

NELSON SENIORS CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Hartley, President at 10:30 am

2. **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4 2024 AGM** – Andromeda Drake, Secretary

MOTION to accept the Minutes of the November 4, 2024 AGM

by Andromeda Drake, seconded by Susan Coolie

PASSED

3. **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

- Board members introduce themselves and their duties and responsibilities.
 - a) Richard Green – couple of years on board, currently Vice-President
 - b) Sharon Browning – Communication Director managing emails and membership (302 this year up from 275 last year) and Activities liaison, website, local advertising and monthly calendars. Manages bakery donations, Sundays & Fridays and Tuesdays from Save-on as well as caring for the library. Acknowledged Linda Lehan refreshments, laundry and supplies, Sylvie Moseck, Howard Smith
 - c) Kathy Hartley – currently President, been with Board for 3 years
 - d) Anne Kwan – coordinate use of Centre for special events booking
 - e) Andromeda Drake – Recording Secretary – mostly off for the year and not standing this year
 - f) Marg Robertson – Treasurer manages all money in and pays bills (no rent due here). Will be re-standing for her position.
 - g) Beverly Beck – Director – backup person for calendar and centre use, manages the cleaner contract, does door code coordination. Has been on the Board for years.
 - h) Sandy Babin – first year on the Board as Director. Backup for Treasurer for 3 months and will be backup with Bill Bryce for City liaison tasks.
 - i) Simon Mitchell – on the board for a year, takes care of odd jobs and maintenance of premises
- Special introduction of artists represented on our walls: Susan Cooley, Barbara Butchart, Natalie Green. Thanks and introduction to Susan and Barbara in attendance (Natalie Green in hospital) and it was pointed out which art pieces belonged to each artist

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Marg Robertson, Treasurer – reports attached which Marg covered

MOTION to Approve Financial Reporting as presented.

by Marilyn Miller, Seconded by Susan Coolie

PASSED

5. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Sharon Browning, Membership – Please put postal code on membership envelope, and itemize activities if more than one. 302 active members

6. **OTHER REPORTS**

- Activity Group Christmas parties 2025 – Bev Beck –
Christmas party - The Centre will pay for parties in November through January at \$10 per member that attends. Email Marg Robertson with the date and list the names of the members for reimbursement.

- President's Report – Kathy Hartley – copy attached, read by Kathy

7. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE

- Purchase new upright freezer – Sharon Browning
MOTION to purchase upright freezer for \$1300 plus tax from Floyd's Electronics.
by Brad Howard, Seconded by Linda Lehan
PASSED
- Annual donations – Marg Robertson – read report of donations attached from last year \$5250
Marilyn Miller will contact the Friends of the Family about sending in a donation request
MOTION to approve \$5200 expenditures for donations this year, with donations to be decided by the Board, and similar to the Report of Donations for previous year made.
By Andromeda Drake, seconded by Linda Moore
PASSED

8. MEMBER COMMENTS OR MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Mural Proposal – Mary Prothro – copy of proposal attached
MOTION: That the Board apply to have our building included in the 2026 mural Festival organized by the Nelson District Arts Council, and invite Sydney Black, ED of the Arts Counsel, to attend a Board meeting at her earliest convenience to discuss the next steps and provide guidance for application.

By Mary Prothro and seconded by Lena Horswill

AMENDED

Carol Howard says that Elon, owner of Stirling, would not let mural creators on his property to do mural and in fact has approval from City to do his own mural

Linda Moore – in favour despite Carol's comments to proceed in principle with City including front of building

Marg Robertson – likes the idea of the front of building

Anne-Marie Beaulieu – has seen other murals that incorporate well with windows and doors

Mary Prothro – City advised her that they would have no problem with membership applying to be included in Mural festival. Up to membership to decide if they want to apply.

Brad – are we applying to apply

Kathy – disagrees with proposal and believes also that Elon disagreed and Kathy spoke on behalf of Bill Bryce (Director who isn't present), and strongly said the Board cannot take this on – all the forms, time, permits, etc. that would be required - a member would have to take it on

Donna MacDonald – believes paperwork and administration would take care of by Mural Festival

TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION Leave the first part of the sentence, "That the Board apply to have our building included in the 2026 mural Festival organized by the Nelson District Arts Council" and replace the end of the motion with "by appointing a member to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the Society" made by Mary Prothro, seconded by Donna MacDonald

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT BEING ON THE FLOOR: Opposed 7 Approved 12 Abstention 1

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AS APPROVED: **That the Board apply to have our building included in the 2026 mural Festival organized by the Nelson District Arts Council by appointing a member to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the Society.**

