

2005 – 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



BC Association of
Community Response
Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ... Together



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
OF
THE BC ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY RESPONSE NETWORKS

The Board of Directors of the Association hereby gives notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at **1:00 p.m. on the day of Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 700 – 808 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC and via teleconference for the following purposes:**

1. To receive the report of the Directors to the Members.
2. To receive and approve the financial statements of the Association for the period ended March 31, 2006.
3. To appoint an Auditor for the Association for the ensuing year.
4. To elect Directors of the Association to hold office until the next annual general meeting following the conclusion of their term of office
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

DATED the 5th day of June, 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Debora Barr
Secretary

BC Association of Community Response Networks

Annual General Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2006
TIME: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
PLACE: By Teleconference or in person (please RSVP)
700-808 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC

Agenda

- 1:00** **Welcome** – Linda Derkach, Chair
Introduction of current Board Members
Roll call of members
- Approval of Minutes of the Last AGM** – Linda Derkach
- 1:30** **Report of the Board to the Members** – Linda Derkach
- 1:40** **Report of the Executive Director** – Alison Leaney
- 2:00** **Financial Report** – Jim Poole
Audited Financial Statements for 2005/2006
Appointment of the Auditor
- 2:15** **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
Reports on Activities from CRN Members
- 2:45** **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Anne Reimer
Election of Directors
- 3:00** **Adjournment**

BC Foundation to Support Community Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect

Second Annual General Meeting

June 17, 2005

Minutes

Chair: Linda Derkach

Secretary: Debb Barg

Executive Director: Alison Leaney

Foundation Members Present in Person or by Phone:

Lynn Mace, Elk Valley

Pat Petrala, South Surrey/White Rock

Bren Keetch, Sooke

Jack Rudolph, Prince Rupert

Valentina Wojna, Burnaby

Ellen Woodrow, North Shore

Chris Dunlop, Quesnel

Sandra-Jean Jackson, Castlegar

Jim Poole, Delta

Joan Feyrer, Victoria

Joan Reichardt, Nelson

Kathy Thomas, Sunshine Coast

Heidi Pozzobon, Kamloops

Bev Hurd, Oceanside

Nelli Richardson, Revelstoke

Carol McFadyen, Kelowna

Debb Barg, Penticton

Marjorie Gove, Peachland

Len Folkman, Creston

Robin Meggait, Armstrong/Enderby

Sandra Beggs, Haida Gwaii

Linda Derkach, Chair of the Board

Other Participants:

Pat Russell, Prince Rupert CRN Coordinator

Gillian Kadiri, Sooke CRN Coordinator

Elizabeth Armstrong, Chilliwack

Moira Tait, Victoria

Nansi Blenkiron, Victoria

Lynn Hamman, Victoria

B. Braude, Victoria

April Struthers, Sunshine Coast Coordinator and CRN Mentor

Heather von Ilberg, Nelson and CRN Mentor

Amanda Brown, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Joy Scobie, Kamloops

Heather Archer, Kamloops CRN Chair and CRN Mentor

Linda Proctor, Dawson Creek

Wendy Davies, Dawson Creek

Daphne Wilson, Powell River

Sheri Wood, Kelowna CRN Co-Coordinator

Anne Reimer, Penticton CRN Coordinator

Marge Donovan, Penticton CRN

Laura Watts, Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies

Rekha Patel, Leadership Vancouver Team Volunteer and Liquor Distribution Branch

Alison Leaney, ED, BC CRN Foundation

Appointed CRN members to the BC CRN Foundation, other CRN members and coordinators and friends of the CRN Movement participated in person at the office of the Public Guardian and Trustee in Vancouver, British Columbia, and by way of teleconference.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Derkach welcomed everyone to the second Annual General Meeting of the Foundation and introduced the current Board of Directors. She declared that notice of the meeting had been duly given to all the members, the meeting was regularly called and duly constituted for the transaction of business.

Alison Leaney performed a roll call of members and it was determined that 22 members, constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting in addition to many other supporters.

2. Minutes of June 14, 2004 – the Last AGM

Motion #1

Bren Keetch moved the adoption of the minutes of the last AGM, June 14, 2004. Chris Dunlop seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

3. Report of the Board of Directors

Linda Derkach, chair of the board, presented the Board's report. She highlighted the past year's work and outlined some of the future work to be undertaken.

Priority #1: Building relationships: BCCEAS, BC and Yukon Society of Transition Houses. cabinet ministers, health authorities, Licensing, assisted living, provincial Abuse and Neglect Planning Group

Priority #2: Resource development with all avenues being pursued for fund raising.

Priority #3: Raise public awareness about abuse and neglect and the work of CRNs

Linda said she continues to be inspired by the hard work and commitment of the members and supporters of CRNs. She also expressed thanks to the Board, to the Executive Director, and to Jay Chalke, Public Guardian and Trustee of BC for his generous in kind support to the BC CRN Foundation.

Motion #2

Moved by Jack Rudolph to accept Linda Derkach's report as presented, seconded by Sandra Beggs. Carried unanimously.

Pat Petrala joined the teleconference (1:40 p.m.)

