

Alberta Council on Aging

An Independent Non-Profit Charitable Organization Since 1967



Annual Report 2016

Who We Are

For 50 years, Alberta Council on Aging has advised local, provincial, federal governments and the general public about matters relating to the opportunity for full and equal participation of older persons living in Alberta and Canada.

The council members engage with the senior community; communicate their ideas, opinions and concerns to government and the broader community; and work toward solutions with governments, community organizations, and other seniors serving agencies.

Vision and Mission

Vision

All seniors enjoy a good quality of life.

Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors and encourage their participation in all aspects of community by educating seniors and the public and by advising government.

How this Happens

Alberta Council on Aging develops and delivers programs and publications aligned with age friendly initiatives. The aim is to eliminate ageism and promote inclusiveness of older persons in all communities.

Programs:

- Website/Twitter/Facebook
- Quarterly newsletter ACA News
- Senior Friendly™ Programs
 - Recognizing Fraud
 - Pre and Post Retirement Planning
 - Recognizing Abuse
 - Living Stronger Longer
 - Let's Talk Dementia
 - Pharmacy Tips
 - Navigating for Services

Publications:

- Empowering Seniors (Paper)
- Seeking Solutions to Challenges of Health and Housing Programs for Albertan Seniors (Paper)
- Ongoing regional representation and members meetings

Government Relations

- meetings with Minister of Seniors and Housing Lori Sigurdson
- meetings with Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman in capacity as MLA and Health Minister
- participated in province-wide engagement sessions regarding home care, continuing care, transportation
- took part in province wide survey on affordable housing
- participated in webinar Planning for Accessible Age-Friendly Communities, CAG (Canadian Association on Gerontology) and Public Health of Canada
- meeting with Senior's Advocate Dr. Sheree Kwong See
- meetings with Kindy Joseph, Seniors Strategic Planning Branch

Committee Memberships

- Alberta Disability Forum- transportation committee
- rural elder abuse prevention coalition
- Alberta Dementia Strategy advisory committee (2016-2017)
- ongoing representation Consumers Coalition of Alberta
- Lifestyle Options Retirement pilot Butterfly Home, advisory committee
- applied for Advisory Committee membership on Poverty, Government of Canada
- successful application Primary Health Care Integration Network Coalition to commence June 2017

Presentations at Conferences

- AGNA (Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association) annual conference
- Grey Matters Conference 2016
- Continuing Care and Community Living EXPO in Edmonton

Community Engagement

Participated in...

- Continuing Care and Community Living EXPO in Calgary
- B.C. Intergenerational Age Friendly Webinar
- interview for Calgary Herald on the value of seniors (Seniors' Week)
- Consumer Council of Canada Survey
- 2016 Re-Think Ageing National Conference National Institute on Ageing
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities Conference
- Annual College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta/Alberta Medical Association Holiday Reception
- Christmas Luncheon for the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta
- GeriActors & Friends Annual Holiday Celebration
- Status of Women Open House
- Lieutenant Governor of Alberta's Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Tea

50th Annual General Meeting Agenda

June 19, 2017 9:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre

11727 Kingsway NW Edmonton

Chair: Fred Olsen

Recorder: Lynn Podgurny

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum
2. Standing Orders for 50th Annual General Meeting
3. Presentation of minutes of 49th Annual General Meeting
4. Financial Report
 - i. Audited Financial Statement for April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017
 - ii. Presentation of Budget for 2017–2018 (review only)
 - iii. Reaffirm Auditor for 2017-2018
5. Reports
 - i. President
 - ii. Executive Director
 - iii. Regional Reports
6. Confirmation of elected Directors and Alternates, Election of Officers
7. Objects/bylaws
8. Thank you to Shannon Patershuk, Johnson Inc. (Welcome new representative.)
9. Member's Forum
10. Adjournment

