

COMMUNITYWISE
RESOURCE
CENTRE

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Annual Report

Prepared for May 10 AGM 2023

"A community cultivated by
and for everyone"



ABOUT US

MISSION: To be a nonprofit hub, providing inclusive and affordable space and community development programs to support and strengthen diverse grassroots and nonprofit members.

VISION: A community cultivated by and for everyone.



VALUES: Mutuality, Inclusion, Accountability, Trust, Equity

Welcome to CommunityWise. We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to be here on this territory and honor the oral practices of the indigenous first nations people of this land. Part of the plains bioregion, We are located within the Treaty 7 Region of Southern Alberta. This is the home of the Niitsitapi which is comprised of Siksika, the Piikuni, and the Kainai Nations; the Îyâxe Nakoda First Nations of Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Good Stoney; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. The City of Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We acknowledge First Nations and territories because the purpose of CommunityWise is about sharing space and because it's one way to locate ourselves within a process of Reconciliation. We aim to make CommunityWise more accessible and centring for Indigenous peoples.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

44 YEARS STRONG!

CommunityWise began 44 years ago. For 44 years we have been changing Calgary for the better each and every day as vital non profit and community center! Members provide essential cultural and community services that benefit all year round. We're so proud of our members and take seriously our roll in creating more capacity and space for members and the community.

CommunityWise remains a uniquely singular example in Calgary of what can be accomplished when diverse, innovative, cutting edge, and highly impactful organizations choose to share space. It is our privilege to support this work every day and to honour the important history of this centre. Our community programming and building operations are for and with our members!



NEW PERSPECTIVES ON AN OLD BUILDING



CommunityWise has 4 strategic priorities identified in the 2020-2023 strategic plan:

- #1 - A new and clear membership service delivery model
- #2 - A new and sustainable funding model for CWRC
- #3 - CW honours the Old Y Building and improves and maintains its presence for its members
- #4 - CW is an equitable, supportive and healthy organization to work for

But... in 2022 we realized that there were some fundamental sustainability issues that were needing to be resolved to truly and honestly address these priorities especially taking into account the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In April of 2023 we finally reached an important milestone. After 2 different phases of consultation with 2 different consulting groups we completed a draft business plan! This will form the foundation of a new, stable and strategically organized approach to fulfill our objectives and mission

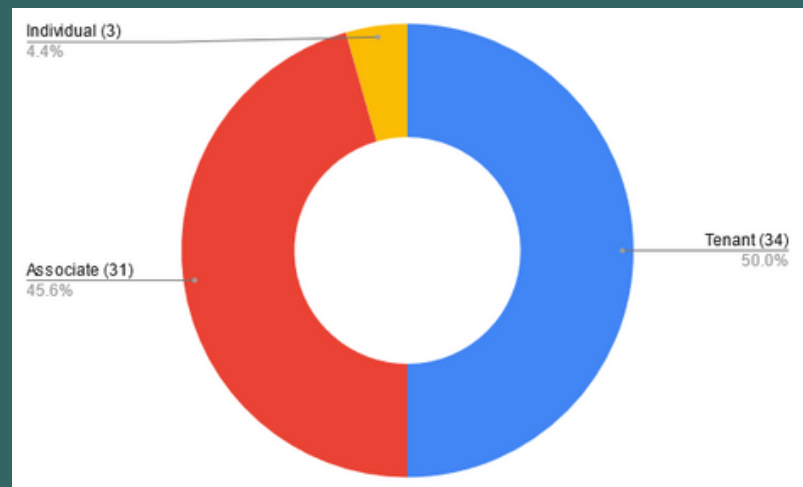


Membership

CommunityWise is a Member based centre. It is a hub for grassroots, non-profit, and charitable organizations

Strategic Priority #1 Membership Services Development

- Activated QTBIPOC space (April)
- Reopened meeting spaces (August 2022)
- Secured funding for member coordinator AND member management tools
- Facilitated a total of 15 member engagement and capacity building opportunities with 174 participants in total including:
 - Queerspora Sexual health training (x2)
 - Solstice celebration
 - Winter party
 - Student "Burnout" meeting
 - "Engaging with vulnerable people"
 - Member info gathering (x2)
 - Community work bees (x4)
- Maintained near 90% office occupancy
- Hosted over 500 hours of volunteer time
- Partnered on 3 community projects
 - Calgary Zine fair (400 attendees)
 - Beltline Community Fridge project
- Interviews on business planning