4. Report of the Executive Director

Alison Leaney presented her report. She highlighted CRN activities and reported that working half-time for the Public Guardian and Trustee as the Adult Guardianship Community Development Coordinator and half-time for the Foundation as the Executive

Director is working. She expressed her appreciation for all the local work that is being accomplished to address abuse and neglect in communities. Alison has been attending conferences to help raise awareness at the provincial level. We were encouraged to share the bulletin via email. Pat Petrala suggested notifying our local MLAs to encourage them to be aware of local CRNs.

A discussion ensued about resource development that included the following ideas: information about a video to be made of mentors' presentations by local colleges or cable stations. Bren Keetch from Sooke suggested that funds go into the Foundation's Central Vancouver office and then be applied for by CRNs. These ideas will be presented to the Resource Development Committee.

Motion #3

Moved by Pat Petrala and seconded by Joan Feyrer that Alison Leaney's report be accepted as presented. Carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report

Jim Poole, Treasurer, reviewed the unaudited Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2004/2005. He introduced them as an interim report.

Motion #4

Moved by Len Folkman and seconded by Jack Rudolph that the financial report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 be accepted as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion #5

Moved by Jack Rudolph and seconded by Len Folkman to receive and file the budget for the period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion #6

Upon a motion made by Len Folkman and seconded by Pat (Petrala), it was resolved that Dorothy Buckland be and is hereby appointed as the auditor for the fiscal year April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006. Carried unanimously.

6. Establishment of a Constitution and Bylaws Working Group

Linda Derkach presented the idea of a working group to work on reviewing our constitution and bylaws in light of some glitches that have arisen over the last year. She also invited anyone interested in joining the working group to be in touch with her. The task group would meet from September to November as a bylaw task group. Any changes suggested by the group will be proposed to the membership at a specially called meeting at the same time the audited financial statements are presented.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Anne Reimer presented the Nominating Committee's Report and outlined the nominating process. She also thanked everyone who agreed to let their names stand for election and to those who considered doing so. She reported on the continuing directors. She then introduced the proposed three new directors to be elected, outlining their biographies –

Heidi Pozzobon, from Kamloops, Malerie Meeker from Powell River, and Joan Reichardt from Nelson.

Motion #7

Jim Poole moved and Bren Keetch from Sooke seconded that the three new members named above, be elected the Board, each for two year terms. Carried unanimously.

Motion #8

Anne Reimer moved and Chris Dunlop seconded acceptance of the recommendation that at the first meeting of the new Board that they appoint Linda Derkach and Amanda Brown, whose biographies were highlighted to the board. Carried unanimously.

Motion #9

Joan Feyrer moved and Jack Rudolph seconded that Moira Tait of Victoria also be considered for appointment to the board so Vancouver Island would be represented.. Carried unanimously

8. Other Business

There was more discussion regarding fundraising and a suggestion made by Joan Reichardt that CRNs be funded by the PGT. Alison Leaney reported on the very generous in kind support provided to the Foundation by the PGT – office, meeting space, unlimited toll free teleconferencing and long distance, and photocopying. Mention was also made of the BC Crime Prevention Society Conference in September and the Canadian Elder Law Conference in October. Mention was also made of approaching banks for funds, and that New Horizon Grants are an option with their focus being on multicultural and inter generational considerations with a September deadline.

Motion #10

Len Folkman moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3 p.m., and Bren Keetch seconded this motion. Carried unanimously.

Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting

June 22, 2006

For the past year, your Board of Directors has continued the important work of establishing our Association, building relationships and securing on-going funding for the work of CRNs throughout the province.

Following are some highlights of the past year.

Resource Development

The goal of the Association remains to establish on-going, long term funding for the work of local CRNs and provincial support. In order to achieve this major goal, members of the Resource Development Committee put their very creative heads together at a number of meetings to come up with ideas and recommendations for use provincially and locally.

Thanks to Alison Leaney, we had the assistance of Leadership Vancouver volunteers to help with designing and delivering a workshop on resource development at the local level. We will continue to apply for grant funding, and approach government and other authorities for core funding, but we may always need to do some fundraising at the local level. Establishing a number of different sources of funding will ensure that we have stability and security in the financial area.

Our Charter Donor Appeal was very successful, and resulted in a large number of individuals seizing the opportunity to be the first financial supporters of the Association. Donations received went to support the core activities of the Association, and provide assistance to local CRNs through our Mentors. Many thanks to our Charter Donors for this monetary boost.

Name Change and Bylaw Amendments

Changing the name of the Foundation to better reflect who we are and what we do was a major focus for the Board this year. Much consultation took place, and resulted in our change of name to the BC Association of Community Response Networks, as well as a number of bylaw amendments that will welcome more members to the Association, create a three-year term of membership, and provide for greater representation from each CRN.

This may seem like a fairly modest accomplishment, but anyone who has been involved in amending constitutions and bylaws in a consensus-driven organization will understand the huge amount of work that was done to have the very successful result that occurred at the General Meeting on March 29, 2006.

