

Cosmopolitan Learning Centre

Committed to providing supported employment opportunities for people with varying abilities



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2018 ~ 2019 Annual Report

Agenda

ITEM #1 ~ CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ITEM #2 ~ MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 20, 2018

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Cosmopolitan Learning Centre
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday June 20, 2018

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present

<i>Brooke Jackson</i>	<i>Joelle Simon</i>	<i>Cara Ann Rathje</i>	<i>Rick Hack</i>
<i>Jerry Grywacheski</i>	<i>Joe Frank</i>	<i>Myrna Frank</i>	<i>Courtney Frank</i>
<i>Amanda Hehn</i>	<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>Reva Kohm</i>	<i>Sharla Schofield</i>
<i>Catherine Duczek</i>	<i>Chris Dizey</i>	<i>Henry Baier</i>	<i>Rosalind Sinclair</i>
<i>Dale Sinclair</i>	<i>Sarah Magnus</i>	<i>Heather Beauchamp</i>	<i>Bob Martinook</i>
<i>Carrie Fuluche</i>	<i>Marguirite Baier</i>	<i>Michelle Gleim</i>	<i>Dennis Friesen</i>
<i>Robert Paraschuk</i>	<i>Louis Toth</i>	<i>Dwight Blomander</i>	<i>Ron Langelier</i>
<i>Fay Langelier</i>	<i>Mykle Samuelson</i>	<i>Ryan Cavan</i>	<i>Jerry Baytaluke</i>
<i>Rick Watson</i>	<i>Nolan Hubbard-Richards</i>	<i>Tracy Brassard</i>	<i>Lorne Wirth</i>
<i>Wanita Carswell</i>	<i>Pat Watt</i>	<i>Terri Portras</i>	<i>Marcia Watson</i>
<i>Mindy Strom</i>	<i>Shofiqul Sikder</i>	<i>Nora Copeman</i>	<i>Sherry Matusko</i>
<i>Dennis Nestegard</i>	<i>Jeff Wiebe</i>	<i>James Poitras</i>	<i>Nadine Buburuz</i>
<i>Verna Howie</i>	<i>Bart Dixon</i>	<i>Shirley Bugg</i>	<i>Connie Lang-Schuette</i>
<i>Sharon Jestin</i>	<i>Perry Kirton</i>	<i>Corey Jackson</i>	<i>Brittany Tancrede</i>
<i>Calvin Donald</i>	<i>Bobbie Poitras</i>	<i>Joe Kazeil</i>	<i>Derek Wrubleski</i>
<i>Debra Obuck</i>	<i>Barb Obuck</i>	<i>Karen Shepherd</i>	<i>Kiara James</i>
<i>Cheryl Cameron</i>	<i>Darlene Keen</i>	<i>Bonnie Goodwill</i>	
<i>Komal Patel</i>	<i>Robert Mossny</i>	<i>Brendon Geis</i>	
<i>Shirley Scarlett</i>	<i>Ken Sheffield</i>	<i>Lorna Passmore</i>	

Regrets: *Duncan Louttit*

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Darlene Dixon
Doris Sowa
D. Schwartz
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Professional Floorcare Solutions
Harry Allen Life Member Club T.P.A.
Garth Krahn*

Thank you for your continuing support!

Minutes from June 20, 2018 AGM

Item #1: Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Rick Hack called the June 20, 2018 Annual General Meeting to order.

Item #2: Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting from June 20, 2018

Mr. Rick Hack called for a motion to accept the June 29, 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes.

Moved by: Mr. Dennis Friesen

Seconded by: Mrs. Catherine Duczek. Carried

Item #3: Business Arising out of the Minutes from June 20, 2018

Mr. Rick Hack asked if there was any new business arising from the minutes. There was no new business arising from the meeting minutes.

Item #4: New Business and Resolutions

No new business.

Item #5: Elections

Mr. Dwight Blomander introduced himself as a member of the current board of directors of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre, a member of the nominations committee and a member of the Cosmopolitan Clubs of Regina.

Mr. Dwight Blomander reported that the following individuals have agreed to participate as directors on the board for the 2018 – 2019 year.

