



**National Association of  
Japanese Canadians**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Victoria, B.C.**

**September 26 & 27, 2015**



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<b>Friday, September 25, 2015</b>	
<b>2:00 to 4:30 pm: Ross Bay Cemetery Visit (Optional)</b> A guided tour of the graves of Japanese pioneers buried in Ross Bay Cemetery. <u>Space is limited and pre-registration is a must and must be done at the time of your AGM registration.</u> Detailed information will be forthcoming regarding this event for those who register.	
5:00 – 6:30 pm: National Executive Board Meeting in the <b>Vista 18 Westcoast Grill Restaurant</b> , Chateau Victoria (Private)	
7:00 – 11:00 pm: Hospitality in the Penwell Room with early registration.	
<b>Saturday, September 26, 2015 (Day 1)</b> <b>Penwell Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
8:00 – 8:30	Registration in the Penwell Room
9:00 – 9:30	Call to Order Opening Remarks by President and AGM Chair Announcements by Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Mike Abe Appointments: Recorder and Rules of Order Chair Roll Call Approval of 2015 AGM Agenda Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes
9:30 – 9:45	Treasurer's Report March 31, 2015 Audit Appointment of Auditor for 2015-2016 Appointment of Legal Firm for 2015-2016
9:45 – 10:45	Budget and Finances  Monetary motion moved by Winnipeg, seconded by Vancouver





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10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:50	NEB Reports/Member organization reports Appointment of Endowment Committee Members Bylaw amendments moved by Winnipeg, seconded by Kamloops
11:50 – 12:00pm	Approval of 2016 AGM/National Conference Location <b>Adjournment of the 2015 AGM</b>
	<b>CONFERENCE AGENDA PENWELL ROOM</b>
	Bento lunch in the Penwell Room
12:00 – 1:45pm	<b>Panel: Landscapes of Injustice (LOI)</b> , Jordan Stranger-Ross, Project Director & Sherri Kajiwarra, Director-Curator, Nikkei National Museum (45 min) <i>Facilitator: Mike Abe</i>  <b>NAJC/LOI Hide Hyodo-Shimizu Scholarship Recipient</b> Report: Hikari Rachmat (15 min) <i>Facilitator: Sherri Kajiwarra</i>  <b>Landscapes of Injustice: Community Council Report</b> – Susanne Tabata, Eiko Eby, Mary Kitagawa, Vivian Wakabayashi Rygnestad (Chair) (45 min) <i>Facilitator: Tosh Kitagawa</i>



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1:45 – 5:00 pm	<p>1:45 – 2:25 pm <b>Preserving the Past</b> (documents, photographs, objects and stories): Panelists: Lisa Uyeda, Linda Reid <i>Facilitator: Lisa Uyeda</i></p> <p>2:30 – 3:10 pm <b>Retention of Adult Volunteers and Youth:</b> Liz Bean (Intercultural Association of Victoria) and Kyla Fitzgerald. <i>Facilitator: Kyla Fitzgerald</i></p> <p>3:10 – 3:30 pm Coffee Break</p> <p>3. 3:30-4:10 pm <b>Addressing Issues Related to Aging in the Japanese Canadian Community:</b> Karen Kobayashi (Centre on Aging – University of Victoria); C. Keiko Funahashi &amp; Cathy Makihara (Nikkei Seniors Health Care &amp; Housing Society) <i>Facilitator: Karen Kobayashi</i></p> <p>4. 4:15 – 4:55 pm <b>Best Practices - Cultural Event Planning</b> <i>Chair: Mike Abe</i></p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>End of Day 1 of the Conference</p>
5:30 pm	<p>Meet in the Hotel lobby and walk as a group to the Ambrosia Banquet Hall to enjoy a guided tour of some sites of historical importance to Victoria's Nikkei community. (Those with mobility issues are asked to note this on their registration form).</p>
6:00 pm	<p>Hotel shuttle leaves Chateau Victoria for Ambrosia Banquet Hall for those who require rides</p>



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<b>NAJC Banquet Agenda</b>	
6:30 pm	<b>Doors open at 6:00 pm</b>
	6:30 pm Start
	Opening and welcome remark
	Introduction of Art Miki who will introduce Judge Maryka Omatsu, recipient of the Art Miki National Leadership Award
	Dinner buffet line starts
	Soran Bushi dance
	Introduce Dick Nakamura; VNCS Lifetime Achievement Award
	7:45 Doors open for the lecture only attendees
	Coffee/Tea and desserts served
	8:00 Japanese music entertainment
8:15	Vivian Rygnestad to introduce Keynote Setsuko Thurlow. Keynote speech followed by Q&A
	9:45 Silent Auction closes
	10:00 Closing Remarks (may be earlier)
	Chateau Victoria shuttle bus pickup



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<b>Sunday, September 27, 2015 (Day 2)</b> <b>Penwell Room</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Youth Engagement &amp; Empowerment/ Young Leaders Winnipeg Conference Report</b> Lisa Schoenhofer (Chair YL), Erica Isomura (Victoria Young Leaders) <i>Facilitator: Lisa Schoenhofer</i>
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Consul General Okada</b> <i>Introduction: Mike Abe</i>
10:45 – 11:30 am	<b>Centre Reports:</b> Andre Boutin-Maloney (Regina Japanese Canadian Club); Eiko Eby (Central Vancouver Island JC Society, Nanaimo); Michio Hirai (JCCC of Montreal) <i>Facilitator: Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin</i>
11:30 – 12:15 pm	<b>The Victoria Story:</b> History of JC in Victoria- Ann-Lee and Gordon Switzer <i>Introduction: Mike Abe</i>
12:15 -12:45 pm	Light Lunch in the Penwell Room and end of 2015 NAJC conference
12:45 pm	Closure

*The NAJC would like to acknowledge and thank the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society AGM/Conference Organizing Committee and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making the AGM/Conference a tremendous success.*



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**DRAFT – NOT FOR CIRCULATION**

**2014 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians  
September 19-20, 2014  
Vancouver, B. C. - Greater Vancouver JCCA**

**Saturday, September 19, 2014**

Meeting called to order 9:15AM

Opening remarks by President Ken Noma, AGM Chair

Appreciation to Derek Iwanaka and Kathy Shimizu, GVJCCA

Acknowledgement to the Aboriginal community for the Sacred Land, that we are occupying

Announcement:

Words of welcome by Derek Iwanaka, President, GVJCCA

Thank you to GVJCCA volunteers, information about Wi-Fi access

Appointment of Terumi Kuwada as recording secretary

Appointment of Lucy Yamashita as Rules of Order Chair for the meeting

**Roll Call:**

**National Executive Board Members**

President	Ken Noma
Vice President	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Acting Treasurer	Kevin Okabe
Secretary	Bev Ohashi
Directors:	Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin
	Lisa Schoenhofer (attending Young Leaders Conference)
	Susan Matsumoto
Past President	Terumi Kuwada at large
Recorder:	Terumi Kuwada



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### **NAJC Member Delegates**

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society

.....*Alternate*

Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association

.....*Alternate*

Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC

Vernon Japanese Cultural Society

Edmonton Japanese Community Association

.....*Alternate*

Calgary Japanese Community Association

.....*Alternate*

CJCA Community and Seniors Foundation

Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association

Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC

.....*Alternate*

Ottawa Japanese Community Association

Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon

NAJC Hamilton

Michael Abe

*Yukari Peerless*

Derek Iwanaka

*Lorene Oikawa*

Morgan Elander

Janice Buick

David Mitsui

*Yoko Azumaya*

Cindy Nagata-McMillan

*Joanne Terakita Planidin*

Shirley Shigematsu

George Takashima

Geoff Miki

Sharon Young

David Fujino

Yosh Inouye

Jen Matsunaga

Fumi Torigai

Patricia Simpson

### **Individuals:**

Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC

Kim Uyede-Kai

### **Observers:**

Kumiko Sato

Patti Ayukawa

Ken asked the delegates to announce the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Redress Foundation in their newsletters.

