



Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

Annual Report 2014/2015



**Pincher Creek Women’s Emergency Shelter Association
Annual General Meeting 2014/2015**

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Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

Our Vision

Our vision is for all people in Southwestern Alberta to be safe in their homes and safe in their communities.

Our Mission Statement

The Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association will, in collaboration with other agencies, provide free safe shelter and support services for women and children who are fleeing from domestic violence.

Our Beliefs

We believe in providing a safe place for women and children who are fleeing violence.

We believe that education of society is a key aspect of breaking the cycle of violence.

We believe in the preservation of the family when possible.

We believe in upholding human dignity.

We believe that there is hope and that the cycle of violence can be broken.

We believe that refuge, support and counseling should be available to all women and children who are fleeing from domestic violence.

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

2014/2015 Board of Directors

President – Pat Lowell

Vice President – Elizabeth Dolman

Secretary – Marni Watts

Treasurer – Tammy Jack

Director – Harriet North Peigan

Director – Annie Starzynski

Director – Joe Brown

Executive Director – Julie Coleman

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

Employee List

Executive Director – Julie Coleman

Executive Assistant – Rose Murfin

Supervisor – Stacey Grier

Child Support Workers – Mildred Crow Eagle, Jan Sauerwein

Outreach Workers – Lori Vanee, Dana Bruised Head

Crisis Intervention Workers –

Fulltime:

Elaine Potts
Nicole Weasel Bear
Tressa Yellow-Horn

Casual:

Alene Bastien
Earlene Healy
Glenda Pard
Emily Peters
Janet Potts
Carolyn Soop
Daphne Stephens
Lynne Teneycke

Elders:

Alene Bastien
Veronica Smith

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association Annual General Meeting 2014/2015

June 03rd, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location: Ramada Inn

Agenda

1. Welcome/ Prayer by Elder
2. Review and accept the Agenda
3. Review accept the Minutes of the 2013/2014 PCWESA AGM
4. Reports
 - 4.1 Report of the President – Pat Lowell
 - 4.2 Report of the Executive Director- Julie Coleman
 - 4.3 Report of the Program Supervisor- Stacey Grier
 - 4.4 Report of the Executive Assistant- Rose Murfin
 - 4.5 Motion to approve the reports as presented
 - 4.6 Report on Annual Audited Financial Statements – YPM
 - 4.6.a Motion to approve Audited Financial Statements and Report
 - 4.6.b Motion to appoint Young, Parkyn & McNab as auditors for the 2015/2016 fiscal year
5. Nominations of the PCWESA Board 2015/2016
 - 5.1 Elections of the President
 - 5.2 Election of Directors
6. Presentation- Pat Lowell & Julie Coleman
7. Motion to adjourn
8. Guest Speaker: Dr. Betty Bastien

**Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes 2013/2014**

June 11th, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.

Location: Ramada Inn

Board members in attendance

Pat Lowell

Clara Yagos

Tammy Jack

Marni Watts

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order by Pat Lowell @ 5:44 pm

Chair introduced the executive board and executive director and acknowledged staff.

Caelan Taylor provided the meal for the meeting.

Established that we do have a quorum of 20% of the membership among the parties in attendance tonight.

Note that staff can no longer hold membership.

2. Review and accept the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Sybille Manneschmidt, seconded by Tammy Jack.

Motion Carried

3. Review accept the Minutes of the 2012/2013 PCWESA AGM

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2012/2013 Annual General Meeting made by Clara Yagos, seconded by Tammy Jack.

Motion Carried

4. Reports

4.1 Report of the President – Pat Lowell

Report presented in writing and short noted orally.

-Major participatory action research project was completed last year so the focus over the last year has been sharing the focus of that project with different communities. An article was written as a result and published in Briar Patch magazine.

-At board level it was a quieter year this year.

-Bylaw changes needed to outline how members could resign from the organization.

*Decision made:

-A member may resign from the organization by sending an email or letter of notice to the administration.

