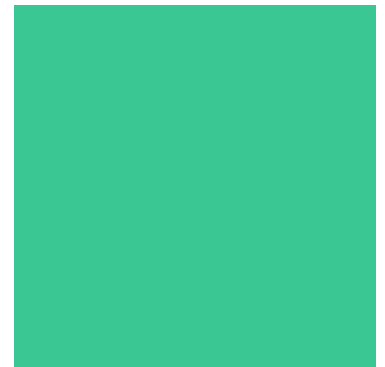
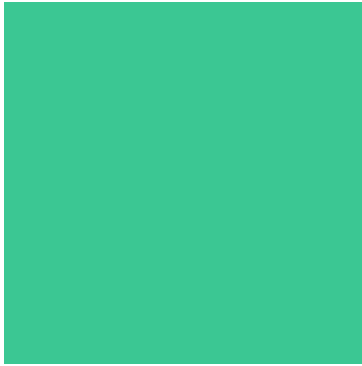


SCCA ANNUAL REPORT



STRATHCONA COMMUNITY CENTRE
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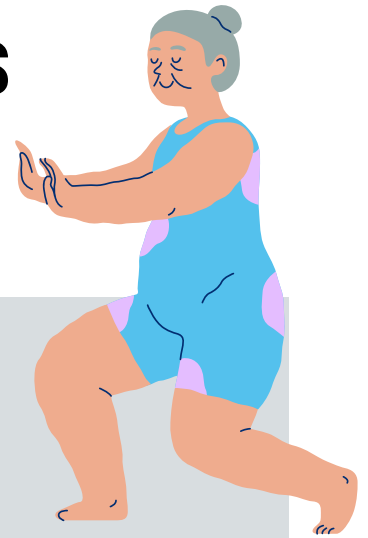
'Cycles' mural by Indigenous artists Bracken Hanuse Corlett, Ocean Hyland, Atheana Picha and Kelsey Sparrow

We acknowledge that Strathcona Community Centre is located in the traditional, unceded, ancestral territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), s_kw_xwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

We thank them for their stewardship and care of this land and commit to working alongside them to care for our community.



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SCCA BOARD REPORT

Strathcona Community Centre is a hub for connection, offering programs and services, but also a deep sense of care and well being. We are lucky to have a staff team that works hard to make sure our programs reflect community needs and that the Centre remains a welcoming place for everyone.

In 2025, the Strathcona Community Centre Association Board of Directors, alongside staff and core community partners, developed a new Directional Plan to help guide the centre over the next three years.

We identified these guiding principals as a part of this process:

Connection: Community First

We serve a dynamic, diverse, and resilient neighbourhood. Our decisions will reflect the voices, values, and needs of our community, with particular focus on those most impacted by systemic inequities.

Inclusion: Embracing diversity is non-negotiable

We are steadfast in our commitment to inclusion. We will preserve and grow the Centre as a welcoming space for all — across generations, cultures, abilities, and income levels.

Impact: Partnership with Purpose

We embrace the complexity of our shared operating model. We will invest in relationships with the Parks Board, VSB, and others to unlock resources, align efforts, and amplify our collective impact.

Grounded in these three principals, the Board can stay focused on what matters most, while giving us the room to adapt and grow along with our community and our needs.



Board Members Frank and Sally at an event

SCCA BOARD REPORT



Past Board Member Victoria attends a Strathcona Food Event



Beyond strategic planning, we focused on improving our facilities in 2025. SCCA paid for air conditioning in two upstairs programming spaces to ensure heat safety for our children's summer day camp. We also renovated our upstairs kitchen over summer 2025, in partnership with Vancouver Park Board, and with work done by the VSB's facilities team. The renovation resulted in a space that better meets the needs of our Breakfast and Breakfast Buddies programs, community kitchens and canning workshops.

There was much to be proud of in 2025, from popular recreation programs for people of all ages, a busy drop-in that offered a safe space for all youth, childcare and food security programs that provided wrap around care for families at Strathcona Elementary and beyond, and events that brought the community together.