These individuals include:

Mr. Rick Hack, Mr. Dennis Friesen, Mr. Lorne Wirth, Mr. Duncan Loutitt, Mrs. Karen Shepherd, Mr. Rick Watson, Mr. Perry Kirton, Mrs. Cathy Duczek, Mr. Jerry Grywacheski, Mr. Dwight Blomander.

Mr. Dwight Blomander opened the floor for nominations from the floor. Nominations were called three times. No nominations were brought forward, and therefore, nominations ceased. Dwight announced that the Board Members for 2018 – 2019 were the aforementioned individuals.

Item #6: Chairman's Report

Report as per report book.

Item #7: Auditor's Report

Mr. Rick Hack introduced Mr. Ryan Caven from Crowe MacKay to present the auditor's report, as Mr. Glen Berger was unable to attend this evening. Mr. Derek Wrubleski assisted with the audit for this year. Mr. Caven reviewed portions of the auditor report. The Cosmo Management team was very helpful with the audit. Mr. Ryan Caven reports that the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre has a clean audit report, following all required auditing policies and principles. Mr. Rick Hack thanked the auditors for their report.

Mr. Rick Hack called for a motion to adopt the 2017 ~ 2018 auditor's report as circulated.

Moved by: Mr. Perry Kirton Seconded by: Mrs. Karen Shepherd. Carried

Rick Hack called for a motion to appoint Crowe MacKay to be the auditors for the 2018-2019 year.

Moved by: Mr. Perry Kirton. Seconded by: Mr. Dennis Friesen. Carried.

Item #9: Program Report

Report as per report book.

Item #10: Sarcan Report

Report as per report book.

Item #11: Human Resource Report

Report as per report book.

Item #12: Executive Director Report

Ms. Connie Lang-Schuette presented the Executive Director's report as per the report book. Connie highlighted some areas of the report to include reporting the purchase of new building signs at the Edgar location, as well as the recent purchase of an accessible van that has a fold-out style ramp. This past Christmas, the Community Services Participants took part in a horse-buggy ride for their Christmas party, marshmallow roast and games. Everyone had a great time. The Centre has developed a partnership with the Regina Food Bank Reclamation program and Bulk Surplus program. This partnership has been of great benefit for the Centre to support the Participants. The Centre has purchased land between the existing Edgar building and the rink to the south of the building. This expansion is intended to serve individuals from the existing Broadway Avenue location as well as to support new individuals. This past year has marked the 30th Year Anniversary of the Sarcan Depot (operated by the Centre), as well as the 50th Year Anniversary of SARC (Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres). Cosmo Centre would like to especially thank the Cosmopolitan Clubs for their ongoing support of the Centre through their fundraising events. The Centre was able to purchase the tables for the Atrium due to the support of the Cosmo Clubs. Many thanks to them. Thank you to Print-It-Centres for the AGM booklet. Thank you to Terri Portras for all of her dedicated service to the Centre. We wish you the very best in your retirement. With Terri's retirement comes some changes. Sherry Matusko became the Program Coordinator in the Connections program. Reva Kohm has moved from an Assistant Program Coordinator to a Program Coordinator role. Also, Rosalind Sinclair moved into an Assistant Program Coordinator role with the Community Services program. We also celebrate Verna Howie, who celebrates 35 Years of Service with the Centre. Thank you to Shirley Bugg for preparing the AGM booklet and to Tracy Brassard for her preparation of the power-point picture presentation that you see tonight. Thank you to the Board for their support and dedication, to the Staff for all of their work this past year, and thank you to the Participants. Recycling is a big part of the Centre as well. Connie introduced Nolan Hubbard-Richards, Assistant Supervisor at the Sarcan Depot to present a report about the Depot and the importance of recycling.

