

SASKATCHEWAN
CO-OPERATIVE
ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Jim Deane

While 2021-22 continued to present us challenges, I am pleased to report that your Saskatchewan Co-operative Association (SCA) had a solid year with several notable highlights. The staff at SCA worked hard to manage expenses while also adapting existing programming into online formats. The continued success of SCA is because of the support of the co-operative network, sponsors, donors, volunteers, members, and staff. Thank you for the ongoing support, SCA would not exist without the dedication and commitment of these groups.

The team at SCA transitioned our youth programming and delivered day camps in 17 communities across Saskatchewan. In the Fall of 2021, we launched our rebranded youth camp program as *Camp Kindling*. We look forward to serving the youth of Saskatchewan for another 93 years as Camp Kindling, with the tagline of *Together We Burn Brighter*. Thank you to all of those who support this program. The involvement and support of our members and the province's co-ops and credit unions ensures that Saskatchewan youth to have the opportunity to learn about co-operatives, engage with co-operative organizations, and develop the skills to be future leaders within the network.

Online activities continue to extend our reach and allow us to engage with more people inside and outside of the province. Interactions with the Camp Kindling and SCA websites are growing, and our blog series has surpassed 20,000 views. Building off last year's success, the very

popular scavenger hunt – *LocalCoopLove* was back, this year in partnership with Manitoba Co-operative Association. 129 teams from four provinces took part in the event.

On behalf of myself and the Board I would like to thank SCA's staff and contractors for their work during another challenging year. We appreciate your innovation, dedication, and resiliency. In early 2022 our long time Executive Director Victoria Morris announced her decision to move on. Victoria did an outstanding job during her time with SCA and on behalf of the Board, staff, and membership, I would like to extend sincere gratitude for her commitment and dedication to the organization, co-operative network, and membership. We wish Victoria all the best on her future endeavors.

The Board is pleased to introduce our new Executive Director, Danika Dinko, who brings a strong co-operative and credit union background as well as a deep passion for the co-operative model and network. We look forward to working with Danika as SCA moves into the future.

Your Saskatchewan Co-operative Association is excited for this upcoming year, with events returning to in-person and the ability to return to normal operations I look forward to this upcoming year and working with our stakeholders to continue to build a strong and thriving co-operative network in Saskatchewan.





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Danika Dinko

While navigating a new normal, 2021-22 continued to be a challenging year for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association (SCA). The team worked hard to keep expenses down and generate revenue from virtual events and adapted programs. As we emerged from the pandemic SCA was able to hold some events in a modified format. Thank you to our members and sponsors who continued to support us through this difficult time

This year presented many opportunities for SCA. We welcomed our newest members, the Saskatchewan Credit Union system and – and look forward to building on this new relationship. A strong online presence has grown SCA's audience and supports the important work we do on co-operative awareness, education, and development. Our staff developed new co-op education materials for newcomers and took part in several fee for service projects.

A review of the Co-operative Act is underway and SCA has been actively engaged with our members and provincial stakeholders to ensure the act will provide a modern, flexible legislative environment for Saskatchewan co-ops and members.

The SCA staff and contractors continued to adapt activities and find creative ways to navigate our ever-changing work environments. Some of these new practices may continue after the pandemic is over. Thank you for your dedication and ingenuity in finding new ways to engage with our

members and connect with youth to build co-operative awareness and education. A special thank you to the past Executive Director, Victoria Morris, who has done a phenomenal job in the role over the last 13 years. While many organizations struggled through the pandemic, SCA navigated this challenge with ease because of Victoria's exceptional leadership.

Looking forward to the new fiscal year, we welcome back all in-person events and returning to the programming that we do best. I would like to thank our Board of Directors, voting and member representatives, volunteers, and committee members for contributing their time and expertise to SCA. A special thank you to the Board and SCA staff for taking on additional jobs and ensuring SCA ran smoothly during the Executive Director transition.



ABOUT SCA

Saskatchewan Co-operative Association (SCA) was incorporated as a community service co-operative in 2003. SCA provides co-operative-specific education and expertise to youth, co-operatives, and those interested in co-operatives. The Association fosters co-operative understanding through learning events, Co-op Camp, and publications. We bring together different kinds of co-ops to encourage co-operative spirit, to create opportunities for co-ops to learn from and be inspired by each other, and to discuss and work on issues of common interest.

SCA is the only provincial organization providing co-operatives with connections to hundreds of youth annually, who are trained in understanding co-operatives and the co-operative values and principles. Through Co-op Camp/the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program, we build the skills of generations of co-operative and community leaders. For 91 years, we have focused on co-op youth education in Saskatchewan.

OUR MEMBERS





OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

OUR VISION

Leading a prosperous co-operative community in Saskatchewan

OUR MISSION

To promote, support, and unite co-operatives in Saskatchewan

OUR VALUES

SCA supports the International Co-operative Alliance statement on the co-operative identity that says, "Co-operatives are based on values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity and the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others and the co-operative principles are guidelines by which co-operatives put their values into practice."

SCA values and demonstrates additional practices that include social responsibility, application of knowledge, productive action, respect, integrity, passion and enthusiasm, continuous learning, open communication, teamwork, and relationships that reflect a positive and innovative spirit of co-operation and mutual success.



STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 01

Be sustainable by:

- having long term financial viability; and
- developing alternative funding sources.

GOAL 02

Provide opportunities for the personal development of youth and encourage their active involvement in community-based and co-operative organizations.

GOAL 03

Ensure our ongoing relevance and value to the co-operative community.

GOAL 04

Increase awareness and support for the co-operative model by governments, the general public, and members of co-operatives.

GOAL 05

Promote and support co-operative development and good governance for prospective and existing co-operatives.



2021-2022 Highlights:

4 *The Carman-Dufferin Standard* Thursday, October 14, 2021

Homestead Co-op raises \$10K on



Two Homestead Co-op employees present Robyn Frost, executive director of Wee Care Child Center, with the Fuel Good Day donation of \$3,333.