To all SCCA Board members, staff and volunteers, your ongoing commitment to this incredible community inspires us daily — thank you.

Caitlin Jones

On behalf of the SCCA Board of Directors

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

In 2025, Strathcona Community Centre remained dedicated to offering recreational and social services to the Strathcona community. Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) offered services including childcare, food security and recreation programs under the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the Vancouver Park Board. Our team continued to do a tremendous job supporting families, children, youth, adults, and seniors in our facility. The strong collaboration between the Strathcona Community Centre Association and the Vancouver Park Board is the reason behind the success of so many programs.

Board of Directors and CCA summary:

- Caitlin Jones remained as President.
- Danielle Lewis and Dan Jackson both remained as Vice Presidents.
- Carrie Bercic remained as Secretary.
- Tiff Jung remained as Treasurer.

SCCA hired The Discovery Group to help shape the SCCA's Directional Plan in 2025. The Board gathered for a few meetings to discuss the current and future state of the SCCA. They also engaged with the full-time staff to identify the gaps in program offerings. The directional plan will guide the SCCA in shaping their future governance approach for the next 3 years.



Breakfast Buddies Program

Childcare

- Childcare had a successful year, all thanks to Veronica Light's efforts. We had VSB installed some tamper proof receptacles in rooms E200A and E200C so that we can have license childcare in the two classroom spaces.

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Food Security:

- Anna Chao was the successful candidate for the part-time food security assistant position, hired in September 2025.
- Verdann Evans resigned from the Breakfast Buddy Program position in December 2025. Nikita Krishna applied for the role and was the successful candidate for the Breakfast Buddy Program position.

Recreation Programs:

- SCCA received the Community Gaming Grant for \$52,000 for basketball, children and youth programs, food security programs, and special events in 2025.
 - Strathcona Community Centre Association received the Canada Summer Jobs Grant of \$89,676.58 in 2025 for 16 summer positions.
 - Seniors' Cruisers and Super Shine Day camp were busy. Many of the day camp leaders returned from 2024 to work in 2025 because they really enjoyed working with the Strathcona team.
 - The Friday night cooking program was very popular with neighbourhood youth. During Friday Youth night at the centre, youth gathered to cook and enjoyed a meal together.
 - Staff worked with VSB to add more afterschool referral programs to give the students more opportunity to experience programs at the community centre.
 - The annual Summer Kick Off was a success on June 7, 2025, with many people supporting the event. Thank you to the Strathcona team who did an amazing job organizing and running the event.
- The Youth Council also raised some money for their programs from the BBQ.
- Other special events such as Easter Event, Halloween, and Breakfast with Santa continued to be engaging for everyone the in community.



A pair of plants painted during Youth Council's new Mother's Day Planting event!

COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Facility Upgrades:

- Staff worked with VSB to renovate the upstairs kitchen from July to September 2025. The updated kitchen space provides a functional space to carry out daily programs for the Food Security team.
- Early in the year, we had VSB installed some new cabinets, sink and new lighting in the community room. The room has become much brighter, creating an improved space for our programs.

I am so happy to be working with an amazing team and a supportive Community Centre Association. I look forward to working with the Strathcona Community Centre Association and all the staff at Strathcona Community Centre in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chow

