



KERRISDALE
Community Centre Society

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025 – 2026

EXECUTIVE

President	Kathy McKay
Vice-President	Humaira Akhtar
Vice-President	Dorothy Chang
Secretary	Claire Cheung
Treasurer	Kathleen Bigsby
Interim Appointee(s)	Diltaj Kaur / Cheuck Chow

BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Miran Aziz
Devon Bruce
Richard Dopson
Trisha Epp
Yiting Hu
Dapo Ogunsola
Morag Pansegrau
Robert Tudhope
Deanna Wong
Joshua Yoon
Mike Zhou

SOCIETY STAFF

Accountant	Sadaf Eghtesadi
Administrative Assistant	Grace Green
Communications Assistant	Sheila Hansen
Food Services Coordinator (Interim)	James Ng

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF

As at December 2025

Recreation Supervisor	Ian Broadbent	604-257-8118
Centre Programmer	Anson Siu	604-257-8114
Centre Programmer	Arthur Lee Hung	604-257-8116
Seniors' Programmer	Meeka Marsolais	604-257-8111
Pool Programmer	Jocelyn Dayal	604-257-8107
Arena Programmer	Kathryn Lum	604-257-8102
Clerk III	Sandra Alviar	604-257-8103
Program Assistant III	Trisha Pajayon	604-257-8117
Youth Leaders	Jerry Chan Henry Pham Maxx Caluttung	604-257-8116
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Office Staff:

Anisha Bal, Candice Choi, Kathryn Dobbs, Kim Farrell, Ireland Goodwin, Amanda Jang, Megan Jang, Mitchell Key, Jocelyn Lai, Andrea Macht, Sarah MacInnes, Caroline Marter, Thien Nguyen, Shania Prakash, Sydney Shepard, Antonios Sklavenas, Eunice Tse, Rachel Tse, Tracey Flattes, Sanjana Bhasin, Maya Bodnar, Christine Iannetta, Julia Liu, Megan Jang, Vivian Liang.

Aquatic Leaders:

Charlie Hunyh, Dalton Seto, Kyle Bruce

Building Supervisors:

Priya Bagri, Aman Jhutti, Riley Keevil, Jacky Ly, Maksym Movchan, Alex Ngai, Veronica Ng, Keith Nath, Emily Nguyen, Andrea Norman, Vishakan Sunthareswaran, Paul Talbot, Alicia Tao, Matthew Toriano, Emily Tsang, Yi Lin Wang

Building Service Workers:

Myrna Buada, Jaspal Gill, Mark Serediak, Raymund De La Rama, Joanne Candelaria, Eleno De Gala, Amie De Guzman, Ramil Lague

Fitness Centre Workers:

Sheryl Greenfield, Ezekiel Zraly

Food Service Workers:

Chloe Chan, Tenaya Fogelman, Liulin Song, Joel Lacap, Jack Tse, Catherine Kuo, Minami Toyokawa, Ashik Pasumarthi

82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY (KCCS)
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 7:30 pm | Seniors Multi-purpose Room
Minutes for Approval

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Kathy McKay, President, called the Society's 82nd annual general meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Staff distributed the agenda, candidate profiles, annual report, and financial statements to attendees.

2. Notice of Meeting

Humaira Akhtar, Secretary of the Board, signed the public notice of the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented was moved, seconded and carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held February 21, 2024

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting of February 21, 2024 was moved, seconded and carried.

5. President's Report - please refer to the 2024 KCCS Annual Report

6. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2024

Gary Wozny, Auditor from Tompkins Wozny, presented highlights from the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024. He summarized the Society's balance sheet (total assets and liabilities) and provided a general statement of revenues and expenses for the financial year. He concluded by saying that the Society's financial position is strong and that it adheres to regular accounting practices, then opened the floor for questions and comments.

MOTION to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2023-2024, as presented was moved, seconded and carried.

7. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending August 31, 2025

MOTION to approve the appointment of Tompkins Wozny LLP as the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society's auditor for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025 was moved, seconded and carried.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee

Dorothy Chang, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided a summary of the committee process in identifying, evaluating, and recommending candidates for board positions.

- Ten (10) positions were vacant this year; nine 2-year and one 1-year vacant positions. 11 candidates were on the ballot: three (3) incumbents seeking re-election and eight (8) new candidates.
- Humaria, Board Secretary, called for nominations from the floor three times. A candidate, Dapo Ogunsola, presented himself from the floor. Voting members added his name to their ballot.

Each candidate was allowed a 2-minute speech about their background and how they will contribute to the Society and community.

Names on the ballot:

Incumbent	New Candidate	New Candidate	New Candidate
Humaira Akhtar	Devon Bruce	Trisha Epp	Diltaj Kaur
Kathy McKay	Cheuck Ying Chow	Michael Howard	Dapo Ogunsola
Robert Tudhope	Deborah Claus	Yiting Hu	Joti Sharma

9. Election of Directors

The vote to elect directors took place. KCC staff members collected the ballots, and the meeting recessed at 8:25 pm to allow for the vote count. Ian Broadbent, Miran Aziz and Joshua Yoon oversaw the counting.

The meeting resumed at 8:45 pm. Dorothy Chang announced the results of the election as follows:

Two-Year Terms:

Incumbents - Humaira Akhtar, Kathy McKay, Robert Tudhope

New Members - Devon Bruce, Cheuck Ying Chow, Deborah Claus, Trisha Epp, Diltaj Kaur and Joti Sharma

One-Year Term:

Dapo Ogunsola

MOTION to destroy the ballots was moved, seconded and carried.

10. Swearing in of New Directors

Ian Broadbent, Centre Recreation Supervisor, congratulated the newly elected Board members and swore them in under the Society's Oath of Office.

11. No Other Business

12. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Recorded by Grace Green

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 83rd AGM of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society. The Society has been an important part of the community since 1943 and continues to be a center point in Kerrisdale.

Our goals for this AGM are to approve the minutes of the last AGM, to accept the audited financial statements for 2024-2025, to appoint our auditor for the next year, and to elect new Directors for the upcoming year.

Operations

We continue to expand our program offerings to the Kerrisdale community. Our Spring brochure includes a variety of offerings. You will find educational programs, recreation, arts and crafts, and games for all age ranges.