By Becca Myskiw

Homestead Co-op donated almost \$10,000 to three local charities thanks to Fuel Good Day.

Fuel Good Day is an annual event that started in 2017. Co-ops across western Canada donate a minimum of five cents per every litre of gas sold on one specific day to a charity or organization of their choice. Homestead Co-op chose Wee Care Child Center, the North Norfolk Active Transportation Committee, and four educational and recreational programs in Portage la Prairie for this year's recipients. This year's Fuel Good Day was on Sept. 21, and Homestead Co-op do-

notated 10 cents per every litre of gas sold then. They raised a total of \$9,999, allocating \$3,333 to each of the organizations.

"As a locally owned and operated business, we're proud to give back and get behind local initiatives that are working to address the needs of our community," said Trent Schidlow, general manager of Homestead Co-op. "Thank you to our members and customers for the support you've shown during Fuel Good Day."

Robyn Frost, executive director of Wee Care Child Center, said they felt extremely fortunate to have been a receiving organization.



Wee Care Child Center playground renovation

"It is wonderful that Co-op program like this in order to the community," said Frost.

The center will use the money to cover the cost of their recent playground renovation on the preschool. The prior playground was a rubber mat but after many years of use it was no longer meeting the needs of their children, so they got a new one.

The new playground structure, rubberized surface, and will be seeing more children in the future as more funding is available.

"We also plan on using

Back Door now selling tickets for the

SUSTAINABILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

SCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Deane (President), Access Communications Co-operative Limited

Carla Hirsch (Vice President), Co-operators

Stan Yu, Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

Ryan Tebbutt, Churchbridge Credit Union (as of June 2021)

Karen Robson, Affinity Credit Union (as of June 2021)

Patrick Lapointe, Community Health Co-operative Federation Limited (to November 2021)

Lyle Olson, Federated Co-operatives Limited (to October 2021)

VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

Hazel Corcoran, Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation (starting December 2021)

Andrea Oliphant, Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation (to December 2021)

Jason Majid, Wyth Financial

John Klein, Director, Regina Car Share Co-operative

Linda Alberding, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

Ted Struthers, SaskCentral, Radius Credit Union

Ryan Anderson, Federated Co-operatives Limited

Joe Rybinski, Community Health Co-operative Federation Limited (starting November 2021)

Katrina McCuaig, Bengough Credit Union

VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Hammel, Biggar Credit Union

Jeff Mark, Bruno Savings and Credit Union

Skylar Gerard, Conexus Credit Union (starting November 2021)

Courtney Rink, Conexus Credit Union (to November 2021)

Lori Walsh, Cornerstone Credit Union

Jeff Bisschop, Crossroads Credit Union

Glen Goddard, Cypress Credit Union

Colleen Harmatiuk, Diamond North Credit Union

Trent Nienaber, Doddsland and District Credit Union

Fonda Froats, Earl Grey Credit Union

Ross Houston, Edam Credit Union

Kent McMann, Foam Lake Credit Union

Ian McArthur, Innovation Credit Union (to January 2022)

Derek Vanthuyne, Innovation Credit Union (starting January 2022)

Trina Duhaime, Kerrobert Credit Union

Adam Franko, Luseland Credit Union

Darren Doepker, New Community Credit Union

Jillian Carlson, Prairie Centre Credit Union

Dean Copeland, Prairie Pride Credit Union

Sarah Kirby, Rockglen-Killdeer Credit Union

Nicole Stimson, Sandhills Credit Union

Dennis Lozinsky, Saskatoon City Employees Credit Union

Alan Kiefer, St. Gregor Credit Union

Christine Corscadden, Stoughton Credit Union

VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

Glenn Stang, Synergy Credit Union

Greg Peacock, TCU Financial Group

Ian Heggstrom, Turtleford Credit Union

Megan Schweitzer, Unity Credit Union

Krista Hubic, Weyburn Credit Union

NON-VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Jen Budney, Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

Jasmin Carlton, Affinity Credit Union

Gaylene Putland, Churchbridge Credit Union

Samantha Keller, Cornerstone Credit Union

Lynnette Houston, Earl Grey Credit Union

Michelle Henderson, Kerrobert Credit Union

Wendy Niekamp, St. Gregor Credit Union

Gerald Hauta, Unity Credit Union

Tana Torkelson, Weyburn Credit Union

The members held 8 board meetings and 4 membership meetings this year, and just a few committee meetings, since most events were unable to proceed, due to the pandemic.

Thank you to SCA's board members and member representatives for your time and dedication to SCA.

PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Due to the pandemic, most of our committees only had one meeting or had to delay their committee work this year. We hope to be able to ask for the committees' help again soon.

CO-OPERATIVE MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM

Jason Majid – Concentra Bank

Lori Winnitow – Co-operators

Sheldon Stener – Federated Co-operatives Limited

SCA STAFF

During the year, SCA bid a fond farewell to our long-serving Executive Director. Victoria worked at SCA since 2006 and was Executive Director from 2008 to 2022.

Victoria Morris, Executive Director (to February 2021)

Tracey Quiring, Program Officer

Effie Kosmas, Summer Administrative Assistant

CCEDNET CREATEACTION PARTICIPANT

Shernette Shaw-Clarke

SUMMER STUDENT

Nicole Rowlett, Program Assistant 2021

CONTRACTORS

Mark Ventry, Communications

Raya Zuzak, Bookkeeping



VOLUNTEERS

We are so fortunate that so many people volunteer their time to help make SCA events and programming successful. Although we were not able to hold our usual planned events, several people volunteered to help out with our summer Day Camps, and our Co-op Week events, and our Co-op Merit Awards Committee also contributed their time in 2021. Thank you to everyone that helped us out in 2021!