Item #13: Guest Speaker – Nolan Hubbard-Richards – SARCAN

Nolan has been with Sarcan for the past 10 years. There are 75 Depots across the province. The goal of the Depots is for economic development, employment and environmental protection. The goal of the Depot is to provide employment for people with disabilities, real work for real pay. The cornerstone of the business is to support all abilities. Sarcan has partnered with Sask Abilities, Partners in Employment, Cosmo, etc. We have seen individuals move into independent living due to job skill development. The Staff at the Depot receive a variety of work specific training for success such as safe lifting, workplace diversity, etc. Sarcan is one of the leading recycling systems in North America. All of the materials are sorted specifically, which decreases the carbon footprint and the need for salvage yards. The Depot has a bulk order program, where businesses with larger recycling loads can drop off their recycling to be processed. The Drop and Go Program is in place to reach out to the community to promote recycling. Community members can bring in their bagged recycling to drop off, and it will be processed. The community member signs up for an account, drops off their recycling and is reimbursed through pay-pal. It is a convenient system, and has shown an increase in containers since the Drop and Go system has been in place. Joe Kazeil asked what level of profit would come from the Depot over a year term. Nolan was uncertain of the profit information. Joe asked if Connie could find out what the profit from the Depot would be in a year period. Connie would look into this. Robert Mossny wondered if cereal boxes could be accepted at the Depot. They cannot take those. Connie thanked Nolan for his presentation.

Board Chairman Report

This past year has certainly been a busy and successful year at the Centre. It has been a year that has included purchasing a house next to the Centre, as well as being currently in the process of creating a new building on the Edgar street property. These projects reflect the need to be prepared to provide expanded and more diverse services and supports to citizens with varying abilities. The goal of the new building is for the Broadway Avenue team to return to the Edgar street location.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to congratulate the individuals listed in the AGM program book for their service awards. Your dedication is very much appreciated. The commitments and efforts you display each and every day enable the Centre to grow and thrive.

The Board of Director's mandate is to support and govern all facets of the Centre's operation. The commitment of both the staff and participants makes our job much easier. The efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, Employees and Participants for another great year!

Rich Hack ~ Board President

Board Members 2018 ~ 2019

Rick Hack ~ President

Dwight Blomander ~ Director

Jerry Grywacheski ~ Director

Dennis Friesen ~ Director

Cathy Duczec ~ Director

Rick Watson ~ Director

Lorne Wirth ~ Treasurer

Duncan Louttit ~ Director

Karen Shepherd ~ Director

Connie Lang-Schuette ~ Secretary

Perry Kirton ~ Director

Board Members Resigning

Nominations

Dan Stinnen

Program Report

The programs offered at the centre continue to be popular with the participants we support. The staff and program coordinators are always keeping the participants engaged and learning.

The Community Services Program provides employment opportunities for the participants at 40 different business partnerships. The program participants continue to feel self worth and pride in their contribution to each workplace. The business partnerships provide positive feedback for the work done by the participants. The employment program continues to be a highly sought after program among new participant applicants. The program continues to hunt for new job opportunities and always welcomes referrals.

The Broadway Avenue Connections program recently moved to 2nd Ave. The participants are excited to have a new location and we look forward to getting to know our new neighbours in the community. This year the participants enjoyed going to Miller High School to take in the musical production of Suzical. The connections made in the community allow the participants to give back to the community in a positive way while learning skills. The program has had many visitors from community groups such as the Regina Symphony Orchestra, Miller Choir, country singer Justin Labrash and a martial arts class. If you missed out on the fun just ask a photography club member to show you their pictures.

The Edgar Location is home to several program areas. (Life skills, Community, and Connections Edgar) At Edgar Street there are many programs offered to the participants and each area has a variety of activities. Some of the offerings are the sensory room, therapy pools, music and movement, pet therapy, science club, laughter yoga, reading club, art programs, garden program, entertainment club, baking club, recreation and exercise, men's club, and sparkle club.

Thanks to all the staff, business partners, community partners, parents, and caregivers for their ongoing support.

To the participants we thank you for choosing our agency as your service provider. It is an honor we don't take lightly.



Sarcan Report

Greetings from the Victoria Ave East Sarcan! So the 2018-2019 fiscal year has been a busy one. Drop N' Go is steadily increasing and more and more people have signed up online and in the depot.

