



The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

Annual Report 2006 - 2007

Message from ACWS President, Joie Dery and Provincial Coordinator, Jan Reimer

The Whole Thing As A Miracle

I found that place [of safety] at the women's shelter. It has been what seems at times to be an uphill climb to bring my life to a place of healing and restoration, but I will always be grateful that the women's shelter was there for me as a place of refuge. . . . Thank you.

Hannah Nesher, *Standing Together*



Shelter workers are often called upon to work miracles – but this year has seen the demand for more miracles than ever before. With Alberta's growth rate five times the national average, a booming economy, a housing crisis and overburdened partners, providing that place of refuge presents more than a few challenges. And shelter workers continue to go over and above what they are funded for in order to provide a place of healing and restoration. You are truly an amazing group!

We are so honored to be working with the creative and caring individuals who are our members and over the last year we have done our best to support you in your work in a number of different ways.

We continue to work on a coordinated, collaborative response to family violence that is comprehensive and responsive to abused women and their children. In particular we saw the finalization *A Guide for Shelters and Child and Family Services Authorities in Protocol Development* with Alberta Children's Services. Our Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP was also reviewed.

To coordinate funding and improve services for shelters, we presented to the Alberta caucus in Ottawa and met with various ministries while we were there. With the on reserve shelters, we met with National Chief Phil Fontaine to press their case for sustainable funding. With other shelter representatives, we attended numerous meetings as part of the Minister's Shelter Review, again stressing the need for sustainable ongoing funding for all shelters whether they be seniors, second stage, emergency or on reserve.

Thanks to support of our members, we were able to publish both fiscal and annual shelter statistics, which, in particular we were able to use to demonstrate to the Premier's Housing Task Force the dire need for housing. In one year, we saw three times more women citing lack of affordable housing as a reason for returning to their abuser after a shelter stay.

With funding from the Community Initiatives Fund we commissioned Ketchum Canada Inc. to assess fundraising potential and look forward to implementing their recommendations in the upcoming year.

Under our mandate to educate the public and professionals we held two successful breakfasts in collaboration with Mayor Mandel, Hugh Campbell, Hon. Jim Prentice, Lanny MacDonald and Jim Peplinski. These will become annual events to increase awareness and action. The Risk/Danger Assessment Training held last November was a great success and has had an impact at the local level. One of the outcomes of the training is a joint research project with Dr. Campbell (Johns Hopkins University) to assess the use of her danger assessment tool by Alberta shelters. Thanks to the Community Incentive Funding for approving both projects!

ACWS was asked to present at an Inter-American Shelter Conference in Mexico City last September, showcasing community collaborative response. It was such a wonderful opportunity to network and learn from shelters – we liked it so much that we will be hosting the first World Conference of Women's Shelters in September 2008!

Over the last year, ACWS has greatly increased our visibility both nationally and internationally, We were described as a “cutting edge organization” by Jackson Katz, an internationally recognized educator, author and filmmaker on gender violence prevention education.

Finally, I would like to thank the amazing staff of ACWS. They too have produced a few miracles in the last year!



Stephen Lewis and Jan

...gender inequality is doing such ravishing damage in the world it is almost incomprehensible...this is the most important issue facing our world today.

Stephen Lewis

ACWS 2006 - 2007 Highlights

Creating an established presence with all levels of government

- ACWS invited to present to the Alberta Caucus in Ottawa
- ACWS and On-reserve shelters meet with National Chief Phil Fontaine
- Mayor Mandel hosts *Breakfast with the Boys* in Edmonton
- Meeting with Minister Rob Nicholson at ACWS
- Minister Jim Prentice chairs *Breakfast with the Guys* in Calgary
- Ministers Bev Oda and Rona Ambrose attend *Cup of Tea*



Moving on to the global stage

- Presenter status at the Inter-American Conference of Women's Shelters in Mexico City.
- Presenter status at the World Conference on Domestic Violence in London, Ontario
- Invited to participate in WHO international working group *Alliance* roundtable on intimate partner violence
- WHO, Director General, Alex Butchart, meets with ACWS and attends *Breakfast with the Boys*
- Hosting the first World Conference of Women's Shelters in 2008 in Edmonton: *Discovering the Common Core - practical frameworks for change*



