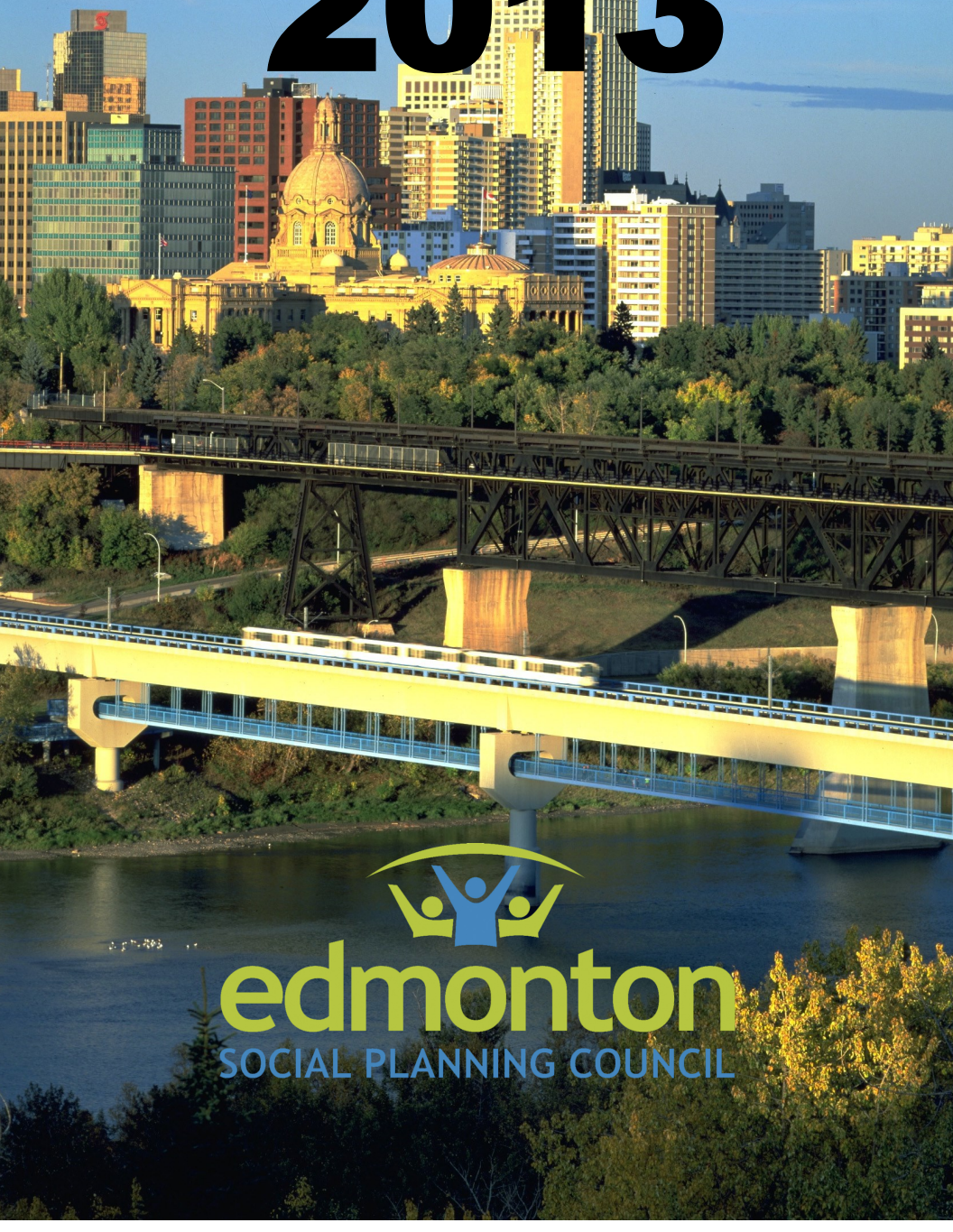


Annual Report

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SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Annual Report 2013

Our Vision

A healthy, just and inclusive community.