Plans

We are starting to work on our Strategic Plan to match our program offerings with the needs of the community. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for new programming.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Park Board staff for their tireless work during the last year. I appreciate all the time they spend making sure the Centre runs smoothly. I would also like to thank the volunteers who continue to work at the Centre. I would like to recognize the retiring Board Members for all their contributions and acknowledge the rest of the Board for their support and work over the last year. Finally, I am extremely grateful for the Society staff. Many of them are behind the scenes, however their hard work and dedication is reflected in the coordination of this AGM.

You are all appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy McKay, President

January 2026

ARENA AND POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members: Robert Tudhope, Chair Dapo Ogunsola

Staff Liaison: Jocelyn Dayal, Pool Programmer
Kathryn Lum, Arena Programmer

The Kerrisdale Pool and Arena committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

Due to the pool closure earlier this year and the closing of the arena due to leakage with the ice pad, the committee has not been meeting to discuss programming and goals since the summer of 2025.

It is recommended that this committee should merge with another committee. This would provide greater scope and opportunities for members to be actively involved in programming at the KCC.

There was a recommendation to increase the budget for the Maple Grove Days and Music in the Park programs. This can help in advertising the events and hope is to increase the number of attendees for summer 2026. An advertising strategy is needed for these events including social media.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Tudhope, Chair

November 2025

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members:

Humaira Akhtar

Trisha Epp

Yiting Hu

Community Member:

Wendy Ma

The Board Development Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

Committee set-up four goals for 2025. Each member chose one goal and independently worked on it, periodically engaged with committee for quality and ideas. Immense success was achieved on each goal. Collaboration among committee members was a huge success factor in addition to the motivation and passion of the member leading the goal. Committee kept the Executive and the Board engaged each step of the way. Terms of Reference of Board Member and Community Committee member have been refreshed. Committee held online meetings. Each member was offered to chair the committee when they felt ready.

Goal 1 (Trisha): Gather feedback from board members about effectiveness of the Board and its meetings. The survey report has been prepared by Trisha Epp and now action points will be prepared. To encourage board member participation and engagement during board meeting an Ice Breaker is being used at the start of each Board meeting.

Exit Interviews of retiring directors who left the KCC board was conducted in 2025 by Humaira and their feedbacks were used and converted as action points for KCCS. To encourage participation at each board meeting a board member would volunteer to observe and to rate collaboration which they shared with all board members after the meeting.

Goal 2 (Humaira): Continue to run Board Mentorship Program.

Every new member was assigned an experienced board member as Mentor. Gift cards were given to each mentor to facilitate the first Mentee-Mentor meeting. Mentees and Mentors were asked to agree their own plans for future collaboration.

The committee gathered feedback every third month from participants of the Board Mentorship program to assess if support from the Committee was needed. For the final round of feedback Committee has received responses from all mentors and mentees. This will help to improve the 2026 Mentorship Program. Committee's final report about Mentorship Program has been prepared.

Goal 3 (Wendy): Collect feedback from board members on desirable board development activities to implement for 2024-25.

Workshops were arranged with Vantage Point in 2025 on the topics of Financial Governance and also on Roles and Responsibility. Another workshop on the topic of Roles and Responsibility has been

scheduled for April 15, 2026. It will be very helpful for the new board members to have this workshop soon after election of the Board.

Another workshop (Humaira) was organized in the autumn of 2025 about the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with KCCS. A Vancouver Park Board representative (Kate Perkins) conducted the workshop.

Goal 4 (Yiting Hu): Prepare Onboarding package for the new board members.

A very thorough Onboarding package has been prepared by Yiting Hu. The committee plans to share and implement it with the new board of directors of 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Humaira Akhtar

January 2026

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members: Humaira Akhtar, Chair
Trisha Epp

Morag Pansegrau

Staff Liaison: Ian Broadbent, Recreation Supervisor

The Building Maintenance Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

This report covers the period from July 2025 to Jan 2026. We made very good progress in the overall upkeep of the facility. The committee continues to make the Centre more visible, safe and desirable for our patrons and to generate interest. Committee meetings were held virtually.

- 1) The Committee has continued to identify and solve general maintenance needs throughout the Centre with the support of the Building Supervisor.
- 2) Annual Building Walkthrough: Trisha and Ian did walkthrough of the centre in Dec 2025. Some areas were not accessible due to renovations and will be completed when available.
- 3) Improve and upgrade Reader Board: Ian has selected two companies for quotes. Discussions are ongoing and final quotes are expected shortly. The project should be completed before the end of the budget year, August, 2026.
- 4) Senior Centre Signage: The project has lately been assigned to Park Board Sign Shop. Their quote is much higher than the budgeted amount. Process of seeking approval of higher amount will be initiated.
- 5) Boiler replacement is in final stages of completion. Expected completion date is Spring, 2026.
- 6) Flooring in some areas of the Community Centre is worn out and is to be replaced. This work will be started after completion of boiler work, tentatively in Spring 2026. Identified replacement material is already in the stock of the contractor.
- 7) Accessibility Project has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Humaira Akhtar

January 2026

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members:

Kathy McKay, Chair
Deanna Wong

Joshua Yoon
Diltaj Kaur

Communications Assistant:

Sheila Hansen

Staff Liaison:

Arthur Lee Hung

The Kerrisdale Communications Committee is appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The 2024-2025 goals included:

- 1) Website Policy review;
- 2) Registration map and guide distribution review;
- 3) Assessing the feasibility of adding a donation page to the KCCS Website.

The committee did not finish the review of the Website Policy. The policy predates the current website and requires significant changes. This task will be included in our goals for the next year.

We were able to reduce the number of our mailed guides by 25 per cent. We dropped the patrons whose postal code indicated that they live close to the community centre, as they can come to the centre to pick up a copy of the guide.

We investigated the purchase of software that would allow online donations to the society. As we do not get many donations throughout the year, we deemed the cost prohibitive. Instead, we will include basic information about donations on our website and amplify it on our social media platforms and in the guide.

The committee's long-term goal of an improved Find a Program & Register webpage was finally realized. Launched in conjunction with spring 2025 registration, the new page directly links to Vancouver Park Board's ActiveNet registration page. This initiative is saving the society \$16,000 annually (\$4,000/season) while offering patrons a more accurate, streamlined and efficient registration experience. The communications assistant oversaw a successful social media campaign that created awareness of the new program page, thus facilitating a smooth rollout and transition.

