



National Association of Japanese Canadians  
**NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012**

Name of Organization	Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	c/o 19-1705 Feltham Road Victoria BC	
E-Mail Address	info@vncs.ca	
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Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	Michael Abe - President	
Report Completed by	Michael Abe	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
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Date of AGM	February 5, 2012				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	15-20K				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Individual Family	\$10 \$15	150 families and individuals	Uminari Taiko Furusato Dancers Fujinkai Ikebana	
Newsletter <b>Title: Victoria Nikkei Forum</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	Bimonthly	Approx. 200	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	Inter-Cultural Association of Victoria		Long time membership which allows us to be part of the multicultural community in Victoria.		
	NAJC		Second year of membership to explore our role in the NAJC.		
Other Nikkei	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		



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Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Japanese Friendship Society (JFS) Victoria Japanese Heritage Language School Society (VJHLSS) Victoria Morioka Friendship Society (VMFS) Nagomi Tea Circle	Shin ijusha group, hold many joint events with this group. Heritage language school, hold many joint events with this group. Strong sister city ties with Morioka, hold joint events with this group. Local tea ceremony group
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### **Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

- a) Promote the awareness of Japanese culture for the benefit of its members and the greater community;
- b) Represent the Japanese community to the greater community;
- c) Support related Japanese organizations; and
- d) Identify and serve the needs of the Nikkei community.

Our promotion of Japanese culture is not only for our members but is also open to the greater community. Where appropriate the VNCS will act as a spokes-organization for the Nikkei community. We work with other similar cultural/ethnic-minded organizations such as the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Victoria Japanese Friendship Society, to promote Japanese culture.

### **Highlights of 2011-12 :**

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Jan. 15, 2012	Shinnen Kai Mochi Tsuki New Year's celebration with pounding of mochi. Open to members of VNCS, JFS and VJHLSS. Attendance approx.. 200		X	X							X
2	Aug. 12,	Obon Ceremony and Festival		X	X			X				



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	2012	Cleaning and honouring 152 graves of Japanese descent in Ross Bay Cemetery followed by Obon festival, light refreshments, dancing and other entertainment.										
3	Oct. 20, 2012	Cultural Fall Fair Annual cultural event, main fundraiser for VNCS, includes Japanese food, entertainment, exhibits, demonstrations, etc.		X	X	X		X		X		
4	Feb. 12, 2012	Nori Tori Seaweed picking event			X			X				
5	April 22, 2012	Book Launch of Gateway to Promise- Canada's First Japanese Community		X	X			X		X		
6	May 2, 2012	Bunraku puppet presentation and workshop		X	X			X		X		
7	Sept. 8, 2012	Esquimalt Centennial Event		X	X			X		X		
8	Sept. 16, 2012	Japanese Film Screening		X	X			X		X		
9	Sept. 29, 2012	Uminari Taiko 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert		X	X			X		X		

### **Chapter/Association Priorities:**

Constitution is cultural awareness in the community.



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### **Major Local Issues:**

- Maintaining and getting enough volunteers as we increase our profile in the community and increase the number of events we undertake.
- Consolidating the four major Japanese related groups in Victoria.
- Aging of community leaders and members. Need to recruit younger generation to continue events and planning.

### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

We are still exploring how we can benefit from and contribute to the NAJC. We are asking ourselves, how do we assess what NAJC projects we endorse and support.

Question to NAJC is what support and contributions are expected of us.



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**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

How do you work with the Shinijusha group (new immigrants) in your community.

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	<b>Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association</b>	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	#200-6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC V5E 4M7	
E-Mail Address	gvjcca@shaw.ca	
Phone Number(s)	604-777-5222	
Fax Number(s)	604-777-5223	
Contact Person	Gary Matson	
Report Completed by	Gary Matson	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Gary Matson Mieko Amano April Shimizu Morgan Elander Jack Matsushita Gabe Nutley Paul Esslinger May Hamanishi Sayaka Elander Takako Higuchi Harry Aoki	President Vice-President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director Director Director Honorary Board member



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Date of AGM	March 2013				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget					
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Regular Membership	\$40.00	TBA		
	Senior	\$35.00			
	US	\$50			
	Overseas	\$75			
Newsletter <b>Title: Bulletin</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	Monthly (beginning Sept)	5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	Tonari Gumi( Japanese Community Volunteers Association)		To purchase and renovate a building to become the new home for both organizations		
	GVJCCA/Bulletin Agreement		Creation of a national journal		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		
	Tonari Gumi(Japanese Community Volunteers Association)		Social Service Agency		
	Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall		Education		
	National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre		Cultural and education		
	Nikkei Seniors' Health Care and Housing Society		Housing and Social Service Agency		





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	Vancouver Japanese Gardeners Association	Professional and Cultural Society
	Various Christian/Buddhist Churches	Religious

### **Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

- developing and maintaining a communication network with multicultural societies in Canada and internationally
- promoting the appreciation and study of the arts and cultural heritage of Japanese Canadians through the organization of community and cultural events
- educating the Canadian public about the history and cultural heritage of Japanese Canadian and the preservation of these values
- education of the citizens of Canada in the various responsibilities expected in Canadian citizenship
- protecting and promotion the rights and freedom of all individuals without any discriminatory practices
- publishing a forum in the means of a journal for issues significant to its members, persons with Japanese ancestry and others of interest

### **Highlights of 2011-12 :**

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Ongoing	Joint Building Project with Tonari Gumi		X			X	X	X			
2	Annual Nov 18	Volunteer Appreciation Day		X			X	X				
3	Annual	Shinnen-kai		X			X	X		X	X	



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	Jan 14											
4	Annual Jan 21	Keiro-kai		x				x		x	x	
5	June 13 2011	Intermarriage Workshop		x				x		x	x	
6	Annual Aug 4-5	Powell Street Festival Salmon Barbeque		X		X	X	X		X		
7	Annual Aug 10	Obon Odori		x		x	x	x		x		

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

(1) Financial sustainability (2) Youth initiatives (3) Social network (4) Chapter Website (4) Membership Drive (5) Community Outreach including the ijusha community

### Major Local Issues:

(1) Consolidation of resources (2) Duplication of services (3) Decline in funding support from the Nikkei community



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### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

- a) How can we improve our national profile? How do you see the role of technology playing in how we stay connected with each other?
- b) community building seems to me to be the core of the issue that we still face in 2012. Is there a strategy that you have for tackling this issue?
- c) What place does education have?



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**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

- a) what are you doing to serve the needs of your respective Nikkei communities? The elderly? Youth?
- b) how are you reaching out to other communities to network, etc.?
- c) how would you assess your relationship with other Nikkei organizations in your area? Is it worth our effort to build bridges between certain groups?

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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## **GREATER VANCOUVER JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

**200 – 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC V5E 4M7**

### **ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE GJVCCA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 2012**

**By Judy Hanazawa**

#### **Members:**

Our members are Tatsuo Kage, Mary Kitagawa, Tosh Kitagawa, Morgan Elander, Ron Nishimura, Lorene Oikawa, Lily Shinde, Vivian Rygnestad, Agustina Santosa, Leslie Komori, Judy Hanazawa. Vivian joined our committee in April, 2012. We have been greatly assisted this year by support from our student administrative staff Tomoko McGaughey and Colin Brown. Tomoko and Morgan Elander were also student assistants in 2011. Fortunately for the Human Rights Committee, Morgan has moved on to join our committee as well as the GJVCCA board. Tomoko is also continuing to assist the GJVCCA. We hope Colin can continue to participate with the committee also. We thank and appreciate the support received from them all.

#### **September 2011:**

- HOP book project – ongoing chapter editing work
- DVD's of HOP Story tellers to be produced for them
- Press conference/media coverage to be organized to advocate for degree granting for 1942 Japanese Canadian UBC students
- Hastings Park project timeline planned as:
  - Internment plaque relocation – now
  - Mounting identifying interpretive outside signage on all detention buildings – through 2012
  - Developing and setting indoor interpretive centre presentation in Livestock building – 2013-2014
  - Participating in redevelopment of Momiji Garden and Japanese gateway – after 2014
- Tatsuo produced the Japanese translation of the NAJC Human Rights Committee WEB Human Rights Guide.



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### **October:**

- UBC notified Mary Kitagawa they are planning a special honouring for 1942 students. Petition campaign underway. Mary covered on CBC
- Hastings park field trip October 23
- HOP DVD's are being reproduced for distribution with cases, covers, etc. Mailout list to be organized. Work session to set up DVD package set for November meeting
- HRC decided to pay membership to the BC Human Rights Coalition

### **November:**

- UBC has agreed to grant JC 1942 students honorary degrees. Mary and Tosh will participate with special committee at UBC in planning the event
- Tosh Kitagawa will participate on NAJC Human Rights Committee and take Tatsuo's place as Tatsuo has resigned
- Hastings Park Project Committee planning to meet with PNE Board to seek their endorsement and funding support
- HOP Book project requires deadline planning for completion of all chapter drafts. Deadline planned for January 21, 2012
- DVD production and distribution work meeting set for January, 2011.