Developing stronger public awareness strategies and producing public results

- Men's Breakfasts expanding across the province and the country
- *Victims of Family Violence Banner* produced to complete our Silent Witness display
- *International Women's Day* breakfast with key women leaders in Edmonton
- *Cup of Tea* event
- INAC funding for aboriginal resources to on-reserve shelters across Canada
- Family Violence Prevention Month including PSAs, posters and radio spots with Kelly Buchberger and Lanny McDonald
- Organize Romeo Dallaire presentation
- Silent Witness travels across the province
- Presentations to unions, public service and professional groups



Senator
Romeo Dallaire

Engaging men

- *Breakfast with the Boys* in Calgary - attended by 200 men
- *Breakfast with the Boys* in Edmonton - attended by 220 men
- Breakfast with the Mayors, the Chiefs and World Leaders in planning stages
- Jackson Katz becomes a partner in on-going ACWS projects
- Lanny McDonald, Jim Peplinski, Minister Jim Prentice, Kelly Buchberger, Mayor Stephen Mandel, Hugh Campbell, MLA Dave Rodney, and Edmonton Police Services, Staff Sergeant Bob Pagee speak out against violence against women
And the number keeps growing!



Silent Witnesses and
banner on Display

It's a
man's
Issue, too!



Lanny McDonald, Jim
Peplinski, Minister Prentice

Annual Highlights *continued...*

Education

- Risk and Danger Assessment Training
- First Portage College graduates from Crisis Intervention Workers Certificate Course
- HOMES Training
- Children Exposed I and II Training
- Workshops on logframes
- Specialized training for First Nations shelters
- Presentations at universities, colleges and schools

The vast majority of us, who are not involved in these violent acts, need to stand up to these other guys and say, "Listen' this isn't what a man's about. Don't remain silent. That's the worst thing to do.

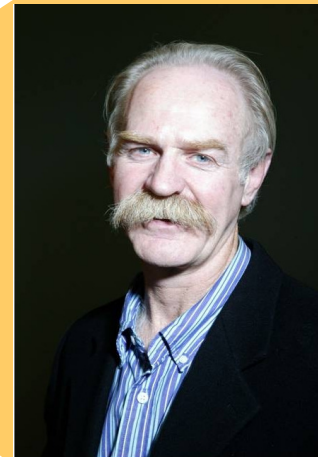
London Ontario Police Chief, Murray Faulkner, stated these words at a news conference to launch the Mayor's Task

Committee Reports

...I've made
it my
business...

***Preventing Family
Violence... I've made it my
business. Family violence
is not someone else's
problem...it affects us
all...our communities...
our children...YOU!***

Kelly Buchberger, former NHL
player with the Edmonton Oilers
Lanny McDonald, former NHL
player with the Calgary Flames



Board Governance

The past year has been a busy one for the Board Governance Committee of ACWS. To begin with, we recommended acceptance of specific Strategic Planning Goals, Outcomes and Success Indicators for 2006-07. We also recommended a complete revamping of the committee structure of ACWS and acceptance of new terms of reference for each. These recommendations were accepted, with the result that we now have fewer committees, each of which relates directly to one or more of our Strategic Planning Goals. It was necessary to reduce the number of committees in order to maintain a manageable workload for our tireless staff, who must provide support services to all committees.

In a nutshell, we combined the Social and Legal Issues Committee with the Ethics Review Committee to form one committee called the Social, Legal Issues and Ethics Committee. We agreed that activities relating to diversity and aboriginal issues (other than for on-reserve shelters) would be addressed through this committee as well as through individual task groups. The On-Reserve Shelter Committee has been left unchanged.

The Education and Training Committee has been combined with the Shelter Programs Committee to form a new committee called the Shelter Programs and Education Committee. The Shelter Information Systems Committee and the Board Governance Committee will continue as independent committees with updated terms of reference.