Our Mission

The ESPC provides leadership within the community by addressing and researching social issues, informing public discussion and influencing 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



Vasant Chotai

It is an exciting time as Alberta and the City of Edmonton are undergoing change at an increased pace. That challenges our non-profit organization, the Edmonton Social Planning Council, to play an even greater role in the formation of social and economic decisions that determine the future of our communities. Over the year we were recognized as having made significant contributions to these developments; and this year we will play an even more valuable role, always keeping in focus our core mission of a *healthy, just and inclusive community*.

I am pleased to report that in 2013 we made progress in our community work as well as in our organization. We firmed up our advocacy process and focused on areas that needed priority attention. To respond to this increased undertaking, we brought in additional members to the Board who bring with them youth, diverse skill sets and experience.

Last year our research on food security, together with our partners' work, resulted in a wide publication of the findings in the media. Over the year, we carried out community consultation and research that influenced the government's commitment to end child poverty, the formation of our city's poverty elimination strategy, and the development of a provincial social policy framework that ensures all Albertans benefit from any progress. *(You will find details of our work as you read through the annual report).*

In the coming year, we will ensure that these commitments continue to remain at the top of the agendas of the city and the provincial government; we will support and collaborate with them in developing responses that are focused and effective. We will continue to work in partnership with other non-profit groups. Our advice to decision-makers and government officials will continue to be based on research and innovation. We will keep our focus steadfast on responses that support the vulnerable and that make pay a fair wage for work so the working poor can look beyond their monthly pay cheque. Our work will always be non-partisan and conform to the requirements of a charitable organization.

Last year we saw a drop in our revenue due to the loss of a couple of provincial grants and a lack of resources to organize a public fundraiser. Our fund development committee embarked on ways to bring more stability and diversification to our funding sources.

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President's Report—Cont'd.

We are drafting guiding principles for ethical fundraising. We are now in the process of executing the plan and will reach out to a wider funding stream.

The ESPC needs more members to broaden its reach so it has embarked on direct membership recruitment. Please encourage your friends to become members of the Edmonton Social Planning Council for a nominal fee. In addition, due to limited resources and increased activity, we also need more volunteers to help with our efforts to build a supportive community. I would like to appeal for more volunteers if you have time to help with our research, consultation forum and fundraising activities. Please feel free to contact us through our website at www.edmontonsocialplanning.ca or by phone at 780 423 2031.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive director and her staff for working so very hard with limited resources, and the members of the Board of Directors for providing leadership and shouldering additional responsibilities for the success of our Council.

For the coming year, we have our work cut out. Together we are ready to face the challenge.

Vasant Chotai, Board President

Executive Director's Report



Susan Morrissey

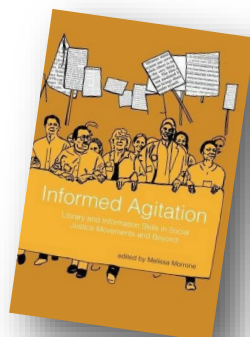
Once again, I am pleased to report that from an operational perspective, ESPC staff were extremely busy engaged in very worthwhile social justice work within our community. As you read through this annual report you will see that we continued with our tradition of gathering and analyzing data and writing reports including the *2013 Tracking the Trends* and the annual poverty report card *From Words to Action*. In addition in 2013, we had the great fortune of working in partnership with the Edmonton Community Foundation in creating the first ever *Vital Signs* report for Edmonton. With a focus on local food security, we learned through our research and community consultation that food is a major intersection where many challenges especially related to poverty meet.

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Executive Director's Report—Cont'd

2013 also saw the Council staff continuing to engage Edmontonians in focus group discussions around poverty and lunch and learn events where we were able to host discussions between social service agency staff and the general public on a host of social issues.

Not always knowing where the winds may take us, ESPC had the unexpected honor this year of having our search engine ThreeSOURCE featured as a chapter in a recently published book entitled *Informed Agitation – Library and Information Skills in Social Justice Movements and Beyond*. The chapter explains how ThreeSOURCE is considered an innovative and new approach to adapting the management and delivery of social justice research to keep up with the demands for improved access to information.



Our social media efforts, through Twitter and Facebook, were active this year as vehicles to share information, encourage discussion and participation and keep individuals informed of not only our work, but the efforts of the larger community around addressing social issues.