### **December:**

- Detailed planning for the special degree honouring ceremony and reception underway. Mary and Tosh are being consulted regarding all aspects of the event. Planning is proceeding successfully. Current focus is on finding all surviving students, and families of students
- HOP book project ongoing;
- DVD mail-out for story tellers: covering letter to compose and addresses to confirm and DVD's to be prepared for mailing
- Hastings Park Project: Contact to meet with PNE board unsuccessful so will attempt in January, 2012
- Referral from John Price re researching incidents of Canadian wartime military abuse of Korean civilians
- Nomination of Tatsuo Kage for Gordon Hirabayashi NAJC human rights award



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### **2012**

#### **January:**

- DVD's ready for envelopes and covering letter for Story Tellers
- HOP chapters need photos of each story teller as well as historic photos. Tatsuo can ask Eileen Kage to provide HOP story teller head shot photos from DVD footage as Eileen assisted in producing the DVD
- Hastings Park meeting with planner Dave Hutch. Referral for project support to be made also to the Hastings Park Steering Committee. Names of detainees are being documented and families from across Canada are submitting detainee names to GJVCCA. Detainee names will be documented as part of the interpretive presentation in Livestock Building.
- Possibility of hosting a presentation by John Price and lawyer representing Korean victim family regarding Canadian military abuse of civilians during Korean War to advocate for seeking compensation
- Lorene Oikawa is reviewing incidents on internet, twitter, etc. of casual use of derogatory racist terms.

#### **February:**

- HOP Book Project – nearing completion. Judy is covering Tashme stories as well as so called self supporting projects. Mary completed her chapter. Lemon Creek stories need reviewing. New deadline for completion is March 24, 2012
- DVD production: committee members are responsible to distribute DVD's to their colour group story tellers. Cover letter produced for March 24, 2012
- Committee members attended Hastings Park Redevelopment open house on February 22. Also attended February 23 tour of Hastings Park with Parks Canada Gerry Borden. Decision made for relocation of Internment plaque to stone wall area above Momiji Garden to the far left. Costs for relocation to be determined and funding support for relocation will be requested from PNE board and Hastings park steering committee. Grant funding application to be made to NAJC Endowment and other funds. Budget information is required for plaque removal and relocation. Parks Canada can do the plaque refurbishment but cannot move the plaque.



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- Mary and Tosh involved with detailed planning and recommending Japanese Canadian guest list for May 30 UBC Convocation Ceremony for 1942 grads.
- Tosh participated in NAJC teleconference. BC Internment marker sites project is being revived possibly developing as a partnered project with First Nations.

### **March:**

- Committee members to attend International Day to eliminate Racism community march on March 18, 2012
- Committee members to attend UBC symposium on March 21, 2012 from 5 to 7 PM to commemorate the International Day to eliminate Racism
- Committee meeting has been rescheduled to March 24, 2012 at 9:30 at the GVJCCA office.
- Tatsuo Kage's book "Uprooted Again: Japanese Canadians Move to Japan after World War II" about the 1946 deportations of Japanese Canadians to Japan to be published. Book launch on May 19, 2012 at Nikkei Centre from 3 to 5PM. Committee is supporting and assisting Tatsuo in organizing his book launch.

### **April:**

- HRC Meeting April 29
- Planning underway to support and assist Tatsuo with launch of his book about Japanese Canadians exiled to Japan "Uprooted Again"
- Eileen Kage will assist in the production of the 2009 HOP conference story circle blue group audiotapes. Story tellers from this group should be given their audiotapes as well as an HOP compilation tape as a keepsake of their conference participation.
- HOP book layout will be produced by John Greenaway. Chapter photos are being chosen by each chapter editor.
- Hastings Park committee is meeting with JB Newall Granite Works to complete cost estimate for relocating the 1989 Parks Canada plaque out of Momiji Garden to a more visible and prominent location in Hastings Park.

### **May:**

- Tatsuo Kage's May 19, 2012 book launch was successful with attendance at over 100 people.





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- Note: May 30, 2012 was the date of the UBC Congregation to give degrees to Japanese Canadians who were unable to graduate in 1942. This event took place due to the caring, initiative, hard work, and clear sense of justice of GJVCCA Human Rights Committee member, Mary Kitagawa. Mary was supported by husband Tosh in contacting ex students and their families and preparing for the event. It was exhaustive work but they were relentless in making sure the UBC Congregation was an unforgettable lifetime event which properly recognized and honoured the graduates and their families. Mary Kitagawa's account is being presented to the NAJC 2012 AGM. Resulting from the Congregation, Mary and Tosh continue to work with UBC to launch the Asian Canadian Studies Program which is currently seeking funding for program development support.

### **June:**

- Committee is nominating member Tatsuo Kage for the NAJC Gordon Hirabayashi Award – all documentation done by end of June.
- Re Hastings Park project: June 25 HRC members Judy and Lorene presented to the GJVCCA board seeking GJVCCA funding toward the cost of relocating the 1989 Internment plaque.
- Correspondence taking place between committee members and Tosh Suzuki who individually collaborated with the provincial government and Minister Naomi Yamamoto to initiate the May 3 Motion of Apology to Japanese Canadians. We are emphasizing with Tosh that we criticize the province of BC for developing and passing this Motion without communicating, consulting with or involving the Japanese Canadian community.

### **July:**

- Preparation for Powell Street Festival
- Decision made that Mary Kitagawa will draft a letter to the Premier to recommend establishing a public event with the Japanese Canadian community to bring the provincial apology to the Japanese Canadian community;
- GJVCCA Hastings Park Steering Committee (participants are also HRC members) will be meeting with the Hastings Park Redevelopment Steering Committee in August or September to introduce our committee and present our project to them. We are seeking their support for the 1989 Parks Canada plaque relocation as well as funding support toward interpretive signage for each detention building. Committee has also been drafting text for a plaque to be mounted on the Livestock Building, funded through the Vancouver Heritage Foundation 'Places that Matter' project. Also committee



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members Tosh Kitagawa and Judy Hanazawa are researching information regarding the reason for and authorization for the original relocation of the plaque from Hastings and Renfrew to the Garden.

- HOP book tasks: chapter and introduction section revisions. New completion date is October, 2012.

### **August:**

- Powell Street Festival August 4 and 5
- Hastings Park Fundraising project: GVJCCA Board portion of SPAM sushi sales was committed to fund the relocation of the Internment plaque
- HRC has supported the Sale of UBC congregation graduate's yearbook as a fundraising source for the UBC Asian Canadian Studies program as well as the ongoing work of the GVJCCA HRC.
- Completion of HOP Blue Room Circle audio tape and HOP Compilation Tape copies to be given to Blue Room Circle story tellers. These story tellers will be given audio tapes of their stories due to the poor quality of the audio visual documentation of their circle.
- Committee members Vivian Regnestad, Lorene Oikawa, Judy Hanazawa agreed to write a response to the letter to the Bulletin forwarded by Tosh Suzuki. The letter and our response will be in the September edition. Tosh Suzuki criticizes the GVJCCA and the NAJC for being unsupportive of the work of Minister Yamamoto and the achievement of the Apology Motion. Our response emphasizes our criticism of the provincial government for not involving the community in the development of the Motion. We are also expressing appreciation for Tosh Suzuki's initiative and the Motion, while urging the government to begin working with the Japanese Canadian community toward planning a community event to bring the government apology to the people.
- Mary Kitagawa's letter to the premier will be copied to the NDP Opposition Leader
- August 27 HRC had meeting to review the status of the HOP book draft with our volunteer editor Randy Enomoto.

### **September:**

- HRC meeting and final revisions of HOP book chapters scheduled for Saturday, September 8.
- Mid September: Hastings Park Steering Committee will be meeting with Hastings Park Redevelopment Steering Committee mid September
- Hastings Park Steering committee through the work of summer student Colin Brown, successfully completed a provincial grant



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application due by August 31 to assist with costs of developing interpretive signage for the 4 remaining Hastings Park detention buildings.

