recommends measures to improve membership growth and retention, facilitates board member development and coordinates recruitment of board members, subject to their election at the Annual General Meeting.

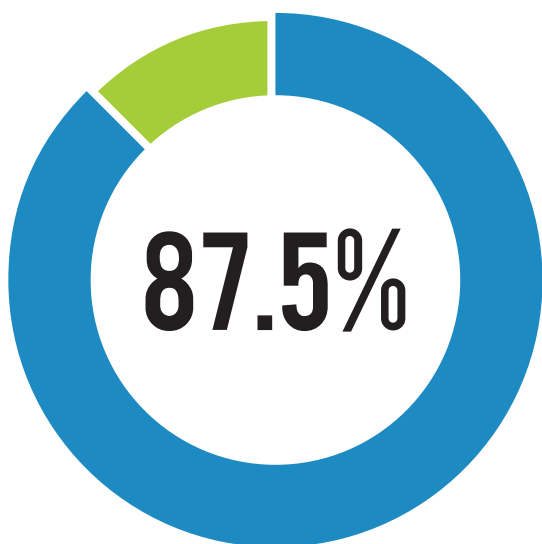
At the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the Council welcomed one new board member, Calypse Agborsangaya, and renewed two board members for a further two-year term. In the fall, the board thanked Alexandra Seaman for her service, and continued with eight out of a maximum twelve directors. In April 2018, we thanked Maxwell Harrison for his service.

Because our bylaws do not require interim board appointments until the number drops below eight, the board decided to wait until the AGM to bring in a full complement of directors.

In January 2018, the committee developed a fine-tuned plan, authored by Ben Whynot, to recruit board members well in advance of the AGM. We clarified wording on the ESPC website, advertised on our own site and on several other agencies' websites, reviewed applications, carried out interviews and made a recommendation to the board to nominate five new board members for election at the AGM.

The five new prospective board members will join renewing board members Candas Jane Dorsey, Peter Schalk and Ben Whynot in a proposed 'slate election' at the AGM. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted, provided the nominee is a member of ESPC and present at the AGM. President Gwen Feeney, Dave Trautman and Calypse Agborsangaya are in continuing term. Doug Meggison has been on the board since 2012, and will leave the board at the 2018 AGM, having completed three 2-year terms.

Future work of the Membership and Board Development Committee will include promoting membership benefits, attracting and retaining membership, coordinating board development activities, and reviewing membership categories and fees. We anticipate that much of the committee's work will be coordinated with the Fund Development Committee's efforts to develop a much wider base of support for ESPC's work.



- IN 2017, 87.5% OF VISITORS (10,366) TO THE ESPC WEBSITE WERE NEW VISITORS WITH 12.5% RETURNING VISITORS.

BOARD REPORTS CONT.

Fund Development Initiative

Co-leads: Susan Morrissey (Executive Director) and Ben Whynot (Board member)

In 2016-17, the Board reported that we had revitalized a Fund Development Committee to focus on strengthening and diversifying the Council's revenue sources. This work certainly continued in 2017-18, but with a different approach!

Recognizing the scale of the challenge, the Council was successful in securing a grant from the Edmonton Community Foundation to engage two experienced consultants to conduct a comprehensive fund development audit and provide a final report with recommendations to the Board. Ben Whynot (Board member) and Susan Morrissey (Executive Director) served as co-leads for the initiative alongside the consultants.

The audit process included a half-day session with the Council's staff (October 11), two full day sessions with the Board and Executive Director (October 28 and April 21), interviews with the EDs of seven social planning councils across Canada, and approximately 40 key stakeholders interviews in Edmonton. This impressive array of data was leveraged to create a draft report, which is now undergoing a few more careful reviews before being finalized.

Although the report is still a draft, there are some insights to share that we learned along the way. Firstly, the Council is undoubtedly respected and appreciated, but we need to be better known. Secondly, we need to keep looking for compelling ways to tell the story of what we do, why it matters, and the impact of our work. Thirdly, we have to think carefully about how we go about raising additional revenue to ensure we stay true to our vision, mission and values.