2013 was an extremely exciting year as the City of Edmonton, United Way of the Albert Capital Region and a number of other agencies and stakeholders engaged in and moved the needle on the issue of poverty. We welcomed the opportunity and participated fully as a member of the Poverty Elimination Steering Committee which in the end developed a strategic framework and five focus areas for action. Early in 2014, under the direction of our new Mayor, Don Iveson, the Steering Committee's work continued to carry forward with the newly established Mayor's Taskforce for the Elimination of Poverty in Edmonton.

There are so many more areas that I could expand on to enrich your understanding of the efforts of our staff to address issues of poverty and homelessness in our community. We have certainly been busy and engaged with our partners and colleagues in many interesting initiatives. I will let you see this for yourself as you go through this annual report.

I do however wish to thank as always, the ESPC Board of Directors, the volunteers and staff and our funders for the hard work, encouragement, and support. I also wish to once again acknowledge our ESPC members who continue to support our cause. It is by the efforts of so many, working in a concerted direction that we are able to share our experience, expertise and wisdom to make Edmonton a truly good place to live.

Susan Morrissey, Executive Director

Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee Report



Janet Kluthe

The Advocacy Committee progressed significantly in 2013, moving from an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to a Standing Committee of the Board shortly after the adoption of the advocacy policy by the Board in February 2013. Its mandate is to provide guidance to the Board, consistent with the ESPC strategic plan and other ESPC advocacy positions. In order to set the stage for advocacy work and forward direction, the terms of reference were revised, an advocacy process was developed, and a list of advocacy issue areas, ranging from poverty and income to urban planning, were developed. Action/inaction will be

determined by the Advocacy Committee criteria that were revised, as well as the priority for the ESPC. The advocacy issues criteria are used to rate issues as well as to determine whether advocacy action is required by the ESPC. Board members have selected, from the advocacy issues list, which issues they will follow and monitor in order to ensure that the advocacy committee members are apprised of current and upcoming issues that may require Board position to be developed. The Committee has grown in size to six members as of the end of December 2013, including the president of the Board of the ESPC as well as the ESPC executive director. Momentum has been building and now that the foundation is fully in place, the committee looks forward to much progress and movement in 2014. I would like to thank everyone involved in the development of this committee and for its work to support the Board in advocating for a healthy, just and inclusive community.

Janet Kluthe, Committee Chair



Policy Committee Report



Rose Marie Tremblay

This year the Policy Committee completed the revisions to the Council's bylaws, which were approved by the membership and Board of Directors. In September the Bylaws and Objects were filed and approved by Alberta Registries under the *Societies Act*. In December, the revised Bylaws were filed with the Canada Revenue Agency as a non-profit organization. In 2014 the Committee began a review of the Terms of Reference for consistency in consultation with members of the Standing Committees. On the recommendation of the Board, the Policy Committee is researching and drafting

Guiding Principles for Ethical Fundraising. The Policy Committee was also responsible for adjudicating submissions for the Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice.

Rose Marie Tremblay, Committee Chair

Finance Committee Report



Doug Meggison

The Edmonton Social Planning Council board approved a 2013 budget with a very small surplus for our fiscal year, which runs from January through December. Nevertheless, in 2013, with posted revenue of about \$383,000 and expenses of about \$383,500, we experienced a very small deficit.

Challenges in 2013 included: loss of the Government of Alberta's STEP grant, a reduced Community Spirit grant, and lack of a large fundraiser. We did however recruit more members to the Council and obtained significantly more project revenue and larger annual grants from some of our institutional partner/donors. Over the year,

wage expenses were down, attributed to staff turnover and some voluntary hours reduction.

Over half (54.7%) of the ESPC's revenue came from the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, with whom we continue to partner both directly and indirectly. The amount of the United Way contribution has been the same for several years. The ESPC has been a member agency of the United Way since inception.

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Finance Committee Report -Cont'd

The Council continues to do volunteer casinos, and these revenues represented around 12% of our 2013 budget. The time between ESPC casinos is increasing, so there will be challenges for us.

Executive Director Susan Morrissey has continued to successfully — and dare I say relentlessly — pursue and capture fee-for-service contracts. Don McFarlane, our contract bookkeeper, continues in that capacity with administrative assistant Stephanie Haar taking over more responsibility for postings.

