



MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
OF WOOD BUFFALO

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Annual Report

December 2019

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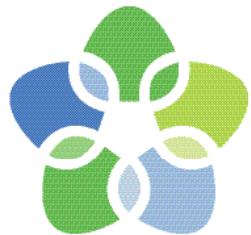
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**MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
OF WOOD BUFFALO**

Message from our President

On behalf of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo Board of Directors I wish to thank our dedicated staff, our wonderful volunteers, and my fellow Board members for their tremendous efforts toward achieving our corporate vision of Unity in Diversity throughout 2019. In particular, I would like to recognize our Vice President, Douglas Nicholls, who is stepping down from the Board to enjoy his retirement. On behalf of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, and from myself personally, we wish Doug all the best in his next chapter.

This has been a very exciting year for the MCA, as we have seen increased attendance and interest in our programs, events, and services as the local multicultural community continues to strengthen and grow. We were pleased to see more than 2,100 participants and 386 volunteers at our annual Multicultural EXPO, all of whom experienced 57 different cultures through dance, food, fashion, and music. In addition to the 102 performers at our EXPO stage, the event also showcased the youth of our community with a talent show that included 18 acts.

We also saw an increase in the number of people attending our always popular Canada Day breakfast, where this year we made two significant changes. For the first-time ever, we hosted the event at Heritage Village, in partnership with our generous friends at the Fort McMurray Heritage Society. More than 1,200 community members turned out. Also, for the first time ever, our friends at McMurray Métis provided traditional bannock and jam to go with our pancake breakfast, as well as a demonstration of traditional Métisjigging. With dance performances by Divine

Group of India and others, Wood Buffalo families enjoyed a colourful, musical, vibrant celebration of our great country. Following the breakfast, MCA also participated in the Canada Day Parade, where we were honoured with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's 2019 Canada Day Parade Award for Best Services/Social Group.

Our MCA programs also continued to grow in popularity throughout the year. Financial Literacy and Notary for Immigrants continued to see record numbers, and our cultural



Board President, *Dango Gogo*
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cookery classes often sold out on the day they are announced. Trudie Tulk, one of our faithful cookery attendees, has said it best: "Multicultural Cookery Classes are an immersive experience where we learn about our differences and discover our commonalities. We share knowledge and accept unique characteristics of other cultures. Here, in Fort McMurray, we have the opportunity to have our world just keep getting better and better because we can all integrate without sacrificing our individuality."

As MCA looks forward into 2020, we also see the opportunity for our community to keep getting better and better. We are excited at the prospect

Message from our Executive Director

Residents of Wood Buffalo take great pride in living in one of the most culturally diverse regions in Canada. We know that diversity and inclusion are amongst our greatest resources, contributing in equal amounts to our community's culture, art, and economy.

Throughout 2019, we saw overwhelming evidence of this in the events, programs, and services of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo. More than 50 countries were represented through the groups and individuals that interacted with us.

More than 3,300 volunteer hours were logged through over 520 volunteer positions. Our English Language Learner Assistance (ELLA) program is thriving at both local public and catholic school districts.

Our Multicultural Cookery programs are consistently selling out. Our Notary Clinic for Immigrants is seeing its highest participation numbers.

Our Cultural Awareness Training program, specially designed for the Wood Buffalo community, also continues to be in high demand, as our local workforce continues to grow in cultural diversity. It is a pleasure to work with local businesses and non-profits who are honing their communication skills and cultural interaction practices to be on the cutting edge of customer service and employee engagement.

While our work supports the local economy, the MCA's best-known achievement is our contribution to the cultural life of our community. In 2019, nowhere was this more apparent than our Multicultural EXPO, held in February at the Nexen Field House. This year's one-day event saw over

2,100 participants experience the dance, fashion, music — and of course the food — of more than 57 cultures. The best part of the event may have been the Parade of Nations, as O Canada played and representatives of 33 nations participated in a flag ceremony.