Many thanks to all who gave an opinion, read the bylaws or proofread for typos. The amendments passed unanimously – with faint cheering in the background!

Logo and New Brochure

As a result of the volunteer efforts of members of Leadership Vancouver – and tinkering by all of us - we now have a new logo and brochure just finished in time for launching at the Friesen Conference, “Aging, Ageism and Abuse – From Awareness to Action” in May at Simon Fraser University. Now with our new name, logo and brochure, we can proceed with the completion of our public documents, and continue our goal of raising public awareness about the work of CRNs and the Association.

Building Relationships

We continue to build relationships with like-minded organizations through participation on the BC Adult Abuse/Neglect Prevention Collaborative (formerly the Abuse and Neglect Planning Group at the PGT). This group brings together a diverse group - everyone with a concern or role provincially or regionally in the prevention of adult abuse and neglect in BC. Newly revitalized, this group is a pleasure to work with, and includes BCCEAS, Health Authority Representatives, BC and Yukon Society of Transition Houses, BC Centre for Elder Law Studies, PGT staff, SFU Gerontology Centre, Solicitor General and many others.

Thanks

Many thanks to our hard working Board of Directors, and best wishes to retiring Directors Jack Rudolph and Len Folkman.

A special thanks to Jim Poole, our Treasurer, who looks after our finances, investments, banking and budgeting. This has been a big job, and a very valuable one, and we are grateful to Jim for the huge amount of time and expertise that he devotes to these tasks.

Finally, as always, a huge vote of thanks to Alison Leaney, our brilliant, creative and hard-working half-time Executive Director. It would be impossible to list all the things that Alison does for us – and so very competently, so I will just make note of one thing that says it all. Alison has been invited to speak on behalf of Canada at the United Nations in New York City on June 15, 2006, in recognition of the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. I think that says it all!! We are very fortunate indeed!

Submitted by Linda Derkach, Chair

Report of the Executive Director To the Third Annual General Meeting Of the BC Association of CRNs - June 22, 2006

CRN Activity Update

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 45 - 50 active CRNs in BC. With all the ongoing changes that continue incessantly in communities, this is an impressive accomplishment. And as many of you know, CRNs have played an amazing leadership role in hosting or co-hosting a wide variety of awareness events for the inaugural World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15th. Check out the BC Association of CRNs Bulletin #9 for a sense of what took place. Congratulations to you all!

CRNs were last asked to report on their activities for 2005 in March 2006 and the reports are in the process of being reviewed. Thanks to everyone for getting these reports in. We already know from those we've read that we're inspired by your tenacity, creativity and commitment with such modest funds available.

CRN Support Update

1. **Funding Support to CRNs** – As you know, the BC CRN Foundation, when that was still our name contributed \$100,000 in direct contributions to BC's active CRNs without surpluses for the year April 1, 2005– March 31, 2006. I know the local realities of how this rolls out has been a bit of a shock for some. This is half of the amount we had to distribute the previous year. I understand this is a huge adjustment for CRNs. Please know that we recognize that less can be done when fewer funds are provided and that you can call upon your mentor, and/or myself to help strategize. We value everyone's contribution.

At the same time as direct contributions to CRNs are more modest, a number of CRNs have raised money locally through local and regional channels such as financial institutions, health authorities, community foundations, United Way, with countless other in kind contributions in every community. Thank you for this initiative.....I know it takes a huge amount of effort which may not be possible in every community at different times. I'll say more about Association initiatives to raise funds for the benefit of all CRNs further on in my report.

2. **Provincial Projects of the Association to Support the Work of CRNs**

"Gathering Wheel : Best Practices in Prevention" Project/Program

Eleven "Gathering Wheel: Best Practices in Prevention" workshops have been delivered regionally in BC this year by Association contracted staff. The last session was held on May 10th and brought the CRN Mentors Team together with members of a number of First Nations communities. The final reports of this project, the evaluation, the findings and so on will be available to CRNs before the fall. The wisdom "gathered" from all of you is impressive, as you will soon see. Thanks to all of you who shared your wisdom, to **April Struthers**, our evaluator and the CRN Mentors Team for workshop design, delivery and shaping the final reports. Thanks also to **Asja Major**, **Vera Lagasse** and the Joint

Management Working Group of the National Crime Prevention Centre for funding us to do this important project.

Legal Remedies for Financial Abuse/Crime Project/Program

The first of approximately 20 workshops to be offered to CRNs throughout BC was just held in Quesnel on June 7th to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Thanks to **Kathy Doerksen** and **Yvonne Kennedy** who are taking the lead on coordinating the delivery of these workshops, and thanks also to the many members of the Project Advisory Group for providing valuable input on the workshop content and design, our evaluator, **Jeff Sommers** of Strathcona Research Group, and to our legal advisor, **Hugh McLellan** of McLellan Herbert. We are very grateful to **Daphne Morrison** and the staff and Board of Governors at the Law Foundation of BC for the funds they have provided to undertake this important legal education initiative.

- 3. Provincial Public Awareness Campaign and Raising the Profile of CRNs and the Association** – As you know, developing such a campaign has been an important priority for our organization, although it has taken a long time to accomplish many of our inter-related objectives to get this off the ground. Here are some highlights of how things have come together.