- Said farewell to 4 board members over the past year as outlined in the attached written report.
- We are currently looking for 2 members to sit on the executive board to meet the 7/7 board member max. We currently have 5/7 members.

Chair thanked all members present for their support and attendance.

Paused @ 6:00 for supper. Reconvened by Chair @ 6:20pm

4.2 Report of the Executive Director – Julie Coleman
 Welcomed attendees. Unfortunately our guest speaker Emily is unable to be here due to illness. Acknowledgements: Welcome and thanks to Blackfoot community for allowing us to be a part of your life journey. Thanks to the women and children served by the center the past year. Thank you and applaud the staff for their dedication above and beyond. Thanks to the executive board especially Pat whose phone rings aplenty. Special thank you to Elders, Joyce Little Mustache and Nina Buckskin.

Report presented by Executive Director orally and in writing.

- *Program Reports*

- served 127 women 106 children the past fiscal year.
- appraisal training\working with Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge community based research project in Edmonton
- aboriginal Domestic Violence prevention conference
- mentoring violence prevention
- alumni group in Bellevue
- research project community presentations and at the Indigenous voices in social work conference in Winnipeg in July.
- *Very memorable experience and a highlight in the career of the Executive Director.
- Awareness walk in Standoff on a rather chilly day down the highway
- Research project highlight
- Honor dance Piikani Pow Wow 2013

Reflection:

- Reviewed recommendations from project participants to find one area of focus for services.
- At staff retreat were asked to discuss what stops us from meeting the cultural needs of indigenous clients
- Followed up with additional discussions at staff meetings and added a review of individualized service deliveries.
- First goal was doing the program

Next steps

- Evaluation of life skills program
- Continued involvement of elders

Residential Program Report Presented by Stacey Grier, Elaine, Dana, Nicole, Tressa,

Provided services to 103 women by providing a safe and supported program for women fleeing domestic violence.

This program provides education through:

workshops

crisis line

counselling

Here to offer support 24 hours /day

Help clients to find whichever goals they want to meet:

Such as:

Employment

Housing

Education

Impressions this year:

-Teamwork

-Recognize each other's strengths

-Great deal of learning from participants in the research project.

Challenges:

-Effectively helping clients with addictions

-Complex client needs

-Small rural community so may know clients

Success story

-Themes across many stories include looking for small steps forward

-Returning clients who feel accepted and empowered

-Clear evidence that clients see themselves as worthy

-Provide positive parenting skills

Child Support Program Report presented by Stacey and Mildred

-Served 82 children

-We provide a safe environment for children and mothers

-Empower mothers to stop intergenerational cycle of abuse via workshops, discussions and other means.

-Help mom identify effects of violence on her children and support learning healthier techniques

Overall Impression:

-Research project provided opportunity to observe and facilitate relationships between children and strengthen mother-child bonds.

Challenges:

- Ongoing need for art supplies
- There was a mother who was feeling uncomfortable that her children were interacting with children from another culture. This was taken by staff as an opportunity to increase awareness about indigenous culture and implementing into situations to better allow for understanding and cohesion. This parent did change her perspective.
- Social media interfering with parenting

Success:

- Created a safe and supportive environment to support a mom and her child to address bullying at school
- A mom reported back that the support and information provided did make a difference and was very helpful.

Outreach Program Report

- 24 women and 24 children were served. Note that this number does not include daily outreach services provided to clients in the residential program
- Goal is to provide services to women and children who request assistance to live a life free of distress and violence
- Conduct individual needs assessments and set goals in partnership with our clients
- Provide information, support, education and advocacy

Impression:

- There is definitely a need for the program
- Majority of clients do require the assistance

Challenges:

- Fleeing abusive relationships often involving addictions, homelessness and unemployment.
- It is our responsibility to provide any and all help that we can
- Majority of women we serve are from Piikani Nation and have been impacted by the residential school system that has resulted in current social issues. Lost many of their traditions, language, values and culture due to residential schooling.
- Having had the opportunity to work in both the recent program and storytelling project, the input from individuals involved has brought to light their experiences and that it impacted more than just those directly involved, it also focus' on families now.

