11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023/2024

CHALMERS NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL CORPORATION

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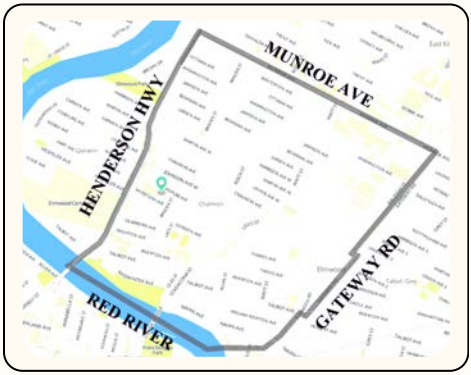
CHALMERS NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA BOUNDARIES

The Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation provides services to all nations on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininewak, Dakota-Oyate, Dene, Inuit, and the national homeland of the Red River Métis.

We respect the treaties that were made on these territories, including Treaty 3 territory which provides us with water, and Treaty 5 which provides our electricity. We acknowledge that Winnipeg takes its drinking water from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. Treaties were created with the First Nations and include past, present, and future inhabitants, so we are all treaty people.

We acknowledge the five Dakota communities in Manitoba that are not signatories to any treaties with Canada. We acknowledge that the acts of colonization which are part of our history have caused deep, lasting harm, which continues today. We commit ourselves, in a good way, to learning about truth and reconciliation, promote healing, and creating a better future for all.



The geographic boundaries of the Chalmers Neighbourhood include Henderson Highway (West), Munroe Avenue (North), Raleigh Road (East) and as you enter the neighbourhood (South) from Archibald/Watt Street near the Nairn Avenue overpass or from either of the Disraeli or Louise Bridges.

MISSION STATEMENT

Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (CNRC) is dedicated to connecting people with opportunities to build a safe, welcoming, and supportive community.

VISION STATEMENT

The CNRC Board adopted the following principles and values for guiding strategic planning, governance, and overall Board guidelines:

- Resident Focus
- Match up with existing By-laws and plans
- Building capacity in the community
- Mentorship supports
- Training supports
- Increased community engagement
- Trust and Accountability
- Noticeable Results
- Strong neighbourhood relations

GUIDING VALUES & PRINCIPLES

The CNRC Board adopted the following principles and values for guiding strategic planning, governance, and overall Board guidelines:

- **IDENTITY:** Enhancing the perceptions of a unique Chalmers neighbourhood in the broader community of Elmwood
- **OPPORTUNITY:** Addressing issues related to poverty with innovative solutions
- **INCREASING EXPECTATIONS:** Raising the baseline for basic standard of services
- **COMMUNITY PROFILE:** A focus on children, youth, young families, older adults, newcomer Canadians and Aboriginal populations
- **A FEELING OF SAFETY:** Throughout all aspects of living within the neighbourhood
- **CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT:** Connecting people, places, and services

CNRC'S 5-YEAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2024-2029 AT A GLANCE

Goal #1: Safety

- Improve safety on roads and sidewalks
- Increase education for safety on roads and sidewalks
- Increase police presence in the neighbourhood
- Increase community outreach with increased planning, presence, and service to residents
- Continue with Safer Cleaner Chalmers Information Sessions
- Continue neighbourhood beautification initiatives

Goal #2: Housing

- Increase renting households who are receiving housing support
- Continue to secure funding and access to grants, rebates and forgivable loans for homeowners
- Involve residents in providing housing support

Goal #3: Health and Wellness

- Improve the cleanliness and appearances of public and private properties
- Increase and improve opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation
- Improve access to physical and mental health resources
- Add Harm Reduction resources

Goal #4: Equity

- Increase inclusive youth and adolescent programming
- Increase supports for newcomers
- Increase access to inclusive and diverse resources
- Improve food security for community members
- Increase inclusive events and programming
- Increase access to adult education services
- Increase physical mobility

Goal #5: Connecting the Community

- Improve supports for seniors 55 and up
- Continue and expand outreach to Elmwood residents and businesses
- Continue and expand reach of social media and newsletter
- Connect residents and local businesses with existing programs to improve the local environment

