

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022-2023



Portage la Prairie  
Community  
Revitalization  
Corporation

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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023**

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Scott Lawrence

Matt Harkness

Brandwyn Kinnear

Dave Roberts

Dana Geisel

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Mari Kozar, Executive Director/Wawokiya Coordinator

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Rachel Templeton, Community Facilitator

Cornell Pashe, Indigenous Community Coordinator

Jacinda Houle, PUIPC Assistant/CBYF Youth Intern

Alexa Kowerchuk, Wawokiya Coordinator/Reaching Home Case Manager

Tawnee Kowerchuk, Reaching Home Coordinator

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Aaron Pierre, Indigenous Seniors Resource Coordinator

Pauline Johnston, Ask Auntie Coordinator

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Avery Richard, Office Assistant

Adam Tompkins, Green Team

Anthony Costain Star, Green Team

Aparajita Sarker, Summer Student

Gareth Rice, Summer Student



# STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear stakeholders, partners, and community members,

This past year, I took over as Executive Director of PCRC after 3 years in different roles within the organization. With this position, I've come to lead a team full of passion and dedication to our community. Each person on our team brings a unique perspective and diverse skillset that drives our work in exciting ways. Whether this is cultural knowledge, communication abilities, connection skills or sound resiliency, we have people who are always up for creative problem solving.



We have been fortunate to find people who are true visionaries for our community. Our community partners and funders have acted as strong allies as we strive for progress. This also extends to our board members, who volunteer precious time to ensure the sustainability of PCRC so that we can continue to deepen community development in Portage la Prairie. I have received strong support from them as I transitioned into my position as ED, especially James Kostuchuk, our outgoing board chair. James always looks for the best in any person or scenario and provides sound critical perspectives when needed. We wish him the best in his new projects and teaching adventures.

# STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Throughout 2022-2023, PCRC continued working hard to serve vulnerable populations, fill gaps as they presented and provided necessary support to our interconnected committees. From the creation of a “Men Shed” to continued vaccination support and connecting more people to housing than ever before, I am very proud of the the collective work at PCRC.

Winston Churchill was right when he said that “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” and I’m looking forward to seeing what we give through this next year.

Warmest regards,

Mari Kozar

Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation

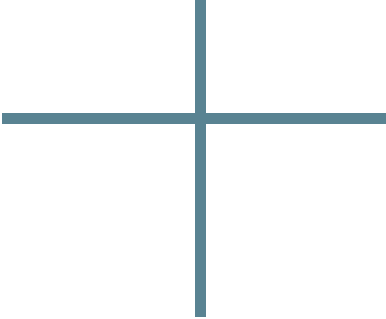
# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I have enjoyed my tenure as board chair for PCRC. In my 30 years of community service, it is the most rewarding volunteer time I have spent. I have the highest admiration for our staff. Your days can be busy and stressful, but I know your work continues to improve people's lives, especially those pushed out of our existing social support networks. I know this because people stop me in the street to let me know.

We are also fortunate to have a board with thoughtful and passionate community leaders. I know how busy their lives are and I appreciate all the time they devote to managing PCRC. I would also like to acknowledge our new chair, Mark Diboll. At the high school, I watched Mark interact with students. He understands the struggles families face and is never afraid to stand up for those who need assistance. Mark is the kind of person you want in your corner for support and guidance. I wish him the very best.



# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



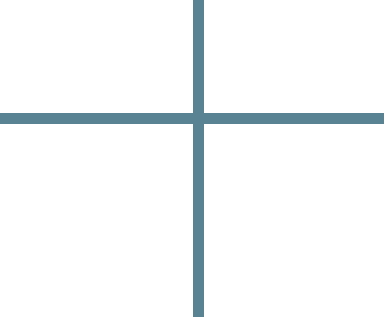
And finally, I would like to thank Mari. She is a gifted leader. She is intelligent and detail-oriented, yet she can pivot on a dime. I have always admired people who can show grace under pressure, and Mari is just that person. We have faced many challenges over the past few years, but Mari navigated them all successfully and positively. She is the best.

I close with some advice imagined as a baptismal speech by Kurt Vonnegut.

"Hello, babies. Welcome to Earth. It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter. It's round and wet and crowded. On the outside, babies, you've got a hundred years here. There's only one rule I know of, babies - God damn it, you've got to be kind."

Cheers!

James



# **Annual General Meeting**

## **6pm - Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

Welcome, Everyone!

Greetings from the Executive Director

James Kostuchuk, PCRC Board Chair

Greetings from the City of Portage la Prairie

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Presentation - Holiday Avenue Project

Presentation - Men's Shed - Aaron Pierre

Financial Report

Constitutional Bylaw Amendments

Elections to the Board

Closing Remarks



# **Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation**

**Annual General Meeting – November 15, 2022**

**In attendance:** James Kostuchuk, Don Smoke, Cassandra Pehura, Brandwyn Kinnear, Scott Lawrence, Matt Harkness, Dana Geisel, Dave Roberts, Mari Lawrence, Sherri Walker

**Regrets:** Matt Boschman

## **1. Greetings & Adoption of Agenda**

Cornell Pashe will open the evening with an opening prayer.

Mari will welcome guests and thank community partners.

James called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and gave the address from the Chair.

Chair of Community Services, Ryan Espey, will bring greetings on behalf of the City of Portage la Prairie.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

**James:** The agenda for today's Annual General Meeting has been included in your packages.

**I would like to call for a motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Moved:** Cassandra Pehura

**Seconded:** Matt Harkness

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

**James:** The Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting have been included in your packages. Are there any errors or omissions?

**I would like to call for a motion: To adopt the minutes of the PCRC Annual General Meeting dated November 16, 2021.**

**Moved:** Scott Lawrence

**Seconded:** Cassandra Pehura

## **4. PCRC Presenters:**

Tawnee Kowerchuk – Reaching Home Coordinator

Cornell Pashe and Jacinda Houle – Urban Indigenous Vaccine Clinic

**James:** We would now like to welcome Tawnee Kowerchuk and her team. Tawnee is our Reaching Home Coordinator for PCRC. Tawnee began her position as the Support Worker for the Shelter and later assumed the Coordinator role for Reaching Home. Reaching Home has found its stride and we are pleased to provide the community with an overview and update of this project. Welcome Tawnee.

**James:** We would now like to welcome Cornell Pashe and Jacinda Houle. Cornell and Jacinda were part of the team that ran the Urban Indigenous Vaccine Clinic at the Prairie Fusion Arts and Entertainment Centre. Welcome Cornell and Jacinda.

**James:** Thank you for sharing with our community two new initiatives that we are quite certain will have a tremendous impact on Portage's most vulnerable population. Already to-date we are seeing positive outcomes and strong returns on the investments in to these two programs. We would like to sincerely thank all of our community partners who are a part of these programs and contribute time, dollars, and enthusiasm. I would now like to call upon Anita Janzen-Gemmell from BDO to present the financial reports.