Throughout 2019, our region turned out to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion, marking important days like Canada Day, Multiculturalism Day, Speak Up Against Racism Day, and Human Rights Day. Throughout this annual report you will see photographs of

many members of our community participating in these important events.

It has been an honour for me to be involved with this incredible organization and to share the past year with so many wonderful people. I would like to thank everyone at MCA, the Board members, the staff, and our amazing members and volunteers, for making my first year as Executive Director such a memorable experience. It has been a pleasure working with you to celebrate the incredible diversity and multiculturalism of this wonderful region we call home.



Executive Director
Therese Greenwood

Vision

Unity in Diversity

Mission

To foster an environment in which individuals and groups may contribute to the cultural heritage of Alberta, encouraging communities to share their cultures, build bridges, and grow harmoniously in Canadian life.

Our Values

Our values define how we serve and build relationships with our multicultural community, as well as our workplace.

Diversity: MCA values the diversity and differences among persons from all over the world who live and work in RMWB. All programs and activities celebrate and educate the multicultural contributions from our citizens.

Integrity: MCA values integrity, all its programs and activities are distinguished by a commitment to honesty, accountability, and transparency.

Inclusivity: MCA values the inclusion of all persons in our community, all programs and activities ensure that every culture feels at home in Wood Buffalo and supports integration to ensure our cultural community members have the skills and resources necessary to be successful in our community.

Mutual Respect: MCA values mutual respect, all programs and activities promote a welcoming environment for all cultures, and people from around the world.