Community Recreation Supervisor

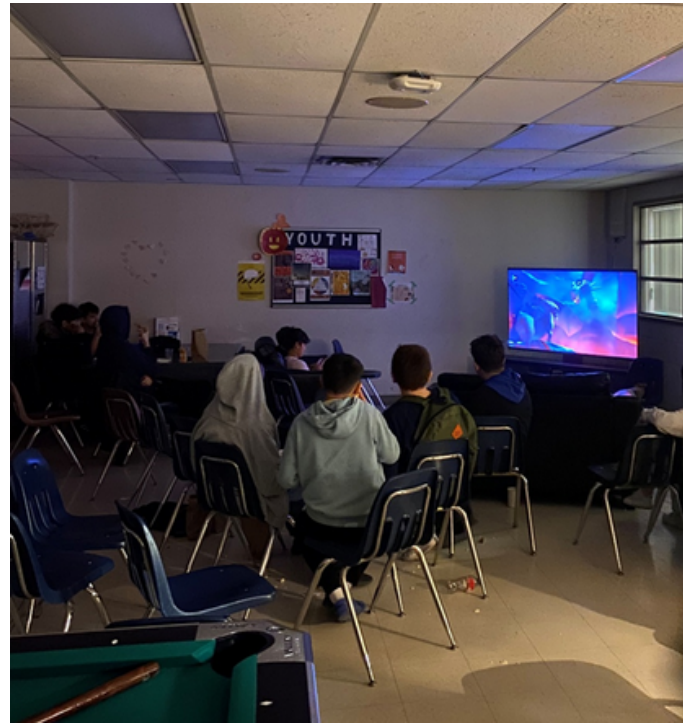


Strathcona back entrance and Cycles mural

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER REPORT

2025 was a year of growth, continuity, and development for youth programming at Strathcona. Since 2024, there has been strong consistency in the number of preteen and teens utilizing the space. Whether it is the fitness centre, gymnasium, games room, or kitchen, you can see the presence of youth in most places throughout the week. The staff team has also grown since last year, and youth from the neighbourhood who had been volunteering have been hired as recognition for their hard work and talents. These youth are now day camp leaders, program instructors, and great role models for the children they work with. The cycle of empowering within the community continues to encourage other youth to participate and develop their skills, and it begins with the young people in the neighbourhood finding comfort within the community centre.

Youth programs focused on growth and implementing consistency this year. The annual CHILL Snowboarding ran from January – March 2025. We were granted 5 spots this year and partnered with 10 other organizations. This program consisted of free snowboarding lessons, equipment rentals, meals and transportation at no cost to the participants. CHILL's goal is to introduce board sports and outdoor



Youth Movie Night, funded by the Neighbourhood Small Grants that SYC members secured.

recreation to people whomay not be able to access it themselves. Over the 7-week period, Strathcona youth were picked up at Britannia Teen Centre along with other students from Britannia and taken to Thunderbird Community Centre to meet with other agencies. The winter season also maintained the drop-in gym, games room, and Friday Night Cooking Club, providing more consistency in youth's day-to-day life with access to different games, arts and crafting supplies, general lounging, and connections with positive adults.

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER REPORT

One major highlight for Strathcona has been the dinner program on Fridays – run by 1 staff and 6 volunteers who serve nutritional, halal-friendly meals, plus a vegetarian option, to the youth in the drop-in spaces at no cost. This has allowed people to gain volunteer hours, and we serve an average of 40 meals every Friday to the youth, totaling over 1800 meals provided in 2025. This number is a conservative number, as not all participants sign-in. This program has benefited the community relationships among youth as participants are encouraged to sit, eat and clean together. This program also functioned to provide respite for households that may struggle to provide consistent meals to their growing youth.

Night Hoops Basketball continued as well, and the team had an undefeated record of 6-0 for the Winter/Spring season! There was an even spread of away and homes games, and the team would travel together in Strathcona's very own school bus. The Strathcona Police Judo Jrs. Program continued to serve excellent quality lessons at no cost to participants, meeting twice a week from September until the end of June.



Friday night youth staff on Halloween

Huge growth developed in the Jr Youth Council as well, which is meant for the grades 6s and 7s to garner interest in the community and learn to volunteer. Some of these activities include cooking, hosting game nights, leading community cleanups, and some field trips to take a break from all of their hard work. There was extra focus on supporting the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, in which the Jr YC prepared orange shirt pins, learned about decolonization and the TRC Calls to Action. They also helped decorate the games room for Halloween!

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER REPORT

As for our more senior Youth Council, dubbed Strathcona Youth Council (colloquially known as SYC among its members), they were also a powerhouse in supporting the community this year! They were responsible for organizing and executing multiple community events, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Haunted House and pumpkin carving, Summer Kick Off, Walk for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Breakfast with Santa. On top of their annual projects, SYC also submitted and received grants from the Neighbourhood Small Grants. They used these funds to host a series of movie nights in which food, popcorn and drinks were served to youth at no cost. Youth Council also took part in a workshop in which they learned to change a tire, courtesy of DC Motor Works, and introduced a new annual Mother's Day event plant potting and painting activity! Overall, the activities that SYC helped implement served well over 600 people throughout the year!

