

The Buffalo Boys performing at Harvest Moon Festival 2023



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Association



HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands referred to as Treaty 4 Territory, which are the original lands of the **Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota**, and on the homeland of the **Métis Nation**. We respect and honour the Treaties that were made on all territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we are committed to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Let's Move Youth Canoeing at Wascana

AGENDA

Heritage Community Association Annual General Meeting 2023/24

Monday, June 17
6:00 PM

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ABOUT THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Heritage Community Association (HCA) is the organization **responsible for representing the residents, businesses, and service organizations of the Heritage neighbourhood**. HCA offers a range of programs and services that focus on community engagement, children & youth, and arts & culture.

HCA is a registered charity (#10115 1520 RR0001), and our work is made possible by the generous support of many organizations and individuals. We receive operational funding and support from the City of Regina.

MISSION

To engage and empower residents to build a thriving, all-inclusive inner city community with links to our history and our future.

VISION

HCA envisions an inviting, vibrant, safe, healthy community where residents are proud of their environment, where partnerships are formed, where business is engaged, and where the Community Association is seen as a leading, innovative organization which is well respected, responding to the needs of the Heritage Community.

MANDATE

To provide relevant needs-based programs, services, and support to help create a healthy community environment.

VALUES

HCA believes in and values:

- A healthy, thriving, vibrant, diverse, engaged community;
- Respect, honesty, trust, equality, cooperation and understanding as the basis for interactions with the community, partners, and staff;
- Involving the community and representation of the community to have a voice and focus on community assets;
- Connections to our past, to our neighbours, to the community, to other stakeholders;
- Innovation, integrity and advocacy in the provision of high quality service.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wendy Miller



Garden Party, 2023

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

The past fiscal year has been an incredibly busy and exciting one for our community. Our big move to the Mitakuyé Owâ'sā Centre was a significant milestone, made possible by our dedicated staff and city partners. This new home has already opened up many opportunities for us to expand our programming and offer a variety of events and programs to the Heritage community and beyond.

We've had some standout moments this year. Our Food Security programs continue to grow, providing essential support to those in need. Our youth programs offer vital support and activities for our young people, while our Heritage Heirlooms continue to provide a space for the seniors in our community. Through collaboration with other community organizations within Heritage and beyond, we have hosted a wide variety of programs and events like art and crafts markets and a Newcomer Services Fair in partnership with the Regina Open Door Society. Other notable partnerships with the Nêwo-Yôtina Friendship Centre and the Queen City Wellness Pharmacy have been particularly impactful, helping us address some of the more critical issues in our community.

While there is much to celebrate, I'd also like to acknowledge the challenges we face. We have seen a steady increase in serious situations related to homelessness, addictions, and mental health in our community. These issues are not new to us, and we are deeply grateful to our staff for their willingness to go above and beyond in addressing these situations. However, we recognize that these challenges extend beyond their roles, and we are hopeful that solutions will continue to be explored and put forward so that we can continue building the Heritage community into the vibrant and welcoming space it is.

This past year, we also said farewell to some board members and welcomed new ones. Our new board members not only enhance our existing capacity but also bring fresh perspectives to the board. We are always looking for new members and hope to fill a couple more seats in the coming fiscal year.

Overall, I am honoured to be part of the Heritage Community Association board. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, volunteers, and community partners for all the work they do. I look forward to the exciting programs and events we have planned for the future.

If you're interested in getting more involved, whether by volunteering, joining the board, or participating in our programs, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact in our community.

VICTORIA FLORES
CHAIR, HCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year has been a remarkable period of achievement and growth for the Heritage Community Association. One of our most significant milestones was the long-anticipated move into the newly renovated Mitakuyé Owâ'sā Centre, formerly the Municipal Justice Building. This has opened up a world of possibilities for collaboration with our partners to better engage and meet the needs of our community. The 14th annual Harvest Moon Festival, held in October 2023, was our first event in our new space and it was the most well attended in years! It filled me with so much excitement and hope for the future, seeing our community come together in this new space.

We have continued to foster our strong relationship with the City of Regina, who have been incredible supporters of our programs and initiatives – especially in this new shared space. Despite rising inflation and a decrease in grant opportunities amidst the ever increasing food insecurity, housing, and addictions crises, we remain committed to finding new funding sources to support our work. We are happy to report that our core funding remains stable and our impact can continue to grow. HCA continues to advocate and invite everyone to the table in this struggle to have their basic needs met. These are our neighbours, this is our community, and we want no one left behind.