Our 2013 audited financial report will be presented during the annual general meeting by Peterson Walker LLP, and is available to members on request.

Doug Meggison, Committee Chair

Fund Development Committee Report

2013 continued on from where 2012 left off. Much change is still happening in Edmonton and Alberta. The ESPC also has experienced many changes as an organization. In 2013 we focused on creating an approach to try and build partnerships beyond those that we traditionally have. The goal is to see if these new partners can help and expand on the current funding that we receive. This would help the ESPC further promote our important work as well as bring more stability and diversification to our funding streams. I am very happy to report that we are now executing this plan and will be reaching out to many different groups in the community in 2014 to promote the ESPC and see if there are some long term partnerships we can create.



Sumeet Shinde

2013 was also a very busy time for the ESPC as we held our casino fundraiser, a very important event for our organization. I would like to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the casino in July. Also a big thank you to the ESPC staff who were able to support this initiative in many different ways.

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Fund Development Committee Report-Cont'd

The casino is a very important event for us and all the help that was given is much appreciated. If you are interested in helping with the next casino please contact Stephanie Haar at the ESPC.

In 2012, ESPC piloted a fundraiser called the Care with Flair Fashion Show. By all accounts it was a tremendous success that raised awareness about the ESPC and many of our partner associations. We received support from a large cross section of the public, everyone from government representatives, business owners to general members of the public. For 2013 we were unable to hold this or another fundraising event. We are working hard to see how we can hold a fundraiser in 2014. If you are interested in getting involved in this initiative please contact us.

I would like to thank all those involved with the ESPC, everyone from the funders to the volunteers. I would also like to give a special thank you to my fellow board members and of course the staff of the ESPC. It is an exciting time to be an Edmontonian and the work we are doing is going to be extremely important to ensure that as our city changes it still remains a healthy, just and inclusive community for all.

Sumeet Shinde, Committee Chair

Board Development Committee Report



Oliver Kamau

This year, the Board Development Committee focused on recruitment. This has been a priority given that the board lost two previous members reducing it to eight. Thanks to the efforts of the committee and ESPC staff, we have succeeded in recruiting five new members bringing the total number to 11 out of the maximum 12 who are allowed to sit on the board. The new members come from a wide range of backgrounds, diversity, skill sets and experiences. I am positive ESPC will have a very engaged board.

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Board Development Committee Report-Cont'd

We plan to hold board development orientation training after the AGM to ensure the new team understands clearly their role and responsibilities, and the functions of an effective board. We also embarked on membership recruitment and are grateful to those who took out new or renewed memberships. We are also grateful for the support accorded to us throughout the year by the ESPC executive director as well as her staff.

Oliver Kamau, Committee Chair



Lunch and Learn Series



In 2013, the ESPC hosted six Lunch and Learns at the Stanley Milner branch of Edmonton Public Library.

January 23, 2013

Ending Poverty in Alberta

With John Kolkman, Research Coordinator,
Edmonton Social Planning Council

April 17, 2013

The Interplay of Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addictions, and their Interactions with the Health and Justice Systems

With Jay Freeman, Executive Director, Edmonton
Homeless Commission

September 11, 2013

Exploring Early Cultural and Economic Adaptation Process of the Newcomers in Michener Park, Edmonton Alberta

With HM Ashraf Ali, ESPC Social Justice Intern and doctoral student at the
University of Alberta

October 23, 2013

iHuman—Building Trust with Youth

With Catherine Broomfield, iHuman Youth Society

November 19, 2013

Preventing Gender Violence in Edmonton

With Melanie Lintoot, Coordinator, University of Alberta Student Union's Gender
Based Violence Prevention Project

November 14, 2012

Seniors Abuse in Edmonton

With Anjulie Talwar and Amanda Gravel,
Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE)

2014 Lunch and Learn Schedule

The 2014 Lunch and Learn schedule has not yet been finalized. Please see our website www.edmontonsocialplanning.ca for details of future talks as they are confirmed.

These events are held at the south east corner of the main floor of the Stanley Milner Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, between noon and 1 pm.

