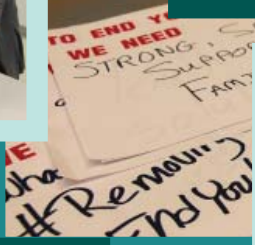
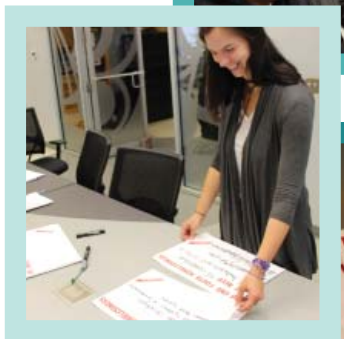
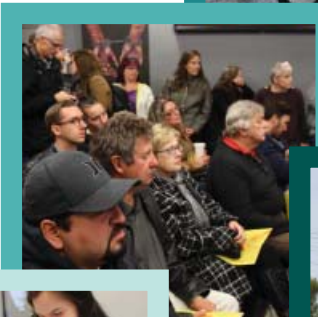
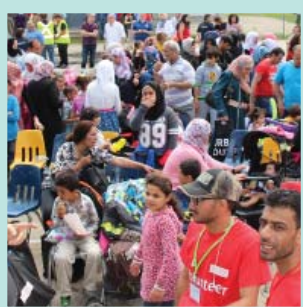


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TYLER BLASHKO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At SPCW, we've been busy as staff, board and volunteers working towards a more inclusive Winnipeg, where everyone has the support and ability to thrive. I'm proud to be connected to an organization with such committed staff who work tirelessly for Winnipeg's communities. A thank you must be given to United Way Winnipeg for renewing our funding agreement for the next three years. The stability that their core support affords SPCW allows us to seek out projects and partnerships that further our mandate. It also ensures that we are a strong and independent voice for social justice.

Over the fall and winter, we underwent a strategic planning process with the help of Health In Common. We asked members, partner organizations, community leaders, board and staff to provide feedback on the work and priorities of SPCW. We were told what we are doing well and where we could be heading going into our nearly 100th year in operation. This feedback informed our revised mission and vision statement as well as our new guiding principles and long term impact statement. The contributions of all involved were invaluable and we look forward to operationalizing the plan and continuing the work of ensuring SPCW is meeting the needs of the community.

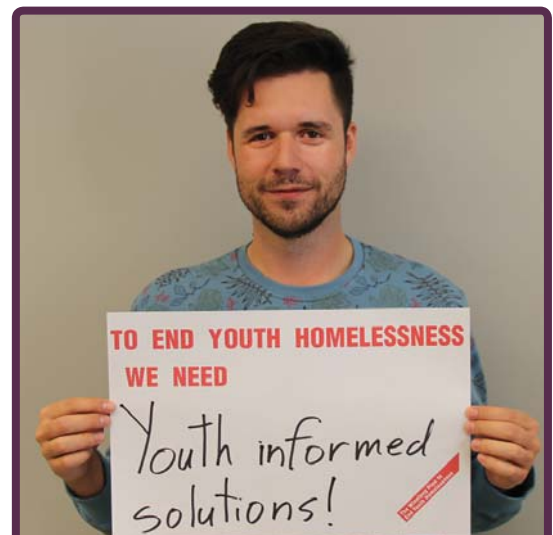
We have many long-term board members who have come to the end of their term with us. Thanks must be giving to John Silver, Shahzad Mussadiq and Wade Parke who have all contributed immensely over the past six years. The perspectives of both Catherine

Wirt and Ryan Bruyere who had to step away due to other commitments will also be missed. We are lucky to attract such engaged and knowledgeable community members to our board. We look forward to introducing you to Adrien Sala, Robert J. Roddy, Shelley Marshall, David Pancratz and Tyler Pearce at the annual general meeting. They are all strong, experienced board members and will help further the work of SPCW.

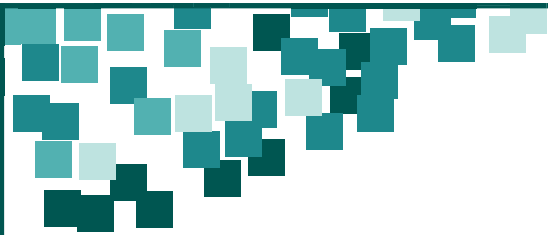
I look forward to the continued work I am fortunate to be able to be a part of. Let us continue to work together towards a Winnipeg that we know is possible, a city that is just, equitable and caring.

In Solidarity,

Tyler Blashko
SPCW Board President



Tyler Blashko at a Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness consultation



KATE KEHLER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are bursting at the seams! 2016/2017 has been a year of tremendous growth for the organization. Immigration Partnership Winnipeg went from a single staff to two permanent and one contract staff. The success of this project has meant another doubling of staff to 4 permanent through funding from Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada and another contract position through the Winnipeg Foundation for 2017/2018. We have also welcomed the Homelessness Information Partnership Winnipeg into our busy hive. Funded by the Homeless Partnership Strategy, it also began with one staff but will have two permanent and one contract positions for the upcoming year. All this means that with the above, other projects and our core operations, our 2017/1018 budget is projected at about \$1,000,000. This contributes to the economy, of course, but more importantly to a Winnipeg that advocates for social justice and benefits from being a just city.