Chart 1. Amount of Revenue, Expense, Surplus and Loss

FINANCIAL STABILITY

With the limitations on programming events caused by the pandemic, our ability to generate non-dues revenue was limited compared to other years, as can be seen in Chart 1 and Chart 2. Staff worked hard to contain costs during the year, but we did incur a loss by year end. We repaid our CEBA loan in 2021-22, and took advantage, temporarily, of a few other federal government COVID support funds for organizations. Thankfully, our members, sponsors, donors and supporters continued to invest in SCA and we were able to deliver some of our programming this year. We reinvested some funds that we had cashed out of our investments in 2020 (Chart 3), and with the overall year end loss, our retained earnings have reduced from the prior year (Chart 4).

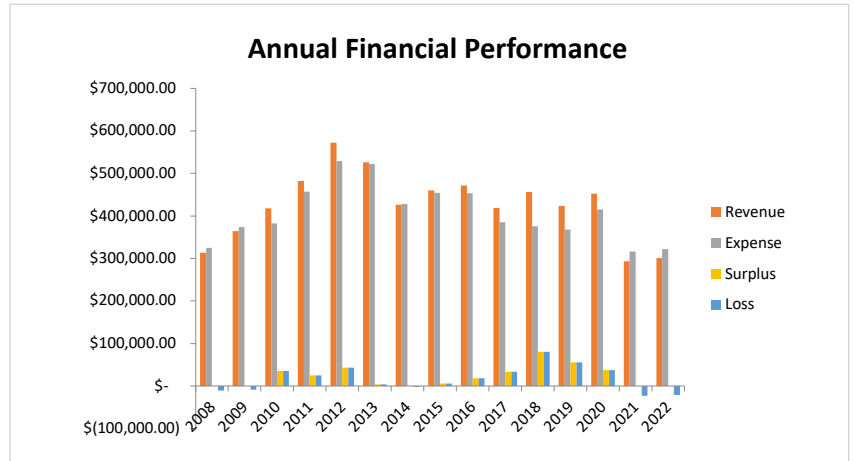


Chart 2. Sources of Revenue

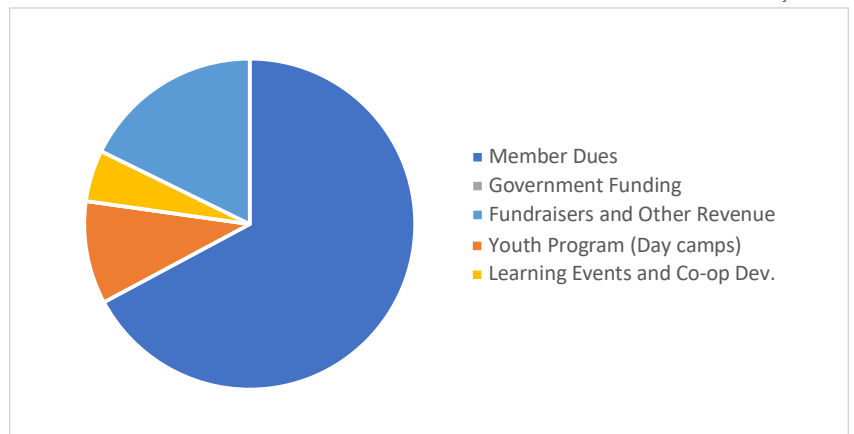


Table 1. Sources of Revenue Comparison

Source of Revenue	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Member Dues	67%	68%	44%
Youth Programming	10%	1%	27%
Government Funding	0%	3%	3%
Learning Events and Co-op Dev.	5%	7%	7%
Fundraisers and Other	18%	21%	19%

Chart 3. Value of SCA Investments

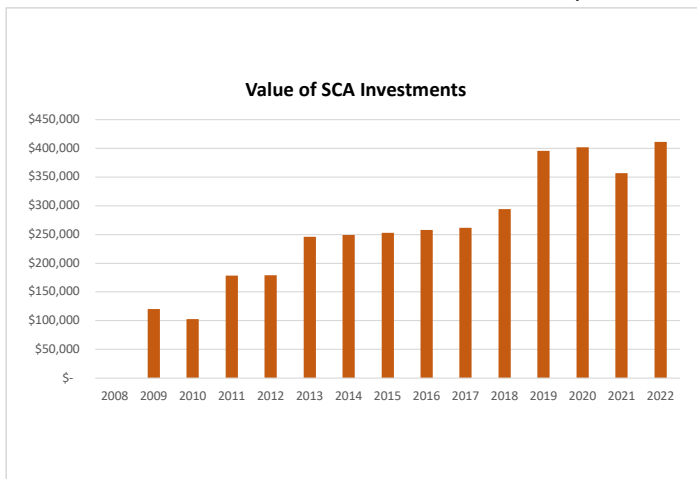


Chart 4. SCA Retained Surplus



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We are so fortunate to have had great support from our members again this year, and to have had several members and sponsor contribute or donate funds for various purposes. We are grateful to Federated Co-operatives Limited for contributing additional funds to SCA for operations as well, and we are thankful to SaskCentral for providing a donation as well. These funds go a long way to helping us cover core operating costs and maintaining our programming and capacity. Thank you to all those who donated to SCA and Camp Kindling!



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & INVOLVEMENT

2021-2022 was again a year full of surprises for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program (SCYP). We began our year in April again facing a continuing public health crisis. Faced with another year of being unable to host our overnight camps, but being allowed to have gatherings of people, we decided to modify our programming and combine it with our promotional strategy of going into schools. This created the Saskatchewan Co-operative Travelling Road Show.