In addition to our ongoing programs which continue to thrive, this year saw the launch of Heritage PATH, a new initiative launched in the spirit of becoming indigenous allies on the path to reconciliation. Through Heritage PATH, we have organized culturally focused events that are open to everyone in our community. These have been very well received, and an instrumental piece in advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action in our community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support throughout this past year. With the backing of a supportive Board of Directors, exceptional staff, strong partnerships, and dedicated volunteers, HCA is well-positioned to continue its vital work. I am excited to see what lies ahead as we strive to be relevant and responsive to our neighborhood's needs, building an inviting, vibrant, safe, and inclusive community.



WENDY MILLER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HCA



Community Garden Gathering, 2023

HCA AT WORK

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

HCA's annual community cleanup was a tremendous success, bringing together our staff and volunteers to remove large items, household waste, metal, recycling, and needles from our alleys, backyards, and basements. Thanks to the support of the City of Regina's debris team, Loraas, Evraz, Maybell Developments, The Hampton Hub, Italian Star Deli, and Core Coffee, we were able to make a significant impact. What can be accomplished when we come together as a community never ceases to amaze us.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The aim of this program is to engage and equip residents in creating a safe and connected neighborhood. Community members are encouraged to submit their ideas for a "Good Neighbour" project, with winning submissions receiving up to \$500 to support their proposed initiatives.

SAFE NEIGHBOURHOOD MICRO GRANT PROGRAM

Achieving HCA's mission to engage and empower residents to build a thriving, all-inclusive inner-city community, with links to our history and our future, requires the elimination of racial injustice. In December 2020, HCA released a statement supporting the global movements for Black and Indigenous lives. The Safer Neighbourhood Micro Grant program stemmed from this as part of our commitment to achieving racial justice in our community. This grant is intended to improve the safety of racialized people in our community. Individual Heritage residents are invited to apply for up to \$400 toward any purchase or cost that will help them feel safer.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD RESCUE

Second Harvest's Food Rescue Program has been instrumental this past year in bringing food into Heritage and keeping our food programs afloat. Our team participates on an ongoing basis with collections ranging from 1-3 times per week. We collect surplus food from grocery stores that is either freshly expired and still safe to consume, or is nearing its expiration date. The food, which would have otherwise ended up in the trash, is sorted by our staff and then distributed throughout the community. Some is reserved for upcoming events like community kitchens and potlucks, some is shared with our partner organizations for their own programs, and the remainder is provided directly to residents through our pantries and other distribution networks.

COMMUNITY KITCHENS

In 2021, HCA received a generous \$75,000 Community Spaces Grant from Sherwood Co-op, a milestone achievement that aided in the construction of our brand new community commercial kitchen: The Heritage Food Education Centre. Since the opening of this new space, HCA has been running Community Kitchen sessions on an ongoing basis for youth, seniors, and adults. These sessions serve as an opportunity to come together to create various meals while addressing food insecurity and the need for connection. Throughout this program we learned from one another and discovered new ways that we can best support our neighbours. We create, eat, learn, and enjoy the company and conversation.

DIY MEAL KITS

Meal Kits were introduced in 2020 as an alternative to in-person nutrition programming. Each kit includes a simple recipe, all necessary ingredients and supplies, and additional educational materials on health, nutrition, and wellness. During the height of the pandemic, HCA was delivering more than 40 meal kits bi-weekly. The program has since scaled back significantly as we encourage more participation in our in-person community kitchens and potluck gatherings.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

HCA's community gardens continue to thrive, providing fresh produce, education, engagement, and connection for residents across Heritage. The community gardens currently operate at three locations: The Old No.1 Firehall, Thomson Community School, and Embury Heights. These gardens are a mutual aid effort where everyone is welcome to prepare, plant, tend to, and harvest the beds. HCA has also continued operating its seed library, encouraging residents to "borrow" seeds to plant their own gardens and return harvested seeds to the library at the end of the season. The annual garden party and tour in July 2023 was another success, attracting residents, funders, agencies, and guests.