- Completion of GVJCCA Human Rights Committee Activity report for the 2012 NAJC Annual General Meeting scheduled for September 15, 2012

### **Japanese Language Human Rights articles published late in 2011 in the JCCA Bulletin**

October: Appeal to the University for Honorary Degrees for Japanese Canadians who were expelled from UBC, TK-J

November:

- Human Rights Protection in British Columbia, TK-J
- Looking for Japanese Canadian students who were registered at UBC for the winter session of 1941-42, Mary Kitagawa

December:

- UBC will approve a special degree for Japanese Canadians who were expelled, TK-J
- Degree of Justice, Mary Kitagawa



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Name of Organization	Kamloops Chapter of the NAJC			
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member organization			
Address	160 Vernon Ave			
E-Mail Address				
Phone Number(s)	250 376 9629			
Fax Number(s)				
Contact Person	Brenda Sawada			
Report Completed by	Brenda Sawada			
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>		
	Brenda Sawada	President		
Date of AGM	Feb 02 2012			
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	None planned as merging with KJCA			
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>



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<b>Newsletter Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>
	Monthly	120 families	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>	
	Kamloops Japanese's Assoc		KJCA WORKS VERY CLOSE WITH US WITH ON MANY ACTIVITIES AS WE USE THEIR BUILDING FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>	

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

To strengthen and promote Japanese Canadian Culture and heritage in the community of Kamloops



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### Highlights of 2011-12 :

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1	April 2011	Fun Casino, members and nonmember event			X	X						
2	Nov 2011	Things Japanese Sale			X	X						
3	Ongoing	History Preservation and Museum	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Etc.												

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

History preservation is a large mandate for our centre, with a push to get the museum finished for public visits.

### Major Local Issues:

We are trying to merge our NAJC board with KJCA to reduce the volunteer hours needed.



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### **Additional Comments:** (if applicable)

#### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

What is other organization doing about the duplication of the National chapter and local? We want to use our volunteer time the most effectively reduce duplication

#### **B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

Learn more about what they are doing to recruit volunteers and keep good board members

#### **C. Other:**

We are currently finalizing our merge having the KJCA become a member of NAJC with a director on the board of the KJCA to represent the NAJC. Moving our fund raising activities to the KJCA members. Thus we don't have a full board.



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Name of Organization	Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (VJCS)	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	PO Box 566, Vernon, BC V1T 6M4	
E-Mail Address	N/A	
Phone Number(s)	N/A	
Fax Number(s)	N/A	
Contact Person	Janice (Ouchi) Buick	
Report Completed by	Janice (Ouchi) Buick	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Rick Ogasawara Aubrey Comley Dean Yakura Treasurer Secretary Hall Managers Judo Club Reps Hall Rentals Fujikai Reps Communication Committee Newsletter Editors Buddhist Temple Japanese Club	President 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Darrell Oshiro Terry Mori Satoshi Oizumi and Tom Ouchi Dean Yakura, Aubrey Comley and Yosh Ouchi Rick Ogasawara Agnes Sakakibara and Eleanor Kaneda Aubrey Comley and Janice Buick Janice Mori and Janice Buick Arnie Hayashi and Mari Cameron Mitsuyo Kaneda
Date of AGM	March	





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<b>Estimated Yearly Operating Budget</b>					
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	Family Single	\$20/ year \$10/year			
<b>Newsletter</b> <b>Title: VJCS Bulletin</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	4 times per year	Approx 130	\$35/4 issues	Approx 50-75	Approx 130
<b>Partnerships</b> (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community</b> (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		
	Vernon Buddhist Temple Fujinkai Japanese Club Eigakai-Japanese Movie Club Vernon Chidori-Kai Dancers Vernon Ikebana		Religion Fundraising and VJCS support Japanese language and cultural for children Viewing Japanese movies Japanese Odori and Obon dancing Ikebana flower arranging		

<b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) Japanese Culture, volunteerism and fellowship
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1	March	AGM - Elections										X
2	June	Keiro Kai – Event to honour our seniors with gifts, bingo, entertainment and pot luck dinner			X							
3	October	Fujinkai Bazaar – Fund raiser – Chow mein, Strawberry tea, White Elephant, Fish pond, craft, bake, fruit and produce				X						
4	December	Children's Christmas Concert and Party – Children's performances, santa and community pot luck dinner			X							

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Fund raising and membership sustainability

### Major Local Issues: Getting youth and new residents involved in the Japanese Canadian Community

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**A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

Ideas to keep our community sustainable?

**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

Same as Question A

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Edmonton Japanese Community Association		
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member		
Address	6750 – 88 Street, Edmonton, AB T6E 5H6		
E-Mail Address	office@ejca.org		
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Contact Person	Cathy Tennant (tennant@shaw.ca)		
Report Completed by	Cathy Tennant		
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>		<b>Position:</b>
	Cathy Tennant Stephanie Bozzer Sanae Ohki Jim Hoyano Brenda Madsen Rick Hirata Erin Munro Scott Sutton Yoko Azumaya David Mueller		President 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President 2nd Vice-President Treasurer Secretary Director Director Director Director Director
Date of AGM	October 2, 2011	October 14, 2012	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2011/12 \$81,000	2012/13 \$82,000	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:		Total Membership:		Groups Within Membership:			
	Individual		\$20		235 (58 seniors 70+)					
	Family (partners + dependent children)		\$30		186 (30 seniors 70+)					
	Seniors 70+		No charge		Total members 600+					
Newsletter Title: Moshi Moshi	Frequency:		Distribution:		Paid Advertising:		Digital Copy:		Hard Copy:	
	6 times per year		To members by mail, if requested; posted on website.		Yes		Yes, posted in PDF format on website		Yes (as requested)	
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner				Reason For Partnership					
	Argyll Community League				Facility is shared through an agreement with the City and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. Expenses for maintaining the facility are shared as is rental income from renters who are not members of either organization.					
Other Nikkei	Name of Organization				Main Purpose					



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Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Metro Edmonton Japanese Community School	School offers Japanese language arts courses based on textbooks and grade system used in Japan. All instructions are in Japanese and students need to understand the instruction to enroll in the school. Students are expected to do teacher-assigned homework and use Japanese at home for practice.
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### **Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

To facilitate the development of an inclusive and vibrant Japanese Canadian Community within a multicultural Edmonton.  
To support the objectives of the National Association of Japanese Canadians by promoting respect and harmony among people of various cultures within the Edmonton area.

### **Highlights of 2011-12 :** July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Category: Please indicate with an X

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	March 11/11 – December 31/11	Japan Disaster Committee was formed in March 2011. Fundraising activities included: a silent auction and sale evening and participation in fund-raising activities by other community groups (e.g. Bowling League and Edmonton Pakistani community). A total of just over \$94,200 was raised for the Canadian Red Cross and the Japan Red Cross.				X				X		
2	July 2011- May 2012	EJCA History Project Phase 1: Commenced January 2010 and was completed in March 2012. Gathered, documented, compiled and archived: data, documents, histories of early immigrants to the										X



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No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
		Edmonton area and the evolution of Japanese Canadian groups and organizations.										
3	July 30, 31, Aug. 1	Edmonton Heritage Festival Annual cultural festival attracting 500,000+ guests to various pavilions which showcase ethnic food, cultural performances (odori, karate, kendo, taiko, songs, koto), cultural demonstrations, and sales items.			x			x				
4	Sept. 10	Heritage Festival Volunteers Appreciation Dinner			x							
5	Sept. 14- Nov 16	Japanese Language Classes (10 sessions). Two classes: Beginner and Beginner-Intermediate.	x									
6	Oct. 2	AGM Followed by dinner.			x							
7	Oct.14-16	NAJC AGM			x							
8	Nov.1 &2	Explore Japan: Two – day long programs introducing Japanese culture through participatory activities, speakers and demonstrations (ikebana, taiko, origami, calligraphy, karate, awa odori, kimono fashion show). Attended by 320 students who are studying Japanese language in 9 different high schools. Program was supported by EJCA, the Association of Japanese Language Teachers, Consulate General of Japan, Japan Foundation Toronto. Edmonton Public School Board and Alberta Education.						x				
9	Nov. 5	Fall Bazaar			x							



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No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
10	Nov. 12	Board Retreat		x								
11	Dec. 10	Christmas Party			x							
	Jan. 18 – Mar. 28	Japanese Language Classes (10 sessions): Two classes: Beginner and Beginner-Intermediate.	x									
12	Jan. 14	Oshogatsu (New Year's) Potluck			x							
13	Dec.2011 -June 2012	Japan Today – Providing an opportunity to grade 8 students to experience aspects of Japanese culture and history during a 2-hour program. The program was developed to complement the social studies section on Japan. 1,600 students attended from 22 schools,.						x				
14	Feb. 12	Karaoke Concert put on by the EJCA Karaoke Club. The Chorus Group also performed.		x								
15	Feb. 18&19	Casino				x						
16	Mar. 1 – Apr. 15	Japan Relief Fund-raising. In commemoration of the 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, EJCA raised funds to send to NADIA, a volunteer organization working to restore a normal life to people in Ishinomaki by repairing homes and participating in local projects to revive the economy. The Chair was born and raised in Edmonton. Just over \$8,800 was raised.				x						
17	Mar. 10	Hina Matsuri afternoon– display of dolls; children's activities; traditional refreshments.		x								