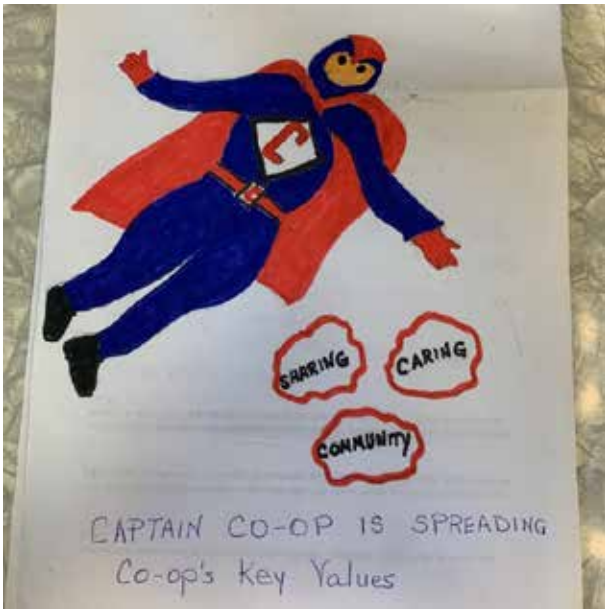
The Road Show was a day camp that served over 100 youth in 17 communities across Saskatchewan. We traveled over 5500 kilometers in 6 weeks. We now have 44,596 participants and alumni of the program!

PARTICIPANTS

The kids who we met in the 17 communities were a wide range of youth, ranging from 12 to 18 years old. We did not divide the youth into the usual camp levels, rather we worked as co-operatively as we could and we did tasks and projects from all levels of the program. There were no participants who self-identified as either an Indigenous person or a member of a Visible Minority. We had both new to the program youth and returning campers who were familiar with our programming.

Parents of the participants were happy with the option to have some form of Co-op Camp during the summer. 100% of the parents who returned a post-camp survey were extremely satisfied with both the materials that were presented and the value of the program for the money they spent. The majority of participants (60%) resided in small municipalities while 40% were urban youth from communities with populations over 5,000.





Co-ops Take the Lead

...to the tune of "Riders on the Storm" by The Doors

Local.

co-op

Education Community

HOUSING CO-OPS

the co-operatives

CO-OP Discovery

HAPPY Co-op WEEK!

Co-ops take the lead
 Co-ops take the lead
 If connection's what you seek
 Co-ops are on fleek
 So hold onto your seat
 They're really pretty neat
 Co-ops take the lead

There are Co-ops that grow food
 Farming produce that is good
 And Co-ops that are stores
 So communities have more
 To clothe or house or feed
 Whatever you may need
 There are Co-ops that grow food

Oh you gotta love 'em, man
 Oh you gotta love em, man
 Save yourself some strife
 Get insurance for your life
 Co-ops for a home
 Credit Union for the loan
 Yeah, you gotta love em, man

Co-ops take the lead
 Co-ops take the lead
 For the knowledge that you seek
 There's even Co-op Week
 Work together hand in hand
 Embrace the future of this land
 Co-ops take the lead...



STAFF

Since we were unable to continue with the regular in-person camps, we did not require our regular alumni and sector volunteers that we require to run the in-person summer camps. We truly missed our alumni and the sector volunteers and are very eager to have them return to camp for summer 2022.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE

The Co-operators staff were able to run a small fundraiser for the SCYP, even though they were mostly working from home and were not gathered in their offices. They truly understand the value of the youth program and they raised \$640! We truly thank the dedicated employees from Co-operators, who are SCYP champions, for their ongoing support.

Thank you to Federated Co-operators Limited for allowing us to redirect the camp bursary funds they provided in 2021 to help offset the costs of

SPONSORSHIP AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE

developing and delivering our Day Camp programming. In 2021 the Program Assistant wage was partially offset by a federal government summer student wage subsidy.

In 2018, a multi-year sponsorship deal was made with Innovation Credit Union to celebrate and honour Earl Hanson, a long-time co-operative leader in his community, and Graduate Camp was renamed the Innovation Credit Union Earl Hanson Graduate Camp. Even though we were unable to hold the week-long camp during the summer of 2021, Innovation still made the \$2,000 donation to the Camp program. Thank you so very much to the team at Innovation Credit Union!

Federated Co-operators Limited also allowed us to keep their Week Sponsorship funds in 2021 and redirect those funds to our 2021 youth day camps. Thank you so much to Federated Co-operators for recognizing the value in our work with Saskatchewan's young people!

PROMOTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Normally, we develop a theme that we use to promote camps and we build marketing around this for our summer camps. We chose to simply promote the summer of 2021 as the Saskatchewan Co-operative Travelling Road Show. We focused on promoting the co-operative values that make our sector so fantastic. The promotional strategy for SCYP 2021 was very similar to the methods we used in 2020. We were unable to enter schools to do our presentations, or attend in-person events with youth, we focused heavily on the social media and online presence that we have been building for the last few seasons.

SCYP continues to have a large online presence. SCYP social media promoted the day camps in May and June with Facebook Ads and continued posting activity on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Since the winter of 2019 we have been researching and developing a new look and brand for the camp program. While our camp program has been around in one version or another since 1928, there have been only a few major changes to the look and feel of the programming.

CAMP KINDLING LAUNCHED

During Co-op Week, we officially launched the new look and name for the youth program: Camp Kindling Co-operative Youth Retreat. With the new name and logo, we also prepared a new marketing strategy for the 2022 summer programming. With a tagline, “You Belong Here” we have set ourselves to become the number one summer camp in Saskatchewan.



MY BLUEPRINT

This year, SCA partnered up with several other provincial and territorial co-operative associations to develop a co-operative education publication and scholarship program in the online MyBlueprint platform. Every school division in Saskatchewan has access to this platform, which is used by students and teachers to help

youth assess their career path options, track their progress, and figure out what education and training they will need to follow their desired career path. Through this pilot of using My Blueprint to share co-operative information with high school students, we were able to reach over 6,000 high school students in Saskatchewan in 2021! Over

400 Saskatchewan students submitted applications for 1 of 2 \$500 scholarships, and we were pleased to award these 2 scholarships to students from Pangman and Ituna! We look forward to seeing the next cohort of scholarship applications in the spring of 2022!