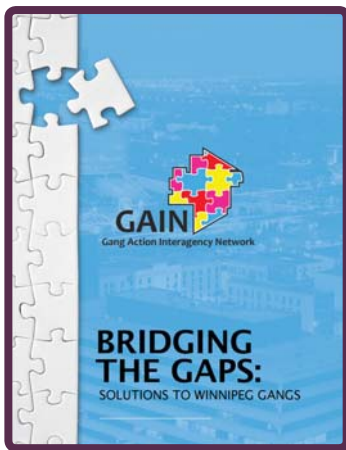
Community animators Christina and Josh, supported by resource coordinator, Sara and office manager/bookkeeper/technical support, Cindy, are the mainstay staff that continue the fundamental work of the organization. Their unique skills and knowledge allows SPCW to play important roles on many different social justice issues and initiatives. As such SPCW is always helping to ensure coordination and coalition building so we, as a community, can more effectively address inequity and injustices. Please read their reports along with Abdi's (IPW) and Ian's (HIPW) to get a better picture of what we have been up to!

As Tyler notes, much of this year was also spent on strategic planning. It was good to see that our membership, partners, staff and board were eager to participate in this process. We were able to take advantage of a grant from Health in Common to help us through the journey. The renewed framework of our vision, mission, guiding principles and hoped for long-term impact are included in this report. We have also determined specific goals and objectives that we are working with a committee of staff and board to operationalize. The results should be a clearer picture of how and why SPCW chooses the initiatives we become involved in but more importantly demonstrates our continued commitment to support the sector. We all know we can achieve more by working in concert than discord.

SPCW has also been getting back to being involved in community safety and justice issues. The link between poverty and crime is quite clear when we know that 80% of the people we have incarcerated federally grew up in poverty, unemployment and lack a grade 12 education. We also know that an average of 67% spent time in state care. To that end, we are on the executive committee for Gang Action Interagency Network. We have just launched a community developed gang strategy called Bridging the Gaps: Solutions to Winnipeg Gangs. Unfortunately our funding runs out in August but we are currently pursuing alternatives so we can put it into action and then expand to all of Manitoba.



Josh Brandon and Kate Kehler presenting at Meet Me at the Bell Tower



We have also helped create the Restorative Justice Association of Manitoba (RJAM) that has a mission to advocate for more restorative justice practices, as they have proven to be much more effective and humane in addressing crime. Manitoba continues to be the province that incarcerates more people for longer even prior to any finding of guilt. Our provincial institutions are all over-crowded

and this year we saw 5 sudden deaths in custody. We clearly cannot continue as we have. The costs of incarceration continue to rise, while the recidivism rate remains at about 45 to 50%. We are paying more for a system that fails about half the time. Community based programs function more effectively on a fraction of the cost. The RJAM board is just about finished a branding process and have determined goals and objectives for the upcoming year. If interested in membership, or to find out more, please contact Sara at info@spcw.mb.ca.

Through a provincial grant, we were able to partner with the Southern Chiefs Organization to create a taxi board advocate contract position. Shauna Fontaine and Pamela Davis were able to support individuals through the taxi board complaint process but also help them identify when a complaint was serious enough to involve the police. They also conducted information sessions for the general public on their rights and responsibilities. We will be releasing a report based on the data and experiences gathered in the upcoming months.

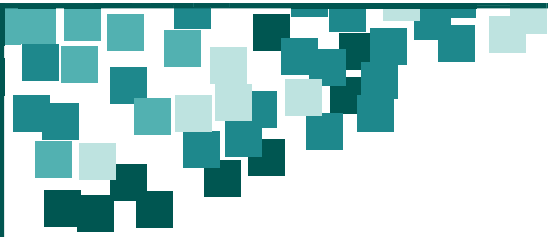
A new initiative that we are working to support is a coalition interested in the City adopting an Access Without Fear policy for undocumented individuals. It is important to note that most undocumented people came here legally but for a variety of reason, often beyond their control, lost their status.

Migrant workers in particular are vulnerable as their status is solely dependant on their employer's goodwill. If a worker is injured on the job, they lose their status. While they are seeking to regularize it again, their fear of deportation keeps them from accessing needed services and protections.

Other initiatives included building on the resources developed through a private donation for the federal election, we created similar guides and resources to encourage inner-city citizens to vote in the provincial election. We assisted community partners with demographic information and proposal development. We continue to be a sought after practicum placement. Over this past year we had number of students work with us and we are on track to support at least that many again. We also continue to work on our archives to make them more accessible to any and all interested. Our goal, with the help of a Winnipeg Foundation grant and now a Canada Summer Jobs grant to use what we have developed over the last 98 years to better tell not just our story but that of Winnipeg's long history and important role in the social justice movement.

As always, I want to acknowledge United Way Winnipeg. They provide the stable support that allows us the time and other resources to ensure we are addressing existing needs but also getting ahead of emerging issues as well.