Logo, New Name, Brochure

Finally we have a new logo, a new more workable name and a provincial brochure with the back panel adaptable by local CRNs. The provincial brochure connects all CRNs in BC with the Association so we can begin to build broader recognition of our province-wide movement to “Stop Adult Abuse and Neglect – Together: It just so happens, that getting these completed happened in time for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. In addition, the sample press release we produced for the World Day appeared in a number of newspapers, one of which was edited and co-issued by the Association and the Vancouver Island Health Authority, whose **Shawna Cadieux** very generously did all the leg work. Thanks to all of you for being so proactive about getting it submitted to your local media. Once again I'd like to appreciatively acknowledge our Leadership Vancouver Team of six volunteers **Jaime Bal, Betty Ann Lewis, Rekha Patel, Manon Poitras, Dianne Warnick, and David Shefsiek** for our brochure, and especially **David Shefsiek** and his colleague **Renee Erdman** of Vancouver Opera for their generosity in designing our logo, free of charge.

We Helped Organize Two Conferences for the World Day

On behalf of the Association and the Public Guardian and Trustee, I co-chaired with **Charmaine Spencer** of Simon Fraser University, an ad hoc little provincial group to spearhead World Day planning. This group ended up planning the John K. Friesen Annual Conference on May 11th and 12th called Aging, Ageism and Abuse – From Awareness to Action”, and helped the Coalition of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC plan their World Day conference, “Gears in Motion – Addressing Senior Abuse in BC”.

In addition, this ad hoc provincial planning group was very fortunate to secure the assistance of a student team from the BCIT Marketing Department to develop many World Day materials to help us do bigger and better things with future senior abuse prevention public awareness campaigns. Thanks so much to our exemplary student team, **Traci Reed, Manveet Virk, and Gurjit Chand**

Pioneers in the Abuse/Neglect and CRN Field Are Celebrated

The Friesen Conference was the venue for the presentation of the first Annual Older Adult Abuse and Neglect Awareness to Action Award where two pioneers of the abuse and neglect and CRN movement were honoured - **Helen Kuhn** of Quesnel and **Pearl McKenzie** of Black Creek. In addition two CRNs were acknowledged as having innovative programs, the **Support the Supporters Project of the North Shore Community Support Network**, and the **Gatekeeper Program of the Oceanside Abuse Response Network** (Parksville/Qualicum). Congratulations to all of you and all those nominated.

Profile Raised with the Help of Westminster Savings Credit Union

On behalf of the Association and the PGT I was invited to co-present with Sgt. Brian Trainor of the Saskatoon Police Service at a series of five sessions sponsored by Westminster Savings called "Elder Issues: Preventing Financial Abuse; Planning for the Future". Westminster Savings placed many ads in local newspapers and arranged for Brian and I to be on the Bill Good Show to have their events mark the World Day. I'm very grateful to the exposure we received as a result; special thanks to **Margaret Easton**, **Barry Forbes** (President and CEO), **Wayne McKay**, and **Nina Shin** and all the other managers and staff of Westminster Savings Credit Union.

An Active Presence at Conferences

Over the last year the BC CRN Foundation/BC Association of CRNs has made presentations and/or hosted booths at the following conferences: both conferences mentioned above, the first Canadian Conference for Elder Law Studies, the World Conference on Family Violence, the BC & Yukon Society of Transition Houses, and the Police Based Victim Services Training Symposium. We're very proud of the CRN Play showing a CRN in action, which was performed at two of these conferences. Thanks to all our actors. Now we need to make the script available to CRNs throughout BC.

An Invitation to Speak At the United Nations

I am also very grateful to the staff of the Family Violence Prevention Unit at the Public Health Agency of Canada who supported me - wearing my Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse hat - to attend and speak at the international inauguration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at the UN. It was one of those once in a lifetime opportunities. It gave me yet another opportunity to address an international audience on the importance of community capacity building, the very important work that CRNs in BC are doing to build safe, welcoming communities for all.

4. **Mentors Team Supports to CRNs** – The Mentor Team members and the areas they serve are

Heather Archer - covering CRNs in the Thompson Health Services Area, plus 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke

Kathy Doerksen - covering CRNs in the Fraser Valley, Lower Mainland, and to some degree, the North (Kathy and I share the North)

Yvonne Kennedy - covering CRNs in the North and South Okanagan with the exception of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm

April Struthers - covering CRNs on the Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky and Vancouver Island

Heather von Ilberg - covering CRNs in the East and West Kootenays

The Mentors Team has continued to build and maintain phone and email connections and in some cases offer workshops including the “Gathering Wheel: Best Practices in Abuse Prevention” and Local CRN Resource Development workshops graciously donated to the Association by **Jennifer Johnstone** of Ballet BC and **David Shefsiek** of Vancouver Opera, to CRNs in their areas over the last year. They are a wonderful team all with unique gifts which they pool to pull off amazing feats with very modest financial resources. I said this about them last year, and it is true now more than ever. Thanks to all of you for everything you do with such passion and commitment; you are integral to our organization.