## **5. Financial Report**

**Anita Janzen-Gemmell:** A copy of the Board Approved audited financial statements for 2021-22 has been included with the Annual Report.

Revenue for this year was \$1,732,917.00. Expenses were \$1,703,736.00, leaving us with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$29,181.00.

Does anyone have any questions or comments on the financial statements?

**I would like to call for a motion: To accept the Audited Financial Report 2021-2022 as presented.**

Moved: Brandwyn Kinnear

Seconded: Don Smoke

**James:** A part of our AGM is selecting an auditor for the coming fiscal year.

**I would like to call for a motion: To appoint BDO as the auditor for the 2022-23 fiscal year.**

Moved: Matt Harkness

Seconded: Cassandra Pehura

## **6. By- Law Changes**

**James:** There are no By-Law changes to report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year

## **7. Elections to the Board**

**I would like to call for a motion: that James Kostuchuk remain as the Chair of the PCRC Board of Directors**

Moved: Cassandra Pehura

Seconded: Brandwyn Kinnear

**I would like to call for a motion: that Don Smoke remain as the Vice Chair of the PCRC Board of Directors.**

Moved: Scott Lawrence

Seconded: Matt Harkness



I would like to call for a motion: that Matt Boschman remain as the Treasurer of the PCRC Board of Directors.

Moved: Matt Harkness

Seconded: Scott Lawrence

I would like to call for a motion: that Cassandra Pehura remain as Secretary for the PCRC Board of Directors.

Moved: Don Smoke

Seconded: Brandwyn Kinnear

I would like to call for a motion: that Dana Geisel be appointed to the PCRC Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Moved: by Brandwyn Kinnear

Seconded: Cassandra Pehura

I would like to call for a motion: that Dave Roberts be appointed to the PCRC Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Moved: Cassandra Pehura

Seconded: Matt Harkness

## 7. Closing Remarks

I would like to call for a motion: To adjourn the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the PCRC at 6:46pm.

Moved: Don Smoke

Seconded: Brandwyn Kinnear

  
Signed & Date (Board Chair)

15/11/2022.

  
Signed & Date (Vice Chair)

## Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation Statement of Operations

| For the year ended March 31                     | 2023              | 2022             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                  |                   |                  |
| Amortization of deferred capital contributions  | \$ 2,924          | \$ 2,924         |
| Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation grant | 229,611           | 276,839          |
| Donations and events                            | 34,806            | 14,638           |
| Grant revenue (Schedule)                        | 1,313,248         | 1,365,208        |
| Interest income                                 | 6,461             | 2,578            |
| Miscellaneous                                   | 51,394            | 538              |
| Rental income                                   | 32,295            | 25,721           |
| Small grants (Note 10)                          | 37,500            | 37,500           |
| Work experience                                 | 7,657             | 6,971            |
|                                                 | <u>1,715,896</u>  | <u>1,732,917</u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                 |                   |                  |
| Advertising and donations                       | 22,625            | 50,431           |
| Amortization                                    | 53,444            | 38,498           |
| Conferences                                     | 8,778             | 8,257            |
| Contracted services                             | 34,109            | 32,965           |
| Events                                          | 30,978            | 187,957          |
| Fees, dues and registrations                    | 5,871             | 17,527           |
| Grants                                          | 177,691           | 112,630          |
| Insurance                                       | 9,971             | 16,378           |
| Interest on long-term debt                      | 13,645            | 14,406           |
| Office and miscellaneous                        | 20,521            | 24,342           |
| Participant costs                               | 77,815            | 57,125           |
| Professional fees                               | 18,298            | 15,771           |
| Program related training                        | 6,980             | 6,286            |
| Rent - land and buildings                       | 27,060            | 31,775           |
| Repairs and maintenance                         | 15,642            | 17,082           |
| Salaries and wages                              | 897,291           | 963,525          |
| Small grants (Note 10)                          | 37,500            | 37,500           |
| Supplies                                        | 10,067            | 12,593           |
| Travel expenses                                 | 25,511            | 24,419           |
| Utilities                                       | 34,188            | 34,269           |
|                                                 | <u>1,527,985</u>  | <u>1,703,736</u> |
| <b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>         | <u>\$ 187,911</u> | <u>\$ 29,181</u> |

# WAWOKIYA PROJECT

This year has been marked by dedicated efforts to provide essential support to our community members, strengthen partnerships, and enhance our services. Wawokiya remains committed to addressing the challenges faced by vulnerable populations, continuously exploring new avenues for client support, and staying engaged in professional development and community initiatives.

Through this period, we received a total of 36 referrals, and our commitment to addressing these needs resulted in 22 of these referrals being accepted for ongoing support. Additionally, for the remaining 14 cases, we conducted brief interventions to address immediate concerns and offer guidance.

Over the past year, Wawokiya celebrated several successes. One client successfully completed Family Enhancement, the closure of their CFS file. Another parent managed to retain custody of their children due to the support systems in place. Two clients completed probation files, and multiple clients saw a reduction in their calls for RCMP services, indicating positive progress.

With the introduction of a new coordinator in August of 2022, the training process began promptly. Wawokiya engaged in many community events, solidifying our presence and knowledge-sharing. The Wawokiya Coordinator has been actively engaged in enhancing her knowledge and skills through various training sessions and workshops. These include Indigenous land-based training on medicines and practices, a workshop on "Leading Through Change," and sessions on topics such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and crime prevention.



# WAWOKIYA PROJECT

During the winter months, Wawokiya observed a notable increase in community members seeking support due to rising food prices and hydro rates. This prompted us to intensify our efforts to ensure that individuals and families in need received the assistance they required. In the face of urgent food security concerns within our community, Wawokiya swiftly responded to the challenge by leveraging an emergency food grant of \$50,000 from the Government of Manitoba Department of Families. This barrier-free program served as a lifeline for individuals and families experiencing immediate food insecurity, allowing us to make a tangible impact and demonstrate our commitment to the well-being of our community members. We were able to partner with local business RealFood to distribute food boxes to these families.

Throughout the year, Wawokiya actively participated in numerous meetings and events, such as the Annual MCMSI Meeting (Manitoba Community Mobilization and Safety Initiatives), the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness conference, and engagement with the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network. We also conducted several support team meetings with our clients to ensure their needs were met comprehensively. Wawokiya partnered with Communities Building Youth Future to organize a Youth Mental Health Summit, offering workshops and wellness information to young people in the community.

Wawokiya's commitment to community well-being, professional growth, and collaboration remains unwavering. Our achievements, partnerships, and ongoing efforts demonstrate our dedication to creating a stronger, more supportive community for all.