This year, we also wanted to give particular mention to Roger Girard. He is yet another of those 'retired' community builders who will never really retire. Without his incredible technical expertise and big-picture thinking, the Homelessness Information Partnership Winnipeg would not be where it is today. We are all excited by the potential it has to inform everyone working on homelessness in Winnipeg so we can all better play our role in ending it.



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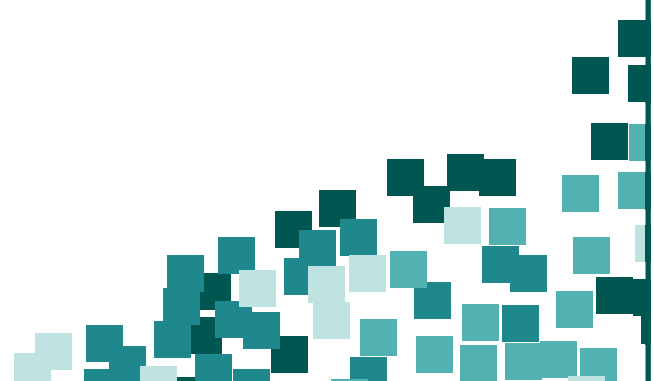
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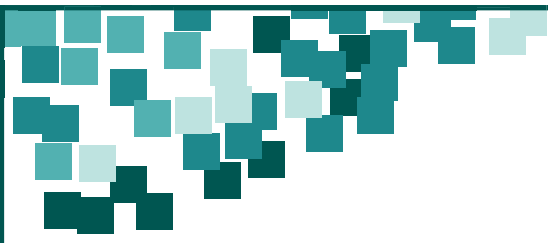
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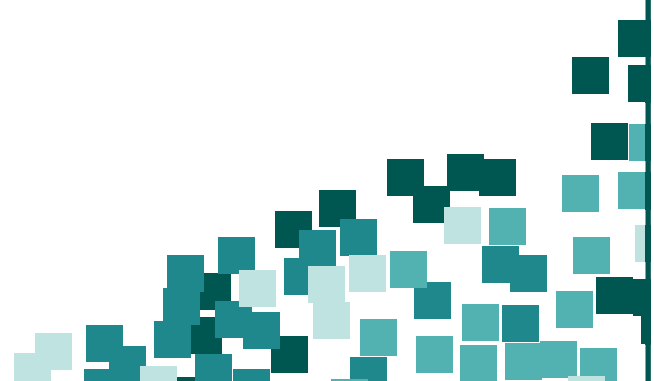
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Restorative Justice Association of Manitoba
Right to Housing Coalition
Winnipeg Data Consortium
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness
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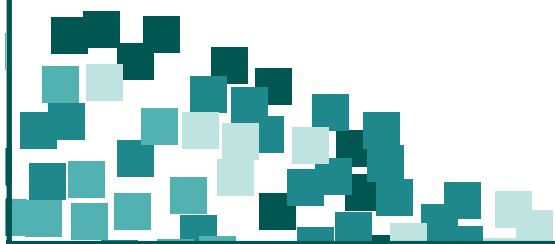
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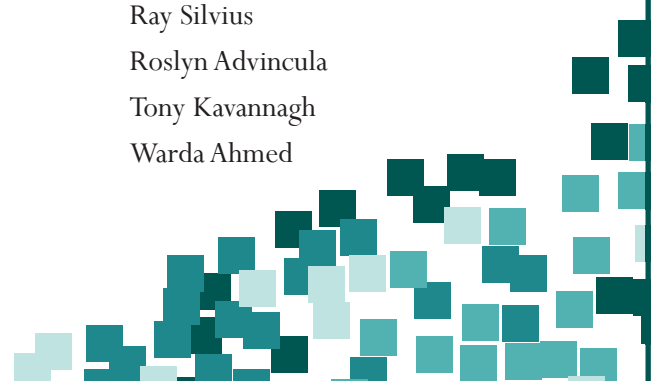
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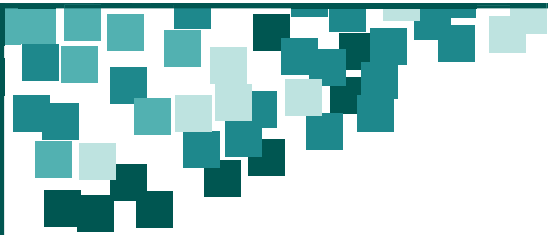
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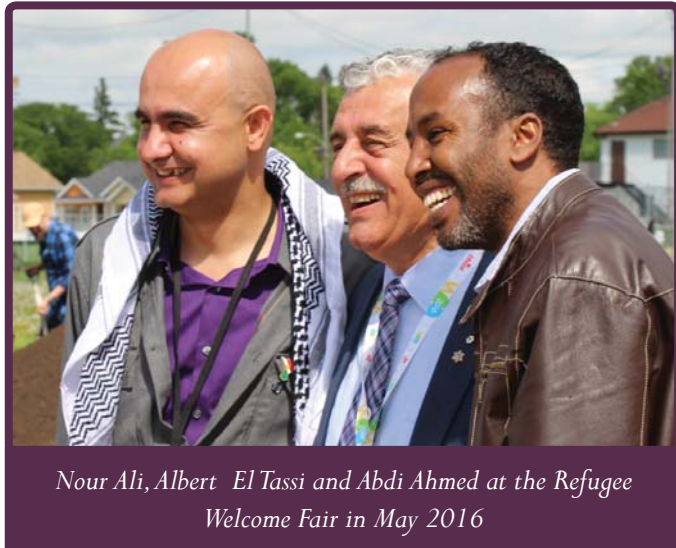


IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP WINNIPEG

The Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW) is a partnership between the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPCW) and the Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO). We provide a collaborative framework to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable local solutions for the successful integration of newcomers to Winnipeg. IPW's overall goal is to support the full economic and social inclusion of newcomers. We coordinate community-level planning, facilitate communication amongst stakeholder and identify needs or gaps through consultation with community, government and newcomers themselves.

2014/2016 was a two year pilot project phase. In 2016/2017, with the help of so many wonderful community members willing to volunteer their time to help us, we have continued to structure and prioritize IPW's work. IPW is now governed by a council of 23 individuals from diverse sectors of the community including all three levels of government, refugee and immigrant voices, education and academia, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, business sector, media, the police service, francophone and Indigenous communities. We have four sector

tables that are focusing on the key areas of newcomer and Indigenous relations, civic engagement, employment and education. We also have an Immigrant Advisory Table made up of more established 'newcomers' to help us all learn from their experiences. The sector



Nour Ali, Albert El Tassi and Abdi Ahmed at the Refugee Welcome Fair in May 2016

tables inform the work of the council while the Advisory Table provides advice on the needs of newcomers. The council finalized a three-year strategic and action plan. The action plan provides specific time bound targets for making Winnipeg the most inclusive welcoming place possible for all refugees and immigrants in Canada. Successful integration for all benefits us all.

INCLUSION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SECTOR (ICE) TABLE

The Inclusion and Civic Engagement Sector Table worked on three major projects during the reporting period. The sector table developed a refugee infographic poster that shows vital information on refugees at the global and local contexts. It also debunked some damaging myths about refugees for the public. There was a huge demand for these posters and 3000 English copies were distributed across the province. A French

version was made in collaboration with the Réseaux en Immigration Francophone (RIF) du Manitoba and Accueil Francophone and distributed to the Francophone sector.

The ICE table also hosted a number of forums aimed at addressing anti-immigration sentiments in the city and providing accurate information on the contribution of immigrants and refugees to the city.

The ICE table also engaged in active social media presence to provide positive stories on refugees. The sector table members organized a workshop on the use of social media to address anti-immigration sentiments in the community. Because of the tables work, IPW publishes a weekly newsletter on stories of refugees from around the world and in Canada. It creates a better understanding of the plight of refugees in the world. These materials are distributed through our Facebook page and twitter.

INDIGENOUS AND NEWCOMER ENGAGEMENT SECTOR TABLE

Just one of the projects this table has been working on is developing an orientation tool for settlement service providers to help them better inform newcomers on Indigenous history, heritage and contribution to Canada. Research and consultation on what the content of such tool should include was conducted. Major themes were identified by members of the Indigenous communities and newcomer serving agencies. With the guidance of the sector table, we will have a draft to pilot in 2018/2019.

Our education and employment sector tables still need to be fully populated. However now that we have doubled in staffing size from two to four members, we expect to have them up and running in good order.

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Late in 2015, the government of Canada responded to the Syrian refugee crisis by promising to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees. By the end of 2016, this number was easily surpassed and over 40,000 Syrian refugees resettled in Canada. Over 1500 came to Manitoba with about 1300 choosing to make Winnipeg their home. Given our mandate, IPW undertook a number of activities to support their welcome.

In the spring of 2016, IPW in partnership with the city of Winnipeg's Community Service Department, the Citizen Equity Committee, led a variety of stakeholders to host a very successful welcoming event at the North Centennial Recreation and Leisure



Abdi Ahmed talking with Marcy Markusa at a CBC Asks event about asylum seekers

Facility. It was attended by over 800 of the Syrian refugees, from both inside and out of Winnipeg, when at the time, only about 840 had arrived. With summer approaching and so many being new to the city, the event provided a convenient opportunity for them to learn about the many services and supports in Winnipeg. It also showed our warmth as a community. Settlement Service providers, City Departments, provincial government departments and businesses had 37 booths at the event. The then Federal Minister of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship, John

McCallum, the Provincial Minister responsible for Immigration, Ian Wishart and the Chair of the Citizen Equity Committee of Council, Cindy Gilroy attended the event. The event was so successful that we will be holding another one, aimed at all the newest of newcomers, at the Freight House on July 8th 2017.

Given that about 60% of the Syrian refugees were children and youth between the ages of 5 and 17, one concern identified early on was what the families would do once schools were closed for the summer break. IPW and SPCW also collaborated with three ethnocultural and faith groups to run successful summer programs for them through further funding from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

This year has also seen unprecedented numbers of refugee claimants from the United States. IPW helped ignite a coordinated effort to respond to the needs of these claimants. At the height of the large influx in February, IPW convened a packed multi-stakeholder forum. Participants included faith groups, community members and organizations and RCMP, Canada Border Services and government officials. Initial emergency supports were identified and developed as well as ongoing commitments to continuing to work in a coordinated way were made. IPW continues to play a coordinating role on this issue as we also works to inform the broader community on the realities these people have faced and will face again should Canada refuse to allow them to apply for status here.