49th Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

Kerby Centre, 1133 – 7 Avenue SW, Calgary

Greetings from the government by Hon. Craig Coolahan, Calgary Klein

Greetings from the City from Cathie Christenson

- 1.0 Call to Order by Fred Olsen. Confirmation of quorum (20).
- 2.0 Standing Orders for the 49th AGM: Robert's Rules of Order
- 3.0 Presentation of the minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting: Acceptance of the minutes moved by Gary Pool and seconded by Ron Rose. Carried.
- 4.0 Financial Report
 - i. Presentation of audited financial statement for April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. Moved by Gail Hiller and seconded by Frank Hoebarth to accept the financial statement as presented. Carried.
 - ii. Presentation of the budget for 2016-2017 for information only. Explanation was given about returning the money for the Stakeholders Navigation project.
 - iii. Re-affirm the auditor: Moved by Gail Hiller and seconded by Dwayne Hlady to re-affirm Epp Dumont as auditors for upcoming year. Carried.
- 5.0 Reports
 - i. President
 - ii. Executive Director
 - iii. Regional Reports

All reports included in the Annual General Meeting Handout.
- 6.0 The following members resigned during the year:
 - Region 1 Marlene Reddekopp
 - Region 2 Donna Chamberland
 - Region 7 Susan Girdwood

Affirmed the following new members added to the Board of Directors:

 - Region 1 Jennifer Wrzosek
 - Region 3 Charlene Sitar
- 7.0 Gary Pool asked 3 times if anyone was prepared to stand for President or Vice President. Receiving no responses Fred Olsen was acclaimed as President and Ron Rose was acclaimed as Vice President.
- 8.0 Members Forum: No members spoke. Fred Olsen spoke about a vision for the organization encompassing the entire province. He spoke about enhancing the outreach component of the organization and expanding the talking points to include elder abuse and the power of intergenerational programs.
- 9.0 Adjournment: Fred Olsen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Board of Directors 2016

Executive

President: Fred Olsen
Treasurer: Gail Hiller
Vice-president: Ron Rose
Past President: Gary Pool
Secretary: Lynn Podgurny

Regional Directors

Region 1- Jennifer Wrzosek
Region 2- Paul Boisvert
Region 3- Charlene Sitar
Region 4- Gary Pool
Region 4- Gail Hiller
Region 5- Ron Rose
Region 6- Frank Hoebarth
Region 6- Lynn Podgurny
Region 7- Open
Region 8- Paul Howe
Region 9- Dwayne Hlady

Staff

Executive Director: Donna Durand
Community Outreach Coordinator: Laureen Guldbrandsen
Contracted Bookkeeper: Caroline Bowler

Volunteers

- Anne Mizier
- Ashleigh Scott
- Beth Wilkey
- Bill MacDonald
- Board of Directors
- Brenda Josephs
- Dale Fetterly
- David Ruptash
- Dolores Ast
- Donna Kline
- Doug Buchanan
- Dwayne Hlady
- Eileen Bantjes
- Emily Dorosz
- Ernie Kline
- Gail Hiller
- Gary Pool
- George Orescan
- Hazel Knopp
- Jacquelyn Poetker
- Janete Poloway
- Jimmy Choo
- Laureen Guldbrandsen
- Lillian Bezovie
- Ludmila
- Maria Buchanan
- Mary Campbell
- Mary Durand
- Nadia Willigar
- Nick Chrapko
- Norm Bezanson
- Reg Wood
- Ron Pierce
- Sandra Smyth
- Sara Bezanson
- Sheron Pickard
- Sylvie Krogh

Reports

President's Report

This past year has been one of exciting changes, not only for Alberta Council on Aging but provincially as well.

With the approval to go virtual with the provincial office at the June 2016 Board meeting, things quickly proceeded with our office being virtual by September.

There were no serious glitches.

I have toured and met with several of our regional members at meetings.

I attended Grey Matters in September. It was very informative. The guest speakers were interesting. Margaret Trudeau spoke on mental illness and Marie Campbell spoke on life of an Indigenous child during the time of the Residential Schools.

I attended several presentations. There was a lot of new information presented. The most interesting to me was the presentation on Medically Assisted Death and Palliative Care.

Our Executive Director's presentation on making communities Age friendly/dementia friendly was very well attended.

I was invited to accompany the Seniors and Housing Minister to Gibbons where she announced the new medical expenses rates for seniors travelling from rural communities to cities for medical appointments.