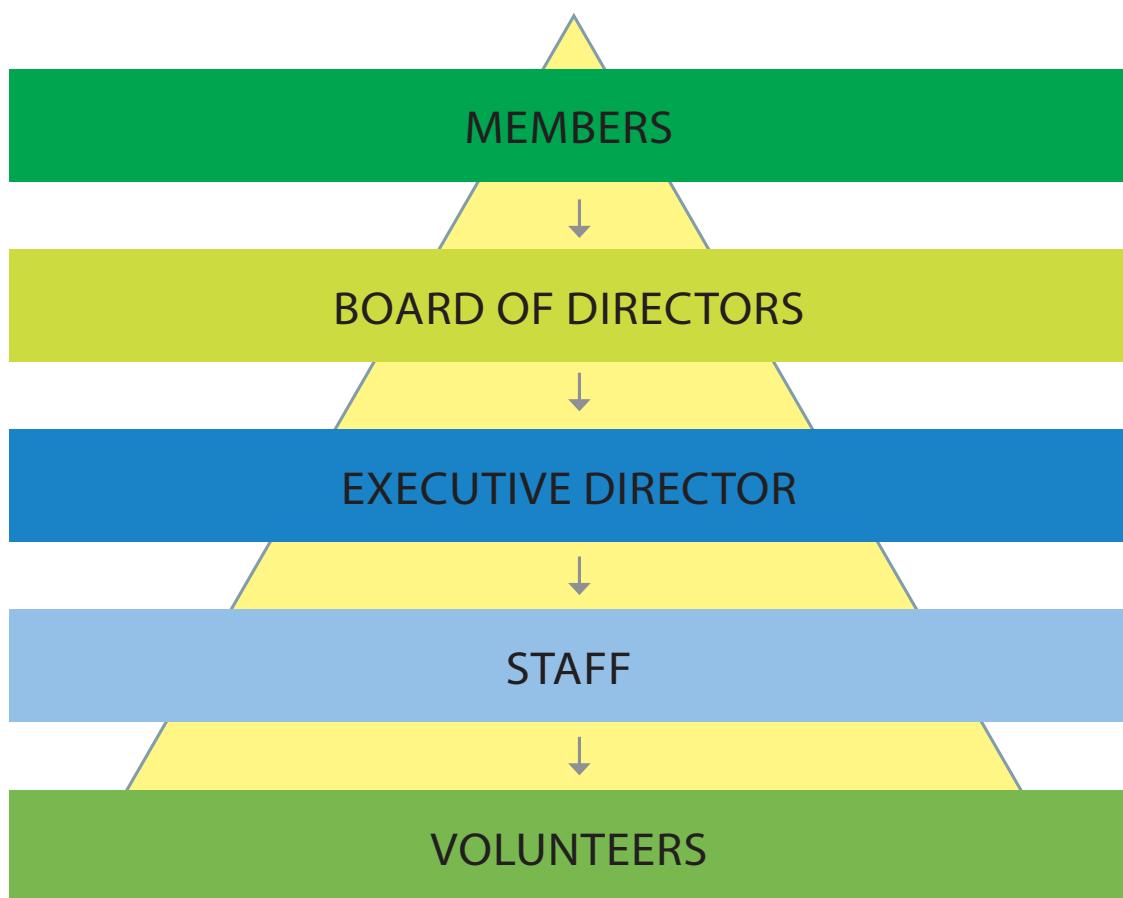


Membership and Volunteering

MCA membership is open to organizations and individuals to share the benefits of early-bird registration, voting rights, and program discounts. MCA has an ever-growing member and volunteer base. Since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM), we had over 3,300 volunteer hours logged from over 520 volunteer positions that were a part of our programs and events. As well, over 50 countries of origin were represented in the list of groups and individuals to access MCA's programs, events, and services..

Organizational Structure

The MCA is governed by a board of directors whose mandate is to provide strategic leadership to the organization. They are responsible for developing policies on code of conduct, conflict of interest, meeting management, policy development, recruitment of Executive Director, strategic planning, as well as board recruitment, evaluation, and succession planning.



Strategic Plan 2017-2022



Strengthening MCA Culture

- MCA places value on employee wellness and personal growth;
- MCA empowers our employees/volunteers with the skills and resources they need to be successful in their roles;
- MCA respects diversity and different points of view;
- MCA encourages and celebrates employees who reach beyond the status quo.



Embracing Sustainability

- MCA uses financing responsibly;
- MCA builds a strong balance sheet with diverse revenue sources;
- MCA budgets sensibly, optimizing resources.



Meeting Stakeholders' Needs

- MCA will strengthen the administrative support and educational resources to build capacity for our cultural groups;
- MCA will strengthen coordination and convene important conversations and connection between cultural groups;
- MCA will support ethno-cultural groups to develop and preserve their individual cultures and communities;
- MCA will function as an information liaison unit for ethno-cultural groups;
- MCA will coordinate and facilitate communication between individuals, groups, industry, businesses and government.



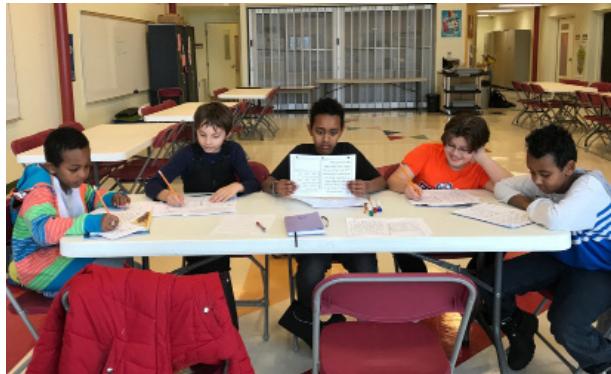
Creating Community Connections

- MCA acts as a trusted organization and provider of safe convening space;
- MCA is an organization with deep knowledge and experience in the field of multiculturalism, diversity, and inclusion;
- MCA is a voice that constructively contributes to policy discussions about newcomers and individuals of diverse background, their special needs, and their connectedness with community;
- MCA has a team of individuals that people can turn to for services, training, consultation and advice;
- MCA is an organization that welcomes and strategically engages volunteers, stakeholders, and cultural groups in Fort McMurray to enrich the community;
- MCA is an advocate and influencer of the importance of multiculturalism and anti-racism.