Opposed 9 Approved 12

PASSED

9. RESIGNATION OF THE BOARD AND ELECTION OF NEW BOARD – Brad Howard – call for nominations for positions:

- (a) Call for nominations for President: Sandy Babin nominated by Lena Horswell, Sandy accepted. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Sandy Babin hereby named President
- (b) Call for nominations for Vice-President: Richard Green nominated by Bev Beck and Marg Robertson, and Richard accepted. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Richard Green hereby named Vice-President
- (c) Call for nominations for Recording Secretary, called once, twice, thrice – no nominations
- (d) Call for nominations for Treasurer. Margaret Robertson nominated by Kathy Hartley. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Margaret Robertson hereby named as Treasurer
- (e) Call for nominations for First Director – Bill Bryce nominate by Kathy Hartley. . In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Bill Bryce hereby named as First Director
- (f) Call for nominations for Second Director – Bev Beck nominated by Sandy Babin. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Bev Beck hereby named as Second Director
- (g) Call for nominations for Third Director – Kathy Hartley nominated by Brad Howard. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
Kathy Hartley hereby named as Third Director
- (h) Call for nominations of up to three further Directors at Large- Simon Mitchell nominated by Brad Howard, Sharon Browning nominated by Richard Green and Anne Kwan nominated by Bev Beck. In light of no further nominations from the floor after calling a 2nd and 3rd time:
MOTION: to accept all 3 Directors at Large, Simon Mitchell, Sharon Browning and Anne Kwan, by Kathy Hartley and 2nded by Bev Beck.
PASSED

Point of Order made by Donna MacDonald that **Mary Prothro be appointed as the liaison to take forward the Mural application process**, accepted by Mary Prothro.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING MAY 4, 2026

ADJOURNED by Kathy Hartley at 11:40 am

**NELSON SENIOR CENTRE SOCIETY
BANK RECONCILIATION
NDCU ACCOUNT # 50008767p3
YTD SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025**

DATE	REF #	DESCRIPTION	DB	CR	X	BALANCE
2024-09		FY 2023 – 2024 Closing Balance 2024 09 30			x	16,223.04
2024-10		Closing Balance 2024 10 31	3,037.20	2,943.27		16,129.11
2024-11		Closing Balance 2024 11 30	1,033.35	4,246.45		19,342.21
2024-12		Closing Balance 2024 12 31	6,357.19	3,451.05		16,436.07
2025-01		Closing Balance 2025 01 31	2,779.63	2,311.00		15,967.44
2025-02		Closing Balance 2025 02 28	1,031.81	1,946.45		16,882.08
2025-03		Closing Balance 2025 03 31	1,960.83	1,643.85		16,565.10
2025-04		Closing Balance 2025 04 30	678.53	1,885.65		17,772.22
2025-05		Closing Balance 2025 05 31	2,147.13	1,779.60		17,404.69
2025-06		Closing Balance 2025 06 30	2,511.28	1,348.35		16,241.76
2025-07		Closing Balance 2025 07 31	1,294.22	1,239.25		16,186.79
2025-08		Closing Balance 2025 08 31	1,451.60	1,376.43		16,111.62
2025-09		Closing Balance 2025 09 30	515.10	739.00		16,335.52
TOTALS			24,797.87	24,910.35		16,335.52

NELSON SENIORS CENTRE SOCIETY
FY 2024 - 2025 DONATIONS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
2024-11-05	BC Seniors Games	500.00	
2024-12-17	Adopt a Senior	500.00	
2024-12-20	KERPA	1,000.00	
2024-12-20	Nelson Community Food Cup	1,500.00	
2025-01-01	Our Daily Bread	750.00	
2025-01-15	KERPA	500.00	AED Training
2025-02-03	Nelson Stroke Recovery	400.00	
Total		5,150.00	

NELSON SENIOR CENTRE SOCIETY

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2024 -2025 YTD SUMMARY**

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INCOME			
Memberships		5,860.00	
Activities		15,431.90	
Cribbage Skunk Fund		527.50	
Snooker Maintenance Fund		1,487.00	
Rentals		710.00	
Extraordinay *		594.03	
TOTAL		24,610.43	40,833.47
EXPENSES			
Bank Fees	48.00		
Capital Expenses	1,357.25		
Donations	5,250.00		
Insurance	2,519.00		
Janitorial Services	6,500.00		
Operating Expenses	4,563.68		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,001.35		
Supplies	1,755.41		
Telus	370.96		
Extraordinay **	352.30		
TOTAL	23,717.95		17,115.52
Closing Balance September 30 2025			17,115.52
Reconciled Bank Balance September 30 2025			16,335.52
Difference – Deposit for September made in October			(780.00)