### **Motion (#1) to accept the 2014 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: David Mitsui (Edmonton)

Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria)

Carried

### **Motion (#2) to accept the 2013 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary)

Seconded by: Morgan Elander (Kamloops)

Carried



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**Interim Treasurer's Report – Kevin Okabe**

Financial reports are on pages 33-39 in AGM Booklet.

Kevin distributed copies of unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2014.

Kevin summarized the highlights as follows:

Power presentation - concise explanation of revenue/expenses.

Endowment Funds – entrusted from JCRF, which funds our national programs

Sustaining Funds - for operations. Investment income allows us to provide programs, grants.

Offset our deficits by investment income explained in the auditor's report

**Motion (#3) to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented**

Moved by: Janice Buick (Vernon)

Seconded by: David Fujino (Toronto) Carried

**Motion (#4) to accept the Auditor's Report as presented**

Moved by: Shirley Shigematsu (Calgary Srs)

Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria) Carried

Report will now get approved and signed by auditor, following Council's acceptance.

**Motion (#5) to appoint the auditor of Runchey Miyazawa Abbott for the 2013/14 year**

Moved by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary)

Seconded by: David Fujino (Toronto) Carried

**Motion (#6) to appoint the legal firm Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2013/14 year** Ken mentioned that we have received pro bono work.

Moved by: Morgan Elander (Kamloops)

Seconded by: Fumi Torigai (Yukon) Carried

**Motion (#7) to amend the 2014-2015 budget with the addition of \$35,000. The additional funds will be used to establish a part time Executive Director position for one year; to cover increased office expenses and new program initiatives. The NEB will be responsible for the tasks as outlined.**

Moved by: Jennifer Matsunaga (Ottawa)

Seconded by: David Tanaka (Lethbridge) Carried



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**Motion (#8): to accept the 2015-16 budget as outlined on pages in the AGM booklet**

Kevin Okabe stated that the ED position will likely increase the deficit but there has been surplus in the past few years, and this will hopefully cover this deficit.

Moved by: George Takashima (Lethbridge)  
Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria) Carried.

**Motion (#9) re: that under Article IV, Rights and Obligations of Membership, Section 4.1 Organizations, that the term "Associate" be replaced with "Supporting " to reflect the membership bylaw change 4.1.2 passed at the Annual General Meeting of September 21, 2013, held in Toronto, Ontario.**

Moved by: David Fujino (Toronto)  
Seconded by: Keiko Miki (Winnipeg) Carried

**Supporting members have two votes and speaking privileges.**

**Motion (#10) to accept the member reports/neb reports**

Moved by: Janice Buick (Vernon)  
Seconded by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary) Carried

Bev provided information about the newly designed website of the NAJC. Discussion took place regarding the "Members Only Section". Each member will have an individual password. Googles Analytics has shown the NAJC has had 2000 hits since the website has been redesigned. The next phase of the website will be registering online, and payment options. ED will have standards about what can be posted to ensure appropriate information.

When photographs are added to the website, the web designer must ensure the source of the photograph, and verify the NAJC has copyright permission to use the photographs.

Lillian wanted to encourage membership about ensuring a presence of a HR rep in every community. There will be a major human rights conference this year, so, encourage young people to participate in this event.

Ken talked about the Heritage Tours and benefit to the membership. A commission goes to the membership. Some new ideas of tours, e.g., genealogy.

Fumi : website. Asked about the ability to put things on the website, if you (member organization) don't have a website.

Lillian: comments from questions about the lack of communication between the NAJC and the membership. What can be done about this. Joanne suggests having a webinar on a quarterly basis. New ED position, travel \$\$ to connect with the membership. Renewed effort to connect. Put out a question to the membership of the month, collect responses.





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**Motion (#11): that the Annual General Meeting/National Conference for 2015, be held in Victoria, BC.**

Moved by: Michael Abe (Victoria)  
Seconded by: Derek Iwanaka (Vancouver) Carried

Council unanimously agreed to support Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society in its offer to host the 2015 NAJC AGM/National Conference.

Ken introduced the 2014-16 National Executive Board, as per the Nomination Slate that was sent to the Membership. The positions were filled by acclamation.

President: Bev Ohashi  
Past President: Ken Noma  
Vice President: Tosh Kitagawa  
Treasurer: Kevin Okabe  
Secretary: Susan Matsumoto  
Director: Lillian Nakamura Maguire  
Director: Lisa Schoenhofer  
Director: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin

Endowment Fund Committee Member  
Tomiye Ishida

GVJCCA Award of Merit Presentation by Derek Iwanaka  
to: Consul General Seiji Okada  
April Shimizu

Presentation to Outgoing President, Ken Noma by Terumi Kuwada, Past President.

2014-15 President's Message delivered to the National Council by Bev Ohashi.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM

Moved by: David Fujino (Toronto)  
Seconded by: David Mitsui (Edmonton)



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## **NEB STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **Community Development Committee Members:**

- Susan Matsumoto (Chair) – Calgary
- Steve Seller – Lakehead
- Kana Nemoto – Winnipeg

### **Constitution and By-Laws Committee Members:**

- Lillian Nakamura Maguire (Chair) – Whitehorse
- Steve Seller – Lakehead
- Morgan Elander – Kamloops

### **Endowment Fund Committee Members:**

- Bev Ohashi (Chair) – Toronto
- Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth – Toronto
- Gaia Hashimoto – Winnipeg
- Carrie Green – Regina
- Tomiye Ishida – Okanagan

### **Heritage Committee Members:**

- Lisa Uyeda (Chair) – Vancouver
- Noreen Kuroyama – Toronto
- Lillian Nakamura Maguire – Whitehorse
- Kevin Okabe – Calgary
- Bryon Wilfert – Toronto

### **Human Rights Committee Members:**

- Tosh Kitagawa (Chair) – Vancouver
- Keiko Miki – Winnipeg
- Wanda Yamamoto – Winnipeg
- Kim Uyeda-Kai – Toronto
- Jennifer Hashimoto – Ottawa
- George Takashima – Lethbridge
- Lorene Oikawa – Vancouver
- Fumi Torigai – Yukon

### **Membership Committee Members:**

- Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin (Chair) – Winnipeg
- Vivian Rygnestad – Richmond
- Tracey Suzuki – Winnipeg
- Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth – Toronto



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### **Young Leaders Committee Members:**

- Lisa Scheonhofer (Chair) – Ottawa
- Bryan Tomlinson – Ottawa
- Angela Kruger – Vancouver
- Alex Murata – Vancouver
- MacKenzie Sato – Winnipeg
- Jessica Whitehead – Toronto
- Ren Ito – Toronto
- Lisa Uyeda (honorary) – Vancouver
- Nicola Tabata (honorary) – Kamloops



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## **NEB PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By: Bev Ohashi**

The 2015 AGM held in Victoria, British Columbia marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombing. Claiming the lives of an estimated 200,000 on August 6<sup>th</sup> 1945 in Hiroshima and 3 days later in Nagasaki, the remaining survivors are fearful that people will forget the devastation what a nuclear weapon can cause. As part of the last generation who can express the horrific event of the Atomic Bombing, Setsuko Thurlow speaks at this national conference as a Hiroshima survivor and renowned peace activist.

The Heritage Committee under the leadership of Lisa Uyeda is establishing an education role to ensure the stories of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki are not forgotten along with our own Japanese Canadian history.

The National Executive Board (NEB) has continued to focus on strategic planning prioritizing for 2014-15 the following areas:

- to advocate for Human Rights
- to strengthen JC Identity
- to strengthen member organizations and communities
- to strengthen communication
- to build bridges
- to establish effective fundraising and operations

With the appointment of a part-time executive director along with the part-time national administrator, more work has been accomplished that a volunteer board cannot manage. A summary of aligning the 2015 priorities of our strategic plan demonstrates how each priority has been addressed. To consolidate and establish growth at the national level requires that these priorities are followed and achieved at the member organization level to the NEB level.