FROM OUR 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

“Today, many young people feel powerless in a society that is run by power and money. Co-operatives offer a solution to this by giving the youth a voice that will be respected and heard. Co-operatives are unique and different from typical businesses in many ways. Their compassion and thoughtfulness fuels communities, provides essential services for residents with a focus on community members, and aims to help out in any way that they can.”

- Caleb, Pangman

“Youths ARE the future and to be a part of a co-operative means that we have the ability to make an impact right in our community. As a member, I noticed how big of an impact co-operatives make to ensure small communities are well managed. I am forever grateful for the opportunities I have been given as a co-operative member.”

- Christine, Ituna



CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR FOCUSED ACTIVITIES

WELCOMING CREDIT UNIONS AS MEMBERS

With the changing relationship between SaskCentral and Saskatchewan credit unions, we were thrilled to welcome almost all of the credit unions in Saskatchewan as direct members in 2021. We have spent the year ensuring that our new members are oriented to SCA and our activities, and getting to know more about each other. We look forward to the great opportunity this new relationship provides SCA to be more connected to credit unions and how we can meet their needs. contributions, both for the funds as well as the

REGINA CO-OP WEEK LUNCHEON

During Co-op Week, we hosted a luncheon in Regina, featuring Nick Crighton, Director of Indigenous Engagement, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Nick presented about Indigenous engagement in general, and the Sask Chamber's approach to Indigenous engagement, in particular. About 30 people attended the event.

CO-OP WEEK

Although Co-op Week activities were somewhat hampered, we were able to offer several events, and additional activities and information across Saskatchewan.

SCA is grateful to the following sponsors and contributors to our Co-op Week activities in 2021:

- SaskCentral
- Saskatchewan Government
- Access Communications Co-operative Limited
- Co-operators
- Westboine Park Housing Co-op
- Arctic Co-operatives Limited
- Access Communications Co-operative Limited



**PLANET S / PRAIRIE DOG
CO-OP WEEK FEATURE**

As has happened since 2012, we partnered with Planet S and Prairie Dog to produce a Co-op Week feature. The feature was on newsstands for all of October, and reached about 120,000 readers, as well as online views. This feature was well supported by the co-op sector and we thank everyone that purchased ad space to make it possible to produce the insert.

The articles this year featured:

- At Risk Together (ART) Co-op
- Regina Car Share Co-operative
- Co-operators
- Western Nations Gas Bars / Federated Co-operatives Limited
- Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op
- SES Solar Co-operative Ltd.

**SASKATOON CO-OP WEEK
LUNCHEON & FILM SCREENING**

During Co-op Week, we also hosted a lunch and film screening event in Saskatoon. The film featured was: Atautsikut: Leaving None Behind, which focuses on the impact and development of co-operatives and the federation of co-operatives in Nunavik.



CO-OPERATIVE MERIT AWARDS

We were thrilled to be able to honour our 2020 and 2021 Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards Program recipients at a ceremony and banquet in October of 2021 in Regina. About 90 people attended the event, which recognized eight co-operative leaders from across the province.

2020 SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVE MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- **Wes Filson**, Co-operative Young Leader Award
- **Stuart Dyrland**, Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award
- **Brad Schultz**, Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award

2021 SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVE MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- **Kim Schmidt**, Co-operative Young Leader Award
- **Josh Noble**, Co-operative Young Leader Award
- **Milt Kerpan**, (posthumous) Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award
- **Lori Sanders**, Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award
- **Keith Nixon**, Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award

Thank you to Access Communications for their contribution of time and expertise towards the expense of creating the CMAP award recipients' profile videos! We greatly appreciate your support.



#LOCALCO-OPLOVE CO-OP WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT

The #LocalCoopLove Scavenger Hunt was a big hit. We had 129 teams (more than double from last year!) send in 461 submissions from all over Saskatchewan, as well as Alberta, New Brunswick Ontario, and Manitoba. SCA partnered with Manitoba Cooperative Association to deliver this Co-op Week activity. There was a mix of corporate teams, co-op members, families, and co-operative employees that played.

We promoted the scavenger hunt through our social media, website, and newsletter, and a couple of paid ads on Facebook and Instagram. We received a lot of very positive feedback on the scavenger hunt again this year.

Thank you to the Scavenger Hunt Sponsors: Co-operators, Arctic Co-operatives Limited, Westboine Park Housing Cooperative

Celebrate Co-op Week with us!

#LOCALCOOPLOVE

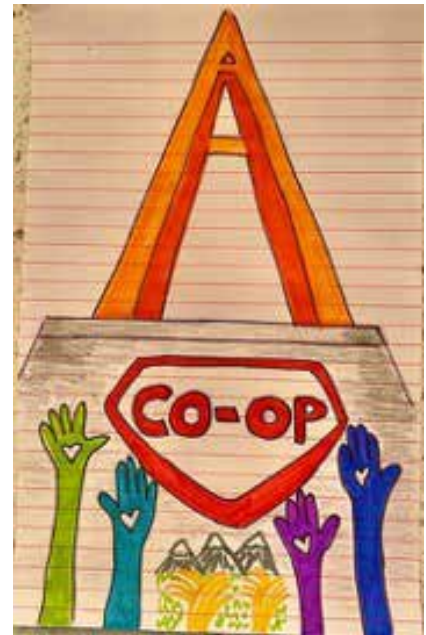
CO-OP WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT OCTOBER 17-23






Free to play on the GooseChase app!



CO-OPERATIVE AWARENESS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

CO-OP WEEK FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Co-op Week Flag Raising Ceremony was held in person in Regina, at the Legislative Building. About 30 people registered for the event. This year's event featured Muhammad Fiaz, MLA for Regina Pasqua, and SCA's Board Chair, Jim Deane.