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INCOME FROM ACTIVITIES
SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025

DATE	MEMBER SHIPS	RENTA LS	BOOK CLUB	BRIDGE	CFUW	CHESS	CRIB	CRIB SKUNK	DUP BRDG	EUCHRE	FREE DAN	GLAC HARM	HOOK	IODE	KNIT	NUSC	SCRAB	SNOOK	SNOOK MTC FUND	TAI CHI	UKE	YOGA	TOTALS
2024-10	90.00	0.00	9.00	155.00	50.00	22.00	141.00	0.00	400.00	30.00	24.00	75.00	9.00	0.00	31.00	100.00	17.00	60.00	60.00	66.00	50.00	134.00	1,523.00
2024-11	2,970.00	50.00	6.00	187.00	100.00	35.00	173.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	3.00	100.00	23.00	0.00	35.00	100.00	16.00	131.00	131.00	75.00	100.00	130.00	4,394.00
2024-12	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	179.00	0.00	32.00	160.00	0.00	350.00	34.00	7.00	75.00	13.00	225.00	31.00	100.00	16.00	153.00	153.00	86.00	100.00	160.00	2,874.00
2025-01	560.00	300.00	0.00	168.00	50.00	22.00	163.00	54.00	0.00	32.00	13.00	25.00	13.00	0.00	41.00	50.00	23.00	202.00	202.00	94.00	125.00	174.00	2,311.00
2025-02	420.00	0.00	6.50	206.00	0.00	23.00	168.00	59.00	200.00	51.00	0.00	100.00	30.00	0.00	32.00	100.00	14.00	142.00	142.00	106.00	125.00	184.00	2,108.50
2025-03	300.00	0.00	5.50	156.00	0.00	30.00	197.00	66.00	200.00	47.00	0.00	100.00	13.00	0.00	34.00	100.00	17.00	131.00	131.00	90.00	75.00	159.00	1,851.50
2025-04	200.00	175.00	7.00	187.00	100.00	23.00	172.00	74.00	215.80	36.00	15.00	75.00	8.00	0.00	34.00	50.00	21.00	164.00	164.00	80.00	100.00	153.00	2,053.80
2025-05	60.00	0.00	10.00	169.00	50.00	34.00	224.00	73.00	250.00	33.00	6.00	19.00	12.00	0.00	44.00	50.00	20.00	79.00	79.00	86.00	125.00	132.00	1,555.00
2025-06	60.00	50.00	0.00	166.00	0.00	15.10	153.00	42.00	200.00	30.00	19.00	42.00	6.00	0.00	39.00	50.00	14.00	110.00	110.00	98.00	125.00	117.00	1,446.10
2025-07	50.00	0.00	4.00	147.00	0.00	23.00	132.00	37.50	200.00	25.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00	0.00	20.00	103.00	103.00	62.00	0.00	89.00	1,025.50
2025-08	40.00	50.00	4.00	156.00	0.00	53.00	197.00	86.00	250.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	22.00	104.00	104.00	68.00	0.00	121.00	1,355.00
2025-09	110.00	85.00	5.00	231.00	0.00	17.00	151.00	36.00	200.00	35.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	0.00	30.00	50.00	25.00	108.00	108.00	88.00	75.00	147.00	1,519.00
TOTALS	5,860.00	710.00	57.00	2,107.00	350.00	329.10	2,031.00	527.50	2,465.80	422.00	99.00	617.00	131.00	225.00	437.00	750.00	225.00	1,487.00	1,487.00	999.00	1,000.00	1,700.00	24,016.40

CRIB SKUNK FUND

OPENING BALANCE 2024 09 30	0.00
Plus YTD Contributions	527.50
Less YTD Expenses	130.97
Closing Balance 2025 09 30	396.53

SNOOKER MAINTENANCE FUND

Closing Balance 2024 09 30	508.90
Plus YTD Contributions	1,487.00
Less YTD Expenses	137.89
Closing Balance 2025 09 30	1,858.01

Less Memberships,	15,431.90
Rentals, Crib Skunk, Snooker Mtc Funds	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

2025 has been a productive year that has seen some very positive changes to the centre.

Early in the year we were finally able to establish our own website with the help of the very talented Willem Oudemans. The new website is capably managed and maintained by Sharon Browning. This has helped immensely to give us an independent presence on the internet and also provide a public outlet for announcements of activities and happenings at our centre.