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No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
		Sukiyaki Night – All you can eat dinner cooked to order, followed by the premiere showing of gThe Hina Doll h which was filmed in the Edmonton area in which many EJCA members participated both as actors and behind the scenes. The film was based on a short fictional story written by Yumiko Hoyano a number of years ago about a set of dolls which had been donated to the EJCA.										
18	Apr. 14	Movie Afternoon		x								
19	Apr, 14 – May 19	Survival Japanese – 6 Japanese language classes for adults and young adults who are planning to visit/stay in Japan.	x									
20	Apr. 18 – Jun. 20	Japanese Language Classes (10 sessions). Two classes: Beginner-Intermediate and Beginner-Advanced levels.	x									
21	May 6	Kodomo no Hi – assisting the Devonian Gardens by setting up Japanese ornaments, ikebana, koinobori; and organizing story-reading and origami activities.						x				
22	June 3	Kurimoto Garden Spring Festival – participation by various groups and clubs affiliated with EJCA to provide performances, demonstrations and displays.						x				
	During the year	Meetings of the Garden Committee regarding the maintenance and development of the Japanese Garden, and the Library Committee to organize and add to the library collection.		x							x	



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### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

What are the NAJC's plans to increase membership from various cities where Japanese Canadian organizations exist (e.g. Toronto Cultural Centre, Montreal etc). The future of NAJC as an organization needs to encourage more active involvement from these groups.

### **B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

How do you attract advertisers?

What are the various member categories and the fee structures?

How are you attracting, maintaining the interest, and encouraging the active involvement of members—20-30; 30-50?

### **C. Other:**

### **Chapter/Association Priorities:**

Financial sustainability, succession planning and attracting new members (particularly in the 30-50 age group).

### **Major Local Issues:**

1. Exploring the feasibility and options for increasing the facility space which we are outgrowing.
2. Balancing the meeting of member expectations and response to community outreach requests.
3. Keeping programs and activities relevant and attractive to various age groups.



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### **Additional Comments:** (if applicable)

The new template is a great start in gathering data across the membership. Although interesting to read, it would have been impossible to gather consistent information using the previous narrative report format. Some guidelines/examples for using the different categories in the activities section might be helpful.



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## NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012

Name of Organization	Calgary Japanese Community Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	2236 – 29 <sup>th</sup> Street S.W., Calgary, AB T3E 2K2	
E-Mail Address	cjcmain@shaw.ca	
Phone Number(s)	403-242-4143	
Fax Number(s)	1-888-367-7549	
Contact Person	Joanne Terakita Planidin	
Report Completed by	Cindy Nagata-McMillan / Joanne Terakita Planidin	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Rocky Oishi	Past President
	Joanne Terakita Planidin	President
	Mai Nagao	Vice President
	Cindy Nagata-McMillan	Secretary
	Ted Nakatsu	Treasurer
	Mikiko Saito	Director
	Kumiko Sato	Director
	Tom Uyeno	Director
	Taeko Nagao	Director
	Alan Tanaka	Director
	Sig Watanabe	Director
	John McMullin	Director
	Tom Nawata	Ex-Officio
	Alan Okabe	Webmaster (ex-officio)
	Pat Jette	Newsletter Editor (ex-officio)



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Date of AGM	April 29, 2012				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$200,000.00				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Family Individual Seniors	\$30.00 \$15.00 \$15.00	485	NJCA (New Japanese Canadian Association) Karate Kid's Culture Karaoke	
Newsletter <b>Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	Quarterly	500 +/-	Yes	Yes	Canada Post and available at the Nikkei Centre
	Monthly E-mail	360 +/-	Yes	Yes	No
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	Ethnocultural Community Council		Representation as one of the local ethnic and cultural organizations		
	Asian Heritage Foundation		CJCA is one of the founding member organizations. This foundation is primarily focused on Asian Heritage Activities.		
	Calgary Japanese Businessmen's Association		In the past CJCA has taken part in luncheon meetings and various social events hosted by this organization. The organization has been struggling to sustain itself in the last few years. CJCA has taken over one of the major events which is the Annual Golf Tournament.		



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Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization	Main Purpose
	Kotobuki Society	Seniors Not for Profit Organization
	Kaede Cultural Society of Calgary	Japanese Nihon Buyo Dance Organization Cultural programming for all ages i.e. youth, young adults, adults and seniors. Mainly focused on Japanese dance (folk and classical), however have offered other workshops for youth (taiko).
	Sogetsu Ikebana	Provides classes of instruction for traditional Japanese flower arranging
	Midnight Taiko	Performing Taiko group
	Calgary Japanese Hoshuko	School outside of Japan offering the same curriculum used in public elementary and junior high schools in Japan.
	Calgary Walker	Japanese Community Newsletter

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

Currently under review.



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### Highlights of 2011-12 :

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1		See Attached										
2												
3												
Etc.												

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Currently under review

### Major Local Issues:

Lack of Youth Involvement  
Membership Recruitment and Retention



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**A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

What are the priorities for 2012-2013?  
What new initiatives are being considered?

**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

What type of networking opportunities are possible amongst the member organizations?  
Would there be any interest in trying to work collectively on a National Tour of Japanese Entertainment/Performers for individual center fund raising events?

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)





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Month	Event	MAPPING TO GOALS						OTHER	
		Jpn Culture/ Lang	History	Social/ Recreation	Social Services	Networking	Human Rights/ Cross Culture	Other	Fund Raising
Jan	New Year's Party			1					1
Feb	Mame Maki	1							
	Nabe Night	1							
Mar	Hinamatsuri Party	1							
Apr	Annual General Meeting							1	
May	Charity Concert	1							
	Sushi Making Class	1							1
	Lilac Festival					1	1		1
	Asian Heritage Month	1				1	1		
Jun	Sports Day and Picnic			1					
	Takoyaki	1							
Jul	Hiking			1					
	Stampede Breakfast			1					
	Golf Tournament			1					1
Aug	Hiking			1					
	Omatsuri	1							1
Sep	NAJC Meeting					1	1		
Oct	Fall Festival	1							
	Sake Tasting	1							1
Nov	Volunteer Appreciation							1	
	Craft and Food Bazaar	1							
Dec	Christmas Party			1					
	Mochi Party	1							
Ongoing	Kids Classes	1			1				
	Culture/Craft Classes	1							1
	School Visitations	1				1	1		
	Karate Club	1		1					
	History Project		1						
	Casino							1	1
	ECCC					1	1		
	Karaoke	1		1					
	Line Dancing			1					
32	TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS	17	1	10	1	5	5	3	8
New Activities (Potential)									
	NAJC Display CD		1						
	Otoko no hi								
	Young Adults			1					
	Book Launch		1						
	DVD		1						
	Social Services Workshops				1				
	Social Services Support Network				1	1			



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Name of Organization	Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member	
Address	P.O. Box 721 Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 3Z6	
E-Mail Address	<a href="mailto:david@eyesquared.com">david@eyesquared.com</a> (president); <a href="mailto:sas7@telus.net">sas7@telus.net</a> (secretary)	
Phone Number(s)	403-330-1548 (David's Cell)	
Fax Number(s)	na	
Contact Person	David Tanaka	
Report Completed by	David Tanaka	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	David Tanaka Yuki Nagoya Pat Sassa Jennifer Jerred Reiko Takeyasu-Bolick Betty Tanaka Roy Sassa George Takashima Hisae Price Deanna Oye	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
Date of AGM	February	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$10,000	



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<b>Membership Structure</b> (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>		<b>Fee:</b>		<b>Total Membership:</b>		<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Individual Family		\$10 \$20					
<b>Newsletter Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>		<b>Distribution:</b>		<b>Paid Advertising:</b>		<b>Digital Copy:</b>	
	NCS Bulletin		Quarterly		No		Yes, PDF	
<b>Partnerships</b> (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>				<b>Reason For Partnership</b>			
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community</b> (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>				<b>Main Purpose</b>			
	Southern Alberta New Japanese Immigrants Association Okinawa Cultural Society Several Kenjinkai Japanese Bunka Society Lethbridge Twinning Society				Social and support group for new immigrants  Members with roots in Okinawa Social groups of immigrants from various provinces in Japan Traditional Japanese arts and crafts Twinned with Towada City			

