



ASSOCIATION OF
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES BC

2023-2024

Annual Report

DREAMING TOGETHER





About ANHBC

The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (ANHBC) promotes strong, vibrant neighbourhoods by fostering community connection and by responding to the needs of growing communities in a place-based, holistic way.

ANHBC is the network of eight neighbourhood houses and an outdoor centre, through which we operate more than 500 community-based programs and services for a diversity of participants. Together with community, we build strong and supportive relationships at welcoming and inclusive sites throughout Metro Vancouver.

Our Vision

We envision everyone living in a healthy and engaged community.

Our Mission

ANHBC plays a leadership role in building healthy and engaged neighbourhoods by connecting people and strengthening their capacity to create change.



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Decolonization in Action



Travis Angus, member of the Nisga'a Nation.

We acknowledge that our houses and camp operate on the traditional, ancestral, stolen and occupied lands of the Coast Salish people, represented by the xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Semiahma (Semiahmoo), ǵíćə́y (Katzie), qʷa:ńł'əń (Kwantlen), səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikwə́łəm (Kwikwetlem), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), sćəwaθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen), and Stó:lō Nations.

As neighbourhood houses, we are committed to learning and aligning with Indigenous worldviews, which help us build a stronger sense of community and a deeper understanding of the land on which we live. Our goal is to live our shared understandings of our values and the manifestation of those values. Driven by this commitment, we are working to decolonize our policies, practices, and ways of knowing to promote an inclusive and anti-racist organization.

We recognize that, through our participation in the settlement movement, we have benefited from, and have been complicit in, the advancement of white supremacy and colonialism. We understand that these systems have been constructed for the sole benefit of settlers, disregarding the land and the Indigenous people who have stewarded these lands for generations. As we walk with Indigenous people, we commit to dismantling these systems of oppression within our organization, while advocating for the broader systemic change that will enable settlers and Indigenous people to walk together for the betterment of our shared community.

Throughout the 2023-24 Annual Report, you will see and read examples of transformation and decolonizing at all corners of our organization—and we are committed to listening, learning, and growing long beyond this time in history.

A Message from Our CEO and President

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the collective efforts that have propelled us forward. The continued transformation of our organization towards decolonization and a more anti-racist future has been powerful, leading to a profound clarification of our values and a deepening of our guiding principles. This journey is galvanizing us, reinforcing our commitment to creating just, equitable, and inclusive communities. Through wide engagement and dialogue, our teams, participants, volunteers, and neighbours are along the path of collective transformation, and we are excited to see this work rippling out into our programs and communities.



The theme of the 2023-24 Annual Report, *Dreaming Forward Together*, captures the essence of our continued journey.



Gathering Tree Preschool Project at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

It speaks to our commitment to imagining and creating a future that is inclusive, vibrant, and deeply rooted in our values. The stories in this annual report illustrate how we are living this theme every day, guided by the dreams and aspirations of our communities.

At Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, the Gathering Tree project was co-created by the community's children—they are building the future they want to see. By centering themselves in place and land, they teach us the importance of slowing down and allowing the youngest among us to lead. Their dreams are food for a future grounded in respect for our environment and community.

A Message from Our CEO and President

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The Reframing South Van story highlights the innovative work at South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhood Houses, where dreaming of a connected and inclusive future transcends, in an under resourced region, for generations, communities, and partnerships. Through intentional, expansive, and flexible asset-based community development, the Reframing Initiative is fostering collaboration and co-creation, ensuring that every voice contributes to the collective dream.

The Core Transformation Team embodies connection, relationship, and courage. They are creating space and support for dreaming of a decolonizing organization, holding faith in systemic change and movement-making. Their work inspires us all to believe in and work towards a more equitable and just society.



Reframing Team at Vancouver City Hall

Our commitment to our values is further strengthened by our partners and supporters. The story of one donor, Richardson Wealth, reflects the support for the Neighbourhood House Movement that we see across the organization. Their unwavering support for our collective dream and place-based work underscores the vital role of partnerships in realizing our shared vision.

As we continue to dream forward together, we are reminded that our greatest strength lies in our collective effort. By leaning into our values of collaboration, co-creation, and inclusivity, we are not only imagining a better future but actively creating it.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we will continue to dream, create, and build a future that reflects the hopes and aspirations of all our communities together.