- One client with a history of fleeing violence took several years until she was ready to leave and access the outreach program. She did not have identification so could not open a bank account or find housing. Started small steps of helping to get her AHC and attend medical appointments, also helped her get ID and AISH. Lastly helping her find an apartment, furnishings and employment.

Executive Assistant Report Presented by Rose Murfin

Our acknowledgement and Thanks to all those agencies and individuals who fund our organization.

-Our Core funder is the Ministry of Human Services

-We also receive funding from the following:

Grants such as:

Community Spirit Grant

Shell grant

Through donations:

Canadian's Women's Foundation

Corporation/Business

Individual Donors

Snow Removal Angels

Retail stores who host our annual angel trees and those who contribute to them

Upcoming casino August 27-28th

Question; If it was a big success in the life skills program with the First Nations women, would non first nations women be interested?

Answer- Yes we actually had a variety of women from different cultures in attendance.

Question: Why are so many ID's lost?

Answer: Often women come in with just the clothes on their back and often they are homeless so they misplace their ID cards. AHC are easiest to get

4.3 Motion to approve the reports as presented made by Sybille Manneschmidt, seconded by Tammy Jack.

Motion Carried

4.4 Report on Annual Audited Financial Statements – Jim Monteith YPM

Presented orally and in writing

Statements are marked draft, they will be approved at this meeting and then will be a finalized copy.

-Pg 2 Assets and Liabilities as of March 31 2014

Revenue is recognized as it is spent. Remaining funds are deferred to future designated categories.

-Pg 3 Statement of Operations

-spent \$5400 of casino funds this year

Deficiency of \$8613

Q- Is that a problem?

A- No, because there is surplus from previous years

-Pg 4 Changes in Net Assets

total Net Assets \$152 875

- Pg 5 -Restricted cash is monies that must be spent for specific purposes
- Pg 6
- Accounting policies definitions and explanations

-Pg 8

Surplus Retention

- The amount the government will allow to be transferred into the new fiscal year.

Any questions?

No questions from the attendees.

4.4.a Motion to approve Audited Financial Statements and Report made by Clara Yagos, seconded by Tammy Jack. Motion Carried.

4.4.b Motion to appoint Young, Parkyn & McNab as auditors for the 2014/2015 fiscal year made by Sybille Manneschmidt, seconded by Tammy Jack. Motion Carried.

5. Nominations of the PCWESA Board 2014/2015

5.1 Election of Directors

Chair introduced topic and Vice Chair explains.

Pat Lowell	Chair
Clara Yagos	Vice Chair
Tammy Jack	Treasurer

were all voted in at the 2013 Annual General Meeting for two year terms.

Nominate Marni Watts to the PCWESA executive board made by Clara Yagos, seconded by Tammy Jack.

Clara asks the attendees thrice... "Are there any other nominations?"

No response to any of the three requests.

Marni Watts is elected by acclamation.

Nominate Harriet North Peigan to the PCWESA executive board made by Clara Yagos, seconded by Tammy Jack.

Clara asks the attendees thrice... "Are there any other nominations?"
No response to any of the three requests

Harriet North Peigan is elected by acclamation.

Motion to declare nominations ceased made by Tammy Jack, seconded by Pat Lowell. Motion carried

6. **Motion to Adjourn @ 7:15 made by Robin Reid, seconded by Tammy Jack.**
7. Guest Speaker: Dr. Emily Jackson
Cancelled due to illness.

