



**CEDAR COTTAGE
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



Building Community Together Since 1950

Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House (CCNH) is a volunteer-driven community service agency and gathering place with a mission to make our neighbourhood a better place to live. We accomplish all this in a welcoming space, filled with warm and caring staff and volunteers who are united by a commitment to community development and social justice.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY BOARD

The CCNH Community Board is comprised of a diverse and dedicated group of people who work with the Executive Director to advance and champion the strategies of the house. In the last three years we have had two main areas of focus:

1) **New facility development consultation**

In 2022 we met regularly with the re-development Project Team to create the project guidelines and give feedback on the design and integrity of the plan. Board members gave input that considered the perception from the community as well as the aesthetic, functional and essential nature of Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House.

2) **Community connection and listening**

This year the house facilitated an all candidates meeting for the Federal election in September. We welcomed candidates from all parties and nearly sixty people attended on zoom. We also hosted a community connections dinner at a local restaurant and invited members of the Indigenous Advisory Circle and former board members to talk together about the path forward.

One of the highlights of 2022 was celebrating, Donna Chang, the CCNH Executive Director and our indefatigable leader for nearly forty years, at the YWCA Women of Distinction gala. We nominated Donna in the Non-Profit award category. More than 30 people attended or wrote letters of reference and support to honour everything Donna has done for CCNH and social justice in Canada. Congratulations Donna!

Thanks to our 2021-2022 Board Members: Aydin Smith, Asha Khalla, Elaine Zheng, Matt Hessey, Tanya Fink, Johnson Leung, Vanna Nguyen, Teddy Chan and Emily Beam for all their contributions.

Claudia Sjoberg

June 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's 2022 and we have lived with COVID since 2019. Our staff have carried the load to keep us safe, happy and whole. With the staff there have been amazing volunteers on the Community Board, the Indigenous Advisory Circle, the Seniors Hub, the Neighbourhood Small Grants Resident Committee and the Brewer's Park Garden Circle who have given us the support to be hopeful and to believe in our work. And then there is the amazing crew working on the Cedar Cottage Redevelopment and our extended family at the Association of Neighbourhood Houses-this report is an expression of gratitude for all of your leadership, commitment and support. Thank you...

I dedicate this Annual Report to my amazing mother-Lillian Yet Moi Chang, who passed away in 2021. She was gifted from the love and honour of being part of Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House. She was so proud that she found a place to belong and find friendship in her final years. I thank all of Cedar Cottage for being my family.

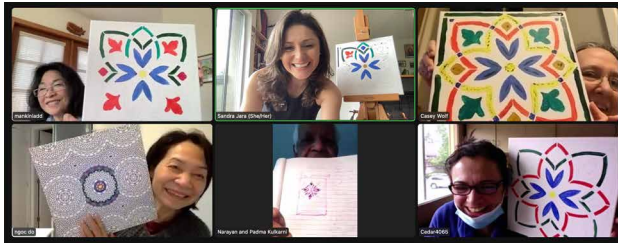
Donna Chang
Executive Director

2021-2022 Milestones:

- Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House becomes the operator of Kensington Out-of-School Care and Kensington Preschool
- Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House becomes the operator of Brewer's Park Community Garden
- Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House participates and supports the development of the City of Vancouver Equity Framework
- Seniors Caregiver Project is developed
- All programs are re-instated and fully operational (10 child care programs, Adult Day Programs, Family Drop Ins, Youth Programs)
- New partnership with the Learning Disabilities Association for an afterschool tutoring Program

Seniors Hub

The Seniors Hub is made up of wonderful community champions (Manjit Channa, Augustine Lal, Narayan Kulkarni, Ngoc Do, Mankin Lal, Beverly Pellegrin and Verna Mar) who volunteered their time to ensure that seniors continued to connect and be healthy during the pandemic. Many thanks to Jane Belanger for leading Ukulele classes at the park delivered by and to Narayan Kulkarni for leading online workshops on Advance care Planning.



I have been a member for the last 3 years and I feel I have support and friendship with Hub Council members, we work together on projects and seniors' issues. Thanks to CCNH for investing in the health and well-being of older adults in the local community.

Mandy Channa, HUB member

NSG Resident Committee

When neighbours come together in the spirit of community and have fun, there's a good chance that the project is funded through the Neighbourhood Small Grants Program. We are lucky to have an amazing committee of volunteers who put many hours into the review and selection of community building projects. Thanks to Paramjit Gill, Tess Keaton, Vanna Nguyen and Fay Lin who approved over 50 applications for local residents to come together to learn, to share and to be together in community.