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As we reflect on the relationships established over a century ago with the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininewak, Dakota-Oyate, Dene, Inuit, and the Red River Métis, we must honour our ongoing responsibility to the earth, the water, and the people of the Chalmers Neighbourhood. We are committed to leaving each place better than we found it, working collaboratively as neighbours for the benefit of our community. It is essential that we respect and cherish children as our own, honour our elders, and continuously strive to improve the Chalmers Neighbourhood, creating an environment where everyone can share, participate, and enjoy the benefits of a safe, prosperous place to live, work, and play.

In the Chalmers area, we are fortunate to have a facility that offers a variety of programs for children, families, youth, and seniors. These programs promote the health and well-being of our residents. Access to initiatives such as the BAG program for fresh vegetables, the Homebuyer's Assistance program, and the Energy Efficiency program—which assists residents with home upgrades to save money—is invaluable. We also provide vouchers for taxi rides to appointments, among other services. Volunteers from the Elmwood Unity Walk contribute to making our area safer by distributing supplies during the walk to those in need. Additionally, the Green Team helps care for the flowers along Henderson Hwy and Watt St, and supports residents who require assistance with grass cutting and various other tasks in the neighbourhood.

We are in the final stages of developing a Biz Zone in Elmwood, and the creation of a newsletter and website has been instrumental in advancing this initiative. Reimagine Elmwood has worked diligently with partners to open 243 Henderson for community use, serving as a venue for events, gatherings, and local businesses. In addition to 243 Henderson, we are implementing garden towers to grow vegetables for community access. It is both an honour and a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation Board and witness the positive impacts on local residents and the growth of a more vibrant community.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Leilani and her dedicated staff for their hard work throughout the year, which makes all these programs possible. With her expertise in securing funding for ongoing initiatives and developing new ones, the residents of the area benefit in many ways, making it a better place to live, work, and play. I also want to thank all the board members for their commitment to attending meetings and contributing to the success of the board.

Finally, I would like to personally thank everyone who has joined us today to celebrate this wonderful community as we strive to make it even better together.

Sincerely,

Janice Stuyck

Chair, Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible work that has taken place within the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (CNRC). Together, we have made strides that are not just important but transformative for the Elmwood community. None of this would have been possible without the dedication, passion, and hard work of the CNRC staff. Every single day, they ensure that we are listening to the community—meeting their needs, responding to their voices, and helping in whatever capacity we can.

To our remarkable staff, I want to say thank you. You go above and beyond to make sure our community feels heard and supported, and that our programs reflect their lived experiences. Whether it's through our outreach, food security efforts, events, housing or community revitalization projects, your unwavering commitment ensures that CNRC is not just a service provider, but a place of access for support and hope.

I also want to express my deepest gratitude to our Board of Directors. Your tireless work, visionary leadership, commitment of time and push for innovation have kept us moving forward. Together, we are creating a safer, more active, healthier, and more equitable community for all of Elmwood. You're not just serving on a board—you're driving change, and your impact is felt in every corner of this neighbourhood

Finally, we could not do this important work without the invaluable support of our funders and sponsors. A heartfelt thank you to Reaching Home; End Homelessness, the City of Winnipeg, City Councillor Jason Schreyer, the Winnipeg Foundation, Suncor, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Healthy Together Now, the Urban Green Team, Canada Summer Jobs, Efficiency Manitoba, the Community Development Branch, and the Department of Families' Child and Youth Services Division. Your continued trust and investment in CNRC empower us to achieve our mission and make a difference in the lives of so many.

Together, we are creating a stronger, more connected Elmwood.

As we close out the 2023-2024 year, I look ahead to the future with excitement. The coming year promises even more opportunities to make a difference, particularly as we expand our efforts to address food security in Elmwood. With new partnerships, projects, and community-driven initiatives on the horizon, CNRC is poised to tackle some of the most pressing challenges our community faces. Together, we will continue to build a brighter, more inclusive future for everyone.

