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OUR VISION

A healthy, just and inclusive community.

OUR MISSION

To provide leadership to the community and its organizations in addressing social issues and effecting changes to social policy.

OUR GOALS

To undertake research into the nature and magnitude of social issues in the community.

To increase public awareness and understanding of current social issues and be an independent voice in the community.

To encourage public participation in the development of social policies and the implementation of programs.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Edmonton Social Planning Council is working more than ever towards realizing our vision of a healthy, just and inclusive community. To guide our work, the Board of Directors, in consultation with staff and stakeholders, has just approved a new streamlined strategic plan.

Since our founding in 1940, we have earned a reputation as a consistent credible voice for social justice and planning. This anniversary year - which will be crowned with a gala celebration on October 28 - we are celebrating our 70 year legacy of commitment to the Edmonton community.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, we have recruited new membership, developed new funding sources in addition to our mainstay, the United Way, and balanced the books. We have expanded the user-friendly interactive website, and produced *the fACTivist* and *Tracking the TRENDS 2009*. A Lunch & Learn series in partnership with the Edmonton Public Library has been a great success. The organization, through our amazing dedicated staff, has produced a significant amount of quality social planning research and well-balanced published opinion.

Under the continued effective leadership of our Executive Director, Susan Morrissey, the Council has raised its public profile and been engaged in many municipal committees dealing with social planning issues.

In November 2009, *We Must Do Better: It's time to make Alberta Poverty Free* was released. The report followed a series of public forums based on the previous year's *We Can Do Better*, on child and family poverty in Alberta. Once again we have borne witness to the paradox of poverty amidst plenty in this city and province—and offered solutions.

On governance matters, the Board of Directors of the ESPC has again worked exceptionally well together. We endorsed the principles of the Canada Without Poverty—Dignity For All campaign: we believe in equality among all people; we believe we are all entitled to social and economic security; we believe in dignity for all.

Under ESPC bylaws, the amount of service time for Board of Directors Larry Brockman and myself has come to an end. At the time of writing, it looks as though all who can continue Board service wish to continue. And, there are new talented members stepping forward.

In social justice solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Meggison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Meggison
Board President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Here we are, in the early months of our 70th year of serving the Edmonton community. While I would like to stress that things have gotten better over these years—which indeed they have—I must also point out some stark realities. A new report by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities shows that 54% of Canadians now live in Canada's 24 urban areas, which are home to 2.5 million working poor and 1.2 million low-income families. Between August 2008 and 2009, demand for employment insurance increased by 72%, and the wait times for social housing spaces is now a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years. Demand for child-care

space has increased, with one subsidized space for every 5 children living in low-income families. And the list could go on...

So, what is the ESPC doing about this? Our staff continues to prepare and present reports in the community to increase awareness of these issues. We are also working with other social service organizations on joint projects, and have met with all orders of government to discuss our concerns, with the aim of changing policy. We continue to prepare and circulate fact sheets and newsletters on an array of topics— always with the intent to inform our community of what is going on. We have had some wonderful opportunities to bring speakers to Edmonton to talk about the future of community and challenge people to think outside the box.

Are we disheartened by the realities? Absolutely not! Do we see some improvements as an indirect result of our efforts? For sure! This is what brings me to work each day and keeps me motivated to work for a brighter future for all in our community.

Of course, our staff is not alone in the journey. We have a terrific Board of Directors who have provided insightful guidance and direction. We also have volunteers who have written research reviews and articles, and student interns who we are supporting in completing social research projects.

Our funders are also part of our team, and again we thank the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, Edmonton Community Foundation, City of Edmonton and others for their generous financial support. And finally, I wish to acknowledge the ESPC members whose fees and donations have helped us to make a difference.

So where do we go from here as our work continues beyond 70 years? I cannot say with certainty where the road will take us, but I do know that there will be many opportunities for ESPC to continue to contribute to the Edmonton community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Morrissey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Morrissey
Executive Director

Policy Committee Report



This committee completed the review and rewriting of the Policy Manual in 2008 and received the assent of the Board for the changes.

Having provided the parameters for the Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice, the committee serves as the selection committee for the award. In 2009, the Award was presented to Jim Gurnett (*pictured, right*). The

Award will be presented again in 2010 to another worthy social justice champion.