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year we did 20.75 million containers which is an increase of 6% over the previous year. Sarcan has now recycled over 8 billion containers in their 30 years.

A few employee changes at the depot. Our computer whiz, Nolan Hubbard-Richards left us for the greener pastures at Sarcan Head Office. He is now the Communication & Culture Coordinator. Congratulations to him in his future endeavors. With him leaving we welcomed Jonn Bayloysis as our new assistant supervisor. He is brand new to Sarcan and he is enjoying it tremendously. Please come by and introduce yourself!! We have hired a few new casual staff, Manpreet Rai and Melchor Santos.

Congratulation goes out to Joelle Simon who celebrated her five years with Sarcan. Kiara James, Bethany Dacey-Armstrong, and Wanita Carswell who all celebrated their 10th year with Sarcan and Corey Jackson who celebrated his 20th year. It's amazing that the Victoria Ave East depot has 186 years of experience.

For the first time ever, our depot won the Accuracy Award for 2018!! Very proud of the staff, they have worked hard and it has started to pay off. Now we are working toward Depot of the Year 2019!

Have a safe and happy summer from all of us here at the Victoria Ave East Sarcan depot.



Admissions & Transition Committee Report

The Admissions and Transition Committee is comprised of members from Community Living Service Delivery, Cosmopolitan Learning Centre Board of Directors, the Executive Director of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre, and the Program Manager of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre.

The Committee reviews existing participant's status with the centre and new applications for service. New applications are currently being placed on a waitlist for service. The waitlist for service is currently 47 applications.

Cosmo at work and at play!



Human Resource Report

The Centre has had another great year! Welcome to all of the new Employees this past year!

Congratulations to Jonn Baylosis; He is a new Assistant Sarcan Depot Supervisor; We wish him great success in this role! The previous Assistant, Nolan Hubbard-Richards has accepted a position at Sarcan head office. Nolan was a fantastic supervisor, and a strong advocate for recycling! We wish him all the best in his new position! Congratulations to the Community Services Team on their 20 Year Anniversary!

The Organization takes pride in the variety of professional development opportunities provided to its Employees. The 2018 – 2019 year included professional development opportunities listed as follows:

Supported Decision Making

TLR (transfers lifts and repositioning)

Mandt training (Building Healthy Relationships, Communication and Conflict Resolution)

CPP&SP (Comprehensive Personal Planning and Support)

Restrictive Procedures review

Mental Health Support Workshop

Basic Skills Training

Evacuation/Fire Extinguisher training

Managing Mental Health in the Workplace

Mental Health First Aid

Assertive Communication

Management and Supervision-The Crucial Skills

Dealing with Difficult People

Advanced Principles of Learning and Program Design

De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations

Personal Excellence for Women-Increasing Personal and Professional Competence

The Centre continues to actively promote and invest in the skill and knowledge development of every Employee to ensure services of the highest quality. This past February, a group of team members were able to travel to Cosmopolitan Industries in Saskatoon! They brought back lots of good information and really enjoyed touring a similar Organization. Upcoming plans to support Employees in their professional development include FASD and Alzheimer/Dementia Support Workshops as well as a two-day workshop called Autism-Strategies for Self-Regulation, Learning and Challenging Behavior.

Congratulations to both the upcoming 2019 Basic Skills Training graduates, as well as the upcoming graduate of Advanced Principles of Learning and Program Design (Level 3 training). These training opportunities are intense and lengthy, so thank you for your dedication to your professional development in supporting the Organization! Well done!

Celebrating Employees and Participants continues to be an important part of the Organization. Social Committee events/entertainment, BBQ's, Christmas luncheons, Attendance Awards, Service Awards, etc., create connections and foster a collaborative, positive work environment. Selected Employees are presented with a small thank you gift throughout the year, as these Employees continue to go over and above expectations. Congratulations to everyone who received their service awards this past year. Well done! Thank you to all of the Participants for their hard work and enthusiasm and to all of the Employees for their dedication and commitment to the Organization.

Cosmopolitan Learning Centre Service Awards 2018

We would like to extend congratulations to the following Employees and Participants for their long term service with the Organization for 2018.