Conducting a fund development audit was just the first step—and there is still a lot more to be done! The next step will be to establish an ad-hoc committee to create an implementation plan based on the audit recommendations, which will include strategies for engaging our membership in this exciting work! In the meantime, if you have any questions about the fund development audit or what comes next, feel free to e-mail benhwhynt@gmail.com.



Vital Signs Presentation



2017 Policy Committee Report

Dave Trautman, Committee Chairperson
Calypse Agborsangaya, member

The committee's primary activity in 2017 was the Executive Director Performance Review. This is conducted every two years. Information was gathered, opinions were summarized and a performance agreement was signed with our Executive Director.

Our committee organizes the nominations of, and chooses the best candidate for, the Award of Merit. This year the board decided on awarding both an organizational award and an individual award. On behalf of the Policy Committee I would like to acknowledge the work of my colleagues on the board through most of 2017. The committee congratulates Paula Kirman as the individual recipient as well as the Jasper Place Wellness Centre as the organizational recipients of the 2018 Award of Merit.

The committee has been at work on some guidelines for the Executive Director concerning the financial oversight of some new budget categories created by the board. Our proposal will be presented to the board at its June meeting. A final proposal will be brought forward once input from the Board has been merged

into the policy. This policy will help to ensure any future Executive Director will understand the purpose of these funds and the proper application of them.

In the coming year the committee will address any policy concerns brought forward by members of the organization. The committee also expects to fully participate in the development of policy related to our Funding, Communications, and Public Engagement activities going forward into the next few years.



Meeting with Minister Danielle Larivee



Our New Community Meeting Space

MEET THE BOARD



Gwen Feeny
President



Doug Meggison
Treasurer



David Trautman
*Chairperson
Policy Committee*



Ben Whynot
*Chairperson Fund
Development*



**Candace Jane
Dorsey**
Director



Maxwell Harrison
Director



Peter Schalk
Director



Alexandra Seaman
Director



Cody Spencer
Director



**Calypse
Agborsangaya**
Director



Ashley Salvador
Director

MEET THE STAFF



Susan Morrissey - Executive Director

Susan Morrissey joined the ESPC as Executive Director in October 2005. In addition to the day to day operational oversight she spends a significant amount of time building strong relationships and brokering partnerships with like-minded organizations in the community.

Susan holds a Bachelor degree in Sociology/Psychology and Recreation Administration & Leisure Studies from the University of Alberta. Susan began her professional career as a Recreation Therapist specializing in dementia care programming and gradually moving more into a management role. In 1999 Susan became the Executive Director of the Association of Adult Day Support Programs, now called Eldercare which provided day program support to the frail elderly in a non-institutional setting.



John Kolkman - Research Associate

John has several decades of experience working as a public policy researcher, both in the non-profit sector and at the political level. Since joining the Council in May 2006, he has worked on social policy issues related to poverty, wealth and income inequality, removing employment barriers for those with low and modest incomes, social determinants of health, affordable housing, and neighborhood revitalization.

John has resided with his family in the inner city McCauley neighborhood of Edmonton for the past 30 years, and has been an active volunteer and leader in a number of community organizations. Married to Kate Quinn, they have two adult sons.



Sandra Ngo - Research Coordinator

Sandra Ngo graduated from the University of Alberta with a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics. Prior to coming to ESPC, Sandra was the community Resource Coordinator with the Multicultural Health Brokers and ENRICH.

Sandra was instrumental in starting the Grocery Run which is a program that provides fresh fruits and vegetables to refugee families living in crisis. She has been very active in the food security scene in Edmonton for a number of years.



Stephanie Harr - Executive Assistant

Stephanie Haar, our Executive Assistant, has returned to the ESPC after a two year absence where she was living in Singapore, enjoying the multiculturalism and varied environment of Southeast Asia.