Other important tasks of the Board Governance Committee included filling a vacancy on the Board. We were pleased to welcome Bronwen Rutter as the Shelter Board Representative for southern Alberta. Bronwen works in the counseling field and sits on the Board of the Brooks and District Women's Emergency Shelter. We also ensured a performance review of our Provincial Coordinator during the past year and recommended a pay increase for Jan, which was accepted by the Board.

Our job will not be over for this year until after the Annual General Meeting on June 15th. If all goes according to plan, we will have ensured that we have a full slate of nominees to the Board and that a balloting process is in place. We will also have organized some form of orientation for board members. Issues which Board members identified during their phone-arounds to shelter directors and board representatives included a province-wide lack of affordable housing, difficulties recruiting and retaining staff, and, for several rural shelters, difficulty providing 24-hour service with the level of funding received from the province.

The importance of the affordable housing issue cannot be overstated—when women have no place to go after they leave a shelter, they either return to their abusive partner or join the ranks of the homeless, putting themselves and their children at continuing risk. We were pleased to see increased funding for several of our rural shelters during the past year, and this was reflected in the comments we heard from them. This was one more example of successful advocacy from ACWS.

Brenda Brochu
Chair, Board Governance Committee

On-Reserve Shelter Committee

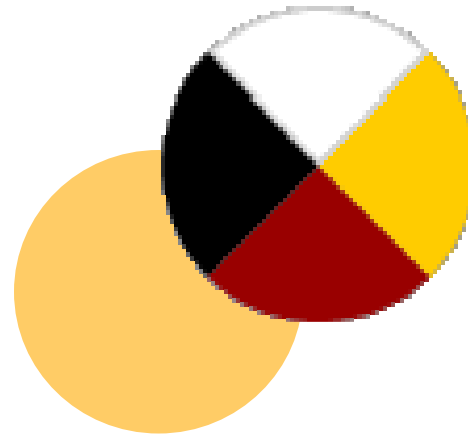
2006 and 2007 was a good year for the on reserve shelters in Alberta. One of the highest points for the shelters was the one time funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to alleviate the financial crisis faced by on-reserve shelters. Although the funding did temporarily address the on-going needs of our shelters, we continue to struggle financially. We also continue to address the issue of adequate, annual, sustainable funding from INAC.

On behalf of the on-reserve shelters I attended an International Conference in Mexico City, last September, 2006. Other presenters from Alberta were Sharon Meredith, RCMP, Linda Goyette (our *Standing Together* editor) Pat Vargas, a member shelter director and our Spanish speaking guide and Jan Reimer, ACWS Provincial Coordinator. Our presentation was on building a collaborative approach to domestic violence, focusing on keeping women and children safe and the impact on children.

Training for on-reserve shelters staff took place on March 5-8, 2007 through Portage College.

Other than the on-reserve shelters struggling financially, our circle of First Nation Voices committee meetings are going well and all shelters are busy.

Janet Gladue
Chair, On-Reserve Shelter Committee



Shelter Programs & Education Committee

Changes to ACWS standing committees saw our very active Shelter Information Systems Sub-Committee (SISC) become a standing committee on its' own. The Shelter Programs and Education Committee (SPEC) relies heavily on shelter data collection to develop ACWS position statements and encourage funders to meet the growing needs of member organizations. Many of the committee's initiatives are ongoing and a brief list of our annual work follows:

Shelter Standards – The SPEC has been working with the staff of ACS to revamp the provincial government's shelter standards. The aspirational standards, previously developed by ACWS, have not been accepted by ACS at this time, so we continue to work with ACS to put in place standards acceptable to both parties. ACWS wants to ensure that women and children accessing services from shelters across the province can expect to receive services at the same standard, based on best practices, and delivered in an ethical manner. We have also requested government add definitions to the standards document to assist in ensuring clarity around each funded standard.

Group Benefit Plan – The group benefit plan is monitored closely by our insurance broker to ensure the most cost effective plan is available to participating members. Eleven member shelters are currently utilizing this service, and it remains open for others to join as they see fit.

Position Statements –The past year has seen finalization to position statements addressing the need for funding to ensure best practices for both second-stage and senior shelter programs. Many thanks to add hoc committee participants who assisted in the development of these position statements.