We have continued to boost the KCCS presence on social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook and X). We also produce a very popular monthly newsletter. According to analytics, the newsletter is popular among a wide range of patrons and sees an above-average open rate ranging from 55 to 69 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy McKay, Chair

January 2026

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members: Mike Zhou, Chair
Miran Aziz

Diltaj Kaur, Co-Chair

Community Member: Duncan Ainslie

The Kerrisdale Finance Committee is appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

1. Status of Committee goals for FY 2025_26

The Finance Committee reviewed the goals it had set for FY2025_26 and agreed that:

- **Goal 1:** Review the cash flow forecast regularly to ensure sufficient operational funds and to consider any investment opportunities for any cash surplus. There is not yet a formal cash flow forecast in place. However, cash balances are monitored monthly. Beginning December 2025, Society Accountant will prepare a quarterly cash flow forecast for the Finance Committee's review.
- **Goal 2:** Identify the most suitable banking institution for the Society. After comparing several institutions (including CIBC and Vancity), the Committee selected RBC as the preferred banking partner due to its more favorable fee structure, higher credit limits, and greater convenience.
- **Goal 3:** Develop procedures to ensure wage rates for the Society's regular employee and auxiliary employee positions are regularly reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis; this will involve working with the Programs Committee to develop structures that ensure equity in managing wage rates for contract instructors. The Committee determined that this goal more appropriately falls under the responsibility of the Programs Committee. Therefore, it will no longer be a specific Finance Committee goal in future.
- **Goal 4:** Review the current budget allocations for continuing appropriateness and compliance. Ongoing reviews of budget allocations are being conducted and these will continue to be reviewed going forward, but the Committee agreed this should not remain a formal, standalone goal for the next year.
- **Goal 5:** Contribute the development of business plan for the Senior Kitchen. It is completed.

During the year, the Committee:

- Received a clean audit for FY2024-25 from the Society's auditors;
- Reported a consecutive surplus in FY2024-25 for the Society, right after FY 2023-24;
- Review and examined the Society's investments in light of changing circumstances and the Society's Investment Policy. Investment earnings have increased in the year.
- Reviewed monthly reports of the Society's financial position and operations, monitoring to changes in expenses and revenue in different program areas;
- Reviewed board committee budget requests and developed the FY 2025-26 budget for the society.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Zhou

January 2026

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

Board Liaison: Cheuck Chow

KCG Co-Presidents: Daphne Guh Moeko Sanada

The Kerrisdale Community Garden Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

Goal #1) Engage local community and spirit through gardening.

This was very successful from Earth Day Work Party involving the Kerrisdale/Oakridge/Marpole Community Policing Centre to the many donations made to the Kerrisdale Community Centre kitchen and to St. Mary's Church community lunch program. A couple that lives next to the garden often bring their easels to the garden to paint as they say it inspires creativity.

Goal #2) Bring more awareness to the garden and its benefits.

Passersby and visitors engage in friendly conversation about gardening tips and ideas, and how they can get involved or become gardeners themselves. An Instagram account was launched this year for social media access.

Goal #3) To get more involvement in the garden.

Increasing the number of garden plots so more members of the community can be involved; two new beds were added. This was accomplished with the help of a community sponsor. The more beds there are the stronger the community will be.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheuck Chow, Board Liaison

January 2026

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Dorothy Chang, Chair
Claire Cheung
Devon Bruce
Morag Pansegrau
Miran Aziz

Community Members: Jim Hall
Oscar Bisnar
Joti Sharma
Eilis Wong

Staff Liaisons: Anson Siu - Centre Programmer
Arthur Lee Hung - Centre Programmer
Meeka Marsolais - Senior Programmer

The Kerrisdale Program Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The Program Committee set four goals for 2025-26:

1. **Youth Mental Health:** Continue initiatives with the Youth Committee to support the well-being and resilience of young people.
2. **Youth Empowerment:** Develop programs that provide leadership opportunities, skill building, and social connection for youth aged 13–17.
3. **Indigenous Cultural Awareness:** Build ongoing relationships with the Musqueam community and provide learning opportunities, including workshops such as carving and weaving.
4. **Sensory-Sensitive Programming:** Explore programs welcoming to individuals with sensory sensitivities.

Goal Progress Report:

During the past year, Kerrisdale Community Centre made significant strides in expanding and diversifying its program offerings. A total of **29 new programs and 13 new workshops** were introduced, creating additional opportunities for residents of all ages to learn new skills, engage in recreation, and build meaningful connections within the community. These new offerings reflect a strong commitment to innovation, responsiveness to community interests, and inclusive program design.

New programs were intentionally developed to serve a broad demographic spectrum. Youth programs such as Chess, Cooking, STEM camps and Youth Boxing provided opportunities for skill development, creativity, confidence-building, and healthy physical activity, while also supporting social development and teamwork in a safe and supportive environment. Adult and Senior offerings, including Piloga (Pilates/Yoga), Financial Workshops, Spoon Carving, and Salsa for Seniors, promoted physical wellness, lifelong learning, creative expression, and social connection. Participant feedback throughout the year reflected strong satisfaction with both program quality and variety.

To further support health and wellness goals, the Centre invested in upgrades to the exercise room with the addition of new strength-training equipment. New Insignia Series machines, including a row,

lateral pull-down, leg curl, leg extension, and chin/dip assist, enhanced the overall functionality and accessibility of the fitness space. These additions support safe and effective workouts for users of varying fitness levels, including beginners, older adults, and individuals requiring supported strength training.

Cultural programming continued to play an important role in fostering awareness, learning, and community connection. On Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30), the Centre collaborated with the Kerrisdale Library to present an Indigenous display that encouraged reflection and learning while honoring Indigenous histories, cultures, and ongoing reconciliation efforts. This initiative reinforced the Centre's role as a welcoming and inclusive community gathering place.

Looking ahead, the expansion of programs, workshops, and fitness facilities has laid a strong foundation for continued growth. By building on these successes, strengthening inclusive practices, and maintaining responsiveness to community needs, Kerrisdale Community Centre remains committed to supporting health, learning, and connection for all members of the community.