Since last AGM we have had:
15 new members
and 8 Leave
Total as of May is 68 member
organizations

A Year of Uncertainty and Stabilization

2022 Finance Update (See audited Financial statements)
*note fiscal year ends Dec 31

Revenues: \$277,296 (-33% change from 2021)

Expenses: \$255,101 (-37% change from 2021)

**Net Income after amortization:
\$5,702**

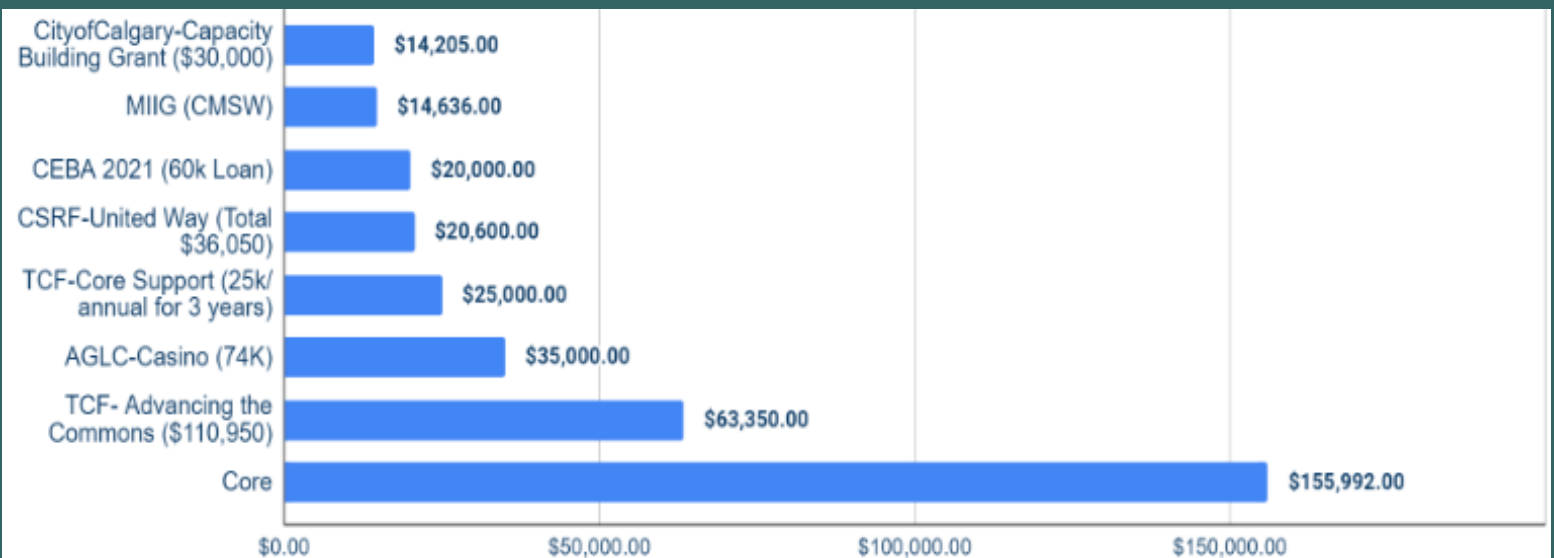


Strategic Priority #2 Sustainable Funding Model

- Phase 1 of our capacity building work identified several short term actions to be taken which we delivered on including:
 - Application of grants
 - promotion of meeting space
 - grassroots fundraising projects
 - filling office vacancies and opening up meeting spaces
- Phase 2 of our capacity building work created a growth strategy to expand staffing, member services, and facility maintenance.
- CommunityWise hired a fund development worker who worked with CommunityWise to create fundraising toolkit and strategies
- CommunityWise successfully held 3 fundraising drives and also secured \$160,000 in essential grant funding as an outcome for 2023 and beyond. Allowing for reallocation to building needs