Date _____

Date _____

Chair

Secretary

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association
Report of the President of the Board of Directors for 2014-2015
Pat Lowell

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend thanks to and acknowledge the hard work, expertise and focus of our Executive Director, Julie Coleman and her team of dedicated staff. They not only provide a high quality of service in meeting the needs of women and children fleeing violence but are dedicated to building their skills and services and in maintaining a productive, healthy learning and working environment. Focus has been on building upon the work and results of their past research project addressing the needs of aboriginal women fleeing violence, by providing in-shelter supports and culturally appropriate services. As well, work over the last year has also focussed on building the supervisory team and workload. The Board is fully supportive of the creative endeavours of Julie and shelter staff to find ways to meet the needs of their clientele while managing within a fiscally constrained environment.

As for the work of the Board of Directors, we have had a stable and quiet year with most of our major work behind us. We are on track in our 3 year Strategic Plan for the 2013-2016 timeframe. Over the past year, we saw several changes to our board membership by welcoming new interim board members, Annie Starzynski, Liz Dolman, Rose Skierka and returning former Board member, Joe Brown---we appreciate their willingness and interest in joining the board. We saw the departure of Director/Vice President, Clara Yagos after six years on the Board and anticipate the departure of Director/Treasurer Tammy Jack this spring after six years of service. We offer thanks and appreciation for their work and contribution to the board and to the organization. Thanks to returning board members, Marni Watts and Harriet North Peigan for their continued commitment to the work of the board. And lastly, I will be stepping down after four years as President but will remain on the board as a Director. Focus over the next year will be in areas of board development and strategic direction.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all the individuals and groups within the community for their support and contributions to the important work of the Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter.

Sincerely,

Pat Lowell,
President, Board of Directors
Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Assoc.

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association
2015 Report of the Executive Director
Julie K. Coleman

Welcome to all PCWESA members, Board of Directors, staff, community members and our guest speaker Dr. Betty Bastien.

Following the roll out of our research project in partnership with the Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge in 2013-14, we have continued to reflect on what we have learned, and bring our services into a closer alignment with the recommendations from participants in the project.

Based on these recommendations, we have added a weekly group facilitated by two Piikani Elders (Alene Bastien and Veronica Smith) which is open to all residential and outreach clients. Clients have consistently shared their appreciation for the group and the gentle and supportive approach of our Elders.

Significant professional development opportunities this year were the online course in substance abuse and addictions, as well as a one day event to hear Dr. Gabor Mate speak about addictions and health impacts on caregivers. The course material and the lecture enriched our team discussions and case consultations, and helped us to articulate a common challenge that we face in our work. While we have gained a much better understanding of how the collective history of colonization and residential school system has led to intergenerational trauma and the desperation to numb the pain through substance use, we work tirelessly to discover long term solutions that are meaningful to the women and children we serve.

In addition to the ongoing internal efforts, we hosted a 4 week training session in Participatory Appraisal methods (Dr. Sybille Manneschmidt) for partner agencies in our service area. The short session was a good start for agencies to utilize a common language and framework to conduct needs assessments.

PCWESA staff joined the Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge for their annual Family Violence prevention awareness walk in Standoff in the fall of 2014, and we continue to discuss moving into a next phase of our research project. Thank you again to Doris Sweet Grass and her team for their friendship and commitment to create a safe space for the women and children we all serve.

In addition to the Briarpatch magazine article that was published in May/June 2014, we have finished the final edits of the academic article submitted to the Journal of Indigenous Social Development. We expect it to be published sometime this month. Thank you again to Dr. Emily Jackson (Acadia University) for offering her time, wordsmithing skill and academic expertise.

I would like to thank the PCWESA Board of Directors again for their time and determination to build a strong, effective organization. Thank you to Clara Yagos who stepped down in the spring after a six year term, and congratulations and farewell to Tammy Jack who also served for six years. Welcome to Annie Starzynski, Liz Dolman and Rose Skierka and welcome back Joe Brown!

Special thanks to Pat Lowell as she steps down from serving 4 years as Board President. Her clear vision and ability to mobilize every level of the organization has resulted in a well-functioning Governance Board, and by extension, entire agency. We owe a great deal to Pat for creating a safe, predictable structure for us to serve in.

