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# RENFREW PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2023-2024 AGM Agenda

Saturday, November 23, 2024 12:00pm – 2:00pm

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## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Adoption of previous year's minutes**

## **3. Financial Reports**

- a. Auditor's report
- b. Q&As
- c. Motion To Adopt the Financial Statements of Financial Year 2023 - 2024 for RPCA as presented
- d. Motion to Appoint Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. as RPCA's Auditors for the Financial Year 2024 – 2025

## **4. President's Report**

- a. Q&As

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

## **6. Community Group recognition**

## **7. Program Committee Report**

## **8. Staff Reports – Please see report package**

- a. Community Recreation Supervisor – Suzanne Liddle/Andy Teoh (Interim)

## **9. Election of the Board of Directors**

## **10. Closing remarks - President**

## **11. Adjournment**

# 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Renfrew Park Community Centre

2022-2023 AGM Agenda

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm

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1. **Call to Order:** A quorum having been established, RPCA President, Anthony Mehnert called the meeting to order at 12:20pm. Warm welcome address from the President. He thanks everyone for attending, the MC, Henry Lee and the Youth Volunteers for assisting with set-up and clean up of the event. He introduced our Recreation Supervisor, Suzanne Liddle and Park Board Recreation Manager, Luke Balson.

## 2. Adoption of previous year's minutes

**MOTION** to approve AGM Minutes from 2021-2022.

Judy(M), Henry (S) – CARRIED

## 3. Financial Reports

- a. The Auditor's report was presented by Gary Wozny. Assets and liabilities are highlighted. See statement of financial position as presented and published. It is available on the renfrewcc.com website.
- b. See Statement of Operations report as presented. Program operations increased as more activities returned as pandemic restrictions decreased.
- c. Donna (bookkeeper) worked extremely hard and deserves credit in reducing money needing to be paid back to the government via grants.
- d. Note that online fees increased – Activenet changes increases which is normal
- e. Q & A portion open to attendees. No questions were asked.
- f. **MOTION** to Adopt the Financial Statements of Financial Year 2022 - 2023 for RPCA as presented  
Henry (M), Judy (S), – CARRIED
- g. **MOTION** to appoint Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. as RPCA's Auditors for the Financial Year 2023 – 2024  
Henry (M), Judy (S), – CARRIED

## 4. President's Report

- a. Another successful year → thank you to patrons & staff.
- b. Highlights:
  - i. Air conditioning system has been successfully installed in room 110, allowing everyone to enjoy various activities even on the hottest days of the year.
  - ii. New seating has been added to the main hallway, enhancing the comfort and aesthetics of our facility.
  - iii. RPCC is currently in the process of expanding our childcare program, with hopes of it being fully operational by the spring of 2024.
  - iv. The RPCA has continued its commitment to supporting youth by providing scholarships to graduating secondary students in the catchment area, including Van Tech and Windermere.
- c. Q&As opened to attendees. No questions asked by attendees.



## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Audit Confirmation: Thorough audit by Tompkins Wozny confirms excellent financial health of Renfrew Park Community Association.
- b. Stable Management: 2023 Board diligently managed finances, showcasing a strong position.
- c. Acknowledgment of Contributions: Thanks to Chao Cheng, Donna Miazga, Angela Lee, and Park Board staff for exceptional financial efforts.
- d. Transition & Future: Assured seamless transition to 2024 Board, looking forward to appointing a new Treasurer.
- e. New Director Introduction: Welcoming Julianne Liang, a finance expert, as a valuable addition to the team.
- f. Best Wishes: Handing over financial reins to 2024 Board, wishing for a prosperous future.