With gratitude and anticipation,



Liz Lougheed Green,
CEO



Dan Watson,
President

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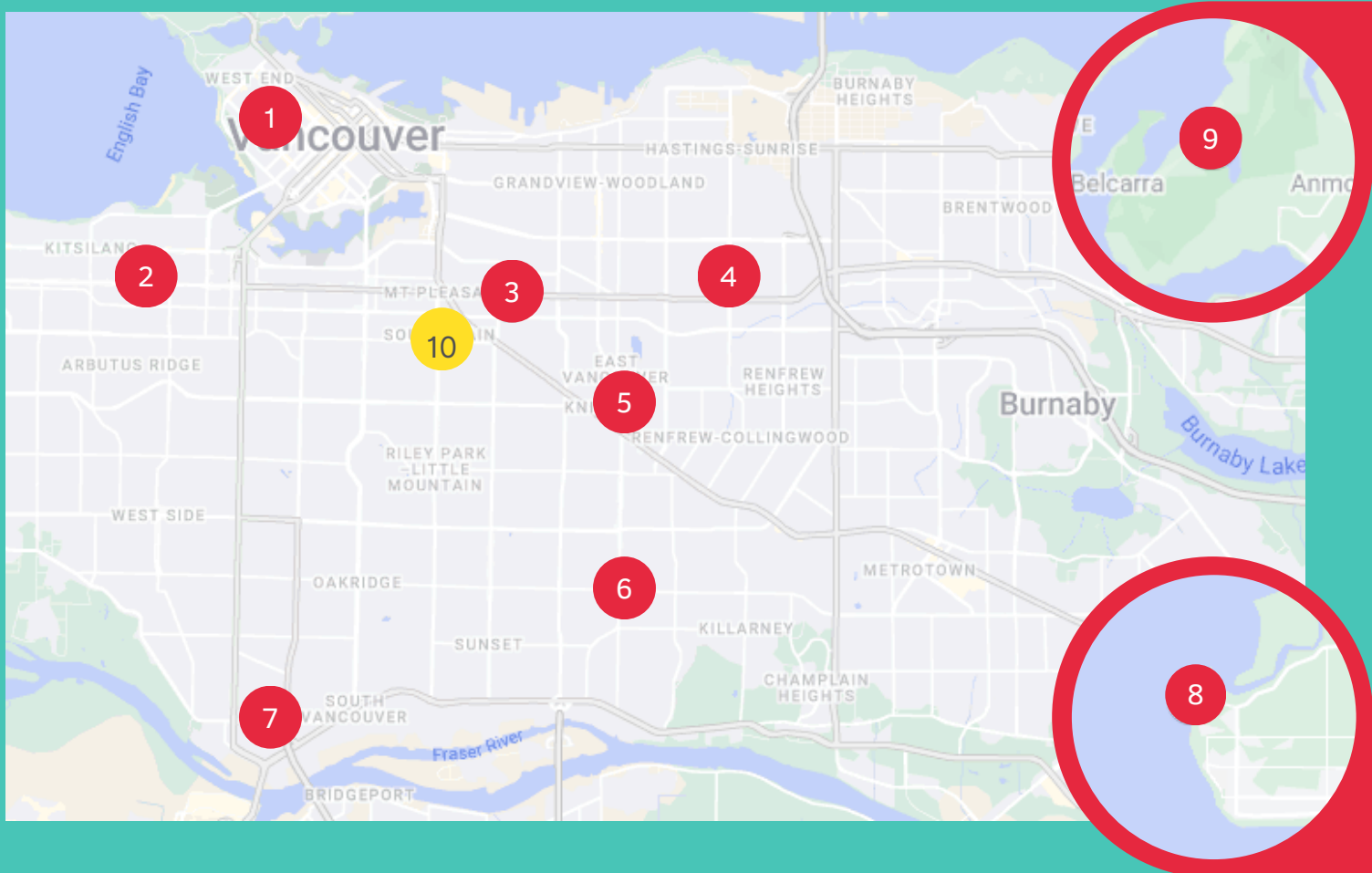


Robert Simons
Sasamat Outdoor
Centre
Representative

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2023-2024

Year in Review

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2023-2024 ANHBC Highlights



Learning into the Collective

While neighbourhood houses are inherently place-based, ANHBC teams have a shared sense of belonging and connection to the collective and to each other. We are empowered to work alongside each other to build our collective strength and create greater impact in our communities. For 2023/24, leaning into the collective has been a priority for projects and ongoing work including: Strategic Transformation, Shared Systems, Accreditation planning, Communities of Practice and Working Groups, and Strengthening Governance.

Decolonizing Transformation

ANHBC has been on a journey of collective Strategic Transformation across all our neighbourhood houses, camp, and central services, beginning in the spring and summer months of 2021. At the centre of this transformation is decolonizing ourselves as individuals, teams, programs, organization, and communities. Transformation and decolonization are rippling out across ANHBC: from decision making, program design, space (re)development, and the ways we work alongside each other and our neighbours, we have witnessed evolution as we have written the Strategic Transformation Framework. Every conversation now includes questioning colonization. What does it mean to be in good relations when making good decisions? The new Strategic Transformation Framework will be shared in September 2024.



Kits House Family Playtime story circle with [Laura Grizzlypaws](#).

2023-2024 ANHBC Highlights

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Pension Transition

Throughout 2023/24, ANHBC, alongside nine other organizations, has transitioned to a new pension plan, the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP). By moving to the MPP, ANHBC employees enjoy better benefits and join a stronger pension plan that will support all current and future employees. Prioritizing good change stewardship and thoughtful communication is our top priority throughout the transition.