Inclusive participation and accessibility remained key priorities throughout the year. The Programs Committee will be implementing short-term initiatives which will include staff education through the Canucks Autism Network workshop, the introduction of designated sensory-friendly program times, and a review of existing programs to identify and address accessibility barriers. Long-term commitments focused on building partnerships to support adapted programming, embedding inclusion into all stages of program planning and evaluation, and celebrating the success of sensory-friendly initiatives to increase awareness and community engagement. The Programs Committee, led by Devon, Joti, Miran and Anson will continue to work collaboratively with community partners to advance inclusive practices and ensure that Kerrisdale Community Centre remains welcoming and accessible to all. Sensory Kits are now available to use at the Centre.

I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to our Board of Directors, Community Volunteers, and dedicated Programmers. Your energy, creativity, and commitment make Kerrisdale Community Centre a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive place for everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Chang

January 2026

RENTALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Morag Pansegrau, Co-Chair
Joti Sharma, Co-Chair (Resigned December 2025)

Centre Liaison: Ian Broadbent

The Kerrisdale Rentals Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS). The Committee held three in-person meetings and one additional meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

Committee Goals:

The Committee set the following goals for the past year:

1. Review rental rates and propose rate increase recommendations for January, 2026. Review to be completed by October 31, 2025.
2. The Rentals Committee, in conjunction with the Program Committee, will analyze the use of Centre rooms to identify spaces that are under-utilized.

Achievements and Progress Towards Goals:

Goal 1. Achieved. Staff reviewed our room rental rates compared to rates of similar organizations and the committee determined room rental rates should be increased for 2026. At the August 2025 board meeting, the board approved the proposed 3% increase in facility rental rates effective January 2026.

Goal 2. This goal will be extended into 2026. The task of compiling the required data for this goal is onerous and time consuming and this Fall the Centre staff had major building projects in process in addition to routine work. The Program Committee was informed at a meeting of the reason for extending this goal. Also, there was an informal discussion at a Program Committee meeting around the suggestion that the Rentals Committee should become part of the Program Committee. From the discussion this suggestion appears to be a practical and efficient merger.

Respectfully submitted,
Morag Pansegrau, Co-Chair

December 17, 2025

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Deanna Wong (Chair) and Robert Tudhope

Centre Liaison: Centre staff as needed

The Risk Management Committee is a committee appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS).

The Committee held nine in-person or virtual meetings and engaged in email correspondence throughout the past year.

Committee Goals:

The Committee set the following goals for the past year:

1. Convince the KCCS Board of the need for a standing Risk Management Committee.
2. Create a risk register or matrix for KCCS.

Achievements and Progress Towards Goals:

1. The Committee presented the KCCS risk register to the Board in January 2026 and put forward a motion for the Risk Management Committee to become a standing committee of the KCCS Board and to be merged with the Finance Committee effective immediately with the merged Finance Committee drafting new Terms of Reference to be approved by the KCCS Board at a future board meeting. The Board approved this motion in January 2026.
2. The Committee created a risk register for KCCS, which covered the following risk categories: strategic and reputational, governance, programs, financial, information management and technology, legal and liability, human resources, building operations, and disasters and emergencies. The Board approved a motion to receive the risk register in January 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Wong, Chair

February 2026

SENIORS COUNCIL REPORT

Active Members:	Richard Dopson, Chair Rosemary Cryer - Secretary Gino Chu	Peni Martel, Vice-chair Lee-Anne MacPherson Wendy Trant
Board Representative:	Morag Pansegrau	Cheuck Chow
Staff Liaison:	Meeka Marsolais	

The Senior Council's Mandate is "to act in an advisory capacity to promote and support activities, special events and fundraising opportunities for the Seniors Centre in consultation with the Centre staff, the Society and the Board."

1. To enhance the experience of Kerrisdale seniors by offering programs and services: Seniors Council members took the initiative to organize: Annual Lunar Festival, Pink Shirt Day, Moon Festival, Orange Shirt Day, Earth Day, Canada Day Flag Raising Ceremony, plus collaborating with the BC Retired Teachers Association to provide workshops on Scam Prevention and Fall Prevention.

We utilized a generous donation from the Evelyn Berman Fund to source then purchase new tables and chairs for the Seniors Lunch Program.

2. To enhance awareness of Senior Council members and programs by: creating Council name badges, posting Council Minutes and notice of activities on the bulletin board, sharing a Council Christmas photo, making announcements at Special Lunches, writing informative articles in the Monarch newsletter on the issue of Paid Parking.

3. To facilitate concerns, suggestions and interests between Seniors & Program Coordinator, Society Board other appropriate groups at Kerrisdale. Advance our knowledge of processes already in place, increase transparency, liaise with appropriate staff.

We have representation on the West Side Seniors Network and the City of Vancouver's Initiative on the Strategy for Older Adults

4. Appointed a representative to the Kitchen Management Committee. Took part in the interviewing and hiring of our new cook. Participated in the recruitment of additional kitchen volunteers. Lobbied to ensure that the Lunch Program be served five days each week with the Coffee Bar also open on Saturdays.

5. Collaborated with the Society Board – attending monthly Society Board Meetings, serving on the Building Committee, organizing the Annual Holiday Party, representing Seniors on the Building Maintenance and Kitchen Management Committees, Youth/ Seniors Collaboration, participating in the Community Needs Survey and Volunteer of the Year Committee.

The issue of Pay Parking resulted in push back - a petition with 300 + opposing signatures was presented to our Park Board Commissioner, two evening meetings were held with Seniors Council,

Society Board and Park Board Representatives. Seniors lobbied for exemptions - those volunteering, attending lunch and exercise programs. Articles to inform members were written in the Monarch.

The Seniors Council is composed of dynamic members with a wealth and depth of experience in their past careers as: psychologist/community organizer, senior executive assistant, English teacher/department head, realtor, business and property manager.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Dopson, Chair

January 2026

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Active Members:	Joshua Yoon, Chair Devon Bruce Yiting Hu	Oscar Bisnar Claire Cheung
Community Members:	Wen Wong	Juno Yoon
Staff Liaison:	Anson Siu Trisha Pagayon	Jerry Chan

The Kerrisdale Youth Committee, appointed by and reporting to the Board of Directors of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS), continued its mandate to engage youth aged 9–19 through community service, leadership development, and intergenerational collaboration. Over the 2024–2025 term, the committee focused on expanding inclusive programming, enhancing youth-senior partnerships, strengthening connections with the Musqueam Nation, and introducing workshops addressing mental health, technology, and practical life skills.