## **6. Community Group recognition**

- a. Happy Corner Preschool
- b. Nakashima Judo
- c. Vancouver Aikido
- d. Lionsgate Camera Club
- e. Vancouver Trojans Football

## **7. Program Committee Report** presented by Sari Lundberg

- a. Members meet with the Recreation Program staff to discuss all aspects of programs, activities and events that the Renfrew Park Community Association is responsible for.
  - i. Review new program ideas
  - ii. Review program cost increases
  - iii. Review program issues and request
  - iv. Review wage increase from program instructors
  - v. Review program request from Recreation Program Staff
  - vi. Assist with government grant request
  - vii. Review request from Affiliated groups and present to the Association Board recommendations as needed
  - viii. Review/maintain programs, activities and events that are associated with our Joint Operating partnership with Parks and Recreation
  - ix. Review rental request from outside agencies and community groups and make recommendations to the Program staff and Association Board
  - x. Liaise with community partners such as the Still Moon Arts Society and the Collingwood Neighbourhood House

## **8. Staff Reports – Please see report package**

- a. Community Recreation Supervisor, Suzanne Liddle presents report. She joined the RPCC a year ago. She notes this has been a year of regrowth and program levels are back up from 2020.
- b. There have been staff changes, longtime staff Jeanette Lum has retired and Monica Kochhar is the new RFC. Cheryl Palidda, Seniors Worker, has retired after being on leave for a few years.
- c. There have been facility upgrades.

- i. Air Conditioning upgrades were made to Room 110 and it has operated as a cooling centre during heatwave.
  - ii. The gymnasium was painted in December
- d. Staff and Volunteer Appreciation dinners were celebrated. Suzanne sends a big thank you to all staff and volunteers for their work.

## **9. Old Business**

No items to discuss

## **10. New Business**

- a. Renfrew's 60th Anniversary – Looking ahead to 2024, RPCA is thrilled to announce that it will mark the official 60th anniversary of the Renfrew Park Community Centre. To celebrate this milestone, a grand celebration will be planned for September 2024. Additionally, attention will be drawn to the fact that, at 60 years old, this community centre is in need of replacement. According to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Community Centre Strategy plan, RPCC is second on the list for replacement.

## **11. Election of the Board of Directors**

- a. Current Board Members announced:
  - i. Henry Lee
  - ii. Sari Lundberg
  - iii. Anthony Mehnert
  - iv. Gayle Uthoff
  - v. Eddie Tang
- b. Nominees Running for Re-Election to the Board:
  - i. Judy Egerton
  - ii. Albert Lee
  - iii. Julianne Liang
  - iv. Fay Lin
- c. New Nominees for the Board are:
  - i. Chris Bayliss
  - ii. Connie Ching Chan
  - iii. Barbara Leung
  - iv. David Ng
- d. Albert declares all members running for re-election and new nominees elected to RPCA board by acclamation due to the number of nominees being less than the positions available.

**12. Closing remarks:** President thanks patrons, staff and volunteers for their support of Renfrew Park Community Centre.

**13. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

# President's Report

*Submitted by Anthony Mehnert*

The Renfrew Park Community Association and the Renfrew Park Community Centre have enjoyed another year of tremendous success, and none of this would have been possible without the support of our valued patrons, dedicated staff, and enthusiastic volunteers. You are the pillars that make our Centre the vibrant, welcoming, and impactful space it is.

One of our most exciting developments this year was the successful launch of our Out of School Care Program for children attending Nootka Elementary School. With over 20 spots available, the program filled quickly and has been warmly received by families. We are optimistic about expanding this service in 2025 to meet growing demand.

Looking to the future, the City's Rupert-Renfrew Station Area Plan is on the horizon, with the city council expected to review it in early 2025. While we do not yet know the full scope of the plan, it is clear that significant redevelopment will bring many new residents to our community. This anticipated growth underscores the urgent need for a replacement facility for our 60-year-old Centre—one that can meet the needs of a rapidly expanding population. We must remain proactive, vocal, and united in advocating for a facility upgrade that will ensure we can continue serving our community effectively.

This year, we also say goodbye to a long-serving and dedicated board member, Eddie Tang, who is retiring after 18 years of service. Eddie has been a valued community leader, first joining us as a volunteer in 2005 when he established the Tai Chi Health and Exercise Group. His efforts have helped countless community members experience the physical, emotional, and mental benefits of Tai Chi. Eddie has also been instrumental in fundraising efforts, including building the community shelter at Slocan Park, and has been recognized with numerous accolades, including the Renfrew Park Community Centre's 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award. His passion for supporting those in need and his unwavering dedication to the community will be greatly missed. We thank Eddie for his incredible contributions and wish him all the best in his retirement.