CO-OP WEEK GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAMATION

The Government of Saskatchewan issued a Co-op Week Proclamation and a news release about Co-op Week again this year, helping us draw more attention to Co-op Week.



PRESENTATIONS

SCA's Executive Director delivered the following presentations in 2021:

- CMC Congress – Panel Moderation About Innovations in Co-operatives in Canada - June
- Cape Breton University - Panel Presentation on the Impacts of the Pandemic on Co-operatives – July



MEDIA COVERAGE

Thanks to **Access Communications Co-operative Limited**, the Co-op Week Flag Raising Ceremony was broadcast around the province. Access Communications also broadcast the Co-operative Merit Awards Ceremony event. Thank you Access!

SCA's Executive Director was also interviewed in June on All for Each - Co-op Radio. The interview focused on youth programming, day camps, youth engagement in co-ops, and Truth and Reconciliation with co-ops and credit unions.

As mentioned in the Co-op Week activities, we worked with Planet S/Prairie Dog again this year on an 8 page feature.

UPDATING THE SASKATCHEWAN CO-OPERATIVES ACT

In 2021, we started preparing for the Saskatchewan Government's planned update to the Saskatchewan Co-operatives Act. Co-operatives across Saskatchewan have been invited to submit their ideas and feedback to SCA and/or the provincial government, with a mail out to all co-operatives that went out in December of 2021.

Co-operatives are providing their ideas and feedback, and a process to discuss and align feedback and requests is in progress.

A virtual Town Hall to talk about updating the Co-op Act took place February 8, 2022. The event was hosted by SCA and featured several panelists from different types of co-ops and organizations.

Panelists included:

- **Sheldon Stener**, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Legal Compliance and Governance Federated Co-operatives Limited
- **Jim Deane**, CEO of Access Communications Co-operative Limited
- **Maria Vaiaso**, Regional Manager, Prairies, Co-op Housing Federation of Canada

- **Kevin Harding**, PhD Student at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan, and works for Technical Safety BC
- **Patrick Lapointe**, board member of the Community Health Co-operatives Federation and President of Saskatoon Community Clinic

SCA is also working with the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives on a research project, that will compare the provincial Co-operative Acts across Canada. This will be a great tool for SCA, the provincial governments, co-operatives, and other governments and provincial associations in the years to come. The research will be completed in the summer of 2022, to help inform the Saskatchewan Co-op Act updating process.

SCA'S BLOG

Launched in early in 2020, the SCA blog continues to grow, with 24,005 views (24,005 as of June 6, 2022). Posts focus on topics of interest to the co-op sector, as well as youth engagement and all things Co-op Camp.

The most popular posts continue to be:

- The How and Why of Co-operative Member Engagement – Ideas to Fuel Strategy 1967 views
- Understanding Financial Statements, Some Basics 1609 views
- Unique Co-operatives in Saskatchewan – An Armchair Tour 1423 views
- Beyond the AGM – Co-op Member Engagement Ideas for Co-ops and Their Members 1043 views
- The Unique Partnership Between the Saskatoon Community Clinic and SWITCH 912 views

Top 10 Most popular pages on the SCA site (not including Camp Kindling which is moved to its own website)

- Co-op Careers (22784 hits since creation)
- Co-op Merit Awards
- Contact Us
- Co-op Week
- Our Members
- Co-op Facts and Figures
- Our Staff
- History of Co-ops in Saskatchewan
- Co-op Classic Golf Tournament
- Join SCA (11860 hits)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media presence continues to grow:



YouTube
48,862 views
(48,1565 last year)



SCA Facebook page
758 followers
(721 last year)



SCA Twitter
1,757 followers
(1,697 last year)



SCYP Instagram
434 followers
(381 last year)



SCA Newsletter
371 subscribers
(376 last year)



LinkedIn
241 followers

SCYP Facebook page
2,287 people who like the page
(2,316 last year)

SCYP Twitter
500 followers
(475 last year)



CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

In 2021-22, we received 27 co-operative development inquiries for the year, down slightly from last year's inquiries (Chart 5). As you can see from Chart 6, the number of co-operative incorporations in Saskatchewan decreased to 6 co-operatives incorporated during the year, versus 10 the year before. The incorporations included a grocery store, individual and family services, childcare, bookkeeping, educational support, and community housing.

GENERAL INQUIRIES

Topics:

- Co-op development (8)
- Operational (2)
- Fee for service (3)
- Bylaw development (1)
- Regulations (12)
- Miscellaneous (5)
- Incorporation (1)
- Complaint (2)
- Resources (1)
- Referral (5)
- Co-ops 101 (1)

Type of Co-ops:

- Solar
- Child care
- Rail (2)
- Housing (9)
- Wheat pool
- Retail (3)
- Unknown (4)
- Health
- Investment co-op (2)
- Grazing/livestock (6)
- Farmers' market (2)