We have had a meeting with the Seniors' Advocate and realized our purpose is the same. Assist seniors to have a better quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Olsen

Executive Director's Report

Through significant volunteer and additional staff resources, we provided Senior Friendly™ training and programs throughout the province. As a means of reaching out to older people in the province, programs were delivered face to face and resources were shared with senior serving individuals, organizations and the general public. All directors actively engaged with older people in their communities thereby keeping a pulse on what seniors are experiencing.

Our reach through social media and the website increased considerably over the past year. Many members received correspondence through email as well as purchased and renewed memberships and made donations online.

As a virtual office, we use the same tools we did in the physical office space- computer, printer, scanner, telephone and we keep the same office hours. All files are digitalized and we are a paperless office. We do however continue to serve our members in the way they best like to receive communication. We recognize not everyone uses the computer or enjoys reading documents off a screen.

Partnerships have both increased and strengthened, as was our goal for this year. We were especially pleased to share our Age friendly/dementia friendly Communities toolkit with service providers across Canada via the Public Health of Canada webinar. We are grateful for our allies such as Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council, Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council, Age Friendly Alberta, Seniors Services/Age Friendly Calgary, Alberta Disability Forum, C.N.I.B., Alberta Association on Gerontology, Alberta Seniors Citizens Housing Association, Public Interest Alberta Seniors Task Force and various Family Community Support Services agencies across the province.

We had several meetings with government over this past year. ACA provided input on the provincial budget and took part in stakeholder meetings across the province on various issues concerning seniors; home repair program, home care, continuing care with emphasis on long term care, seniors drug plan, and transportation.

The Seniors and Housing Ministry folded their Seniors Advisory committee and while doing so acknowledged Alberta Council on Aging as a significant advisor to government. We have been asked to be a part of a stakeholders group, which will replace the initial committee.

We thank Johnson Inc. for their continued support. We know that we would not have been able to progress as much as we did with our outreach efforts, had Johnson Inc not taken on administration of ACA members who use Medoc travel Insurance.

As we celebrate turning 50 years of providing service, it is a wonderful thing to be able to say we did this with a bit of risk taking, lots of support from our board of directors, members and volunteers. We thank all the members, volunteers and staff who contributed to the success of Alberta Council on Aging leading up to this auspicious occasion. Because of all who came before us and those of you who are here today, Alberta Council on Aging remains to have immense potential to accurately represent all seniors of the province.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Durand

Community Outreach Coordinator's Report

The Community Outreach Program was designed to partner with senior serving agencies and communities to better reach our members and older persons across the province. I am excited to announce that this fiscal year we reached each of our nine regions at least once, for a total of over 50 outreach visits!

I am thankful for the opportunity that our Executive Director, Donna Durand, President, Fred Olsen, and the Board of Directors have given me to work as your Community Outreach Coordinator. This is a new position with Alberta Council on Aging, and sharing this journey with our volunteers and members has been meaningful to me.

We could not have reached all our regions and in so many different ways without the support of our program delivery volunteers, regional directors, and staff. High-level volunteers have come to us with the knowledge on how to get up in front of a group of people and deliver a presentation, and they have taken our materials and gone forth to share them with communities across Alberta. I really appreciate that this program allows for a two-way learning—feedback from participants is carefully considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Laureen Guldbrandsen



Region 1

Region One enjoyed a full slate of events from April 2016-March 2017. Our AGM in April was well attended with Donna Durand sharing information on the community outreach program. I became the new Chairperson and Gail Prette was added to the executive as a member-at-large.

June 6 was Grande Prairie and area's Seniors Fair, starting off Seniors Week. We had a display table and lots of interest was shown. We also held three information sessions where delegates from the Children's Festival (planned for May 2017) invited seniors to help volunteer; a presentation highlighting our South Peace Archives and how to preserve your legacy and Alberta Sports Council discussed fitness/wellness needs and opportunities for seniors.

