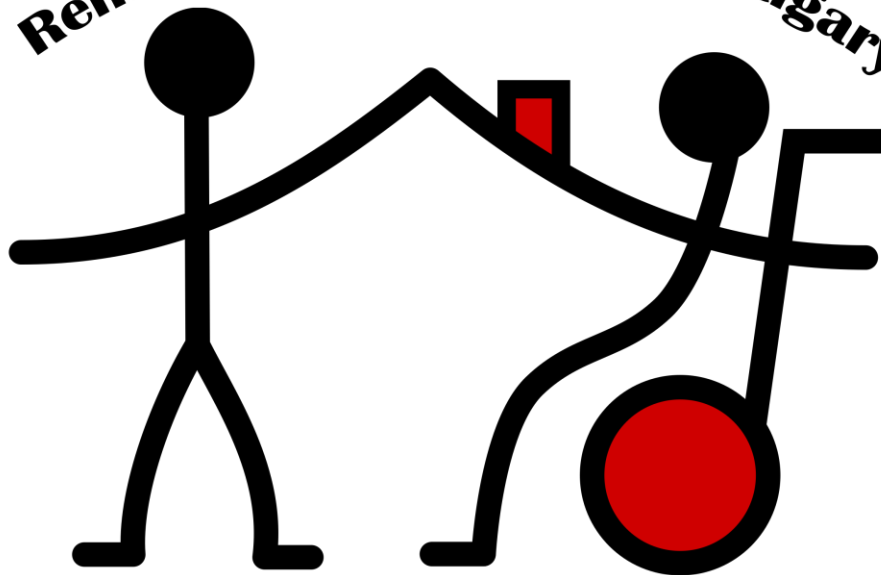


Rehabilitation Society of Calgary



Since 1957

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2017 - 2018**

Vision

-to provide an example of inclusive community and civic participation that is organized and maintained by and with persons of diverse capacities, abilities, and challenges

Mission

-to improve the quality of life for persons with disability by creating community, using a member owned and operated place, where persons with disabilities participate with equality in a work and social setting.

Core Values

- The recognition of the dignity and value of all people
- The meaningful participation and inclusion in community and civic life for all persons
- Meaningful opportunities for self-help and self-determination
- Maximizing opportunities for authentic adult relationships and support
- Providing opportunities that address unmet needs in the disabled community

2017-2018 Board of Directors

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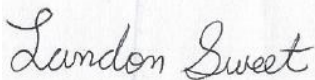
President's Report

Hello!

My name is Landon Sweet and this is my first report as President! It has been a wonderful first year and I have learned quite a lot. I would like to start by thanking everyone for their hard work and time in making The Rehabilitation Society such a wonderful place. Starting with our Canada 150 Celebration we were off to a great start, and I think we have set up some excellent groundwork for making ourselves more of a presence in the community in the coming years. We still have many projects on the go and are always looking for more folks to help! I think it is safe to say we are in a bit of a transitional period; from programs and projects that were used in the past, to forging a new identity for ourselves in a changing social landscape. I don't mean in a grand sweeping sense that will happen overnight, rather I mean natural change that can happen over the course of years and through the passing of ideas between our older members and the new. Looking around when I get to visit I know that we have much to look forward to! And it is all because of our amazing members.

I would like to give specific mentions and thanks to a few people from the past year starting with Collette Mansfield and her donation of the new fridge and barbeque. Collette donated both in memory of her late Husband, Don Knight in an incredibly moving gesture. Thank you, Collette. Another member due big thanks is Sandy Piasta for chairing the membership development project which brought our total members up from 60 to 150 in time for the Canada Day celebration! That is an amazing achievement and worth our salute and gratitude! I would like to also give thanks to two long time board members Byrne and Margaret! Thank you so much for giving your time and skills, and most of all for helping this new President learn what he needs to be doing! Folks like these are what makes us tick! Last but not least thanks to the Pike-Schainholtz Memorial Foundation for their continued support and funding. On that note I would be remiss not to give a big thanks to our lovely staff, my fellow board members and our volunteers who give so much! Thank you for being you!

Now we look forward to another year, and I would like you to ask yourself: What does The Rehabilitation Society mean to me? Where are we going? If you are new here I'm sure there are folks who can tell you what we are all about and why we have such a special thing going on. I see past the surface, which unfortunately some others cannot. This may just be a social place for some(which is fine, come say hey!), for others this is a community of individuals who come to feel fully welcomed, and seen and heard in ways that perhaps other parts of their lives can't afford them. We are happy to have members of all kinds, and work to foster that welcoming nature everyday! This place can be what YOU make it, and that's what makes it so special. So one more time thank you everyone for your lovely selves and your contributions to The Rehabilitation Society! Enjoy our special combination Volunteer Appreciation and Annual General Meeting, our parties are always a blast and here's to another year!