# AFFORDABLE RECREATION & IMPROVED FACILITIES

From April 2022 to March 2023, the PCRC hosted and partnered on 30 free events and neighborhood initiatives in Portage la Prairie which engaged all community members. This year has seen a revitalization of in-person events as we move into a post-COVID time period. Many of these events are being held for the first time in several years.

## Beautification Days

Beautification days are held bi-annually in the spring and fall. This year we had a total of 968 people participate in the spring clean-up and 440 for the fall clean-up. We had multiple schools participate in a clean-up of their grounds along with businesses, committees, and other organizations.



## Touch-A-Truck

The Annual Touch-A-Truck event, held at the BDO, had over 400 people in attendance. This event was held in partnership with the City of Portage la Prairie as part of Public Works week. This event had a free BBQ and allowed for educational discovery on the variety of vehicles that were provided by local businesses and orga



## Second Harvest

PCRC has become a partner community organization with Second Harvest and through this program we have rescued over \$16,000 worth of food. This food has been allocated to over 26 organizations, businesses and schools in our community.



# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Graffiti Removal

The Green team was employed throughout July and August, they removed 35 graffiti tags from city, private and residential buildings and performed targeted clean ups at local parks and community spaces. The Green Team also assisted with other organizations such as the Soup Kitchen, Fort la Reine Museum and the Family Resource Centre.

## Painting on the Crescent

Two walkways were painted on the crescent, one for Every Child Matters and an Anti-Racism mural. This artwork was completed by 25 individuals and the goal of these paintings is to bring further awareness and public attention to these issues.

## Winterfest

This annual event was expanded this year to an entire week of events. The kick off was held at La Verendrye School and included bouncy castles, live entertainment, dog sleds, snowshoeing, bannock cooking, free hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookies and more! The week of events included a PLAP birthday cultural tea, a family Bingo, skate on the lake, reduced fees for a swim night, a week-long scavenger hunt and a free movie night. Over 1500 people attended the events throughout the week.



# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

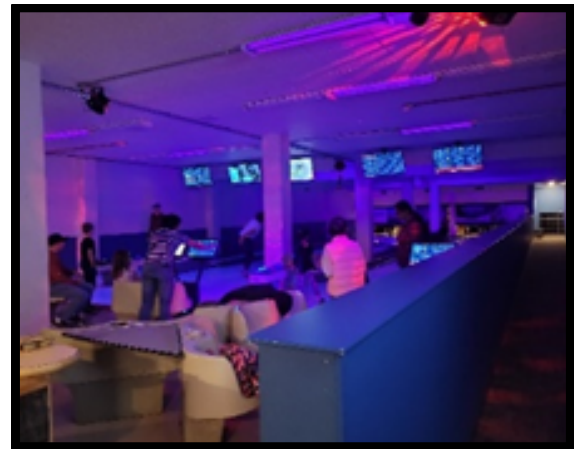
## March Recreation – “Beat the Blahs” Event

In partnership with the Family Resource Centre and Personnel Support Programs, PCRC hosted two free recreation events in March- a bowling night and a swim afternoon. These events were full on the first day of registration, highlighting a need in our community for more recreational activities.

## COMMITTEE EVENTS

**Sexually Exploited Youth Committee-** This committee hosted three events over the past year; the Grandmother’s walk, the Sisters in Spirit Paint Night and the Sisters in Spirit March. In total approximately 90 participants were part of these activities.

**Portage Active Transportation Committee-** The committee has mostly been idle for the past several years due to COVID, but has started to take on new projects including planning for a full bike week in May 2023, erection of bike repair stands (fall 2023) a new location and vision for the Greasy Chain.



**Communities in Bloom-** For the first time in 2022, Portage la Prairie hosted the National Communities in Bloom judges. The judges were present for a two-day tour of the city with over 10 organizations participating in the tour. As a result of the tour, the judge’s awarded Portage la Prairie with special recognition for the recently complete Causeway. Additionally, Portage la Prairie participated in the Manitoba Communities for Bloom photo essay contest and were subsequently picked as a winner.

# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Gardening Workshops

In early spring, we hosted three garden workshops which focused on small container gardening, herbs and composting. These workshops were very well attended with approximately 90 community members in attendance.

## Equinox Feasts

This year through various grants and donations we were able to partner and host both a spring and fall equinox feast. The Fall Equinox Feast was a take and go meal pick up from one of two locations in Portage and this event provided approximately 230 people with a hot meal, bannock and dessert. The Spring Equinox was an in-person event and included a meal, crafting activities (beading etc.) and entertainment (Spirit Horse Drummers) with meals being provided to 220 people.

## Cultural Events

PCRC participated in September 30th activities through selling of orange shirts, organizing the September 30th March and assisting with activities which took place at the National Indigenous Residential School Museum. Over a thousand people participated in the days events which included speeches, singing, dancing as well as a public participation blanket ceremony.



# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Holiday Events

**Skate with Santa and Mrs. Claus-** This annual event was held at the BDO (Ice time was donated by Simplot). We had both Santa and Mrs. Claus in attendance and were able to utilize skates from the FRC for children who did not have equipment. Over 50 participants were in attendance and enjoyed the visit with Santa as well as free hot chocolate.



**Parade of Lights-** For the first time ever, PCRC participated in the Annual Rotary Parade of Lights. This event was possible through the generous donation from Meseyton Construction Ltd. of a truck, trailer and driver. PCRC staff handed out candy canes while promoting the Reaching Home Program.



**Holiday Cookie Decorating-** In partnership with CBYF, a free holiday decoration workshop was offered. This event has been quite well received by the youth in our community and continues to be a highlight holiday event.

# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Make and Take

**Bird Safety Kits-** These kits were created and assembled by a student working in collaboration with Canada Service Corps. Over 50 kits were distributed free of charge to the community.

**Culture Days take home Kits-** These kits were provided as part of Culture Days. There were two age levels of crafts to provide appropriate difficulty levels for children. One hundred kits were provided.

**Grow Together Program-** provided seeds and pot kits to 145 children.

## Trick or Treat Tour

The highly anticipated Trick or Treat Tour was held in partnership with the Portage la Prairie Regional Library and Family Resource Centre. This event was the most successful to date with over 1000 people in attendance. Approximately 15 businesses and organizations (Fire Dept., Southport, Co-op, Friendship Centre etc.) also participated by offering treats to the attending children.



## Election Event

In advance of our local election, PCRC held an election event which was attended by 16 of the 17 candidates. Over 125 citizens attended the informal venue to speak with candidates about their concerns and to ask questions about their current campaigns.

## Mascot



# 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

In 2023, PCRC publicly promoted our mascot “Ajidamoo Aki” (ground squirrel). To introduce him to the community, a colouring contest was held and winners received a visit from Ajidamoo, as well as a healthy snack. Ajidamoo Aki has attended several PCRC events and has been well received by the community and partnership organizations.