On the political scene, we were part of the Nursing Home and Home Care Regulations round table discussions. We also held a meeting with a member from Grande Prairie City Council discussing how senior friendly was our community. In February, we were able to attend a meeting held by Sheree Kwong See, Alberta Seniors Advocate. During the Grey Matters conference, we helped with the display table and had many opportunities for networking with service providers for seniors in our area.

The communications received from the Provincial ACA office have been very helpful and keep us informed about discussions and decisions being made provincially as well as nationally.

Some of our ongoing challenges are serving our rural seniors, transportation issues, trying to engage ALL seniors and highlighting the importance of seniors in the "youngest aged city in Canada".

Region One is proud to be celebrating 50 years of amazing work trying to improve the quality of life for seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wrzosek

Region 2

I would like to acknowledge the colleagues with whom I have had the privilege of working with in the past year. I salute Diana Anderson, Gabe Bayduza, Sandy Kummetz and Theresa McNamara. Without your commitment and dedication it would not be possible to continue to try and serve all the seniors of Region 2.

Region 2 is recognized as being active. Much of this perception is the result of our joint efforts of not sitting back and being reactive to the needs of our neighbours, but of being aware of situations which demand that we be pro-active. We have used with pride and conviction many of the programs developed by ACA over the years. They have and continue to serve the needs of the majority of our constituents. "Senior Friendly™" continues to bring forth the results that its originators had wished to achieve. Presently, the "Recognizing Fraud" is meeting with the same success. Collaborating with other groups is very important while together we are attempting to provide guidance to the Government of Alberta as they formulate programs intended to assure that the seniors of Alberta are able to enjoy a dignified life to its very end.

In Region 2, given the diversity and divergence of our communities, we must work in a cooperative manner with the members of the 37 senior centres that dot the landscape. The very scope of these groups (less than 20 members to those with almost 400 members) and the community in which they stand (the lonely hall miles from a commercial centre to those in relatively large towns) demands a certain flexibility. We must also maintain an ability to meet a plethora of needs. In these matters, we believe that we are generally successful.

We are pleased to share with our member centres the funds we receive through a 30-month casino cycle.

In Region 2, we are “working to improve the quality of life for seniors”. When one lives in rural Alberta, it is impossible to escape from the many impediments which our seniors face when it comes to matters relating to health care, none of which have easy solutions. The lack of medical care as centred on seniors most often demands travel which for many is prohibitive until one ends up hospitalized. We acknowledge the fact that the “impossible dream” is to have doctors who have a strong background in geriatrics in every rural community. Even seniors living in the City of Cold Lake must travel almost 4 hours to Edmonton to consult with either a geriatric specialist or a gerontologist. In the past year we have worried about whether there is meaningful palliative care services or direction in our region.

In concluding this report for Region 2 of the ACA, if we are to continue “working to improve the quality of life for seniors”, we must turn more of our attention to the less fortunate that live among us. Our senior neighbours who do not have a voice, those who live in poverty. Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama have both said that a measure of our society is how we treat the poorest amongst us. They are among us in every one of our communities. It seems that the fear of being branded as socialist is preventing us from making a truly significant effort to assist these neighbours of ours. We have too long relied on the government for leadership in these matters and we have witnessed how inadequate elitist bureaucracies are in dealing with such matters. Poverty may never be eradicated, even in Alberta, but the ACA should show more leadership in attempting to generate “the impossible dream” for all seniors. It is our responsibility, not that of any government.

It is with some trepidation that I must say that there are many signs in the Alberta culture of our times which tend to support what Thiel has written about his fellow Americans. Politicians of all stripes are more concerned about protecting the wealth of people than in creating a province and culture that truly exemplifies a “just society”. Being a life-time Albertan and using the words first coined by Pierre Elliot Trudeau, will no doubt be enough for some to immediately brand me as some type of radical.

If in my time with the Alberta Council on Aging I am able to ignite a fire in the “bellies” of my fellow senior Albertans to live more fully the ACA objective “working to improve the quality of life for (ALL) seniors”, I will live with a great deal of serenity.

Paul E Boisvert

Chairman ACA Region 2

Region 3

Charlene Sitar trained under the Senior Friendly™ Program and continued to disseminate information in her region.