Programs

English Language Learners Assistance Program

The English Language Learners Assistance (ELLA) Program builds confidence in newcomer students so that they can actively participate in class and school activities. It helps children with their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Due to the language barrier, newcomer students in Wood Buffalo often struggle in school and frequently do not have sufficient homework support at home, as their parents may also be learning English. The program is being offered during school hours with a maximum of 2-to-1 students-to-teacher ratios for half-hour sessions.



 **158**
students from over
33
different countries

Cross Cultural Parenting Program

The Cross-Cultural Parenting program helps immigrant, refugee and Canadian parents with practical knowledge, skills, and resources for parenting in a multicultural context. Throughout the 10-week program, we explore parent-child relationships as well as the benefits and challenges of living and parenting in a multicultural society. Childcare is provided free of charge to reduce barriers for parents attending. Parents develop a support network and build confidence when interacting with other participants who are experiencing similar life challenges. Our trained facilitators are experienced in child development, parenting styles, and facilitating workshops. We partnered with the Hub Family Resource Centre in Timberlea to help remove barriers to access by providing child minding for parents with young children. This program last took place in Fall 2018, and the next iteration will be taking place in Spring 2020.

 **10**
newcomer parents and
caregivers

Programs

Financial Literacy

Participants of the Level 1 Financial Literacy Program gain knowledge in banking, budgeting, credit, debt, taxes, insurance, government support programs, avoiding fraud & scams, and investing. Level 2 covered financial goals, net worth, company stocks, private offerings, real estate investing, and cryptocurrency. The sessions are highly interactive and provide newcomers with tools to help them and their families understand the Canadian financial system. Participants are provided with workshop material that serves as a great resource and document for future reference.



300
hours of volunteer
facilitation

115
participants



Cultural Competency Training

This year, our Cultural Awareness Training program provided 7 workshops to 99 individuals and 7 different agencies including social profits, Municipal departments, volunteer committees, and educational institutions. The workshops were tailored to each group and addressed cross-cultural differences, potential causes of misunderstanding and conflict, as well as tools and strategies to address cross-cultural challenges.

"A perfect overview of culture that really aligns with our organization's respectful workplace training." "[The Facilitator] gave valuable information on interacting with and understanding different cultures"



7
workshops

94
individuals

5
different agencies

Cookery

The Multicultural Cookery Program taps into Wood Buffalo's generous and diverse population, encouraging 15 volunteers from different cultures to teach their home country's cuisine. The program ran monthly cooking lessons featuring 7 different types of cuisines. Over 120 attendees learned to cook traditional foods, interact with diverse groups, and share delicious meals around one table.



124
attendees learned to
cook traditional foods

Events

Annual General Meeting 2018

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo's Annual General Meeting was held on December 3, 2018, at the Redpoll Center. Last year, the MCA announced the winners of the Sana Elache Legacy Awards with Lauren Popowich as the recipient of the Community Engagement Award and Krish Shaw as the recipient of the Student Empowerment Award. Moreover, the MCA also welcomed their new executive director, Therese Greenwood.

Human Rights Day 2018

Our Human Rights Day 2018 Conference was held on December 10th, coinciding with the United Nations' International Human Rights Day. This year marked the 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and MCA joined the celebration with the theme "Celebrating Older Persons Human Rights". In 2018, MCA partnered with 4 organizations to set up the event. The event was moderated by MCA's Executive Director Therese Greenwood and began with a continental breakfast followed by opening remarks from our dignitaries. The conference included 6 presentations and 1 interactive workshop, all providing deeper insight into the Human Rights affecting older persons. Light lunch was also provided to all the attendees. A total of 11 booths were set up displaying resources that pertained to senior citizens. There were 80 total attendees, including speakers, dignitaries and MCA staff members.

Volunteer and Board Appreciation Dinner

On December 12, 2018, the MCA invited a few of the most dedicated volunteers and board members to the Volunteer and Board Appreciation Dinner. This dinner was held Surekha's on the Snye where all invited guests were thanked for their hard work and commitment to the MCA

throughout the year. This year, the MCA also honoured Jay Falcone for 5 years of volunteer service and more than 780 volunteer hours towards the Financial Literacy Program.



