



Yellowknife United Church

Annual Report 2019

For the Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 2, 2019
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Mission Statement

Yellowknife United Church is a community of Christians who enjoy fellowship grounded in a common, growing faith. The opportunity for worship and reflection offers the strength and spiritual development we need to live and minister in our society.

We value the Christian Education of our children and adults. By exploring our Christian heritage we understand our faith more deeply. We seek to be enriched by the spiritual traditions of the northern peoples.

As a congregation of the United Church of Canada we accept a calling to share our gifts, to work for a just and peaceful community and to exercise faithful stewardship of the life and health of God's creation.

Vision Statement

We believe that all people are created in the image of God
and are unconditionally loved by God

We are dedicated to being a community which welcomes and includes everybody, celebrating the diversity of our age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, ethnicity and social-economic circumstance.

We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we celebrate the richness that diversity brings to our church, even as it challenges us.

We are committed to seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God on our common faith journey. ALL are welcome!

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**YELLOWKNIFE UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2019**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Voting Rights
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Time for Adjournment
5. Approval of Minutes from Annual Financial meeting – February 10, 2019
6. Business Arising from the May 27, 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting
7. Annual Reports
8. Financial Report
9. Report of the Nominating Committee
10. Signing Authorities
11. Search Committee
12. Congregational Concerns and Committee Comments
13. Next Congregational Meeting
14. Adjournment

**Annual Congregational Financial Meeting
February 10, 2019**

Congregational Chair Person: Lloyd Henderson

Congregational Secretary: Rovelyn Guray-Sobrepena

Present:

Cynthia Creed	Lindsay Chiasson	Jaehoon Lee
Eumi Jang	John Soderberg	Janice Daly
Laurie Gault	Mark Cliffe-Phillips	Lorne Gushue
Marie Wilson	Terrilyn Hayden	Peter Workman
Barb Paquin	Greg Short	Tara Short
Gordon Hamre	Karen Wilford	Sean Daly
Elizabeth Brace	Joanna Wilson	Margaret Henderson
Rovelyn Guray-Sobrepena	Lloyd Henderson	Catherine MacLean

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Lloyd Henderson called the meeting to order at 12:20. Quorum declared and quorum requirement have not changed to 10 members instead of 20 members. Catherine MacLean opened the meeting with a prayer.

Voting Rights-Motion: Gordon Hamre/Peter Workman “Move to approve all present including adherents to vote on matters of a temporal nature”. Carried.

Approval of the Agenda-Motion: Mari Wilson/Terrilyn Hayden “Move to accept the agenda as presented. Carried.

Time of Adjournment-Lloyd Henderson advised that we will take the amount of time to complete our business.

Approval of the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, May 27, 2018 – Motion: Terrilyn Hayden/Margaret Henderson “Move to accept the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of January 28, 2018”. Carried.

Items noted on the May 27, 2019 Congregational Meeting:

- a. Barb Paquin, Karen Wilford, Laurie Gault and Terrilyn Hayden on the attendees
- b. Item 12, Karen’s last name should be Wilford and should be Ministry and Personnel not Minister and Personnel.

Business arising from the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 27, 2018. Peter Workman report on the Board to review committees structure for efficiency and be simplified. Due to administrative changes, would like to deter committee restructure until the new Minister is appointed until sometime next year.

Motion: Janice Daly/Margaret Henderson, “Moved that the Yellowknife United Church Board to review and defer restructuring committees on February 20/20”. Carried.

Motion: Lindsay Chiasson/Peter Workman "Move to accept the proposed 2019 Budget".
Carried

Marie Wilson questioned the \$25,000 grant, Sean Daly explained that we applied to the Community Foundation for improvement of the community space for TV's, speakers and Wifi improvement We will also be receiving another \$25000 from the United Church Mission and Transition Fund. Lindsay Chiasson added that the other \$25,000 is not reflected on the statement because the request was prepared in December and the \$25,000 was received in January.