*Hani A. Al-Ubeady working hard to make
Winnipeg more welcoming to newcomers*

COALITIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

IPW also co-leads the Newcomer Educational Coalition (NEC), a coalition of newcomer community members, educators and service providers to improve the educational outcomes of newcomer students. The coalition has worked on two goals; pushing for the finalization of the draft Curriculum Framework for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Literacy, Academics, and Language (LAL) Programming and the professionalization of the EAL profession so that teachers who teach kids with interrupted schooling can better respond to their needs.

IPW has also co-lead Umoja a partnership of community leaders, the Winnipeg Police Service, the RCMP and Manitoba Justice. We hope to build positive relationships between newcomers and law enforcement. Umoja aims to educate the community about the role of the various arms of law enforcement and on how they can seek support for



Noëlle DePape addressing newcomers and those who work in the settlement sector at a Valentines Day event

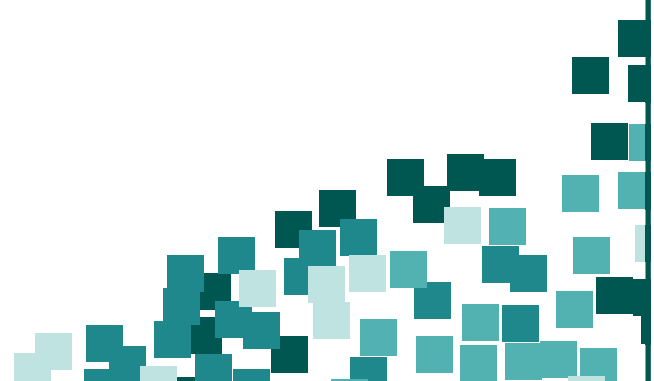


Immigration Minister John McCallum amongst thankful Syrian refugees at the 2016 Refugee Welcome Fair

their communities. Umoja also helps law enforcement to understand the needs and aspirations of newcomers while addressing any potential prejudices that might exist towards newcomers among law enforcement. Some of this year's activities included:

- Bias free policing workshops with 60 newcomer youth.
- Dinner with the youth and Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS), the Commander of the RCMP D Division, the provincial Minister responsible for Multiculturalism and a host of uniformed officers from both the RCMP and WPS;
- Newcomer community leaders use of force training with the WPS;
- Cross cultural training to new WPS recruits at the police academy.

In the coming year, we will continue to work towards achieving the goals set out in our strategic plan as determined by the community. As mentioned above, in this work we are joined by so many community and government partners. We have recently finalized our three year funding contract with the IRCC and have obtained additional funding from the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Foundation. Our goals are broad and aspirational and so would be impossible to achieve without all of this support. Thank you.



CHRISTINA MAES-NIÑO

COMMUNITY ANIMATOR

PLANNING, DATA, AND COORDINATION

It has been another busy year of challenging, exciting, and transformational work at the SPCW. The last half of 2016 saw the research, relationship building, and community engagement on the issue of youth homelessness come together with the launch of Here and Now: Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness. The Here and Now Plan developed a shared vision, action framework, and grounding principles needed for effective systems' integration, policy and program alignment, and collaboration towards a Winnipeg where all youth have a safe place to live and thrive. I'm incredibly honoured and proud to have been part of this planning effort because:

- the process was grounded in the



voices of youth with experiences of homelessness, substantiated by the experience of practitioners, and informed by research

- the outcomes focus on building on existing community capacity and have already seen a shift in relationships and building of trust between community-based organizations, Indigenous-led organizations, and policy-makers

The second phase of the plan has been partially funded by End Homelessness Winnipeg and will continue to be a collaborative implementation 'housed' with Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad. I look forward to working with the Governance Committee to see the action strategies move forward.

Some of the other highlights of the 2016/17 year include:

- Seeing the Homelessness Information Partnership of Winnipeg 'go-live' with a shared information system between emergency shelters. This will lead to real-time data on emergency shelter use in Winnipeg, and has enhanced partnerships and relationships between the shelters. We're building the capacity



Christina Maes Niño at the Launch of Here and Now, The Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness



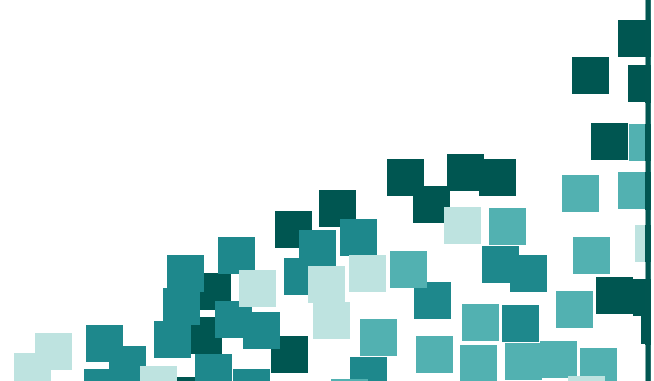
*Standing room only at the launch of Here and Now:
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness*

of staff, from frontline staff to Executive Directors, to use data to improve programs and services.