Two other developments this year were: the establishment of a monthly newsletter to our members, and the Art on the Walls project. Both of these initiatives were proposals from Mary Prothro.

The newsletter has been a popular communication tool to reach out to our members each month, to let you all know what's happening at the Board level plus activities or events of interest in the centre and in the city at large. Any member who has story ideas or news items that might be of interest to others can get in touch with me anytime through the Centre's email address.

In the fall we announced the successful launch of our "Art on the Walls" project! The Seniors Centre is now showcasing the talent of local Kootenay artists. We mounted the first art work in September and expect to be changing the pieces every 4 months. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. It has made the centre a brighter, more colorful and welcoming space. It's also a way to give back to the community by providing an opportunity for local artists to share their creativity, connect with the community, and gain exposure.

Thank you to everyone who has voiced such positive and supportive comments about this change. Your support is appreciated.

The art selection committee for this year was made up of member volunteers: Andromeda Drake and Gayll Morrison and myself. Going into the new year Gayll has volunteered to stay on and head up the committee but

she will be looking for two more members to work with her on this committee. We'll get more details about this out shortly in our November newsletter so please watch for that if you're interested.

In July we hosted a presentation by BC Seniors Advocate, Dan Levitt, for a talk on seniors' issues in our province. The event was co-hosted by the Nelson Seniors Centre and the Nelson and District Seniors Coordinating Society. Those who attended enjoyed a presentation that was lively, humorous, and full of useful information. This is the kind of thing that I would like to see more of to be able to provide our members with outside information that they might not have access to otherwise.

One more bit of good news ...the city has confirmed plans to install a heat pump in our building by next summer. Along with heating, it will finally bring some much-needed cooling relief during the summer.

We've had a few challenges like the insects that moved in this year as a result of the construction next door but we're working on that.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer Board members who work so hard all year long to keep the centre running smoothly plus the many other members who step in to help out with odd jobs and tasks that are so needed. Thank you all.

I urge anyone who has even a little bit of free time and energy to raise their hand when Brad calls for volunteers to serve on the Board for the coming year. Many of our devoted Board members are standing for re-election but there are several spots that will need to be filled from the membership at large. We'll give you 5 minutes to think about it.

Again my thanks to everyone for a great year.

Kathy Hartley

Mural Fest 2026
Proposal for Inclusion

A mural would clearly distinguish our dated and nondescript building from the Civic Theatre next door and prevent confusion with the Nelson Seniors Coordinating Society located on the opposite side of the Theatre.

By adding something beautiful to the side or front of the Centre, we create a strong identity on the block and contribute to Nelson's cultural landscape.

The goal is to support Nelson Mural Fest and help the Centre become a vibrant, visual part of the community.

Seniors Centre Society

- There would be **NO Cost** to us. Our Centre would be treated as a city owned building.
- The Centre may choose the artist between either the top local or top international artist, as chosen by NDAC jury.
 - The Centre gets to select between several artistic genres that interest them, and has one opportunity to choose between proposed murals

Nelson & District Arts Council (NDAC)

- NDAC paints two publicly owned walls annually
- NDAC secures permits, insurance, equipment.
- NDAC manages communications, artist vetting, contracts, and covers costs incurred.
- NDAC maintains murals for 10 years.



Notes from NDAC Executive Director

Even though the front of the Senior Centre offers limited uninterrupted wall space, there remain strong opportunities for a high-impact mural. The NDAC'S team has extensive experience designing murals that work with architectural features such as windows, benches, and signage, ensuring the artwork enhances rather than competes with the existing structure.

A mural on the hotel-facing wall would enjoy excellent visibility from the street, attracting both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Work can be done from the roof of the Cellar, or with NDAC'S established relationship with the Stirling Hotel, access to the side wall would be straightforward. Scheduling can be coordinated to ensure no disruption to guests or staff.

By transforming a less obvious surface into a vibrant focal point, the mural would contribute significantly to the character of the block and align beautifully with the spirit of our festivals and events, which invite residents and visitors alike to explore Nelson's cultural landscape.



For AGM November 2025

Members' Motion:

That the Board apply to have our building included in the 2026 Mural Fest organized by the Nelson and District Arts Council, and invite Sydney Black, Executive Director of the Arts Council, to attend a Board meeting at her earliest convenience to discuss the next steps and provide guidance for application.

I have attached an information sheet for members that provides background on the proposal.

Mary Prothro

BACKGROUND NOTE:

In discussing this proposal please keep in mind that the NDSC does not own the building. It is owned by the City of Nelson. Therefore, whoever takes on this project, if passed, will need to work with the City to acquire permissions and permits as needed.