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

Cultural (documenting history of Japanese Canadian activity in Southern Alberta)

Service (representing the interests of Japanese Canadian Community and maintaining harmonious relations with other groups)



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### Highlights of 2011-12 :

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Ongoing	NCS Taiko	X					X				
2	Ongoing	NCS Minyo Dance Group: traditional Japanese dances performed at several events (Asian Heritage, Multiculturalism Day, Heritage Day, Obon)	X					X		X		
2	May	Asian Heritage Month: organized first Asian Heritage Month event in Southern Alberta with several Asian groups participating in a one-day event		X	X		X	X		X		
3	Ongoing	Galt Virtual Museum Project – advisory role in content development for “Nikkei Tapestry” online museum project		X				X			X	
4	Annual (June)	Ghost Town Bus tour: completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual one-week tour in June, to BC interior towns that held Japanese Canadian Internment camps in WWII		X		X	X	X	X	X		
5	Annual (Sept.)	Sponsor two book prizes for best students in Japanese Language (oral and written performance), University of Lethbridge Modern Lang Dept.						X			X	



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6	Annual (Sept.)	Community Arts Funding Initiative: Funding to arts projects proposals from emerging artists										x	
7	Annual	NCS Scholarship: \$500 awarded annually to High School graduates from Lethbridge area continuing studies at a post-secondary institution										X	

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

### Major Local Issues:

Communication, members, volunteers  
Generally, too many ideas, too few bodies to make them happen



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**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)

**A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

**C. Other:**



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Name of Organization	Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member organization	
Address	180 Mc Phillips St.	
E-Mail Address		
Phone Number(s)	MJCCC- 204-774-5909, Geoff- 204-477-4145	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	President- Geoff Miki (gcmiki@mymts.net)	
Report Completed by	Geoff Miki	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Geoff Miki Mitsuko Miyamoto Megan Bellman-Mukai Brenda Mark Janet Hirose Keiko Burke Sharon Hinatsu Jessica Nagamori Kristen Matsumoto Stacey Matsumoto David Labram Jodene Baccus MacKenzie Sato Stephanie Okabe	President Vice President Recording Secretary Treasurer Past President Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member



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Date of AGM	June 26, 2012				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	N/A				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Adult Spouse Senior (65yrs or older) Senior Spouse Youth (18-25yrs LAH) Child (under 17yrs)	\$18 \$3 \$12 FREE \$3 FREE w/adult	246 approx.	Horizon Club (seniors)	
Newsletter <b>Title: OUTLOOK</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	6 issues annually	n/a	yes	yes	yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (MJCCC)		We contributed to the creation of the Centre and our meeting and events are often held at the Centre		
	National Association Of Japanese Canadians (NAJC)		Active member of the NAJC.		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		
	n/a				

- Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) The MJCCA strives for equal rights and liberties for all Canadian citizens, encourages understanding of the cultural heritage of Japanese Canadians,





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contributes to the multicultural mosaic of Canada and encourages good citizenship. The JC culture organization that serves Manitoba.

### Highlights of 2011-12 :

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	August 7-13, 2011	Folklorama- MJCCA sponsored Japan Pavilion returned after a 2 year absence. The theme of Taste Of Japan Under The August Moon where guests enjoyed food, entertainment and cultural.		X	X	X				X		
2	April 5 and 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Curling Bonspiel- 10 <sup>th</sup> year anniversary. A great event that brings together generations of curling fanatics for a weekend of fun and excitement.			X							
3	March 2012- March 2013	Connecting Generations- New Horizons for Seniors gov't grant to publish a JC cookbook with contribution from our communities seniors. Cooking workshops will demonstrate the recipes. The book will also highlight the contribution of the donors giving their brief biographical history.						X		X		X
Etc.	annually	Children's Christmas Party, Keirokai, Picnic			X			X				

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

- One of our goals is to amalgamate the MJCCA and the MJCCC into one organization. A committee was formed with members of both organizations to analyze the possibility and presently a plan to legally make this a reality is in progress.
- Find more ways to increase revenue to operate and maintain events for our members.
- Increase participation in the events existing and create more activities to attract participation.



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**Major Local Issues:** A stronger and more cohesive organization that amalgamates the MJCCC and the MJCCA. For the future of the community to grow and prosper, the organization needs to work together to attract new members and offer them a sense of community.

**A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

**B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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**NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012**

Chapter/Association	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association			
NAJC Membership Type	Member Organization			
Address	915 South Edward Street, Thunder Bay Ontario			
E-Mail Address	N/A			
Phone Number(s)	N/A			
Fax Number(s)	N/A			
Contact Person	Current President – Steven Seller - <a href="mailto:sseller@tbte.ca">sseller@tbte.ca</a>			
Report Completed by	Steven Seller			
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>		
	Steven Seller Jane Eddington Susan Taniwa Ronald Moller Tara Green Hayden Murakami Jim Squires Kelly Groomsbridge Earl McIvor Farrell Murakami	President Vice President Secretary Past President Treasurer Director Director Director Director LJCA 55+ Representative		
Date of AGM	January 28, 2012			
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$4 000.00			
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>



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categories; total size)	Single Single Senior (60+) Single Youth (21-) Family Family Senior (60+)	\$15.00 \$8.00 \$8.00 \$30.00 \$15.00	150 approx.	Odori Group Mizuhiki Group Taiko Group 55+ Club	
Newsletter	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	Quarterly	Approx: 200	No	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	West Thunder Community Centre		LJCA has a seat on the board because we contributed to the creation of the centre and our office and meeting places are held here.		
	Thunder Bay Multicultural Association		LJCA has been a long time member of the organization and it allows us to know what else is happening in our broader community.		
	NAJC		The LJCA has a committed relationship to support and be an active member of the NAJC.		

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

- Increasing participation
- Arrangement for LJCA “home” after current lease expires
- Introduction of new events to help increase participation
- Increase LJCA’s public Profile

### Major Local Issues:

- Long term survival of a JC based cultural organization in Northwestern Ontario



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Events, Initiatives :

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	October 2011 – Ongoing	Taiko Drumming Group. Establishment of a taiko group with instruction Coming from Winnipeg	X	X	X				X			
2	May 5, 2012	LJCA's return to the Thunder Bay Folklore Festival. LJCA returned to this event after 15 year absence with dancers, drummers and info table.			X					X		
3	July 2012	Hosting of Japanese Delegation from Sister City of Gifu			X					X		
4	May 2012	Annual Sushi Takeout Fundraiser			X	X				X		
5	2011 to 2013	Updating of LJCA bylaws. The LJCA bylaws have not been updated since its inception and language and intentions must be brought into new, and broader terms										X

### Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:

Has the reduction of the NEB face to face meetings, in an effort to reduce operating costs, hampered the NEB to affectively run the NAJC?



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**Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

Looking for information on how to attract paying advertisers to newsletter, and pricing schemes.



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**NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012**

Name of Organization	<b>Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC</b>	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	6 Garamond Court, Suite 240, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Z5	
E-Mail Address	torontonajc@gmail.com	
Phone Number(s)	416-516-1375	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	Ken Noma	
Report Completed by	Ken Noma and Norm Ibuki	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Ken Noma Norm Ibuki Bob Tanaka Brefni Shuttleworth Bill Kobayashi Terez Hyodo Lindsay Tsuji Charlotte Chiba Toke Suyama Mike Murakami	President Vice-President (National Human Rights Com) Treasurer Secretary & Community Liaison Director (Finance Committee) Director Director (Young Adult Committee) Director Director Director



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Date of AGM	March 2013				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$ 21,000				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Full Membership Senior	\$40.00 \$35.00	130		
Newsletter <b>Title: Bulletin</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	Monthly (beginning Sept)	5,000+across Canada	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	University of Toronto (OISE)		Equity based projects 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Redress celebrations and conference		
	University of Toronto (Robarts Library)		Archival and Nikkei based workshops, exhibitions, conference		
	Noor Cultural Centre		Outreach – Muslim Community		
	GVJCCA/Bulletin Agreement		Creation of a national journal		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		
	Japanese Social Services Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Various Christian/Buddhist Churches		Social Service Agency Cultural/Educational Religious		





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### Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization: (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

- Promote co-operation among Nikkei organizations and Nikkei towards achieving a better Canada and a world free from racism, poverty, inequality and war;
- To promote and encourage Japanese Canadians, the cultural, educational, social and recreational activities conducive to better citizenship;

### Highlights of 2011-12 :

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Ongoing	Nikkei Manga Project		X			X	X	X			
2	Annual	Nikkei Kids Day		X			X	X	X	X		
3	Monthly	Speaker's Series		X			X	X		X	X	
4	Ongoing	Archival project with University of Toronto		X				X				
5	April 2011	Japan Relief Concert		X		X		X		X	X	



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6	2012-13	Mural Project		x			x	x		x		
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**Chapter/Association Priorities:**

(1) Financial sustainability (2) Youth initiatives (3) Social network (4) Chapter Website (4) Membership Drive (5) Community Outreach including the ijusha community

**Major Local Issues:**

(1) Consolidation of resources (2) Duplication of services (3) Decline in funding support from the Nikkei community



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### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

- a) How can we improve our national profile? How do you see the role of technology playing in how we stay connected with each other?
- b) community building seems to me to be the core of the issue that we still face in 2012. Is there a strategy that you have for tackling this issue?
- c) What place does education have?