- Partnering with the Institute of Urban Studies and AMR Consultants to create a report on Advancing Coordination in the Homelessness Sector, specifically to discuss challenges and opportunities for coordination with the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy as it is administered by the City of Winnipeg.
- Continuing to support and create another 5-year agreement for the Winnipeg Data Consortium, which will soon have access to the 2016 Census data at a local level to understand demographic shifts, poverty and income trends, and other information we need to create policy and programs that respond to Winnipeg's population.

- Being elected to represent Manitoba on the Board of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA). The CHRA is a strong and effective advocate for affordable and social housing nationally, and I will have the opportunity to connect Manitobans and our concerns, challenges, solutions, and champions to the CHRA as Canada develops and begins to implement its first National Housing Strategy in decades.

As always, there are more projects, coalitions, and partnerships with amazing Winnipeggers dedicated to social justice than I have included in this summary. In 2017/18 we will be working with End Homelessness Winnipeg and other community partners to undertake an updated version of Main Street Project's 2011 Street Health Report, preparing for a 2018 Street Census, facilitating community engagement for an updated Alternative Municipal Budget as we lead-up to the 2018 municipal election, and much more.



JOSH BRANDON

COMMUNITY ANIMATOR

POVERTY REDUCTION EFFORTS IN WINNIPEG

Over the course of this year, we have continued to provide leadership and support to Make Poverty History Manitoba. The coalition has become one of the key voices for poverty reduction efforts in Manitoba. I have been proud to serve as chair of the coalition.

Make Poverty History Manitoba (MPHM) made strides in advancing progressive policies to end poverty at the federal, provincial and municipal levels. 2016 started off with a provincial election which saw renewed focus on poverty policies from all political parties for the first time in many years. After his election in April, Premier Brian Pallister said that poverty is the number one issue facing the province and committed to working with Make Poverty History Manitoba to implement solutions.

We have sought to hold the province to those



Getting ready for the MPHM 12 Basic Needs of Christmas Rally at the Legislature



Josh Brandon, Christina Maes-Niño and Sara Wray Enns at the Heart of Human Rights is Human Dignity conference

commitments, working to maintain vital programs like Rent Assist while pushing for increases in basic needs benefits for people on EIA and increases in minimum wage for the working poor. Over the winter holidays we reminded MLAs how difficult it is to live on an EIA budget that provides less than four dollars per day for food through a series of videos called the 12 Basic Needs of Christmas. We followed this up with a public rally on January 6 at the legislature where over 100 community organizations gathered to support increasing EIA levels.

We have also worked with other levels of government offering expert testimony to the federal government's poverty reduction strategy and working at the municipal level in Winnipeg leading engagement sessions on a community-based poverty reduction plan for the City of Winnipeg. Every level of government must play its role and there is much that the City can do on housing, transportation, justice, recreation and community engagement to make Winnipeg a place where all citizens are included.

2016-17 ended with an awareness and fundraising concert that raised over \$7,000 for MPHM's poverty reduction and education



Community consultations for the City Poverty Reduction Plan

efforts. The concert at the West End Cultural Centre featured JD and the Sunshine Band, Ila Barker, Bubba B the MC, Leaf Rapids, Riel Gentlemen's Choir and was hosted by Nadia Kidwai from CBC Manitoba. Look for our second annual Make Poverty History concert next year. Music has always been central to spreading the message of social justice and dancing is a needed part of the movement for change.

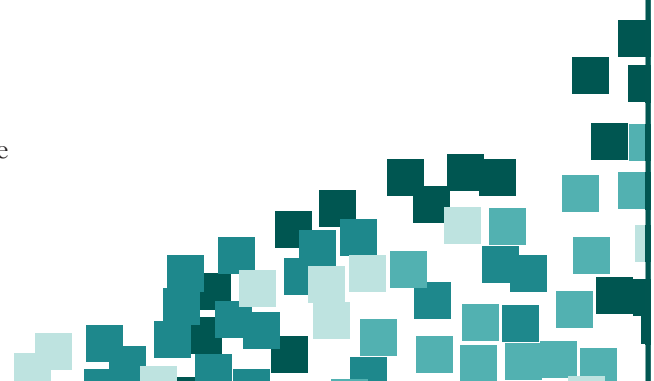
Outside of my work with MPH, I was able to author two reports: *The Measures We Use: Indicators of Poverty in Manitoba* Review of AllAboard 2015-2016 Annual Report and *Building a Community Asset: The Ongoing Need for Social Housing in Manitoba*. We have also contributed to the work being done on basic income and living wage research and campaigns. Another area where we are becoming more involved is research and policy development on electricity and energy rates. With a proposed 7.9 per cent rate increase this year, this is an area sure to create further hardship for low-income Manitobans.