MINI PANTRIES

This portion of our Food Security Initiative was founded in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Spring 2020, we repurposed three mini libraries in our neighborhood and built two more to be used for food, hygiene items, and other daily necessities. Although the pandemic has receded, the need for the mini pantries remains evident as many individuals continue to face food insecurity due to the rising cost of living. Three pantries are located on the lawns and alleys of private residences, one is in the public Art Park managed by HCA, and another is a produce pantry in our community gardens. We strive to stock these pantries as much as possible, but they empty faster than we can fill them. Our pantries are located at:

- 2035 Montreal St.
- 2300 Halifax St.
- 1827 Ottawa St. (back alley)
- Art Park (corner of Halifax St. & 11th Ave.)
- 1654 11th Ave. (located in the Heritage Community Gardens)

SCHOLARSHIPS

HCA Sponsored the Circle of Courage Awards at the Thomson Community School Grade 8 Graduation. The students each received a \$250 gift card for their exceptional skills in the categories of generosity, belonging, independence, and mastery. Congratulations Payton, Loewayne, Jaden, and Elizabeth. We wish you all the best as you move onto highschool! HCA also awarded two scholarships to graduating High School students in our community based on their volunteerism and leadership. This year's recipients were Franchezka and Pratik. We wish these students all the best in their future endeavors!

Any student living in the Heritage Community who has shown volunteer efforts and leadership through their school, community, or throughout the city are welcome to apply for HCA's scholarships.

TEAM HERITAGE

Team Heritage aims to ensure equitable access to exercise and sport for individuals of all backgrounds and ages. Thanks to funding from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, HCA has been able to support community members' participation in various activities, including the Central Zone Board's youth soccer program as well as swimming.

WARM UP HERITAGE

This year marked the 3rd Annual Warm Up Heritage event! Warm Up Heritage is a day to celebrate and support our community's most vulnerable members and those who serve them. We received donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets, totaling over 1,000 items, which were distributed on a chilly winter morning. The event featured an outdoor breakfast, transforming the community garden and Art Park with holiday lights and signage. The community garden's fences became a clothing closet, benches offered blankets, and trees were decorated with festive ornaments.

We expressed gratitude to local agencies with treats for their staff and small gifts for their clients. HCA sent holiday cards to local agencies and businesses, supporting local shops in the process. Partnering with Thomson Community School, students created holiday cards and participated in the "scarf bomb challenge," covering the school yard with warm clothing items. Pantries were continuously filled, sometimes overflowing. The day concluded with a blessing from Elder Sharon, drumming, and hot beverages. This year, we also received media attention from CBC, CTV, and Global, shining a spotlight on the collective efforts of our community to support those in need. This event was made possible by the City of Regina's Winter Initiative grant.

SANTAS' FOR SENIORS

This year, we tried something new for the holidays with our "Santas for Seniors" program. With the help of our community, HCA brought gifts to 89 seniors in Heritage who might have otherwise gone without the joy of a holiday gift this year. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the community organizations and individuals who participated in donating gifts. A special thank you to the Regina Pats Hockey Club, SaskEnergy, Viterra Canada, and Canada Life. Witnessing the recipients light up when they receive their gifts truly helped make our community warmer this season!

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Since moving into our new space, HCA's capacity to collaborate with partner agencies and organizations has greatly increased. We have combined resources to host numerous community events, addressing the unique needs of our residents. One notable partnership with Queen City Wellness Pharmacy resulted in a highly successful ID Clinic, helping community members obtain identification. Due to its popularity, another clinic is planned. We also partnered with Regina Open Door Society for a well-received newcomer fair, with another on the horizon. Additionally, we hosted a trade show with the Regina Police Service and led the annual Community 4 Connections event, where various Regina organizations set up a "one-stop resource shop" for residents. The response to this event was overwhelming, with all giveaways, including food and warm clothing, depleted within just three hours! We also hosted a Family Holiday Party in partnership with the Friendship Centre, and SUM Theatre's annual Theatre in the Park made its return to the Heritage Community once again at Thomson Community School.

HERITAGE ART MARKET & SHOP HERITAGE

In December 2023, HCA hosted the first annual Heritage Art Market in conjunction with our existing Shop Heritage programming to spotlight the shops and businesses in the Heritage Community. The event was a resounding success, warmly received by both vendors and attendees. The support and love shown to our local artists and businesses filled our hearts with joy. Thank you to everyone who came out to support local and to the vendors who brought life and diversity to our neighborhood.