Events



Multicultural EXPO 2019

The Multicultural EXPO was held on February 9, 2019 at the Nexen Field House. This year saw over 2,100 participants who experienced 57 different cultures that were showcased through dance, food, fashion and music.

This year's EXPO began with a Parade of Nations, a choreographed flag ceremony representing 33 nations, with the Canadian anthem playing in the background.

There was a total of 386 volunteers who dedicated 2491.5 hours from start to finish of the event.

The EXPO exhibited 38 booths, 9 of which were sharing cultural cuisines, 5 of which were showcasing culture through activities, 11 of which were hosting cultural displays or handicrafts and 13 of which were social profits and local organizations.

The event included a 45-minute Multicultural Fashion show where 72 participants from 12 different cultures were able to showcase their unique, international attires for the audience to see.

The event also included a youth talent show made up of 18 acts with 33 youth participants. Lastly, the EXPO stage featured performances every

hour for 30 minutes and included 102 local and guest performers throughout the span of the event.

Speak Up Against Racism Workshop 2019

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo hosted the Speak Up Against Racism Workshop 2019 on Thursday, March 21, at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre's Multipurpose Room. The goal of the event was to teach students the definitions of, and how to identify, 3 elements of racism: Stereotyping, Prejudice and Discrimination. It also aimed to teach students why racism is harmful and how they can be upstanders and speak up against racism.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on March 21st of every year, as set by the United Nations, and allows us to renew our commitment to building a world of justice, equality and dignity.

This year's event brought together a total of 48 attendees, including staff and one photographer, with 34 students, 6 teachers and 1 guest speaker from the United States.

This year, MCA focused on grades 7 and 8 as a way to help produce materials that were more relevant to the age group of the participants.

Events

Canadian Multiculturalism Day 2019

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo launched a social media campaign to celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27, 2019. Employees and students were asked to wear their cultural attire to work and school and post photos of their participation to social media accounts using the hashtag #MultiDayYMM. The social media campaign had 15 people respond on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. As an incentive for participating, the MCA selected the Wood Buffalo Regional Library as the winner to receive a complimentary 2-hour cultural awareness training.

Alberta Culture Days 2019

The MCA took part in the 2019 Alberta Culture Days with a free-admission workshop introducing the basics of memoir writing around a major historical event, in this case the Horse River Wildfire. Organized in partnership with Arts Council Wood Buffalo and the Wood Buffalo Regional Library, the workshop was intended for participants interested in writing for themselves, family, friends, a shared community, or the general public. It was designed to help the participant organize material, describe experiences with vivid imagery, and find time for writing in a busy life. The 20 participants in attendance ranged in age from elementary students to seniors.

Financial Literacy Conference 2019

On November 2, 2019 (in partnership with the A-Team, SunLife Financial, Scotiabank, Allenby Law, RBC Royal Bank, RE/MAX, and Royal Lepage True North Realty) the MCA hosted the second annual one-day Financial Literacy Conference at the Elements Room in Keyano College, with 5 keynote speakers from around Alberta discussing topics such as Investments and Global Investing Trends, Legal Aspects of Home Purchases,

Managing Personal Finances, Fort McMurray Real Estate, and Government Regulations on Properties. The event also included breakfast and lunch and had 72 participants. This year, the MCA incorporated breakout sessions as part of the event to allow for more hands-on learning.



Events

Canada Day Bannock and Pancake Breakfast & Parade 2019

The MCA, in collaboration with the McMurray Métis and the Fort McMurray Heritage Society, hosted the Canada Day Bannock and Pancake Breakfast and took part in the Municipal parade at Fort McMurray Heritage Village Park on July 1, 2019.

This year's Bannock and Pancake Breakfast was attended by 1,270 people including 4 MCA staff and 89 volunteers, with members of McMurray Métis volunteering to cook the bannock. In total, 2,000 pancakes were eaten at the event. Attendees were also able to enjoy various activities around the park including face painting, balloon animals, Henna tattoos and Words on Wheels.