On behalf of the Association, I want to express our deepest gratitude to our patrons, Park Board staff, Association staff, and volunteers. Your commitment, energy, and passion are the driving forces behind our successes. We eagerly look forward to another year of collaboration and progress as we continue to build on the strong foundation we have created together.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

# Treasurer's Annual Report

Submitted by Julianne Liang

I am pleased to report that the Renfrew Park Community Association's finances remain in excellent health, reflecting our ongoing commitment to diligent and transparent financial management. This year's audit, conducted by Tompkins Wozny Chartered Professional Accounting Firm, concluded with no significant difficulties, and there were no changes to our accounting policies. I encourage members to review our financial statements, which underscore our strong financial position.

Key highlights of this fiscal year include a \$10,000 increase in deferred revenue from our Licensed Preschool program and a \$15,000 increase in our Child Care Operating Grant compared to last year. These gains further enhance our financial foundation and ability to support our community programs.

Our financial stability and seamless audit process would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of Donna Miazga, whose meticulous bookkeeping continues to set the standard for excellence.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Henry Lee, who has generously shared his in-depth knowledge with me as I step into the Treasurer role. His guidance has been invaluable in helping me better understand the intricacies of this position.

As we look ahead, I am confident that the Renfrew Park Community Association is well-positioned to continue delivering on its mission and meeting the needs of our vibrant community. Thank you to the Board of Directors, Park Board staff, and Association staff for your support and collaboration this year.

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## Financial Reports

Please refer to the Financial Report which can be viewed online at <https://www.renfrewcc.com/about-us/community-association/>



# Program Committee Report

**Members:** Judy Egerton, Albert Lee, Henry Lee , Sari Lundberg, and Anthony Mehnert

**Staff Members:** Suzanne Liddle, Nick Fong, Angela Lee, and Andy Teoh

## **Meeting Schedule:**

The committee meets once a month, virtually, on the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Program Committee at Renfrew Park Community Centre remains steadfast in its mission to evaluate, enhance, and support the diverse array of programs and services offered to our community. This year, the committee continued to focus on improving accessibility, fostering leadership development, and celebrating community milestones.

Key highlights from this fiscal year include:

- **Creation and Launch of the Licensed After School Care Program:** The committee supported the successful establishment of the After School Care Program, providing essential childcare services to families at Nootka Elementary School.
- **Program Subsidy Request Form:** To streamline the process and increase accessibility for patrons in need, the committee approved the creation of a new subsidy request form.
- **Camp Sasamat Leadership Initiative:** Funding was approved to enable local youth to attend Camp Sasamat, where they developed valuable leadership skills that will benefit both them and the community.
- **Support for the 60th Anniversary Event:** The committee played a role in planning the Renfrew Park Community Centre's 60th Anniversary celebration, which takes place early in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The committee continues to meet monthly, engaging with recreation staff and board members to assess program needs, review new ideas, and consider community input. Key responsibilities this year included addressing program requests, evaluating cost and wage proposals, and supporting grant applications to ensure the centre's offerings remain innovative and accessible.

In collaboration with partners like the Still Moon Arts Society and the Collingwood Neighbourhood House, we also worked to enhance the centre's role as a hub for community engagement. By maintaining a close partnership with Recreation Program staff and affiliated groups, the Program Committee ensures that Renfrew Park Community Centre continues to deliver high-quality programming and events.

We extend our gratitude to Suzanne Liddle, Nick Fong, Angela Lee, and Andy Teoh for their tireless dedication, and we invite community members to join us in shaping the future of Renfrew Park by participating in our meetings or considering a role on the Board of Directors.

# Community Recreation Supervisor's Annual Report

*Submitted by Andy Teoh*

I, Andy Teoh, joined the Renfrew Park Community Centre team on July 22, 2024, to provide coverage for Suzanne Liddle, Community Recreation Supervisor, during her time away. As I joined near the end of the Association's fiscal year, my focus was on supporting the Association in finalizing their financials, addressing any year-end requests, and planning for the 60th Anniversary celebrations. Additional support during the late summer was directed to day camps, playground maintenance, and the pool refit.

