



# Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre **ANNUAL MEETING**

# 2022/2023

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# A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Hello everyone! We hope that you have all had a happy and healthy summer.

It's that time of the year again – time to reflect on the triumphs and challenges that have been part of growth of the Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre (OILRC) this year. As your Board members, we are so proud of the way the Centre's members, volunteers, students, and staff have continued to support each other and work together to expand programming and help the OILRC thrive.

This year, thanks to your efforts and flexibility, round table sessions for members have continued and we've enjoyed great activities, including our Halloween, Holiday, and New Year's Eve parties. You have also helped to raise awareness of the important work we do here through your participation in outings, like attending the Tulip festival, and your amazing contributions to events like the OILRC's fundraising markets. An example of these contributions is your beautiful art work, through which you have all shown such developed skillsets. We are so fortunate and grateful that our artist, Allyson Luedtke, has continued to support the OILRC and all its members, including staff. It is thanks to your continued support and love for our centre that we have not only continued programming, but also grown and found ways to serve more of our community.

You did all this and more in the face of significant staff turnover at the OILRC. Ximena Rodriguez took charge of peer support programming when Allison Lusby left the Centre to pursue other career opportunities in August 2022. Direct Funding programming was under the direction of Roberto Guardado until he left in April of last year and Jada Wahabu took over.

Robin Green vacated the role of OILRC Executive Director in June 2022 and Gina Varelas-Stapper took the helm in September 2022. The Board would like to extend huge thanks to Gina. Her genuine care for and belief in the strength of our members, passion for everything the Centre stands for, and seemingly boundless energy has allowed the OILRC to take big steps forward this year: our membership grew and we offered more programming, support and services than ever before.

Particularly special mention goes out to the Centre's Board Treasurer and de facto Chief Financial Officer, Anne-Marie Joanisse: she has worked tirelessly to get OILRC up to date on our financials. We thank you so much!

As always, we would also like to thank the OILRC's behind-the-scenes support group, made up of volunteers, community partners, and funders. We are so grateful to Cistel Technology, Service Coordination, Lola Charitable Gaming Association, and the Canadian Career Development Foundation. Much gratitude goes to the Centre's individual donors as well. Your support is indispensable and so appreciated. Thank you!



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# Thank you

# PROGRAMS

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

### PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Program continues to empower members and provide space for expression, relationship building and recreation. OILRC has offered many programs in person and virtually in 2022/2023 year.





We were fortunate to be able to meet in person at OILRC for our various programs including Round Table Discussions, Coffee & Chat, Zumba, Games Day, Connecting with Tech, Painting with Allyson, among many other programs, and events like our Halloween party, Holiday party, and going to the Tulip Festival. We have continued to make drop-offs out art and other packages for those that couldn't join us in person.

We are so thankful to our all our partnerships, including our longstanding partnership with Service Coordination for their continued support in providing program to fit the needs of our consumers.

# CONSUMER SPOTLIGHT

## Nicole Graham

Nicole has been a consumer at OILRC for a number of years. Nicole has always played a valued role for those at the centre and her friends. This past year we have been so grateful for the time and commitment Nicole has made not only on running programs like Bingo, she has also regularly assisted in caring for our centre and has been involved in a number of our fundraisers. Nicole has also painted a number of canvases that have sold, with the funds going back into OILRC programming. In fact, the painting that Nicole is holding in this picture sold at the Tulip festival this May 2023.



# **DIRECT FUNDING**

Coming out of COVID-19 Pandemic continued to present some challenges for implementation of the Direct Funding program. Interviews continued to mainly be virtual, with the exception with some in person visits. Many Self-Managers continued to experience staffing challenges, post-pandemic. The government of Ontario implemented a Temporary Wage Increase to help incentivize health care workers, which was made permanent, though staffing challenges persisted for some Self-Managers.