Region 4

Region 4, in conjunction with the provincial office, coordinated a successful casino which raised in excess of \$70,000. In addition we sponsored tables at an Edmonton Housing Forum in September and a Health Forum in October. At each event we had 200 to 300 people, mainly seniors, come by our booth. Many participants were interested in our Senior Friendly™ Programs, including Recognizing Fraud.

Our Region also held two regional meetings during the year. Navigating for Services and Recognizing Fraud were the presentations at these meeting.

In addition to these activities, we also continued to participate on the Seniors Task Force and were involved in meetings with a number of government representatives over the year. These included the Health Minister, the Seniors Minister, the Seniors Advocate and a number of senior representatives from Alberta Health Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Pool

Region 5

The Region 5 board includes president Linda Shepherd, and directors Shirley Thomas, Margaret Day, Eileen Bantjes, Jim Saltvold, Jane Grenier-Frank, Vernie Munroe, Sandra Smyth, Connie Barnaby, Dolores Ast, Keith Sterling, Bev McNab and Ron Rose. Special thanks to retiring board members Margaret Marrett-Julian and Helene Paquin. Two board members served on a committee of the Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance (CAPRA), dealing with transportation. The focus is transit services to the City and County of Red Deer and surrounding centres.

Our region held five general and five board meetings this past year. The general meetings included presentations on healthy eating, home care, the primary care network, carbon tax implications for seniors, and ACA's outreach and Senior Friendly™ programs.

In June, in conjunction with senior's week, we hosted over two hundred seniors for a pancake breakfast at the Golden Circle, Red Deer. In September, central board members attended sessions and/or provided input to the Golden Circle strategic planning meeting, the elder abuse community conversation meeting, and the "stop paid plasma" speaking tour. Later in the fall, we completed a reorganization of central board committees, and developed terms of reference for the executive positions, and each committee.

Central board members attended "Diagnosis Critical", a meeting sponsored by local physicians regarding the state of health care services for Red Deer and central Alberta. We prepared a letter of support regarding the need for a cardiac catheterization lab at RDRHC.

The Outreach Committee has been very active with presentations in Penhold, Leslieville, Rocky Mountain House, Gaetz United Church in Red Deer, and the Ponoka Senior's Centre. They set up the ACA display at the Gerontology Nursing Conference, the Ponoka Community Interagency Fair, the Lodge Activity Coordinators Association of Alberta (LACAA) Conference, and all Region 5 General Meetings at the Golden Circle. They also attended a meeting of the Ponoka FCSS Driver Referral Program.

Another busy year in Central Alberta!

Respectfully Submitted ,
Ron Rose

Region 6

The primary focus in Region 6 during the last year was on education and outreach. The Board sponsored two events at the Kerby Centre in Calgary. The first was a fall luncheon and education session in November with a speaker from the Alzheimer's Society on the topic of Understanding Dementia. The second session in February was ACA's own Recognizing Fraud program delivered by Brenda Josephs. Both programs were well received. In addition, Region 6 members interested in delivering programs attended an outreach training session delivered by our outreach coordinator. Frank Hoebarth, on behalf of Region 6, provided input to the provincial government budget development process.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Podgurny

Region 7

The provincial office provided support to the region by offering programs and publications.

Region 8

Paul Howe stayed in close communication with the Seniors' Advisory Committee of the City of Medicine Hat.

Region 9

This past year has kept me quite busy!

- Seniors' Wellness event at Wainwright
 - o Seniors' housing/finances
 - o Seniors' abuse/dementia
 - o Seniors' pharmacy tips
- Seniors' Week pancake brunch
 - o Served by youth involved in the intergenerational programming
 - o Request by youth to be involved with the pancake brunch in 2017
- Federal government recognition: International Day of Older Persons
 - o Attended a reception in Edmonton on October 4, 2016 celebrating the International Day of Older Persons
- Region 9 ACA meeting held on October 12, 2016
 - o Discussion regarding tours of some Seniors' residences and some of the concerns encountered
 - o ACA president, Fred Olsen, captivated everyone's attention discussing housing options, down-sizing, possible adaptations necessary and financing available to seniors wishing to stay in their residences as long as possible