Neighbourhood House Network
Gathering, BC Legislature Building



Movement Making

Energized by a vision for change, informed by a wealth of neighbourhood knowledge, and supported by a culture of innovation, ANHBC programs and teams amplify social change and build a more resilient Neighbourhood House Movement. This priority came to life in Fall 2023 as ANHBC led the first Neighbourhood House BC Network Gathering in Victoria, BC. Neighbourhood houses from across the province gathered to build relationships, share priorities, and amplify the collective voice at the BC Legislature.

Neighbourhood House Housing

ANHBC's role as a quality housing provider across Metro Vancouver grew through the year, now delivering five sites, led by Kitsilano and Frog Hollow Neighbourhood Houses. We are continuing to explore new opportunities to lead or support housing initiatives, as ANHBC believes housing is a right for all. Click [here](#) to learn more about [ANHBC's housing](#).



Red Oak Place for
Seniors, Kits House

ANHBC in Numbers



56 sites in Metro Vancouver

1,791 licensed child care spaces

45,000+ people assisted this year

300+ programs and services

851 employees, **336** full-time

1,864 volunteers, **59,993** hours

Funded by **3** levels of government & donations

Come and Join Our Community Circle

An Intergenerational Story of Place & Land Exploration at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House



"The [Gathering Tree] feels happy now. It was cold, because the air was cold. It was wintertime. It feels happy now!"
– Madeline (4 years old)

The Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House Preschool (children aged 3–5) is a magical place. Natural lighting fills every corner, art and photos line the walls, creative invitations for play and exploration are on each table, and the bookshelves broaden worldviews. It is obvious for anyone who walks in there that the space is thoughtful and intentional—the educators, caregivers, neighbours and children are collectively creating the conditions for dreaming and leadership.

The 2023/24 school year started off with conversations about Land and Place—two of the ANHBC Collective's new Strategic Directions, also guided by the BC Early Learning Framework and tied to neighbourhood house values. To deepen the class's connection to both, the teachers took them on meaningful visits in and around MPNH.

"As noticing becomes a part of our days together, we start to focus on what's around us every day in the playground: trees, rocks, sand, rain, sky, clouds, bugs... and one day we started finding all the trees and observing their qualities" shares Lorena Lacome, Interim Director of Childcare. "As we investigate the world around us with the children, we are provoked by some [big questions*]:

- How might I contribute to children's reconnection with land and place?
- What does it mean to be in relationship with land? To be of a place?
- Whose stories of land are told and whose have been silenced?
- What are the children's stories of land?

*Big questions asked by BC Early Learning Framework



Come and Join Our Community Circle

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“It is a tree where we wait for our grownups with our backpacks on. Sometimes, on birthdays, we get treats, like lollipops or glitter, and when our grownups come, we say bye to the tree” – Jackie (5 years old)

During these initial fall “nature walks” around the neighbourhood house, the children sat under each tree, talked about their characteristics, who they are as trees, and eventually gave each a name. They named one special one the Gathering Tree, as it is where they gather each day.

Once the children and educators decided that action needed to be taken, they began to make a plan and call in supporters. Together, they wrote a proposal titled “The Gathering Tree Needs a Sweater” and shared it with their families, the Neighbourhood House, and community, asking for support. Quickly, a Planning Committee was formed, made up of parents, caregivers, and grandparents—and posters were hung up around the Neighbourhood House. The support for the project was immediate!

The children led every aspect of the project. They collectively decided on the shape (rectangles) and design (abstract) of what needed to be knit. They worked hard to design, measure, and plan for the final project. They attempted many forms of measuring the Gathering Tree; they used their bodies, and they used playdoh—a lot of testing, trial, and error. They considered the needs of the tree, the ecosystem that lives on the tree (bugs), and their needs as enjoyers of the tree (climbing). Through the spring, they planned for where the knitted pieces should go.

The knitting team was made-up of parents, grandparents, and seniors from the Neighbourhood House. They gathered on Zoom to plan, they knit with their kids at home, and some even spent mornings at the preschool, knitting on the couch with the children around them.

Come and Join Our Community Circle

As the weeks grew colder, the children started to get concerned about the Gathering Tree; they were worried it would get cold, just like them. Soon they began to explore and discuss whether trees can feel, ultimately deciding that yes, the Gathering Tree can feel, and we must do something about that.

“Sometimes when it’s raining, it’s cold and the [trees] need cozy sweaters. Like maybe all of us and our moms.” – Zoe (4 years old)

“[The project] made me feel that our children are valued members of the Neighbourhood House community. This project is especially important for kids living in the city” shares Isabelle, Madeline’s parent. “Connection to nature links us to our past, present, and future—as well as to each other. The children led the entire project; it was a beautiful and connected thing.”

As spring was approaching and the pieces of the sweater were ready, the children began planning a “Fitting Ceremony”. And once again, they designed every aspect. They invited their families and the Neighbourhood House community to join the event, the rectangles were collected, and they were ready to fit the sweater on the Gathering Tree. As the knitters joined the pieces around the planned spaces of the tree, the children circled around, and together they danced and sang “Come and join our community circle”. And soon the Gathering Tree was wrapped in a warm sweater!