I would again like to offer a heartfelt acknowledgement to all of the PCWESA staff members for their enthusiasm, humor and compassion for each other and the women and children who seek out our services.

Congratulations to Elaine Potts, Lori Vanee, Daphne Stephens and Lynne Teneycke for 10 years of dedicated service!

Much appreciation to Alberta Human Services for our core funding, and as always we are grateful to the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters for their advocacy on behalf of all shelter services in Alberta.

And finally, thank you to all of PCWESA's many supporters. Your contributions and donations enable us to support and empower those who come to us for assistance.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Coleman
Executive Director
PCWESA

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association
2015 Report of the Executive Assistant
Rose Murfin

Hello everyone,

I can tell you a bit about the financial end of our Non Profit. Our core funder is the Ministry of Human Services, formerly Children & Youth Services. Additionally, we require funds to cover budgetary items that the Ministry does not fund. This year we were very fortunate to receive individual donations totaling \$6264, which included one donation through Canada Helps Organization for \$2377.50. In addition, a very wonderful young lady, Janelle Myles organized a fundraiser as part of her We Day Project. We Day inspires youth to care about social issues. Janelle, with lots of family support, managed to raise \$1768.50 to benefit the Women' Shelter. We are very thankful for all their hard work to accomplish this just before Christmas. We find that individuals as well as groups are very generous around Christmas time. Many make cash donations and donate toys through our Angel Tree campaign. Thanks so much to the following businesses for partnering with us for the Angel Trees and helping to provide needy children with Christmas Gifts – Walmart, Royal Bank, Sears, Creekside Chiropractic and Shootin the Breeze. We appreciate this Community support. Carol Henes and Livingston Range School hand crafted beautiful pajamas to include with the gifts. St Mikes Student Council held a snowball fight with socks. These were donated along with hats and mitts. Vista Village also donated winter wear. The local food bank helped us to provide food hampers for our clients.

We received a donation from the Canadian Women's Foundation for \$1733 and other Corporate and Business donations for \$1725, totaling \$3458. Shell Canada provided a grant in the amount of \$1000 for computer replacement. We worked a Casino August 27, 28th, and earned \$32,286.95. Thank you to everyone that helped us raise this considerable amount. We hope to purchase a new vehicle with the proceeds.

We also need to thank the Community Members who regularly contribute food, and household items. The Rockyview Mennonite sewing group provide blankets & pajamas for our clients. Rocky Mountain Bobcat clear our parking lot during the winter months. Harry Taylor and Cal Olson also help with snow clearing. Sharol Mottl crochets afghans with wool supplied by the United Church Thrift Shop and Vida Blue makes lovely blankets for our clients. The Town of Pincher Creek provides swimming passes for our clients. The Roaring Lions provide hygiene packs that are used throughout the year. Cameron Services collect & sort bottles from individuals that donate to our cause. There are so many more individuals and groups that help us and we feel very fortunate to live and work in such a caring community.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Rose Murfin
Executive Assistant

The Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

would like to express our Sincere Appreciation to the following Businesses and Organizations for their support throughout the year:

Alberta Health Services
Government of Alberta Human Services
Children & Family Services in Blairmore
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters
Alberta Culture & Community Services
Alberta Justice and local courts
Alberta Lottery Fund
Alberta Mental Health Association
All 4 Women Society
Alta Gas – CEP Local 1947
Ascent Dental
Associate Medical Clinic
Beta Sigma Phi
Blood Tribe Counselling Services
Blood Tribe Police
Boyd's Wellsite Supervision Ltd.
Brighter Futures
Cameron Services
Canadian Auto Workers Union
Canadian Mortgage and Housing
Canadian Women's Foundation
Canyon School
Cardinal Bus Lines
Castleview Chapter 21
Children's World Before & After School
Chinook Sptizie #6
Chris Lawson, Family Court Counselor
Christ Church Fort Macleod
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
Community Foundation of Lethbridge & South
Western Alberta
Creekside Chiropractic & Massage
Crowsnest Pass Victim Services
Family Resource Society
Foothills United Church Women
Fort Macleod Anglican Church
Fr. Lacome Council
Group Group Youth
Hillspring Relief Society
Holy Spirit School Division
Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge
Knit Wits from Ft. Macleod
Koegler's Pharmasave