On the same note of introducing new ideas, we also launched a Tuesday Volleyball drop-in. Seeing the growing popularity of volleyball, especially among the female-identifying youth and their strong advocacy for having more gym-time, there is now an entire evening introduced to play more sports. Though this program is co-ed, the young girls in the space are happy to have a gym time that they feel is theirs. Beyond volleyball, a new workshop that was introduced was in partnership with Urban Park Activations. 9 youth were able to design and build their own skateboards with the UPA team!



Youth designed and built their own skateboards with Urban Park Activations!

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER REPORT

During the summer, new programs were introduced and led by youth volunteers in support with the staff at MacLean Park. Volunteers helped run a chess program during the summer at MacLean Park, meeting every Monday and lending out chess boards, practicing with others, and watching the game grow at the park. Volunteers also supported a soccer program at Maclean Park in support from Urban Park Activations. Another new summer program was a week-long volleyball camp, led by a UBC student. This level of play was a great way to develop the next generation of talent.

We also hosted 2 basketball tournaments this year – one in September as part of a large grant provided, hosted by Strathcona Community Centre and supported by Boys Who Rise; another hosted by Night Hoops in November. Both of these tournaments saw over 6 teams each in a 3v3 format, with prizes being awarded to winners. The basketball tournament hosted by Strathcona was able to give away socks, backpacks, water bottles, and a whole spread of food!



A skill you wish you knew before you need it. Youth learns how to change a tire as part of a car maintenance workshop.

Our Solar Explorers Youth Trips program continued to provide quality programming, with focus on leadership and exploration. Some of the leadership activities included community cleanups at Spanish Banks, around False Creek and around our neighbourhood, marking storm drains with yellow fish with City of Vancouver's Engineering Department, self expression through art and emotional learning, and cooking competitions. Some of the major field trips included an annual trip to Cultus Lake Waterpark, Steveston Village for some fish'n'chips, kayaking around Deer Lake, and of course a trip to the PNE Fair and Playland!

COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER REPORT

To end off the summer, we took the youth back to Camp Sasamat! Eight participants from Strathcona and joined 70 other youth from across the city. Youth were able to swim in the lake, try out archery, challenge one another to a climbing wall, perform their talent shows and sing campfire songs! Through a grant and support from the CCA, this 2-night camp trip comes at no cost to participants. Generally, this program is meant as a reward for our volunteers and refers other youth who may not have many opportunities to participate in outdoor activities otherwise. We know well that connection to nature can make a difference in one's life, and there's always a clear joy on all of the participants faces during this annual camp trip. Needless to say, this is a program that many youth in the area look forward to and we hope to continue providing excellent opportunities in the future!

Based on statistics from program registration, reports from staff, as well as collected data from the Community Youth Worker, an average of 806 youth interactions take place at Strathcona Community Centre on a monthly basis! These interactions include engagement and recreation (i.e. visits to the Youth Worker office, programmes that are drop-in or registered, coming by for a snack or saying hello; not including open gym programmes); leadership and volunteering; physical recreation (i.e. Night Hoops, gym programmes, etc); and one-to-one support (i.e. advocacy, resource allocation, life skill development, referrals to jobs, schools, scholarships etc.). In total, Strathcona CC has had an estimated 9600 youth engagement, whether they are unique or returning faces. Its only fair to thank all the youth, their parents and guardians, and everyone else who comes and supports Strathcona Community Centre! It takes a community to ensure that the future generation is set up for success, and Strathcona is a community that is generous in sharing its strength.

With gratitude,

Aneesh Vashisht
Community Youth Worker



A group of youth brave the lake during Camp Sasamat

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

Strathcona Community Centre's Food Security Programs support our community through three key areas: food access, food skills, and opportunities for community connection.