Congregational Concerns, Comments and Updates:

- a. Margaret Henderson. The Search Committee has not yet completed the search for our Minister. Work still in progress, completed interviews and hope to have our Minister soon.
- b. Karen Wilford: Expressed her gratitude to the Worship Committee for working together with the other committee chairs. This built opportunity for her growth.
- c. Terrilyn Hayden: Nomination Committee is looking for 2 members of the Community Services Corporation (CSC). Two of the members' term are expiring can only serve 2 terms. Stuart Oldham already served 2 terms. Lloyd Henderson already completed his first term and agreed to stand for a second term. Seeking a new member who would like to serve on the CSC. Anyone who would like to serve would have to be member of the congregation CSC annual meeting will be towards the end of April 2019.
- d. Lloyd Henderson expressed gratitude to Catherine MacLean being our pastoral charge supervisor.
- e. Laurie Gault: Expressed thank you to Lindsay Chiasson for the Financial Statements.
- f. Marie Wilson commented on the multipurpose area and how dark it is. Janice Daly suggested that when the new electrical work has been completed something could possibly be done. Sean Daly suggested that this will be considered when the electrical work is completed.
- g. Peter Workman indicated we would like to improve our communication with the CSC if there's anything that needs to be done. We have to make sure it is reported

Adjournment: Lloyd Henderson, the Congregational Chair declared the meeting @ 1:25 pm.

YELLOWKNIFE UNITED CHURCH Board Chair Report 2018-2019

In my second year as chair of the board, a lot of things have happened and I am proud of the work done by the members of YK United Church.

We have had changes to work through, the structural changes to the UC of Canada and the local changes with the retirement and search for a new Minister for YKUC. These changes have not come without some challenges to work through, and with some we are still working through.

The Board of Yellowknife UC is a dedicated caring group of people who take their responsibilities seriously. They care about the good of YK United, its members and the community and are working to make improvements to the church in a thoughtful way.

Thanks to Rev. Peter Chynoweth for his leadership in our congregation up until his retirement in November. You don't always appreciate all the things that some people are doing until they are no longer there to do them. This has been true in the case of Rev. Peter from November onward many people have stepped up to learn and fill those gaps.

Thanks to Holy Family Luther Church, Pastor Kirk Tastad and the Parish council for their support and collaboration to allow us to share a monthly communion service with them until we get a new minister for YKUC. This is very much appreciated.

Thanks, and welcome to Sharon who began as our Office Administrator during this past church year. Sharon has brought organizational skills and an eye and knack for making our space more presentable and welcoming to renters. Thank you Sharon!

Below are the highlights of the work of the Board over the last year:

1. Creating and empowering a Multi-Purpose Area (MPA) working group to work towards improving it

2. Successful requests for funding to improve/modernize the auditorium electronics and sound system
3. Working with the Community Services Corporation to upgrade washrooms in the MPA for accessibility including funding work to make them universal, inclusive and gender neutral as a further step in our Affirming journey.

More details from last year's work are found in the attached Committee reports. It has been a privilege to serve the congregation as Board Chair and I thank you all for your support in this volunteer position. This church runs on volunteer support.

I encourage you all to consider volunteering to become involved in one of the committees or the board of the YKUC it can be work but is also rewarding and fun. Respectfully submitted

Peter Workman

Outreach Committee Annual report - May 2019

Committee members: Joanna Wilson, Karen Hamre, Nancy Trotter, Kathryn Walker, Lex Lovatt (former), Suzanne Ngo Likaa

Rental of NUP multi-purpose area and meeting rooms

The NUP building is a very important part of YKUC's outreach. Policy related to room usage is the responsibility of the Outreach committee. This year, as in past years, we offered free meeting space or reduced rates to many Yellowknife groups.

In 2018 a major project of the Outreach committee was to update the NUP room rental policy, room rental administrator's procedures, kitchen contract and checklist, and rental rates. We especially thank Karen Hamre for all her work that resulted in successfully completing this project. We now have consistent procedures in place for issues such as discounted rentals, long-term or repeat renters, and overdue accounts. Karen also represents Outreach on the multi-purpose area review committee. Some improvements have been made to the rental meeting rooms and Sharon Nyal has been working with renters to ensure the spaces are kept tidy and organized.