Protocols – The development of protocols with government or other agencies whose mandates closely mesh with work being done by shelters is deemed to be essential to ensure the all parties have a clear understanding of the most effective ways of 'doing business' together, and of role expectations of each. Such protocols serve to ensure that persons are provided with the most seamless and effective services possible. Having protocols in place with police and Alberta Children's Services (ACS) have provided a venue to be able to determine what is working as well as what is not. Developed protocols have provision for monitoring and evaluation, as well as a process for revision as deemed necessary. This year saw the completion of the Template And an update of our MOU with the RCMP.

Funding – Using position statements and protocols, the SPEC constantly addresses funding issues with major providers. Currently, the dollars required for senior and second stage programs, shelter staffing model, wage parity, staff and board training, crisis lines, and identified core services are the major areas deemed to be essential to the effective operation of member service providers.

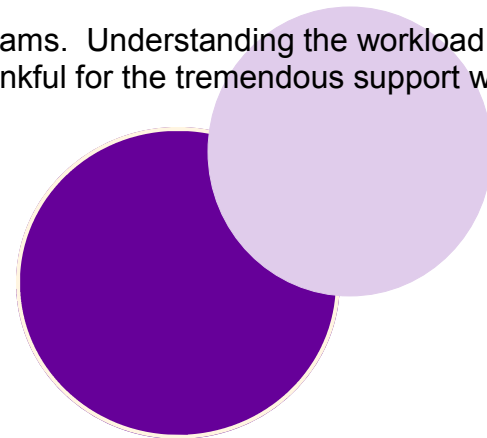
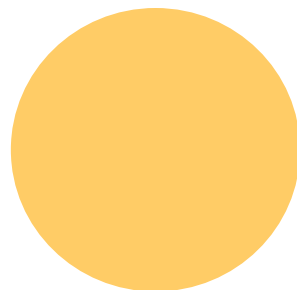
Education – Ongoing education of member staff and boards is essential to ensure that best practices are both identified and implemented. Several opportunities over the past year have addressed this need, including danger assessment training and policy development. New funding opportunities recently announced by Minister Janice Tarchuk will greatly assist in providing management training for shelter directors and further training for shelter staff. Recently several shelter intervention staff successfully completed the Certificate Shelter Program Worker provided by Portage College, and more workers are beginning this vital program. A special thanks to the IODE, who has provided scholarship money to shelter workers to undertake this course of studies.

Shelter Emergency Funding – Thanks to the continued support of the Anonymous Donor, shelters have access to limited funding once per year emergency funding for unexpected expenses incurred and deemed necessary to the provision of services in their shelters. As costs continue to rise to maintain equipment, the committee is requesting that the individual grant ceiling be raised for this fund.

Exit Surveys – Children's Services have retained a consultant to address, among other things, concerns around the exit survey currently required by the department. The committee has met with the consultant and discussed presenting issues surrounding this survey, including confidentiality, informed consent and outcomes.

The effectiveness of this committee is very dependent on input from member programs. Understanding the workload everyone is experiencing, we certainly appreciate the cooperation we receive. We are also thankful for the tremendous support we receive from the ACWS staff.

Joie Dery
Chair, Shelter Programs and Education Committee



Shelter Information Systems Committee

The 2006-2007 year has been a busy and productive time for the Shelter Information Systems Committee (SISC). We underwent a change of status, moving from “sub-committee” to becoming a full committee of the ACWS Board. As well, we said good-bye to one of our long-time committee members, Lisa Morgan, Crisis Worker, from Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre in Cold Lake. Lisa served on the committee for 2 years and we are grateful for the skill and good cheer she brought to our meetings. In January, we welcomed two new committee members, Dianne Finch, Administration Manager, at the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society, and Rebecca Countaway, Support Worker, at WINGS of Providence, both valuable additions to the committee.