Stephanie has extensive knowledge working in the not for profit section. Prior to joining the Edmonton Social Planning Council in 2007, she worked in the Vancouver Regional District. She brings a wealth of administrative experience and her skills are greatly appreciated within the organization.

Summer Student - Maxwell Jenkins

PARTNERSHIPS



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PUBLICATIONS

ESPC is a source of knowledge and expertise on social issues within our community. Below is a list of publications prepared and disseminated in 2017:

Research Reports

- 2017 Edmonton Poverty Profile
- 2017 Living Wage Report
- Alberta Poverty Annual Report
- Child Benefit Enhancements Making a Difference for Low Income Families
- 2017 Vital Signs - Belonging

Fact sheets

- 2017 Federal Budget Factsheet
- 2017 Alberta Budget Factsheet
- From the Ground Up: Building Love that Lasts
- Seniors Isolations
- Urban Coyotes: In Conflict or Coexistence
- National Housing Day

FACTivist Newsletters (feature articles)

- Social Exclusion: One Cause of Missing Persons by Ryan Dexter (ESPC Volunteer)
- Access to Justice: The Great Gap in Canada's Justice System by Max Jenkins (ESPC Summer Student)
- What Data Shows About Precarious Work by John Kolkman (ESPC Research Associate)

Media Interviews

- CBC - Presenting the data from the 2017 Poverty Profile
- Metro News - Encouraging low income individuals and families to file their taxes to ensure they receive the government transfers that they are entitled to.
- CBC Radio - Advocating for increases to asset limits for affordable housing so that clients are not penalized and face claw backs
- CBC - Big City Charters discussion and the impact to the Voluntary Sector
- Global and CBC - data presented on the 2017 Living Wage
- Metro News - Alberta Child Poverty Report changes



CITATIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

ESPC has a long standing reputation for having our important work cited in other research reports and journals both locally and internationally. Here is a list of ESPC citation for 2017:

- Parenting and Mental Health Promotion Practices of African Immigrants in Alberta by B. Salami, P. Okeke-Ohejirika, S. Honhani, H. Vallianatos
- Immigration, Public Policy and Health: Newcomers Experience in Developed Nation's by Dennis Raphael
- Stakeholder Responses to Government Austerity: What Happens when Strong Stakeholders Fail to React? By K. Ogata
- On the Line: Business Education in the Digital Age by A. Khare, D. Hurst
- Community Based Research Report by HMA Ali
- Sustainable Food Consumption Practices: Case Studies and Contexts from Edmonton, Canada by R. Touchie
- Empowering Educators in Canada: How High-Performing Systems Shape Teaching Quality by C. Campbell, K. Zeichner, A. Lieberman
- Assessment and Analysis for Living Wage Policy Implementation in Camrose, Alberta by B. Niven
- Oil and Gas Development and Employment in Arctic Communities: the Case of Alberta and Finnmark by K.L. Gurvich
- Responses to Interventions: A Guide to Implementation for School Administrators by J. Clifton

- 2017 Poverty Profile presentation at EPE Launch
- Age Friendly Edmonton for Indigenous Seniors Social Isolation project approved

- Staff and volunteers participate in Homeless Connect event
- Executive Director meets with Minister David Eggen to discuss racism initiative

- ESPC receives a grant to conduct fund development sustainability project from Edmonton Community Foundation.
- City of Edmonton implements Ride Share low income transit pass

- Municipal government candidates survey results posted online
- ESPC hosts Seasonal Celebration

