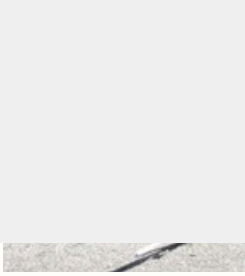
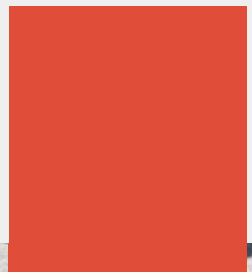
Parkgate Society
Community Services

Annual Report

April 1, 2024–March 31, 2025




Live Life Better • Connecting Community

OUR VISION

A vibrant, connected community.

OUR MISSION

To create opportunities for people in our community to live life better.

OUR VALUES

We believe in belonging, listening, responding, connecting and welcoming.



Parkgate Society Staff Training Day

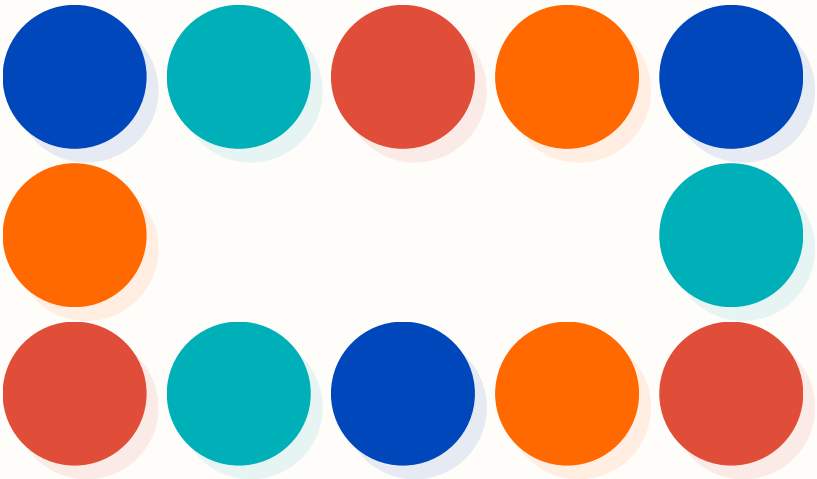
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors brings diverse backgrounds and unique expertise, giving Parkgate Society strategic and adaptable leadership. Their wide-ranging perspectives and skills ensure we excel in meeting the evolving needs of our community.

President	Shaun Wysiecki
Vice-President	Andrew Szymanski
Treasurer	Stephen Cheung
Secretary	Marnie Schigas

Board Members

Julia Figas	Soheil Farahmand
Patrick Weafer	Trelawny Bell
Marcus Acaster	Stephanie Gooding
Kathy Campbell	Zachary McKnight



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Ellen Clague
Executive Director

Looking back on this past year, I feel both proud and deeply appreciative of our community. It has been a year of momentum, celebration, and preparation for the future, made possible by the incredible people who make Parkgate Society what it is.

This past year, our programs and services were thriving, thanks to the remarkable dedication of our team. We marked the 25th Anniversary of Parkgate Community Centre, celebrating with our community on a rainy but fun-filled Parkgate Community Day, and at our AGM last September, we honoured past volunteers, long-serving staff, and community members who have grown up through our programs.

Another major milestone was preparing for the launch of our new infant/toddler and 3–5 child care programs at the new Lynn Creek Community Centre. Despite delays and challenges, the project came to life through the hard work of so many, with special gratitude to our project manager, Wesley Wong, for his unwavering and enthusiastic leadership. As we closed out the fiscal year, we were excitedly preparing to welcome children and families to this new space on April 1, 2025.

I want to express my sincere thanks to our Board of Directors for their guidance, to our staff for their commitment and care, to our funders and donors for their generosity, and to our partners and volunteers whose dedication strengthens every aspect of our work. Together, we are nurturing a community where people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds feel welcome, supported, and a sense of connection and belonging.