## Vaccination Support

PCRC continued promoting Covid-19 vaccinations along with Flu shots and held events at the Family Resource Centre Outreach location along with the Bear Den. There was weekly transportation offered to the community to make getting to a pharmacy or public health more accessible. There was cultural support offered as part of this along with food support.

# COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

## SMALL GRANTS

| Applicant Name                                  | Project Name                       | Project Description - Be brief, must include what SGF will fund.                                                                        | Project Outcomes - Must confirm what SGF funds were used for.                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Family Resource Centre                          | Community Training                 | Provide free community training for Mental Health First Aid, Babysitter's Course, and Stay Safe                                         | Mental Health First Aid Trainer Course, Babysitter's Course Trainer, Stay Safe Course Trainer, Manuals                                                                            |
| Westend Day Care Centre                         | Westend Day Care Tipi Renewal      | Provide tipi to teach kids, invite knowledge keeper, renew old tipi                                                                     | Purchased tipi, with two blankets, honorarium for Indigenous Keeper to assemble tipi and tipi teachings. Food supplies purchased for public gatherings.                           |
| Sunset Palliative Care Inc                      | Christmas Dinner of Hope 2022      | Provide a dinner venue for bonding, grieving, celebrating culture                                                                       | Provided a sit down meal for residents/patients, family and public                                                                                                                |
| Portage Service for Seniors                     | Increase Awareness                 | Make community and seniors aware of programs available                                                                                  | Brochure preparation, printing, delivery and media advertising. Meals On Wheels Menu printing.                                                                                    |
| Portage Collegiate Institute                    | PCI Summer Garden                  | Help students gain knowledge in gardening, experience and Mental Health programs                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Prairie Harbour                                 | Staffing for Youth                 | Provide staffing for activities for families with a lower income who are staying at shelter.                                            | Hired two Indigenous Youth to do activities with our people we support's children inhouse. Purchased supplies for crafts. Beading, healthy eating, painting and Indigenous crafts |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Plains, Inc | BBBS Activity Kits                 | Getting new games for mentor program to help build relationships                                                                        | purchased board games, table tennis,                                                                                                                                              |
| Wawokiya                                        | Youth Mental Health Summit         | Providing mental health workshops for youth in the community                                                                            | Provided lunch and snacks during Mental Health Youth Summit                                                                                                                       |
| Youth For Christ                                | Christmas Pool Party               | Providing a free event for low income families to enjoy a supper and pool party                                                         | Provided bus to pool, free entry to pool and pizza during pool party for youth                                                                                                    |
| Community Foundation of Portage and District    | Technology Update                  | Upgrade computers as old ones are running terribly                                                                                      | Purchased two new computers from locally owned business                                                                                                                           |
| Holiday Avenue Project                          | Project Supplies                   | Giving the community a beautifully decorated Saskatchewan Avenue to help strengthen the community. Purchasing decorations and equipment | Purchased decorations for planters and leaf blower                                                                                                                                |
| Reaching Home                                   | Meals for Meetings                 | Food provided for meetings for community members struggling with homelessness                                                           | Provided over 400 lunches/snacks while they met with Reaching Home staff.                                                                                                         |
| Portage Lions Club                              | Portage Lion's Bench               | Recondition the memorial benches along the Crescent                                                                                     | Resanded and painted benches along crescent                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                 |                                    |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Portage Bear Clan                               | Bear Clan Short Term Support Staff | Providing wages to Short Term Staff at Bear Clan for duties available                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Community Building Youth Futures                | Job Fair and Conference            | Engage local employers with youth in the community to prepare them with job openings                                                    | Printing/Promotions for Event costs, Event Setup and Venue Costs, event lunch costs                                                                                               |
| Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment             | Healing and Resilience Garden      | Garden providing for the community to help with Truth & Reconciliation, as well as the well-being of guests                             | Materials to build garden, dirt, seeds, etc. Wages for planters                                                                                                                   |

## SMALL GRANTS CONTINUED

### Summary Information

| Grants<br>(auto calculated) |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| # of Projects               | 16 |
| # Approved                  | 16 |
| # Declined                  | 0  |
| # Withdrawn                 | 0  |

| Financial Impact |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Funds Requested  | \$58,766.12 |
| Funds Approved   | \$35,125.00 |
| SGF Paid Out     | \$35,125.00 |
| Funds Leveraged  | \$2,371.02  |

| Projects by Primary  |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Capacity_Building    | 3 |
| Well_Being           | 5 |
| Stability            | 2 |
| Community_Connecting | 6 |
| Economic_Development | 0 |

| Participation Overview |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| People Served          | 20370 |
| Volunteers             | 235   |



Westend Daycare receiving Small Grant Funding for Tipi Renewal Project

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - CAPACITY BUILDING

The Community Facilitator assisted at least 11 external and internal organizations/committees with completing grant proposals/applications, programming, events/projects, budgets, fundraising and human resources support.

The Community Facilitator actively participates on the Parks Committee as the Treasurer, Portage Bear Clan as the secretary and assists on the PUIPC Committee. The Community Facilitator completed three PATHs. (PCRC, Community Food Matters Committee and Community Building Youth Futures)

**FUNDING APPLICATIONS COMPLETED OR ASSISTED  
BY COMMUNITY FACILITATOR:**

**Funding Source Chart for Annual Report 22/23**

| <b>Funding Source</b>                                               | <b>\$Amount</b> | <b>Project/Program</b>                                 | <b>Organization</b>        | <b>Status</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Building Sustainable Communities-Provincial                         | 150,000         | Koko Platz All Season Rink                             | Koko Platz                 | Approved      |
| Canada Summer Student Jobs                                          | 15,000          | Two Summer students                                    | PCRC                       | Approved      |
| Building Sustainable Communities-Provincial                         | 20,000          | Repairs to PCRC BLDG                                   | PCRC                       | Approved      |
| Transit Solutions-Federal                                           | 4,500,000       | Biimi aya- Connect Communities                         | PUIPC/Outlying Communities | Pending       |
| Portage Community Foundation                                        | 75,000          | Skate/Snow Park                                        | Parks Committee            | Approved      |
| Food Security Fund Provincial                                       | 49,000          | Providing Food for those struggling with food security | Reaching Home/Wawokiya     | Approved      |
| Community Recovery Support Fund - United Way                        | 101,000         | Tech Support /Upgrades for PCRC and organizations      | PCRC                       | Pending       |
| IRNR- Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations - Provincial | 25,000          | Spring Equinox, Indigenous Language Welcome Board      | PUIPC                      | Approved      |
| Community Celebrations                                              | 5,000           | Indigenous Earth Day Puppet Show                       | PUIPC                      | Pending       |
| Building Sustainable Communities-Provincial                         | 240,000         | Skate/Snow Park                                        | Parks Committee            | Pending       |
| Building Sustainable Communities-Provincial                         | 9,000           | Building Repairs                                       | PCRC                       | Pending       |
| Community Foundation                                                | 15,000          | Bear Necessities Program                               | Portage Bear Clan          | Denied        |