5 Years of Service: *Adam Bitternose, Alex Brock, Kayla Gibson, Alex Jones, Natasha Litz, Sandra Nahnepowisk, Angelina Patterson, Yolanda Wekwert, Steven Zerr, Shayla Fecho, Kayla Sayer, Brittany Tancrede, Ashley Hamel, Debra Hubenig, Shauna Hubenig, Carol Sullivan*

10 Years of Service: *Gerald Kolla, Jason Mercer, Jennifer O'Conner, Wade Roberts, Jason Urbano, Kaleena Hinks, Murelle Davis, Debbie Mazerolle, Nolan Hubbard-Richards*

15 Years of Service: *Grant Calibaba, Meldon Candlish, Colin Felgate, Doloris Vicenzino, Robert Watson, Adam White, Jade Jones Bender*

20 Years of Service: *Roberta Poitras*

35 Years of Service: *Verna Howie*

40 Years of Service: *Melissa McKay, David Pinay*



These are a few of our favorite things!



RyLie MacLeod ~ Life Skills I

RyLie joined our Life Skills I Family 3 years ago. She has brought new light to the room. You can always count on her for a good laugh with her quirky comments. RyLie's energy and happiness will put a smile on your face from the second you walk into the room.. RyLie spends her Cosmo days enjoying our pool, music, programs and outings. Her love for music and movies will have her singing us songs and repeating lines from her favorite movies all day long! Thank you RyLie for all the entertainment and for being everyone's friend.



Shawn Skinner ~ Life Skills II

Shawn joined Cosmo in August of 2001, that's where he started his journey in Life Skills 2 almost 18 years ago. A few things about Shawn, you rarely see him without a smile on his face, a twinkle in those big brown eyes and his contagious giggle that lights up the room. Shawn enjoys being part of the action, some of his favorite activities are music, games that get a little competitive and anything sensory that he can get his fingers in, but most of all his Friday afternoon outing. Shawn adds such a bright light to any room he's in on a daily basis.



Paige Carney ~ Life Skills III

Paige is one of our beauty queens of Life Skills 3. She is the happiest when her hair and nails are "on point". Most days you can find Paige working on her artwork and jamming out to good tunes. Thanks for bringing your fun, bright shining light to LS3 our little Diva!



Rhonda Szysky ~ Life Skills IV

Rhonda started at Cosmo in 1997 in the Production area where she worked on various jobs contracts and stamps. Rhonda stayed in this area when it transitioned to Life Skills 4. Rhonda loves colouring, beading, crafts and still enjoys working on her stamps. Rhonda is a social butterfly, she loves chatting with old friends and new and telling them all her favorite stories. Rhonda also enjoys dances, outings, laughter yoga and especially music therapy and Elvis of course.



Aisha Chalchal ~ Community I

Aisha is a bright and quiet young lady who started with Cosmo in Community in September of 2016. Aisha has a sweet smile, a lovely little giggle (the source which she usually keeps to herself) and a genuine

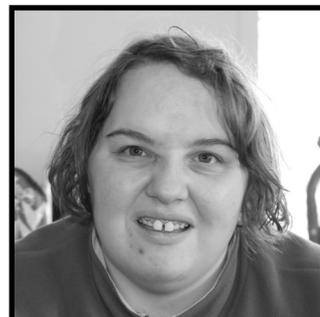
Jennifer Polischuk ~ Community II

Jenny is a lively little firecracker who started with Cosmo in the Community program in September of 2006. Jenny has a colourful flare for fashion and the best shoes we've ever seen. Jenny is one of the hardest workers we know and is always on the go. As hard as she works, she's also a prankster who keeps us on our toes!



Lana Chaput ~ Community III

Lana started with Cosmo in our Life Skills program in January of 2007, moving to community in the summer of 2017. Lana is all business, keeping us well organized and on a tight schedule (if you're ever not sure of something just ask her, she'll show you how it's done). Lana is a sweet lady with a shiny personality who prefers the calm and quiet. Lana has been a great addition to our program and we couldn't be happier to have her.