Intergenerational Garden

2018 was the fourth successful growing season for the intergenerational garden located at the Mildred Hall School. Pathways were built to improve the garden. A big thank you goes to Stuart for installing them and to the GNWT for the funding. NUP residents have priority for the garden plots and we continue to reach out to NUP residents who may want to garden. Mildred Hall students and neighbourhood residents have also been using the garden plots. We are now gearing up for the 2019 gardening season. We thank the worship committee for setting aside worship time in May again this year for service to our community garden project. Please contact Outreach if you are interested in helping with the garden project or mentoring a gardener.

The Christmas sock project - This project continues to be meaningful for members of the Yellowknife United Church as well as for the homeless individuals who receive the socks filled with useful items. Once again, thanks to generous donations from the congregation, we were able to meet our annual target of 50 filled socks. Salvation Army staff emphasized to us that the socks and the items inside are very much appreciated by the people who stay at the Salvation Army homeless shelter at Christmas. We are grateful for YKUC members' continuing support of this project.

The foot washing program continues at the Salvation Army Shelter year-round. Thank you to congregation members who participate in this program. Additional volunteers and donations of socks are needed. Please contact Nancy if you would like to volunteer.

Donations – In 2018 we donated \$1034 to the Yellowknife YWCA.

Refugee Sponsorship

YKUC is no longer responsible for supporting Abdi, however we continue to provide some non-financial support. Abdi experienced some challenges this year and is currently in need of a new job and apartment. Please contact a member of Outreach, or Barb Paquin, if you have any leads that might help.

Although not a church project, some members of YKUC have also been involved with another Group of Five refugee sponsorship group. Two brothers, Leon and Berhanu, recently arrived in Yellowknife and are settling into their new home.

Meals on Wheels – Part of our Outreach

The Meals-on-Wheels (MOW) program has been in operation in Yellowknife for over 40 years and is one of the community outreach projects that our congregation is involved in. We are one of six groups who have committed to providing volunteer drivers to deliver the evening meal for a week every six weeks.

Special thanks to the following who, along with members of their family, helped out during the past year: Mackenzie Chiasson, Sharon Cormier, Cappy Elkin, Ann Hall, Brad Hall, Lisa Hall, Karen Hamre, Terrilyn Hayden, Lloyd Henderson, Michelle Lee, Stuart Oldham, Jessica Schmidt, Greg Short, John Soderberg and Rovy Sobrepena. Without each and every one of you and your families this could not be part of our outreach.

Here's a quick re-cap of what is involved as a volunteer driver. An individual can do it alone or you can take along a helper (one drives, one runs in to deliver). You pick up the evening meal(s) from the Stanton Hospital kitchen between 4:45 and 5:30 p.m. and deliver to those individuals on the list for the day. There can be up to half a dozen meals although lately there are commonly only three or four. The meals are individually packaged, marked with the recipient's name and put into an insulated carrying bag.

It's quick and easy when you drop the meal at each address. This is often a highlight in the person's day. After delivering the meals, you return the insulated bag to the appreciative staff at the hospital kitchen. Again, the commitment is for approximately one hour one evening every six weeks. With lots of volunteers you may only be called every second time.

This is a quick, easy, and rewarding community service and if you are interested in joining our team of drivers or have some questions about it, please call Jeannette Hall at 873-3942 or 445-5822. Our upcoming up-coming turns for the rest of this year are June 15-21, July 27-Aug 2, Sep 7-13, Oct 19-25 and Nov 30-Dec 6. Thanks!