SNOW ANGELS

This year Heritage Community Association, in collaboration with the City of Regina, continued the Snow Angels program. Through this initiative we were able to provide local seniors and those with disabilities with help shovelling their property following a snowfall. HCA also partnered with Thomson Community School to offer a Snow Crew. A class crew created a schedule and took on the task of clearing pathways in front of the school. We look forward to offering this program again this year and beyond!

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

The Harvest Moon Festival is an annual celebration of our beautiful community through movement and dance. In October 2023, the 14th annual Harvest Moon Festival marked a milestone achievement as the first event held in our new space. This event was a huge success, drawing crowds from within Heritage and even outside of the community. It was a pleasure to welcome the community into their new space with such a diverse and celebratory event!

The festival featured dancers from various cultures, a steel drummer, a writer and poet, a DJ, a drum circle, and more. Attendees enjoyed delicious food from local businesses as we celebrated everything that makes Heritage special. It was a beautiful day that went off without a hitch. An extra special thank you to the City of Regina, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, and Sasktel for their support in bringing this event back to Heritage for another year.

HERITAGE PLAY DAY

In November 2023, HCA proudly hosted the inaugural Heritage Play Day in celebration of National Child Day. This special event celebrated the youth in Heritage, recognized their rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention, and emphasized the importance of nurturing our youngest citizens with dignity and respect. Families from our community joined us for an action-packed day filled with face painting, balloon art, LEGO building, a storyboard walk, a photobooth, and a yogurt parfait station! Prior to the event, HCA hosted over a dozen youth for a "Speak for Yourself" self-advocacy workshop, facilitated by the Saskatchewan Children's Advocate. The day was a healing gathering filled with laughter and joy echoing from the gym into the halls of our new community centre. Thank you to Regina Public Library, Dunlop Art Gallery, and United Way Regina for their support of this, hopefully recurring event in Heritage!



Community Cleanup, 2023

LET'S MOVE

Let's Move is our longstanding weekly program for youth aged 9 to 14, offering a variety of engaging activities that bring something new and exciting each week. Focused on play and physical activity, Let's Move promotes physical fitness, nurtures self-confidence, and fosters healthy relationships among participants. Currently running Wednesday evenings out of Thomson Community School, this cornerstone program has evolved over the years, continually keeping the youth in our community active, confident, and having a blast.

In the summer of 2023, activities ranged from canoeing at Wascana, pickleball showdowns at Douglas Park, mini golf, basketball, bouncing at Get Air, and gaming at Baller's. Beyond the activities, it's about the laughter, friendships, and endless fun. Thank you to SaskLotteries for their continued support in keeping this program in our community!

HEALTHY EATERS' CAMP

New for 2023, the Heritage Healthy Eaters Camp brought local youth together for a weeklong program focused on exploration, nutrition, and culinary adventure. Emphasizing the development of healthy habits and community connections, this initiative aimed to empower young minds while also addressing food insecurity.

Throughout the week, participants prepared their own meals and left with a recipe book featuring what they had learned. We collaborated with Chef Tiro from The Hampton Hub for cooking classes and embarked on educational tours, visiting the Regina Farmers' Market, Safeway, and local favourites such as Northgate Bakery, Italian Star Deli, and Ukrainian Co-op. The program culminated in a delightful spread of bannock tacos and a picnic in the park. The youth also accompanied our Heritage Heirlooms seniors for outings to the Mackenzie Art Gallery, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, and the Saskatchewan Science Centre.

We are thrilled by the positive impact this program has had on our youth and look forward to its continued success in years to come. A special thank you to the Community Initiatives Fund and Central Zone Board for their support in making this program possible.

TAI CHI & SELF DEFENSE

Throughout January and February, HCA proudly hosted another series of our Tai Chi for Health & Wellness and Women's Self-Defense classes. Led by Heritage Resident Eric James of the Prairie School of Tai Chi Chuan, these classes have quickly become integral components of our active living programming. The Tai Chi classes, designed for adults, aim to promote movement and foster connections within our community. The Women's Self-Defense course, open to female, trans, and non-binary identifying residents, offers valuable insights and techniques for avoiding potentially dangerous situations and self-defense strategies if needed.