- Non-profit
- Taxidermy / succession
- Non-co-op/lawyers
- Film/arts

Chart 5. Annual Co-op Development Inquiries

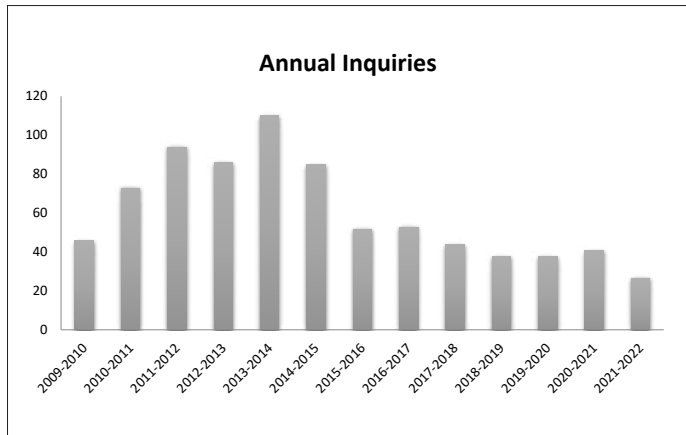
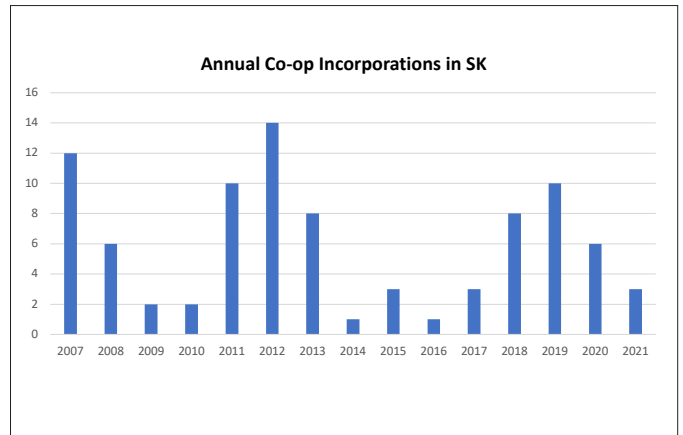


Chart 6. Number of Co-operative Incorporations in Saskatchewan



FEE FOR SERVICE WORK

During the year, we completed a couple of small fee for service projects. One project focused on board remuneration and the other was a board and staff training event about co-operative governance.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECTS

- Access Communications – presentation to co-operative member engagement presentation
- Saskatoon Open Door Society – presentation to Newcomer entrepreneurs about co-ops as ways to create employment and get employment
- Saskatoon Community Clinic – assisting their new co-operative education committee in considering co-operative education plans and options for members, directors, and staff

HAND IN HAND VOLUMES 1 & 2

We were thrilled to launch our new co-op education materials for Newcomers series – Hand in Hand.

These resource manuals were created for those teaching English and/or career classes to Newcomers. Volume 1 is for those with lower levels of English competency, and Volume 2 is for those at the higher levels. Both Volumes explore what co-operatives are and why and how they work,

the co-operative principles, and types of co-operatives. Volume 2 includes a more complex presentation of the topics from Volume 1, and also includes the basics of a how a co-operative can be formed to meet a community need.

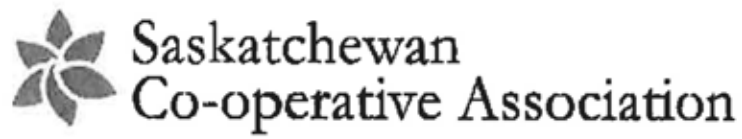
We have been providing copies of these resources to Newcomer agencies free of charge, and posted them on our website.



Audited Financial Statements:

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING MARCH 31, 2022





Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Financial Statements
For the fiscal year ending
March 31, 2022



2021, June 2
AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of
Saskatchewan Co-operative Association:

We have audited the balance sheet of Saskatchewan Co-operative Association as at March 31, 2022 and the statements of revenue and expenses and operating fund balance and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of 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 our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Pro-Tax Consultants Ltd.

Per:


Robin Bourgonje B.A., P.A.

Approved by:


Chair


Treasurer

Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Balance Sheet
For the Fiscal Year Ending
March 31, 2022

Assets:	2022	2021
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 201.80	\$ 201.80
Credit Union Deposits	73,578.12	201,413.01
Short Term Investments	411,007.95	356,571.94
Equity in Co-operatives	5.00	5.00
Prepaid Expenses (note 4)	52,201.01	23,558.16
GST Receivable	4,317.69	4,705.00
Accounts Receivable (note 5)	5,500.00	1,260.00
Total Current Assets	<u>546,811.57</u>	<u>587,714.91</u>
Capital Assets: (note 3)		
Computer Hardware	<u>6,574.49</u>	<u>7,718.89</u>
Total Capital Assets:	<u>6,574.49</u>	<u>7,718.89</u>
Total Assets:	<u>553,386.06</u>	<u>595,433.80</u>
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable (note 6)	11,672.39	6,390.48
Deferred Revenue (note 7)	82,519.84	68,985.02
CEBA Loan (note 9)	-	40,000.00
Total Current Liabilities:	<u>94,192.23</u>	<u>115,375.50</u>
Total Liabilities:	<u>94,192.23</u>	<u>115,375.50</u>
Members Equity:		
Internally Restricted Net Assets (note 2)	411,007.95	356,571.94
Unrestricted Retained Surplus	<u>48,185.88</u>	<u>123,486.36</u>
Total Equity:	<u>459,193.83</u>	<u>480,058.30</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity:	<u>\$ 553,386.06</u>	<u>\$ 595,433.80</u>



Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Statement of Operations
For the Fiscal Year Ending
March 31, 2022

Revenue:	2022	2021
Youth Camp registrations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Youth Camp grants & donations	0.00	11,150.00
Other Youth Camp revenue	361.94	2,180.95
Other Youth program revenue	29,914.25	1,099.96
Co-op Classic & fundraisers	7,389.00	5,210.00
Co-operative Development	4,110.00	1,200.00
Co-op Merit Awards / Co-op Week	11,035.35	3,000.00
Other Projects and Events	0.00	19,000.00
Member Dues	202,222.59	200,504.19
Expense recovery & miscellaneous	41,678.72	43,012.76
Interest	4,339.71	6,875.83
Total Revenue:	<u>301,051.56</u>	<u>293,233.69</u>
 Total Expenses (see schedule):	 <u>321,916.03</u>	 <u>316,598.38</u>
 Net income (loss) from operations:	 \$ <u>-20,864.47</u>	 \$ <u>-23,364.69</u>
 Retained surplus (opening)	 123,486.36	
Assigned from Internally Restricted Net Assets	- 54,436.01	
Current year surplus (deficit)	<u>-20,864.47</u>	
Retained surplus end of fiscal year:	\$ <u><u>48,185.88</u></u>	

Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Statement of Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending
March 31, 2022

Expenses:	2022	2021
Program Expenses:		
Youth Camp expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Youth program expenses	11,747.67	3,689.82
Promotions	0.00	8,668.13
Staff training workshop	0.00	0.00
Co-op Classic & fundraising	0.00	59.12
Other Projects and events	4,873.25	22,902.12
Co-op Merit Awards / Co-op Week	<u>14,126.13</u>	<u>2,316.57</u>
Total Program Expenses:	<u><u>30,747.05</u></u>	<u><u>37,635.76</u></u>
Administrative Expenses:		
Accounting & audit	2,968.00	2,968.00
Amortization	2,522.35	2,893.34
Advertising & promotions	716.00	716.00
Annual, Board & membership meetings	318.75	442.11
Financial Institution fees & interest	315.34	239.72
Equipment lease	543.88	565.40
Equipment expense	1,641.28	6,327.28
Insurance	7,964.77	5,716.92
Membership dues	1,679.99	1,864.99
Miscellaneous expenses & supplies	581.36	1,154.16
Office Rent	30,108.84	30,108.84
Office supplies	8,716.10	4,621.51
Professional fees	42,826.35	31,208.35
Postage & courier	7,212.12	1,030.59
Staff training & development	583.38	235.02
Telecommunications	8,205.02	6,071.89
Travel	320.39	6.20
Salaries, wages & benefits	<u>173,945.06</u>	<u>182,792.30</u>
Total administrative expenses:	<u><u>291,168.98</u></u>	<u><u>278,962.62</u></u>
Total Expenses:	<u><u>\$ 321,916.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 316,598.38</u></u>



Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ending
March 31, 2022

Cash Provided By (Used In):

Operating Activities:

Net receipts over disbursements	\$ - 20,864.47
Add items not affecting cash:	
Amortization	2,522.35
Changes in non-cash working capital:	
Decrease (increase) in short term investments	- 54,436.01
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	- 4,240.00
Decrease (increase) in prepaid accounts	- 28,642.85
Decrease (increase) in GST receivable	387.31
Sale (purchase) of Capital Assets	- 1,377.95
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	5,281.91
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	13,534.82
Increase (decrease) in CEBA Loan	- 40,000.00
Increase (decrease) in cash for the year:	<u>- 127,834.89</u>
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>201,614.81</u>
Cash at the end of the year	\$ <u><u>73,779.92</u></u>
Cash consists of Credit Union deposits and Cash on Hand	73,578.12 201.80

Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ending
March 31, 2022

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Association is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to develop and promote the co-operative movement in Saskatchewan. The Association is incorporated under the Co-operatives Act of Saskatchewan. Under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act the Association is not subject to income tax.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and, in the management's opinion, have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue. These restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which related expenses are incurred. Please refer to note 7 for a two-year comparison and breakdown of the sources of these revenues.

Internally Restricted Net Assets

On October 16, 2018 the Board Of Directors elected to designate some of the reserve funds to guard the organization against possible risks and contingencies. While there are presently insufficient reserves to meet the initial targets of \$430,000, the term deposits have been used for this purpose. Accordingly the value of the term deposits have been extracted from Retained Earnings and attributed to the Internally Restricted Reserve.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. They have been amortized on a declining balance basis at the following rates except in the year of purchase when the rate is reduced by half.

Computer 30%

3. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2021 net book value
Computer Equipment	\$63,506.07	56,931.58	\$6,574.49
	<u>\$63,506.07</u>	<u>\$56,931.58</u>	<u>\$6,574.49</u>



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4. Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses consists of:

Prepaid seminar expenses	\$40,959.50
Insurance premiums	7,849.11
Postage	580.22
Rent	0.00
Other Miscellaneous	2,812.18
	<u>\$52,201.01</u>

5. Accounts Receivable

For the current fiscal year, Accounts Receivable consisted of trade accounts and sponsorships.

Saskatoon Co-operative Association	5,500.00
	<u>\$5,500.00</u>

6. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable at year-end consists of:

TM Designs	6,655.01
Insurance	837.40
MasterCard	461.74
Professional and Sub-contract fees	2,529.83
Telecommunications	365.86
Receiver General	0.00
Office supplies and expenses	822.55
	<u>\$11,672.39</u>

Saskatchewan Co-operative Association
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7. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue relates to funds received in the current period that apply to expenses related to subsequent periods.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Schools Program	\$500.00	\$500.00
Youth Seminar registrations & sponsorships	0.00	19,000.00
Co-operators member dues	53,506.55	36,615.59
Saskatoon Co-op Network funds	3,573.33	3,573.33
Federated Co-op youth program 2015-2016	626.38	626.38
Federated Co-op youth program 2014-2015	2,550.56	2,550.56
Co-op Camp Revenue	13,643.86	0.00
Sharing Unconference proceeds	931.16	931.16
My Co-operative Adventure	2,688.00	2,688.00
Affinity Credit Union Truth and Reconciliation Event	2,000.00	0.00
Enterprise Saskatchewan curriculum funds	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>\$82,519.84</u>	<u>\$68,985.02</u>

8. Member Dues

The association derives a portion of its revenue from dues paid by its members as detailed below.

Federated Co-operatives Ltd.	\$ 69,673.00
SaskCentral	70,446.00
The Co-operators	34,046.59
Concentra Bank	17,619.00
Access Communications Co-operative Limited	5,138.00
Community Health Co-operative Federation	2,986.00
Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada	1,263.00
Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives	500.00
Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation	293.00
Regina Car Share Co-operative	258.00
	<u>\$ 202,222.59</u>

9. CEBA Loan

The CEBA Loan has no fixed payment terms and 0% interest if repaid by December 31, 2023. Upon repayment by that date, \$10,000 will be forgiven. The loan has been repaid and the forgiven portion has been recorded as revenue.





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