Jeannette Hall
MOW Coordinator

United Church Women – 2018/19 Annual Report
Yellowknife United Church

The Yellowknife United Church Women (UCW) did not hold regular meetings during the year although we continued with the regular activities of making pepper jelly and antipasto to sell at our Christmas tea and bake sale, which was again very successful. We also cleaned the kitchen, took part in ad hoc cleaning as required and provided soup and sandwiches for the Lenten Luncheon. These activities have been strongly supported by the wider congregation.

The UCW makes annual donations to various mission funds. Funds in 2019 are being distributed as follows: International – foster child in Senegal and M&S Fund; National – Christenson/Dryburg Fund; Local – Center for Northern Families, YWCA to assist with local programming, Salvation Army, Mildred Hall Garden Project, money set aside for bulletin folders as well as to support women to attend the Western Women's Conference.

Officers for the year continue to be:

Chair: Gwyneth Davis
Secretary: Jeannette Hall
Treasurer: Margaret Henderson

We gathered on May 13th for a fun evening of pot luck and nickel auction as well as distributed funds raised at the Tea & Bake Sale (as noted above).

The UCW would like to offer a special thank you to everyone who has supported us by donating their time, energy, and talents.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeannette Hall

Stewardship Committee – 2018/19 Annual Report
Yellowknife United Church

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for the church's financial affairs and in so doing supports and nurtures the mission of the church. It does this through information sharing, fund raising and good financial management

The committee members are:

Margaret Henderson, Chair
Terrilyn Hayden
Lindsay Chiasson

Stewardship events are usually planned using email.

Fund-raising events this year included the CDA bin collection, two Christmas Bazaars, the Pancake Supper, the Garage Sale, the City Clean-up plus a number of smaller ventures such as the bulletin sponsorship, church calendars, beverage recycling, and the celebration jar.

We have now been involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline since February 2016 We have sent 13 trailers of donated items south containing almost 15,000 bags and raised \$21,596. Twenty-four volunteers from the church are looking after the collection of items and transporting them to a storage trailer. Bins are located at the Fieldhouse, Trevor's Independent, and the Co-op. We are always looking for new volunteers and if you would like to help with this worthwhile cause, please let us know

Upcoming events this year will include the fall supper and two Christmas Bazaars on November 23 and December 7.

If you are interested in serving on the committee we would love to have you join us, or if you would like to be called on to help with specific projects, please let us know. "Your work O God needs many hands".

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for all the help and support we have received over the past year.

Respectfully submitted by
Margaret Henderson

Christian Development Committee Report

This year The Christian Development Committee consisted of only one congregational member and Rev. Peter Chynoweth until his retirement at the end of October. Due to the small committee size, we scaled back our activities in 2018-19.

Priority one was to ensure that Sunday School carried on. New teachers Dawn Tremblay and Alana Kronstal joined the existing team of Joanna Wilson, Elizabeth Brace (who taught a music-based class once per month) and spare Denise Drouin. Our committee policy is that all teachers must submit a criminal records check every three years. Attendance averaged six students per week from September to the end of December and five per week from January to end of March. All ages meet together and the teachers use the Whole People of God curriculum. When Rev. Chynoweth retired, I took on the role of the on-line curriculum administrator for our congregation. In December we held the annual Christmas pageant, directed by Kathryn Walker, with 17 children participating. Priority two was continuing the Book Club. We had met after church at Javaroma but when they decided to close on Sundays, we moved the Book Club to the church reading room. Attendance dropped, possibly because there was no lunch available for purchase, so we relocated to Birchwood Coffee Ko in March after they began opening on Sundays. We will take the summer off and then continue to read and discuss books with a religious or spiritual theme encompassing a wide variety of genres from October to June.

Priority three was providing snacks after baptisms, which we did for the one baptism that occurred in January.

We also did the annual clean-up of the reading room and Sunday School supply cabinets, as well as assisted temporary minister Rev. Karen Holmes in recruiting young readers to participate in the Palm Sunday service.

Our church continued to sponsor the Scouting movement in Yellowknife by providing free meeting space. This year there were 30 Beavers, 14 Cubs and 6 Scouts who met in our church space.