Looking ahead, I feel very optimistic. We will continue enhancing our programs and services, supporting our dedicated staff and volunteers, and finding new ways to meet the evolving needs of our community. Our strength comes from the people who believe in our mission and share our vision of a welcoming, connected community. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. I look forward to all we will achieve together in the year ahead.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Shaun Wysiecki
President

As President of Parkgate Society, I am honoured to share this year's report and reflect on 2025 — a year of both achievement and learning.

Parkgate continued to be a vital hub for all ages. From early years programming filled with laughter to youth and family supports to essential services for seniors, we saw once again the importance of a place where people gather, grow, and belong.

A major milestone was the opening of the Lynn Creek Child Care Centre, extending our reach to new families. Signature events such as Winter Lights and Community Day drew record participation and renewed community spirit.

We also faced rising costs and increasing service demands. Thanks to the creativity and compassion of our staff and volunteers, we met these challenges while advancing important behind-the-scenes work: updating policies, enhancing training, and strengthening systems. These efforts align with our strategic goal of building a resilient, sustainable organization ready to adapt to changing needs.

I extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members who give so generously. To our funders, donors, sponsors, and partners—your support makes everything possible. We are especially grateful to local businesses, residents, and governments whose generosity ensures programs remain accessible and responsive.

Looking ahead, Parkgate Society remains committed to fostering a vibrant, connected community. Guided by our Strategic Plan, we will prioritize collaboration, financial stewardship, and innovation to meet evolving needs. Thank you for your trust as we build a community where everyone can live life better.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Stephen Cheung
Treasurer

Parkgate Society's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025 were prepared by Parkgate Society's Finance Department, and reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Standards for Review Engagements. As a review involves procedures less extensive than an audit, no audit opinion is expressed. The full statements are available at parkgatesociety.ca.

Leadership and Strategic Direction

Under the leadership of Executive Director Ellen Clague, Parkgate Society has moved confidently into a period of strong alignment and progress. Guided by the five-year Strategic Plan launched in 2023–2024, staff and the Board are advancing priorities in financial sustainability, program quality, and community partnerships. This momentum provides a strong foundation as Parkgate expands its reach in the community.

Financial Environment

The Society closed the year with a deficit of $100,000, compared to $50,000 in the prior year. This was largely due to the six-month delay in opening of the Lynn Creek Child Care, which created costs without the anticipated revenues.

Excluding this one-time impact, Parkgate's financial results were essentially breakeven — a notable achievement amid high inflation, rising costs, and increased community needs. This outcome reflects the Society's solid fundamentals, careful stewardship, and the resilience of its leadership and staff.

The Lynn Creek Child Care, which opened April 1, 2025, represents an important expansion of Parkgate's child care services, broadening opportunities for families to access high-quality, affordable child care on the North Shore.

Looking Ahead

Building on last year's momentum, Parkgate will continue advancing its Strategic Plan with a focus on financial sustainability, program excellence, and strong partnerships. With Lynn Creek now open, the Society is integrating this expanded service while maintaining its wide range of programs, positioning Parkgate for continued stability and community impact.

Appreciation

On behalf of the Board, I extend thanks to the Parkgate Society staff, volunteers, and leadership team. Your dedication, resilience, and creativity have made a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