The Ottawa region was able to take on a number of new Direct Funding Participants in 2022/2023, and saw an increase of new applications submitted.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## Financial Summary

March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
<b><u>Statement of Financial Position</u></b>		
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash, accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	\$ 54,734	\$ 36,270
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Revenue and Net Assets:</b>		
Current liabilities	10,956	4,521
Deferred contributions	21,507	6,674
Unrestricted net assets	22,271	25,075
	<u>\$ 54,734</u>	<u>\$ 36,270</u>
<b><u>Statement of Operations</u></b>		
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Grants:		
Government of Canada	39,618	45,684
Province of Ontario	91,032	102,618
Other	23,225	66,622
Donations	9,602	3,127
Bingo	27,400	472
Contract and other (including fundraising)	2,700	1,634
	<u>\$ 193,577</u>	<u>\$ 220,157</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salaries and benefits	133,650	156,054
Rent and utilities	28,064	30,036
Contract work and fundraising	7,386	1,285
Capital asset purchases	3,318	1,686
Office and general	23,963	24,284

	\$ 196,381	\$ 213,345
<b>Net Revenue (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (2,804)</b>	<b>\$ 6,812</b>

## **OILRC 2021 AGM – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Meeting Held Via Zoom and In-Person

Attendance: Jean Bray, Ximena Rodriguez, Jada Wahabu, Kim, Erin Naef, Emily Rahm, Georgina Varelas-Stapper, Anne-Marie Joanisse, Eric Smith, Sherry Brachfeld, Debra Gurwicz, Nicole Souey, Debra A., Van, Ana, Jacques Quesnel

### **Welcoming Words**

- Started with introductions: Name and involvement with OILRC.
- Meeting called to order by Erin at 6:35PM.
- Erin explained to the group the definition of a motion.
- Meeting agenda approved. Seconded by Anne-Marie.
- 2021 AGM minutes approved. Seconded by Jean Bray.

### **Message from the Board**

- Thanked everyone for their resiliency and ability to adjust to the circumstances related to COVID-19 and staffing changes that occurred throughout the year.
- Message from the board approved. Jean and Kim seconded the motion.

### **Program Updates**

- Peer support – more activities and programs are added to the calendar, as per decisions made at Round Table.
- Consumer Spotlight – Van has reached many of her goals with the support of OILRC.
- Staffing in Direct Funding was a bit of a challenge due to the pandemic.
  - o Continuing to work on new applications.
  - o Starting to work through the waitlist.
  - o Some self-managers have found staffing a challenge as a result of Covid, which has continued to be an issue as we move out of the pandemic.
- Program updates approved. Seconded by Jean and Kim.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report from April 2021 to March 2022.

- Statement of operations – Total revenue was \$220,157. Total expense was \$213,345.
- Sources of funding:
  - o Direct Funding
  - o ESDC
  - o Bingo
    - Bingo has been running regularly now, and we have added another session.
  - o SCS
  - o IM&M+ will not be continuing, so that will be a loss of revenue.
- Main expenses – salary, rent, and supplies/insurance/services/other.
- Peer support revenue has continued to decrease, so efforts will be made to increase funding for the program.
- Treasurer's report approved. Seconded by Erin and Jean.
- Motion to appoint Frouin Group as next year's auditor approved. Seconded by Jean.

### **Board Re-Elections**

- Erin Naef – re-elected
- Anne-Marie Joanisse – re-elected
- Emily Rahn – re-elected

### **Other Business**

- Erin Naef – So many staff changes lately. Special thank you to Georgina Varelas-Stapper for filling in the position of Executive Director. Ximena Rodriguez for filling the position of Peer Support Coordinator. Jada Wahabu for filling the position of Direct Funding Coordinator.
- Jean (consumer) wanted to ask the Board of Directors as to why it took so long to fill the position of Executive Director. Consumers felt not having someone in the role left OILRC and its' consumers in an insecure position, as many believed OILRC would be closing it's doors. The Board responded by describing their efforts and explaining the challenges they faced in trying to find a suitable person to fill the role.

### **Adjournment**

- Erin Naef called the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.