This is a story of intergenerational connection and co-creation. The children of the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House Preschool are given opportunities to not only learn about big concepts and ideas but are also asked to contribute to the exploration of how to dream the answers for our collective future—and who better to ask those big questions of than our next generation’s leaders.

[Visit here](#) to learn more about MPNH’s Child Care Programs.



What is your neighbourhood house's greatest dream for the future?



Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House continues to hold on to the same dream we have had since 1950: for people to live in communities where they find a place to belong and a place to thrive. This year marks a significant step in realising this dream. The building at 4065 Victoria Drive will be deconstructed to make way for a new building, shaped by the stories from the people in our local community who call Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House their second home. We all have such deep gratitude for people who have made this happen—the Cedar Cottage Community Board Directors who have been the champions and stewards of our future vision, the children and youth who are growing up ready to jump into the new building, our caregivers who know that we will always be there for them, and the amazing staff who have carried the leadership to make this all happen. We are all so proud of this next step for our future.

Donna Chang, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House



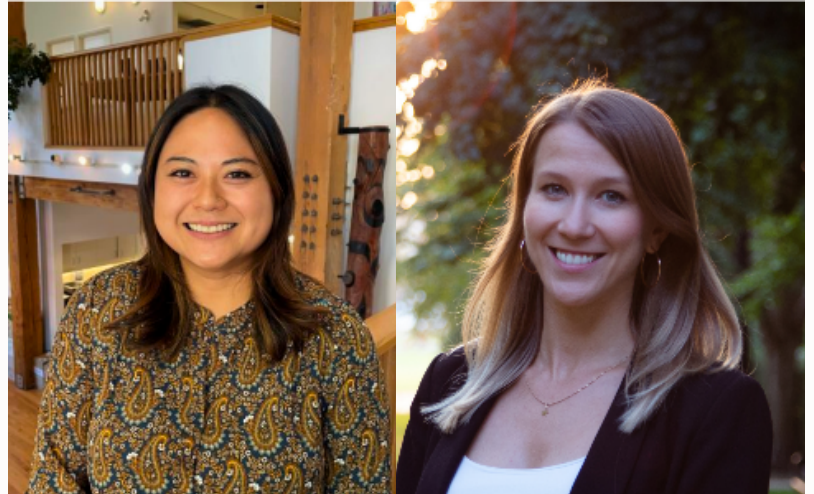
As MNH continues to develop and expand into new program areas, my hope is to ground all the work we do in ceremony and with deep love and respect for the land we occupy. I hope that by pushing past the status quo, we can co-create new possibilities alongside community. My dream is to effectively share our stories of social impact and movement-making, to make neighbourhood houses become a household name.

Nilda Borrino, Marpole Neighbourhood House



Transforming Together

The Story of the ANHBC Core Transformation Team



The Core Team met in conversation regularly throughout 2022/23, and their voices have shaped and informed the Strategic Transformation process. Their contribution to ANHBC's Strategic Transformation is inspiring and has rippled out into their work and personal lives.

The ANHBC Collective has been on a journey of collective Strategic Transformation across all neighbourhood houses, camp, and central office, beginning in the spring and summer months of 2021. Centred in decolonizing, this work is truly taking shape and is informing our values, practices, programs, and communities. The transformation has allowed us to collectively dream a future for the Neighbourhood House Movement.

When we began looking at a new strategic plan for our organization, we knew we needed to do things differently and take the time that was needed. In October 2021, we envisioned creating a group of ANHBC family members from across the entire organization, comprised of a variety of voices and experiences. This group of thirteen, beginning their work together in January 2022, is now known as the Core Transformation Team.

The Core Team met in conversation regularly throughout 2022/23, and their voices have shaped and informed the Strategic Transformation process. They have provided insight and feedback when developing materials, organizing large engagement conversations, and designing Land Back discussions—plus much more. Their contribution to ANHBC's Strategic Transformation is inspiring and has rippled out into their work and personal lives.



To share a bit about the impact the Core Team has had on two of its members, here is an interview with Thanh Lam (Mount Pleasant) and Ksenia Stepkina (Kits House):

What motivated you to raise your hand and join the Core Transformation Team?

Thanh: I was nominated and invited to be a part of the group by Tulia Castellanos, MPNH's previous Executive Director, and I met with Liz (ANHBC CEO) when she explained the process. The process—at that time, there was no process—but there was an intention. [The Core Team was to be] values-driven, and to explore deep/challenging social justice work that a lot of us grapple with at the back of our mind.