### **B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

- a) what are you doing to serve the needs of your respective Nikkei communities? The elderly? Youth?
- b) how are you reaching out to other communities to network, etc.?
- c) how would you assess your relationship with other Nikkei organizations in your area? Is it worth our effort to build bridges between certain groups?

### **C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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**NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012**

Name of Organization	Ottawa Japanese Community Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization	
Address	2285 St. Laurent Blvd., Unit B-16	
E-Mail Address	ojca_ojcc@yahoo.ca	
Phone Number(s)	613-731-7939	
Fax Number(s)	613-731-1367	
Contact Person	Hitomi Suzuta	
Report Completed by	Hitomi Suzuta	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Hitomi Suzuta Lisa Schoenhofer Takashi Toyooka Karen Shigeishi-Waite Brian Yamashita Robert Vibert Jennifer Matsunaga Maria Muto-Pomakis Sachiko Okuda Naomi Katsumi Lily Chen Takuya Tazawa	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer OJCC President OJCC Liaison Co-Membership Chair Co-Membership Chair Contact Japan Asian Heritage Month Liaison Social Media Community Liaison
Date of AGM	October 14, 2012	



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<b>Estimated Yearly Operating Budget</b>	\$9,000				
<b>Membership Structure</b> (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee) (based on 2011)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>	
	Single Family Student Senior Newsletter	\$20 \$15 \$10 \$10 \$10			(see highlights)
<b>Newsletter Title:</b> (Japanese and English Version)	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	4 times/year	-----	yes	yes	yes
<b>Partnerships</b> (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre		Manage Cultural Centre and run Social/Cultural Programs		
	Embassy of Japan in Canada		Contract for monthly Ottawa Safety Report		
	Ottawa Asian Heritage Month		Partner in Asian Heritage Month activities		
	National Association of Japanese Canadians		Member organization		
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community</b> (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		
	Canada-Japan Society of Ottawa  Japanese English Teachers' Alumni Association (JETAA)		Promoting goodwill, understanding and appreciation between the people of Canada and Japan. Japanese English Teacher alumni who work with the Embassy of Japan to recruit, select and prepare JETs to go to Japan.		



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### **Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

Mandates:

1. To encourage a greater participation by members of the Japanese and Japanese-Canadian communities in the Ottawa area in matters of citizenship;
2. To strive to maintain our cultural heritage;
3. To share with the larger community those aspects of our cultural heritage which will be of interest to them;
4. To promote and develop friendship, goodwill, and better understanding among the Japanese and Japanese-Canadian communities, and other interested, through a program of cultural, educational, social, and recreational activities.

### **Highlights of 2011-12 :**

(summary of your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect this year of operations)

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No. Add as needed	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	On-going	Calligraphy Group	X						X			
2	On-going	Community Services Liaison						X	X		X	X
3	On-going	Contact Japan bilingual community television program						X	X	X	X	X
4	On-going	Emi-no-kai Japanese folk dance group	X						X			
5	On-going	Ikebana Group	X						X			
6	On-going	Nadeshiko-no-kai Japanese-speaking women's group			X				X		X	
7	On-going	Ottawa Japanese Language School	X					X	X		X	
8	On-going	O-to-wa Taiko	X		X	X		X	X	X		
9	On-going	Reading Club							X			
10	On-going	Play Group for Japanese-speaking mothers and children							X		X	
11	On-going	Sadou Gakushukai tea ceremony study group	X						X			
12	On-going	Tomo-no-kai for those over 55							X			
13	2010 to 2012	Bylaw Revisions Committee: bylaws have never been revised since founding and need to be updated to current practices		X								
14	2012	Membership Committee: review of bylaw interpretation of membership, member benefits and increase in dues		X								



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15	2012	Sponsorship Committee: recommend process of accepting donations and allocation of donations		X								
16	On-going	Tulip Festival Committee for participation in pavilion for Tulip Festival		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
17	9-24-11	Higan (yearly)			X			X			X	X
18	9-25-11	Japan Day (every two years) with the support of the Embassy of Japan in Canada and the Museum of Civilization		X	X			X		X		X
19	10-2-11	OJCA/OJCC AGM			X			X				
20	10-10-11	Japan Exhibit closed at National Art Gallery			X			X		X		X
21	10-15-11	OJCC Craft	X						X			
22	11-19-12	OJCC Craft	X						X			
23	12-4-11	Mochitsuki		X	X	X		X		X	X	
24	1-28-12	OJCC Craft	X						X			
25	2-18-12	OJCC Craft	X						X			
26	3-10-12	OJCC Craft	X						X			
27	3-11-12	March 11 Vigil			X			X		X		X
28	4-15-12	Spring Bazaar			X	X		X		X		
29	May 11 to 13, 2012	Asian Heritage Month Hockey Tournament			X			X		X		
30	5-16-12	Asian Heritage Month Speaker on protective equipment for turtles and humans			X			X		X		
31	5-27-12	Japanese Cooking Class	X						X	X		
32	5-30-12	Japanese Film night co-sponsored with the Embassy of Japan			X					X		
33	6-2-12	Asian Heritage Month Gala Concert			X					X		
34	8-18-12	JETAA/OJCA/CJSO Picnic			X			X		X		
35	8-19-12	Ottawa Japanese Community Golf Tournament			X							X



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### **Chapter/Association Priorities:**

1. Increasing membership
2. Engaging members in OJCA/OJCC activities
3. Creating organizational partnerships within Ottawa
4. Gaining greater visibility as an organization within Ottawa
5. Updating policies, writing procedures and providing documentation to reflect current practices

### **Major Local Issues:**

Short-term: Roof replacement on building is a five year condo assessment in which we are now in year number three. This has created discussion around cost sharing processes for OJCA/OJCC. Additional yearly increases in operating costs of the building will need to be assessed in future years with respect to investment values and benefits.

Mid-term: Revenue generation should OJCA no longer have contract with the Embassy of Japan in Canada.

Long-term: Sustainability of the organization.





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### **Additional Comments:** (if applicable)

#### **A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:**

Why is there not a better way to know that there are openings that have not been filled by nominees until after the close of the process? By laws should be changed to allow filling positions from nominations during the AGM since members are present.

#### **Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:**

What is the legal and financial process that the MJCCA and the MJCCC have done in order to amalgamate? It would be good to know what has happened and some of the issues that have been encountered.

#### **C. Other:**



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**NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2012**

Name of Organization	Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon (JCAY)			
NAJC Membership Type	Associate member			
Address	531 Grove Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5J8			
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Phone Number(s)				
Fax Number(s)				
Contact Person	Fumi Torigai			
Report Completed by	Fumi Torigai			
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>		
	Fumi Torigai Michael Buurman Yoko Oda Taeko Torigai Joshua Klassen Keiko Lemoigne Yoko Fujiwara Kei Takayama	President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Director Director Director Director		
Date of AGM	May 27, 2012			
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	Approx. \$1,500(?)			
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>



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categories; total size; membership fee)	Regular Associate	\$10 \$5	59 13 (As of May 27, 2012)		
Newsletter <b>Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>		

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)

(Taken from our constitution)

1. Promote, preserve & increase understanding of Japanese culture and language
2. Organize social and recreational activities for the Japanese Canadian community and friends
3. Provide information and support to Japanese Canadians, in particular to Japanese newcomers/visitors in Yukon
4. Highlight the history and contributions of Japanese in Yukon
5. Address issues concerning the well being of the Japanese Canadian community
6. Connect with other Japanese groups across Canada



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### The record of activities of JCAY since March 2011