Thank you all for your tireless work and continued dedication. I look forward to seeing all we will accomplish in 2024-2025.

With gratitude,

Leilani Villarba

Executive Director, Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janice Stuyck - *Chair*
Emma Durand-Wood - *Vice-Chair/Secretary*
Ryan Kochie - *Treasurer*
Chibuzor Alumba
Gabriel Flores
Dylon Martin
John Stuyck
Susanne Williams
Shawna Johnston
Carissa Campbell
Jen Petty

2024/2025 BOARD NOMINEE

Rodney Thompson (or Rod), is a community member that uses masculine or neutral pronouns. He lives on Glenwood Crescent with his partner, Jae, and their two young children, Gwen (2) and Abby (6). Recently, he joined the CNRC board and is eager to help.

Rod understands that many people struggle to meet basic needs and believes that the current support systems aren't enough. He sees the neighbourhood as the first place to find help and is passionate about building a stronger community.

Rod envisions a community that offers supports in health, community based safety, housing, and food security. While Chalmers is our immediate community, he knows that when we work together here, we will make the world a better place for us all.

2024 AGM AGENDA

12:00 p.m. **Blessing - Elder, Rey Anderson**
Lunch served
12:30 p.m. **Welcome to AGM**
~ Truth and Reconciliation and Land Acknowledgement - Elder, Ray
~ Hosted by CNRC Chairperson, Janice Stuyck and
Executive Director, Leilani Esteban-Villarba

Call to Order
12:45 p.m. **General Business**
~ Appoint minute taker September 28th, 2024
~ Adopt September 28th, 2024 Agenda
~ Adopt September 23, 2023 Minutes
~ Review of March 31, 2023/24 Audited Statements - Ken Haworth
~ Approval of Financial Statement
~ Appointment of Auditor for 2025/2026
~Approval of Plain Language By-Laws

Board Members
~ Confirmation of current board members:
~ Janice Stuyck-Chair, Emma Durand Wood-Vice-Chair/Secretary, Ryan Kochie-Treasurer, Board Members: Chibuzor Alumba, Gabriel Flores, Dylon Martin, John Stuyck, Susanne Williams, Shawna Johnston, Carissa Campbell, Jen Petty
~ Nominated board members: Rodney Thompson
~ Nominees from the floor

Thank you and adjourn meeting

Presentation of CNRC Programs and Services
Games and Prizes!

2023 AGM MINUTES

Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 23, 2023

10:45 a.m.
Arrival and Registration

11:00 a.m.
Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgement
~ Hosted by CNRC Chairperson Janice Stuyck
Executive Director - Leilani Esteban-Villarba

Annual General Meeting Aspects
General Business: Led by CNRC Chair, Janice Stuyck
~ Introduction and Process
Leilani welcomed and invited Janice to start business portion
11:12 a.m.- *Jan called the meeting to order-*
using the Basic Roberts Rules of Order
Will refer to by-laws as necessary
~ Appoint minute taker 2023- *Jan motioned to appoint Charity, Susanne seconded- carried*
~ Adopt 2023 Agenda- *Jan motioned to adopt, Dylon seconded- carried*
~ Adopt 2022 Minutes- *Shawna motioned to adopt, Suzanne seconded- carried*
~ Review of Audited Statements - Ken Haworth- *was appointed at last years AGM*
~ Approval of Financial Statement

Ken presented financial statements- Jan motioned to adopt, Suzanne seconded- carried

~ Appointment of Auditor for 2024 – *Jan motioned to accept Ken Haworth as auditor for next year, 2023-2024 Suzanne seconded- carried*

~ Confirmation of Board - Leilani Esteban-Villarba

Jan Stuyck- Chair, Emma Durand Wood – Vice Chair, Theresa Tougas- Treasurer, Shelley Woods- Secretary, Nina Condo, Chibuzor Alumba, Rosh Lemus, Suzanne Williams, John Stuyck, Jil Brody Geller, Gabriel Flores, Carissa Campbell, Shawna Johnston