Two events will occur after the writing of this report. The City spring clean-up will happen on May 21, capably organized again this year by Johanna Stewart. We will be doing two sections which will result in \$1300.00 paid to our church. And Sunday School teacher recognition will take place during children's time on May 26. We are very grateful to the dedication of our Sunday School teachers in providing quality education time for the younger members of our congregation.

Although this year has proved challenging with such a small committee, I look forward to next year with a new Minister and more committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Paquin

Worship Committee Report for 2019 Congregational Meeting

It has been a year full of emotion on the Worship Committee: the poignancy of farewell to Peter and Sharon Chynoweth, the worry about serving the worship needs of the congregation, the warmth of the friendships that have deepened and the stubborn optimism that we will come through this time of transition, closer as a congregation.

The Worship Committee has been comprised of Cynthia Creed, Janice Daly, Lorne Gushue, Elaine Stewart (to September 2018) and Karen Wilford.

This year has had a definite sense of being a journey. We have faith that the Spirit has been with us as we have navigated through these months and we are grateful for the support of many.

In particular, the congregation of Holy Family Lutheran Church and Pastor Kirk Tastad have been very generous in joining us for worship on the first Sunday of each month so that the sacrament of communion has been available. They have agreed that they are able to continue with this schedule for the foreseeable future while the hiring process continues.

In addition, other members of our congregation and our 'extended family' have stepped forward to create/lead/write and participate. We thank Marg Henderson for her Remembrance service, Betty Parrell for the Christmas Eve service, Rev. Peter Short for services in January and Rev. Catherine MacLean for the service adjacent to our Congregational Financial meeting. Our church family has grown through our introduction to Rev. Karen Holmes who brought her unique energy and optimism through Lent and Easter.

We are learning new ways of offering worship and embracing technology and the notion of not 'reinventing the wheel'. We are becoming more at ease with our perfect imperfection and letting go of the need to aim for services to be the way they always were. This is harder than one might think.

Over the last year, many people have contributed to worship through the gifts of music and their time; we reflect on this each time we meet as a Committee and offer our thanks. We wish blessings upon: Sharon Chynoweth, Peter Workman, Elizabeth Brace, Andrea Booth and Cherie Jarock. And we hold up each other as members of the Worship Committee – all have moved beyond what was thought possible.

We are thankful for the ongoing support of the Board and the Congregation and grateful to have this time of deepening engagement in the act of worship.

Respectfully submitted;

Cynthia Creed, Janice Daly, Lorne Gushue, Elaine Stewart, Karen Wilford

Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P) **Annual Report – May 2019**

Committee Members: Laurie Gault (Chair) Members: Cappy Elkin, Karen Wilford

The M&P Committee is a mandated committee established in the by-laws of the United Church of Canada. The M&P committee is a confidential, consultative body that supports the pastoral relationship. Some of its responsibilities are:

- To provide support to the Minister and office staff
- To review and make recommendations regarding employment practice (wages, benefits and working conditions)
- To act as liaison between the church staff and the congregation.

(From the handbook for M&P Committees)

We are happy to hear compliments for our staff. Any concerns can be discussed confidentially with members of the M&P Committee. If there is a conflict between staff and the congregation, the M&P Committee is the first group responsible to help work things out for the long term health of the church.

In October 2018 we said goodbye to Reverend Peter Chynoweth who served us well and faithfully for 13 years; we also said goodbye to Peter's wife Sharon who was our pianist for those years and who brought countless hours of music and fellowship to our congregation.

The Worship committee has done a tremendous job of engaging Pastor Kirk from the Lutheran Church and finding pulpit supply to lead worship services while the Joint Search Committee does its work.

In November 2018 we had to find a replacement Office Administrator when Becky Dunham advised that she had to resign. We are grateful for Becky's help while she was with us. We were fortunate that a call for applications was well-received and Sharon Nyal joined us in December. Sharon is supporting us well through this period without a full time Minister.