I would like to thank the staff and the Renfrew Park Community Association for their warm welcome. Understanding that I stepped in on short notice, everyone was incredibly helpful and supportive in helping me get up to speed.

We continue to experience several staff changes, including the resignation of Recreation Programmer II in the pool, Chris Delahunty, who has moved on to new opportunities. We extend our thanks to Chris for their contributions to Renfrew and the support they provided. Currently, we are in the process of hiring a replacement, and in the meantime, Emily Nowicki, Aquatic Leader, has stepped up to act as Recreation Programmer II – Pool.

With these staffing changes and a shifting employment landscape, all onsite staff have stepped up to cover gaps and ensure continued seamless delivery of programs and services to our community. As highlighted in the staff report, we remain focused on addressing staffing turnover by prioritizing succession planning, training, and support. These efforts are essential to maintaining the longevity of our programs and services.

We also completed several site upkeep tasks at the end of this fiscal year, including inspections, cleaning, and maintenance, to keep the building in optimal condition for supporting our programs.

I will be here through the end of the calendar year, and I'm excited to continue supporting the Association, staff, and community in their recreational pursuits. Once again, I extend my gratitude to the Association and staff for their hard work and dedication this year.

# Community Recreation Programmer's Report

*Submitted by Nick Fong*

The 2023-2024 year at Renfrew Park Community Centre saw a continued infusion of new staff. Key additions to our programming team included Child Care Manager Elizabeth Casacang and Program Assistant IIs Kieran Sherestan, Marni McMullen, and Donald Doyle. These team members brought fresh ideas and innovative approaches to community programming. We also extend thanks to Thien Nguyen and Jacky Ly for their work through late 2023 and early 2024; it was a pleasure working with them, and they made significant contributions to their roles.

This year, some program changes included the loss of popular offerings such as the ESL Conversations class with Laura Tang (retirement), Children's Chess classes with Joe Soliven (scheduling), and Lego Robotics classes with Tomorrow's Playground (scheduling). However, we introduced several new programs that have been well-received, including Preschool Cantonese lessons, Children's Computer Coding classes, and girls-only basketball training. We also continued to see high enrollment in Adult Line Dance, Adult Pickleball, Children's Badminton Lessons, and Private Music Lessons (piano, singing, violin, guitar, and drumming).

In the fall, we hosted successful events for children, with both our Halloween and Breakfast with Santa events selling out. Unfortunately, our Diwali event was canceled due to low enrollment, though we hosted a well-attended Flu Clinic in November. During the winter/spring seasons, our Easter event sold out with 150 attendees, and we introduced a new Earth Day Event, inviting the community to a "Ravine Check-up" in the adjacent Renfrew Ravine portion of Still Creek. In the summer, we continued our partnership with Collingwood Days, held on July 20th.

From a Day Camp perspective, Renfrew hosted Winter Break (93% enrollment over one week) and Spring Break (100% enrollment over two weeks) camps, which were well received. During summer break, we offered 30 spots at Falaise Hall (89% enrollment over eight weeks) and 35 spots at Renfrew (100% enrollment over nine weeks). The Falaise camp marked the second year of our "Supported Day Camp" program, reserving three spots per week for referrals from the Citywide Access and Inclusion team, allowing 15 unique campers to participate. Additional staffing was crucial, and we were able to secure a Behavioral Support Worker, funded through our Canada Summer Jobs grant, to support all children's day camp programs. This year, Renfrew received a Canada Summer Jobs Grant for 12 positions, totaling over \$74,000. Demand for all camp programs remained high, and we were pleased to continue our partnership with the Windermere Community Schools Team, offering spots for school referrals in our school-aged camps.

With the additions of Kieran, Marni, and Don, our programming is expanding and reaching more people in our community. We welcome community input, and if you're interested in joining these discussions or listening in, please attend our Program Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. online via Google Meet. For more information, feel free to reach out to me via email.

# Community Youth Worker's Report

*Submitted by Starla Bayley, Youth Worker*

This past year has been remarkable, with many successes. In fall 2023, we expanded our social program to offer separate pre-teen and teen groups. However, the program runs more smoothly when both age groups attend together. Not enough teens were interested in a registered program every Friday night, so we increased the group size to 30 participants with a team of three staff. This arrangement works well, as we sell out every season (fall, winter, spring). Over the summer, we offer a quieter, week-by-week program.