TAE KWON DO

As part of the Central Zone Board, residents of the Heritage Community can take advantage of their full range of programming, in addition to our own! This January and February, the Central Zone Board conducted another session of their Tae Kwon Do program for youth out of our new space. These classes not only provide an avenue for local youth to stay physically active but also cultivate camaraderie and impart valuable life skills. Thank you Central Zone Board and Norman's Tae Kwon Do Saskatchewan for continuing to offer this program in our community!

HERITAGE PATH

This year marked the launch of Heritage PATH, an initiative dedicated to connecting community members from diverse backgrounds and fostering indigenous allyship on the path to reconciliation. Through Heritage PATH, we have organized culturally focused events including an author talk with Indigenous author Christy Jordan Fenton and a hide scraping and bone broth workshop with youth from Thomson Community School. These activities, along with our community events on National Indigenous People's Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, have been instrumental in advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action within our community. The program has also allowed HCA to support Thomson Community School's Land Based Learning program.

Heritage PATH aims to address the abundance of goodwill and creative energy in our neighbourhood by providing opportunities for people to bridge divides and connect with neighbours from different backgrounds. By organizing culturally focused events and activities open to everyone, Heritage PATH hopes to expand our community's understanding of traditions and cultures, fostering a thriving, all-inclusive inner-city community with mutual care at its core.

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer more events, including beading circles, blanket exercises, storytelling sessions, and educational workshops. At HCA, we recognize the intergenerational traumas many in our community face and the need to practice reconciliation every day. We acknowledge the absence of education and inherited truths, and we are committed to continuing this program in the years to come. We welcome suggestions for future events as part of Heritage PATH. Thank you to the South Saskatchewan Truth and Reconciliation Fund for their support of this important initiative.

HERITAGE HEIRLOOMS

Heritage Heirlooms is our program dedicated to supporting Heritage's older adults and building an age-friendly community. The goal of Heritage Heirlooms is to foster community growth and support for older adults by creating age-friendly environments that promote healthy aging. Our all-inclusive programming for older adults aims to increase awareness of physical activity and teach participants how to remain healthy and live engaging, fulfilling lives within the Heritage community. Heritage Heirlooms provides refreshing social opportunities for residents, encouraging sharing and connection.

Since its debut just last year, Heritage Heirlooms has enabled us to host monthly Seniors' Potlucks and community kitchen sessions, launch a new 'Chair Exercise' program and walking club, regular bingo events, excursions, and offer workshops including art connections, seed starting, gardening, and more. Previously based primarily out of Embury Heights, HCA transitioned Heritage Heirlooms programming into our new space this year, enhancing our ability to serve the community.

ART PARK TRANSFORMATION

HCA has been working at full capacity towards the remarkable transformation of Art Park. Under the guidance of master gardener Phil Johnson, we have removed invasive weeds, pruned overgrown shrubs, cleared dead wood, established planting beds, and introduced fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, and flowers to create a thriving, self-sustaining urban food forest in the heart of the Heritage community. The transformation includes the addition of new benches, the leveling of old ones, and will continue with new signage and ongoing planting and maintenance. Thanks to the City of Regina, a new sprinkler system has been installed, significantly reducing our workload from previously hand-watering the area daily. Art Park's transformation has been one of the most dramatic in our community, and it has been incredibly rewarding to see it come to fruition. This is just another step towards our vision of a vibrant, lush, and thriving inner-city community.

ADVOCACY

Over the past year, HCA has continued to advocate for the unique needs of those in our community. We are committed to listening and learning from those in our community and their lived experiences, promoting reconciliation, and fostering an attitude of mutual care. We remain dedicated to showing up at decision-making tables to represent those who are not always welcomed. We believe in building strong, supportive relationships and continually work towards eliminating barriers to create a safe, healthy, and thriving inner-city community. HCA has also continued to support the work of the Get The Lead Out committee in their campaign to remove all city-owned lead service connections, many of which exist in Heritage.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

HCA maintains an online directory of businesses and services in the neighbourhood:
www.hcaregina.com/business-service-directory.