Dallas Drebit~ Connections

Dallas has been working at Cosmo for 8 years. We appreciate her independence, hard work and dedication to Connections. Dallas's favourite things are coming to Cosmo to see her friends and having lunch with them, helping Nurse Laurie refill the medication cart with supplies and being a great help in Sherry's office handing out memos, checking off lists and organizing the treat day shopping. We love her kind and helpful personality.



Dakota Runns ~ Broadway Connections

Dakota is new to the centre as she started at Broadway in August 2018. Dakota likes knitting, computer time and swimming. She also likes her friend Stephanie. Welcome to Cosmo!



Calvin Donald ~ Community Services

Calvin has been working at Cosmo for 35 years and likes working. He also worked at Sarcan. He always tries to do his jobs right and likes being nice to people. His favorite job is working at Shoppers Drug Mart because he likes to work with the boss Brent.



Executive Director Report

The Cosmopolitan Learning Centre has had another exciting year. It has been a year of planning for change and celebration.

This year (2019) marks the 20th Anniversary of the Community Services Employment Program (“The Satellite”). Tonight’s AGM is a great opportunity to celebrate this milestone and congratulate the Participants and Employees for 20 fantastic years in connecting with the community through employment.

The Employment area has been going strong with over 46 employers who we have contract work with. Five of our employment partnerships have been going strong since 1999. Argyle Park Housing, Catholic School Board, Sobey’s, Tony Roma’s and Western Pizza. We would like to thank you for the great employment opportunities you have provided. As we move into the future in employment support, we are recognizing that more and more flexibility and creativity have become required in terms of working hours, advertising through social media and meeting the new demands in the area of technology. With our 20th anniversary in Employment and with many long-term employers, we thought it would be a perfect time to change the name to “Supported Career Initiatives”. Congratulations on 20 years of employment! The Connections group continues its success and growth through its focus on many community partnerships and volunteerism. This group has moved to another temporary location for approximately one year, with the goal of moving back to the Edgar Street location and into the planned new expansion.

We continue to focus on participant growth and development throughout the organization by following a person-centred approach.

The Centre takes pride in its commitment in supporting individuals who are currently receiving services as well as our ability to identify the need for more opportunity to serve other individuals in the future. We presently have an emerging needs list of approximately 40 individuals who are looking for day program supports. Plans for a building expansion on the Edgar street property is currently under way. This would create the opportunity to expand services to support more individuals graduating from high school and surrounding communities. It will also support the connections team in their move back to the Edgar location.

Employee professional development is always a priority and we continue to have 5-6 employee development days per year. The designated education days for staff are utilized for many training events.

The Employees and Participants will enjoy a well – deserved holiday this summer during the latter part of July. While the Centre is closed, the focus will be on needed repairs and maintenance of the building. The summer of 2019 will include maintenance such as a renovation/expansion of washrooms, waxing floors, replacing carpet, new cabinets in one of our areas, plumbing work and general property up-keep.

Thank you to all of the Sarcan staff for your hard work and dedication to the Depot. We truly appreciate the work you do each day for our community. Congratulations on winning the Accuracy Award for 2018, and now we are working towards winning Depot of the Year for 2019. Go team! Thank you to Nolan Hubbard-Richards, our previous Assistant Supervisor at the Depot, who has recently left our depot to take a position with Sarcan head office. All the best to you in your new position! You are truly a recycling champion! We would like to welcome Jonn Baylosis to the Depot, as the new Sarcan Assistant Supervisor. All the best Jonn!

The Cosmo Clubs continue with their fundraising efforts to support the centre with the many needs of the organization. Recently, the Regina and Wascana Clubs held its annual Charity Fair and Auction in support of the Centre. The Capital Cosmo Club held a brunch fundraiser in support of the Centre and other recipients. We thank the Clubs for their ongoing support of the Learning Centre. Your support allows us to purchase program items that we would otherwise not be able to.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their support this past year! We truly appreciate your commitment and support to the Centre. Thank you to those Board members who will serve for another year.

Special Days at Cosmo!