The new wristband system for Friday nights has helped us track the number of youth visiting the center. Rarely do we have fewer than 100 young people here on a Friday. Having extra staff in the games room has been invaluable for monitoring activity throughout the center.

Both youth councils have continued to contribute significantly to the community. The Junior Youth Council focused on fundraising for the Canucks Autism Network, raising nearly \$125. They also explored food security, partnering with Skills BC to build raised planter beds for growing vegetables, which were later donated to support senior luncheons.

The Senior Youth Council educated themselves and peers on ocean conservation with Ocean Wise and water preservation efforts. They also successfully applied for a Citywide Youth Week Grant, which supported a large Youth Week event that attracted more than 50 attendees.

Volunteering remains a key way for youth to connect with the community center. This year, we had 99 volunteers who completed a total of 3,072.5 service hours, supporting both scheduled programs and special events.

We adjusted summer camps this year by moving them outdoors to the community center field. This change was well received, resulting in the fullest programs we've had since I joined Renfrew. Due to this success, we plan to continue running the camps outside.

Additionally, youth had two opportunities to attend camp this year, allowing them to leave the city and experience nature—often a first-time experience for many. "Camp Get Out" was held in the spring, and "Camp CoV" took place at the end of summer. Leading up to Camp CoV, we organized several leadership sessions, including volunteering for the Music in the Park event. This initiative helped build strong relationships among the youth before we travelled to Sasamat for camp.

Overall, it has been a wonderful year, thanks to the tremendous support of the Renfrew Park Community Association.

# Program Assistant III's Report

## Food Programs

Submitted by Marni McMullen

We would like to thank the Renfrew Park Community Association for their continued support of food-based programming. This has been an exciting year as we rolled out three new cooking programs, made important updates to our Community Lunch program, and welcomed many new faces into our centre.

### Community Lunch

The Friday lunch program offers a low-cost, nutritious meal and an opportunity for community connection. Unlike similar programs, ours is open to people of all ages. We see a healthy turnout of seniors, multigenerational families, and a diverse range of community members each week. In addition to a good meal, participants enjoy the social benefits of eating with others at large community tables. The Association's funding has been crucial in maintaining this popular, well-loved program.

This year brought changes to the Community Lunch program. Initially, we continued with a COVID-era system where members registered for an entire season at once. This approach resulted in the same attendees each week, frequent no-shows, and complaints about repetitive menus. In response, we updated the registration system, diversified the menus, and collaborated with Elder Kanatii Gabriel on Indigenous-focused meals. Since implementing these changes, we've welcomed over 140 unique clients—compared to approximately 80 last year—including visitors from other neighbourhoods and countries. We look forward to further growth by introducing vegetarian options and selling leftovers to increase accessibility and revenue.

### Community Kitchens

This year, we piloted monthly Community Kitchens to provide free meals and cooking workshops to equity-deserving populations. Funded by the Nutritious Meals Grant, we focused on serving newcomers to Canada, 2SLGBTQIA+ adults, and food-insecure youth and families. These programs emphasise healthy cooking, cultural exchange, and community connections, offering space for participants to learn and share skills.

We hosted 18 sessions, feeding approximately 85 people, introducing 40 new clients to the centre, and serving over 200 meals. The programs evolved based on community feedback and operational needs, as we aim to provide food programs that are both inclusive and sustainable, aligned with our long-term vision for the Renfrew Heights community.

### Cooking with Fatima

Our cooking classes offer community members a chance to build culinary skills through engaging and educational sessions led by experienced instructors. This year, we enjoyed another successful series of classes with Fatima Kheraj, who offered three themed workshops per season, each lasting three sessions. Her creativity in delivering diverse themes within budget



constraints, despite rising grocery prices, has been invaluable. We are sad to see her retire but wish her well and are currently seeking new facilitators to continue these popular programs.

## **Seniors Programs**

Submitted by Don Doyle

I joined Renfrew in February 2024 as a Program Assistant III, focusing on seniors' programs. Growing up in this area, I have fond memories of learning to swim, playing basketball, and enjoying the outdoor fields at Renfrew.