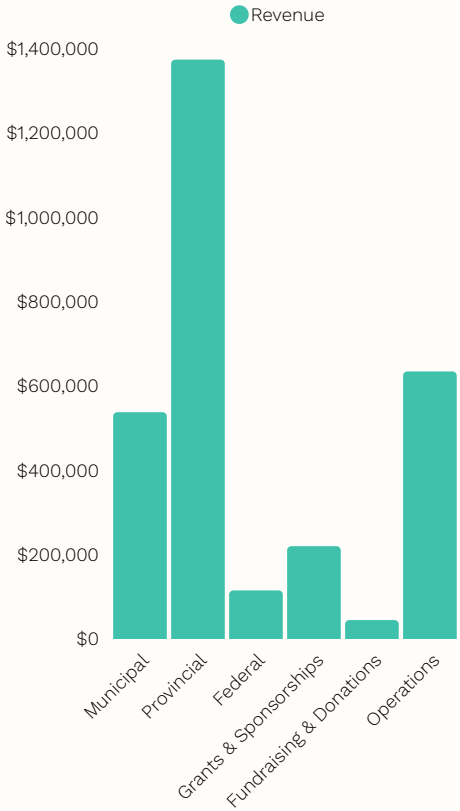
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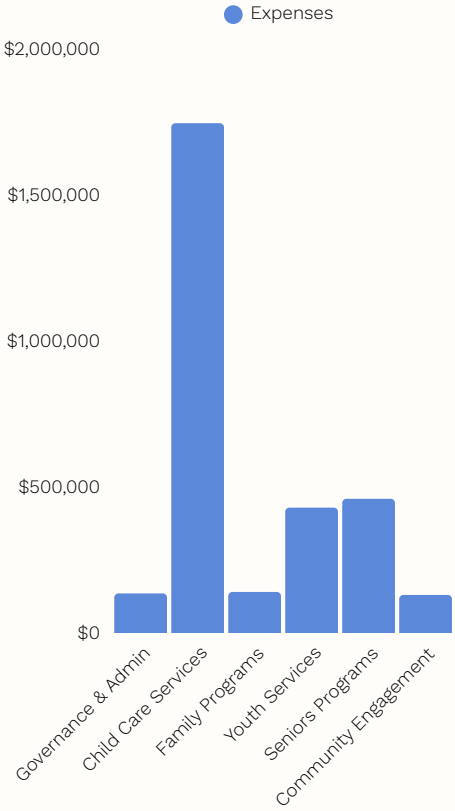
Revenue:

Municipal	$536,999
Provincial	$1,373,019
Federal	$114,501
Grants & Sponsorship	$219,332
Fundraising & Donations	$44,173
Operations	$633,642
Total Revenue	**$2,921,666**

Expenses:

Governance & Administration	$132,788
Child Care Services	$1,743,188
Family Programs	$137,884
Youth Services	$426,655
Seniors Programs	$456,889
Community Engagement	$127,584
Total Expenses	**$3,024,988**
Net Loss	**-$103,322**





VOLUNTEERS



Summer Camp Volunteer Training Day

Our volunteers give big.

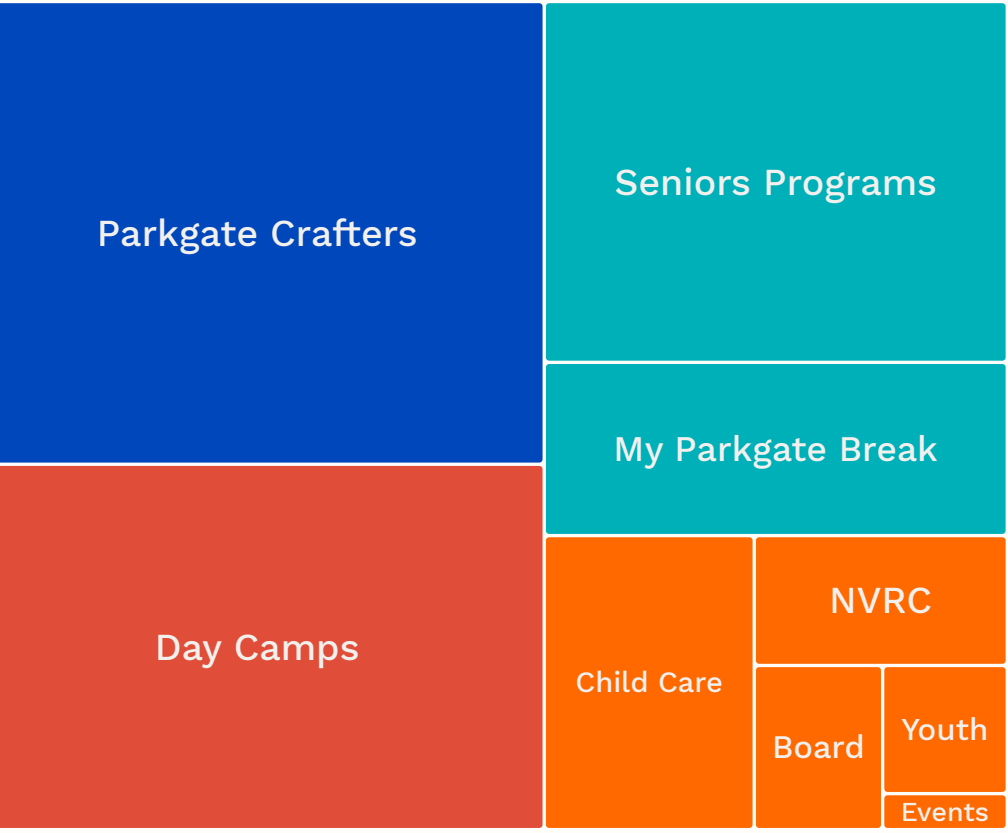
Here's the impact of a single year:

Parkgate Crafters	4186 hours creating
Day Camps	3302 hours inspiring
Seniors Programs	2629 hours empowering
My Parkgate Break	1268 hours supporting
Board of Directors	331 hours leading
Child Care	974 hours nurturing
Youth Services	250 hours advocating
NVRC Programs	518 hours collaborating
Events	67 hours celebrating



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Where did our volunteers spend their 13,525 hours?



CHILD CARE

From April 2024 to March 2025, Parkgate Society continued to provide high-quality $10-a-Day child care programs at both the Parkgate Community Centre and the Seymour Youth Centre. These programs serve children aged 6 months to 12 years across up to 150 licensed spaces, including:

- Infant & Toddler Group Child Care
- Three- to Five-Year-Old Group Child Care
- Parkgate School Age Group Child Care
- Seymour School Age Group Child Care
- School-Age Summer Day Camps

These child care programs were originally approved in 2022 as part of the $10-a-Day Child Care BC Prototype Program.



Parkgate Society's Early Learning Educators and facilitators are highly qualified and committed to developing strong, trusting relationships with children and their families. We believe learning strengthens when these relationships extend to the broader community. Our child care philosophy is play-based and emphasizes engagement with the natural environment. Educators design developmentally appropriate experiences and meaningful activities that foster problem-solving and critical thinking.



All child care programs collaborate with other Parkgate Society initiatives, offering intergenerational programming and supporting both volunteers and practicum students from a range of post-secondary institutions.

Our child care programs operate Monday to Friday year-round, excluding statutory holidays. Additionally, we observed two professional development closure days in the year to ensure staff remain informed on the latest in early learning and care practices.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

From April 2024 to March 2025, Parkgate Family Centre delivered a wide range of programs designed to support young families and foster community connection. Programs offered included:

- Mother Goose-inspired Early Literacy Program
- Baby and Me
- Lynnmour Playgroup
- Parkgate Playgroup
- Dad and Tot Sports Night
- Free Playgroup in the Park
- Community Celebrations and Special Events



These programs promote early childhood development, early learning, and literacy, while also fostering positive social connections and multigenerational support. They provide welcoming spaces where parents, grandparents, and caregivers can connect, build friendships, and support one another—often forming relationships that last for years.

In partnership with Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Over the decades, Parkgate Society Family Programs have continually adapted to meet the evolving needs of local families, offering responsive support and resources to a growing and diverse community.

Our low-cost family programs are made possible through the support of grants from the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada's Community Action Program for Children (CAPC).

On average, each drop-in session welcomes around 20 families, adding up to more than 500 family attendances per month. Over the course of the year, Parkgate Society served over 400 adults and nearly 500 children through our Family Programs, delivered by a dedicated team of six facilitators. These programs primarily support families in the Lynnmour, Seymour, Deep Cove, Parkgate, and Lower Blueridge neighbourhoods, while also attracting participants from surrounding communities such as Maplewood, Lynn Valley, and Burnaby.