~ Nominating Committee –nominated members

Dylon Martin

Daphne Super

Motion to nominate new members- no nominees from the floor

Motion to accept the recommended nominees- Suzanne motioned, Carissa seconded- carried

~ Motion to adjourn- Dylon motioned, Shawna seconded- carried

Land Acknowledgement

Open Mic

Thanks to funders, partners, community members and politicians for their support:

Matt Wiebe MLA, Jason Schreyer, Isabelle, Justin Rowan, Michel Durand-Wood, Jon Courtney, Allie- original funder for NA

Several community members also shared their thanks for the work CNRC is doing:

Jason Schreyer, Suzanne, Jon Courtney, Cruz, Alana, Michel Durand-Wood, and Joy Matsubara

11:50 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Overview of Programs and Services

12:30 p.m. Games and Prizes!

MEET THE STAFF

Leilani Esteban-Villarba
Executive Director

Liz Plett
Housing Manager & Action Plan Coordinator

Jacquie Pontedeira
BAG Coordinator & Facility Manager

Charity Strange
Executive Assistant

Louise Mangali
Housing Support & Social Media Manager

Kel Abara
Housing Support

Gerald Onwuka
Tech Personnel

Janice Strempler
Early Years Coordinator

Daniel Bagang
Administrative Assistant

Shawna Johnston
Volunteer Extraordinaire

Amy Wood
Community Connector

We extend our best wishes to our departing staff!
We are grateful for the contributions they have made in our community:
Kendall Pratap, *Mitchell Klippenstein, Brittany Guarino, Mehdi Grar, Tess Gehman, Sameem Ahmad, Anwar Alshehab, Joshua Bagaza, Samuel Bereketab, and Sabriye Nur.*

HOUSING SUPPORT

END HOMELESSNESS/REACHING HOME

- **Support for 173 renters and 7 homeowners** who were assisted with advocacy, housing searches, referrals, transportation, free meals, tech support, pest control and free income tax returns
- **14 houseless individuals** were referred to Coordinated Access Points.
- **18 participants received financial help** with rent arrears, utilities arrears, first month's rent, damage deposit, basic needs kits, storage and prepping for pest control
- **Housing was secured for 30 participants.**

ADDITIONAL HOUSING SUPPORT

- **Support for 290 renters, 41 homeowners, 9 landlords and 9 houseless individuals** who were assisted with advocacy, housing searches, referrals, transportation, free meals, tech support, pest control, basic needs kits and free income tax returns.
- **Housing was secured for 9 participants.**

TRANSPORTATION

83 taxi rides for essential rides and **295 bus tickets** were provided at no-cost to Elmwood residents as well as assistance with WINNpass and Winnipeg Transit Plus applications

FOOD SECURITY

215 free meals and 40 emergency food hampers were provided at no-cost as well as referrals to Harvest Manitoba, Ma Mawi and Better Access to Groceries

INCOME TAX RETURN APPLICATIONS

were submitted at no-cost on behalf of **54 lower-income residents.**

BULKY WASTE REMOVAL

8.2 tonnes of broken furniture, appliances and old mattresses were removed from **91 Chalmers addresses**.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

48 attendees at workshops on Budgeting, Food and Finance and Ways to Save, promoting Money Foundations Certificate

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR GRANTS

11 home repairs were completed including windows, roof, plumbing, foundation, doors and steps to resolve issues of safety and water entry. **Grant monies of $25,000 were expended**. Homeowners contributed an additional $31,276 for a total of $53,776 spent on home repairs in Chalmers.

HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE

One Chalmers home was purchased with a forgivable loan including downpayment and closing costs assistance of $20,700.

CARING FOR ELMWOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS

2 renters were helped with air conditioning repairs.

NEW PARTNERS

YMCA-YWCA Winnipeg, Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop, Premier Removal Services, and Credit Counselling Society

YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg

Kildonan MCC THRIFT SHOP

PREMIER REMOVAL SERVICES

Credit Counselling Society

PLANS FOR 2024-2025

Continue connecting renters, homeowners, and landlords to housing supports for long-term healthy and safe housing in Chalmers and Elmwood.