To highlight the event, the MCA was also the recipient of best in parade for non-profit organizations, receiving a beautiful award to commemorate the accomplishment.



Services

Interpretation Services

MCA offers Certified Community Interpretation Services to individuals and service providers who require verbal communication assistance to mitigate language barriers. These services allow both parties to communicate effectively through a non-biased, third-party interpreter. In 2019, MCA offered interpretation services in 29 languages, and received 26 interpretation requests. The 5 most frequently requested languages in 2019 were Mandarin, Arabic, Amharic, Somali and Arabic.



Translation Services

Alongside the Interpretation services, MCA offers Certified Translation Services of written documents for both individuals and service providers. Businesses use translation services to ensure they are reaching a broad audience through their marketing while individuals use Certified Translations for legal documents such as passports and birth certificates, educational documents, or driver's licences. In 2019, MCA offered translation services in 50 languages, and received 41 translation requests in 17 different languages. The most frequently requested languages for translation in 2019 were Spanish and Arabic.

Notary Services

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, in partnership with Don Scott McMurray Law Office, started a free notary service called the "Notary Clinic" for the immigrant population within our region. A committed team of volunteers from Don Scott McMurray Law Office extend their support and expertise to assist the community. The service is available on the last Saturday of every month from 10AM to 12 PM. We help notarize such documents as travel document applications, police record certifications, commissioning documents, witnessing visa applications, certified copies, Powers of Attorney, travel consents, proof of life and more. Most of our clientele have been Canadian Citizens (48%) and Permanent Residents (36%), while the remaining 16% are students, visitors, residents with work permits, and refugees. Over 410 documents have been notarised for 99 people of various nationalities, saving an estimate of around \$32,800 in notary fees for our community.



MCA's Programs, Events, and Services have reached individuals and groups from the following countries:



Bangladesh	Democratic Republic of Congo	Hong Kong	Libya	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Botswana	Ecuador	India	Macedonia	Russia	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Egypt	Indonesia	Mexico	Scotland	U.S.A.
Cameroon	England	Iran	Moldova	Senegal	Venezuela
Canada	Eritrea	Ireland	Morocco	Slovakia	Vietnam
Chile	Ethiopia	Italy	Namibia	South Korea	Wales
China	Fiji	Ivory Coast	Nepal	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe
Colombia	France	Jamaica	Nigeria	Sweden	
Costa Rica	Ghana	Japan	Pakistan	Syria	
Cuba	Honduras	Kenya	Palestine	Thailand	
		Korea	Philippines	Tunisia	
		Lebanon	Portugal	Ukraine	

Collaborations

The Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre is a Newcomer Interagency Network (NIN) initiative with MCA acting as the fiscal agent. It is a free service for newcomers who have any questions about accessing support services in town in the areas of "work", "live", "learn", and "play". Our Welcome Centre Coordinator and Welcome Ambassadors connect newcomers with newcomer-serving organizations in town, eliminating frustrations experienced by newcomers when they find that they are being moved from one organization to another in order to find which service is best catered to their given circumstances. The Centre is located on the second floor of the Wood Buffalo Regional Library. Since December 2019, the Centre has reached 150 new clients. NIN-member agencies actively donate 13 hours/week to support the operations of the Centre and the library provides us with a space donation in-kind.

The Collaboration for Religious Inclusion

The Collaboration for Religious Inclusion (CRI) brings together organizations in the RMWB to promote unity through religious inclusion and understanding. The group aims to engage and educate the public through workshops, forums, media, and collaborative initiatives. The CRI champions inclusivity with the goal of making the community welcoming for those of all faiths.

- CRI Member organizations include:
- Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo
- Markaz UI Islam
- Fort McMurray First United Church
- McMurray Gospel Assembly
- Fort McMurray Sikh Society
- Alberta Human Rights Commission
- Baha'i's of Fort McMurray
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality

In the last fiscal year, the CRI has presented artwork to spaces in the community that have put efforts in championing diversity and inclusion by creating quiet spaces for mediation and prayer. Organizations the CRI collaborated with putting together quiet rooms include the Fort McMurray International Airport – who now have 2 quiet rooms in total – as well as with MacDonald Island Park and the Northern Lights Regional Hospital.