-Landon Sweet

Treasurer's Report: June 2017 – June 2019

I have now completed my second year as Treasurer for the Society. It has been a good year for the Rehabilitation Society finances.

We have been approved for a Facility Enhancement Grant of \$36,000 from the government of Alberta. This is a matched grant, with \$25,000.00 come from the Eagles Aerie 3475 earmarked to replace the floor in the workshop area and \$5,000.00 for an automatic door opener on the auditorium door, donated by Barb Bowie in memory of her father, Clancy. This match also includes volunteer hours to paint the interior of the building, donated by the Peniell Church.

We are now on our 3rd successful year of summer student employment projects, funded 100% by the government of Canada. This year we have 2 students.

We are doing 3 Bingos a month. However, attendance at bingo continues to decrease, bringing the amount of funds raised down. A review of the previous 12 months indicated we were still meeting our goal: an average of \$1,000.00 per month. However, the Board will review the situation in another 12 months, to assess whether this remains a viable option as there are some costs incurred (food charges, occasionally transportation refunds)

The Eagles Aerie 3475 continued their generous support of our operations costs with a donation of 15,000.00

We utilized the second half of the 2 year Community Initiatives grant from the government of Alberta (27,500.00)

We were able to continue the employment of our half-time Development position with a grant for a second year from the Pike-Schainholtz Memorial Foundation.

We received a \$4,000.00 grant from the Calgary Foundation to host our successful Canada 150 Celebration last summer.

The money from our casino in May 2017, totaling \$64,719.72, was deposited in September 2017.

Rents from our tenant groups are a steady and critical source of our funding.

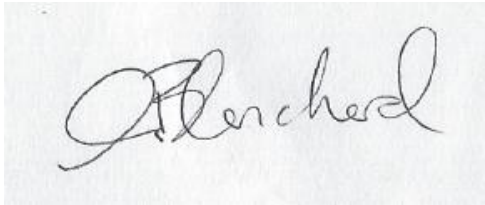
We are exploring the benefits of changing banks in the coming year, from the TD bank to a smaller, friendlier, and local Alberta Treasury Branch.

Our budget development and expense tracking system is now well-established and keeps us on track. Our bills are all currently paid, with no money owing. We finished the year 'on budget', with the projected amount carried forward into the next fiscal year (April 2018-19).

However, the next fiscal year will be a financially difficult one, because there is a year before the next casino, and there is a 1 year waiting period before we can again apply for the Alberta CIP grant.

Last March John Rhodes advised us that since we are a very small organization, with limited financial transactions, it would be financially to our advantage to have him prepare a financial review instead of an audit. After some research into the difference, we hired him to do a financial review.

Because our audits are completed in late August/September, our AGM report carries the audit with a 1 year lag. Copies of that audit are included in the AGM booklet.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alison Blanchard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Alison Blanchard

I move that we engage John Rhodes to complete our financial review for the next fiscal year.

YEAR IN REVIEW: June 2017-June 2018

As always, the past 12 months have been busy, exciting and rewarding.

Rehab has continued to host an average of **60 to 80 people a day** – including people here for various classes, dropping in for lunch and a visit, joining the group in the Drop-In, working on computers – and our favourite – getting involved in the volunteer work of running the centre! Including our Bingo and Casino crews, we have **126 Volunteers!**

This year we continued to offer the **Art Class** (thanks to Connie Pike, Cyndy Morey and Megan Homel) once a week. A display of wonderful art is now displayed in the workshop area. In addition, we produced our **2nd Annual Art Calendar**, featuring 12 paintings by our class, reflecting their interpretation of the different seasons. We sold out our 170 copies of the calendar, so a lot of people are enjoying the colourful and original artwork.

We continued to offer the **Literacy Class** (thanks to Rosie Zelitt) once a week. This work-at-your-own-speed class covers a wide variety of useful knowledge, including basic math and literacy, as well as classes on the natural world and world events.

We had a great summer last year for the 2nd year of our **Community Garden**. Many of our lunches featured our own grown salad ingredients, and we shared tomatoes with a variety of seniors in nearby buildings who came by on walks. Thanks to Pat Marshall and everyone who participated in the Garden Team!

Monday Bingo had a change to **Thursday Bingo** and is still a popular after lunch event; (thanks to Gloria Rice and Terry Jones).

Hot Lunch by “Chef John” is an economical way to get a healthy meal. Great lunches and occasional birthday cake make this one of our most popular services. This program is generously supported by being a FoodLink Partner through the Calgary Food bank.