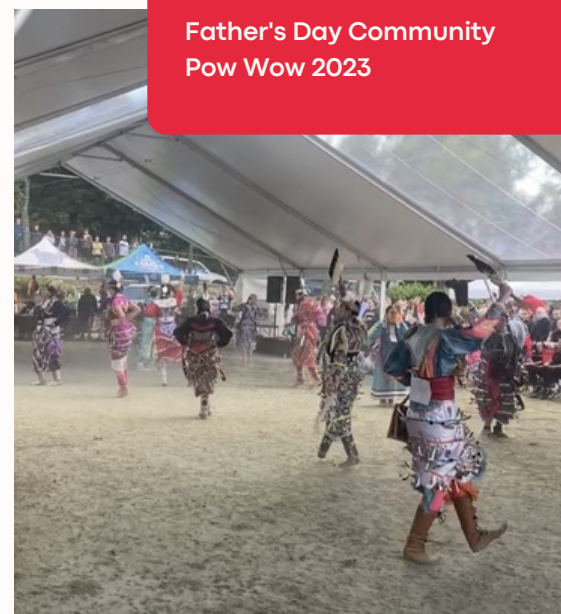
We have to engage with this in our work daily, sometimes alone, and this was a chance to explore this together with other folks from across our neighbourhood houses. Values-driven social justice work can be very isolating—[this way of working together] was bold and exciting, and happening in an organic way.

What has the work meant to you personally?

Ksenia: The core transformation work has meant a lot for me! Personally, it changed my approach to any work or any engagement. In the past, it was a productivity and hustle culture. [I've learnt that] active liberation and decolonizing [must happen] from within. Our current way of living and working impacts us all. So, how can we disrupt these processes? Our Core Transformation Circle helped dismantle this for me. We are a supportive group of people, and the way we approach the work is we lived by the values we want to embody. We bridged personal and professional, and saw everyone as full and whole human beings. Working like this gave me the permission to relax, knowing this is the best we can do.



Kits House Team on Orange Shirt Day 2023



Father's Day Community
Pow Wow 2023

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Ksenia Stepkina, Kits Neighbourhood House

What has it meant in your role at your neighbourhood house?

Thanh: Letting go of the pursuit of perfection. As a non-Indigenous person, it can be scary to ask questions; sometimes I may be afraid to bring my whole authentic self to a conversation, and fear can override genuine connection. At MPNH, the work of decolonization is rippling out and bringing people into this conversation. We're exploring power dynamics, structural challenges, how we perceive frontline work and managerial work. And asking ourselves: does everyone have the tools, time, and opportunity to do this decolonizing work? We want to ensure that our team does feel comfortable, safe, and supported, and we explore these topics during paid work time, as much as we can.

How has the core transformation woven into your work, and rippled out into your organization?

Ksenia: For us, it was huge! Kits House was a baby coming into this work of decolonization. Structurally, our neighbourhood is different, and we haven't been doing this work for a long time—we are at the beginning stages of authentically building relationships. The Core Transformation process helped us see what other neighbourhood houses are doing, and that each is on their own path, and each journey is different. The work of Core Team impacted Kits House directly, as we're looking at what our Truth & Reconciliation and decolonization journey looks like internally, with our staff and volunteers. We are beginning to embed the values across the entire neighbourhood house, prioritizing an internal focus, which we will then ripple out into our community work. I am inspired and grateful for the core transformation work and look forward to what our journey will be.

Thanh: In 2023, MPNH had the opportunity to be part of the Father's Day Pow Wow Community Planning Committee led by Vancouver Native Health Society alongside Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House and other agencies. Together, with Cedar Cottage, ANHBC staff, volunteers, and community members prepared a community feast for nearly 2,000 folks who participated in the event. It was a deeply personal and transformative experience for me. I was and am forever humbled by the teachings Indigenous knowledge keepers provided. I will forever be moved by the love and guidance I received from the Elders and commit to carry that love forward in everything I am apart of.

Thank you, Thanh and Ksenia, for your commitment and leadership on the Core Transformation Team. The ANHBC Strategic Transformation Framework will be shared in September 2024.

What is your neighbourhood house's greatest dream for the future?

The Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House has served the diverse community of East Vancouver for decades and will build on those strong cultural traditions of our residents to respond to the emerging challenges. We are proud to open the Sunrise Welcome Place for settlement programs, operate social housing units, begin the restorative neighbourhood project, understand the effects of colonization on each of us, and learn new approaches to work with the traumas faced by our residents and staff every day. The post-pandemic response is transformation toward balance and health.

Norm Leech, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House



At Gordon, we believe in a future where our communities are resilient, equitable, joyful, and connected. We celebrate the living identity of our area—a place that was and is under Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Watuth jurisdiction; a place steeped in 2SLGBTQIA+ history; a diverse and beloved neighbourhood that is already a worldwide model for the dense, walkable communities of the future. Within this, we look forward to growth. Gordon House is in a process of working collaboratively with Host Nations to build understanding among non-Indigenous communities about living on Indigenous land—with diverse neighbours to promote inclusion and tackle a disturbing rise in many forms of hate and with intergenerational neighbours to promote climate resilience. And it's always sprinkles with joy—come on out to one of Gordon's many community parties and you will see what we mean.