5. **Other Ways of Staying in Touch with CRNs** - A number of provincial CRN teleconferences have been held over the last year to facilitate the funding reporting and application process, to provide an update on the resource development direction undertaken by the Association, including developing a provincial/local approach to building relationships with MLAs, to share information about how to apply the various lenses to our work (diversity, gender, urban/rural, etc) and the Theory of Change process.

Thanks so much to **Marlyn Ferguson** who provides our Association with administrative support and is the hub who keeps us all connected and in touch. Her can-do attitude makes everything possible!!!

As well, two Association bulletins have been produced in the last year as another way of keeping CRNs up-to-date on initiatives the Association is undertaking on your behalf. Thanks so much to **Linda Derkach**, Board chair, who does much of the writing for the bulletins as well as the Bulletin Task Group.

These bulletins are all available on the website, along with a huge amount of material developed by all of you. Thanks to **Heather von Ilberg** and the Website Task Group, and **Clint, Inge**, and **Chris** of Ingenius Webdesign for your continued work on adding the wealth of resources being developed to our website.

6. **Association Resource Development Activities** – As you know the Association is using a multi-pronged approach to raising funds increasingly necessary to finance the CRN supports outlined above.

Funds Raised

Once again I'd like to thank all those who became Charter Donors of the Foundation/Association. You collectively contributed about \$5,000 over the last year with some of those contributions continuing today.

In addition to funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre and the Law Foundation of BC, the Association is grateful to the BC Gaming and Enforcement Branch for Direct Access Gaming funds we received last July. In addition, we were successful in our submission to **Kevin Ronaghan** and the Centre for Sustainability for a grant to support us and three other like-minded organizations with whom we collaborate a great deal. These funds have been used to more clearly articulate how we can collaborate on a variety of activities related to our area of overlapping mutual concern - abuse prevention of seniors. We are also continually

appreciative of the very generous in kind support of office space, meeting space, unlimited toll free teleconferencing and long distance calling, as well as photocopying that we receive from the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. Thanks again **Jay Chalke!!!**

For many of these submissions I have requested letters of support from CRN members. I can't tell you how great it feels to get thirty letters from people outlining the importance of the work you all do. It has been very moving. Thank you to all the support letter writers.

Funding Possibilities

The Association is working hard on grant submissions to funders at the provincial and national levels, both in the private and public sectors. In addition we've been building relationships with banks and credit unions as well as potential provincial government funders. As well we are awaiting the status of our Request for Reconsideration for Direct Access Gaming Funds. We applied for \$250,000 from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. I'd like to acknowledge the work of the Association's Resource Development Committee who has been instrumental in providing us with good ideas, leads and contacts in our many resource development endeavours.

- 7. Other Supports to the Foundation** - At this time I would also like to acknowledge our community conscious accountant, **Dorothy Buckland, CGA, Janice Dack**, our efficient and precise bookkeeper. Together they have been instrumental in helping us refine our budget and financial statement formats with more suggestions for improvement being suggested by our Auditor **Norm** of Morrow and Co. Thanks Norm for your great ideas. Thanks also to **Richard Bridge** who has assisted with our bylaw amendments this last year.

Rick Leong and his team at Precision have continued to be incredibly generous and ever so quickly responsive to our printing needs.

My PGT Related Activities That are Supportive to CRNs

The following initiatives have taken place over the last year:

- I still convene the BC Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention Collaborative, of which the Association is a member. The Collaborative meets approximately 6 times a year to identify projects for further work to facilitate a coordinated provincial approach to addressing adult abuse and neglect and this year has applied to two funders to help cover the costs of doing their work.
- I continue to hold teleconferences with key contacts in designated agencies from throughout BC to share what is happening and to help address systemic issues. In addition, all 6 designated agencies have identified point people for their organizations to make liaising and working together easier.

Outreach to First Nations on Reserve and Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults – building on the work of the Dialogue held last June, the PGT has supported the writing of a grant proposal to NCPS to support whatever is the equivalent to CRN development in First Nations communities. The BC

Association of CRNs has continued to work hard to build relationships with First Nations communities and currently has connections with 10 – 15.

A provincial "Use of the Legal Tools" conference was convened to bring together practitioners working in designated agencies to share what is being learned about using the legal remedies in Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act - dealing with emergencies, warrants and access orders, restraining orders reporting criminal offences to police, and support and assistance court orders.

- A new police/DA training initiative is about to get launched in the Lower Mainland to bring key contacts in police, designated agencies, victim services, the PGT and CRNs together to develop stronger working relationships. If this event is successful it will act as a model for training throughout BC.
- Additional parts of the Adult Guardianship package were introduced in the House this spring that included helpful amendments to Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act. The bill did not go forward.