Major Publications

Tracking the TRENDS 2013: 12th Edition

October 2013

This is the Edmonton Social Planning Council's flagship publication that offers a comprehensive collection of current and historical demographic and socio-economic data focused on the Edmonton region. The publication divides the trends into six major categories: demographics, education, employment, cost of living and housing trends, earnings and income, poverty, and Government Income Supports. This edition also includes an updated Social Health Index, which measures the overall social well-being of Edmonton and how it has changed over time.



Edmonton Vital Signs 2013

October 2013

Vital Signs a report on food Security in Edmonton that contains statistics on a variety of topics related to local food security and the health of Edmontonians. Topics include the cost of nutritious food, food bank use, diabetes and youth obesity, soil quality, local farming, community gardens and related topics. It also contains information about recent demographic trends in Edmonton.



From Words to Action: Alberta Can Afford a Real Poverty Reduction Strategy

November 2013

The Edmonton Social Planning Council, Public Interest Alberta and the Alberta College of Social Workers released Alberta's 2012 child poverty report card. The report revealed that despite an improving economy, in 2011 there were 84,000 children in Alberta (29,800 of whom were under the age of six) living below the low-income measure.

The report suggests reforms that would facilitate additional provincial investment in ending child poverty, and outlines the associated investment values. Other poverty indicators and suggestions for alleviating poverty are also included.



Activity Overview

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| Reports Released | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>From Words to Action: Alberta Can Afford a Real Poverty Reduction Strategy</i> • <i>Impact of Summer Temporary Employment Program Elimination in 2013</i> • <i>Edmonton Social Research Directory</i> |
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| the fACTivist Newsletter | <p>ESPC staff developed four themed newsletters focusing on social issues and solutions in our community. Many of our research writing volunteers contributed to each issue.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Risk Youth (Winter) • The Cost of Education (Spring) </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage! Municipal Politics (Summer) • Warming Up Winter (Fall) </td> </tr> </table> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Risk Youth (Winter) • The Cost of Education (Spring) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage! Municipal Politics (Summer) • Warming Up Winter (Fall) |
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| fACT sheets | <p>ESPC staff prepared 1-2 page documents which provided a snapshot of issues including basic information, statistical data and in many cases ESPC position statements. These are distributed at our lunch and learn events, presentations and via the ESPC social media outlets.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Provincial Budget Analysis (March) • 2013 Federal Budget Analysis (March) • Housing and Homelessness (May) • Increase in Cost of Core Needs in Edmonton (May) </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 City of Edmonton Municipal Election (Oct) • Immigrants and Newcomers: Barriers to Integration (Oct) </td> </tr> </table> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Provincial Budget Analysis (March) • 2013 Federal Budget Analysis (March) • Housing and Homelessness (May) • Increase in Cost of Core Needs in Edmonton (May) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 City of Edmonton Municipal Election (Oct) • Immigrants and Newcomers: Barriers to Integration (Oct) |
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| Media Conferences / Releases | <p>ESPC disseminates information through the media. In some cases ESPC initiates this through media events or conferences with partner agencies. ESPC is also sought after by the media and does both print and broadcast interviews .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Words to Action: Alberta Can Afford a Real Poverty Reduction Strategy. The report was released at the Bissell Centre. (Nov) • Tens of Thousands of Vulnerable Albertans Affected by Loss of STEP: Survey finds more than half (56%) of non-profits will no longer be able to provide the same level of community programming in 2013 (June) • Strong Economy Not Lifting All Boats: ESPC releases updated publication tracking social trends (Oct) |
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Activity Overview—Cont’d