The M&P Committee is fortunate to have a small but conscientious membership and I would like to thank Cappy and Karen for their assistance, advice and support.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laurie Gault
M&P Committee Chair

Community Life and Membership Committee (CLAM) 2018-2019

The role of the CLAM committee at Yellowknife United Church is to care for our church family by offering opportunities to gather as community for fellowship and care for each other. This is lived out in several ways:

Membership: Maintenance of the Yellowknife United Church membership list is the responsibility of CLAM. We were able to help in the transferring of a few memberships to new congregations and we welcomed two new members to Yellowknife United Church this year.

Pastoral Care: Church attenders have been encouraged to wear their name tags to increase our 'community awareness' and invited to submit their pastoral care concerns. Further exploration of intentional pastoral care scenarios/methods remains our ongoing work. However, we are 'reminded' of the many ways that pastoral care occurs in our community through both 'planned' and 'relational' methods.

Community Building:

- YKUC hosted three community meals this year. As always, these events were very filling both in the food shared and eaten and the friendships and visiting that happened together. We were very grateful for all of the help in organizing these events!
 - The annual Fall Welcome Back Supper in September in combination with a retirement party for Peter Chynoweth
 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in February - A big Thank you to Joanna Wilson and John Soderberg for taking the lead in the kitchen and the many hands who joined them!
 - Oatmeal Breakfast as we said farewell to Karen after her two months as our interim minister
- Family Bowling Night was well attended and fellowship and Sundaes were enjoyed back at the church following the bowling.
- Student Packages: Just before final exams in the Spring semester, seven post-secondary students received care packages from YKUC. The packages are a friendly "hello" to students studying away from home. The packages included a copy of the newsletter, a friendly letter, and the ever popular Tim's card.

Worship Helpers: CLAM is responsible for ensuring that the weekly tasks required to "make worship happen" are taken care of by circulating a sign-up sheet and encouraging folks to participate by reading, greeting, being opening or closing hosts and lighting the worship candles. We are working towards offering care in the nursery for smaller children, as the need arises with members of the committee providing this service. Thank you to all who gave of their time on Sunday mornings by signing up. It is our goal to have an online sign up available for the fall.

Reaching Out: The United Church Observer magazine is a way to stay connected with the wider 21 church. Barb Paquin has become our new Observer Champion – encouraging us all to subscribe to this very important publication. Thank you Barb!

This year's CLAM committee: Elizabeth Brace, Sean Daly and Alexis Jorgensen

Respectfully submitted, Sean Daly and Elizabeth Brace

TREASURERS REPORT : Yellowknife United Church
Income Statement
As of April 30, 2019

OPERATING FUND Statement of Revenue & Expenditures	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2019 Actuals	2019 Actuals
	<i>To Apr 30</i>		<i>To Apr 30</i>		
Revenue					
Offering- Local, Loose, SS, Youth, & Other	72,000	23,349	70,000	19,681	28.1%
Building & Equipment Use	67,000	25,615	67,000	20,787	31.0%
Fund Raising	14,500	711	15,000	2,795	18.6%
Youth Group	0	0	0	0	n/a
Manse (rental & utilities)	0	0	0	11,015	n/a
Other- photocopies, sales interest, marriage donations	2,100	451	2,000	88	4.4%
Total Revenue	155,600	50,125	154,000	54,367	35.3%

Expenditures					
Personnel	118,700	40,276	123,700	34,452	27.9%
General Admin & Maintenance	15,500	3,523	13,000	6,723	51.7%
Manse Operating	12,000	5,713	12,072	5,297	43.9%
Official Board	3,637	1,216	4,021	1,346	33.5%
Worship Committee	2,000	195	2,000	1,150	57.5%
Youth group	0	0	0	0	n/a
Outreach Committee	2,200	0	2,200	0	0.0%
Comm Life & Membership Comm.	800	359	800	337	42.1%
Christian Development Committee	1,000	26	1,000	304	30.4%
Stewardship Committee	650	221	700	180	25.7%
Garden Project	937	0	0	0	n/a
Affirm Study Group	500	0	500	100	20.0%
Total Expenditures	157,924	51,529	159,993	49,889	31.2%
Excess revenue (expenditures)	-\$2,324	-\$1,404	-\$5,993	\$4,477	