In September 2006, we held our second annual HOMES training in Edmonton. Based on feedback from the previous year, this fall training focused on different types of learning, offering shelters 3 levels of courses, opposed to the single, basic HOMES data entry level offered previously. The updated curriculum included basic HOMES data entry training; learning about program logic models, outcomes-based program evaluation, and measurement tool design; and data analysis and interpretation. We preceded the training sessions with a brief introduction to logic models and the importance of outcome-reporting. Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive with 95% of participants reporting increased knowledge of the data entry process and 98% reporting increased knowledge of HOMES capacity.

We have been hard at work in developing objectives for the upcoming year. Due to a huge demand for additional HOMES training, the committee hosted a Calgary-based training 25 - 27 May 2007; targeted to meet the needs of new shelter staff, we focused on basic HOMES data entry. We also added an additional pre-training day segment on basic computer literacy to ensure participants maximize their efficiency on HOMES. We had 9 participants in the pre-day and 25 in the Level 1 session. Based on verbal feedback, the event was well-received! We will be planning our third annual HOMES training, once again offering multiple sessions, in Edmonton from October 12-14, 2007. We will also include a pre-training day on computer literacy for those who would like this service.

During an ACWS Executive Director's meeting, a working group was formed to develop a comprehensive logframe for Outreach Programs, outlining outcomes, outputs, activities, and indicators. Once accepted by the ED's, the document came to the SISC for review. We adapted several of the outcomes into a reader-friendly program logic model format, similar to what was taught during the September 2006 training. This logic model isolated 3 outcomes related to women's safety, basic needs, and skill building. In addition, we have created several supporting documents that have received excellent feedback from several shelter directors. These include an intake form, discharge form, needs assessment (pre and post), and program evaluation survey. All of these documents will be placed on HOMES and readily downloadable to individual shelter sites for use/customization, if wanted. Once reviewed and approved by the Executive Directors, during the 15 June AGM meetings, the SISC will train to these forms at the annual Fall training.

Finally, we are also working with second stage shelters to create specialized, standardized documents to assist in data collection and will be examining how HOMES can meet the needs of these shelters. To date, there are only 2 of 9 second stage shelters in Alberta using the HOMES database. We will continue to liaise with this group in order to ensure that they are receiving the technical support needed enable their data collection.

We are a responsive committee! Please let us know what your data collection needs are and we will do our best to meet them!

Sincerely,
Lissa Samantaraya-Shivji
Chair, Shelter Information Systems Committee



...a
responsibility
to be
vigilant...



As long as the problem persists, we need to be focused on helping the victims of violence and their families and communities. Some may argue that is work best left to professionals – the shelters, the counselors, law enforcement. But what of the rest of us? As citizens we have an obligation – a responsibility – to be vigilant. To stand up in the face of violence anywhere. Let's commit ourselves to making sure our words and acts stand as an example to that.

Mayor Stephen Mandel

Financial Statements

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Members of
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

We have audited the statement of financial position of Alberta Council of Women's Shelters as at March 31, 2007 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, 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 from 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 common with many charitable organizations, the council derives revenue from donations from the general public, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the council and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenues, operations, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donations referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the council as at March 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

May 24, 2007
Edmonton, Alberta

Skolney and Company
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007			2006	
	Investment in Property and Equipment \$	Internally Restricted \$	Unrestricted \$	Total \$	Total \$
BALANCE, beginning of year	14,675	73,098	164,611	252,384	224,227
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over expenses	(2,670)	(11,046)	69,321	55,605	28,157
Investment in property and equipment	4,552	-	(4,552)	-	-
BALANCE, end of year	16,557	62,052	229,380	307,989	252,384

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ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and term deposits	447,512	468,369
Accounts receivable	38,145	11,767
Inventory	11,595	28,022
Prepaid expenses	8,273	-
	505,525	508,158
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 2 and 4)	20,557	20,675
	526,082	528,833
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	28,469	40,115
Unexpended grants (Note 3)	129,670	204,873
Deferred contributions related to operations	55,954	25,461
Deferred contributions related to equipment (Note 6)	4,000	6,000
	218,093	276,449
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	231,380	164,611
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (Note 5)	62,052	73,098
INVESTMENT IN EQUIPMENT	14,557	14,675
	307,989	252,384
	526,082	528,833
APPROVED BY THE BOARD:		
_____ Director		
_____ Director		