LDS Church Fort Macleod
Lethbridge Community College
Livingstone Ladies Social Club
Livingstone School
Livingstone Range School Division
Matthew Halton High School
Mountain View Cub Scouts
NAPI Friendship Centre
Piikani Child and Family Services
Piikani Early Childhood Dev. Program
Piikani Elders Council
Piikani Employment Services
Piikani Health Centre
Piikani Prevention Counselling Service
Pincher Creek Co-operative Association
Pincher Creek Elks
Pincher/Cowley Roaring Lions
Pincher Creek Health Centre
Ramada Inn & Suites
Ranchland Victim's Services
RCMP Detachments in Pincher Creek, Brocket,
CNP, Fort Macleod, and Cardston
RESOLVE
Rocky Mountain Bobcat
Rocky View Mennonite School
Rocky View Mennonite Sewing Circle
Royal Bank & Staff
Sears Canada
Shell Canada
Shootin the Breeze
Springridge Church Women
St. John's ACW
St. Michael's School & Students Council
St. Michael's Church
Synergy Land Services
Town of Pincher Creek
United Church Thift Shop
Vista Village
Walmart Canada Corp & Employees
Young Parkyn McNab

**Thank you also to the many individuals who have
made donations (financial or in-kind) or
volunteered their time.**

On behalf of Janelle Myles Family Fundraiser we would like to thank the following donors

Back Country Butchering
Stan & Bessie Naslund
George & Shirley Mowat
Anja Vander Heijden
Cast Iron Grill
PC Coop
North & Company
Fountain Tire
Boston Pizza
Roy Denby Accounting
Perfect Posies
Jax Barber Shop
Rocky Ridge Eye Centre
Dr. Anderson Optometrist
Alberta Treasury Branch
Craig's Construction
Ruffles
PC Vet Clinic
Tracey Damberger
High Country Western Wear
UFA
Castle Custom Trucks
C & D Floral
Mrs. P's Coffee Corner
The Brick
CIBC
PC Credit Union
NAPA
Castle Ford
KJay Automotive
Iron wood Glass & Construction
Bargain Shop
Candice Stewart
K & D Implements
Home Hardware
Bin Guys

Devon Kutsch Orthodontics
Clint & Ginger Caldwell
Cheryl Gunderson
Lisa Lemon
Marie Mellafont
Candy Creations – Tara Veltman
Troy Clemens
Kost Fire & Safety
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Rocky Mountain Mechanical
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LaDonna Ress (Liquor Store)
Providence
Glenna & Louie Caldwell
Marlene & Glynn Livingstone
Joshua Caldwell
Amber Caldwell
Abe Caldwell
Diane Le Pard
Denise Sommerville
Brandi Hutchison
Heather Jackson
Lana Bruder
Diane Bowen Oczkowski
Lisa Holoboff
The Phone Lady – Bev Bruder
Dr. Ken Butler
Max & Julie Winkler
Roberta Myles
Sherri Myles
Melanie Almond
Jen Ann Hakze
Shauna Riviere
Flora Decock
Joyce Pittman

If anyone was missed we truly apologize and Thank you for your support



PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 2015

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Board of Directors of
Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Young Parkyn McNab LLP

Lethbridge, Alberta

June 3, 2015

Chartered Accountants

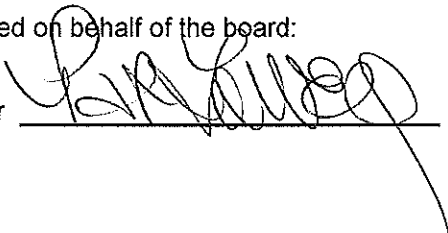
PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 59,657	\$ 95,529
Restricted cash (note 3)	96,213	46,876
GST receivable	1,665	1,495
Prepaid expenses	3,301	3,332
	160,836	147,232
Investment	300	300
Capital assets (note 4)	682,850	711,554
	\$ 843,986	\$ 859,086