1. Youth Leaders Program (YLP):

- **Objective:** To provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills, acquire new knowledge, and engage in community volunteerism through organizing community initiatives and activities.
- **Outcome:** The program attracted strong participation with 19 youth leaders from local secondary schools, primarily in Grades 10–11. Throughout the year, sessions focused on debate, teamwork, public speaking, and event planning. New initiatives included resume- and cover-letter-writing workshops, mock interviews, and first-aid training. The youth organized multiple intergenerational activities, including monthly Youth-Senior Games Days and a joint community cleanup with the Pre-Teens Group. The season concluded with a career panel scheduled for early 2025, further broadening the program’s emphasis on communication, leadership, and life-readiness skills.

2. Pre-Teens Program:

- **Objective:** To engage pre-teens in structured activities that promote personal development and community involvement.
- **Outcome:** The program maintained steady enrollment under the supervision of Henry and Maxx. It emphasized teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership through interactive sessions and new goal-setting components. Seasonal highlights included a vision-board workshop, a community cleanup at the Arbutus Greenway, and an introduction to social contracts to promote respect and inclusion.

3. Smart Device Workshops / Youth-led Technology Workshops:

- **Objective:** To facilitate technology workshops pairing youth volunteers with adult/senior participants seeking assistance with device and technology usage.
- **Outcome:** The program experienced significant growth, averaging 16 participants per workshop with consistent volunteer engagement. Adjustments to session timing and

expanded back-to-back workshops eliminated waitlists and improved accessibility. Youth volunteers gained valuable teaching and communication experience, supported by structured nametag use and mentoring systems. Specialized ActiveNet registration workshops were introduced and well-received.

4. Youth Games Room Revitalization:

- **Objective:** To renovate and enhance the Youth Games Room to better serve the needs and interests of youth in the community.
- **Outcome:** The Youth Games Room continued to evolve with new furniture, a coffee table, and expanded board-game offerings, resulting in increased utilization. The committee maintained active dialogue with Musqueam representatives and SNIW consultants, hosting reconciliation workshops. The initiative reflects a continuing commitment to reconciliation, cultural learning, and youth creativity within community spaces.

5. Youth Mental Health Sessions:

- **Objective:** To promote emotional well-being, resilience, and intergenerational understanding through educational workshops and shared community programs.
- **Outcome:** A series of mental-health workshops for parents and youth were conducted in collaboration with Steve Sorrenti and Hila Russ-Woodland, focusing on communication, stress management, and resilience. Parent-targeted sessions such as "Peaceful Families" received positive feedback, with attendees requesting youth-specific follow-ups.

The committee's efforts align with the Society's values of continuous quality improvement, collaborative and effective working relationships, and engagement with the Kerrisdale Community Centre. The dedication of committee members and staff liaisons was instrumental in achieving these goals throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Yoon

January 2026

SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION SERVICES REPORT

Throughout the year, Kerrisdale's administrative and programming teams navigated numerous challenges with resilience and creativity. Their dedication and thoughtful approach ensured the community continued to enjoy essential recreational opportunities and services.

The following summary captures some of the notable milestones and happenings over the past year.

Community Centre Operations: Entering Fall of 2024 and throughout 2025, the community centre was alive with activity, programs, and community members of all ages connecting and forging new networks. Operations and Programming staff continued to focus on program growth with the complex hosting 2,520 programs servings 16,852 participants.

Building Improvement Projects: Several capital maintenance and improvement projects began in late 2024 and carried through into 2025.

- Community Centre and Pool Energy Retrofit project – The Kerrisdale Community Centre and the City of Vancouver received a \$2.9 million dollar infrastructure investment from the Government of Canada to replace and upgrade the boiler systems that support the Community Centre, Pool and Seniors Centre operations. Work on this project began in the Fall of 2024 and work continues with completion expected in Spring 2026.
- Washroom Accessibility Project – in August 2023 the Community Centre started work upgrading and improving accessibility for washrooms and change rooms. This work included installing grab bars, door actuators and adjusting dispenser heights for all facilities in the Community Centre and Pool. Work was completed in Spring 2025.
- Pool Roof Replacement project – construction to replace the pool's roof began on July 1, 2025. The pool was originally scheduled to be closed for four months; however, construction complications and unforeseen circumstances have extended the closure. This extension is necessary to ensure all major repairs are completed safely and to the required standards.

Program Highlights: Kerrisdale Play Palace continues to be a highly valued community asset, attracting families from across Metro Vancouver to the Kerrisdale neighbourhood. The 2025 season saw strong overall attendance and an exceptional fill rate for both public and private parties. With 496 party bookings and thousands of drop-in participants throughout the summer months, the Play Palace successfully maintained its role as a major destination for family recreation.

KCCS Summer Safari Day Camp had a banner year. With increased capacity, the reintroduction of Before and After Care, and the addition of a Behaviour Support Leader, the program achieved 98.8% enrollment, welcoming a total of 712 registered campers.

Personnel Changes:

Over the past year, we continued to experience staffing changes as we worked to fill vacant positions and stabilize our team structure.

Working at Kerrisdale for over 7 years as the Pool Programmer, Adult & Fitness Programmer and then the Seniors Recreation Programmer, Bernard Lee transferred to Lord Byng Pool in pursuit of new career challenges and a different responsibility providing leadership in a standalone facility.

Julien Tascano-Saoui, who joined Kerrisdale in April 2024 as the Food Services Coordinator, left his position after 11 months to pursue other culinary opportunities. With Julien's departure—marking the third cook in three years—it became clear that both staff and the Society needed to take a different approach. The Kitchen Management Committee began the challenging process of evaluating the viability of key aspects of the kitchen's operations. The committee's goal was to stabilize and implement changes to this successful program, ensuring it remains sustainable for years to come.

Throughout this period of uncertainty, the kitchen staff and volunteers remained adaptable, keeping their primary objective—providing healthy and nutritious meals to seniors—at the forefront. A very special thank you goes to James Ng, our long-standing Assistant Food Services Coordinator. Without his willingness to extend his workdays, take on additional responsibilities, and provide steady leadership to both staff and volunteers, the kitchen could not have continued operating successfully.