The Year Ahead

Association priorities for the next year include –

Raising funds including core funds for CRNs locally and the Association provincially using a diverse array of strategies (including from government)

Further Implementation of Leadership Vancouver's Communication Strategy and seeking funds to facilitate this

Coordinating the delivery of the "Legal Remedies for Financial Abuse/Crime" workshops
Maintaining and strengthening the relationship between the Association, CRNs, and First Nations communities interested in capacity building

Exploring technological improvements to better electronically connect all CRNs with the Association

Establishing a volunteer development program for the Association at the provincial level
Continuing to build partnerships and raise the profile of the CRN movement on the national and international stage through moving to the role of Past Chair of the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

A Final Note of Appreciation.....

The last year has been exciting, challenging, a time of ever emerging opportunities and constant building. We wouldn't all have accomplished as much as we have without the strong leadership provided by our Board of Directors who are of course all volunteers. My most sincere thanks to all of the following Board members: Joan Reichardt, Amanda Brown, Malerie Meeker, Heidi Pozzobon, Jack Rudolph, and Len Folkman. Special thanks to our Executive:

- **Debb Barg** –our Secretary who keeps the minutes and offers such appreciated warm words of encouragement
- **Jim Poole** – our Treasurer who pays close attention to all our financial details which has been a huge job with the provision of CRN funding and the establishment of many new processes

Our chair has been **Linda Derkach**, who has continued to make an immense contribution in terms of keeping us organized, leading our bylaw amendment process, and acting as a sounding board for me. Speaking on behalf of the province wide community of CRNs thank you Linda for all your gifts, and your passion for and belief in what CRNs are all about.

Respectfully Submitted by
Alison Leaney
Executive Director
BC Association of Community Response Networks

June 22, 2006

**B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY
RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2006

B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

MARCH 31, 2006

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors:

B C Foundation To Support Community Response To Adult Abuse And Neglect

We have audited the statement of financial position of the **B C Foundation To Support Community Response To Adult Abuse And Neglect** as at **March 31, 2006** and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and changes in its net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements as at March 31, 2005 and for the year then ended were audited by other auditors who expressed an opinion without reservation on those statements in their report dated June 15, 2005.



CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, BC
May 24, 2006

B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2006

	Operating Fund	NCPC Fund	Gaming Fund	Law Foundation	2006	2005
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 9,770	\$ -	\$ 12,440	\$ -	\$ 22,210	\$ 55,120
Term deposits	72,008	-	-	-	72,008	87,705
Accounts receivable	22,052	-	-	-	22,052	23,553
Due from Operating Fund	-	17,243	-	35,610	52,853	-
	\$ 103,830	\$ 17,243	\$ 12,440	\$ 35,610	\$ 169,123	\$ 166,378

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,795	-	-	-	8,795	95,628
Due to Operating Fund	52,853	-	-	-	52,853	-
	61,648	-	-	-	61,648	95,628
FUND BALANCES						
Externally restricted	-	17,243	12,440	35,610	65,293	-
Unrestricted	42,182	-	-	-	42,182	70,749
	42,182	17,243	12,440	35,610	107,475	70,749
	\$ 103,830	\$ 17,243	\$ 12,440	\$ 35,610	\$ 169,123	\$ 166,377

APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORS:

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Operating Fund	NCPC Fund	Gaming Fund	Law Foundation	2006	2005
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 70,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,749	\$ 68,904
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses	(28,555)	17,243	12,428	35,610	36,726	1,845
	42,194	17,243	12,428	35,610	107,475	70,749
Inter-fund transfers	(12)	-	12	-	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 42,182	\$ 17,243	\$ 12,440	\$ 35,610	\$ 107,475	\$ 70,749

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B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	Operating Fund	NCPC Fund	Gaming Fund	Law Foundation	2006	2005
REVENUE						
Grants	\$ 29,569	\$ 49,681	\$ 43,000	\$ 39,750	\$ 162,000	\$ 206,584
Donations	4,942	-	-	-	4,942	450
Interest	2,151	-	-	-	2,151	3,394
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	1,325
	36,662	49,681	43,000	39,750	169,093	211,753
EXPENSES						
Funds for local CRN activities	4,136	120	-	-	4,256	87,600
Workshop design and facilitation	-	9,197	-	140	9,337	-
Resource development	3,439	-	-	-	3,439	20,021
Mentors	5,749	-	17,891	3,115	26,755	29,588
Provincial web site	503	-	-	-	503	-
Accounting and legal	6,420	-	-	-	6,420	10,427
Staff fees	21,910	17,874	12,681	567	53,032	32,000
Administrative support	8,186	962	-	145	9,293	10,904
Travel	1,807	-	-	-	1,807	4,791
Office	12,913	-	-	173	13,086	12,598
Report writing and distribution	-	4,285	-	-	4,285	-
Conference fees and AGM	154	-	-	-	154	1,979
	65,217	32,438	30,572	4,140	132,367	209,908
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES						
	\$ (28,555)	\$ 17,243	\$ 12,428	\$ 35,610	\$ 36,726	\$ 1,845

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B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 36,726	\$ 1,845
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Account receivable	1,504	32,101
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(86,836)	60,556
Deferred charges	-	(165,000)
	(85,332)	(72,343)
CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(48,606)	(70,498)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS	(48,606)	(70,498)
NET CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	142,824	213,323
NET CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 94,218	\$ 142,825
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSIST OF		
Cash	22,210	55,120
Short term Investments	72,008	87,705
	\$ 94,218	\$ 142,825

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B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The Foundation was incorporated on March 14, 2003 pursuant to the British Columbia Society Act as a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of working to prevent adult abuse and neglect and to support the development of Community Response Networks (CRNs). The Foundation provides modest funding, provincial community and regional workshops, community development consultation and print materials.