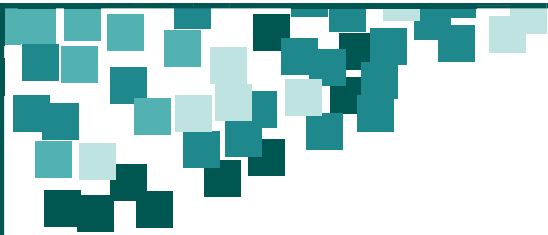
2016-17 has been a busy year for research. At the 15th annual North American Basic Income Congress I presented a paper *Basic Income and EIA: sidestepping the "welfare wall"*. I also presented at the 2016 Canadian Housing

Renewal Association conference "Social Housing: Beyond Bricks and Mortar – Lord Selkirk Park and West End Commons". As well, I had four opinion pieces published in the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

I continue to support a number of community initiatives and networks including the Right to Housing Coalition, the EIA Advocates Network, Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Manitoba and Basic Income Manitoba. This year was also the third year in a row I have had the opportunity to facilitate the Next Up media training session that works to provide community organizing skills to the next generation of social justice leaders in Winnipeg.

I would like to thank all the community groups I have had the chance to work with this year. Together we will make Winnipeg a fairer, more sustainable and equitable city.





HOMELESSNESS INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP OF WINNIPEG

IAN SUNABACKA

INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR

We are stewards of the stories for people we are privileged to serve; we are working to help provide the information to our member organizations to build knowledge, review our actions and work collaboratively to help each member organization measure the results of their hard work serving the community.

The Homelessness Information Partnership of Winnipeg (HIPW) is an open collective of collaboratively governed, voluntary member organizations which have committed to sharing information, capacity, technology, policy and administration of a joint instance of HIFIS4. HIFIS (which stands for: The Homeless Individuals and Families Information System) version 4 is a web based service system developed to provide daily operational support and capacity to organizations delivering services to persons in marginalized housing situations. The software is provided by the government of Canada, free of cost, in exchange for limited aggregate data submissions to The National Homeless Information System.



Ian Sunabacka and Christina Maes-Niño presenting at The Gathering hosted by CCEDNet

HIFIS4 works a little like a hotel room booking system, with some added features. Each Organization uses the system to provide services to community members; collectively this provides the opportunity to view trends in interagency provision of supports. The system shows demographics of those being served as well as helping to identify where there may be gaps between (or highlight successes of) services across Winnipeg. The sharing of this data improves the evaluation of services though maintaining and coordinating shared client lists and may help to identify gaps and successes between multiple agencies. More importantly the system may help to identify what combinations of interagency contacts may best support community members to get out of precarious housing situations.

HIPW supports member organizations use of HIFIS4 to track essential information so they can best serve their clients but also to share previously agreed to information in aggregate form to build an information platform which will support long term, policy level decisions and the internal capacity for review

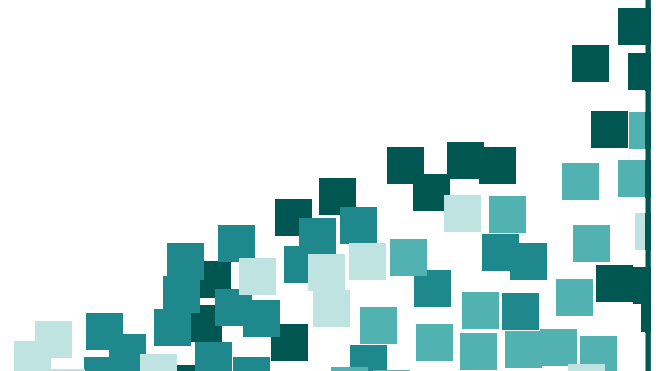


Minister JeanYves-DuClos, MP Robert Falcon-Ouellette, Louis Sorin, Captain Rodney Bungay, Carly Gasparini, Kate Kehler and MP Terry Dugid at the funding announcement for HIFIS

of the successes or challenges of provided supports. This should allow the community to collectively best direct resources and support to those who find themselves in situations of homelessness and marginal housing.

Our implementation team is working through the inevitable system bugs of the “core” functions for the three founding organizations (The Salvation Army Booth Centre, Main Street Project, Siloam Mission) and are working on extending the system for wider use within these three organizations as well as expanding membership to this collaboratively governed partnership.

We would like to recognize supporters, collaborators, and funders of this project. This groundbreaking journey would not be possible without them. Additionally we send out a special thank you to the many volunteers and staff who continue to apply their talent and hard work (and countless hours) during this first year of implementation, and look forward to continuing to provide valuable service to the member organizations and to the community at large.



TINA DOERKSEN

PRACTICUM STUDENT

Hi, my name is Tina Doerksen. I am currently a second year social work student at the Inner City University of Manitoba. I had the privilege of a too short 80-hr practicum at the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. Prior to starting, I did not have any information about this agency, although through some research from a different course I learned that it had been in existence for about one hundred years. As I started this practicum I learned that the mandate of advocating for social justice was of central importance at this agency. Josh Brandon was my mentor and supervisor.