Continued on page 14

- Rural Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition (REAP)
 - o Attended an information gathering event on November 30, 2016
 - o Basic items covered were fraud recognition and FOIP and how it relates to issues of abuse
 - o Attended a local REAP meeting in January 2017 and have agreed to be a part of the working group
- Alberta Disabilities Forum (ADF)
 - o Attended a spring 2017 meeting of the ADF in Edmonton
- Alberta 2017 Budget
 - o I was honoured to be invited as the ACA representative to attend the unveiling of the 2017 provincial budget
 - o Although it was a very unique experience to me the budget itself was unimpressive in terms of additional seniors' benefits and health services (our current systems do not adequately support our present senior population of approximately 550,000 seniors). We question what will happen as the population increases with significance
- Transportation resources
 - o One of the huge concerns that I am hearing from seniors and ACA members is the lack of availability of transportation to attend out of town medical events
 - o Nick Chrapko, ACA Region 9 president, and myself have been instrumental in organizing community partners to provide such services
 - o We are still in the infancy stage but are very hopeful that with time we will have a larger volunteer base to work with
- Intergenerational Programing
 - o The Senior Citizens Sunshine Club of Vegreville has been collaborating with the *M.O.D.E.L. Project and the local School Resource Officer, a member of the Vegreville RCMP detachment
 - o Essentially this is a program wherein the seniors mentor the youth and the youth then mentor the youth younger than themselves
 - o The success of the program was showcased on March 23, 2017 during an event called "Vegreville's Got Talent"
 - o Both the youth and the seniors are looking forward to the next session scheduled to start in the fall of 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Hlady

**Mentors Opening Doors and Enriching Lives. A program funded by Alberta Health & Wellness that helps Improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their families; develops resiliency (coping) skills in students to adapt to change and challenges.*

Housing

- seniors desire to reside in a place appropriate to their circumstances
- in order to maintain themselves in appropriate circumstances, community supports and health services must be available to all seniors
- living environments such as outdoor spaces and buildings must support seniors to maintain themselves in the community

Finances

- seniors need to have adequate financial resources to meet their needs
- affordability of housing, transportation, health and ability to maintain oneself in the community are major concern for seniors
- current supports for seniors are often based on a means tests which looks at income but fails to consider other expenses that may be incurred
- current means tests often find a basis in Statistics Canada general review of national costs of living at times adjusted for Alberta. Generally, the adjustments are used for all Albertans rather than specified on an individual or local community level. Alberta Council on Aging recommends that needs testing be used to compliment current means tests and be related to individual needs.

Continuing Care

- continuing care services for Albertans often impose significant costs for seniors. Alberta Council on Aging supports efforts to make continuing care services clearly and consistently defined and affordable for all seniors.

Transportation

- an equal access to services, especially in the case of health and special needs, often require seniors in rural areas to travel to receive services. Alberta Council on Aging recommends that the provincial government undertake a review as how transportation for seniors for both rural and urban areas can be improved.

Health

- equal access as with general public to emergency care, surgeries, hospitalization and treatment such as rehabilitation
- seamless delivery of publicly funded and delivered clear standards and eligibility for programs and services
- affordable and appropriate seniors' housing and care facilities
- expanded legislation for Protection for Persons in Care, ensuring all seniors are covered no matter where they reside (eg. Child Welfare Act)

Elder Abuse

Alberta Council on Aging envisions a world free of abuse and will work toward this aim through developing community partnerships to raise awareness, making appropriate referrals for reporting and receiving help, as well as influencing legislations which protect older persons.

**ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017**

Draft

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of the Alberta Council On Aging
Edmonton, Alberta

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Alberta Council on Aging, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Alberta Council on Aging, as at March 31, 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Alberta
June XX, 2017




Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP
Chartered Accountants

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 161,766	\$ 174,953
Accounts receivable	768	3,325
Goods and Services Tax receivable	3,708	1,961
Prepaid expenses	<u>544</u>	<u>3,461</u>
	<u>\$ 166,786</u>	<u>\$ 183,700</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 30,993	\$ 22,968
Source deductions payable	-	1,995
Deferred contributions - operating (Note 4)	<u>103,702</u>	<u>112,103</u>
	134,695	137,066
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	<u>32,091</u>	<u>46,634</u>
	<u>\$ 166,786</u>	<u>\$ 183,700</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


 _____ Director


 _____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

2.