Siobhan Powlowski, Gordon Neighbourhood House



Every year that passes, the people in our organization and communities continues to amaze me with the work that we are able to collectively do. It takes a special group of a values-centred and determined team of Neighbourhood Houses to be progressively at the forefront of our diverse community needs.

Teddy Chan, Kitsilano Neighbourhood House



Reframing South Vancouver & Marpole Neighbourhoods

Dreaming of Equity & Social Justice



The Reframing Initiative is all about dreaming big together and co-creating the future the South Vancouver community would like to see.

The region of South Vancouver is bustling, vibrant, and diverse in every way. Comprised of four distinct neighbourhoods stretching from 41st Avenue to the Fraser River and Boundary Road to Granville Street, South Vancouver is filled with restaurants and grocery shops, single family homes and apartment buildings, parks, and libraries. South Vancouver is full of life and home to both South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhood Houses (SVNH and MNH).

South Vancouver, with over 130,000 residents, has the highest proportion of racialized minority residents (80%) in Vancouver, with newcomers making up 56% of the population. South Vancouver is exceptionally multigenerational and filled with families. There is a diversity of needs for communities living in South Vancouver, and these needs are often unmet because of a gap in access to resources, amenities, and services. The barriers are wide and include huge geography, transportation, fewer amenities and services, language and cultural barriers, social isolation, and un/underemployment.

Reframing South Vancouver & Marpole Neighbourhoods

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In 2021, a group of researchers from Simon Fraser University, in partnership with both SVNH and MNH, developed a report exploring the inequities found in the region of South Vancouver and the impacts they have on the neighbours who live there. The South Vancouver & Marpole Neighbourhood Equity Report “uncovered gaps in the way resources are allocated and services are delivered in the South Vancouver and Marpole neighbourhoods across a range of prioritized communities and services, including children and youth, mobility and families, healthcare, newcomer services, Indigenous people, LGBTQ2S+ community, and older adults. With respect to these themes, South Vancouver and Marpole neighbourhoods receive less services per capita than the Vancouver average.” The report lit a fire in the bellies of the communities’ neighbours, advocates, business owners, and neighbourhood house staff—and in September 2021, the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative was born!

Reframing South Vancouver Initiative 1.0, the equity-seeking quest from September 2021 to March 2024, is a bold project to change the system and address the historic inequities in South Vancouver. The project was funded by WES Mariam Assefa Fund, Vancouver Foundation, and Real Estate Foundation of BC. During the past three years, the Reframing Team engaged over 2,000 residents, conducted over 100 community outreach sessions, and enrolled over 45 Neighbourhood Advisory Committee members. The engagement was unique, widespread, diverse, and responsive to the participants. Depending on the demographics, dialogue was delivered and captured in a variety of ways, and equity was at the centre of the project.

On June 28, 2023, the Reframing Team took the project to the Vancouver City Council to present their findings, recommendations, and asks. Thirty-four community speakers from South Vancouver and Marpole stood before Council to share their diverse stories. These brave and passionate community advocates were from all walks of life, including Indigenous leaders, seniors, high school students, newcomer families, 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, neighbourhood house staff, academic researchers, and board members. They captivated Council with their personal and genuine stories as proud residents or allies of South Vancouver and Marpole.



Reframing South Vancouver & Marpole Neighbourhoods

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Tomomi Suzuki, a newcomer engaged from the beginning of the initiative, was one of the speakers at the Council meeting. Tomomi grew from a newcomer who struggled to find support for her family to a neighbourhood champion who leads community projects. Last June, she found the courage to stand in front of Council to request more funding and support for South Vancouver. “We need to tell the City what we need in the neighborhood,” said Tomomi. “I think part of the reason for less funding in South Vancouver is that not many people know the system well enough to voice out their needs.”



A motion entitled “Addressing Ongoing Inequities by Improving Social Infrastructure and Access to Services Across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods” was brought forward by Councillor Christine Boyle at the June 28 meeting. The motion requested Council and City staff to address different areas of inequities faced by South Vancouver and Marpole, including:

- Reviewing the work of the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative and other community engagements and using them to inform City decisions
- Creating a Neighbourhood Action Plan for South Vancouver
- Allocating funds to SVNH and MNH for equitable community engagement
- Allocating funds to address food security challenges and public safety, and increase park and public space amenities for all age groups and abilities
- Improving coordination of and access to warming and cooling spaces during extreme weather events
- Improving public transit and active transportation infrastructure
- Increasing housing options for all incomes
- Supporting Family Places, Vancouver Public Libraries, and other community resources
- Requesting provincial support for improved healthcare and expanded childcare services
- Requesting provincial support for the Memorial South Park pond

Reframing South Vancouver & Marpole Neighbourhoods



The motion was passed unanimously, becoming a huge win for the Reframing initiative's equity-seeking endeavour. It was truly a dream come true.

Reframing South Vancouver Initiative 2.0 officially started on April 1, 2024, and the team is committed to continuing meaningful engagement with the community and bringing their voices to decision makers. With the motion's one-year anniversary in June 2024, the Reframing team has been working with the City to ensure the promises laid out in the motion are being fulfilled.