The CRI also partnered with the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality (RACIDE) to facilitate a Conversations Café on religious discrimination and hate. Taking place on June 12, 2019, the event engaged social profit organizations, faith leaders, law enforcement and community members in meaningful conversations that gave participants the opportunity to share their experiences of hate and discrimination on the grounds of religion and also share ideas on how to prevent and address these issues.

The Newcomer Interagency Network (NIN)

The Multicultural Association is also a member of the NIN Steering Committee. The NIN is a network of organizations and employers in the RMWB committed to working together to enhance the lives of newcomers to our community. The Network helps improve referral processes, identifies gaps, needs, and duplications in newcomer services, and provides consultations to government, businesses and organizations on newcomer matters. Further, the NIN agencies work collaboratively on initiatives and projects to help address the gaps whenever possible. The NIN steering committee includes the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation, Keyano LINC and the YMCA of Northern Alberta.

Financial Update

**Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo
Statement of Financial Position**

As at March 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Assets		
Current		
Cash	249,053	276,588
Restricted cash (Note 3)	5,327	34,607
Accounts receivable	2,420	3,114
Goods and Services Tax receivable	3,886	4,400
Prepaid expenses and deposits	-	1,800
	260,686	320,509
Capital assets (Note 4)	10,802	9,151
	271,488	329,660
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	31,638	31,404
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	90,323	174,140
	121,961	205,544
Commitments (Note 6)		
Net Assets		
General fund	120,053	98,503
Capital fund	10,802	9,151
Internally restricted fund (Note 7)	18,672	16,462
	149,527	124,116
	271,488	329,660

Approved on Behalf of the Board

Director

Director

Financial Update

**Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo
Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

For the year ended March 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Revenue		
Municipal grant funding (Note 5)	282,250	267,156
United Way funding (Note 5)	137,500	109,000
Sponsorship and fundraising	101,056	99,402
Fire recovery	85,794	87,727
Casino revenue (Note 5)	29,292	49,540
Cultural performance, translation and interpretation services revenue	22,278	14,607
Provincial and federal grant funding (Note 5)	13,880	37,898
Program revenue	13,119	13,414
Memberships	2,575	2,269
Donations	2,164	3,624
Total revenue	689,908	684,637
Expenses		
Advertising	17,949	18,429
Amortization	3,486	1,719
Bank charges and interest	330	2,095
Donations	2,015	1,065
Equipment rental	2,871	2,948
Events expense	61,821	68,328
Facilitation fee	-	2,705
Insurance	5,291	685
Meals and refreshments	19,406	15,475
Office supplies	20,013	40,150
Pro networking/staff development	-	153
Professional fees	22,562	26,532
Programming costs	26,701	36,950
Rent	25,834	22,036
Salaries and benefits	450,196	395,123
Telephone	3,869	4,468
Training	1,316	5,112
Travel	837	-
Total expenses	664,497	643,973
Excess of revenue over expenses	25,411	40,664

Financial Update

**Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo
Statement of Changes in Net Assets**
For the year ended March 31, 2019

	General fund	Capital Fund	<i>Internally restricted fund</i>	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of year	98,503	9,151	16,462	124,116	83,452
Excess of revenue over expenses	25,411	-	-	25,411	40,664
Capital asset purchases	(5,137)	5,137	-	-	-
Interfund transfers (Note 7)	(2,210)	-	2,210	-	-
Amortization of capital assets	3,486	(3,486)	-	-	-
Net assets, end of year	120,053	10,802	18,672	149,527	124,116

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Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Cash receipts from operations	606,785	716,506
Cash paid for program service expenses	(196,428)	(271,405)
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	(461,705)	(399,886)
Cash paid for interest	(330)	(2,095)
	(51,678)	43,120
Investing		
Purchase of capital asset	(5,137)	(10,104)
Increase (decrease) in cash resources	(56,815)	33,016
Cash resources, beginning of year	311,195	278,179
Cash resources, end of year	254,380	311,195
Cash resources are composed of:		
Cash	249,053	276,588
Restricted cash	5,327	34,607
	254,380	311,195

Financial Update

Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2019

1. Incorporation and nature of the association

Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo (the "Association") was incorporated under the authority of the Societies Act of Alberta. The Association has a mandate to foster and promote equality, social justice and institutional change. It encourages communities to share their cultures and grow together in Canadian life.