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS COMPLETED OR ASSISTED BY COMMUNITY FACILITATOR:

| Funding Source                                      | \$Amount | Project/Program                                             | Organization     | Status   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Community Grants                                    | 7,000    | Bear Necessities                                            | Bear Clan        | Approved |
| Special Initiatives Program                         | 25,000   | Plans for development of Urban Indigenous Interpretive Site | PUIPC            | Pending  |
| Community Supports Fund (Provincial)                | 307,000  | Mashkiki Tetitibis (Medicine Wheel)                         | Wawokiya         | Pending  |
| BNRC- Additional Indigenous Support Funding         | 98,000   | Behigoobe (Be At Home)                                      | Reaching Home    | Pending  |
| ICS- Indigenous Community Support Funding - Federal | 78,000   | Food Security and Mental Health Support                     | PUIPC            | Approved |
| Heritage Canada - Truth and Reconciliation          | 10,000   | Land Based Training                                         | PUIPC            | Pending  |
| Community Foundation- 150 Women Who Care            | 10,000   | Accessible Playground Equipment                             | Community Member | Denied   |

### Summary

- **Subtotal:** \$5,739,000
- **Approved as of March 31,2023:** \$419,000
- **Pending:** \$5,295,000
- **Denied:** \$25,000



# **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

## **Community Roots -First Time Homebuyers Program:**

Affordable Housing Funding that was received from the province obtained by the city then allocated to the PCRC , the Community Facilitator assisted with the implementation and community presentations for the Community Roots Program. The first successful applicant purchased a home in December 2022. The Community Facilitator also provided support for extensive research and planning for the Affordable Housing Build.

In July, The Community Facilitator assisted with the Communities in Bloom National Judging Competition.

The Community Facilitator also assisted a community member with fundraising for Wheel Chair Accessible Swing (cash calendar draws and grant applications).

The Community Facilitator also played a major role in the Zoongide September 30 Truth and Reconciliation Mural Ceremony.



The Community Facilitator was actively involved with the Spring Equinox, which hosted over 160 people. The Community Facilitator also helped out at the Youth Mental Health Summit. The Community Facilitator organized the Canada Day BBQ for the Parks Committee Fundraiser. (\$3000 raised)

# COMMUNITIES BUILDING YOUTH FUTURES (CBYF)

Communities Building Youth Futures has emerged throughout the eventful year of 2022. The past year witnessed the expansion of CBYF's reach and impact across the community.

Expansion: CBYF's net has expanded over the community in the last year. We have held major events and made many partnerships while continuing to get our name out and make relationships with youth in the community. Roving Campus CIF 4: Over the summer we also secured a \$55,000 Community Innovation fund grant from Tamarack to support the expansion of the Roving Campus project into a second grade 10/11 classroom.



The Roving Campus teaching staff and PCRC/CBYF partners are focused on timely barrier reduction without judgment. Many of the students joining Roving Campus are dealing with the realities of poverty. Two of the key barriers are transportation and meals. We have found that this is key to supporting our students. This includes building lessons that are cross-curricular and responsive to student needs and interests. All activities and lessons are purposeful to meet curricular outcomes, engage students and leave them with useful skills they carry forward. At the start of May through our Roving Campus grant project we hired a Youth Support Navigator to help Roving Campus students and graduates navigate barriers and support students outside of the classroom.



# COMMUNITIES BUILDING YOUTH FUTURES CONT.

In June we hosted a variety of Qmunity Events for Pride month, along with a flag-raising at city hall and painting a progress pride flag on the crescent walkway. We also hosted 2-staff from Tamarack, who fund the CBYF project for a visit in June. Funders Visit: Also, in October we had special visit from the co-CEO of Tamarack and a representative of anonymous donors who were interested in learning more about the work that CBYF does in Portage la Prairie.

The visit was a whirlwind day and was a huge success; near the end of the day the representative stood up at our community leader lunch to share that this visit had been a highlight of her 24-year career and she would consider Portage la Prairie to be a gold standard for community collaboration in western Canada.

**Youth Hub Planning:** The community conversations around the Youth hub proposal that we worked on, in partnership with the Family Resource Centre, continued and by the time the proposal was submitted it had 18 letters of support and we had hosted multiple engagement sessions with stakeholders and local youth to put together a comprehensive application

**Innovation Centre Launch:** We launched our innovation fund project in September, the Portage Innovation Centre with the Innovate to Launch weekend where local youth worked with mentors and had workshops on making their business idea a reality, and they all pitched their ideas at the end of the event to a panel of youth judges.



# COMMUNITIES BUILDING YOUTH FUTURES CONT.

**Job fair:** In October the CBYF Education and Employment action group hosted a 2-day job fair and conference at Red River College that had over 25 employers and 12 workshops. The event had about 400 total attendees. CBYF was also focused on engaging youth in the municipal election, both through supporting youth candidates and also hosting a 'Speed Date Your Candidate' event put on by the CBYF youth council, comprised of local 15-30-year olds. Although no youth candidates won seats, this was still a historic election to see such young people (18, 19 and 20) running, and also seeing youth-led election events.

We were also able to share copies of the guide with our leadership table and action group members and to speak at the PLPSD guidance staff meeting to present the guide and collect their ideas for future projects.

**Youth for School Board:** CBYF was also focused on engaging youth in the municipal election, in October, both through supporting youth candidates and also hosting a 'Speed Date Your Candidate' event put on by the CBYF youth council, comprised of local 15-30-year olds. Although no youth candidates won seats, this was still a historic election to see such young people (18, 19 and 20) running, and also seeing youth-led election events.

**Youth Council:** In April, we saw our youth council officially launch with an in-person meeting for the youth to be introduced to CBYF and for the council members to get to know one another.

**Mental health summit:** As a collective impact initiative, we know that this work cannot be done alone so we approached every project with a partner in the community and centered sustainability and learning. The CBYF team co-hosted the Youth Mental Health Summit, which with Wawokiya. The event was very successful and we got very positive feedback on it from some of the 65 youth that attended the full day of speakers and activities.





# REACHING HOME

Through April 2022 - Mar 2023, here are some of Reaching Home team's impactful efforts over the past year. From community engagement and partnerships to training initiatives and support services, the team's commitment to addressing homelessness and providing assistance has been evident throughout.

**Community Engagement and Fundraising:** The quarter began with the team's active participation in various community events, an out-of-province conference, and valuable training sessions. A highlight was the successful launch of the Flocking Flamingo Fundraiser. This unique initiative not only raised funds for the Reaching Home Program but also engaged the community by offering them the opportunity to "flock" yards with pink lawn flamingos. The campaign's success led to increased awareness and support for the program's objectives, as well as donations to help unhoused folks in their journey to housing.