Total Offerings/Givings to April 30, 2019

Local Offering	19,681.43	Down 15.7% from 2018
Mission and Service	6,456.00	Down 0.3% from 2018
Memorial Fund	0.00	
Refugee Fund	0.00	
Capital Fund	1,106.00	Down 22.4% from 2018
TOTAL	<u><u>\$27,243.43</u></u>	

Building Rentals are down by 18.8% from 2018 and under budget by 6.9% (1,546)

At the end of April offerings should be at 31,500 for all categories (94,500 for the year)

Total offerings to April were under budget by 13.5% (\$4,257)

Summary of GICs (April 30, 2019)

Operating Fund	\$10,215.00
Memorial Fund	<u>\$6,129.00</u>
Total GIC	\$16,344.00

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As of April 30, 2019

Funds Summary

	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2019 Actuals	2019 Actuals
Mission and Service Fund					
Revenues	19,000	6,478	19,000	6,456	34.0%
Celebration Jar	1,000	incl above	1,000	incl above	n/a
Paid to Date		4,516		4,742	
Owing		1,962		1,714	
Capital Fund					
Offering Revenues	4,500	1,426	4,500	1,106	24.6%
Other Revenues (Grants, rebates,...)		0		0	
Expenditures to date	2,500	1,107	2,500	0	
Transfers owing		0		0	
Balance		319		1,106	
Memorial Fund					
Offering Revenues		0		0	n/a
Expenditures to date		8		8	
Balance		-8		-8	
Refugee Fund					
Offering Revenues	0	0	0	0	n/a
Fundraising/outreach & UCW donation		0		0	
Expenditures to date		8		249	
Transfers to date		0		0	
Balance		-8		-249	
Grant Revenue					
Offering Revenues		0		50,000	n/a
Expenditures to date		0		24,646	
Balance		0		25,354	

NWT Community Services Corporation

President's Report to the AGM – 2018/2019

Overview of the Corporation

A quick review of the NWT Community Services Corporation to begin. The CSC is a non-profit corporation incorporated in 1974 based in Yellowknife. It is the sole owner of Northern United Place. It is a separate legal entity from Yellowknife United Church. The Corporation receives no operating funds from GNWT, or anyone else.

The objectives of the Corporation include to provide accommodation and also meeting places for, among others, religious, educational, charitable and voluntary organizations. In NUP there are 84 bachelor and one-bedroom suites available to people with low incomes. In addition, the GNWT rents space at market rates for the Yellowknife campus of Aurora College: three floors for classrooms and administration and 42 apartments for rent to students. The market-value rental by GNWT provides the revenue that allows the Corporation to offer low cost accommodation and support the two floors of Multi-Purpose Area that are leased by Yellowknife United Church at a nominal rent.

The Corporation is overseen by a volunteer Board of directors. Six directors are recommended by the Church from the members of the Corporation, and three by the Board from the community at large. New directors are admitted to the Board by a vote of the members of the Corporation. Members of the Corporation are:

- a) The members of the Yellowknife United Church (a resident member of the Yellowknife United Church's Historic Roll as defined in The Manual of the United Church of Canada);
- b) The Minister of the Yellowknife United Church; and
- c) The Community Directors.

The actual work of running NUP is done by Gail and Louis Leonardis, their staff, and the contractors they manage.

The Past Year

Among the board's priorities over the past year:

- Raising awareness of NUP and the CSC by
 - Improving media reporting on NUP, so you have seen our Executive Director in the local paper from time to time.
 - Some advertising, e.g. to attract new people to sit on the board which led to a good response.
 - Better and more frequent notices to residents.
 - An Outreach and Awareness Plan approved by the Board.
- Formalising (documenting) how things work, particularly the role of the Executive Director, whose span of responsibility is like no other building manager in Yellowknife, or in NWT.
 - So job descriptions for directors and the Executive Director.
 - Policies on various aspects of the operation.