Discussions have also focused on succession building to bring new leadership on the NEB and increase our volunteers through the standing committees of Human Rights, Community Development, Endowment, Constitution, Membership, Heritage, and Young Leaders. Each NEB member has a responsibility in chairing a standing committee that develops leadership opportunities. To ensure continuity of the NEB, the intent is to structure the Board so that some NEB members will continue for another term for 2016-18 and others will permit new individuals to join.

The strength of the JC community is the people who volunteer so many hours at the local to the national level. New ideas generate interest and capacity for growth. Sustainability and capacity building occur with our commitment and determination to address change and the needs of our community.



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### Aligning the Strategic Plan 2015 Priorities

Item	Priority	Member Organizations	NEB	ED and NA
1	To Advocate for Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation from all member organizations on the HR Committee</li> <li>Organize a human rights symposium in May 2015</li> </ul>	GVJCCA has its own Human Rights Committee	Tosh Kitagawa and Human Rights Committee organized the HR Summit  Responded to Bill C-51	PR of Bill C-51 sent  Supported Human Right Cmte by ED and NA
2	To Strengthen JC Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote DST initiatives</li> <li>Look at ways to store stories that are being created</li> <li>Investigate Densho creator can be a guest speaker</li> <li>Create awards and scholarships to individuals that contributes to the JC Community</li> </ul>	Emphasis on education and succession building	Investigate Suzuka University scholarship and study tour  Bev Ohashi & EF Committee involved in Endowment Fund Allocation of \$31,550  Lisa Uyeda & Heritage Committee investigated collecting stories  Tosh Kitagawa discussed euphemisms and how it distorts the JC History.	Profiled Nikkei individuals on website  National News posted in The Bulletin  Articles by Terry Watada posted on website & Bulletin  Endowment Fund & Heritage Cmtes supported by ED and NA
3	To Strengthen Member Organizations and Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support young leaders initiatives</li> <li>Invite Regina, Nanaimo and Montreal organizations to attend 2015 AGM</li> <li>Identify ways to encourage more collaboration between different member organizations on a project specific basis</li> <li>Review and expand the individual membership</li> <li>Establish a database of information related the JC history, culture, arts, and demographics</li> </ul>	High priority by every member organizations to involve young people and to expand membership  Representatives from Regina, Nanaimo, and Montreal attend 2015 AGM  Nikkei National Museum and Central Vancouver Island JC Cultural Society (7 Potatoes Society) join as Supporting Members	Susan Matsumoto & CDF Committee in allocating Community Dev. Funds  Lisa Schoenhofer and Young Leaders National Council organized a YL Conference Aug 2015  Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin & Membership Committee investigated membership growth	Community Dev. Cmte Supported by ED and NA  Created a list of Young Leaders  YL and Membership Cmte supported by ED and NA



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4	<p><b>To Strengthen Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate network opportunities within regions and between member organizations</li> <li>Support and develop electronic communications using teleconferences, video conferencing, and webinars</li> <li>Improve direct communications with local organizations by NEB</li> <li>Review and revise the Constitution and By-Laws</li> </ul>	<p>Focus on improving communications locally and nationally</p>	<p>Regular contacts &amp; info made through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEB webex meetings</li> <li>website</li> <li>AGM</li> <li>NEB Directions in The Bulletin</li> </ul> <p>Lillian Nakamura Maguire &amp; Constitution Committee revised by-laws</p> <p>Increased volunteers on Standing Committees</p>	<p>On-going communications achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-news</li> <li>updates on the website</li> <li>NEB minutes and AGM</li> <li>2014 Draft Minutes posted in Members Only Section</li> </ul> <p>Supported the National Conference and AGM</p> <p>Developed NAJC brochure</p>
5	<p><b>To build bridges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight best practices from member organizations</li> <li>Hear from past Endowment Fund recipients</li> </ul>	<p>Establish NAJC Priorities and increase national profile</p>	<p>NEB members connected directly to Member Organizations as well as establishing new connections and profiling NAJC</p> <p>NEB represented on cmte to seek funding from BC Gov. for highway markers, education resources, renovations to heritage buildings/sites</p> <p>NEB represented on the University of Victoria Landscapes of Injustice Project</p> <p>Art Miki represented NAJC on the CRRF Board (Canadian Race Relations Foundation)</p> <p>Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin and Terumi Kuwada represented NAJC on the Cdn. Japanese Mennonite Scholarship Cmte.</p>	<p>Established on-going contacts with member organizations and individual members</p> <p>Profiled NAJC through events, news, and other communications</p> <p>Conducted Member Organization Survey in January 2015</p> <p>Developed a Partnership Agreement by ED with Landscapes of Injustice Project</p>



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6	<p>To Establish Effective Fundraising and Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand merchandise programs</li> <li>• Create on-line shopping and payment capabilities</li> <li>• Improve efficiency of NAJC Operations</li> </ul>	Achieve financial stability	<p>Kevin Okabe and Financial advisors monitored investments and recommended strategic financial planning</p> <p>NEB supported the extension of the ED and NA positions for 2 years</p>	<p>Established Operations and NEB Manuals</p> <p>NAJC Archives sent to UBC</p> <p>Reorganized of NAJC digital files</p> <p>Coordinated of NAJC Heritage Tour to Hawaii March 3- 13, 2015</p> <p>Established priorities for ED position</p> <p>Moved NAJC head office to Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba in May</p>
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## **NEB VICE PRESIDENT & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**By: Tosh Kitagawa**

On May 30, 2015, the NAJC Human Rights Committee in collaboration with the University of British Columbia held a Summit Conference. We involved UBC as part of their new Asian Canadian and Asian Migration minor program to enlist other ethno Canadian groups to work together on common issues.

The Summit's theme was "Elder Care" as it was a common issue that involved all Asian Canadian and First Nations groups. The purpose was to identify critical issues in elder care for Asian Canadians in the local community and discuss the potential for collaborative strategies and actions.

The Summit was attended by the NAJC Human Rights group and members of the NEB. In total, we had 43 attendees from the various ethnic and First Nations communities. Also in attendance were Health Care professionals from the Government. Please see attached spreadsheet for complete list of attendees.

After brief introductions, the attendees were divided into five clusters to answer the following questions:

1. What does culturally sensitive care mean to you?
2. What are the common issues and gaps?
3. What research is needed?

After lunch, the clusters were asked to reconvene and a large group discussion followed, facilitated by Alden Habacon. All of the ideas were recorded on flip charts by Shirley Nakata. These were later collated and summarized by Samantha Truong for distribution to all participants.

Participants who were asked to attend the Summit gave the responses which are attached.

We have scheduled a meeting in mid-September to review the results and to arrange a second meeting to move forward on the recommendations and suggestions given by the participants.

On August 7, 8 & 9, 2015, I was asked to speak about Human Rights to the JCYLC in Winnipeg. My thoughts on this conference is detailed on the following interview by one of the members:



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1. First of all, can you talk about the importance of a conference and groups like the JCYL?

It is very important for the JCYLC to succeed since they are our future leaders. Unless they are prepared to assume the mantle, the NAJC as we now know it may disappear. Our history and culture must be kept in the public's conscience.

Coming from the NAJC and an older generation, what was your biggest takeaway from the conference this year?

I saw a lot of energy, enthusiasm and synergy within the group, but unless they are prepared to find a doable issue, it may appear to be a social club. Ideas are good only if it includes acting upon it.

Stemming from your presentation, can you discuss some of the bigger human rights issues we face in Canada today?