In 2025, Kerrisdale was excited to welcome two outstanding professionals to its leadership team. Sandra Alviar joined the Kerrisdale team in March 2025 as Clerk III, supporting both front-line and administrative operations. Sandra previously served as Head Cashier at Killarney Pool and as Acting Recreation Facility Clerk at Douglas Park Community Centre. She brings a sincere commitment to fostering a positive, team-based environment, emphasizing strong relationships with staff, volunteers, and customers. Meeka Marsolais became part of the Kerrisdale team in May 2025, bringing over three years of experience working with seniors and a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Gerontology. Meeka contributes a wealth of knowledge, passion, and expertise to our Seniors' programming portfolio. She is deeply committed to making Vancouver a safer, more inclusive, and engaging city for seniors.

Thank you to the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society. KCCS's steadfast leadership and guidance has been appreciated by all staff, volunteers, and patrons. It has been a pleasure working with and learning from KCCS and its group of dedicated board and committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Broadbent

January 2026

CENTRE PROGRAMMERS' REPORT

Staff

Following Bernard Lee's departure from the Seniors Programmer position in May, the staff team entered a period of transition and stabilization. Meeka Marsolais initially filled the role on a temporary basis and was later successful in obtaining the regular full-time position. Arthur Lee Hung served as a temporary full-time programmer before transitioning to a permanent full-time role in Winter 2025, where he manages the adult portfolio. Trisha Pajayon continued in her role as Program Assistant III, overseeing birthday parties, volunteer coordination, family special events, and the intergenerational Smart Device program. Anson Siu also continued as programmer for the preschool, children, and youth portfolio.

Special Events

The season launched with family-friendly events that blended well-loved traditions with new experiences for Kerrisdale families. Halloween featured the Carnival, Pumpkin Carving, and a new Haunted House. We hosted the Gingerbread House Decorating, and Breakfast with Santa events with success. Despite not receiving the BCRPA grant, Family Day was successfully delivered through internal funding, offering activities such as a bouncy castle, crafts, games, face painting, drawing workshop by Happy Kids Studios, and a dance performance by PraiseTEAM. The Easter Extravaganza also saw high participation, and included activities such as indoor egg hunt, egg decorating, and a dynamic performance by the Axe Capoeira Dance Group.

Canada Day brought the community together with music, BBQ hot dogs, instructor performances, and a lively set by the Hidden Agenda Rock Band at Centennial Park. A new pottery painting station led by instructor Olive was a popular addition, allowing families to create personalized keepsakes. Together, these events fostered strong community engagement and reinforced a vibrant spirit of connection that we look forward to continuing.

Day Camps

Winter Break Camp

This year, the Winter Break Day Camp increased its maximum capacity from 20 to 30 campers per week. As in previous years, the camp operated from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., providing seven hours of programming per day. Registration fees remained at \$140 per week for the four operational days, or \$35 per day.

Children participated in a variety of winter-themed activities, including the following core activities:

Kerrisdale Winter Day Camp

Activity Schedule

WEEK 1			
<i>Schedule subject to change</i>			
MON	TUE	THU	FRI
23-Dec	24-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
 <i>AIR CLAY MARKING WITH G.A.M.E</i>	 <i>SKATING</i>	 <i>HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIE DECORATING</i>	 <i>WINTER OLYMPICS</i> <i>PAJAMAS & MOVIE DAY</i>
WEEK 2			
<i>Schedule subject to change</i>			
MON	TUE	THU	FRI
30-Dec	31-Dec	2-Jan	3-Jan
 <i>AIR CLAY MARKING WITH G.A.M.E</i>	 <i>ART WITH HappyKids STUDIOS</i>	 <i>SNOWY (indoor) SCAVENGER HUNT</i> <i>HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIE DECORATING</i>	 <i>HOLIDAY DANCE OFF!</i> <i>PAJAMAS & MOVIE DAY</i>

Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Day Camp ran for two weeks, with 20 participants enrolled each week. Staffing continued to be a challenge, as many potential staff members were still in school; however, the program successfully secured two leaders for both weeks.

Children enjoyed one major out-trip and one mini out-trip per week, along with additional activities outlined below:

STAFF LED PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR OUT TRIP (MINI) OUT TRIP (LARGE)	ACTIVITIES - SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP 2025				
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	17	18	19	20	21
MORNING	Caricaturist 10:00-12:00	Lego Land!	Blodel Conservatory 10:00-12:00	SCIENCE WORLD	Scavenger Hunt
AFTERNOON	Movie + Popcorn 2:15-3:45		QE Park	10:30-2:30pm	
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	24	25	26	27	28
MORNING	Happy Kids 10:30-12:00	Sports Fun!	Museum of Anthropology 10:00 - 12:00pm	AQUARIUM	Movie Day
AFTERNOON	Movie + Popcorn 2:15-3:45		Pacific Spirit Park	10:30-2:30pm	

Summer Break Camp

This year, one hour of before- and after-care was reintroduced at a rate of \$5 per hour per day, matching the cost of camp. Enrollment averaged 20 participants per week, generating approximately \$4.5K in additional revenue.

The maximum number of campers per week was increased from 60 to 80, divided evenly between 40 junior and 40 senior campers. The Canada Summer Jobs grant approved funding for 10 leaders and 1 manager, compared to 7 leaders and 1 manager in previous years. Of the 720 available spots, 712 were filled (98.8%), resulting in approximately \$124K in revenue and a net profit of around \$50K.

In response to ongoing challenges with campers requiring additional support, the Society approved funding for a new Behaviour Support Leader position. This role required experience in behaviour intervention and relevant qualifications. Olivia Dowd was hired for the position, having previously worked closely with families whose children required extra support. With one particularly high-needs camper requiring frequent one-on-one supervision for multiple weeks, this role proved essential, allowing other leaders to focus on managing their groups effectively.

Simone Peets, who previously worked as a Kerrisdale Safari day camp leader for two years, successfully stepped into the Day Camp Manager role. Her leadership in staff training, camp preparation, activity coordination, parent communication, issue resolution, and team building contributed to a highly positive experience for both campers and staff.

The Society's support—through funding for 20 additional preparation hours for the manager, the Behaviour Support Leader position, competitive staff wage adjustments, and increased weekly hours from 35 to 40—was greatly appreciated and well utilized.