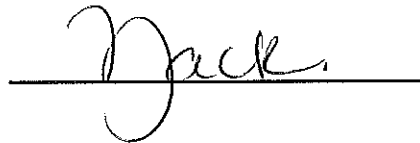
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 43,530	\$ 43,130
Salaries payable	15,886	13,284
Deferred revenue (note 5)	32,768	7,399
Surplus retention reserve (note 6)	77,043	66,856
Current portion of long-term debt	21,667	21,667
	190,894	152,336
Long-term debt (note 7)	108,333	130,000
Unamortized capital contributions (note 8)	424,547	423,875
	723,774	706,211
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	(8,091)	16,863
Invested in capital assets	128,303	136,012
	120,212	152,875
	\$ 843,986	\$ 859,086

Approved on behalf of the board:

Director



Director



PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 Budget (Unaudited)	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
Revenue			
Alberta Human Services	\$ 737,413	\$ 717,414	\$ 699,168
Casino	12,250	6,939	5,484
Donations- individual	-	6,264	1,601
Donations- business/groups	4,200	3,458	3,504
Surplus adjustment	-	2,053	-
Other grants	1,000	1,000	7,997
Miscellaneous	-	462	79
Memberships	150	145	160
United Way	206	-	-
Amortization of capital contributions	-	20,995	22,227
	755,219	758,730	740,220
Expenses			
Client development	506,689	475,299	454,344
Administration wages	145,804	144,514	145,204
Administration	31,370	39,677	53,321
Facility	36,750	29,332	30,793
Direct client costs	17,106	17,048	16,825
Office	15,100	16,059	12,915
Vehicle	2,400	1,684	1,986
Surplus adjustment	-	-	1,256
Amortization	-	28,995	31,988
	755,219	752,608	748,632
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses from operations	-	6,122	(8,412)
Other expenses			
Government of Alberta Human Services adjustment	-	37,692	-
Loss on disposal of capital asset	-	1,093	201
	-	38,785	201
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ -	\$ (32,663)	\$ (8,613)

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the year ended March 31, 2015

	Unrestricted	Invested in capital assets	Total 2015	Total 2014
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 16,863	\$ 136,012	\$ 152,875	\$ 161,488
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(32,663)	-	(32,663)	(8,613)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	1,093	(1,093)	-	-
Amortization of capital assets	28,995	(28,995)	-	-
Purchase of capital assets	(1,384)	1,384	-	-
Capital contributions received	21,667	(21,667)	-	-
Amortization of capital contributions	(20,995)	20,995	-	-
Forgiveness of long-term debt	(21,667)	21,667	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ (8,091)	\$ 128,303	\$ 120,212	\$ 152,875

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (32,663)	\$ (8,613)
Adjustments for items which do not affect cash		
Amortization of capital assets	28,995	31,988
Amortization of capital contributions	(20,995)	(22,227)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	1,093	201
	(23,570)	1,349
Change in non-cash working capital items		
GST receivable	(170)	11
Prepaid expenses	31	(124)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	400	7,251
Salaries payable	2,602	559
Deferred revenue	25,369	(5,473)
Surplus retention reserve	10,187	1,256
	14,849	4,829
Cash flows from investing activity		
Purchase of capital assets	(1,384)	-
Cash flows from financing activities		
Forgiveness of long-term debt	(21,667)	(21,666)
Capital contributions received	21,667	21,666
	-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	13,465	4,829
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	142,405	137,576
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 155,870	\$ 142,405
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash	\$ 59,657	\$ 95,529
Restricted cash	96,213	46,876
	\$ 155,870	\$ 142,405

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2015

1. Nature of operations

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association provides safe shelter and support services for women and children in Southwestern Alberta who are fleeing abusive situations. The Association is incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta and is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act, section 149(1)(f) as a charitable organization.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant policies are detailed as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(b) Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution. The Association provides for amortization using the declining balance method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the capital assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual amortization rates are as follows:

Buildings	4%
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Automotive	30%
Computer equipment	30%

One-half the normal rate of amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition.