BETTER ACCESS TO GROCERIES (BAG)

The Better Access to Groceries (B.A.G.) program has been operating for 9 1/2 years. The program was developed from the need in the area for fresh produce for families. Due to its overwhelming success, membership is now limited to the Chalmers Renewal/ Elmwood/Glenelm areas.

We are appreciative for the support of all our partners: Chalmers Community Centre; Sobeys Cash & Carry; Community Venture; Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre; MB Housing (53 Stadacona); Legion Gardens (675 Talbot); Columbus House; Kildonan Horizons; Holy Eucharist Church; Riverwood Church Community; Healthy Together Now; and Tots in Elmwood.

We are so very grateful for all of the volunteers that ensure the program keeps running!

Produce Highlights

Leeks, and 2 new varieties of apples: Autumn Glory and Juici, were introduced to the program.

Bananas
6,480 lbs. (2,939 kg)
weight of the tongue of a blue whale!

Oranges
6,795 lbs. (3,089 kg)
6 mean grizzly bears or 6 cute, fluffy polar bears!

Apples
8,115 lbs. (3,681 kg)
weight of 5 holstein cows!

Potatoes
8,300 lbs (3,765 kg)
the average weight of an adult male hippopotamus!

REIMAGINE ELMWOOD

MARBLES

Within the summer of 2023, fibreglass marbles were sent out to our Reimagine Elmwood Partners to decorate. All paint and supplies were donated by Cloverdale Paint (Nairn Avenue).

The marbles were then installed in November 2023.

243 HENDERSON HIGHWAY

In the summer of 2023, the site of 243 Henderson was paved over in partnership with Go Paving. We worked with Mayfair Innovations to create picnic tables, benches, flower boxes and a mobile garden shed.

ELMWOOD BIZ

Summer 2023 saw the re-organization of the Elmwood Business Coalition. A CSJ student had assisted with recollecting petitions from previously signed Coalition members. A majority of previous members re-signed the petition.

GAMES NIGHT

During the fall/winter of 2023, we created an indoor game night that also worked as a warming centre every Friday Night. Our indoor Game Night was free for all ages, with a staff member supervising and available to teach games as needed. We also offered a pay what you can-canteen for participants as well. **Our average number** for the duration of April 2023-March 2024, **was 10 people**. Game Night was successful in providing a safe and welcoming space for everyone to meet new people and play games.

SAFER CLEANER CHALMERS

Safer Cleaner Chalmers was reimagined into a Q&A panel with speakers available to answer participants questions. Our participants enjoyed being able to answer questions that are on their mind.

We had an average of **10 participants** for each day.

SNOW ANGELS

We had **7 consistent volunteers** for the winter months of 2023 - 2024. The snow angels consistently serviced **8 registered houses** every snowfall.

SAFE HALLOWEEN

We held another safe Halloween for the community in October. Community members donated **3,061 pieces of candy** to our centre and we saw a total of **122 children** and **7 adults** come through our centre to trick or treat.

CORNERFEST

We held a soft launch for 243 Henderson in October 2023. It was a pop-up event with a couple of vendors, free pumpkin bites and cider and a photo-op. The event had to be cancelled half-way through due to the cold weather. Within the two hours that the pop-up was open, the event had **10 participants.**

HAPPY DAYS ON HENDERSON

Happy Days on Henderson was initially created in 2001 as a family event to bring the community together and help promote local businesses and organizations.

This year's Happy Days on Henderson was held on June 10th from 11am to 3pm at 180 Poplar Ave. The event provided free hot dog lunch, entertainment, face painting, photo booth, and more, with **2,500 community members** participating in the event. This event saw many different partnerships with different businesses and organizations, along with sponsorships.

The budget for this year was $11,407.39 with Happy Days on Henderson accessing a Manitoba Government grant. Our balance going forward for next year is $2,188.10

Responses to the event seem to be positive with a majority of event-goers and committee members looking forward to next year's event.