- ESPC establishes Endowment Fund through Edmonton Community Foundation



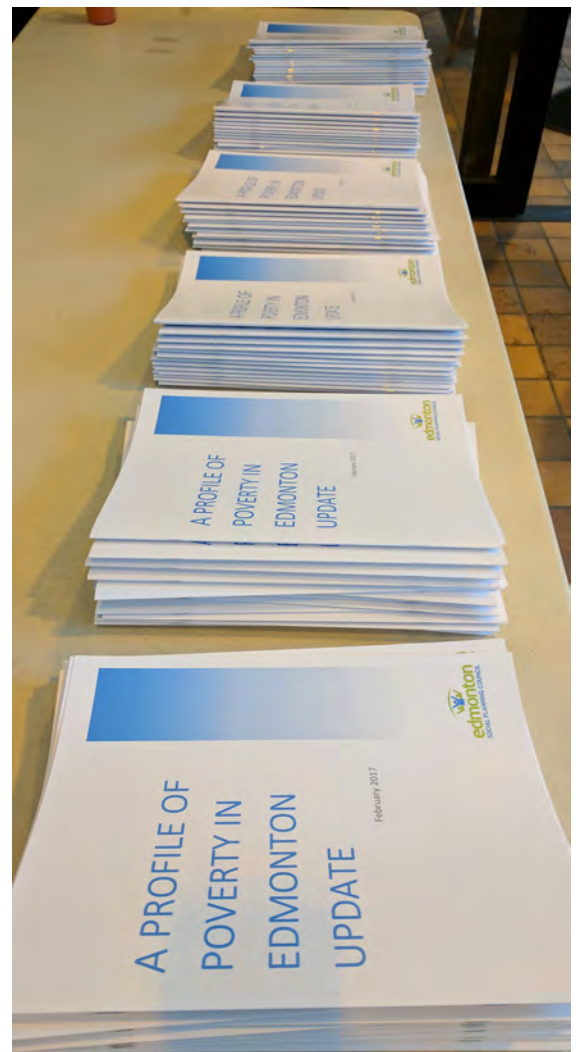
Board Retreat



Intelligent Cities Nomination



United Way Poverty Simulation



VOLUNTEERS

In 2017 a total of 42 individuals volunteered more than 714 hours of their time to ESPC. Volunteers contributed their generous time to reviewing and writing research reviews for our Research Update and quarterly newsletters, transcribing notes at focus groups, serving on our Board and Subcommittees, assisting with our casino, and baking for our United Way Bake Sale. ESPC staff also volunteer their time to help out at events in the community including Homeless Connect, United Way Poverty Simulation and the Alberta Not for Profit Association Competition.



United Way Bake Sale



End Poverty Edmonton Launch

PRESENTATIONS/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS

"On behalf of the Edmonton John Howard Society, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Edmonton Social Planning Council. Edmonton Social Planning Council monitors social issues and trends and provides agencies like ours with accurate information so that we can better serve our clients and our community. Their research helps us to make informed decisions and develop effective programs that address social problems facing our community."

Robin Murray, Executive Director, Edmonton John Howard Society

Presentations made to organizations in our community included:

- End Poverty Edmonton Launch
- United Way Member Agency Network
- Greater Edmonton Alliance
- Northeast Service Providers
- Parkland Institute Symposium
- U of A Social Dimensions of Health and Health Promotion
- Vital Signs Launch
- Calgary Homeless Foundation - Alberta's Alternative Budget
- Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE)

Consultations:

- LGBTQ Youth Research
- 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Update
- Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Age Friendly Edmonton
- Child Intervention Panel Community Engagement
- United Way Creating Pathways out of Poverty

Meeting with Elected Officials:

- Meeting with Mike Nickel, Councillor Ward 11
- Meeting with Minister David Eggen, Minister of Education
- Meeting with Minister Danielle Larivee, Minister of Children's Services



OUR SUPPORTERS

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR 2017 FUNDERS FOR BELIEVING AND SUPPORTING OUR WORK



Donations received help us to produce research reports and publications that we make accessible free of charge. Donations allow us to take on bigger projects and make a greater impact in our community. The strength of our voice is dependent upon the support from people and organizations concerned about social issues. By contributing, you are adding your voice and helping those you lack the opportunity to speak for themselves.