### **Special Events**

This year, we hosted four special events, one of which was cancelled due to low enrollment. Most events were well-attended, featuring live entertainment that got members dancing and singing. The events included the St. Valentine's Luncheon, St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Viva La Mexico Luncheon, and Flashback Luncheon. We are deeply grateful to Fatima and her volunteers for preparing meals for each event.

### **Workshops**

We offered a range of workshops on health, safety, and cultural topics, including sessions led by First Nations educators Roberta Kennedy and Dawn Crammer. These workshops, which were funded by the New Horizons Grant, brought in storytellers, dance instructors, and health experts to engage seniors in diverse experiences such as preparing healing teas and learning the basics of ping pong.

### **Community Groups**

The Chinese Social Group was especially popular, organising events like the Mother's Day and Father's Day socials, with over 100 and 60 attendees, respectively. The Tuesday Social group and Book Club both grew in membership this year. Newly introduced programs, such as Belly Dance and bus trips to local sites, were made possible through the New Horizons Grant.

Looking ahead, we aim to continue offering programs that keep our seniors engaged, active, and connected. I thank the Renfrew Park Community Association for their continued support of the seniors' programs.

## **Special Events and Rentals**

*Submitted by Kieran Sherestan*

My name is Kieran Sherestan, and I am the Program Assistant III overseeing Birthday Parties, Special Events, and Facility Rentals. I want to thank the Association for their support of our community.

Winter 2024 was both successful and busy. The main challenge this year has been managing rising costs for food, performers, and supplies while maintaining affordable fees for events and programs.

## **Lunar New Year**

Lunar New Year was a success with full enrollment. The performers and crafts were well-received, though the food quantities fell short of our expectations. We'll explore other suppliers and more budget-friendly options in the future.

## **Family Day and Easter Eggstravaganza**

Family Day was also a success, with proceeds from concessions and face painting offsetting the costs of free events. Easter Eggstravaganza saw full attendance across all sessions, and the goodie bags were a hit.

## **Music in the Park**

Though attendance was lower than expected due to late promotion, Music in the Park featured excellent performers. We'll focus on earlier and broader outreach next year.

## **Birthday Parties and Rentals**

Birthday party bookings remain at full capacity, with youth volunteers helping to manage events. Room rentals are steady, and we're working on improving the online booking process to streamline information collection.

I am grateful for the community's continued support, and I look forward to enhancing the programs and events offered at Renfrew.

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# Pool Programmer's Report

*Submitted by: Emily Nowicki*

The pool has remained an active community hub with increasing momentum in hosting rentals, onboarding new staff, and offering diverse programming. As we continue to adapt to the changing needs of our patrons and staff, we are steadily regrowing back to a new normal and seeing participation rates rise compared to previous years. I would like to thank the Renfrew Park Community Association for its continued support of the pool and the role it plays in connecting the community center with pool users.



Our leadership team welcomed Chris Delahunty in Fall 2023 as Pool Programmer. Chris facilitated the introduction of new user groups, such as the Vipers Water Polo Club and the Oceanoids Open Water Swim Association, to Renfrew Pool. His creative approach to programming allowed for flexibility and innovation. During Chris's time here, Aquatic Leaders Marina, Emily, and Will focused on mentoring and providing hands-on training for new auxiliary lifeguards. Both Will and Chris pursued new career paths later in the year, and we bid them farewell in June and August 2024, respectively.

We onboarded several new auxiliary lifeguards, which enabled us to offer more swimming lessons. This increase in staff has improved overall operations, supporting swimming lessons, including daytime school board lessons, throughout the winter, spring, and fall seasons. Adapted swimming lessons were also offered more frequently from 2023 to 2024 and have been well-received. This increase in programming marks our progress toward returning to a pre-pandemic standard.

We were pleased to support gender diversity initiatives by hosting the 2STGD Swim in spring 2023. While some regular users needed time to adjust to the scheduling changes, the feedback from attendees was very positive. The organizers have reached out, expressing interest in bringing this swim back into our programming next year.