Recommendations for next year include continuing similar funding levels, maintaining before- and after-care services, retaining the Behaviour Support Leader position, and sustaining the increased maximum capacity of 80 campers.

Below are the main activities we ran each day, with main out trips happening on Wednesdays:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	June 30 th	July 1 st	July 2 nd	July 3 rd	July 4 th
Week 1: Giddy Up & Go	Bandana Bash 	NO CAMP TODAY! 	MapleWood Farms 	Wild West Scavenger Hunt 	Connaught Spray Park (Jr's) & Maple Grove Pool (Sr's) 
	July 7 th	July 8 th	July 9 th	July 10 th	July 11 th
Week 2: Under The Sea	Catch The Current Relay 	Play Palace 	Vancouver Aquarium 	Sandcastle Competition at Jericho Beach 	Water & Movie Mania 
	July 14 th	July 15 th	July 16 th	July 17 th	July 18 th
Week 3: Power Up! Heros In Training	Superhero Training Day 	Power-Up Potions 	Playland 	Shields Up! 	Douglas Park Wading Pool (Jr's) & Maple Grove Pool (Sr's) 

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	July 21 st	July 22 nd	July 23 rd	July 24 th	July 25 th
Week 4: Game On!	Crafty Campers 	Teeny Town 	Science World 	Cookie Decorating 	Mario Kart 
	July 28 th	July 29 th	July 30 th	July 31 st	August 1 st
Week 5: Into The Wild	Zoo-tastic Crafts 	Safari Sights & Sounds 	Greater Vancouver Zoo 	Granville Island 	Connaught Spray Park (Jr's) & Maple Grove Pool (Sr's) 
	August 4 th	August 5 th	August 6 th	August 7 th	August 8 th
Week 6: Blast Off!	NO CAMP TODAY! 	Cosmic Tuesday 	H.R. Macmillan Space Centre 	Krispie Aliens 	Water Day 

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	August 11 th	August 12 th	August 13 th	August 14 th	August 15 th
Week 7: Circus Spectacular	Puppet Master 	Cory Catures 	Burnaby Village Museum 	Play Palace (Jr's) & Jericho Beach (Sr's) 	Douglas Park Wading Pool (Jr's) & Maple Grove Pool (Sr's) 
	August 18 th	August 19 th	August 20 th	August 21 st	August 22 nd
Week 8: Ready Set Go!	Team Day 	Cookie Decorating 	Crash Crawly 	Mighty Medals 	Sports Day! 
	August 25 th	August 26 th	August 27 th	August 28 th	August 29 th
Week 9: Glow With The Flow	Tie Dye Day 	Lumious Creations 	Grandview Lanes Bowling 	Granville Island Arcade 	Connaught Spray Park (Jr's) & Maple Grove Pool (Sr's) 

Programs

Throughout the year, we expanded course offerings, introducing 29 new programs and 9 workshops for various age groups, including the following:

Program Name	Age	Category
Pet Loss Art Therapy Group	Adults	Education
Alkimiya Wellness – Natural Healing for Anxiety	Adults	Education
Interior Design for Beginners	Adults	Education
Prenatal Yoga	Adults	Fitness & Health
Hula Hoop Dance Flow	Adults	Fitness & Health
Vocal Training – Beginner	Adults	Music
Learn How to Sing	Adults	Music
VanCougat Cabaret Dance	Adults/Seniors	Dance
Navigating the BC Healthcare System	Adults/Seniors	Education
Yoga to Unwind and Reset	Adults/Seniors	Fitness & Health
Yoga – Intermediate/Advanced	Adults/Seniors	Fitness & Health
Zen Meditation	Adults/Seniors	Fitness & Health
Group Vocal Evaluation	Adults/Seniors	Music
Your Voice, Your Song, Your Story	Adults/Seniors	Music
Simply Band	Adults/Seniors	Music
Colour Your Ideas	Children	Art
Happy Kids Studios – Art Jam with a Disney Animator	Children	Art
Happy Kids Studios – Cartoon with a Disney Animator	Children	Art
Happy Kids Studios – Character Design	Children	Art
Origami Arts & Crafts	Children	Art
Cook and Bake with Lily	Children	Cooking
WIZE – 3D Modelling and Printing Camp	Children	Education / STEM
WIZE – Animation, Games & Storytelling in Scratch Jr	Children	Education / STEM
WIZE – Game Design & Development in Roblox	Children	Education / STEM
Children’s Musical Theatre Program	Children	Music
For the Love of Literacy	Preschool	Education
Cardiac Health	Seniors	Fitness & Health
Learn How to Sing	Teens	Music
GirlsCANCompute: Math Club	Youth	Education

Workshop Name	Age	Category
Building Savings and Wealth	Adults	Financial Education
Fulfilling Long-Term Goals	Adults	Financial Education
Increasing Cashflow and Debt Management	Adults	Financial Education
Preparing for Proper Protection	Adults	Financial Education
Preserving Your Wealth and Estate	Adults	Financial Education
Understanding Asset Accumulation Strategies	Adults	Financial Education
Parenting and Youth Mental Health Workshops	Adults/Youth	Mental Health
Intergenerational Flower Arrangement Workshop	All Ages	Art
COSCO Workshops – Personal Planning Series	Seniors	Education

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors and the members of the Program Committee for their dedication and support throughout the year. We also thank our staff, volunteers, patrons, and committed instructors whose ongoing efforts make Kerrisdale one of Vancouver's most outstanding community centres.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Lee Hung & Anson Siu

January 2026

KERRISDALE ARENA PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Active Members: Robert Tudhope, Chair

Staff Liaison: Kathrym Lum – Arena

Jocelyn Dayal – Pool

ICE RINK

In Fall 2025 Set 2, we were able to run a small offering of weekday lessons at Kerrisdale arena due to an unexpected brine leak which had delayed our opening. We were able to run daytime preschool group lessons on Mondays with two instructors. Fall 2025 also allowed us to run private lessons on Mon and Thu for a total of 5 classes per week. Overall enrollment rate for Fall Set 2 was 60%.