YOUTH SERVICES

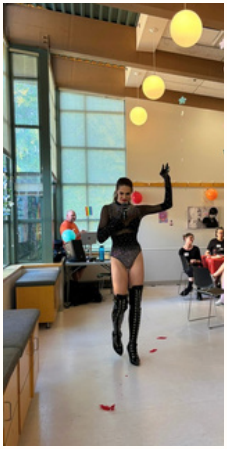
The Youth Services team interacted with youth ages 10 to 24 on an almost daily basis. Below are programs and services that serve as yearly staples for fostering youth connection and involvement:

5517	Youth Centre Drop-In Visits	
408	1 to 1 Support Meetings	
1141	School Outreach Connections	
4950	Preteen Dances Attendees	

Parkgate Youth Services continued to meet the needs of local youth through inclusive and engaging programming, with the Youth Centre drop-ins remaining a consistent cornerstone of our service delivery. Overall, there was no significant change in attendance at our Youth Centre drop-ins this year. However, several key highlights stood out: Our Saturday Dungeons & Dragons sessions attracted 314 paid participants, offering a welcoming space for youth with niche interests to build social connections through role-playing. Meanwhile, Gals N Pals remained a popular and well-utilized program, regularly engaging 20+ youth each Thursday. This program continues to provide a safe and empowering space for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and allies to connect, reflect, and share their experiences.

With the support of Parkgate's Youth Services team, Gals N Pals hosted three major events this past year: the 4th Annual Drag Brunch, Drag Music Bingo, and a Silent Disco at the Shipyards in collaboration with the North Shore Pride Alliance's Pride at the Pier. These events not only celebrated inclusivity and diversity but also helped strengthen community ties.







Parkgate Youth Services strengthened and expanded our partnerships over the past year. One key collaboration was with the federally funded North Shore-wide initiative "Youth-Friendly North Shore." Now in its second year, this initiative is aimed at creating safer and more engaging spaces for youth. The funding supported several capacity-building efforts, including training for staff across our Youth Services team (Youth Centre, Outreach, and Preteen Dances). Training highlights included SafeTALK suicide prevention certification, workshops on naloxone administration, sexual exploitation, gang prevention, and youth engagement. These sessions helped enhance frontline workers' knowledge and confidence in supporting at-risk youth across the North Shore.

YOUTH SERVICES

In addition, site assessments of local youth-serving spaces were conducted, including Parkgate Community Centre and our Youth Centre. The reports in general commended our programs and services but also identified two key areas for improvement:

The first is enhancing online accessibility (e.g., font sizes, visually impaired-friendly design, and multilingual resources); the second is implementing more empirical, data-driven programming models. Addressing these areas will be a central focus in the upcoming year.



For the first time since pre-COVID, we successfully partnered with the YMCA to deliver two cohorts (Fall and Spring) of the Y Minds program. A total of 15 youth completed this seven-week program, designed to equip young people with healthy tools to manage anxiety and build resilience. This program was particularly timely, as stress and anxiety related to school, peer relationships, and family remained among the top five reported concerns in our 1:1 youth outreach sessions.

Within our Youth Outreach Worker team, Molly Dobie continued to serve as a steady and experienced lead. In October 2024, Ry Forsythe stepped away from their role, and Autumn Rogers joined in January 2025. Autumn contributed significantly to Preteen Dances, school-based group programs, and the delivery of the Spring 2025 Y Minds collaboration.

While the overall number of 1:1 outreach sessions remained stable, we began to incorporate clients into group-based programs such as “Healthy Relationships” and “It’s Okay to Not Be Okay,” funded by the YFNS initiative. This shift toward skill-building and therapeutic programming reduced our outreach time in school settings, contributing to a 51% decline in school-based youth contacts. However, we view this as a necessary transition in allocating Parkgate Youth Services towards deeper, more community-rooted engagement during after-school hours.



Our commitment to youth leadership remains strong. A significant number of older youth, particularly those in grades 11 and 12, returned to volunteer their time and skills to programs they had previously attended. In total, over 20 youth logged 326 volunteer hours, supporting events and programs such as Preteen Dances, Dungeons & Dragons, Let’s Talk Shop, and various community events. This return of past participants speaks to the positive impact of early engagement and the importance of creating spaces where youth feel seen, supported, and empowered.