I mentioned Bill C-51 and Bill C-59 in my talk. Unless there is strong opposition from both our community and the public, these Bills will stay on the books and curtail our rights and freedom. The amendments to Bill C-59 which was passed, allows the Government to expunge certain records that they may feel might potentially embarrass the Government. Without proper oversight, these Bills have the potential to deprive citizens of due process.

2. Why is it important for Young Leaders to get involved in these issues?

It is important for everyone to get involved in ridding unjust laws. As Simon Wiesenthal said: "For evil to flourish, it only requires good men to do nothing."

3. How can Young Leaders get involved in these issues?

Now is a good time to get involved as we are now into a Federal Election. One should attend all candidates meetings and ask each one what they would do with the specific issues that you are concerned with. You have to get a commitment from the candidate that if elected, he or she will address the issues that concern you. Remember, politicians and babies are alike; they both have to be changed often and for the same reason.

4. How would you respond to those who feel like being involved is a burden for JCs?

Not everyone will have the same level of commitment. You must seek young leaders who are prepared to be involved and ensure that they receive the support, time and resources to continue with the goals and objectives set out by your leaders.



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5. Some Young Leaders expressed concern with the upcoming federal election, regarding knowing who to trust, listen to etc. What advice would you give to young people when voting for this year's election?

As mentioned above, attend all candidates meeting and listen to what they have to say. Ask questions! You must hold their feet to the fire and ensure that they will follow through on their promises.

6. Finally, how would you like to see more young people get involved with the JC community? And how would you like to see the JCYLC grow?

You have a good nucleus of dedicated Young Leaders now. It entails growing from this base and providing projects and issues that they can be involved in. In order to attract more young leaders is to welcome anyone who shows even a slight interest in what you stand for. They must be made to feel that their ideas are valued and accepted. Some possible candidates quit after a few meetings because they feel frustrated with leadership that is reluctant to accept new suggestions. Perhaps you could hold a workshop. You might invite a person who could mentor you on how to develop an idea into action or how to attract new members etc.. It is critical that projects or issues chosen are **doable**. In my talk in Winnipeg, I stressed that before you undertake a project, ensure that you have the following:

(a) People

Do we have the right mix of people to move this project to completion?

(b) Do we have the resources?

All projects require a certain amount of money to complete.

(c) Do we have the time?

Many issues or project take an enormous amount of time and resources and you have to ask yourself if you have the time and resources to complete it.

There are obviously other considerations, but these are critical in order to achieve success.



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## **May 30 Asian Canadian Elder Care Summit – Notes**

### **Prepared by: Samantha Truong**

***Question: What are the common issues and gaps?***

#### **1. Health**

- People are living longer but medical issues are becoming more complex. Current system may be outdated and not moving forward fast enough in line with current climate
- Needs to improve resources through centralizing services
- There should be no assumptions based on appearances
- Medical system not 100% covered. Only the rich or people with benefits can receive best possible care I.e. drug (A) could be best for seniors condition but not covered by MSP so cannot afford and take drug (B), which is not optimal care
- People may not seek services out of shame
- It's okay to ask for help & It's okay to help others
- "Canadian" vs. your own values.
- Respite, and home support should be improved
- Homogenize care – put everyone in same level of care
- Health insurance should have more prescriptions covered
- Dental problems & nutrition needs to be focused in on and improved
- The waitlist for facilities are too long
- Facilities are being built further from services
- Urban vs. Rural health supports → Urban – more services
- Training of staff + health care providers
- Less training in rural areas
- Providing acceptance & understanding that the elder has choices and the right to live
- Many elders isolate themselves in their homes (mobility, shame)
- Hospital care is only optional
- Need more cultural home care nurses
- Demands on caregivers (family) due to long waitlists and lack of training for caregivers or those caregivers are elders who require care themselves.
- Sometimes remaining at home is not best. Must have more resources. Risk of abuse
- Should model many services after Yee Hong Centre in Toronto
- Gap: inability to access information/ services about care etc.
- Health care professionals (e.g. doctors) who speak patients first language \* people tend to prefer using their first language when discussing about health & care decisions
- No assumptions based on appearances
- Difficulties in getting continuations & care when moving people from one level of need to another especially within structure of Vancouver coastal health



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### **2. Transportation**

- In BC, handy dart is available but not convenient nor language sensitive
- Chauffeur service who speaks the languages
- Transitions when moving homes (throwing things away) needs to be improved
- Taxi – savers
- Access to public mobility is an issues and concern

### **3. Advocacy**

- Greater advocacy needed
- Ageism – attitudes re: abilities/ needs of older people
- Needed when no family is around
- Legalities
- “That is outside of our mandate” – eliminate this phrase!

### **4. Finances**

- Difficult to make long range plans for funding
- Employment is large issue + stress for families
- Cemetery/ burial are financially inaccessible - important to have cemetery nearby for families to maintain
- End of life decision and how to deal with finances
- Growing concern about financial abuse neglect, self – neglect in BC, Adult Guardianship Act and Public Guardian Trustee

### **5. Housing**

- Housing (expenses to keep up house)
- Income sometimes does not cover home care (cut in funding, too)
- Accessing resources & housing (waitlists)
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Many in SRO's
- Gentrification is a threat
- Best for seniors to be central
- Involving elders in decision making and planning

### **6. Immigration**

- Gov't policies not reacting to growing Asian population – need to shift attention to cultural + traditions – i.e. 75% immigrants – Asian
- Need to support seniors, give discounts
- Seniors issues may become secondary
- Important to look at whole family
- Need to know historical context for individual
- Korean community – trouble integrating with other cultures
- Limits options → returns to Korea



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### **7. Intergenerational Gaps**

- Younger generation priorities changing – no time for elders
- Culture social pressures do not 'allow' young to put their parents first
- Tensions of elders decisions to live at risk vs. family - concern to manage it closely
- Different understanding (intergenerational) of care

### **8. Education**

- Lack of knowledge by elders about what kind of services are available
- Little knowledge of aging & stages, end of life – challenge that there is no one way
- Gap in education about culture awareness for health social services professionals

### **9. Volunteers**

- Lack of volunteers (to replace funding)
- Screening of volunteers should be improved
- Connecting on a daily basis (phone calls, visits, making sure they are okay mentally & physically)
- Privacy issues

## ***Question: What does cultural sensitive care mean to you?***

### **1. Health**

- Have culturally effective health care professionals in facilities throughout the area
- Specialized care
- Family visits (access to communication & visits)
- Hospice care for each ethnic community → important to have hospice training
- Prepare them for life as a senior
- Understanding cultural differences - Ex. Grandparent's role. Respecting
- No care homes for specific cultural groups – Asian, Korean, First Nations
- LBGT cultures
- Western > etiquette, needs to be taught + customs
- Dementia makes understanding by staff even more important
- Cultural different about what/ who/ they can ask for
- Encourage education for seniors to improve health etc.
- Medical conditions e.g. Alzheimer's, cultural familiar becomes more important
- Diversity in staff (and education for staff in culture, language, behaviors, etc.)