The Foundation is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act of Canada with the business number #89342 3400.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Fund Accounting

The Foundation adopts the restricted fund method of accounting for its revenue.

Operating Fund - Non Restricted

The Foundation's revenues and expenses from general operations and administration are reported in the Operating Fund. The Fund is unrestricted.

NCPC Fund - Externally Restricted

The NCPC Fund reports the funding from National Crime Prevention Centre to support the project titled The Gathering Wheel: Identifying Best Practices in Prevention to Inform Community Response. The Foundation is committed to create a series of workshops to assist CRN members and affiliates build capacity and identify effective prevention strategies from around the province.

Gaming Fund - Externally Restricted

The Gaming Fund was established to record funding from the Direct Access Program grant to assist paying the mentors' team and other support activities to CRNs.

Law Foundation Fund - Externally Restricted

The Law Foundation Fund reports activities relating to the Public Legal Education on Financial Abuse Project through Financial Crime Workshops in 20 - 30 communities.

(b) Revenue Recognition

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Operating Fund in the year received or receivable.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

(c) Change in Accounting Policy for Revenue Recognition

Effective the beginning of year, the Foundation changed its method of accounting for revenue recognition from deferral method to restricted fund accounting. The change has been applied on a retroactive basis with the result that no change has been made to net income.

B C FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates are accounts receivable and accounts payable. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Foundation's financial instruments consist of cash and term deposits, accounts receivables and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to significant interest risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of the instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

4. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

Volunteers contributed about 13,000 hours per year to assist the Foundation in carrying out its service delivery activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**Report of the Nominating Committee
Of the BC Association of Community Response Networks
June 22, 2006**

There are:

seven possible directors running as a slate for election to this next year's Board and
three current directors completing the second year of their two year terms
for a total of ten directors in all.

Proposed Slate of Directors for Election

The following are either directors who have agreed to serve an additional two year term or are new as directors:

Current Directors Standing for a New Two Year Term (4 in total)

The following Board directors have fully served their last term and are willing to let their names stand for a new two year term:

1. Debb Barg – CRN member from Penticton
Debb has been the Coordinator of the Crisis Line in Penticton since the year 2000. She has a background in education, first working at the College level, and now enjoys providing training for volunteers. She has been involved in many community activities over the years and has participated enthusiastically in the Penticton Community Response Network, seeing the Network as vital to the work of the Crisis Line. Debb looks forward to continuing on the provincial Board.
2. Amanda Brown - BC Ass'n of CRN's link to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
Amanda, a social worker, is Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's regional lead on issues related to the Adult Guardianship Act and abuse, neglect and self-neglect of vulnerable adults. Her role is to support staff, provide education, develop and roll out materials related to VCH responsibilities and to work and partner with community agencies working in this area. Until a year ago, Amanda was the co-chair of the North Shore Adults at Risk Support Network of which she has been a member since 1998. Amanda has a particular interest in integrating less formal supports into community responses in keeping with the spirit of least intrusive most effective in the legislation so that all resources are used most appropriately. Amanda lives on the North Shore with her husband and two young sons.
3. Linda Derkach – BC Ass'n link with historic Adult Guardianship Implementation at the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC
In addition to serving as Chair to the BC CRN Foundation/BC Association of CRNs Board, Linda is also currently on the Board of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living, BC FamilyNet Association, and Parksville/Qualicum Community

Foundation. In her paid work life she was the Director of Implementation, Adult Guardianship Legislation for the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC and prior to that, was the Executive Director of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living. Linda is a teacher and previously served as a School Trustee in Port Alberni. She also studied at Simon Fraser University's School for Liberal and Professional studies, Advanced Management Program for Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Organizations. Linda has almost completed the Master Gardener program, is a quilter, a mother of 3, a grandmother of 2 and she currently lives in Qualicum Beach.

4. Jim Poole – CRN member from Delta

Jim is a member of the current BC Association of CRNs Board and has acted in the role of founding treasurer and ongoing treasurer to the BC CRN Foundation/BC Association of CRNs Board giving excellent guidance and support throughout. Jim served as chairperson of the Delta CRN since its inception in 1997 until/ 2003. He is now a community member of the Delta CRN. As well as his work with Delta CRN. Jim, along with others, helped revitalize the Surrey CRN. Jim has been involved in social services for all of his working career and has been involved in various aspects of fundraising, public relations and other related activities

Proposed New Directors to be Elected (3 in total)

The following have agreed to stand for election as **new** directors to the Board at this AGM for a two-year term:

1. B. Braude – CRN member from Victoria

Toronto born, Braude lived and raised children in Switzerland and finally evolved on Saltspring Island. She has had many diverse careers including being an x-ray technician, qualified financial planner, cabinetmaker, palliative care home support worker, and project coordinator first with the South Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre and now the Victoria Disability Resource Centre (VDRC). As coordinator for the VDRC Crime Prevention project, she has become involved with the Victoria Community Response Network steering committee and the Greater Victoria Police Diversity Advisory Committee. One of her passions is facilitating a unique graphic strategic planning process called PATH (Planning Alternatives Tomorrow with Hope), which is now being used in Victoria to mobilize community. Being a single Mom with a career and a long distance Grandma are challenges in her life. "Good books and deep philosophical discussions feed my soul while friendships keep me sane" she says.