YOUTH SERVICES

Approximately 80% of the youth we serve fall between the ages of 10 and 16, reaffirming the importance of early intervention and developmentally appropriate programming. As we move forward, we are committed to expanding accessible third spaces for youth during key after-school hours, focusing on data-informed and evidence-based practices while continuing to elevate youth voices and leadership within our community. Parkgate Youth Services remains dedicated to supporting youth in becoming healthy, confident, and engaged young adults.



Our aim is to support, mentor, and empower youth within the community through:

- 1-to-1 Support
- Resource-Based Info
- Youth Drop-In Centre
- Supporting Foundry NS
- Social Justice Awareness
- School Groups
- Skill Development
- Movie Nights
- Special Events



2024–2025 Year in Review

At Parkgate Society, our Seniors' Programs continue to build a vibrant, inclusive community where adults aged 55+ stay active, connected, and supported. As we age, changes in lifestyle and health can bring new challenges—and for many, loneliness and isolation are among the most difficult. Staying socially connected is not just uplifting—it's life-changing. In fact, being isolated in later years can impact health as seriously as chronic smoking. That's why everything we do is focused on helping our seniors stay engaged and active.



Social Prescribing

Social prescribing is the simple yet powerful idea that wellness is about more than medical care. By connecting seniors with non-medical supports—like exercise classes, social groups, or creative activities—we help nurture the whole person.

Thanks to ongoing funding and strong partnerships with health care providers and fellow senior-serving organizations, we now have a full-time Community Connector. This role allows us to support seniors one-on-one, ensuring that no one gets left behind.

SENIORS SERVICES

Fitness

Movement is medicine, and our physical activity programs are designed with every body in mind. From chair yoga and balance fitness to walking groups and joyful dance classes, these sessions help our members stay strong, independent, and confident.

Our classes are more than just exercise—they're opportunities to learn, connect, and feel good in your body every day. Together, we're building resilience and reducing frailty with every step, stretch, and smile.

Social Programs

Our social programs are the heart of the Parkgate Seniors' experience—where stories are shared, friendships are made, and a laugh is always close by. Whether it's a spirited game of Mah Jong, a lively Bridge table, a thought-provoking "What's News" meeting, or a cozy afternoon movie, there's something for everyone. Sharing a warm homemade meal together is another cherished way we bring people closer, turning ordinary Wednesday afternoons into a thriving social space.



Transportation

The Parkgate Access Bus offers free transportation for seniors to local shopping centres—a lifeline for those who need it most. The rise in riders over the past year highlights how essential this service is for our North Shore community.



Our monthly bus outings—whether to musicals, scenic farms, or vibrant gardens—continue to sell out. These trips offer seniors a chance to discover something new, make memories, and enjoy the adventure together.

Total Individual Program Visits

1,208	Social Programs
2,538	Fitness Programs
2,604	Games Programs
912	Transportation
2,898	Dementia Services
3,912	Meals

SENIORS SERVICES

Dementia Care

Our My Parkgate Break program has expanded to support people at all stages of dementia, offering meaningful engagement in a warm, welcoming environment. As more families take on the important role of caregiving at home, access to quality respite care has never been more vital.

Here, participants are free to explore joy and creativity without pressure or expectation. Our Noteworthy Singers program is a beautiful extension of this, giving voice to the belief that everyone deserves moments of happiness and self-expression. Together, we're creating a more dementia-friendly community—one smile at a time.



Outreach

Behind the scenes, our Outreach team is often the first point of contact for seniors and families facing change, crisis, or uncertainty. Whether someone walks through our doors, calls, or emails, we're here to listen and help.

From navigating complex systems to finding the right community resources, our team is available Monday to Friday to guide, support, and empower. We're proud to be a trusted hub for seniors and their families.