The committee has also been attempting this year to work with other Board committees to review their current terms of reference.

Submitted by Alvin Finkel, committee chair, on behalf of the Policy Committee: *Alvin Finkel, Greg Farrants, Helen Sadowski*



Finance Committee Report



Committee membership included Ken Stickland (chairman), Ron Chalmers, Larry Brockman (last half of year), and John Pater (first half of the year). Two staff attended all meetings: Susan Morrissey, Executive Director and Stephanie Haar, Administrative Assistant.

The staff and committee continued to emphasize innovation and tight cost management while being very proactive towards finding new revenues. The economic climate in Edmonton was very much under siege from the recession, with some of our sister non-profit

agencies laying off staff because of cutbacks in grants or corporate contributions.

The financial deficit in our first quarter plus political changes that threatened our grant application to the provincial Community Investment Program caused us to freeze salaries in June. Susan put extra focus on finding new projects and landed a City of Edmonton contract late in the year regarding the City of Edmonton 10-Year People Plan. This new Edmonton contract and the contract to assist planning for the Wood Buffalo area demanded extra staff work and skill development, but they and the Edmonton Food Security Network project created a surplus at year end. Finally we ended a string of deficit years (including a \$9,318 loss in 2008) and began to rebuild equity! The year ended on a high note. We believe the surplus reflects the extra effort of the Executive Director to pro-actively manage our finances and the flexibility of staff to work harder in a financially tough year.

Submitted by Ken W. Stickland, treasurer and committee chair, on behalf of the Finance Committee: *Ken Stickland, Larry Brockman, Ron Chalmers*

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ◆ **President**
Douglas Meggison
- ◆ **Policy Committee**
Greg Farrants
Alvin Finkel (chair)
Helen Sadowski
- ◆ **Casino Committee**
Michael Cohen (chair)
- ◆ **Board Development Committee**
Ann Semotiuk (chair)
Edward Kennedy
John Pater
Janet Bauer
- ◆ **Finance Committee**
Ken Stickland (chair & treasurer)
Larry Brockman
Ron Chalmers

Excerpts from 2009 Member Survey

Question: What was your primary reason for joining the ESPC?

- ◆ I want to know more about how [people on] limited income are living. I want to know more about how the government deals with limited income.
- ◆ Support the work of an organization focused on social policy and addressing inequities.
- ◆ To encourage/promote: research; social issue identification and dialogue; and, networking—to build a strong human services sector.

Question: What could the ESPC do to increase membership value?

- ◆ Have a voice in the community, in academic institutions, the media, professional associations, social service agencies.
- ◆ Report on successes helping others. The benefit of my membership is to help others.
- ◆ Become more relevant; develop a stronger voice in the community@ large. Put forward realistic, viable solutions vs. negative rhetoric.

Additional Comments

- ◆ I am impressed by the quality of the research reports. I am disappointed by the lack of visibility of ESPC as a public voice (apart from excellent editorials) on emerging social policy legislation.
- ◆ Advertize volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ Keep up the great work! Love "We Can Do Better"

The full 2009 results summary and the 2009 Members' Survey are available online at edmontonsocialplanning.ca.

Have you completed the 2010 Members' Survey yet?

We value your feedback! Fill out the survey online or mail in by May 31, '10. Every member that completes the survey will have a **chance to win 1 of 3 \$25 Chapters gift certificates!**

2009 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Active Communication...

- Reports Released**
- ◆ Doing it Right! A Needs Assessment Workbook (revision, Mar '09)
 - ◆ Non-Profits and Policy Advocacy: Learning from Success (Jul '09)
 - ◆ Tracking the Trends 2009: Neighbourhood Well-Being in Edmonton (Oct '09)
 - ◆ YouthGAP: The Youth Gang Alternatives Project, An Exploration of Youth Gangs in Edmonton (Oct '09, *youth internship project*)
 - ◆ We Must Do Better: It's Time to Make Alberta Poverty Free (Nov '09)
 - ◆ The Quality of Life Needs & Priorities of Edmontonians Facing Social & Economic Barriers (Dec '09)