St. Patrick's Day



Community Services Christmas Party



BST Graduation Class



Valentines Day King & Queen



Sasktel Pioneers came to BBQ



Performance by Broadway Connections

In Memorium

Barry Bergeron ~ September 26, 1950 ~ August 24, 2018



Barry was a true delight to spend time with. His quirky sense of humor was well known to everyone around him. He had a no-nonsense way of thinking and showing logic in almost every situation. To be his best friend all you had to do was give him a diet coke. He lived for holidays, particularly Christmas and his Birthday. Music always made him smile especially Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and the Beatles. Verna Howie was definitely his favorite person at Cosmo.

Barry is fondly missed, but never forgotten.

Brenda Barton ~ September 21, 1960 ~ August 26, 2018

This year we lost our friend Brenda. Over the course of her time at Cosmo, Brenda worked at the Satellite program and then later moved to Life Skills 4. Brenda was a very hard worker and one strong lady. We will never forget Brenda's bubbly personality, her great sense of humour or her love of singing for all of her friends at Cosmo..

We miss you Brenda!



Carol Schwartz ~ May 9, 1957 ~ December 1, 2018



This past year we lost our friend Carol Schwartz. Carol worked at the Satellite program, in Production and then Life Skills 4. Carol loved working on her stamps and knitting. Carol was an avid bowler and swimmer, and she loved music and old musicals.

You are missed Carol!

Mark Hooker ~ March 19, 1967 ~ December 23, 2018

Mark worked in Production, Connections and then Life Skills 4. Mark was our sweet and funny little trouble maker. He liked to keep busy working on his recycling, shredding and cutting stamps. Mark loved to swim and was very artistic. He could often be found painting one of his masterpieces.

You are missed Mark!



Ian Cameron ~ December 12, 1969 ~ January 8, 2019



Ian attended almost 28 years at the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre. Starting off with the Community Program and eventually ending up in Life Skills 3. Ian brought so much to the room. Although for the most part he just enjoyed drinking his coffee and watching from afar there were still times he would grace us with his presence and join in on our activities. Ian taught us so much, patience, kindness, humor and style.

Ian will always share a special place in our hearts.

Grant Dustyhorn ~ August 11, 1967 ~ February 18, 2019

Grant attended the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre for 30 years. He formed many special bonds during this time. He had that “strong, silent type” personality and would often keep us on our toes. He enjoyed his outings, snacks, coffee and being mischievous.

We will miss his heart warming smile so much!



Doug Williamson ~ March 16, 1951 ~ April 18, 2019



This year we sadly lost our resident sheriff Doug Williamson. Dougie worked hard in Life Skills 4 on stamps, but also enjoyed games, crafts and music therapy. He was well known around the centre as our sheriff and could frequently be seen wearing his sheriffs badge and “calling the cops” on his friends and co-workers. We miss you Dougie!

Life Skills 4 just isn't the same without you.

Steven Zerr ~ December 14, 1990 ~ May 25, 2019

Steven joined the Cosmopolitan Community program on December 16, 2013. He came to us as a quiet and shy young man who kept to himself. After 5 years at Cosmo, Steven enjoyed all the opportunities of what Connections had to offer. His favourites were cuddling up with a blanket in the sensory room, visiting the library and sweeping-mopping the floors each day. We will always remember his strong but gentle gestures and his love for pumpkin pie and chocolate milk.

Connections staff and participants will greatly miss seeing Steven each day. Rest in peace Steven.



Come Touch His Cheek

*This child of mine you stare at so,
Please come closer so you will know
Just who my child is and what I see
when those sweet eyes stare back at me
I see no limits to my child's life
Although I know
It will be filled with strife,
I'm hoping that doors will open each day
I'm praying that kindness
will come his way
You look frightened?
You tremble with fear?
Come, come closer
touch him my dear
Touch his cheek so soft
so sweet
Be one of those people
he needs to meet
Someone who will look
and hopefully see
The skill, the talent
The ability
Please come closer
You don't have to speak
Come a little closer
Just touch his cheek
And when you do
you will see
this sweet, sweet child
is no different
than you or me*