Our Fall 2024 refit was successfully completed, despite scheduling overlaps with other city pools requiring the support of our trades and mechanical staff. Key maintenance issues, including the UV filter, hot tub, and main tank pumps, were addressed or replaced. We also received word that Renfrew Pool will have ongoing "check-ups" following our reopening to reduce frequent chemical-related maintenance issues.

Renfrew Pool continues to be a lively, highly social space for our patrons. Our staff team remains dedicated to its success, and we look forward to growing and evolving to meet the changing needs of the community.

# Licensed Child Care Report

*Submitted by Elizabeth Casaclang*

## **Licensed Out of School Care**

We successfully launched our Out of School Care Program, providing after-school care for children enrolled at Nootka Elementary School. We extend our gratitude to the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Coastal Health for their prompt assistance in securing our Occupancy Permit and Child Care Licence. By the end of June, all necessary permits were issued, allowing us to open online registration to the public on July 21, 2024. Two Out of School Care staff were hired, and they have done an outstanding job in developing a safe and enjoyable program for the children.

We offered 24 spots, which filled within just half an hour. Our monthly After Care fee is \$395.65, and the program runs from September to June. Both staff and children have adapted well to their new routines. In September 2024, we welcomed our first unscheduled inspection from Licensing, and I'm pleased to report that we were found to be in full compliance with Child Care Licensing Regulations, with no contraventions noted.

## **Licensed Preschool**

The 2023/2024 school year concluded with great success. In December 2023, we were approved to participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) to help reduce parent fees. The reduction amounts we receive are prescribed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, and families were delighted to benefit from these savings.

The 2024 Licensed Preschool Summer Camp also thrived, with full enrollment each week. For the 2024/2025 school year, our Preschool programs are at capacity, with 30 students in each class, except for our two-day morning class, which currently has two available spots. Although we are licensed for up to 40 students per program, we maintain a cap of 30 to avoid the need for a fourth teacher, which would only be feasible with an enrollment of 35 or more students.

Both our Licensed Out of School Care Program and Licensed Preschool Program have been approved for the Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF), Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI), and Wage Enhancement from the Ministry. The Ministry's funding year runs from April to March, and we will be renewing both Funding Agreements in early 2025.

We are also collaborating closely with Vancouver Supportive Child Development (VSCD) for both our Out of School Care and Preschool Programs to support children requiring additional assistance in the classroom. VSCD provides us with consultation, access to their lending library for equipment, and additional funding for staffing to facilitate the inclusion of children with extra needs.

On behalf of the Preschool and Out of School Care programs, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Board, Vancouver Parks Board staff, and our families for their continued support.



# Renfrew Park Community Association 2023-2024 Board Members

<b>President</b>	Anthony Mehnert	<b>Past President</b>	Albert Lee
<b>Vice President</b>	Henry Lee	<b>Treasurer</b>	Julienne Liang
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Sari Lundberg	<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Egerton

## Members at Large

Chris Bayliss	Julienne Liang	Ting (Fay) Lin	Eddie Tang	Gayle Uthoff
Barbara Leung	David Ng			



## Mission Statement

We aim to assist in developing and fostering community spirit and involvement and to work closely with the other groups in the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood. We aim to provide cultural, intellectual, and physical activities through affordable recreation and leisure.





# Renfrew Park Community Complex Staff 2023-2024

## Community Recreation

<b>Supervisor</b>	Suzanne Liddle, Andy Teoh (Interim)
<b>Programmer - Centre</b>	Nick Fong
<b>Programmer - Pool</b>	Bradley Kuong, Christopher Delahunt, Emily Nowicki (Interim)
<b>Program Assistant III</b>	Kieran Sherestan, Marni McMullen
<b>Fitness Centre Programmer</b>	Kinga Wdowiak, Steve Tautscher
<b>Community Youth Worker</b>	Starla Bayley
<b>Seniors' Worker</b>	Donald Doyle
<b>Recreation Facility Clerk</b>	Monica Kochhar
<b>Cashier Clerk Typist</b>	Donna Miazga
<b>Head Cashier</b>	John Henry White
<b>Aquatic Leader</b>	Marina Cooke, Emily Nowicki
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<b>Building Service Worker</b>	Danilo Pesigan (retired), Alex Subebe
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