#### Year 2011

March	11	<i>Movie Night/Fundraiser – "Departure (Okuribito)"</i>
	12	<i>Movie Night/Fundraiser – "Kagemusha"</i>
	14	Emergency Board Meeting for Japan Earthquake/Tsunami
	19	Brainstorming Meeting Japanese Village Festival, The First Meeting
	20	Brainstorming Meeting Japanese Village Festival, The Second Meeting
April	3	<b><i>Japanese Village Festival at Mt. Mac / Fundraiser</i></b>
	12	Board Meeting
	16	<b>AGM</b> at PSAC Meeting Room
	25	Board Meeting
May	14	Garbage Pickup Day, Party at Michael's later
June	28	Board Meeting
July	24	Emergency Board Meeting for East African Famine at Miko's (Baby Shower for Maki)
August	6	Family Picnic with Ushiku Exchange Students at Carl & Lillian's place
Sept	9	Board Meeting
Oct	4	<i>Movie Night – "Prodigy (Shindo)"</i>
	5	<i>Movie Night – "The Summit (Trurugi-dake)"</i>
	24	Board Meeting
Dec	8	Board Meeting
	21	Hanabi (Fireworks) at Horse Creek (Lillian and Carl's place)

#### Year 2012

Jan	1	New Year's Party at Miko's
	12	<i>Movie Night – "Paprika"</i>
	13	<i>Movie Night – "Maborosi"</i>
	24	Board Meeting
Feb	25	Congratulation-to-Yuka Party at Torigai's
Mar	1	<i>Koto-Shakuhachi Duo Concert at Arts Centre</i>



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	13	Board Meeting
	31	Cloth Letter Campaign, Cloth Letter Cutting
May	6	<i>Asian Heritage Month: Sharing Stories</i>
May	8	<i>Noh Performance at the Arts Centre</i>
	14	Board Meeting
	20	日本語で話す会 (Japanese-language-only gathering)
	27	<b>AGM</b> at PSAC Meeting Room
	27	Garbage pick-up after AGM
June	3	<i>Tea Ceremony Demonstration at the McBride Museum</i>

\* *The items in italics were open for the general public.*

Beginning with a highly successful Japanese Village Festival, which was a fundraiser toward the Great Tôhoku Earthquake/Tsunami Disaster Fund in March 2011, JCAY has presented a considerable number of public events in 2011 and 2012 years. As well, in March 2012, JCAY took an active role as one of the groups of the numerous community organizations and the First Nations in persuading the Whitehorse City Council to sign on to the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination. (Lillian Nakamura Maguire spearheaded the action.)

As a result of these activities, the profile of JCAY, and indeed of all Japanese Canadians in Whitehorse, has undoubtedly been raised.

In addition to the above, JCAY president has assisted and continues to assist younger JCAY members to obtain Yukon Nominee approval and Permanent Resident status. A fair number of younger new comers has joined our JC community in Whitehorse in recent years.

Respectfully submitted,

Fumi Torigai  
President, JCAY



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May 22, 2012

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To Ken Noma, President:

Greetings! On May 17, 2012, The Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship Committee met to discuss the applicants for this year's award. Sonia Singh was selected as the winning candidate. Her application is attached for your information, along with the letter sent to Ms. Singh.

Once we receive Ms. Singh's confirmation of enrolment, we will issue a news release announcing the awarding of the scholarship.

Best regards,

Pam Peters-Pries  
Associate Program Director  
Mennonite Central Committee Canada



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### Statement of the scholarship recipient, Sonia Singh:

I am a MES candidate at the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University. In my major research paper, I will be examining the differential access to citizenship and labour and human rights protection created by temporary foreign worker programs in Canada. I will analyze organizing strategies and outcomes of advocacy campaigns for rights for migrant workers in several case studies through a collaborative research process with migrant workers and community advocates.

In my research, I am looking at how citizenship is both a site of inclusion and of exclusion (Hage, 2000). These themes have been explored in relation to the internment of 22,000 Japanese-Canadians during the 1940s. Oikawa (2002) writes that the “dispossession and discounting the citizenship of even those who were born in Canada, normalized their erasure from the B.C. coastal area (77).” Dhamoon and Abu-Laban (2009) describe how discourses of “foreignness” were tied to discourses of nation-building and security and were used to legitimize the forced removal of Japanese-Canadians (2009).

Exclusions to citizen rights continue to be justified through discourses of foreignness. Sharma (2006) describes how temporary foreign worker programs create a category of foreign non-citizen migrant workers who are excluded from rights enjoyed by Canadians. By limiting migrant workers’ access to citizenship rights and labour mobility, these programs make workers access to labour and social protections extremely precarious (Sharma, 2006; Preibisch and Grez, 2010). The growth of temporary foreign worker programs is becoming a global phenomenon (Piper 2010) and Canada is increasingly relying on the use of temporary foreign worker programs to fill labour shortages (Basok, 2002; Sharma, 2006).

It is critical to examine how current immigration and labour policy are creating exclusionary practices which undermine access to human rights for an increasing percentage of the Canadian labour force. My research will support the objectives of the Canadian Japanese-Mennonite Scholarship through an analysis of how labour and human rights protections can be enhanced for migrant workers through community mobilization and migrant worker organizing.

An emerging literature documents the challenges and successes of organizing with immigrant workers through workers centres and community unionism initiatives (Fine, 2006; Ness, 2005; Milkman, 2000; Bronfenbrenner, 1998). However, an analysis of advocacy campaigns with temporary foreign workers is under-represented. Theorists who have examined this area have called for transnational organizing and networking across labour-community coalitions (Piper, 2010) and the formulation of “transnational labor citizenship” schemes (Gordon, 2011).

I will build on this literature by examining the strategies and outcomes of several human rights and labour rights advocacy campaigns with migrant workers participating in temporary foreign worker programs. Working collaboratively with migrant workers and community advocates, I will critically analyze what kinds of organizing strategies are needed to win improved labour and human rights protections for migrant workers in Canada.



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July 19, 2012

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Attention: National Administrator

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Osgoode Hall Law School Prizes

On behalf of Osgoode Hall Law School, we are pleased to inform you that the student recipient of the following prize is:

Mr. Nicholas DiCastrì for the The National Association of Japanese Canadians & Roger Sachio Obata C.M. Prize in International Human Rights Law to the student who obtains the highest standing in the course International Human Rights.

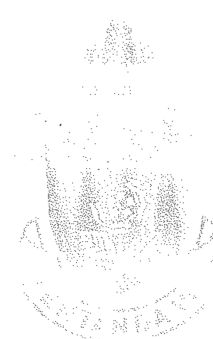
Our students tell us how delighted they are to be awarded a prize for their accomplishments at the Law School. As you may know, the presentation of prizes takes place annually as part of Osgoode's Convocation ceremony. This event is the highlight of the year, and the names of all award recipients are listed in the Convocation program and read as the students cross the Convocation platform.

Osgoode is proud of its substantial Student Financial Services Program, which includes scholarships and awards, bursaries, and prizes. The Program is supported by the Law School's active fund raising efforts and the generosity of our donors. Please accept my sincere thanks for your generous and continued support.

Yours truly,

Lorne Sossin  
Dean

cc: Ms Susan Obata  
Professor Paul Emond, Chair, Student Awards Committee  
Mya Bulwa, Assistant Dean, Students  
Penny Spence, Director, Student Financial Services  
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## **Endowment Fund Recipients Fall 2011 & Spring 2012**

**By: Ken Noma (Chair)**

### **Fall 2011**

#### **SPORTS EDUCATION ARTS DEVELOPMENT (SEAD)**

##### **Lisa Rie Hansen (Vancouver)**

Ms. Hansen hopes to use the funds to attend Langara College to acquire specialized skills in the library and information technology programme at Langara College. Upon graduation, she hopes to use her skills at the Japanese Canadian National Museum.

**Granted:** \$1,000.00

##### **Danielle Jette (Calgary)**

Ms. Jette, a student at Emily Carr University of Art and Design, has been selected to participate in a student exchange programme to attend the Chelsea College of Art and Design in London, England. Ms. Jette hopes to use the skills she acquires to contribute in some way towards the development of Japanese culture in Canada.

**Granted:** \$1,000.00

##### **Erin Kuwabara (Brantford, Ontario)**

Ms. Kuwabara has been accepted into the Quinte Ballet School to train primarily in classical and contemporary ballet and Pointe, as well as other dance forms. The training that she receives at the school will allow her to pursue a professional dance career.

**Granted:** \$ 500.00

#### **CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (CD)**

##### **Asian Canadian Studies Society (Vancouver)**

The Asian Canadian Studies Society proposes to translate the Japanese book: "Vancouver Asahi Monogatari", written by Norio Goto. Published in 2010, it is the most comprehensive book written to date related to a team that has now been designated as 'of national historic significance' by Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and inducted to both the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and to B.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

**Granted:** \$1,800



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### **Kamloops and Area NAJC (Kamloops)**

The Kamloops and Area NAJC plans to build a Museum Room in the basement of the Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association building. Funds are will be used to cover the cost of converting the basement Board room into a Museum.