### **2. Family/ intergenerational Gaps**

- Children can't communicate to their parents and loss of languages become apparent
- 1<sup>st</sup> generation – have greatest need when we construct language issues because and + 3<sup>rd</sup> generations have less issues because language fluency achieved



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- Young connection to older (Confucius philosophy) – reduce loneliness/ sharing wisdom
- Different cultures losing touch, becoming isolated and the need to create connections
- Education of younger generation: language, cultural practices & customs
- Young people have right outlook & compassionate care philosophy
- Education start early age
- (old age) continue through high school – contact between generations
- Benefits of talking to older people
- Being respectful
- Values depend on generation
- I.e. Children move parents to new community
- Families taking care of multiple generations

### **3. Discrimination**

- Stereotyping of cultural groups
- Ageism – value placed on older people – depends on culture
- Respects cultural & religious or spiritual beliefs of the elder
- Differences in communities + among community
- May be, but occurs even when language isn't issue
- Cultural miss-appropriation customs
- Don't make assumptions
- Sensitive to person as individual not stereotyping
- Culture includes environmental spiritual values all aspects of individual
- Care without stereotyping, without judgment

### **4. Social Services**

- A little bit of micromanagement may be helpful
- Assessments too generic (not culturally specific)
- Leadership of care facility needs to have appropriate training & understanding of the cultural group in facility.
- Community care – home support within families
- Mutual respect, dignity, & courtesy of others, independence
- Communication – language needs in elder care
- Community care – home support within families
- Caregivers need to know rights – responsibilities
- South Asian community – lack of interest? In senior care

### **5. Housing**

- Culturally specific home
- How about a facility that is not isolated to specific culture, but a harmonious and inclusive one that can accommodate all cultures?
- Recognize diversity within all groups
- Environment – shelter (space, furniture)



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**Question: How do we address the gaps/ what research is needed?**

- Where and how do we provide education to meet these needs?
- How do we assist socially isolated seniors?
- Looking at home. Support comparison services
- Mapping cultural organizations where seniors are included
- Collect qualitative data on quality of life & experiences as people age
- System issues: are we encouraging people to learn their heritage language?
- Holistic approach
- How to measure cultural competency in workers/ organizations
- How do we create environments, that make it more comfortable/ support emotional/ mental health of older person
- How to create intergenerational programs
- Changing institutional “rules” to better meet needs of individuals – need to communicate/ educate family
- Not much data/ research to know what they want/ need
- Talk to seniors
- Sharing of research already done
- Multi component research tools (language specific)
- Culture specific research
- Affordability
- Collaborative social programs
- Model care in facility after “Yee Hong” in Toronto
- Educating communities on health issues
- Respite + social programs for caregivers
- Primary care clinics for elders
- Focus on programs that are working well
- Create inventory of all resources for cultural sensitivity.
- Help + provide info to healthy seniors BC website with linkages to other cultural website
- Create alliances & partnerships
- Research needed in: what are the elements of care that improves senior’s happiness?
- What are the key elements for improving quality of life of seniors? How can technology facilitate the growing complexity of senior care issues?
- Work study students/ new immigrants
- Allow active seniors to volunteer (especially to help their own peers)
- i.e. UBC students – practicum students – encourage them to volunteer w/ seniors
- Be supportive + work together with cultures
- Bring groups together to fundraise for elder care
- Lobby government together
- Teach businesses to value seniors as customers outreach to ethic business to watch out for seniors
- Services and amenities (e.g. benches to promote independence and mobility)
- In each group are sub-groups: geography
- Ethno-specific community nursing homes as solutions





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## May 30: Asian Canadian Elder Care Summit - Feedback

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The Summit was a useful and effective forum to begin the dialogue on culturally sensitive elder care.		3			3
2. The date and length of the Summit was convenient and appropriate.	1	4			1
3. The format of small and large group discussions was an effective way of structuring the day.		5			1
4. UBC was a convenient and accessible location for me.		5		1	
5. An important next step is to establish a formal coalition of interested groups.	4	1		1	
6. I/my organization would be interested in being part of such a coalition.	Yes x 3	Possibly x1		Would like to, but needs approval from leadership x 2	
7. I would be interested in being part of a steering group to help develop an action plan.	Yes x 4	Possibly x1		Would like to, but needs approval from leadership x 1	

### 8. Comment box

1. Most of all, it was a great start point. Let's work together!
2. More input is required from across the province as there are many groups who are not represented by the invitees to the Summit
3. It was a great opportunity. Would like a report of all findings & recommendation. Without effective follow-up, all the work will be negated.
4. Parking was a challenge to find at the location



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## **NEB TREASURER'S REPORT**

**By: Kevin Okabe**

### **RECAP OF THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR**

The NAJC's financial position continued to strengthen during the past fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, again largely attributable to strong net investment returns (of \$370,000) and increases in the market value of invested assets (unrealized gains) of \$207,000. This was supplemented by other revenues of \$15,000 (membership fees, registrations, product sales).

Operational expenditures increased to \$141,000 which was significantly higher than prior year due to the addition of an Executive Director paid staff position and higher expenses relating to the 2014 Annual General Meeting (due to our expanding membership and the addition of guest speakers) and National Executive Board meetings (additional face-to-face meeting required).

There was \$53,000 expended out of the Endowment Funds, with \$30,000 of this being used for SEAD and Cultural Development grant awards, and the remainder used for community development and national projects.

### **2016-2017 BUDGET**

The NAJC strategy has been to structure the budget based on the amount of cash distributions that are received from our invested funds. This provides the organization with the necessary cash flow to fund its activities without impairing the investment's ability to generate future cash flows. With an estimated \$4.6 million in principal times an average cash flow distribution of 5%, this will generate \$147,900 in cash flow net of investment management fees. By adding an additional \$17,750 from other revenues (product sales, membership fees, registration fees and donations), this provides the NAJC with \$165,650 in total revenues.

Operational expenses for the fiscal year are estimated to be \$161,500. This includes costs relating to:

- Employment of two part time staff (\$60,000)
- Hosting NAJC National Executive Meetings (\$33,000)
- Hosting the Annual General Meeting (\$30,000)
- Rental of NAJC office and storage space and related administrative costs (\$20,200)
- Supporting the website (\$5,000)
- Insurance, audit and legal fees (\$9,800)



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The NAJC as custodian over the SEAD and Cultural Development fund will have to expend \$43,200 to fund grant awards and administration expenses associated with these funds.

On top of the above, the NAJC is planning to expend a further \$43,600 on committee and project related expenses.

The net result of all of the above will be a \$82,650 cash flow deficit for 2016-2017.

### **IS THE NAJC FINANCIALLY STABLE?**

The NAJC has made a conscious decision to operate with a cash flow deficit for a couple of budgets in order to invest in the hiring of an Executive Director and invest in the revamping of the NAJC website. Large increases in the market value of the investment has more than offset the deficits that were planned for. Whether this will continue in the future will depend upon market conditions.

While our investment balances currently sit at \$4.6 million, the NAJC has not yet achieved a state of self-sufficiency because of the following:

- Volatile nature of the investments (during the recent stock market correction, the NAJC investments dropped by \$250,000, only to recover half of that amount during the recovery that followed);
- Requirement for increasing investment in staffing, technology and communications infrastructure (laptops, website, collaboration tools);
- Expanded programming to support areas of priority (young leaders, human rights, heritage, community development).

If we are to ensure that we spend within our means in the future and maintain CURRENT/PLANNED levels of operations, we will need to grow the investment funds to a value of at least \$6 million. If this value is not achieved, then we risk eroding the investment base, lowering the cash flow returns available to offset expenditures in future years. The \$82,650 in deficit planned for 2016-2017 will decrease the potential investment return that may be generated in future years by \$4,000.



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### **NAJC ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING**

The NAJC would like to thank Jim Suzuki for his hard work and efforts in maintaining the NAJC's accounting records for the past year. He manages all of the day-to-day accounting and bookkeeping for the office and provides tremendous support for the treasurer!