MUNROE FARMER'S MARKET

The Munroe Market was created to bring in fresh produce to community members within the Chalmers Neighbourhood. The event saw a total of **10 vendors** attend on average and **100 participants every Wednesday.**

ELMWOOD NIGHT MARKET

We held two Elmwood Night Markets in summer 2023, with one being held in July and the other being held in August. Both Elmwood Night Markets saw around **1,500 people** and **45 vendors,** despite factors such as other bigger events (Folk Fest, Bombers Game, etc) and construction on Johnson Avenue. We also had brought in Drag Queens for the first time with an overwhelming positive reception to their performance.

TOTS IN ELMWOOD

What a fabulous year it's been with the Tots in our community!

Our amazing volunteers jumped on board in January 2024, and they've been a wonderful addition! These enthusiastic helpers from Community Ventures swing by every Tuesday and Thursday to engage with the kids, prepare snacks during snack time, and make sure everything's squeaky clean by the end of each session.

We also had an absolute blast at our events! Our Family Pumpkin Decorating saw **18 families** getting crafty, while the Family Gingerbread House Decorating event brought together **7 families, including 5 dads, 7 moms, and 14 kids.** And who could forget our Breakfast With Santa, where **38 excited children, 24 moms, and 4 dads** joined in the holiday cheer. Thank you to everyone who participated in making these events so special!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The CNRC Outreach Team has put in a lot of effort this past year to connect with people in the community. We gained **1,049 new followers** on social media and **reached a total of 363,508 individuals.** Our outreach efforts led to **19,266 visits to our content** and **11,693 meaningful interactions,** showing that we are truly making a difference. For the first time, we also sent out **6,048 newsletters** titled "2023: A Year in Review" to homes and businesses in the Chalmers Neighbourhood, which helped introduce our programs and services to new audiences.

In the future, we aim to become more involved in the community and engage in face-to-face interactions through local community events. We will continue to partner with other organizations to reach more people and share valuable programs and resources. Additionally, we plan to create more interactive posts and use platforms like Instagram and TikTok to connect with younger audiences. We will keep utilizing our social media to highlight success stories and promote upcoming events, with the goal of building a more connected community and guiding people to the support they need.

CHALMERS NEWS!
2023 YEAR IN REVIEW
Low-cost fruits & vegetables for Elmwood residents
NEW End Homelessness Funding for Housing Support in Elmwood
A safer community for all: Elmwood Unity Walk
Tots in Elmwood: FREE drop-in program for parents & children
55+ Programs EEKALC

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Efficiency Manitoba have an outstanding partnership dedicated to bettering the homes of community residents through the Neighbourhood Energy Efficiency Program. This program offers a free home energy check-up for the residents as well as a possible opportunity for insulation upgrades (cost of materials and labour paid directly to the contractor, at no cost to the resident) and low-cost, interest free furnace upgrades. These upgrades would usually be income-based; however, this requirement has been waived due to this partnership with Efficiency Manitoba for all residents within the Chalmers neighbourhood.

The importance of this program cannot be understated. Improving the energy efficiency of homes in the neighbourhood can help make a greener, more environmentally friendly community. Furthermore, these upgrades can help residents who are low-income by significantly lowering their Manitoba Hydro bills.

This program has been successful with countless inquiries being made based on letter drop offs in mailboxes, social media posts, and monthly newsletters. This has created a lot of interest in the program and helped make people aware of the resources available to them with a total of **79 applications.** Together, Efficiency Manitoba and Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal canvassed **23 blocks,** made contact with **131 residents** and assisted **40 people** with applications.

ELMWOOD UNITY WALK

Elmwood Unity Walk is a volunteer-based patrol walk that is coordinated by Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. Our overall goal is to create a safer community together.The patrol takes place every Thursday from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and is dedicated to harm reduction-cleaning the streets of dangerous debris, providing aid to those in need and creating a positive relationship with all community members. In addition, Elmwood Unity Walk refers community members to other services and programs provided by Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal, thus providing wrap-around services to those in need.