For Winter 2026 Set 1, we were able to run weekend lessons, with a complete staff team. We added an additional 18 lessons, having a total of 42 lessons with a team of 6 instructors. Lessons that had no enrollment were replaced with private lessons which had a 96% fill rate. We were able to run daytime preschool group lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays with two instructors each day. We were also able to run private lessons on Mon, Tue, and Thu for a total of 8 classes per week. Overall enrollment rate for Winter Set 1 was 57%.

We held 3 hirings, one in June, August, and September, and we recruited around 40 new hires.

PLAY PALACE

The 2025 Kerrisdale Play Palace season ran from April 8th to Aug 28th, 2025. We had a 78% fill rate on the private parties and a little under \$2000 of extra time requests. Last year we had a fantastic staff team that worked very well together and provided our patrons with great opportunities for fun and celebration. This team worked very well together and made the summer an enjoyable work environment! We are excited to keep improving and continuing to offer an exciting family experience next season.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathrym Lum
Recreation Programmer, Regional Rinks

January 2026

MAPLE GROVE POOL REPORT

Music in the Park

The Music in the Park series took place on Sundays, July 6, 13, and 20, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. We were fortunate to have good weather for all three events. Each session featured a different musical act—Sheryl Greenfield, Dylan Cramer, and Megan MacDonald & John Parker—performing a range of genres, including folk, acoustic, pop, and jazz.

Attendance averaged 30–40 participants, many of whom brought their own seating to enjoy the performances in the park. In addition, pool users were able to listen to the music while swimming, adding to the atmosphere.

Some performers expressed concerns about the \$150 honorarium, noting increased living expenses, gas prices, and sound equipment rental costs. However, they also recognized that the series is a free community event sponsored by the Society.

Maple Grove Day

Maple Grove Day was held on Sunday, July 27, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. The event included a balloon twister from Living Magic Entertainment, a face painter from Gossamer Designs, live music by Jeff Bryant, activities and arts & crafts led by staff and volunteers, and treats for attendees.

Event attendants Trisha Pajayon and Thomas Hsiao managed 10 volunteers, oversaw set-up and take-down, and ran games, activities, and arts & crafts throughout the day.

Due to inflation, the cost of live music, balloon artists, and face painting increased. In previous years, two face painters were hired; however, this year the budget only allowed for one. Despite this, the event was very well attended. It was held during the 1:30 pm swim session, the pool was at capacity, and there were children lined up continuously for the balloon art and face painting stations over the 2.5 hour program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Dayal

January 2026

SENIORS CENTRE PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Kerrisdale Seniors Programs continue to thrive, with many of our long-standing favourites returning each season. These include UBC's Changing Aging, Move to Music, Chair Yoga, Osteofit, Watercolour, Tai Chi, Yuan Ji Dance, and Ballroom Dance. Our social recreation offerings remain strong, with well-attended programs and new additions such as Carpet Bowling, and various workshops including Heat Preparedness, Navigating BC Healthcare System, and Scam Prevention. We also introduced concerts by Simply Band for Remembrance Day and the Winter Holiday season.

The Senior Council continues to meet monthly and plays a key role in improving our centre. This year, with the help of a generous bequest, the Senior Council replaced the tables and chairs in the Seniors Multipurpose Room, which supports the ongoing lunch program. A big thank you to Lee-Anne MacPherson, who connected with over six suppliers, tested various samples, and led the selection process. Her efforts, along with the support of the Senior Council, were instrumental in this project.

Our lunch program continues to be a highlight, offering a mix of popular menu items and new dishes introduced a few times each month. Most popular meals include fish and liver. Special lunches are among the first programs to fill on registration day. It's heartwarming to see so many enjoying these meals with friends and family. Huge thanks to our kitchen staff and volunteers for their dedication to this beloved program.

Our lunch program currently operates four days per week Monday – Thursday. On Fridays, we offer sandwiches, coffee/tea, and baked goods. The lunch program days are set to be increased in 2026.

There were several staffing changes this year:

- In September, **Austin Su** was transferred to Killarney. Austin joined Kerrisdale in 2016 as a Special Events Coordinator and became the Seniors Programmer in 2018. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him continued success.
- **Bernard Lee** transitioned from the Adults to the Seniors portfolio. Bernard has been with Kerrisdale since 2016, previously overseeing the pool and adult programs. In April 2025, he accepted a lateral position at Lord Byng Pool.
- **Meeka Marsolais** was hired as the temporary full-time Programmer 1 in May 2025, and continues in the role as a permanent staff. Meeka comes to us with a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Gerontology, over 3 years' experience at the West End Seniors' Network, and over 5 years working in rinks for Vancouver Parks Board.

In the kitchen, we experienced a few notable transitions:

- **Joel Lacap**, a long-time staff member, stepped down in December 2024 for personal reasons. We thank him for his years of service.
- Our first hiring round for Joel's replacement was promising, but the selected candidate had to withdraw due to unexpected health issues—though he shared, "I haven't laughed this much at work in years."
- In March, **Julien Toscano-Saoui** resigned from his Coordinator role to pursue a career in finance. Julien joined us in April 2024, and we wish him the best in his new journey.

- A second hiring round for the Food Services Assistant drew over 750 applicants from various sources, including culinary schools and the Kerrisdale website. **Kal Gonzales** was hired to cook twice a week alongside James. Kal worked June – October 2025.

James Ng has been an invaluable asset to our lunch program. With over 15 years at Kerrisdale, James is not only an exceptional cook but also well-versed in kitchen operations, ordering, food cost control, and volunteer management. His commitment and efficiency have helped minimize food waste while consistently producing 75-100 meals daily. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and flexibility.

Kerrisdale Seniors Centre has over 50 active volunteers. This includes kitchen volunteers, coffee bar volunteers, Bingo callers, social recreation program leaders, Senior Council members, Funcrafts group, puzzle sales, book sales, Mary's Corner, special event volunteers, and Yvonne who designs the monthly Monarch Newsletter. We appreciate everyone who volunteers their time to make Kerrisdale Seniors' Centre a special place and provide our patrons a high-quality experience. Volunteers come to us with a variety of backgrounds and skills, and we truly benefit from their involvement in our centre. Many of our volunteers are Kerrisdale residents and program participants, we are pleased to provide volunteer opportunities for people to be more involved in their community and we undoubtedly benefit from them sharing their skills and talents with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard Lee & Meeka Marsolais

January 2026