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- the fACTivist Newsletter**
- ◆ Disabilities Issues (Winter '09)
 - ◆ Seniors (Summer '09)
 - ◆ Aboriginal Issues (Spring '09)
 - ◆ Neighbourhoods (Fall '09)

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- Research Updates**
- ◆ Updates on Edmonton-based research, lists & reviews of new ESPC library resources (Feb, Apr, Jul, Sep, Nov '09)

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- Fact Sheets**
- ◆ Federal Budget 2009 Analysis (Feb '09)
 - ◆ Alberta Budget 2009 Analysis (Apr '09)

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- Articles**
- ◆ Reducing poverty a sound investment in uncertain times (EJ, Apr 4, '09)

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- Media Conferences**
- ◆ Tracking the Trends 2009 launch (Oct '09)
 - ◆ We Must Do Better Report launch (Nov '09)

Active Collaboration ...

- Committees/ Coalitions**
- ◆ Alberta Quality of Life Commission
 - ◆ Alberta Social Return on Investment Network
 - ◆ Boyle Renaissance Advisory Committee
 - ◆ Campaign 2000 National Child Poverty Network
 - ◆ Demographic Data Users Group
 - ◆ Quarters Downtown Re-development Committee
 - ◆ Edmonton Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
 - ◆ Food Security Network (now Just Food Edmonton)
 - ◆ Homeless Connect Planning Committee
 - ◆ Homeless Memorial Planning Committee
 - ◆ Joint Stakeholders Committee on Children and Poverty
 - ◆ Strategic Alliance on Low-Income Issues
 - ◆ Urban Core Support Network (UCSN)
 - ◆ Vibrant Communities Edmonton Leadership Council

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- Consultations**
- ◆ Alberta Homeless Count Methodology Review (Sep '09)
 - ◆ MLA Luncheon, Ministers H. MacDonald, Y Fritz & H. Chase (Nov '09)

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- Contract Work**
- ◆ Wood Buffalo Social Plan Project (SPARC BC)
 - ◆ The Way We Live: Edmonton's People Plan (City of Edmonton)

Active in the Community...

- Presentations**
- ◆ Edmonton Renters' Survey Results. Growing Home: Housing and Homelessness in Canada conference, Calgary (Feb '09)
 - ◆ Alberta Poverty Forums: Red Deer, Ft. McMurray, Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary & Edmonton (Apr, May & Oct '09)
 - ◆ Edmonton and District Labour Council (Apr '09)
 - ◆ Alberta Poverty Reduction Strategy. CCSD Canada Social Forum conference, Calgary (May '09)
 - ◆ Child Tax Benefits submission to House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (Sep '09)
 - ◆ YouthGAP presentation to ATA Joint Stakeholders Committee on Children and Poverty (Oct '09, *youth internship project*)
 - ◆ Presentations to MacEwan nursing and social work students (Nov '09)
 - ◆ Poverty Reduction Strategy submission to House of Commons Human Resources Standing Committee (Nov '09)
 - ◆ Strategic Alliance on Low Income Issues (Dec '09)
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- Events Hosted**
- ◆ Book Club (Feb, Mar, May, Aug, Nov '09)
 - ◆ Annual General Meeting (May '09)
 - ◆ Frontline Workers RTA/HEP Info Session, co-hosted with Alberta Quality of Life Commission and Consumer Services GOA (May '09)
 - ◆ Lunch & Learn—Immigrant Transportation Loans (Jun '09)
 - ◆ Speakers Series: Stephen Lewis, co-hosted with ECF & E4C (Oct '09)
 - ◆ United Way Fundraiser Bake Sale (Nov '09)
 - ◆ Seasonal Celebration (Dec '09)
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- Events Participated In**
- ◆ Homeless Memorial (Jan '09)
 - ◆ UCSN Inner City BBQ (Jul '09)
 - ◆ United Way Kick-off Event (Sep '09)
 - ◆ Habitat for Humanity build day (Aug '09)
 - ◆ Homeless Connect Edmonton (Oct '09)
 - ◆ U of A Make Poverty History (Oct '09)
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- Conferences Attended**
- ◆ Food. Today. Tomorrow. Together. (Jan '09)
 - ◆ Growing Home: Housing and Homelessness in Canada, Calgary (Feb '09)
 - ◆ CCSD Canada Social Forum conference, Calgary (May '09)
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2010 PROJECTS & GOALS

- ◆ Lunch & Learn (co-hosted with the EPL) & Speakers Series (co-hosted with ECF & E4C)
 - ◆ 70th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction (Oct 28th)
 - ◆ More Fact Sheets & informative publications
 - ◆ Social Return on Investment database
 - ◆ Continue to build and strengthen partnerships & add greater value for members
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ESPC Membership

We would like to give a big thanks to our current 121 members for their support, which allows the Council to meet its vision of a healthy, just and inclusive community.