The Reframing Initiative is all about dreaming big together and co-creating the future the South Vancouver community would like to see. The Reframing Team's ultimate goals for the neighbourhood are: social justice equity in South Vancouver; public art; social connection spaces; social infrastructure; affordable housing; healthcare amenities; age-friendly spaces; a good transportation network; and support for newcomers, food insecure folks, racialized people, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and other marginalized groups.

To learn more and get involved in the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative, follow along on: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Reframing Team at Vancouver City Hall, June 2023

What is your neighbourhood house's greatest dream for the future?

I am so grateful to work for an organization that challenges itself to make a meaningful difference in our shared world. At Alex House, we have been on a decolonizing learning journey for several years, supported by our colleagues at ANHBC and their willingness to lean into the work with us, allowing us to reach deeper and further when the way forward was, at times, unclear. Through this work, we have been able to begin engaging in meaningful reconciliation with our neighbours at Semiahmoo First Nation. Together we are setting a new way forward, a path that is being co-created with the Semiahma, inspiring us to respect all living things, including the Land.

Penny Bradley, Alex House



South Vancouver Neighbourhood House's (SVNH) greatest dream for the future is that all people living in South Vancouver feel a sense of belonging and connection to a neighbour, business, community resource, neighbourhood house, etc.—that everyone is connected to a “someone” who has made a positive impact on their life or families. The impact would bring an explosion of positive change.

Mimi Rennie, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House



Giving to Dream

An Interview with Richardson Wealth



ANHBC neighbourhood houses and camp are able to dream together and create the change we want to see in our communities because of the support from many dedicated funders, sponsors, and donors. In winter 2023, the team at Richardson Wealth, led by Ethan Dang and Alan Young, decided to be a lead sponsor of the 2024 Neighbourhood House Week. Their dedication to both Frog Hollow and North Shore Neighbourhood Houses, as well to the wider Neighbourhood House Movement, inspired their contribution.

To share a bit about their decision to sponsor, their connection to neighbourhood houses, and their dream for the future of the Movement, here is an interview with Ethan Dang and Alan Young:

I know both of you are connected to neighbourhood houses in different ways. Could you please share a bit about what brought you to neighbourhood houses and your connection to them?

Ethan: My high school, Vancouver Technical School, had a strong connection to Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House. Once I graduated from university, I began volunteering on their Community Board as a way to give back and support my local community. I now live in Toronto, but I still feel a connection to neighbourhood houses.

Alan: My wife, Trish Aslop, works at the North Shore Neighbourhood House. I have helped there with the food bank and other events.

What about the Neighbourhood House Movement inspires you to contribute and volunteer?

Ethan: Seeing the positive effects that happen at the community level. The fact that solutions can be designed on a case-by case-basis or small community groups means that more lives can be positively influenced.

Could you tell us a bit about Richardson Wealth's giving priorities?

Ethan: Given that Alan and I both have connections to the local neighbourhood houses where we live/lived, we are both inspired to continue this support as a priority.

In 2023, you decided to sponsor the collective Neighbourhood House Week, celebrated by neighbourhood houses across BC. What about this week inspired your sponsorship?

Ethan: We were excited by the chance to see our dollars work for a wider audience! The positive influence is evident in all of the communities they serve.

What is your dream for the neighbourhood house's future? What excites you most?

Alan: I dream that the funding only increases from all areas—government, corporate, and personal—but that the control stays with the neighbourhood houses for maximum positive impact for each community.

We also dream that neighbourhood houses can exist in every BC community and that ANHBC can be a blueprint to that success.

Thank you Alan, Ethan, and the Richardson Wealth team, for your continued connection, support and championing of the Neighbourhood House Movement and its impact within communities across the Lower Mainland.

[Click here to learn](#) more about monthly giving and other ways to support ANHBC.



What is your neighbourhood house's greatest dream for the future?



At Sasamat, we dream of a future where we champion land justice and climate action. We all have a collective part to play in creating a sustainable future. At Sasamat, we are inspired preserve and care for the natural world that we get to live and play in every day, and we aspire to educate our young generations on being stewards of our beautiful planet.

Ben Quinn, Sasamat Outdoor Camp



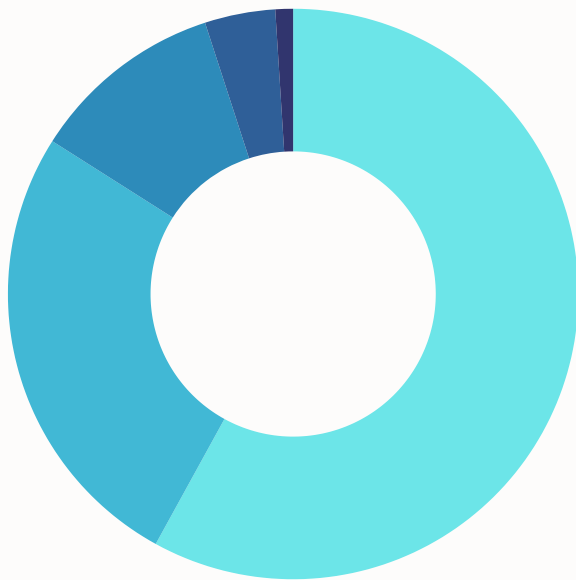
My dream is that staff, program participants, and volunteers—everyone who walks through our doors at MPNH—finds a place to belong and is appreciated for their unique identities. My hope is to create an environment where people share the passion that they have with neighbours and friends, come to share their joys and sorrows, and find a reprieve from the some of the complexities of the world.