2023 Finance Summary

	2023 Budget	Jan-Apr Budget	Jan-Apr Actuals	Diff	% diff	% to Year total
REVENUES						
Total 4000 · Admin & Operation Revenue	\$6,215	\$733	\$2,410	\$1,677	328.7%	38.8%
Total 4200 · Donations & Fundraising	\$12,781	\$3,824	\$5,877	\$2,053	153.7%	46.0%
Total 4400 · Government Grants	\$85,695	\$28,799	\$34,062	\$5,263	118.3%	39.7%
Total 4500 · Non Government Grants	\$102,986	\$22,670	\$9,481	-\$13,189	41.8%	9.2%
Total 4700 · Office Service Income	\$4,000	\$1,333	\$934	-\$399	70.1%	23.4%
Total 4800 · Rental Income	\$142,492	\$47,497	\$49,510	\$2,012	104.2%	34.7%
Total Revenues	\$354,169	\$104,857	\$102,274	-\$2,583	97.5%	28.9%
EXPENSES						
Total 6000 · Admin & Operation Expenses	\$34,376	\$8,259	\$10,299	\$2,041	124.7%	30.0%
Total 6300 · Payroll Expenses	\$191,284	\$49,095	\$33,806	-\$15,290	68.9%	17.7%
Total 6500 · Building Maintenance	\$67,309	\$22,298	\$23,490	\$1,192	105.3%	34.9%
Total 6700 · Community Development	\$42,441	\$17,632	\$15,265	-\$2,367	86.6%	36.0%
Total Expenses	\$335,410	\$97,284	\$82,860	-\$14,424	85.2%	24.7%
OTHER REVENUES AND EXPENSES						
6910 · Revenue, deferred contributions	\$19,054	\$6,351	\$6,351	\$0	100.0%	33.3%
7000 · Amortization Expense	\$33,539	\$11,180	\$11,180	\$0	100.0%	33.3%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$4,274	\$2,745	\$14,586	\$11,841	531.4%	341.2%



Caring for a Community Space



Strategic Priority #3 Improve and maintain the building for members

- City of Calgary phase 1 exterior rehabilitation continued. CommunityWise worked with planners supporting corrections and remaining items
- A phase two is similarly being supported
- As CommunityWise opened up in the summer of 2022. We worked each day to respond to members facility needs in the moment Also, we responded by addressing known building issues within our capacity :
 - Exterior lighting upgrades
 - Internet upgrades
 - Lighting fixture upgrades of 40 fixtures to LED. Environmental impact
 - Radiator Valve replacement in 30 radiators
 - Third floor Ceiling repairs



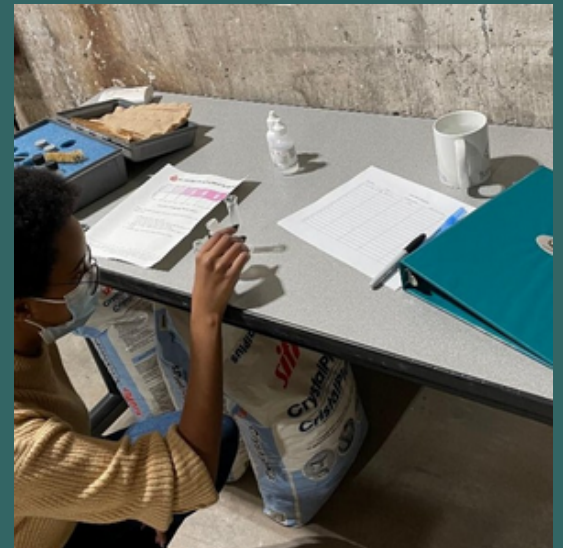
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Strategic Priority #3

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- Importantly, CommunityWise was able to receive a report identifying large scale interventions required and a commitment for a new Building condition assessment this year (2023).
- As a part of our business plan going forward, we are increasing resources to building upkeep and will be continuing to work with the City how to respond to larger renovation needs.
- We look forward to continued planning with the City and fundraising efforts to fulfill our responsibilities to maintain and operate the facility