Additionally, the team's engagement in a garage sale fundraiser and their role in the Table for 600 event illustrated their dedication to creative fundraising approaches.



**Indigenous Support and Partnerships:** In May, the team welcomed a new Reaching Home Community Auntie, dedicated to providing specialized indigenous support for clients. This addition highlighted the program's commitment to serving diverse community needs. Community Auntie worked in collaboration with the Indigenous Senior's Coordinator to aid in come and go teas for seniors. Some of the Reaching Home clients were able to attend a "Survivors Gathering" in Winnipeg which was very impactful for the participants. Community Auntie also keeps food pantries stocked when funding allows.



# REACHING HOME CONTINUED

Community Involvement and Support Services: Active community involvement remained a core part of the team's efforts which included participating in the Anti-Racism March and collaboration with events such as the community potato giveaway, same day Vaccine Clinics, The September 30th Orange Shirt Day Event, and the Youth Mental Health Summit. The team set up flamingos at Freight Night at the Museum for awareness and collaboration. Reaching Home also contributed to Men's Shed by cohosting the nights with colleagues.

Reaching Home offers transportation to community members for these events, and any time we are able to support our clients. Food security remains a high need throughout our community, and through funding we were able to keep the community pantries stocked, and help many families and individuals get access to much needed food with as little barriers as possible.

The team's collaboration with Second Harvest allowed them to secure and distribute food donations to 26 local agencies. The successful distribution highlighted their resourcefulness and dedication to addressing food insecurity within the community. Reaching Home's involvement in the STBBI testing event and partnership with the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network.



Learning and Progress: The team actively pursued learning opportunities including effective communication strategies, opioid poisoning response training, and understanding food labels for food waste reduction. The team participated in the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Annual Conference and hosted an instructor for the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS), as well as became CPR certified. The team was able to participate in a blanket exercise at 4 Winds cultural Centre.

# REACHING HOME CONTINUED

Through the 2022-2023 year, there was 58 people housed by the Reaching Home team. This consisted of both private rental placements and affordable housing. the majority of these client remain housed in their placements and have been connected to other resources. This was triple the amount of clients housed from the previous fiscal year, highlighting both the need and capacity of the program has grown. The team has built relationships with landlords and helped clients who were at immediate risk of eviction. Being able to stay or attain housing has meant that program participants have been able to focus on other goals and move forward in their wellness journeys.

Reaching Home continues to work closely with many local agencies by receiving referrals and speed tracking clients when need be. Their commitment to serving vulnerable individuals, improving their well-being, and addressing homelessness-related challenges has been consistently evident over the 2022-2023 year.





# INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Urban Indigenous Strategy still continues to facilitate monthly PUIPC meetings. The coalition consists of community organization leaders, Elders and Knowledge Holders. The Urban Indigenous Strategy Manitoba urban Indigenous Coalition on a monthly basis. These meetings provide updates, as well as sharing ideas for new programs/ projects and funding opportunities. UIS staff attended the Urban Indigenous National Coalition in Ottawa in March 2021. PUIPC has also been transferring their strategic plan engagement version- PATH (Planning Alternative Ho



PUIPC has also played an active role with the guidance and assistance of projects and programs funded by Indigenous Community Support Funding (Federal) \$78,000. Some of these projects and programs supported Mental Health/Wellness and Food Security for our Urban Indigenous Community.

PUIPC also was fortunate to be the recipient of the Government of Manitoba, Indigenous Relations and Northern Reconciliation Funding (\$25,000). This funding was utilized for Spring Equinox Gathering Indigenous (over 160 people attended) Land-based Training Event, Winterfest (Tipi Teachings) and creating an Indigenous Welcome Billboard for our community.

PUIPC has continued to collaborate on numerous projects and programs with many community organizations, such as the Portage Friendship Centre, Family Resource Centre and the Portage la Prairie School District. PUIPC has also established a strong connection with surrounding First Nations Communities, and is currently working with Long Plains First Nation on a transportation project.

PUIPC also nominated an Urban Indigenous Community Member, the late Renata Beaulieu for the last Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award. Renata Beaulieu played a vital role with our Indigenous Language support and our Urban Indigenous Vaccination Clinic.



# INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

PUIPC and PCRC staff participated in setting up a tipi on the grounds of Red River Polytech in creating a cultural space for Tipi Teachings to schools and the public. The tipi remained in front of Red River for the summer.

On June 8th 2022, a Blanket Exercise was given by the Portage School Division and PUIPC to 65 participants from various organizations and held at Four Winds Cultural Centre.

PUIPC also participated in National Indigenous Peoples Day and Anti-Racism Week. The Mamahtawisin Presentation was given on June 9th, Mamahtawisin meaning the wonder we are born with), these teachings will be implemented into the Manitoba education system in September.

PUIPC took part and organized many events during this period. Some events PUIPC assisted with the July 1st Canada day celebrations, First Nation Celebration Days, Communities in Bloom Tour, Potatofest, and I Heart Heritage Festival-Fort la Reine Museum. PUIPC supported events such as Circles for Reconciliation, Southern Chiefs Organization Status Card Clinic, Education for Reconciliation, Winterfest, National Urban Gathering of Coalitions and the BiBoon Ziigwan Spring Equinox.



As part of PUIPC's public education on Reconciliation, various organizations and schools have requested sharing circles and smudge ceremonies. The Portage Learning Literacy Centre, The Roving Campus (PCI), Westland Insurance and McCain's have all participated in sharing circles and smudge teachings in September. A smudge ceremony was also provided to Southport Aerospace 30th Anniversary celebrations.





# INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

## Truth and Reconciliation Week:

A proclamation and flag raising ceremony was held at City Hall in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Week in Portage la Prairie. An honor song was given and opening prayers held. Opening remarks were given by Acting Deputy Mayor in recognition of the week and remarks by Executive Director of the National Indigenous Residential School Museum. An honor song was held as Every Child Matters flag was raised.

In our efforts in working towards “Reconciliation”, the Portage Urban Indigenous People’s Coalition continues to public educate. Our work continues in reconnecting the teachings of the Ojibway, Cree, Dene, Metis and Dakota languages. The above is a Dakota Proverb and utilized as the “word” the day throughout the month on Mix 96. We will continue to find creative ways in relearning the language. PUIPC also participated in the walk for the Sisters in Spirit Vigil.





# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

## Overview

Over the previous year, the Portage la Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (PLIP) successfully executed numerous community initiatives that significantly impacted the cultural, social, and interpersonal fabric of Portage la Prairie. These initiatives ranged from community surveys and reconciliation programs to cultural festivals and youth development projects. Collectively, they epitomized PLIP's enduring commitment to fostering an inclusive and vibrant community. The organization not only opened avenues for conversations on pressing societal issues but also laid the foundation for genuine relationships between newcomers and long-term residents.