### **MARCH 31, 2015 AND MARCH 31, 2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The unaudited March 31, 2015 financial statements and the NAJC Budget for the next two years are provided below (Schedule 2). This budget may be subject to change prior to or at the NAJC AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Okabe, (CA)

Treasurer



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### SCHEDULE 1: COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENTS (CASH FLOW)

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENTS (CASH FLOW PRESENTATION)						
	Budget 31-Mar-17	Budget 31-Mar-16	Actual (Year to Date) 31-Mar-15	Audited Actual 31-Mar-14	Audited Actual 31-Mar-13	Audited Actual 31-Mar-12
<b>OPERATIONAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>						
Operational Revenues	17,750.00	17,750.00	14,721.01	18,459.60	15,921.00	14,636.09
Operational Expenses	(161,500.00)	(159,400.00)	(140,498.54)	(87,483.99)	(86,754.00)	(83,125.28)
Operational Deficit before Investment Revenues	(143,750.00)	(141,650.00)	(125,777.53)	(69,024.39)	(70,833.00)	(68,489.19)
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES (ENDOWMENT FUNDS)</b>						
Community Development	(14,000.00)	(20,000.00)	(9,000.00)	(8,850.00)	(1,741.00)	(490.43)
Heritage	(5,000.00)	(4,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(3,514.00)	(5,671.64)
National Development	(10,600.00)	0.00	(6,522.10)	(3,148.15)	(3,038.00)	0.00
Human Rights	(5,000.00)	(25,000.00)	(4,147.04)	(2,117.77)	(2,106.00)	(2,190.67)
JCYL	(5,000.00)					
SEAD and Cultural Development (Grants)	(39,500.00)	(34,000.00)	(29,661.72)	(15,664.56)	(22,700.00)	(21,480.00)
Scholarship (Hyodo)	(4,000.00)					
Committee Administration	(3,700.00)	(3,500.00)	(3,265.63)	(1,919.21)	(3,969.00)	(2,258.71)
Total Program Expenses	(86,800.00)	(86,500.00)	(52,596.49)	(31,699.69)	(37,068.00)	(32,091.45)
Net Expense before Investment Revenues	(230,550.00)	(228,150.00)	(178,374.02)	(100,724.08)	(107,901.00)	(100,580.64)
Investment Revenues (Realized)	191,250.00	230,000.00	397,774.44	201,181.18	207,292.00	111,936.84
Investment Management Fees	(43,350.00)	(49,000.00)	(27,032.93)	(40,683.58)	(29,891.00)	(28,902.58)
Net Investment Revenues	147,900.00	181,000.00	370,741.51	160,497.60	177,401.00	83,034.26
<b>Surplus/Deficit prior to Market Value Changes</b>	<b>(82,650.00)</b>	<b>(47,150.00)</b>	<b>192,367.49</b>	<b>59,773.52</b>	<b>69,500.00</b>	<b>(17,546.38)</b>
Investment Revenues (Unrealized)	0.00	0.00	207,311.55	423,549.92	152,835.00	42,118.36
Total Surplus/Deficit	(82,650.00)	(47,150.00)	399,679.04	483,323.44	222,335.00	24,571.98
<b>Market Value of Investments</b>	<b>4,667,277.90</b>	<b>4,634,076.00</b>	<b>4,857,686.94</b>	<b>4,455,933.88</b>	<b>3,953,586.00</b>	<b>3,698,350.04</b>



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### **SCHEDULE 2: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017 AND UNAUDITED ACTUALS TO MARCH 31, 2015**

#### **THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	Proposed Budget 31-Mar-17	Revised Budget 31-Mar-16	NAJC 31-Mar-15	NAJC 31-Mar-14
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Donations	750.00	750.00	300.00	2,674.79
Miscellaneous				
Product Sales	2,500.00	2,500.00	341.01	1,214.81
Memberships	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,850.00	9,400.00
AGM Registrations	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,230.00	5,170.00
	<u>17,750.00</u>	<u>17,750.00</u>	<u>14,721.01</u>	<u>18,459.60</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Audit Fees	4,500.00	4,000.00	3,729.00	4,364.00
Legal Fees	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,254.57	180.00
Advertising	3,500.00	2,600.00	3,431.54	1,926.01
Building Occupancy	8,500.00	8,000.00	7,172.01	8,179.20
Insurance	4,000.00	4,300.00	3,737.56	3,514.00
Photocopying	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	350.00	250.00	285.15	360.25
Phone	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,041.64	2,582.07
Internet	900.00	1,500.00	844.69	761.60
Website	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,029.14	2,909.54
Meeting and Committee Expenditures				
- Annual General Meeting	30,000.00	30,000.00	32,405.32	22,337.70
- Executive Committee	33,000.00	32,000.00	31,992.21	15,081.75
Parking	400.00	200.00	414.25	147.95
Supplies	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,317.81	1,879.55
Nisei Veteran's Wreath	750.00	750.00	196.00	(779.00)
Office Expenses	800.00	800.00	605.23	761.26
Personnel	60,000.00	60,000.00	39,166.89	22,787.87
Bank Charges	400.00	400.00	362.32	271.11
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,513.21	219.13
	<u>161,500.00</u>	<u>159,400.00</u>	<u>140,498.54</u>	<u>87,483.99</u>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(143,750.00)</u>	<u>(141,650.00)</u>	<u>(125,777.53)</u>	<u>(69,024.39)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>				
Sustaining Fund	31,450.00	43,000.00	126,575.91	127,924.11
Endowment Fund	29,650.00	51,500.00	398,880.66	424,423.72
	<u>(82,650.00)</u>	<u>(47,150.00)</u>	<u>399,679.04</u>	<u>483,323.44</u>



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### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS SCHEDULE OF SUSTAINING FUND

	Budget 31-Mar-17	Budget 31-Mar-16	NAJC 31-Mar-15	NAJC 31-Mar-14
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Investment Income	42,500.00	55,000.00	87,112.60	44,058.68
Realized Gains on Investments				
Unrealized Gains on Investments			45,401.22	92,757.43
	<u>42,500.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>132,513.82</u>	<u>136,816.11</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Audit and Legal				
Investment Management Fees	11,050.00	12,000.00	5,937.91	8,892.00
Realized Losses (Gains) on Investments				
	<u>11,050.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>5,937.91</u>	<u>8,892.00</u>
	<u>31,450.00</u>	<u>43,000.00</u>	<u>126,575.91</u>	<u>127,924.11</u>

### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS SCHEDULE OF ENDOWMENT FUND

	Budget 31-Mar-17	Budget 31-Mar-16	NAJC 31-Mar-15	NAJC 31-Mar-14
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Investment Income	148,750.00	175,000.00	310,661.84	157,122.50
Realized Gains on Investments				
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments			161,910.33	330,792.49
	<u>148,750.00</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>	<u>472,572.17</u>	<u>487,914.99</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Investment Management Fees	32,300.00	37,000.00	21,095.02	31,791.58
Community Development	14,000.00	20,000.00	9,000.00	8,850.00
Grants Awarded				
- SEAD	4,500.00	4,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
- Cultural Development	35,000.00	30,000.00	27,161.72	13,164.56
- Heritage	5,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
- Scholarship	4,000.00			
- JCYL	5,000.00			
- National Development	10,600.00		6,522.10	3,148.15
Human Rights	5,000.00	25,000.00	4,147.04	2,117.77
Committee Administration	3,700.00	3,500.00	3,265.63	1,919.21
Realized Losses (Gains) on Investments				
	<u>119,100.00</u>	<u>123,500.00</u>	<u>73,691.51</u>	<u>63,491.27</u>
	<u>29,650.00</u>	<u>51,500.00</u>	<u>398,880.66</u>	<u>424,423.72</u>

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**SCHEDULE 3: BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2017**

<b>THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS</b>						
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>						
					NAJC 31-Mar-15	NAJC 31-Mar-14
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash					-2,525.92	6,406.45
Accounts Receivable					723.51	723.51
Investments					4,857,686.94	4,455,933.88
Prepaid Expenses					500.00	285.26
					4,856,384.53	4,463,349.10
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities					8,915.05	15,558.66
Nisei Veterans Wreath Fund					0.00	0.00
					8,915.05	15,558.66
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Equity					4,447,790.44	3,964,467.00
Retained Earnings - Opening					0.00	0.00
Net Income					399,679.04	483,323.44
					4,847,469.48	4,447,790.44
					4,856,384.53	4,463,349.10





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## **NEB SECRETARY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**By: Susan Matsumoto**

The members of the Community Development Fund Committee for 2015-2016 are:

- Steve Seller, Member, Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association
- Kana Nemoto, Member, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba
- Susan Matsumoto, Secretary, National Association of Japanese Canadians

A number of significant changes were made this year to the Community Development Fund program.