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
REVENUE		
Grants (Schedule 1)	314,729	72,133
Government of Alberta	198,500	178,250
Donations	143,219	59,419
Administration fees	86,764	79,822
Interest and other income	64,252	53,763
Fundraising	55,080	410
Status of Women Canada	35,000	60,000
Membership fees	22,300	26,800
Book sales	21,432	-
Donations in kind	8,819	-
Registration and workshop fees	6,420	11,994
Children Exposed to Family Violence	-	3,140
Family Violence Prevention Month	-	236,251
IODE	-	2,600
Muttart Foundation	-	5,539
Amortization of deferred contributions	2,000	2,000
	958,515	792,121
EXPENDITURES		
Program expenses	387,116	378,477
Wages and employee benefits	264,297	258,896
Office and miscellaneous	105,511	64,285
Recruitment and training	52,066	6,010
Annual General Meeting	22,281	11,633
Repairs and maintenance	16,278	4,666
Shelter Emergency Distributions	13,864	-
Occupancy costs	10,147	4,763
Telephone	5,127	7,316
Professional fees	4,383	11,793
Newsletter and brochures	3,775	5,814
Insurance	2,349	2,138
Amortization	4,670	8,173
	891,864	763,964
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	66,651	28,157

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ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	66,651	28,157
Amortization of property and equipment	4,670	8,173
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,000)	(2,000)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(26,378)	85,480
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	49,372	10,461
(Decrease) increase in unexpended grants	(94,081)	63,601
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(11,646)	38,241
Decrease (increase) in inventory	16,427	(28,022)
	3,015	204,091
Net change in non-cash working capital components:		
Prepaid expenses	(8,273)	
FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers to (from) reserves	(11,046)	-
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,553)	(1,376)
	(15,599)	(1,376)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	(20,857)	202,715
CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS, beginning of year	468,369	265,654
CASH AND TERM DEPOSITS, end of year	447,512	468,369

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters acts as a liaison between women's shelters in Alberta and various levels of government and serves as a unified voice of member organizations relating to issues affecting battered women.

The Council was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta on April 11, 1983. The Council is a registered charity and is exempt from income tax under the provisions of paragraph 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applying the following significant accounting policies:

(A) Revenue Recognition -

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collections are reasonably assured.

(B) Equipment -

Equipment is carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided using the straight-line method at the following annual rates:

Office	20%
Computer	33 1/3%

(C) Deferred Contributions Related to Equipment -

Deferred contributions related to equipment are amortized to revenue on the same basis as the asset to which the contribution relates.

(D) Inventory-

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

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ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(E) Measurement Uncertainty -

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

3. UNEXPENDED GRANTS

A. Children Exposed To Family Violence

In a prior year, the Council received funds from the Government of Alberta to be used to develop a curriculum and provide training to shelter workers, child welfare workers and community stakeholders on children exposed to violence so as to reduce the negative impact on children at risk. The unexpended portion at the beginning of the year was \$57,177. During the year \$2,437 was expended on the project and the unexpended portion at March 31, 2007 was \$54,740.

B. Wild Rose

In a previous year, the Council received a grant from the Wild Rose Foundation. The funds were provided over a two year time frame for information dissemination to member shelters, stakeholders and the public as well as to build ACWS data management tools. The unexpended amount at the beginning of the year was \$31,000. During the year \$26,310 was expended and the unexpended balance at March 31, 2007 was \$4,690.

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

3. UNEXPENDED GRANTS (continued)

C. Shelter Emergency Fund

In a prior year, the Council received funds to be used to provide member shelters with funds to accommodate emergency repairs to the shelters' infrastructures. The unexpended balance at the beginning of the year was \$7,912. During the year another \$25,000 was received to sustain the project and \$14,033 was expended. The unexpended balance at March 31, 2007 was \$18,879.

D. Strategic Fundraising

During the year the Council received \$35,000 from the Province of Alberta for support in implementing a strategic fundraising plan. The funds were to be used to develop a sustainable funding base through partnerships, grants, events and direct appeals. During the year, \$11,639 was expended in the project and the unexpended balance at March 31, 2007 was \$23,361.