Media Conferences / Releases—Cont’d	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than one in ten children lives in poverty in Alberta: New report challenges government to move “from words to actions” (Nov)
Committees / Coalitions	<p>To fulfill our mission, ESPC works with many other organizations in our community. Using our resources wisely, we are able to leverage our efforts while speaking with a common voice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action to End Poverty in Alberta• Alberta Asset Building Collaborative• Alberta Quality of Life Commission• Campaign 2000• CEASE—Building Blocks for Families• City of Edmonton Poverty Elimination Steering Committee• Data Users Group• Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOH) Membership Committee and Research/Communications Committee• Edmonton Community Foundation—Vital Signs Partnership• Homeless Count Committee• Homeless Memorial Planning Committee• Homeless Connect Planning Committee• Homeward Trust Research Committee• Progressive Research Group• Public Interest Alberta Human Services & Poverty Reduction Task Force• United Way ED Network• Urban Core Support Network
Community Consultations	<p>Recognizing the value of hearing from citizens, ESPC facilitated a number of discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bissell Centre• Boyle Street Community Services• Canadian Mental Health—Edmonton• Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE)• Friends of Stanley Milner Library

2013 Activity Overview—Cont'd

Presentations ESPC staff were called upon to give presentation to other social service agencies and groups, post-secondary students and the general public. This allows us to disseminate our research findings, share best practice information from other jurisdictions and encourage and stimulate discussion.

- Low income Edmontonians to the board and senior management of Edmonton John Howard Society
- NDP pre-budget meeting
- Tenancy to the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness membership meeting
- Provincial budget's impact on low income programs and services
- Public Interest Alberta conference
- threeSOURCE Library to a group of front-line social service providers
- Low Income and health status to U of A medical students
- John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights conference

Events Hosted Each year ESPC hosts a number of educational and social events to bring people together with common interests.

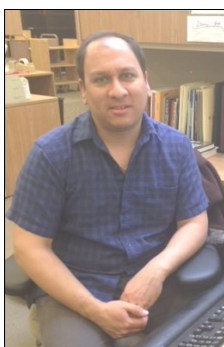
- Lunch and Learns (Jan., April, Sept., Oct., and Nov.)
- Annual General Meeting (May)
- Vital Signs breakfast launch (Oct)
- Municipal Election 2013 Housing and Homelessness—Mayoral Forum—co-sponsored with ECOHH (Oct)
- Edmonton Election 2013 Candidate Mixer (Oct)
- United Way Bake Sale (Nov)
- Seasonal Celebration Party (Dec)

ESPC Participation in Recognizing the importance of contributing to the wider community and remaining in-touch with the people we serve, ESPC staff and volunteers actively participate in community events.

- Homeless Connect (April & Oct)
- Homeless Memorial (May)
- Urban Core Support Network Inner City BBQ (July)
- Quality of Life Commission Forum—Ending Child Poverty (Nov)

2013 Activity Overview—Cont'd

*ESPC and ECOHH
hosted the Municipal
Election mayoral
candidates' forum in
October at
NorQuest College.*



“I have enjoyed our collaboration with the Edmonton Social Planning Council. The Lunch & Learn topics that are presented at the library are always very interesting and are usually well attended. Furthermore, the staff are friendly and very professional which makes the planning and coordination of these sessions a much more easy process.”

Claudio Bringas, Community Librarian, Stanley A Milner Library.

Web and Social Media

The Edmonton Social Planning Council has endeavored to reach out and engage with a wider audience through the use of its website and social media tools. Feel free to connect with the Council through our various online outlets!

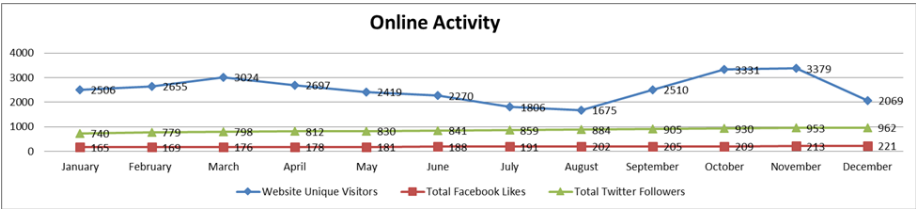
Online statistics in 2013

In 2013, we had:

Unique website visitors: **30,341** (a 15.4% increase from 2012)

Twitter followers at the end of December: **962** (a 33% increase from 2012)

Facebook followers at the end of December: **221** (a 37.3% increase from 2012)



www.facebook.com/edmontonspc



twitter.com/edmontonspc



www.youtube.com/edmontonspc



www.flickr.com/photos/edmontonsocialplanning/



threeSOURCE is a unique and user-friendly database of research reports that focus on social services, social issues and the non-profit sector in Alberta.