Breakfast Program

Our weekday Breakfast Program ensures students of Strathcona Elementary (attached to our building) start their school days with a healthy homemade breakfast.

In 2025, we had:

- 45,000 breakfasts served
- 250 breakfasts served daily (average)
- \$3.10 average cost per breakfast (including staffing)

All food is homemade by staff with the assistance of the Breakfast Buddies.



Special guests Daniel Sedin, Henrik Sedin and Marinette Sedin serve breakfast to Strathcona youth

Breakfast Buddies, Community Kitchens, and Food Workshops

These programs creating opportunities for skill-building, leadership, and community engagement through food.

- 32 Youth Community Kitchens
- 16 Adult Community Kitchens
- 11 Food Preservation Workshops
- 5 Cultural Cooking Classes

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program, distributes fresh food boxes to local families each week. . The program was designed to help families with supplies of food over the weekends — filling the gap when kids aren't able to access our school-based programs.

In 2025, we had

- 41 weekly markets
- 130 families supported
- 543 participants served
- 4,004 food boxes distributed
- \$451,000 worth of donated food distributed
- 53 referrals made to additional food support services
- 9 cultural celebrations



Lindsey and Anna getting Backpack Program ready



Food Security Staff and Backpack Program Volunteers

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

2025 HIGHLIGHTS - KITCHEN RENOVATION

One of the biggest highlights of 2025 was the renovation of the upstairs kitchen. The upgrade has helped us make our programs more efficient and better equipped to meet the needs of our community.

Renovation Improvements

- Expanded dishwashing area
- New convection oven
- Larger food preparation sink
- Updated counters, ceiling, and flooring
- Increased storage capacity



Before



During



After



Shaista leading our Community Kitchen program in the newly renovated space

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

SAYING GOODBYE

After several years with Strathcona Community Centre, Verdann moved on from the Breakfast Buddies Lead position. During his time with us, he played an important role in redesigning the program post COVID. Verdann was very passionate about creating meaningful opportunities for youth to build leadership and food skills. We are very grateful for his dedication and the energy he brought to the program.

This year we also said goodbye to our longtime volunteer Vuong My (also known as May by many of the kids), who has been part of the Food Programs for 24 years, since the very beginning of the Breakfast Program. For over two decades Vuong My showed up every day to ensure Strathcona students and families started their day with a nutritious breakfast. She is missed by the whole team as well as the students and staff at the school.



Verdann



Vuong My



Backpack Volunteer Katherine

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart of our food programs. They help prepare breakfasts, pack food boxes, support workshops, and contribute to creating a welcoming community environment.

In 2025 we had 64 volunteers who contributed 3,203 volunteer hours.

FOOD SECURITY REPORT

The impact of our Food Security Programs would not be possible without the generous support of funders, donors and community partners.

Funders and Donors:

- City of Vancouver
- Adopt A School
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Direct Access Gaming Grant
- Face The World Foundation
- Marleena Markham & CIBC Miracle Day
- CIBC Wood Gundy
- Click Foundation
- Jane Lee

In Kind Food Support:

- Fresh Direct
- Greater Vancouver Food Bank
- Sunrise Soya Foods
- Food Runners
- Sweet Thea Bakery
- COBS Bread
- Science World
- Fruit Tree Project

Community Partners:

- Strathcona Elementary School staff, admin and support workers
- Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Network
- Vancouver Food Justice Coalition
- Ancestral Foodways
- Food Stash Foundation
- Strathcona Dental Clinic
- UBC Nursing and Pharmacology Students
- Strathcona Community
- SCCA Board Members

Thank you for your continued support of Strathcona Community Centre's food programs.

Amy Weeks

Food Security Manager



RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Senior | Family | CAPC | Special Events

This last year has been another great year for our facility and we've seen an increase of new faces in the centre. We have had many programs/ events/ workshops for everyone to enjoy and it has been wonderful seeing everyone who enters our facilities enjoy what we have to offer.