## Community-Wide Survey

Initially, PLIP administered an extensive survey across the community. The aim was to probe into the state of social connections in Portage la Prairie. The feedback garnered provided valuable insights that informed our strategies to encourage a more robust community spirit.



## Circles for Reconciliation

PLIP then concluded its role in the Circles for Reconciliation project, in collaboration with members of the Manitoba Government. This initiative significantly contributed to cultivating understanding and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents of the community.

# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

## Anti-Racism Week

Last year, PLIP was delighted to host its second annual Anti-Racism Week. In doing so, we collaborated with several community organizations, including the Portage Regional Library, the Portage School Division, and more. A wide array of activities such as a scavenger hunt, human library speakers, and a cricket exhibition match were conducted.



The city formally issued a proclamation in support of the week's activities, and we were immensely grateful for this recognition.

## I Heart Heritage Festival

In partnership with the Fort la Reine Museum and the Portage Learning and Literacy Centre, PLIP supported the annual I Heart Heritage Festival. A perogie pay-by-donation event was particularly noteworthy, with all proceeds supporting Ukrainian resettlement.

## Outstanding Contribution by a Newcomer Award

Finally, in November, PLIP, in conjunction with the Portage la Prairie Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, initiated the "Outstanding Contribution by a Newcomer" Award. The inaugural award was proudly presented to Oleksandr Hrynsiv for his exceptional contributions to the community.

# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

## Holiday Gathering Hosted by PLIP and the Immigrant Advisory Table

December was a month teeming with activities and events aimed at enriching the community spirit. PLIP, in association with the Immigrant Advisory Table, organized a Holiday Gathering featuring guest speaker Kari McClusky from Aurora. The focus of her talk was on mental health and well-being, emphasizing the importance of self-check-ins and resilience. The event was graciously hosted at the Portage Library, where a special appearance was made by Mrs. Claus. A children's corner was also set up, bustling with activities ranging from crafts and games to reading, singing, and dancing. Additionally, attendees shared a communal meal. The gathering was well-received, with 32 newcomers and their families gracing the event.



# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

## Tour of Portage la Prairie by Ukrainians

PLIP also took a pivotal role in preparing for a tour of Portage la Prairie by a Ukrainian delegation. We developed publicity materials and committed to funding one of the buses used during the visit.

## Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Program

The organization also secured \$14,900 in funding from the Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Program. The funds were utilized to buy cricket equipment and host a nine-week cricket program for children aged 6-17. A total of 30 children registered, and each participant received a t-shirt, snacks, and invaluable coaching sessions.



## Malanka Celebration

In January, the PLIP was thrilled to host a vibrant Malanka celebration that drew a crowd of over 200 community members. This event was not just a celebration of the New Year according to the Julian calendar; it was a testament to our core belief that community is the answer to any issue. The Malanka celebration served as a platform to empower citizens, enhance our neighborhoods, and foster community spirit. Through events like Malanka, PCRC continues to build the capacity of community organizations and create a stronger, more connected Portage la Prairie.

# LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (LIP)

## Newcomer Swim Safety

This summer, the Portage la Prairie Local Immigration Partnership was proud to partner with the Portage Learning and Literacy Centre to launch a swim program specifically designed for newcomers to our community. The highlight of the program was a special beach day, conducted in collaboration with the RCMP, focused on beach safety. This event drew a diverse crowd and was in perfect alignment with our mission to empower citizens and build community capacity. The RCMP's involvement provided invaluable safety tips and demonstrations, ensuring that everyone can enjoy our local beaches safely

## INDIGENOUS SENIORS RESOURCE COORDINATOR

Over the course of this period, the ISR Program was decided to the well-being and cultural enrichment of indigenous seniors' lives. A significant component of this was the initiation of Indigenous Seniors Gatherings in collaboration with Community Aunty in September 2022. These gatherings served as a platform for individuals to indulge in social interaction and cultural enrichment within the Portage community.

Though the first gathering started with 12 attendees, the momentum of these gatherings gained traction, with successive events drawing a diverse attendance of 42 unique individuals, many of whom became repeat participants. Notably, these occasions featured guest speakers who introduced a range of programs and resources tailored to the unique needs of the indigenous senior demographic.



# INDIGENOUS SENIORS RESOURCE COORDINATOR CONTINUED

The ISC Program is also set up to help indigenous seniors with chores around the home. The ISR Program was able to help several seniors with their snow removal in the winter and lawncare in the summer months. The ISR Program was contacted by two teachers working at Portage Collegiate Institute and asked to share specific indigenous knowledge that was related to what the students were learning. Through this engagement the ISR Program was able to connect youth with indigenous elders. One indigenous elder from the monthly gatherings was also brought into the same classrooms to share her own cultural knowledge. This partnership led to the assembly of Grieving Bundles.



The program's active involvement in growing a knowledge base was helped along by attending numerous conferences organized by Wa-say Healing Centre with program clients who would not normally have the opportunity to attend events like this.



# INDIGENOUS SENIORS RESOURCE COORDINATOR CONTINUED

Evident through collaborations with entities like Roving Campus and the Portage Friendship Centre, the ISR Program consistently sought to engage the community. The program was actively involved in events like the Zoongide mural unveiling, the Reconciliation Week Flag Raising, Orange Shirt Day, Fall Equinox Elders Luncheon, Spring Equinox Luncheon were emblematic of the program's dedication to nurturing cultural awareness and honoring historical memory.



A recurring element of the program's engagement strategy was the organization of regular smudging sessions at diverse events and locations. Beyond giving moments of reflection and cleansing, these sessions highlight the program's commitment to nurturing spiritual well-being throughout the community. Worth highlighting is the program's role in providing smudging information sessions at McCain's Foods, Westland Insurance, and with two groups part of the Portage Learning and Literacy Centre.



# COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

## Additional Grants

The Community Facilitator collaborates with organizations and other programs within the PCRC to apply for grants for programs/events. Please see below the funding applications/proposals that the Community Facilitator completed or assisted with:

| Grants Completed in 2021-2022               | Amount Requested       | Description                                                  | Partner Organization | Status (as of March 31/22) |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| COOP Community Spaces                       | \$ 150,000.00          | Skate Park                                                   | Parks Committee      | Pending                    |
| COOP Community Spaces                       | \$ 75,000.00           | Outdoor Rink                                                 | Koko Platz           | Pending                    |
| Buidling Sustainable Communities            | \$ 20,000.00           | Drainage Repair at PCRC                                      | PCRC                 | Pending                    |
| Federal Grant - ICS                         | \$ 900,000.00          | Indigenous Innovative Park (Island Park)                     | PUIPC                | Declined                   |
| Buidling Sustainable Communities            | \$ 150,000.00          | Koko Platz Outdoor Rink                                      | Koko Platz           | Pending                    |
| Crime Prevention Action Fund                | \$ 3,000,000.00        | Mobile Crisis Unit and Youth Hub                             | Wawokiya             | Pending                    |
| ICS Funding Emergency Covid Relief          | \$ 103,000.00          | Multiple Organizations in Portage la Prairie                 | PUIPC                | Approved                   |
| Federal Transit Solutions                   | \$ 3,500,000.00        | Connectng outlying communities to PLAP                       | PUIPC/Dakota TIPP    | Pending                    |
| CN Rail Communities                         | \$ 25,000.00           | Skate Park                                                   | Parks Committee      | Approved                   |
| Affordable Housing                          | \$ 1,124,000.00        | First Time Homebuyers Program and Affordable Housing Project | City of Portage      | Approved                   |
| Community Foundation                        | \$ 10,000.00           | Community Assessment                                         | Community Foundation | Approved                   |
| Cednet                                      | \$ 20,000.00           | Hire a student intern                                        | CBYF                 | Approved                   |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED</b>         | <b>\$ 9,077,000.00</b> |                                                              |                      |                            |
| Approved Grants/Proposals by March 31, 2022 | \$ 1,282,000.00        |                                                              |                      |                            |

## Committees and Outreach

Portage la Prairie Bear Clan - The Community Facilitator assisted with the March 22, 2022, Indigenous Cultural Gathering Event. This event featured Jingle Dress Dancing, Drummers/Singers, Indigenous Puppet Show, Metis Fiddlers, bannock, Truth and Reconciliation Presentation. There were over 200 guests that attended this event. This event was hosted to help recruit more volunteers for the Bear Clan in Portage la Prairie.



# COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

Urban Indigenous Strategy/Portage la Prairie Urban Indigenous People's Coalition - the Community Facilitator assisted with the application and the administration of the Indigenous Community Support (ICS) – Emergency Covid Funding. Some of the programs/events that the ICS Funding supported were:

Free Virtual Indigenous Language Classes (Feb 2022)- Ms. Renata Beaulieu, Jacinda and Jaida Houle presented Ojibway Language Lessons on weekly basis for four weeks. A snack, prizes and booklets were supplied to the 11 students that participated.



Portage Soup Kitchen (First Presbyterian Church) - ICS Funding provided to the Soup Kitchen in Portage la Prairie. The First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen provides hot meals daily to at least 20-30 individuals struggling with food security.

# COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

| Applicant Organization - Program/Project Provider           | Summary                                                                                                                                                 | Request \$         | Approved      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| CBYF/Family Resource Centre                                 | ID Clinic                                                                                                                                               | 6000               | 6000          |
| Family Resource Centre                                      | Mental Health Support                                                                                                                                   | 10000              | 5000          |
| Community Food Matters                                      | Food hampers                                                                                                                                            | 5000               | 5000          |
| Indigenous Seniors                                          | Food hampers and activity kits                                                                                                                          | 10000              | 7000          |
| Soup Kitchen                                                | Food for hot lunches daily                                                                                                                              | 5000               | 5000          |
| Family Resource Centre                                      | Bikes for Youth Mental Health                                                                                                                           | 25000              | 25000         |
| Indigenous Language Instructor- Renata Beaulieu             | Lessons, Indigenous snack                                                                                                                               | 5000               | 1576.28       |
| PCRC Community Engagement                                   | Activity Kits with Urban Indigenous Activities for children under Covid Isolation requirements. (beading, coloring)                                     | 1500               | 1500          |
| PUIPC, PCRC and Bear Clan                                   | March 22-Urban Indigenous Gathering - included Jingle Dress Dancers, Drummers, Fiddlers, Dispersed grocery cards, Puppet show, Truth and Reconciliation | 10000              | 9987.82       |
| Gas Cards for Van                                           | To assist Urban Indigenous members with transportation                                                                                                  |                    | 766           |
| Insurance for Van                                           |                                                                                                                                                         |                    | 1492          |
| Family Abuse Prevention Centre                              | Support staff for Children's Activities                                                                                                                 | 5000               | 5000          |
| Support Staff/assistant for PUIPC/Urban Indigenous Strategy | Support staff assisted with programs, projects and events                                                                                               | 30000              | 28177.9       |
| Admin                                                       |                                                                                                                                                         |                    | 15225         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                                         |                    | <b>116725</b> |
| <b>March 22 Event Breakdown</b>                             |                                                                                                                                                         |                    |               |
| Grocery Gift Cards                                          | COOP & Portage Supermarket                                                                                                                              | 5000               |               |
| Advertising                                                 | Before and during event (radio station present at event)                                                                                                | 752                |               |
| Venue                                                       | rental and tech equipment                                                                                                                               | 250                |               |
| Puppet Show                                                 | Bighetty and Bighetty (fee, per diem, travel and hotel)                                                                                                 | 2323.19            |               |
| Honorariums                                                 | Drummers, Jingle Dress dancers, Fiddle Players                                                                                                          | 800                |               |
| Educational Materials for Displays & Printing               | Poster with Indigenous Language Every Child Matters Tattoos                                                                                             | 268.64             |               |
| Take Home bags with traditional meal                        | Bags included squash, recipe and spices for traditional Indigenous Meal                                                                                 | 393.99             |               |
| Bannock                                                     | Family Abuse Prevention Centre Prepared                                                                                                                 | 200                |               |
| Total for March 22 Event                                    |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$ 9,987.82</b> |               |
| Purchase of Van                                             | To assist with transportation to vaccine clinics, appointments, house hunting, job applications, cultural events and grocery shopping                   | \$ 47,742.33       |               |



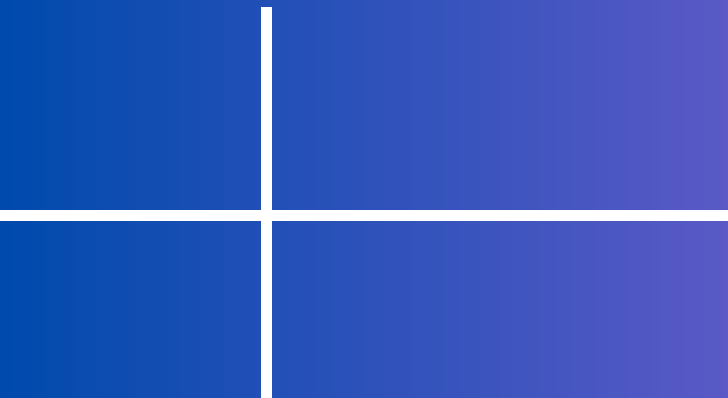
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- Government of Manitoba
- Government of Canada
- Tamarack Institute
- Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation
- Southern Health/Sante Sud

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our numerous community partners. Due to the extensive list of invaluable collaborators we're fortunate to work with, we're unable to include every name in this AGM report. While we would like to individually acknowledge all contributions, the constraints of this report mean we can't include everyone. However, please know that your efforts and partnership are deeply appreciated.





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