Sing-along, partnered with Supported Lifestyles, happens every second Wednesday morning. Everyone has lots of fun, whether participating or listening in.

New to You Store has provided great deals in knick-knacks, clothing, and accessories. We are currently looking at recruiting new sources of donations to spruce up our stock, so keep us in mind! (Thanks Laurie Till for the work, and Interfaith for the donations)

Bingos – that’s our volunteers and members working at the Bingo hall 3 times a month. It’s a welcome source of needed income, and we thank the new volunteers who have stepped up to fill in spots after the retirement of a couple of long-time workers! Though it has been said our crew has as much fun working the Bingos as they have coming into our day programs....we are pretty proud of that. (Thanks to new Volunteers and the Bingo Crew)

Of course we held all our regular evening social events, which include dinner and dance. We average **80 to 100 people** at each of these events, as well as all the volunteer help decorating and setting up. This year we had events to celebrate Valentine’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, Stampede (and brunch), Volunteer Appreciation, Halloween (in partnership with the Ladies’ Auxiliary, Eagles Aerie 3475), and our Christmas Gala. Christmas dinner was once

again cooked, served, and cleaned up for us by the amazing and generous people at Clever Canines (endless thanks)

We continue to build our relationship with our community of Bridgeland/Riverside by participating in the Bridgeland Interagency Committee. We have a current membership in the Bridgeland Community Association and participate in such community projects as Community Clean-Up and this summer's public art creation project.

Summer Students

Last summer we had one student, Megan Homell.

This year we have two students. Megan Homell has rejoined our team and we welcome Brian Zhuang.

Trends

We are continuing to see an increase in both our senior and complex needs population.

NEW We had a Community Summer Walk pilot project. We were joined by Deb Lee (thanks Deb) who is a Bridgeland historian and active community builder. She toured several groups through both the Water Park and the Scent Garden. We learned about how important it is to use our community spaces, and now we exchange books in the tiny library, and small groups often go over to enjoy the ever-changing experience of the Scent Garden at CNIB.

NEW We have very recently reconnected with Derek Wilken, who has just started up a new version of his 'Laughing Allowed' program. Once every 2 weeks come and experience being the onstage star of jokes and riddles, with an enthusiastic audience! (Thanks Derek)

NEW We have received a matched-fund grant from the Alberta government. This match was made possible by a donation from Eagles Aerie 3475, from the bequest in memory of Clancy Littman, and by the volunteer hours to be donated by the Peniel Church. This will allow us to upgrade the outside of the building, fix the windbreak fence out front, paint the inside of the whole building, redo the old floor in the workshop area, and (finally) get the automatic door opener on the auditorium door!

The outside work will be done this summer. We are still planning the inside timeline.

Canada 150 Community Celebration Event

AUGUST 2017

Last year Canada celebrated it's 150 Anniversary. We wanted to do something special to mark the event. We also wanted to do something to celebrate with our Bridgeland community; to be an active participant in the community re-engagement that is going on all around us.

Thanks to a grant from the Calgary Foundation, we were able to host a great community party! All the tenant groups in our building community hosted some sort of display or activity. We were joined on the day by (the 2 history groups), who provided great insights (and some memories) of earlier Bridgeland. We had incredible music all day, beginning with the national anthem sung by the Youth Choir of the Peniel Church.

In a permanent remembrance of the event, Garth Praestegaard constructed a one of a kind wooden flagpole with antiqued copper bands for each province, topped with a copper dome representing Ottawa. The flagpole is in the front of the building, by the commemorative flower bed.

Rehab co-hosted the event with the rest of the Building Community, and as well as volunteer hosts, we ran an English Tea Room, complete with tablecloths and china teacups. We also blew up 300 red and white balloons, for the first 150 years and looking forward to the next 150 years!

The event was a big success, with over 200 people in attendance from all over our community!

THANKS for DONATION SUPPORT:

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A big Thanks to all the **Volunteers** in all the groups in the building for all the work in planning and contributing to this event. A special shout-out to our summer student, **Megan Homell**, for her inspired, creative, and hard work making this event happen!



Awards Presented

152 certificates of appreciation were handed out to the 152 people who have volunteered in the last year, at the Appreciation event in May 2017.

The **Rehab Extra Mile Award** was presented for the first time; an award for long-time volunteer service above and beyond! This year, 2017, the Extra Mile Award was presented to:

Byrne Morey, Rick Till, Laurie Till and Debra Toomey

In Memorium

-Dean Christofferson

-Joan Cope

-Brian Rolph

Bequests

In memory of Clancy Littman: automatic door opener for auditorium

In memory of Don Knight: commercial level kitchen refrigerator and building barbeque

THANK YOU to our Donors and Supporters

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