The strength of our voice and our role in the community is based on the support of people and organizations concerned about social issues. We thank all of our new and renewing members. Your support is invaluable.

Members of the ESPC add their voices to our message of positive social development and policy change. Our members also benefit by:

- ◆ **Staying informed** - ESPC members are the first to receive our newsletters, publications, and other updates.
- ◆ **Getting involved** - Members have a say in the direction of the Council by voting for our board of directors, and are eligible to serve on the board. We also welcome members' suggestions and support throughout the year to better meet the Council's objectives.
- ◆ **Supporting their community** - The contributions of members help us to remain at the forefront regarding social issues.

One of the Council's top priorities is to add value to our membership. We are continually working to identify new ways to keep our members informed and engaged. The more our collective voice reflects the diversity of our city, the more we can ensure that all voices are heard.

70th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

Join us for an evening of entertainment and reflection as we celebrate the **ESPCs** 70 year legacy of commitment to community!

October 28th, 2010 at 6:00pm

Maple Leaf Room, U of A Lister Centre

Keynote Speaker

Michael Phair

U of A Director of Community Relations, former City Councillor & former ESPC Board President

Special Guests

Rob Rainer,

Executive Director, Canada without Poverty

Maria Dunn,

Edmonton singer-storyteller

Tickets \$70 per person, or \$500 per table of 8

Tickets can be purchased at edmontonsocialplanning.ca

Contact Stephanie at 780-423-2031 x349 or info@edmontonsocialplanning.ca for more information.



Major Partnership

The Future of Community Speakers Series

Early in 2009 we were approached by two Edmonton based organizations with the idea of partnering on the development of a year long speakers series in celebration of the mile stones that each organization was celebrating.

The Edmonton Community Foundation has for over 20 years gained a reputation in our community for its expertise at building bridges between donors' wishes and the needs of charities. The Foundation works with donors and greater Edmonton charities to help create and maintain a strong, vibrant community for generations to come.



E4C was founded in 1970 as a charitable human service organization providing multiple and diverse services. E4C has worked with people in Edmonton to meet their basic needs, build on their strengths and move towards a better life. E4C's essential program helps families and individuals of all ages, backgrounds and life situations.



The ESPC is celebrating 70 years as an independent, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to encouraging the adoption of equitable social policy, supporting the work of other organizations who are striving to improve the lives of Edmontonians, and educating the public regarding the social issues that impact them.



To date the three organizations have hosted the following individuals who have all talked about community as they see it. In October, Stephen Lewis spoke about the importance of social service organizations in Canada who provide a very valuable service to their citizens. Zaib Shaikh, star of the CBC's Little Mosque on the Prairie, spoke about community from a multicultural perspective. Then for something completely different we brought in Joel Cohen, Writer and Co-Executive Producer of The Simpsons who presented community as we have never really known it before—from the perspective of a fictional town calls Springfield.

At the time of writing, we have two more speakers left in the series: Linda Hughes, University of Alberta Chancellor and former publisher of the Edmonton Journal and Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee and world leader on climate change and human rights.

Partnering with E4C and ECF has given us the opportunity to leverage our respective agency resources and demonstrate the true nature of partnership that is within the Edmonton community.

2010 BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

First Term Candidates:

Nominations for first term Board of Directors candidates will be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Continuing 1st Term Candidates:



Janet Bauer is privileged to be the Youth Development Project Coordinator for Action for Healthy Communities. I am an English as a Second Language educator and have also worked in the family violence field in education and protocol development. I have been involved in adult literacy in a variety of capacities for the past 15 years, including a research and inquiry project into the effects of violence on literacy and learning. My husband and I have 3 children, and have recently moved back to Edmonton.