Fundraising

We are deeply grateful for the incredible individuals, groups, and funders who make our work possible. Special thanks to: United Way of BC, PARC Cedar Springs, New Horizons for Seniors Program, The District of North Vancouver, and Neptune Terminals for their ongoing support.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to our amazing fundraising champions:

- The Deep Cove Lions, with the support of the Mount Seymour Lions, filled shredding trucks twice over at our SHRED IT events—breaking records!
- Our talented Tuesday Crafters once again had a banner year, offering beautiful, handmade items that filled our halls with colour and care.





Thank You!

To every participant, partner, volunteer, and donor—thank you for making Parkgate Society's Seniors' Programs such a warm, welcoming, and joyful place. Your support is not just appreciated; it's transformative.

Together, we're building a future where every senior feels valued, connected, and empowered to live their best life.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Events

Our annual Community Day and Winter Lights events brought the Parkgate community together to celebrate. Community Day featured live music, community tables, food, and activities for all ages, creating a welcoming environment for hundreds of residents. Winter Lights transformed the Community Centre and plaza with seasonal decorations, performances, crafts, and shared meals, fostering intergenerational engagement. Both events showcased volunteer, staff, and board dedication, as well as strong local business involvement.









25th Anniversary

To celebrate 25 years in the Parkgate Community Centre, we developed a 25th anniversary logo, which was incorporated across online platforms, apparel, email, print publications, and event materials. Additionally, we developed a photowall timeline featuring community-submitted photos, showcasing snapshots of Parkgate's history and people over the past 25 years.



Intergenerational Connections: St. Pius X and Windsor

We continued our partnerships with St. Pius X and Windsor to support weekly community lunches run by the seniors team. Elementary and high school students assisted with meal service and socialized with Parkgate's community members.

Grounds for Growth Coffee Kiosk

The Coffee Kiosk program was successfully relaunched and rebranded in partnership with Bean Around the World, Seycove, and Windsor Secondary. Operated weekly by students, including those with disabilities, the kiosk provides valuable hands-on experience in customer service. It also fosters connection between students and community members, supporting confidence while helping build resumes.





Point of Sale System Implementation

Community Engagement led the purchase and implementation of a new point of sale system to modernize event transactions, which had previously been cash-only. Square was selected for its low cost and ease of use. The system was successfully implemented at community BBQs, craft sales, and for the sale of 25th anniversary merchandise.

SUPPORTERS

Community Groups

BC Council For Families
Blueridge Community Association
Canadian Online Giving Foundation
Children's Grief Foundation of Canada
Deep Cove Lions Club
DNV Fire Fighters Charitable Society
DNV Libraries - Pargate Branch
Help Age Canada
Ignited Mothers Coalition
Innovative Research Group Inc.
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society (TAPS)
Lynn Valley Legion
Mount Seymour Lions Club
Mt. Seymour Lions Housing Society
Mt. Seymour United Church
Nicola Wealth Giving Foundation/Fograscher Family Fund
North Shore Black Bear Society
North Shore Community Foundation
North Shore Community Resources
North Shore Pride Alliance
North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission
Seymour Community Association
Silver Harbour Seniors' Activity Centre
St. Clement's Anglican Church
The Bridge Church
United Way of BC
Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association
Variety Children's Charity
Woolands Collective
YMCA BC

Local Businesses

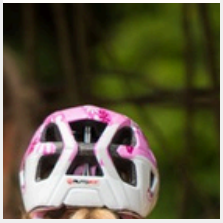
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Comfort Keepers
Cream Pony
Deep Cove Collective
Deep Cove Kayak
Dr. Joslin, Inc.
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Everything Wine
Fawcett Insurance Agency
Great Clips
Honey's Doughnuts & Goodies
ICanDance
Lynn Valley Orthodontic & Family Dentistry
Mt. Seymour Resorts
Neptune Terminals
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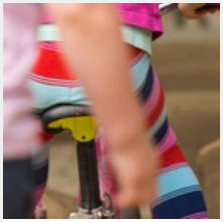
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City of North Vancouver
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ESDC: New Horizons for Seniors
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Ministry of Education and Child Care
Province of BC – Community Gaming Grant
Public Health Agency of Canada
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