Throughout the last year Elmwood Unity Walk has had **90 volunteers** show up for weekly walks and **covered over 100KM** of ground. They have distributed **301 bottles of water** and around **250 food items** to vulnerable community members as well as **64 hygiene kits** and **29 clothing items.** During the patrol, **327 sharps** were discovered and removed from the street along with **64 crack pipes** and **68 hazardous items.** Overall, Elmwood Unity Walk has assisted **335 people** in the last year.

SMALL GRANTS FUND APPROVED PROJECTS

COLUMBUS HOUSE SENIORS HOUSING CO-OP

Project: Chair Yoga

Amount: $1,000

Summary: This project had 8-10 people participate in chair yoga each week. Participants reported feeling better after classes. The community was very thankful for the opportunity to participate! They enjoyed feeling healthier, visiting with others, and meeting new friends.

KILDONAN HORIZONS

Project: Christmas Dinner

Amount: $2,500

Summary: There were about 90 people from the senior's apartment complex that came out and enjoyed a healthy, free holiday dinner! In addition to the free dinner the event had games, raffle prizes, gift giving, and a photo booth. The tenants appreciated getting to connect with each other as a community, especially after the isolation from Covid.

ELMWOOD SUPPLY COMPANY

Project: ESC Showcase

Amount: $2,500

Summary: The Elmwood Supply Company hosted a showcase which highlighted performances, stories, and a fashion show all done by a group of students at Elmwood High. The students were excited to share their hard work and grow their entrepreneurial skills.

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Project: Community Outreach

Amount: $2,500

Summary: CNRC's Outreach team sent out 6,048 pieces of mail to residences and apartments situated within the Chalmers neighbourhood, which showcased an overview of CNRC's 2023 programs, services, and events. This meant they were able to connect and engage with over 6000 area residents! CNRC received an influx of calls, emails, and new members following the mail-out.

COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION IN MANITOBA INC.

Project: Folk Music Group
Amount: $2,415
Summary: CAMI held an on-going folk music group, which saw on average 7 participants, where they could continue to learn and experience music from their own culture. The participants expressed gratitude at being able to practice music from their cultures, as well as growing in their technical music skills. They were also happy to meet with other people from their culture as well.

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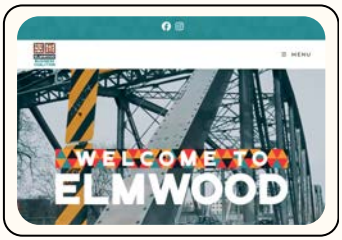
Project: Safer Cleaner Chalmers Workshops
Amount: $350
Summary: CNRC offered 3 sessions of "Safer Cleaner Chalmers" workshops, which hosted 8 presenters throughout, and saw a total of 33 attendees. The attendees stated the workshops brought awareness to different areas of safety, and that they felt they learned something new. This helped to unite residents in the goal to create a safer and cleaner neighbourhood.

WINNIPEG RE/ACT INC.

Project: Rebuild
Amount: $2,500
Summary: The Rebuild project had 25 participants from the RE/ACT program engage in an interactive art-therapy program over several weeks. The participants were very engaged in the activities. Creativity outlets and connecting to nature were some great added coping mechanisms for the participants.

ELMWOOD BUSINESS COALITION



Project: Elmwood BIZ
Amount: $811.55
Summary: The Elmwood Business Coalition was able to start a website and develop a newsletter to connect the neighbourhood with that they are doing, all with the end goal of creating a BIZ for Elmwood.

HAPPY DAYS ON HENDERSON COMMITTEE

Project: Happy Days on Henderson (HDOH)
Amount: $2,500
Summary: HDOH was a widely attended event by families, seniors, and neighbourhood residents. The participants enjoyed live entertainment, food, games, bouncy castles, and more, all for free! This event also provided an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to connect with the community.

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Project: Reimagine Elmwood
Amount: $2,170
Summary: Reimagine Elmwood hosted a variety of events including temporary pop-up art installations, and a week of Pride events. The community showed great support in having events focused on the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and the events were well attended.