Ron Chalmers recently retired after 28 years as a writer for the Edmonton Journal, and is a music writer for Legacy Magazine. He has lived most of his life in Edmonton, and is a homeowner in Mill Creek. Ron is married with two adult children. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters degree in Political Science from the University of Alberta and Stanford University, respectively. The ESPC is pleased to have Ron as one of its newest board members.



John Pater is a professional communicator with experience in broadcasting, public relations and strategic communications. He worked for 10+ years for CBC Radio in Edmonton and the Eastern Arctic as a news reporter, news reader, news editor, and host. For two years (2003-2005) he was ESPC's communications coordinator. He now works for the City of Edmonton, as a Communications Officer for the Planning and Development department and Deputy City Manager's Office.



Helen Sadowski has been with the ESPC board since the fall of 2008. She has recently retired from the federal government and is very committed to social justice and human rights. She is a strong believer in the role of government to provide communities with the necessary autonomy, flexibility and resources to address problems of poverty and homelessness. Through her career experience Helen has developed social and labour-market related policy and has extensive experience in managing research initiatives and incorporating results in policy and program development.

Continuing 2nd Term Candidates:



Michael Cohen has long been interested in social justice and community development. His wide volunteer experience includes the United Way and the Canadian Centre for Social Entrepreneurship.

Mike holds a PhD in biology, and worked as a research scientist in the Philippines from 1994 to 2002. He currently works for the provincial government on regulation of agriculture and biotechnology.



Alvin Finkel is a professor at Athabasca University, where he has taught since 1978. Dr. Finkel has authored and edited 10 books, and is currently doing research for an international history of social policy.

Alvin is an executive member of the Alberta Labour History Institute and chair of the interim editorial advisory committee for Athabasca U Press.



Edward Kennedy is a Redemptorist priest currently on sabbatical after completing 12 years as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Point Grey, Vancouver.

Ed has been active in the community in a variety of roles, including serving as Alderman on Edmonton City Council for six years and as president of the Edmonton District Council of Churches.



Ann Semotiuk has worked in health care in a variety of roles and settings since moving to Edmonton in 1979. She holds a B.A. in Political Science, a BSW and an MHSA (Health Services Admin).

Ann has worked in Home Care since 1991, and is currently the Program Lead for Support Services in Home Living. Her focus is on implementing effective strategies and developing strong partnerships.



Ken Stickland has worked on social and infrastructure adjustment problems throughout his career. He founded KenAgra Management Services, a firm which analyzed trends in Alberta's grain agriculture and agri-food sectors.

Among his many involvements, Ken was appointed to the Economic Council of Canada from 1988 to 1993, and was a member of the Alberta Premier's Task Force Towards 2000 Together.

Retiring Board Members:



Larry Brockman has worked in community service organizations for 25 years. He has broad experience in organizational planning and collaboration, and has served on a variety of community boards.

Larry's connection to the ESPC began in the 1980's when he sought the Council's support on issues affecting Boyle Street and McCauley.



Douglas Meggison has been engaged in social justice activism since high school. He has served on many boards and committees, including the Edmonton Public Library, and has been active in the Council of Canadians and the Edmonton Coalition Against War and Racism.

Doug has been working for a health care labour union since 1999. He joined the ESPC Board in 2005, becoming President in 2006.

Staff

Susan Morrissey	Executive Director
John Kolkman	Research & Policy Analysis Coordinator
Anette Kinley	Research & Communications Assistant
Erin Krekoski	Resource Coordinator (<i>until Aug '09</i>)
Jennifer Hoyer	Resource Coordinator (<i>from Aug '09</i>)
Stephanie Haar	Administrative Assistant

Consultants, Students & Volunteers

Don McFarlane	Bookkeeper
Paul Dobrotvorskyy	IT Services (PD Compserve)
Microtek	Web Development
Cheryl Melney	Thompson Rivers University Social Work Student
Jaylene Ellard	MacEwan College Social Work Student
John Bol	MacEwan College Social Work Student
Lori Simon	Volunteer: Archive Digitalization Project
Teresa Ritter	Volunteer: Archive Research & Writing
Darlene Paranaque	Volunteer: Archive Research & Writing
Lucas Stone	Volunteer: Archive Research