COMMUNITY SIGNS

Two reader boards and one public notice board, housed in all three sections of the community, are used to inform residents of programs and services being offered by HCA. These signs are also available for rent.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The community newsletter, Heritage Happenings, keeps residents informed about programs, events, and community-related news. Published twice a year in print, the newsletter is distributed to 3,000 residents and businesses within the community. Local businesses interested in advertising can contact our office for details. We welcome community collaboration and submissions. This year, we introduced a new magazine-style format for our newsletter.

COMMUNITY SWITCHBOARD

The purpose of the switchboard is to provide community residents with a means to communicate and report any relevant concerns to HCA. This can include general and specific issues such as inadequate and unhealthy housing conditions, community safety concerns, crime and drug-related issues, graffiti, and traffic control. Once reported, specific issues are forwarded to the appropriate agencies or organizations for resolution and follow-up. Additionally, the community switchboard can be used to inform HCA about positive aspects of the community and what residents enjoy about living in our neighborhood.

INFORMATION LIBRARY

HCA hosts an Information Library where residents can easily access a wide range of educational information on social, health, community and economic programs relevant to the neighborhood.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Carmichael Good Neighbour Agreement: <https://hcaregina.com/good-neighbours>. HCA acts as a facilitator for this agreement between Carmichael Outreach, HCA, and Heritage residents, scheduling quarterly meetings to maintain open dialogue about concerns

HERITAGE WELL BEING

This initiative, funded through Petro-Canada CareMakers, underscores HCA's commitment to health and wellness programs for both its community and employees. At HCA, we believe that investing in health and wellness is not a perk, but a necessity for fostering a healthy community culture. Through the Heritage Well Being program, we aim to create a basic safety net within our space to support the community and family caregivers. This initiative will enhance caregiver engagement, strengthen positive community culture, and encourage collaboration, ensuring a supportive and thriving environment for all.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR, FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Heritage Community Association had a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$50,687 for the year. This deficiency was planned, as HCA built up significant reserves during multiple years of relatively low activity (COVID-19). After a number of years of controlled deficits, HCA will be able to get it's reserves down to a more typical level. Additionally, as HCA is growing in staff and programming, an increase in expenses is reasonable and expected.

The Association is projecting another small deficit for 2024/2025. This budget is being put forth with a focus on continuing existing programming and looking for opportunities for growth where possible. With the move into the new facility, HCA will have the resources and ability to improve and expand programming where our community needs it most. We are looking forward to another strong year and look forward to the difference that Wendy and the team are able to make.

MATTHEW MUTSCHLER
CHAIR, FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Heritage Community Association Inc.

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Heritage Community Association Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and the statements of operations, net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Heritage Community Association Inc. as at March 31, 2024 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenues from fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue was limited to accounting for amounts recorded in the records of the Organization. As a result, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary in respect of revenues, assets, liabilities or net assets.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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.


- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 7, 2024


Marcia Herback
CPA, CA

HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2024
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2023)

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 210,978	\$ 274,179
Accounts receivable	19,513	16,085
Prepaid expense	<u>1,000</u>	<u>300</u>
	231,491	290,564
Capital assets (Note 3)	<u>3,736</u>	<u>1,088</u>
	<u>\$ 235,227</u>	<u>\$ 291,652</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,856	\$ 2,703
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>120,290</u>	<u>128,180</u>
	125,146	130,883
NET ASSETS		
Cumulative surplus	<u>110,081</u>	<u>160,769</u>
	<u>\$ 235,227</u>	<u>\$ 291,652</u>

See accompanying notes

Approved on Behalf of the Board

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HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2023)

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
City of Regina grant	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000
Fundraising	1,031	3,124
Donations	788	362
Projects	276,422	134,437
Facility rental	-	160
Miscellaneous income	641	245
	<u>344,882</u>	<u>204,328</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Accounting and legal	5,687	3,353
Amortization	706	695
Annual general and board meetings	831	108
Community consultations	-	10
Fundraising	290	87
Insurance	438	109
Interest and bank charges	266	89
Newsletter	2,278	2,800
Office supplies	3,832	1,000
Photocopying	269	182
Professional development	3,258	144
Projects	277,171	121,493
Repairs and maintenance	4,371	108
Salaries and benefits	98,892	85,573
Telephone	3,028	2,711
Utilities	1,996	1,844
Travel	71	-
	<u>403,384</u>	<u>220,306</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (58,502)	\$ (15,978)
Other income		
Interest and sundry income	7,815	3,419
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (50,687)</u>	<u>\$ (12,559)</u>