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue		
Casino	\$ 47,491	\$ 50,693
Sponsorships	47,169	52,628
Memberships	39,516	36,967
Grants	33,858	14,142
Donations	7,859	8,214
Other	<u>4,711</u>	<u>8,802</u>
	<u>180,604</u>	<u>171,446</u>
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	74,585	80,574
Member services	65,364	21,909
Office	36,165	33,223
Occupancy	13,199	23,353
Travel	<u>5,834</u>	<u>11,258</u>
	<u>195,147</u>	<u>170,317</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ (14,543)</u>	<u>\$ 1,129</u>

Draft

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

3.

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 46,634	\$ 45,505
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	<u>(14,543)</u>	<u>1,129</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 32,091</u>	<u>\$ 46,634</u>

Draft

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

4.

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Activities		
Cash from operations		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (14,543)	\$ 1,129
Change in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	2,557	(2,121)
Goods and Services Tax receivable	(1,747)	599
Prepaid expenses and deposits	2,917	500
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,025	(254)
Source deductions payable	(1,995)	1,995
Deferred contributions - operating	<u>(8,401)</u>	<u>(78,894)</u>
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents During the Year	(13,187)	(77,046)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>174,953</u>	<u>251,999</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 161,766</u>	<u>\$ 174,953</u>

Draft

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2017

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Alberta Council on Aging (the "Organization") is a non-profit society incorporated under the *Societies Act* of Alberta. The Organization provides support for seniors and their concerns in both rural and urban communities across the province of Alberta.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenue Recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership and other program related fees are recognized as received.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include balances with banks and short-term investments. All amounts are readily converted into known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant change in value.

Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. All estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to the statements of operations as appropriate in the year they become known.

Financial Instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value and subsequently measures all financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in the statement of operations. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations.

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON AGING
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

MARCH 31, 2017

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes two guaranteed investment certificates totaling \$60,000 earning interest at 0.4%, maturing in January 2018.

Cash and cash equivalents includes restricted funds of \$103,702 (2015 - 112,103). These funds are derived from casino and grant funding programs which are restricted in their use, subject to the terms and conditions of the Organization's casino license and grant funding program agreements.

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS - OPERATING

Deferred contributions represent restricted operating funding received or receivable in the current year for which the corresponding expenses have not yet been incurred. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 112,103	\$ 190,997
Add: Casino Contributions	72,947	-
Grant Funding Received	-	53,550
Less: Amounts Recognized as Revenue	(81,348)	(64,836)
Grant Funding Returned to Province	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,608)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 103,702</u>	<u>\$ 112,103</u>
Comprised of:		
Casino	\$ 98,152	\$ 72,696
Alberta Culture and Tourism - Community Initiatives Program Grant	<u>5,550</u>	<u>39,407</u>
	<u>\$ 103,702</u>	<u>\$ 112,103</u>

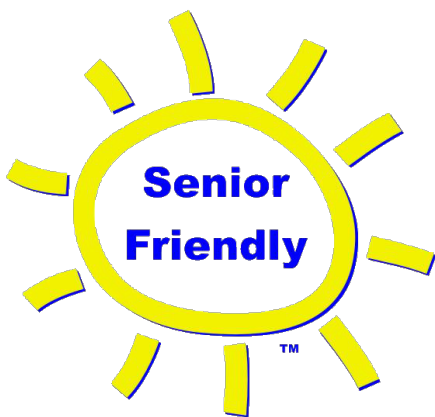
5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant credit, liquidity, market, currency, interest rate or other price risk through its financial instruments which include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Alberta Council on Aging
PO Box 62099
Edmonton, Alberta
T5M 4B5

Phone 780.423.7781
Toll free 1. 888.423.9666

info@acaging.ca www.acaging.ca



Make things easy:
to see, to hear, to use, to understand