2. Sue Thomson – White Rock

Susan has 28 years experience as an administrator working with a non-profit society to address the changing and growing needs of seniors in the White Rock community. She has a degree in Sociology/Psychology and helped write a training course for Care Aides with the Vancouver Vocational Institute. She has also completed training in Labour Relations and a variety of communication courses. Sue has been concerned about the rights of seniors throughout her 28 years of service in White Rock, sees that issues of abuse and neglect are still a concern and is passionate about the opportunity

to work hard on the Board to help bring about further improvements. She identifies skills in “developing grant applications, organizational issues, education and a passion to go beyond the status quo”. She has had some involvement with the local CRN. In her off time, Sue is a member of Backroads Hiking Club, Langley Garden Club and she enjoys hiking, skiing, scuba diving, gardening, wine-making, traveling and reading.

3. Laurie Wilson – Penticton

Laurie obtained her LLB from the UBC School of Law in 2000 and since 2004 has worked as the Family Law Advocate providing legal advocacy and legal education in areas related to family law for the seven bands of the Okanagan Nation at the Okanagan Nation Transition and Emergency House in Penticton. She also has extensive experience working for the Penticton Indian Band as an in-home care worker, and financial aid worker. Although she has not been a member of the Penticton CRN, a number of her relatives have had a connection with it and she has a sense that her family has a lot in common with how CRNs function. She is an accomplished traditional Okanagan artist and mentors younger artists finding their way. She has experience in conference organizing, facilitation, proposal and press release writing, and analysis of legal issues impacting First Nations people. She also has experience in the area of business and economic development. Laurie is very proud of her 5 adult children whom she raised as a single parent. And her 4 grandsons are “absolute treasures”. Laurie also loves to garden.

Continuing Directors

The following 3 Board directors have one year left in their two year terms of office and therefore continuing on the Board:

1. **Malerie Meeker – CRN member from Powell River**

Malerie is currently the Coordinator of Human Service programs at Malaspina University-College, Powell River Campus as well being an instructor in Malaspina’s Community Support Worker Certificate, Special Education Assistant Certificate, and Early Childhood Education and Care Diploma programs. She has a private consulting practice focusing on professional development and staff training; her clients include various provincial Associations for Community Living, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living BC, the BC Association for Community Living, Powell River Hospice, and Malaspina University College. Employed by the Powell River Association for Community Living for 26 years, Malerie was their Executive Director for 18 years. She has been a member of the Powell River CRN (Powell River Assist) since its inception. She obtained a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University in 2003. Malerie is a partner, mother and grandmother and she loves to garden, the great outdoors, and her cat.

2. **Heidi Pozzobon – CRN member from Kamloops**

Heidi is currently working on an on-call basis in an adult day program for seniors in Kamloops and just previously was the Program Manager for Lifeline in Kamloops.

At Lifeline she established a quick response protocol in partnership with Interior Health, did home visits, financial assessments, and extensive public speaking with various medical and allied health personnel. Heidi has supported seniors in various capacities in the Kamloops area for more than 25 years. She became involved with the Kamloops CRN about a year and a half ago while at Lifeline. She is attracted to the “big picture” thinking and way of addressing abuse and neglect issues that being involved with the CRN encourages. She is also very committed to working to ensure that people who are vulnerable, so trusting and yet also abused know where to access support and raising the profile of adult abuse and neglect as an important provincial issue. Heidi is a grandma, an avid gardener and shares a 21 acre farm just inside Kamloops city limits with her husband’s parents and Heidi’s two youngest daughters.

3. Joan Reichardt – CRN member from Nelson

Joan is currently a Board member for a number of different agencies in Nelson, including the Seniors Coordinating Society, the Housing Society, the Community First Health Cooperative, and the Health Task Force. In addition she is currently on the Board of the Seniors Network of BC and is an appointed reviewer for New Horizons Grants. During her working life she was the administrator for over 25 years of a multi-service organization with 27 different health programs including home support, an adult day program, meals on wheels, and services to persons with disabilities. In this capacity she formulated new programs and successfully raised operational funds. She has played a leadership role in the home support realm both provincially and nationally in addition to locally and was among the first to put the need for greater awareness of addressing abuse and neglect on the agenda in this capacity. She has been aware of the adult guardianship legislation since the early 1990s and has recently reconnected with the Nelson CRN. She is an avid reader and gardener, a mother and a grandmother. She is a long time advocate on a variety of seniors issues.