**Granted:** \$1,000.00

### **Cindy Mochizuki (Vancouver)**

Ms. Mochizuki plans to create a 15 minute docu-animation called *Shiro Yagi*. The animation is based on the story of Ms. Mochizuki's late maternal grandfather, a resident of Yokohama. The film uses stop-motion, paper cut-outs in kamishibai style and rotoscoping techniques. The project integrates several forms of older Japanese storytelling techniques as well as shakuhachi music but also uses new technologies. The project brings together community artists from a wide range of disciplines.

**Granted:** \$1,200.00

### **Masako Sharpe (Vancouver)**

The organizing committee of the Japanese English Translation and Interpreting Workshop is requesting funding support towards the fifth annual workshop to take place in Vancouver. The one day workshop will have hands-on sessions; interpreting session and a short seminar or panel discussion. A key note speaker from Japan may attend.

**Granted:** \$1,000.00

### **Hideo Takahashi (Toronto)**

Currently, the diary of Mr. Takahashi, who was a prisoner of war in Angler is due to be released. A request has been made for additional funding to cover the cost of promotion, marketing and distribution of the book.

**Granted:** \$500.00

## **Spring 2012**

### **SPORTS EDUCATION ARTS DEVELOPMENT (SEAD)**

#### **Maiko Yamamoto (Vancouver)**

Funding is requested in support of further studies towards a Masters of Applied Arts (MAAA) from Emily Carr University of Art and Design. The 28 month Low Residency program will allow Maiko to pursue studies while continuing work with her home company, Theatre Replacement.



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Maiko believes that the MAA will inspire her to go on making works that speak to the Japanese Canadian experience. It will enhance her opportunities to connect with emerging and established artists of Japanese Canadian descent and to continue to build this network locally and nationally.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

### **Ruthie Sumiko Tabata (Vancouver)**

Ms. Tabata has been invited to participate in a volunteer residency program with Rimini Protokoll, a theatre company in Berlin, Germany. The program will allow Ruthie to further her professional development as an arts administrator, international producer, and tour coordinator and bring back knowledge and contacts for her professional community.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

### **Julia Aoki (Vancouver)**

Julia is currently a second doctoral student in the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University. Her dissertation will investigate civic cultural policies and strategies in Vancouver, British Columbia as they affect urban development, renewal and gentrification practices. Julia's work will be focused on the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, a neighbourhood that is inclusive of what was the largest Japanese Canadian population in Canada prior to the Second World War; as such, her investigations into cultural policy shifts in Vancouver will be relevant to Japanese Canadian organizations with continued cultural programming situated in or related to that neighbourhood, such as the Powell Street Festival Society and the Vancouver Japanese Language School and Hall.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

## **CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (CD)**

### **Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC (Toronto) – Nikkei Manga Project**

The Japanese Canadian Manga project is called, "Nikkei Manga-gatari". The manga book is approximately 100 pages, consisting of three illustrated and fully realized stories concerning each of the first three generations of the Japanese Canadians. The stories will be fully illustrated with sidebar descriptors of various events, customs and traditions of Nikkei culture and community. The goal of the book is to allow accessibility of Japanese Canadian history, community and culture for current and future generations of Japanese Canadians and



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Canadians in general. Each story will illuminate the humanity of each Nikkei generation. The Issei story follows a Japanese Canadian soldier of World War I through his exploits before, during and after the battle of Vimy Ridge. The Nisei story looks at the lead-up to World War II and the internment experience. The Sansei story looks at a Sansei's discovery of his past and its implications for his life.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

### **Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (Toronto) – Keisho Conference**

Funding is requested for the Keisho Conference which commemorates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese Canadian internment and dispersal. This will be a 1.5 day event open to the Japanese Canadian community and the broader community with the intention of providing opportunities to deepen their understanding of the Japanese Canadian history. The event includes a broad range of activities focused on actively engaging participants in exploring the life experience of those who were in internment camps, POW camps, farms and sugar beet farming, road camps, self-supporting communities, and Nisei veterans. Also included are activities that investigate the Japanese Canadian identity, family traditions, intermarriage, and children focused experiences. To further extend the learning experience, the opportunity to learn how to preserve a family history will be highlighted on both days.

**Granted: \$500.00**

### **Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre (Burnaby) – On: Art and Internment Exhibit**

Rather than a historical or literal retelling, the artwork selected for this exhibit will address themes of memory, place, and identity. The objectives of ON are: (1) to encourage contemporary artistic perspectives on Japanese Canadians (2) to promote intergenerational exchange related to Japanese Canadian internment and (3) to present Japanese Canadian artists as critical of their place and role in contemporary culture.

**Granted: \$500.00**

### **Lakehead Japanese Canadian Culture Centre (Thunder Bay) – Taiko Workshops**

The workshops led by Fubuki Daiko of Winnipeg, Manitoba will begin the training of the existing drum group at the LJCCC. Due to the inexperience of the drum group and the complete lack of local instructors, workshops will be required to advance the group's abilities.



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Each workshop is comprised of two, four hour sessions. All sessions are held at the

**Granted: \$800.00**

### **France Benoit (Yukon) – Kiri's Piano**

France Benoit is a documentary film director from Yellowknife, NWT. All of her films deal with social justice issues. 'Kiri's Piano' is a 7 minute drama production about the story of a woman's sacrifice while rampant prejudice her Japanese Canadian family apart during the Second World War. Even with the internment, her beloved piano proves a powerful ally in her quest to retain her dignity and personal freedom. The film is based on the poetic lyrics by Canadian musician and songwriter James Keelaghan. Written in 1988, 'Kiri's Piano' is based on the real life of a Japanese Canadian woman whose name was fictionalized as that of 'Kiri Ito'.

**Granted: \$1,500.00**

### **Jeff Chiba Stearns (Burnaby) – Mixed Match**

'Mixed Match' is an inspirational, emotional, and evocative feature length documentary that explores the need to find mixed ethnicity bone marrow and cord blood donors to donate to multi-ethnic patients suffering from the life threatening blood diseases such as leukemia. This is a live action and animated film and is a dramatic journey focusing on the main character's struggle to survive against incredible odds.

**Granted: \$500.00**

### **Seikyu Kai (Toronto) – Kyudo Equipment**

Seikyu Kai was founded in 2008. Funds are required to purchase Japanese archery equipment such as: block targets, a bow stand (yumi-date), shooting gloves (kake), various-strength bows, practice bows (gomu yumi), chest protectors (muneate) and bow shipping cases. Kyudo itself is unique as a martial art because in spite of using a weapon, there is no opponent. The archer struggles against him/herself.

**Granted: \$700.00**

### **Kyudo Association of Canada (Vancouver) – Seminar**

KAC Vancouver is the founding dojo of the Kyudo Association of Canada founded in 2003. It is affiliated with the International Kyudo Federation and the All Nippon Kyudo Federation. It has historical association with the American Kyudo Renmei and the Georgia Kyudo Renmei. Funding is requested for a 3 day seminar, May 19-21 where



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KAC Members will receive instruction from a kyudo Sensei Blackwell (Kyoshi Rokudan) and his wife Reiko Blackwell (Godan). The seminar will provide Teaching on kyudo etiquette, form and technique.

**Granted: \$700.00**

### **Greg Masuda (Vancouver) – Documentary, 'Goddess of Mercy'**

'Goddess of Mercy' is a documentary feature film which takes the viewer, through the eyes of Joy Kogawa on a journey beyond the vengeance and superficiality of our society to a place where mercy dwells. The viewer will see Joy's challenges to complete what may be her final novel, as the Historical Kogawa House is recognized and restored, as she continues work to resolve injustices committed to Japanese Canadians during World War II, as she attempts to raise awareness for the atrocities committed by Japan on China during the War and as she travels to Nagasaki.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

### **Julie Tamiko Manning and Matt Miwa (Montreal) – Tashme Project**

The first phase of the Tashme Project saw the completion of nine different Nisei and Sansei from the Nikkei community in Montreal and Scarborough. The interviews elicited surprising, funny and touching memories from their past and transcribed into an hour long script. The second phase, for which money is being sought, will continue gathering stories from different parts of Canada. The goal is to have a final written draft and public reading and a performance.

**Granted: \$1,000.00**

### **Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre – Japanese language workshops for teachers.**

Funding is sought to provide professional development for Japanese language teachers at the MJCCC. None of the teaching staff is familiar with how to combine the learning of Japanese culture with language instruction in an effective manner. The Language Coordinator will attend will attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum at Princeton University in Philadelphia and the Canadian Association of Japanese Language Education at Banff, Alberta.

**Granted: \$800.00**