- **Eligible Organizations** – In prior years, the CDF funds were only made available to Full Member organizations. This year, eligible applicants were extended to include Supporting Member organizations
- **Funding Maximum** – the maximum funding available to any applicant has been \$1,500. The maximum funding bursaries have been increased to a maximum of \$3,000. per project/initiative for Full Members and a maximum of \$1,000. for Supporting Members
- **Timing** – The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday July 31
- **Funding Priorities** – Last year there were 3 priorities – projects that support Imin, Young Leaders, and Aboriginal communities. Feedback from the 2014 AGM and the Executive Director's contact with member organizations identified attracting youth, growing the membership base, Ijusha, culture and arts as recurring themes. In view of the higher funding that will be made available, and in an effort to encourage more applications from member organizations, a decision was made to broaden the priorities to reflect the feedback received. As a result, priorities are more expansive and can include a range of ideas/suggestions that "respond to community needs" with the caveat that CDC funds may not be used to fund capital projects.
- **Decision Making Criteria** – Projects will be based on merit; specifically scope (how many individuals will benefit from the project) and long term benefit to the community or target audience
- **Revisions to Application Forms** – Minor revisions to forms to reflect changes and improve clarity



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## **2015 – 2016 Community Development Fund Approved Projects**

Member Organization	Project Description	Approved Funding
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association	Improve user accessibility to the GVJCCA website and on mobile devices.	\$2,400
Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc.	Collect and preserve the personal stories of Japanese Canadian families in the Regina area in a coil bound print volume.	\$1,000
Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	Support the development of a commemorative book project that will memorialize Japanese Canadian WWI vets – a component of a multi faceted project entitled <i>Hokori</i> which honours the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the participation of Japanese Canadians in WWI.	\$1,000
Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association	Support sending 2 delegates to Uji city in Japan, Kamloops sister organization.	\$2,000
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Introduce a Japanese Language school for children and Japanese Conversation classes for adults.	\$3,000
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Support for 3 initiatives: MJCCA Dedication Wall, historical display on Japanese Canadians in Manitoba, and updates to the JCAMwebsite.	\$3,000
Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society	To complete website design and improve social media presence.	\$1,000



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## **NEB CONSTITUTION & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**By: Lillian Nakamura Maguire**

Following the 2014 AGM I assumed the duties of the Committee chair, taking on the responsibility from previous chair, Susan Matsumoto, who had begun a review of the Bylaws.

Thank-you to members of the Committee, Steve Seller (Thunder Bay, ON) and Morgan Elander (Kamloops, BC) who worked with me in the review and recommendations for changes to the NAJC Bylaws. Steve had served as a past NEB director and was a former chair of the Committee and therefore his experience was invaluable. Morgan, with his legal background brought new perspectives to the review of the Bylaws. These members were appointed in October 2014.

Following are the activities undertaken in the review of the Bylaws:

- November 2014 - Distributed current bylaws and constitution to NEB and Committee members, asking them to review and highlight any areas that need clarification, review and changes.
- December 2014 - Teleconference meeting of Committee was held to review Bylaws and discuss areas where changes were required
- January to April 2015 - Committee identified issues and questions for NEB and these were reviewed and additional items added by NEB and NEB lawyer.
- April to July, 2015 – Changes reviewed, comparison chart prepared, clarification from lawyer and document prepared for motion
- July 27, 2015 - mover and seconder finalized and AGM motion for Bylaw changes sent to membership
- NEB members contacted membership to highlight some of the changes
- September 12, 2015 - Webex meeting scheduled to address any questions about the Bylaw changes prior to the AGM.
- Bylaw changes to be presented to membership at AGM on September 26, 2015.



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## **NEB HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**By: Lisa Kiyomi Uyeda**

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

In November 2014 I was appointed to the National Executive Board (NEB) and assumed the duties of Chair of the Heritage Committee. Since November, four individuals have joined the Committee, they are: Noreen Kuroyama, Toronto; Lillian Maguire, Whitehorse; Kevin Okabe, Calgary; and Bryon Wilfert, Toronto. Nominations for additional members are welcome at this time.

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Committee virtually meets on the fourth Saturday of every month. The Committee's first meeting was held on 17 January 2015 via WebEx teleconference and has had the opportunity to meet in person once, on 31 January 2015 in Toronto. From November 2014 until August 2015, the Committee has met on seven occasions. Meeting Minutes are accessible to all NAJC Members via the Members-Only section of the [www.najc.ca](http://www.najc.ca) website.

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Survey**

The newly formed Committee's primary task is to gain a deeper understanding of the past, present, and future heritage pursuits within our national community. As a result, the Committee has compiled a short but informative survey related to heritage activities to be completed by the member organizations and supporting organizations, as well as the broader Nikkei community across Canada. The objective is to gain a better understanding of the national heritage situation and establish heritage-related contacts. Complete the survey online before 1 November 2015; more information is available at [www.najc.ca](http://www.najc.ca).

#### **Digital storytelling**

The NEB identified digital storytelling, or the documentation of oral histories via digital audio and/or video recorders, as a time-sensitive heritage activity. As such, the NEB has included digital storytelling within their strategic plan and encourages the national community to pursue projects, activities, and events that assist in the documentation and preservation of our community's oral histories. Over the next 6-18 months, the Committee will be gathering resources that may assist in digital storytelling initiatives. Please send any related information to Lisa Uyeda; these resources will be made available on the [www.najc.ca](http://www.najc.ca) website.



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A National Executive Board update featuring my article "Digital Storytelling in our Community" was printed in the August 2015 issue of The Bulletin-Geppo. The article highlights my exploration of her Uyeda family history and uncovering her grandparents' photographic treasures. The main concept to walk away with is digital storytelling doesn't necessarily happen overnight; it begins with asking questions, recalling memories, listening, and can eventually result in the documentation of an oral history. The article encourages our national community to capture the Nikkei history and offers a few online examples of digital storytelling initiatives.

### **Apology Legacy Proposal**

The Apology Legacy Proposal (ALP) is a community-driven project undertaken by Tosh Suzuki and Roy Inouye. The ALP was formed following the apology issued by the Government of British Columbia for the Japanese Canadian internment during the Second World War, and was delivered by the Hon. Naomi Yamamoto on 7 May 2012. Three components structure the ALP, they are: the development and accessibility of educational resources capturing the Japanese Canadian experiences; the commemoration and documentation of the internment and self-supporting locations through highway signage; and the preservation of Nikkei heritage sites. The ALP project is supported by the NEB but is not a project of the NAJC. Tosh Suzuki & Roy Inouye (ALP co-chairs), Linda Reid (Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre), and myself (NAJC) met on 25 April 2015 for the first meeting. The project will require a considerable amount of work from the community and will have significant impacts on the preservation of the Nikkei legacy.

### **Strategic plan**

The Committee's goal for the next 6-12 months is focused on developing a short-term and long-term strategic plan that will address sustainability, community impact, education, and projects related to Nikkei heritage. A priority for the immediate future, is to re-establish National connections within both the Nikkei community and with organizations/institutions who contribute to the preservation and accessibility of Nikkei history. Please feel free to distribute my contact information (l.uyeda@najc.ca) to any individuals and/or organizations that are involved in Nikkei heritage; or send their contact information to Lisa Uyeda for follow up.



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### **Art Miki's NAJC-related records**

On 11 December 2014, Ken Noma and myself met with Krisztina Laszlo, UBC's Rare Books and Special Collections (RBSC) archivist, to discuss the potential donation of Art Miki's NAJC-related records. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate preliminary discussions around the donation (e.g. types of records, extent, access and restrictions, etc.), the transfer process, and evaluate RBSC's acquisition schedule (e.g. preferred dates for acquiring the donation, length of time in backlog storage, amount of arrangement and description hours, rehousing hours, etc.). In 2012, an inventory of Art's records was created. This information was shared with Ken, Krisztina, and myself but additional information was required to construct informed suggestions.