Being on the NSG committee provides me opportunities to work with many project leaders in the neighbourhood. This fulfills my need for connection, community and contribution.

Ting Fei (Fay), NSG Committee Member

Brewer's Park

Our Brewer's Park Garden Vision is to create an edible garden that grows local, organic food for and by participants; to create a green community space for neighbour to neighbour interaction, and to create a space for intergenerational and cross cultural learning. Through the generous support of wisdom and time, we are grateful to Steven and Barbara Bishop, Amy Fell and Tasha Gallagher for working alongside us in this journey since it began in 2021.



I am enjoying getting to know people in my neighbourhood through having the garden care and stewardship in common. Brewer's Park Garden enables us to grow food, flowers and community, together.
Amy Fell, Community Garden Circle Member

Indigenous Advisory

The Indigenous Advisory was an initiative of a Cedar Cottage Board Member Zaa-Joseph. In our efforts to capture our work in Reconciliation, the Indigenous Advisory has become a place to explore the connections, history and relationships that have shaped Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House and our deep commitment to the first people of this land. Our deepest thanks to Fran Bolton, Jacqueline Hanuse, Kat Norris, Loreili Williams, Lorinda Seto, Natalie Pritchard, Nic Johnson, Steven Eastman, Zaa Joseph for all of their knowledge and leadership.



"I have been involved with Cedar Cottage since I was a child, also worked for Cedar Cottage. I have worked with the COV on the Urban People's Advisory Council - advocating for Indigenous Issues for the past 6 years. I come from the Ojibway Nation. This is an exciting opportunity, creating the Advisory circle, it will become a space for creating community,"

Steven Eastman

The Cedar Cottage Redevelopment Project Working Group

The Cedar Cottage Project Working Group is made up of representatives of the key groups responsible for the principles and development of the project. It is an honour to work with Matt Hessey (CCNH Community Board Member), Liz Loughheed Green (ANHBC Chief Executive Officer), Kelly Woods (CCNH Staff), Steven Eastman (CCNH Indigenous Advisory), Daniel Saxton, Noha Sankey, Dani Bizinelli, (CitySpaces Development Consultants) and Mark Ehman and Mahtab Azadeh, (DA Architects). These individuals are the backbone of the Cedar Cottage Redevelopment Project.

Redevelopment Project Project Principles

- 1 Let values lead
- 2 Listen, learn, and engage meaningfully
- 3 Create a warm and welcoming neighbourhood house
- 4 View the project through an Indigenous lens
- 5 Facilitate diversity and inclusion
- 6 Ensure comfort, health, safety, and control
- 7 Facilitate flexible spaces for programming and gathering
- 8 Encourage social connection
- 9 Plan for future generations

The Amazing Staff at Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House

From the management team to child care workers, the amazing staff at Cedar Cottage have brought their hearts and minds to make a difference in the lives of our community members. Their compassion has been undeniable through the many days when COVID affected our seniors, our children and their families. Through this all, staff supported by volunteers delivered meals, water, fans, birthday gifts and hope. Staff showed up at 70 caregivers' doors with a care package and delivered 150 holiday packages to seniors for Christmas and Lunar New Year. Our child care staff never stopped. Through every day of the pandemic, the child care team showed up for work and gave their care to the children. Thank you to everyone.



PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

3500	People participated at Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House
191	Adult and youth volunteers contributed over 4700 hours
337	Seniors are supported through targeted programs and services
740	Families received support both individually and in programs

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

REVENUES	
Earned Income	1,383,925
City of Vancouver	183,832
Province of BC	1,371,214
Federal Government of Canada	116,892
United Way	24,018
Gaming	60,000
Interest & Investment Income	112,018
Donations, Fundraising	8,189
Other Contributions & Miscellaneous	142,306
TOTAL REVENUE	3,402,394
EXPENSES	
Salaries and Benefits	2,317,155
Program & Food & Transportation	194,734
Purchased Services and Subcontracts	173,090
Building Occupancy	140,066
Other Expenses	15,766
Office Expenses	39,453
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,880,264
<i>Excess of revenue over expenses</i>	522,130
<i>Amortization of deferred property</i>	7,299
<i>Amortization of property & equipment</i>	(11,051)
<i>Unrealized gain (loss) on investments</i>	10,988
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	529,366

This Statement of Operations has been prepared for the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House Community Board by ANHBC and is included in the audited financial reports to be presented at the ANHBC AGM on June 30th, 2022