Core Funders

- ◆ United Way of the Alberta Capital Region
- ◆ Edmonton Community Foundation
- ◆ Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (ESPC Casino Fundraising Event)
- ◆ City of Edmonton Community Investment Grant

Partners & Supporters of Projects

- ◆ Canadian Council for Social Development (CCSD)
- ◆ Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOHH)
- ◆ Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)
- ◆ Grant MacEwan College Social Work Program
- ◆ MacEwan Institute for Research on Family and Youth (MIRFY)
- ◆ Public Interest Alberta (PIA)
- ◆ Strategic Alliance on Low Income Issues
- ◆ United Way of the Alberta Capital Region
- ◆ Urban Core Support Network (UCSN)
- ◆ Vibrant Communities Edmonton (VCE)

Minutes of 2009 AGM | May 5, 2009

1. Welcome and President's Remarks

The meeting was convened at 5:21 p.m. by Doug Meggison, President of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, who welcomed everyone and delivered a brief opening statement. Doug welcomed guests, as well as introduced his fellow ESPC Board of Directors.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Don Mayne Seconded: Ron Chalmers
CARRIED

3. Review Minutes of May 6th, 2008

Motion: to accept the minutes from the May 6th, 2008 AGM as presented.

Moved: Alvin Finkel Seconded: Ken Stickland
CARRIED

4. Award of Merit For Advocacy of Social Justice

Award of Merit For Advocacy of Social Justice was presented to Mr. Jim Gurnett, Former Executive Director, Edmonton Mennonite Center for Newcomers by Alvin Finkel, Chair of the Policy Sub-committee.

5. President's Report

Doug Meggison reflected on the work of the Board and Council for the year 2008.

Motion: to accept the President's report with thanks.

Moved: Kevan Rhead Seconded: Cathy Reith
CARRIED

6. Operations Report

Susan Morrissey, Executive Director, reflected on the work of the Council and staff of the year 2008.

Motion: to accept the Operations report with thanks.

Moved: Lawrence Loyek Seconded: Joscelyn Proby
CARRIED

7. Presentation of Financial Report

a) Presentation of the 2008 Audited Financial statements.

- ◆ Suggested that titles on Financials be changed from “Un-audited” to “Actual”.
- ◆ Question: What was the outcome of the Management Letter?
Answer: Positive, board has reviewed and changes have been made according to recommendations.

Motion: to approve the 2008 financial statements as presented.

Moved: Alvin Finkel

Seconded: Edward Kennedy

CARRIED

b) Motion: to appoint Peterson, Walker b) for the 2009 audit.

Moved: Ken Stickland

Seconded: Larry Brockman

CARRIED

8. Board Development/Nominating Committee Report

a) Ann Semotiuk, Chair of HR/Nominating Committee, acknowledged and thanked the board member who left over the year: Janet Kluthe.

Ann also reported that the HR/Nominating Committee has been renamed to the Board Development Committee.

b) Introduction of current Board Members

Larry Brockman; Joscelyn Proby; Doug Meggison; Ken Stickland; Greg Farrants; Ann Semotiuk; Edward Kennedy; Patricia Cardinal; Alvin Finkel; Michael Cohen; John Pater.

c) Ann announced and recognized retiring Board Member, Joscelyn Proby, and presented a gift.

d) Calls for nominations from the floor.

1st time

2nd time

3rd time

e) Introduction of new nominees to the Board

Ron Chalmers; Helen Sadowski; Janet Bauer

Motion: to cease nominations.

Moved: Kevan Rhead

Seconded: Michael Cohen

CARRIED

Motion: to elect Ron Chalmers, Helen Sadowski and Janet Bauer to the Edmonton Social Planning Council's Board of Directors.

Moved: Ann Goldblatt

Seconded: Michael Cohen

CARRIED

8. Policy Committee

Alvin Finkel reflected on the work of the Policy committee during 2008.

Motion: to accept the Policy committee report with thanks.

Moved: Alvin Finkel

Seconded: Kevan Rhead

CARRIED

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Doug Meggison adjourned the formal meeting.

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