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During the summer of 2018, we completed a major repair to the underground parking area by replacing the large cement slab outside the building. You would have seen this underway throughout the past summer. This work prevented the usual garden project supported by the Church's Outreach Committee that has been much appreciated by many tenants, and which increased the attractiveness of the outside of the building. Outreach Committee has offered to resume the work of preparing the soil, planting, and cleaning-up at the end of the season, for which the Corporation will cover costs, but has asked that the Corporation assume responsibility for watering.

There have been major improvements to the entry area of the Multi-Purpose Area. The United Church and Corporation offices now are situated across from each other. This has facilitated resident and public access to staff of both organizations, and generally improved the entry area. We also renovated the cloakroom.

This past February, Arctic Energy Alliance completed a "Yardstick Energy Audit" of NUP with the goal of reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Any study of this nature needs to take into account the age of the building, more than four decades in our case, but AEA did note an improvement over the previous yardstick of 2006 to 2008. This reflects our ongoing efforts to modernise the building, everything from changing lighting fixtures to exterior cladding. However, the study concludes: "It is a lofty goal for this facility to meet the highly efficient reference building standards, and is not possible without significant investment."

Aurora College undertook a "Foundational Review". The future of the Yellowknife campus impacts NUP significantly and we have been following this with great interest.

We will take advantage of a grant of \$100,000 from Enabling Accessibility Funding to renovate the washrooms in the Multi-Purpose Area. We will be working with the contractor and the Church Administrator to schedule this work to minimize the disruption; however, there will be only one washroom open during these renovations. The Church recently indicated its wish to make the washrooms gender neutral and accessible to all. The Corporation will look into this within the framework of the available funds; should additional costs be identified the Church will be asked to contribute to achieve this goal.

We looked at length at a federal program that would have allowed the Corporation to retire its mortgage at a lower interest rate. The opportunity was complicated and upon careful study, and with considerable assistance from John Soderberg, we determined that we would not pursue this.

In the final days of the fiscal year we received a grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program from Employment and Social Development Canada to upgrade the 8th floor Seniors' Lounge and to run some programming for our Seniors in the building. The value was \$15,050. This grant is consistent with the mandate of the Corporation to support seniors in our community.

There was a minor fire on the tenth floor one weekend in late February in a non-smoking unit. Fortunately, the sprinkler system extinguished the fire quickly. The good news is that we are confident that we can recover the cost of repairs from the tenant's insurer. The bad news is that this may take several years. This limits the Corporation's discretionary expenditures for some time.

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Looking Ahead

The financial security of the Corporation, hence its ability to meet the social goals set for it, requires a continuing source of funds. This need currently is met by GNWT through market-rate rental of part of NUP for Aurora College including student residences. The continued rental of part of NUP at market rates or an equivalent source of funds is essential for the financial security of NUP. We will continue to explore options.

To maintain the condition of NUP, hence the value, substantial renovations are required. These include new siding, upgrading of kitchens in all units, and asbestos abatement. The three boilers remain an ongoing liability; two require repair. Replacement cost is approximately \$60,000 each. Management is in discussion with Arctic Energy Alliance regarding financial support.

Your board and the management team are working to ensure the continuing success of NUP. The Community Services Corporation is a business and must be successful as a business if it is to achieve its social goals.

I want to close with a note on our management. Gail and Louis Leonardis and their staff provide exceptional service to the Corporation. We are all indebted to them for the success of Northern United Place. We have a contract with them until June of 2020. The board will focus on options beginning after this as Gail and Louis have said that they have decided to retire at the end of their current contract.

Gordon Hamre

President, NWT Community Services Corporation

In Memoriam

Heather Janette Lange

July 6, 2018

Spencer Ryan Alexander Jeske

August 28, 2018

Tammy Joy Friesen

October 9, 2018

Baptism

Justin Robert Short

January 27, 2019