(c) Net assets invested in capital assets

Net assets invested in capital assets represents the unamortized portion of capital assets purchased with unrestricted resources, less related debt.

The Association has chosen to continue to treat net assets invested in capital assets as a separate component of net assets.

(d) Financial instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

(e) Contributed services

Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter Association utilizes the services of volunteers in its programs. These services would not be purchased in the normal course of operations. Accordingly the value of these services has not been recognized in the financial statements.

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION
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2. **Significant accounting policies, continued**

(f) **Measurement uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. **Restricted cash**

Restricted cash relates to funds received from the operation of a casino and prior year surplus requiring government approval. Withdrawal of these funds can only be made for purposes explicitly authorized.

4. **Capital assets**

			2015	2014
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Land	\$ 44,500	\$ -	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500
Buildings	832,146	216,922	615,224	638,019
Furniture and fixtures	95,534	75,729	19,805	23,199
Automotive	22,900	22,351	549	785
Computer equipment	16,042	13,270	2,772	5,051
	\$ 1,011,122	\$ 328,272	\$ 682,850	\$ 711,554

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**For the year ended March 31, 2015

5. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue is the amount of funding received for specific projects that has not been spent as of March 31, 2015.

	2015	2014
Casino	\$ 32,562	\$ 7,193
United Way	206	206
	<u>\$ 32,768</u>	<u>\$ 7,399</u>

6. Surplus retention reserve

The surplus retention reserve relates to the restriction of surplus funds from the prior year based on an agreement with Alberta Human Services. These funds may only be used by the agency subject to approval from the Ministry.

	2015	2014
Opening balance	\$ 66,856	\$ 65,600
Current year surplus	8,190	26,445
Amount recognized as revenue	(4,888)	(16,664)
Adjustments to surplus approved by Ministry	(5,355)	(8,525)
Amount returned to the Ministry	(25,452)	-
Government of Alberta Human Services adjustment	37,692	-
	<u>\$ 77,043</u>	<u>\$ 66,856</u>

7. Long-term debt

	2015	2014
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation This loan is forgivable at a rate of one fifteenth of the original principal amount for each year that the Association continues to own and use the existing building.	\$ 130,000	\$ 151,667
Less current portion	21,667	21,667
	<u>\$ 108,333</u>	<u>\$ 130,000</u>

PINCHER CREEK WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSOCIATION

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7. Long-term debt, continued

Estimated principal forgiveness is as follows:

2016	\$ 21,667
2017	21,667
2018	21,667
2019	21,667
2020	21,667
Subsequent years	21,665

\$ 130,000

8. Unamortized capital contributions

Unamortized capital contributions represent the externally funded portion of capital assets that will be recognized as revenue over the same period as the amortization of the related capital assets. The change in unamortized capital contribution balance for the year is as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 423,875	\$ 424,436
Contributions received-buildings	21,667	21,666
Amortization of capital contributions	(20,995)	(22,227)
	\$ 424,547	\$ 423,875

9. Contingency

Full time employees of the Association are allowed to accrue sick leave. As at March 31, 2015 the amount of accumulated sick leave was \$1,888 (2014 - \$1,346). The amount is not recorded in the financial statements as there is no certainty the full amount will be used. The amount of accumulated sick leave is not paid out to employees of the Association when they leave their position.

10. Economic dependence

The Association receives a significant amount of funding from Alberta Human Services. Accordingly, the ability of the Association to meet its future obligations is dependent upon the continued financial support from the Province.

11. Comparative amounts

The financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.