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HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
(with comparative figures for the year ended 2023)

	<u>Restricted Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 57,508	103,260	\$ 160,768	\$ 173,328
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,687)</u>	<u>(50,687)</u>	<u>(12,559)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 57,508</u>	<u>52,573</u>	<u>\$ 110,081</u>	<u>\$ 160,769</u>

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HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2023)

	2024	2023
Operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (50,687)	\$ (12,559)
Amortization	<u>706</u>	<u>695</u>
	(49,981)	(11,864)
Net change in non-cash operating working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(3,428)	(15,650)
Prepaid expense	(700)	566
Accounts payable	2,153	175
Deferred revenue	<u>(7,890)</u>	<u>32,801</u>
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(59,846)</u>	<u>6,028</u>
Investing activities		
Additions to capital assets	<u>(3,335)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(3,335)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	(63,181)	6,028
Cash position, beginning of year	<u>274,178</u>	<u>268,150</u>
Cash position, end of year	<u>\$ 210,997</u>	<u>\$ 274,178</u>
Cash represented by:		
Cash	<u>\$ 210,977</u>	<u>\$ 274,178</u>
	<u>\$ 210,977</u>	<u>\$ 274,178</u>

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HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

1. Status and nature of activities

The primary purpose of Heritage Community Association Inc. is to provide relevant needs-based programs, services and support for the residents of the community to help create a healthy community environment. The Association became a registered charity effective January 17, 2008 and is exempt from income taxes under section 149(l)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Grants are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period for which the monies were approved by the funding association. Grants received in advance of the period for which they are to be used are recorded as deferred grant revenue. Interest and miscellaneous income is recorded as income when received or receivable.

Reserve fund

The Board of Directors has established a restricted reserve fund to ensure the stability of the mission, programs, employment and ongoing operations of the organization. The restricted funds have been set aside for capital purchases, one-time budgeted expenses, legal labour obligations or an unanticipated loss in funding. The assets of the reserve are accounted for separately and the use of the assets are subject to restrictions set out in the Reserve Policy and by the Board of Directors.

Tangible capital assets

Amortization of tangible capital assets is provided for using the diminishing balance method.

Management estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

3. Capital assets

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>2024 Net Book Value</u>	<u>2023 Net Book Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Office equipment	\$ 14,680	14,476	\$ 204	\$ 446	30%
Equipment	27,739	24,207	3,532	642	20%
	<u>\$ 42,419</u>	<u>38,683</u>	<u>\$ 3,736</u>	<u>\$ 1,088</u>	

**HERITAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024**

4. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of revenue that will be recognized in the year the related expenditures occur.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Program funding	\$ 120,291	\$ 117,699
The Estate of Ray Nelson donated funds	-	10,483
	<u>\$ 120,291</u>	<u>\$ 128,182</u>

5. Financial instruments

Heritage Community Association Inc. is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Heritage Community Association Inc.'s exposure and concentrations at March 31, 2024:

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a party may default on their financial obligations, or if there is a concentration of financial obligations which have similar economic characteristics that could be similarly affected by changes in economic conditions, such that the Organization could incur a financial loss. The Organization is exposed to credit risk with respect to cash and accounts receivable. The Organization manages its credit risk by placing cash and investments with major financial institutions. Credit risk for accounts receivable is managed by the credit quality and diverse debtor base and creating an allowance for bad debts where applicable.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization may not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due or not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The Organization is exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable but manages its liquidity risk by holding assets that can be readily converted into cash.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is a type of market risk that refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its cash its effect on interest income. Fluctuations in interest rates do not have a significant effect on cash due to the fact that interest income is not a major percentage of total revenue.

6. Economic dependence

Heritage Community Association Inc. receives significant revenue in grants from The City of Regina. As a result, the association is dependent upon the continuance of these grants to maintain operations at their current level.

7. Significant event

Financial markets have been negatively impacted by the novel Coronavirus or COVID-19, which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Association on March 12, 2020. This has resulted in significant economic uncertainty and the Association is monitoring its operations and assessing the impact COVID-19 will have on its activities. Accordingly it is difficult to reliably measure the potential impact of this uncertainty on the Association.

8. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.