It also contains social research reports published by various levels of government, universities, research institutes and similar organizations in other parts of Canada. There were 1187 unique visitors to threeSOURCE.ca last year.

ESPC's threeSOURCE has been recognized as an innovative approach to connecting the social service agencies with valuable research. The development and purpose of threeSOURCE was highlighted in the book *Informed Agitation* released in September 2013.

Research Update Newsletter

The Research Update newsletter contains reviews of research publications that focus on important social issues of interest to Edmontonians and Albertans. In 2013, 11 monthly Research Update e-newsletters were sent out to the public. The newsletter was primarily sent to Albertans who work in local and provincial levels of government, universities and colleges, individuals who work in the local social services sector and to the general public. Our most recent Research Update was sent to between 400 and 450 individuals.



"I find the monthly research reviews particularly interesting as they cover a wide variety of social issues facing Edmonton."

Kelly Cust, volunteer

2013-2014 Board of Directors

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2014-2015 Board of Directors Candidates

First Term - 1st Year Candidates:

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Anne Stevenson

Darlene Paranaque

Meghan Abbott

Second Term - 1st Year Candidates cont'd :

Rose Marie Tremblay

Oliver Kamau

Doug Meggison

Second Term - 1st Year Candidates:

Sumeet Shinde

Jarrold Bayne

Second Term - 2nd Year Candidates:

Vasant Chotai

Membership

We would like to thank our current 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. 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.
- Supporting their community** - The contributions of members help us to remain at the forefront regarding social issues.

In 2013 membership increased from 34 to 96.

Staff Members

Susan Morrissey	Executive Director
John Kolkman	Research Coordinator
Stephen MacDonald	Resource Coordinator
Virginia Dowdell	Research and Communications Assistant
Stephanie Haar	Executive Assistant

Consultants and Students

Don McFarlane	Bookkeeper
Paul Dobrotvorsky	IT Services (PD Compserve)
Microtek	Web Hosting
Michelle Neilson	Summer student

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 and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Partners and Supporters of Projects

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action to End Poverty in Alberta (AEPA)• Alberta Human Services• City of Edmonton Integrated Panhandling Advisory Committee• Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOHH)• Edmonton Community Foundation• Edmonton Homeless Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edmonton Poverty Elimination Steering Committee• Homeward Trust Edmonton• PovNet• Public Interest Alberta (PIA)• Union 52 Benevolent Society• United Way of the Alberta Capital Region• Urban Core Support Network (UCSN) |
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Volunteers

We are so grateful for our volunteers! In 2013, more than 810 hours of time was given to help us reach our mission by researching social issues, informing public discussion and influencing social policy. Thanks to all of you. We couldn't do it without your help!

Kayla Atkey	Soheel Hussein	Hayley Orton
Mona Bacon	Stella Johnson	Sayouba Ouedraogo
Carmen Barry	Anna Kessler	Darlene Paranaque
Kareema Batal	Fatima S. Khawaja	Leah Phillips
Sunita Bhat	Natty Klimo	Nimir Raval
Elise Broughton	Stephanie Kowal	Sanjesh Roop
Raymond Cheung	Victoria Kubinski	Chris Rudge
Michael Colborne	Lilian Lai	Nicole Sobus
Kelta Coomber	Darlene Lau	Esther Steeves
Christine Donnelly	Tiffany Le	Anne Stevenson
Manuel Escoto	Amanda LeBlanc	Diane Strickland
Catherine Fan	Marc LeBlanc	Diana Varvis
Aneesha Gill	Ben Lemphers	Ryan Williams
Michelle Harkness	Donald Lenz	Lindsay Wodinski
Mayr Hasfjord	Barbara Lyon	Vanessa Zembal
Adam Henley	Michael Mathiote	Rory Ziv
Nicole Hill	Hanna Nash	
Iryna Hurava	Robert Opoku	

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? ESPC tries to match a volunteer's policy interests, availability and skills with volunteer opportunities such as:

- writing research reviews
- contributing to FACT *sheets* and quarterly *fACTivists* newsletters
- drafting film and book reviews
- helping our community partners
- applying to the Board of Directors
- leading a project as a youth intern (age 18-25)
- being a general researcher
- assisting with fundraising
- supporting special events

To become a volunteer go to www.edmontonsocialplanning.ca and click on **Get Involved** or call 780-423-2031.