REGROWING DIFFERENTLY



Mark A

**Building and Member
Support (2023)**



Byra D

**Finance
Coordinator
(2021)**



Imole L

**Member Program
Coordinator (2023)**



Philip M

**Operations
Director (2012)**

Strategic Priority #4

Equitable, Supportive, Healthy organization to work at

- CommunityWise employs a small staff group with a consensus based leadership structure to collectively manage financial, organization development, member support, and building operations.
- CommunityWise faced several significant challenges in this area over the year. It is important to note that the Organizational Development Role - a key dedicated position is not yet filled.
- CommunityWise capacity building work identified new roles
- Since last AGM CommunityWise has successfully used our equity framework to hire 3 new people (2 part time)
- The HR committee focused on urgent organizational needs in 2022 and has now expanded to a growth model

Other Staff in past Year:

Megan Asselin (Member Coordinator) Dec 2019-Sept 2022

Courtney Roberts (Fund Developer) Nov 2022-March 2023

LOOKING AHEAD

- CommunityWise is looking forward to operationalizing our business plan and conversations with the city to adapt it
- Expanding our staff group and board/committe leadership capacities though ongoing strategic planning
- With the increased resources are able to prioritize building operations and community programming
- Growing the membership base with a focus on equity seeking groups needs

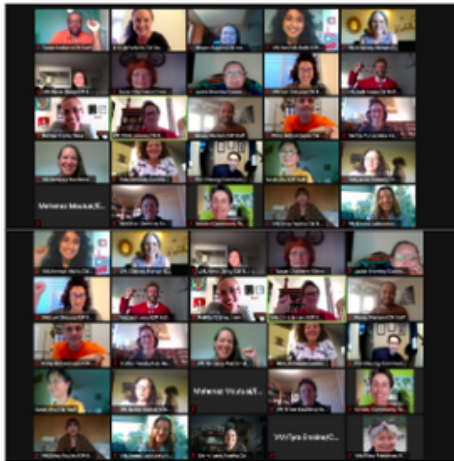


MEMBERS

Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary
ACORN Calgary
African Canadian Immigrant Society
African Development Development Centre
AAWEAR
Alberta Disabled Foundation
AMAAS
Alberta Women's Science Network
The Alex - Homebase Program
Apollo Friends in Sport
Arusha Centre
Ash Carcamo-Vargo
Bike Calgary
Boring Little Girls Club
Humanologie
Calgary Co-operative Memorial Society
Calgary Hararian Society
Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance
Calgary Narrative Collective
Calgary Outlink
Calgary Climate Hub
Canada Bridges Social Development
Calgary Rockies Gay Rodeo
Centre for Sexuality
Children's International Summer Villiages
Chinook Country Historical Society
Cinematheque Calgary
CUPS
Elections Canada
Elephant Artist Relief
End of the Rainbow Foundation

Eritrean Canadian Community Association
Eritrean Cultural and Civic Centre
Eritrean Canadian Blin Association
European Cultural Society
Extinction Rebellion Calgary
Femme Wave
Hakili Community Development
Justice for Palistinians
Local Investing YYC
Le Claire de Lune
Mel Vee
M:ST Performative Arts
Next Up Leadership
Oromian Association of Alberta
Oromo Society Network
Permaculture Guild of Calgary
Prespect Human Services
Quakers - Religious Society of Friends
Romanian Cultural Association of Calgary
Seeds Connections
SMART Recovery Calgary
Street Sisters Society
Sunrise Alumni
Suctainable Calgary
Target Humanitarian Assistance
Theatre Utopia
Unganisha
Venezuelan Canadian Association of Calgary
We're Together Ending Poverty
Western Muslim Initiative
Writers' Guild of Alberta
Yeard-Core Seeds of Life
YYC Eritreans

THANK YOU! FUNDERS



Thank you to members like you! Half of our operating funds come from members and is the core of our most important relationships! Also thank you to all o the AROC/General donors to CommunityWise (monthly and one time)!



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