Devika Ramkhelawan, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

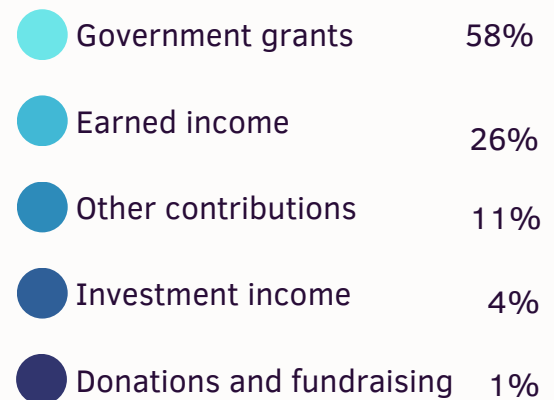


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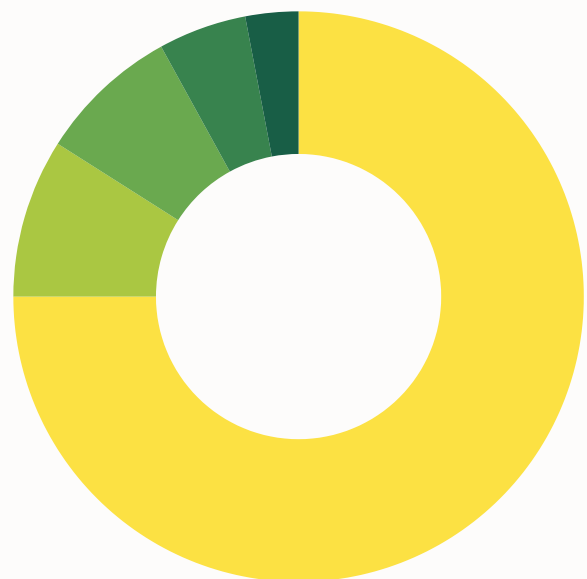
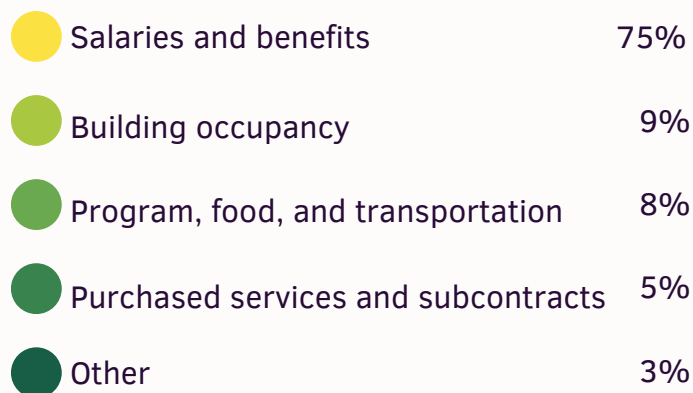
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Revenue



Expenses



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OPERATING REVENUE	2024	2023
Earned income	10,810,584	11,197,420
Province of British Columbia	16,056,899	11,288,231
Federal government	5,725,574	4,308,684
United Way	2,093,441	1,921,036
City of Vancouver	1,801,071	1,382,310
Contributions from foundations	1,695,335	1,926,534
Other contributions and miscellaneous income	931,545	678,495
Gaming	696,144	801,939
Donations and fundraising	340,821	325,107
Investment income	1,889,288	628,998
	42,040,702	34,458,754
OPERATING EXPENSES	2024	2023
Salaries and benefits	29,800,457	25,253,903
Program, food and transportation	3,025,786	2,501,812
Purchased services and subcontracts	1,980,428	1,568,635
Building occupancy	3,693,224	3,037,909
Other expenses	540,539	459,515
Office expenses	536,539	501,560
	39,576,618	33,323,334
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	2024	2023
	2,464,084	1,135,420
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	700,640	642,858
Amortization	(843,810)	(782,484)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(379,322)	(312,362)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	1,941,592	\$683,432

Note: Full set of consolidated audited financial statements are available on [our website](#).

Auditors: Deloitte & Touche



Join the Movement

Donate

Help us grow stronger together by donating to our neighbourhood houses.

Volunteer

Contact your nearest neighbourhood house to ask about volunteer positions.

Share

Follow us on social media and share our impact with your friends and family.

Careers

Visit our website to see job postings from our Houses, Camp, and Central Services.

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