There were many aspects of the barriers that too many face in Winnipeg that I did not know anything about. I have lived in this city for a number of years and yet did not realise the many different social injustice issues that are prevalent and continue to this day. I had the privilege of working on the Make Poverty History Manitoba campaign and it was an amazing learning opportunity. Again, as mentioned above, I did not realise how many people in our city are affected by poverty and the issues surrounding it. I really appreciate how the many different community agencies network and collaborate on this incredibly important topic.

It was amazing to see the steering committee for Make Poverty History Manitoba's community led plan on poverty for the City discuss different aspects of this project,



Tina Doerksen, SPCW Practicum Student

build consensus and then make decisions around this campaign. It was interesting to see this process from the discussion stage to the implementation of the community consultations. I found that at the SPCW, there is a sense of autonomy where staff worked on different projects but also worked in a collaborative manner when needed. I have enjoyed my time and my knowledge about social justice issues has increased. I know that there is much more to learn and explore, but I learned that as a member of this society I have a responsibility to ask questions, and not to accept the status quo. I also saw that it takes dedicated members such as the SPCW staff to fight for social justice in our city of Winnipeg.

Summarized Financial Statements of
SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG
March 31, 2017



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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of
Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017, and the summary statement of operations and changes in fund balances are derived from the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg for the year ended March 31, 2017. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 30, 2017.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg for the year ended March 31, 2017 are a fair summary of those financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Professional Accountants

May 30, 2017
Winnipeg, Manitoba

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG
Summarized Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2017

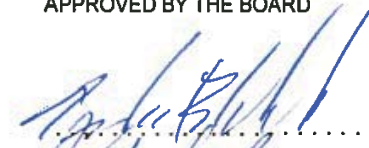


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 201,019	\$ 207,060
Accounts receivable	33,711	30,252
Prepaid expenses	12,498	10,235
	<u>247,228</u>	<u>247,547</u>
FIXED ASSETS	46,656	45,410
	<u>\$ 293,884</u>	<u>\$ 292,957</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,744	\$ 23,891
Deferred Special Projects revenue	72,203	54,948
Current portion of deferred leasehold improvements	4,725	4,514
	<u>93,672</u>	<u>83,353</u>
DEFERRED LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	33,076	36,109
	<u>126,748</u>	<u>119,462</u>
FUND BALANCES		
REVENUE STABILIZATION	60,000	60,000
TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT	5,000	5,000
UNRESTRICTED	102,136	108,495
	<u>167,136</u>	<u>173,495</u>
	<u>\$ 293,884</u>	<u>\$ 292,957</u>

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

	2017	2016
REVENUE		
Special projects	\$ 521,381	\$ 349,491
United Way of Winnipeg	317,238	318,301
Affiliation fees	778	631
Earned fee for service	57,352	65,501
Amortization of deferred leasehold improvements	4,725	4,514
Other	43,593	39,511
	<u>945,067</u>	<u>777,961</u>
EXPENSES		
Special projects	535,131	356,971
Salaries, wages and benefits	300,458	270,461
Office and maintenance	81,612	85,811
Administration	27,278	25,431
Amortization of fixed assets	6,947	6,001
	<u>951,426</u>	<u>744,681</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	(6,359)	33,271
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	173,495	140,211
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 167,136	\$ 173,491

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

 President
 Treasurer
 Vice President for Treasurer

A complete set of financial statements and Independent Auditor's Report may be obtained from the Planning Council.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS



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AND OF COURSE THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERSHIP!

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

INCLUSIVE

Respecting the diversity of wisdom, experience and ability present in our community, SPCW works to ensure all voices are heard.

COMMUNITY BASED

Respecting the proverb: ‘That which you do for me, without me, you do to me’, SPCW works within the community to support and develop initiatives and solutions.

COLLABORATIVE

Recognizing that there is strength in the collective, SPCW creates and nurtures partnerships and coalitions that address inequity and injustice.

NON-PARTISAN

Recognizing the value of a principled evidenced based approach, SPCW develops and advocates for progressive and effective policies with all levels and members of government.

IN SOLIDARITY

Respecting and supporting the 94 “Calls to Action” of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, SPCW aligns itself with actions, ideas, and movements that seek to redress the harm already caused by colonization and prevent any further systemic oppression or injustices to Indigenous Peoples.

INNOVATIVE

Recognizing that the systemic changes necessary for social justice require long-term planning that integrates both the global and local, SPCW promotes our ideals and creates plans to achieve them.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Winnipeg is a community that advocates for social justice and benefits from being a just city

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Issues for action are identified and acted upon, based on research and community priorities.
 - a. Develop and communicate a process for determining priority issues for action
 - b. Strengthen and utilize a process for engaging stakeholders (current and new) in addressing identified issues
2. Community groups and organizations are supported to address social justice issues.
 - a. Identify and address gaps in research and community input
 - b. Strengthen capacity of community groups and organizations to address social justice issues
 - c. Support efforts to influence policy
3. Public awareness and engagement on social justice issues is increased.
 - a. Increase public awareness through education and information
 - b. Engage the public in addressing identified issues
 - c. Increase civic participation through capacity building

VISION STATEMENT

A sustainable community that is caring, just
and equitable

MISSION STATEMENT

SPCW provides leadership that addresses
inequity and improves social conditions
through research, engagement and action



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