Minutes of 73rd Annual General Meeting

Date: May 8, 2013 5:30 pm

Location: Centennial Room, Stanley Milner Library, Edmonton, AB

1. Welcome and President's Remarks

The meeting was convened at 5:32 p.m. by Vasant Chotai, President of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, who welcomed everyone and delivered a brief opening statement. Vasant welcomed City of Edmonton Councilors Amarjeet Sohi, United Way representative Joanne Currie and Randy Boissonnault our guest speaker.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: MOVED by Vasant Chotai, seconded by Beth Hayward to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: *CARRIED*

3. Approval of Minutes of May 15th, 2012

Motion: MOVED by Vasant Chotai, seconded by Jarrod Bayne to accept the minutes from the May 15th, 2012 AGM as presented.

Motion: *CARRIED*

4. Award of Merit For Advocacy of Social Justice

Lindsey Graham presented Award of Merit For Advocacy of Social Justice to The Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (ISMSS).

5. President's Report

Vasant Chotai reflected on the work of the Board and Council for the year 2012 and touched briefly on the plans of the 2013 year.

6. Operations Report

Susan Morrissey, Executive Director, reflected on the work of the Council and change within our community, province and federal level of government for the 2012 year.

Susan Morrissey, thanked the staff, board of directors, funders and ESPC members for their continued support.

7. Presentation of Financial Report

Doug Meggison wished to express thanks to Ron Chalmers (retiring ESPC Board member) for all his work on the Finance Committee

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Presentation of the 2012 Audited Financial statements.

Carla Walker presented the Audit Report.

Motion: MOVED by Ron Chalmers, seconded by Rose Marie Tremblay to approve the audited 2012 financial statements as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Ron Chalmers, seconded by Jarrod Bayne to appoint Peterson, Walker to complete the 2013 audit.

Motion: CARRIED

Doug Meggison thanked Carla Walker for her work.

8. Board Development/Nominating Committee Report

Vasant Chotai thanked and presented a small gift to Ron Chalmers, who is retiring from the Board after completing his four years, for all his work on behalf of the Council and Board.

Introduction of continuing Board Members

Beth Hayward
Iris Moreno
Lindsey Graham
Sumeet Shinde
Jarrod Bayne
Rose Marie Tremblay
Oliver Kamau
Vasant Chotai

Oliver Kamau introduced one candidate, Mirella Sacco, who has gone through the interview process and have been acknowledged as a fit for the ESPC Board. Mirella Sacco had the opportunity to speak about herself.

CALLS for nominations from the floor.

Once

Twice

3rd

Motion: MOVED by Oliver Kamau, seconded by Beth Hayward, that nominations cease.

Motion: CARRIED

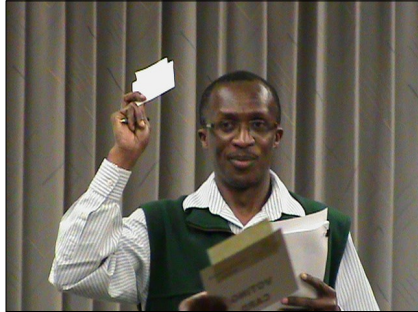
Motion: MOVED by Oliver Kamau, seconded by Beth Hayward to elect the above mentioned candidate(s) to the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

Motion: CARRIED

9. Policy Committee

Beth Hayward presented suggested revisions to the Edmonton Social Planning Council's Bylaws.

Beth Hayward expressed thanks to the legal students, and supervising lawyer, who volunteered to review the ESPC Bylaws.



Motion: MOVED by Lindsey Graham, seconded by Oliver Kamau to repeal the existing Bylaws of the Edmonton Social Planning Council and replace them with the revised Bylaws as presented.

Motion: CARRIED

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion: MOVED by Vasant Chotai, seconded by Sumeet Shinde to adjourn the business portion of the 73rd ESPC Annual General Meeting.

Motion: CARRIED

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