In 2025 we have noticed a lot more seniors out and about in the neighbourhood and entering our facility to inquire of what we have to offer. Our 2 Tai Chi programs have filled up and have between 25-30 in each class each season this past year, with one creating a waitlist. Another program that has become popular amongst our groups is our Mah Jong program where we have 4 tables of patrons learning and playing with one another every Monday. With our long standing out-trip program for older adults, Summer Cruisers, we saw a lot of new faces join this past year and it was fantastic to hear all about their trips throughout the lower mainland to Chilliwack, North van, Nanaimo, Pizza making classes, and visiting various restaurants around the city! With these activities, we had 180 attendees registered over 13 out trips and it was very touching to hear their experiences when some have never had the opportunity to go further out within the Lower Mainland.



Summer Kick Off Event in June 2025

Our events this year were a huge hit and loved seeing everyone from the community come together and celebrate! We had our annual Family Day Event, Summer Kick Off and breakfast with Santa with great turn outs. We had another wonderful year of events put on by our staff and youth volunteers and the success could not have been done without them and all the support from every person that attended.

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

In addition, our CAP-C (Community Action Program for Children) programs have done well this last year with many new families joining our programs. Our coordinator, Anna Luong, has done a fantastic job reaching out to new families and provided fun exciting workshops for parents, weekly programs and cultural celebrations. Over the course of the year, we have had 24 seasonal programs that were attended by over 200 children with their families.

This was another amazing year that we had at Strathcona Community Centre. I would like to thank everyone for their support in everything we do at our site and I am very honoured to be apart of the Strathcona community neighbourhood.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrianna Teoh

Recreation Programmer II



CAP C Program Participants



Holiday Lunch for Seniors

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Children | Adult | Rentals | Basketball | Day Camp

In early 2025, we continued our partnership with the Red Ribbon Skirt Project and offered them space at Strathcona CC to make their skirts that represent MMIWG2S+. Also, we provided a weekly gym time from Jan-Mar 2025 to the Vancity Warriors Basketball Team to help them prepare for the All Native Basketball Tournament. One of their teams won the championship this year and they expressed tremendous gratitude for allowing them to practice in our gym.

Our most successful children's programs are the Gymnastics program on the weekend and Axe Capoeira on the weekdays. Our Little Chefs program is run by two Britannia students and our Piano program is always full every season. Volleyball has been a new addition as we introduced camps in the Summer for those wanting to improve their volleyball skills. We purchased a new net and can now run volleyball and basketball simultaneously in the gym.



Strathcona Basketball

For Adult Programs, our attendance for Zumba, Bootcamp, the Yoga Program have been strong. Our fitness program instructors all have developed a strong following and we have received positive feedback about their instruction. Our weekly Adult sports in the gymnasium are constantly busy and are often full of participants. A new class we have added are Tatakizome Workshops, which is a technique to capture the colors of plants onto fabric.

There was a slight dip in rentals in 2025 compared to the previous years as there was a steady build-up of rental revenue.

Raymond Eng
Recreation Programmer II

CHILDCARE REPORT

In 2025, Strathcona Licensed Childcare finished our third full year as a 10\$ADay ChildCareBC site. This funding model enables us to provide quality licensed child care with preschool and after school care fees capped at \$140 per month and only \$200 per month for Full days include before and after school care, VSB professional development days, as well as summer, winter and spring breaks. Childcare allows children and families to thrive and we are glad to be able to provide this necessary resource for our community.

Regarding the financial picture, we have signed a one year extension to the current funding agreement with 10\$ADay ChildCareBC extending our funding until March 31, 2027. We are in a very solid funding situation for the year ahead as we also have additional funding to support specific children through Aboriginal Supported Childcare as well as the City of Vancouver Childcare Enhancement grant that helps with parent fees as well as additional staffing beyond ratio.

During 2025 our total licensed space for school aged children maintained at 180 and preschool stayed at 40 licensed spaces.