ELMWOOD EAST-KILDONAN ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Project: 55+ Programs

Amount: $2,500

Summary: The EEKALC provides programs and activities for older adults aged 55 and older. Over time, the equipment wears down and needs replacing to keep their programs running. The EEKALC was able to upgrade their pool tables, dart boards, carpet bowling set, woodshop equipment, and some kitchen items.

BEAUTIFY ELMWOOD

Project: Planting flower boxes

Amount: $600

Summary: The Beautify Elmwood Committee, along with the help of volunteers and other partners, were able to plant flowers in existing flower boxes along Henderson Highway and Watt St. This helped to beautify the neighbourhood, as well as create an opportunity for a younger generation to learn gardening skills.

GLENELM NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Project: Elmwood Park Mural

Amount: $903.45

Summary: GeNa worked together with a local artist to paint a mural on the wading pool building in Elmwood Park. They consulted multiple artists with the desire to have a mural with themes of nature and indigenous components. This project helped to beautify the park, as well as bring community together.

WE'RE OPEN FOR SMALL GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FROM AUGUST TO FEBRUARY ANNUALLY!

2023/2024 HIGHLIGHTS!

5,248 Individuals participated in our daily programming!

1,031 Children engaged in our Tots in Elmwood program!

5,125 Food items distributed from our Emergency Food Pantry! **(291 adults and 121 children)**

4,600 Participants attended our community events!

44 Individuals received laptops and desktops!

335 Individuals received assistance from our Elmwood Unity Walk volunteers!

87 Individuals received technical support!

1,137 Affordable community brunches served!

1,399 Affordable community lunches served!

7,461 Affordable fresh produce bags have been distributed through our Better Access to Groceries program!

3,228 Frozen Meals made!

529 Housing Support clients!

222 Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Centre memberships!

54 Individuals received assistance with their income tax!

378 No-cost transportation assistance (taxi rides and bus tickets)!

91 Homes received assistance with bulky waste removal!

200+ Volunteers contributed their time and energy to support our events, safe walks, and daily programs!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Elmwood East Kildonan Active Living Center, A Buyers Choice Home Inspections, Lange Law Office, Manitoba Metis Federation, Century 21 Realty, Mills Insurance, Holy Eucharist Parish, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, Riverwood Church Community, REACH Youth Services, Resource Assistance for Youth, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Green Action Center, Branching Out Study Group, RentSmart Education, Unicity Taxi, End Homelessness, Elmwood Community Resource Centre, Glenelm Neighbourhood Association, Tenant Landlord Cooperation, Residential Tenancies Branch, Assiniboine Credit Union, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, Forward House Ministries, The Herald: Our Communities/Canstar, Driving Force Give'r Truck, Healthy Aging Resource Team, Age & Opportunity, NECRC, CoW Fire Department, Southern Chiefs, Main Street Project, Jubilee Fund, Urban Systems, École Miles Macdonell Collegiate, École Munroe Middle School, Mayfair Innovations, and Age Friendly.

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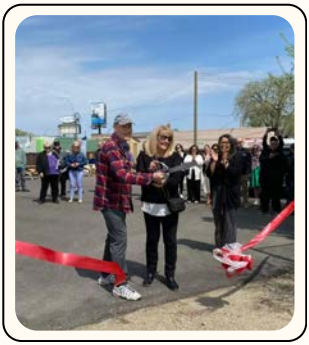
A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CITY COUNCILLOR, JASON SCHREYER!



It's once again time for the Annual General Meeting of the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. I'm proud to say that I attended the founding meeting of the CNRC over a decade ago, and as both a Councillor and a resident in the CNRC area, I am thrilled to see the remarkable work and progress driven by the CNRC in collaboration with our community. The CNRC is leading significant and meaningful initiatives in our neighbourhood, supported daily by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers. I wish everyone the best during the Annual General Meeting as we work to establish a clear vision for our goals in the coming year.

All the best,
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