The Association is a registered charity and thus is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (the "Act"). In order to maintain its status as a registered not-for-profit organization under the Act, the Association must meet certain requirements within the Act. In the opinion of management these requirements have been met.

2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations as issued by the Accounting Standards Board in Canada using the following significant accounting policies:

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions paid. 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. Sponsorships revenue is recognized based on the term of the sponsorship contract. Product sales, program revenue and services revenue are recognized when the products or services are delivered to the customer.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include balances with banks and cash on hand. Cash subject to restrictions that prevents its use for current purposes is included in restricted cash.

Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. The policy of the Association is to capitalize assets when the useful life is greater than one year and the acquisition cost meets the capitalization threshold of \$500. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably determined.

Amortization is provided using the declining balance method at rates intended to amortize the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives.

	Method	Rate
Computer equipment	declining balance	30 %
Office equipment	declining balance	20 %

Financial instruments

The Association recognizes its financial instruments when the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management. Financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in all other related party transactions are initially measured at their carrying or exchange amount in accordance with CPA 3840 Related Party Transactions.

The Association subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost, except for equity instruments that are quoted in an active market which are measured at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations. Changes in fair value of these financial instruments are recognized in excess of revenue over expenses.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in net earnings. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

The Association assesses impairment of all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost when there are indicators of impairment. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year of excess of revenue over expenses.

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Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2019

2. Significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Measurement uncertainty (use of estimates)

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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenue over expenses in the periods in which they become known.

Contributed materials and services

Contributions of materials and services are recognized both as contributions and expenses in the statement of operations when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials are used in the normal course of the Association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

Volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to the Association's program and supporting services. Because of the difficulty in determining and supporting their fair value, services provided by volunteers are not recognized in the financial statements.

3. Restricted cash

Restricted cash may not be used for purposes other than those approved by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2019 Net book value	2018 Net book value
Computer equipment	28,289	17,726	10,563	8,862
Office equipment	14,486	14,247	239	299
	42,775	31,973	10,802	9,151

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5. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions consist of unspent contributions which are externally restricted. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specified expenditures are made. Changes in the deferred contribution balance are as follows:

	Municipal grant	Casino	Provincial and federal grants	United Way	Other funds	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year	-	34,607	-	-	139,533	174,140	141,698
Funds received during the year	282,250	12	27,444	150,000	124,487	584,193	670,338
Revenue recognized during the year	(282,250)	(29,292)	(13,880)	(137,500)	(192,588)	(655,510)	(637,896)
Contributions repaid during the year	-	-	-	(12,500)	-	(12,500)	-
Balance, end of year	-	5,327	13,564	-	71,432	90,323	174,140

6. Commitments

The Association has entered into rental lease and equipment lease agreements with estimated minimum annual payments as follows:

2020	42,215
2021	35,570
2022	26,582
2023	4,430
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	108,797

7. Internally restricted fund

During the year, the Board of Directors approved the use of \$13,103 (2018 - \$nil) of internally restricted funds for the Expo event.

In addition, the Board of Directors approved the transfer of \$15,313 (2018 - \$16,462) from the general fund to the internally restricted fund. This amount includes \$12,496 (2018 - \$13,103) for the Expo event, \$2,817 (2018 - \$nil) for the Financial Literacy Conference, and \$nil (2018 - \$3,359) for Interpretation and Translation programming.

8. Financial instruments

The Association, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

Notes



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