E. Victim's Fund

During the year, the Council received \$5,000 from the Department of Justice for National Victims of Crime Awareness Week. The funds were intended to co-ordinate an event and week-long display of the Silent Witness silhouettes in an effort to educate the public on the issues of violence and the impact it has on the community. No funds were expended during the year and the unexpended balance at March 31, 2007 was \$5,000.

F. Second Stage Housing

During the year, the Council received \$23,000 from the Canadian Women's Foundation to be used to develop a provincially funded second stage housing program that will support both existing and the building of new second stage shelters in Alberta. No funds were expended during the year and the unexpended balance at March 31, 2007 was \$23,000.

Financial Statements *continued...*

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	2007		2006	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	\$38,653	\$22,813	\$15,840	\$26,995
Computer equipment	16,118	11,400	4,718	1,975
	<u>\$54,771</u>	<u>\$34,213</u>	<u>\$20,558</u>	<u>\$28,970</u>

5. INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS

The board of directors of the Council has allocated funds for specifically identified purposes. The Council may not use these internally restricted funds for any other purpose without the approval of the board of directors.

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
(a) Conference reserve		
The Council has established a reserve to fund a conference on issues relating to battered women for crisis intervention workers. During the year the Board of Directors approved the transfer of these funds to the IODE Training Fund.	-	11,046
(b) Stabilization reserve		
The Council has established a stabilization reserve to hold three months of operating expenses. There was no contribution to the reserve in the current year.	52,000	52,000
(c) Equipment replacement reserve		
The Council has established an equipment replacement reserve in order to replace office equipment as it becomes necessary. Each year the Board of Directors will assess an appropriate amount to be allocated to the reserve.	10,052	10,052
	<u>62,052</u>	<u>73,098</u>

ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

6. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Deferred contributions related to property and equipment represent a restricted contribution with which the Council purchased certain office equipment. The changes to the deferred contributions balance for the period are as follows:

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
BALANCE, beginning of year	6,000	8,000
Amounts amortized to revenue	(2,000)	(2,000)
<u>BALANCE, end of year</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments of the Council consists mainly of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

The carrying values of these financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair values unless otherwise disclosed.

It is management's opinion that the company is not exposed to any significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

8. COMMITMENT

The Council rents premises under an operating lease which expires February 28, 2012. Annual rentals under this lease for each year until the lease expires are as follows:

2008	10,097
2009	12,116
2010	12,300
2011	14,319
2012	13,126

9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The comparative figures were audited by another accounting firm and are presented for information purposes only.

Certain of the 2006 figures have been reclassified to conform with presentation adopted in the current year.

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***At the end of the day, it
really is about men
exercising the
leadership to talk about
this and to say:
It's not acceptable.***

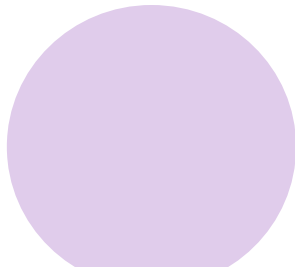


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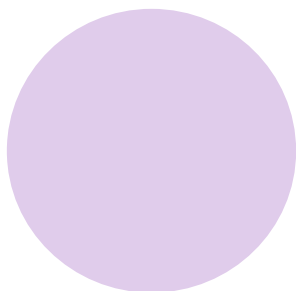
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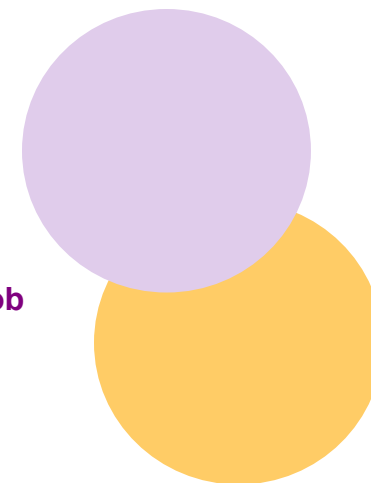
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Staff Sergeant Bob Pagee

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