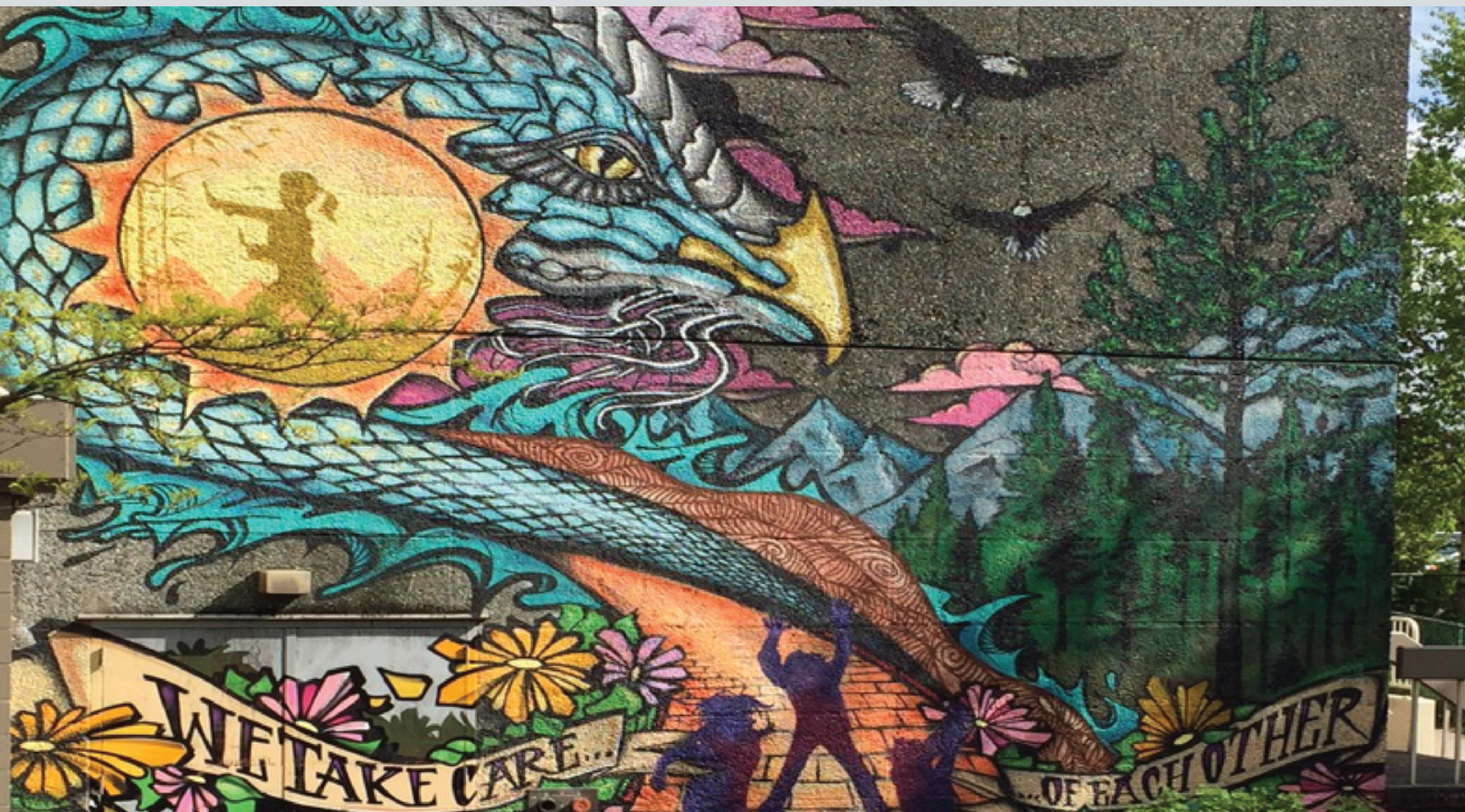
We would like to thank the board again for their continued support of Strathcona Licensed Childcare's school aged and preschool programs. Thank you for your tireless volunteering to help ensure the children and families of Strathcona have a safe space.

Veronica (Roni) Light
Childcare Manager



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time, money,
and care to our community. Strathcona Community Centre is
the heart of our neighbourhood because of you.
Thank you for working together with us!



We Take Care of Each Other Mural - Anne Marie Slater, Scott Chan & Coleman Webb



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