ESPC is a Not for Profit organization with registered charity status (Charity Tax# 10729 31 95 RP 001). Donations can be made directly to the Edmonton Social Planning Council through our website www.edmontonsocialplanning.ca or through CanadaHelps.org

Endowment Fund

Edmonton Social Planning Council established an Endowment Fund through the Edmonton Community Foundation in 2017. Donations made to our endowment fund allow donors to provide lifelong gifts and support to our agencies. Contact the Edmonton Community Foundation for further information about how to donate to our endowment fund at www.ecfoundation.org

77TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Edmonton Social Planning Council

77th Annual General Meeting

May 25, 2017

5:30 - 6:30pm

MINUTES

WELCOME AND THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The meeting was convened at 5:35 p.m. by Erin LaRocque, President of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, who welcomed everyone and delivered a brief opening statement recognizing that we are having this meeting on traditional Treaty 6 land. Erin welcomed all the ESPC Board and ESPC members attending.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: MOVED by Candas Jane Dorsey, seconded by Rose Marie Tremblay to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2016

Motion: MOVED by David Trautman, seconded by Candas Jane Dorsey to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2016 AGM as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

AWARD OF MERIT FOR ADVOCACY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dave Trautman presented Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice to Dr. David Long who was unable to attend the AGM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Erin LaRocque reflected on the work of the Board and Council for the year 2016 and asked people to review our 2016 Annual Report.

She thanked board members and ESPC staff for their great work and support during her tenure on the board and regrettably announced her resignation from the Board effective immediately as she will be attending school in Vancouver starting in the fall. She thanked everyone for their continued support.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Susan Morrissey, Executive Director, reflected on the work of the Council and change within our community, and province for the 2016 year. For example, the recent adoption of an Edmonton Low Income Transit Pass which the Council has been working on for the past 6-7 years and the Alberta Child Tax benefit just to name a couple.

She highlighted some of the upcoming activities planned for the 2017 year. ie: Vital Signs & Living Wage reports, 2017 Tracking the Trends edition and the continuation of the Lunch & Learn series just to name a few.

Susan Morrissey, thanked the staff, volunteers, board of directors, funders and ESPC members for their continued support of the ESPC work.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Meggison, Chair of the ESPC Finance committee invited Carla Walker, from Peterson Walker LLP to report on the 2016 Financials.

Carla Walker presented the 2016 Audited Financial statements.

Motion: MOVED by Doug Meggison, seconded by Adrien Tremblay to approve the audited 2016 financial statements as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Doug Meggison, seconded by Candas Jane Dorsey to appoint Peterson, Walker as Auditors for the 2017 year.

Motion: CARRIED

Doug Meggison thanked Carla Walker for her work.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT/NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Meggison introduced the continuing Board Members

Doug Meggison (3rd Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Candas Jane Dorsey (2nd Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Alexandra Seaman (1st Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Maxwell Harrison (1st Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Peter Schalk (1st Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Ben Whynot (1st Term – 2nd Year Candidate)

Doug Meggison introduced new nominees to the Board and term re-election candidates.

Calypse Agborsangaya (1st Term – 1st Year Candidate)

Dave Trautman ((2nd Term – 1st Year Candidate)

Gwen Feeny (2nd Year – 1st Year Candidate)

CALLS for nominations from the floor.

Motion: MOVED by Doug Meggison, seconded by Candas Jane Dorsey, that nominations cease.

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Doug Meggison, seconded by David Trautman to elect the above mentioned candidate(s) to the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

Motion: CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Many thanks was expressed by the ESPC Board to Erin LaRocque, Ashley Salvador and Cody Spencer (who are leaving the Board) for their work for the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

ADJOURNMENT – (adjourned at 6.15pm)

Motion: MOVED by Maxwell Harrison, seconded by Don Mayne to adjourn the business portion of the 77th ESPC Annual General Meeting.

Motion: CARRIED

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