On 2-3 February 2015 I travelled to Winnipeg (on route following a NEB meeting in Toronto) to examine 28 banker boxes containing Art Miki's NAJC-related records. As an archivist, I conducted a cursory examination of the boxes and found the records to be in fairly good condition with a few notable concerns for particular types of documents (e.g. the old faxes printed on thermal paper are beginning to fade; newspaper clippings are deteriorating and impacting the adjacent documents; elastics have hardened and adhered themselves to several documents). Little evidence of mould and pest activity were found and any discovered are likely dormant. Approximately 45 audiocassettes were included and a brief condition assessment was completed on a few audiocassettes. They were found to be in fair condition however, a playback assessment was not completed. Approximately 130 photographs were found in fair condition, mostly colour 4X6" prints but a couple of larger b&w prints were also included. Some damage to the prints includes fading, cracking, and some may be missing (as indicated by blank sleeves in the photo album). The majority of the records relate to Redress including some records pertaining to the early phase and the implementation processes. A few boxes include financial information that is not pertinent to retain (e.g. receipts) and some boxes contain duplicate records. A number of boxes are not completely filled and could potentially be downsized for travel (approximately 4-5 boxes can be downsized totaling 23-24 boxes for shipping).

UBC's archivists are able to complete the appraisal (i.e. what is kept/removed), arrangement (i.e. rehousing in new boxes), and description (i.e. an archival description describing the records and their history). If required, I can be locally available to troubleshoot any inquiries the RBSC archivists may have. UBC's Rare Books and Special Collections archivist, Krisztina Laszlo has accepted the donation and the acquisition is expected to be shipped from Winnipeg to Vancouver in early 2016.



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## **NEB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

**By: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin**

### **Membership Committee**

Chair: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin

Members: Tracey Suzuki (Winnipeg), Vivian Rygnestad (Richmond), Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth (Toronto), all appointed 2015.

Presently the NAJC consists of 14 full members and 3 supporting members from across Canada. These members are listed in the NAJC brochure.

We welcome the two newest supporting members.

- Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society (CVIJCCS) more commonly known as 7 Potatoes on May 29/2015 and
- Nikkei National Museum, Burnaby, BC on June 22/2015

We also have 10 individual members.

Our members together represent the diversity of our community and together with the NEB, we plan our future with respectful acknowledgment of our past. We work together supporting each other. With our programs, we aim to educate and entertain, but most importantly we never lose sight of our history of the injustice of our people, nor do we lose the need to speak of the injustices of today. We come with diverse experiences and a common vision.

The committee will look at ideas on how to increase our memberships. We would like to broaden our representation into eastern Canada as well as look for other organizations that share our vision, mission, aims and objectives.



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## **NEB YOUNG LEADERS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**By: Lisa Schoenhofer**

### The National Young Leaders Committee

The Young Leaders Committee of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) was established in 2014, as a core group of engaged young leaders from Japanese Canadian communities nationwide. The YLC seeks to engage, connect, mentor, and advocate for young people in Japanese Canadian communities, and to support the development of the next generation of young Japanese Canadian leaders. The Young Leaders Committee falls under and reports to the National Executive Board (NEB) of the NAJC.

The Young Leaders Committee is responsible for:

- acting as the national voice of young people in JC communities;
- engaging and connecting young people in JC communities across Canada;
- proposing recommendations to the National Executive Board on programming, events, and annual budget.

Committee members are:

- Lisa Schoenhofer (chair) - Ottawa
- Bryan Tomlinson - Ottawa
- Angela Kruger - Vancouver
- Alex Murata - Vancouver
- MacKenzie Sato - Winnipeg
- Jessica Whitehead - Toronto
- Ren Ito - Toronto
- Lisa Uyeda (honorary) - Vancouver
- Nicola Tabata (honorary) - Kamloops

Committee meetings happen virtually once a month on Skype (every second Sunday of the month).

Every year (since 2012) a Japanese Canadian Young Leaders Conference takes place to foster leadership for youth in Japanese Canadian communities across Canada.





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### Japanese Canadian Young Leaders Conference 2015 (JCYLC2015)

The Japanese Canadians Young Leaders Conference (JCYLC) is a space for Japanese Canadian (JC) young people to remember the past, recognize the present, and reimagine the future of the JC community. By prioritizing dialogue and empowering young people through workshops, heritage tours, panels, and trans-generational discussion, the JCYLC offers a unique opportunity for young Japanese Canadians to develop, inspire, and lead nikkei communities across the country. Suggested age range is 13-39, and aimed at people already involved or people looking to get involved in the Japanese Canadian Community in their city.

2015 Venue: Winnipeg, Manitoba (Delta Hotel Okanagan Room, Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Canadian Museum for Human Rights)

Date: Friday, August 7, Saturday, August 8, and Sunday, August 9

Attendees: 28 Attendees from Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops

Speakers:

#### **Arthur "Art" K. Miki CM, OM**

Spoke on the JC history, redress, continued positive race relations, and increasing awareness of human rights issues in Canada.

#### **Tosh Kitagawa**

Spoke on recent and current Human Rights projects (honourary degrees for the expelled 1942 Japanese Canadian UBC students, The Landscapes of Injustice project).

#### **Diverse Panel Discussion**

- **Patricia Kumbakisaka** - Folklorama Ambassador General, African Pavilion
- **Ivana Yellowback** – First Nations Advocate and Youth-Care Practitioner in an emergency crisis shelter at Macdonald Youth Services
- **Ivanka Babiak** - Plast Ukrainian Youth Association
- **Yanisa Wu** – Member of the Student Action Network which advocates for student's rights on campus, and Manitoba Chinese Youth Committee
- **Uzoma Asagwara** - Founder of an events based business called QPOC- Queer People of Colour
- **Shilpa Alex** - Manitoba Medical Students Association and the Canadian Federation of Medical Students

The conference also included workshops (one hosted by the newly formed Toronto Young Leaders), round table discussions, post it and picture note wall, networking, social events, and a guided tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.



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### Young Leaders Fund (YLF)

In accordance with its mandate, the Young Leaders Committee will soon be establishing a Young Leaders Fund (YLF) to help support the work of young leaders in Japanese Canadian communities across Canada.

The purpose of the YLF is to provide financial assistance to young Japanese Canadian individuals and organisations for projects and initiatives directed toward young people in Japanese Canadian communities. Such projects and initiatives should clearly promote or develop Japanese Canadian culture and community. This fund differs from other NAJC funding programs in that it is specifically youth focused, is of smaller monetary funding, and most importantly, the application is easier for youth to apply to. Please contact us for more information about the criteria and deliverables for the YLF, which has an expected launch date of October.

### **Summary Comments**

Since I came onto the board of the NAJC in 2012, much progress has been made and meaningful nation wide networks strengthened... and it's only just beginning. I'm happy to see groups such as the young leaders in Toronto using the participation in the NAJC young leaders conference as a catalyst for starting their own official young leaders group. I've also seen in the past four years people getting to know the youth in their own communities that they had never met before. We have received great feedback from the conferences, and find it is meaningful way to connect youth in JC communities. The young leaders have continued the conversation from the conferences through social media such as Facebook, where all of us can continue to stay connected on events, issues, or just general happenings with our friends all across the country. The virtual support from the young leaders is phenomenal, and I see great promise in the future of young people in JC communities. As leaders in the JC community and in the Canadian community at large, it is a responsibility of ours to be informed on local and national issues and victories and get involved politically as well (vote!!). All of this has been made possible through the support of the NAJC, and we hope to see continued investment and support in the young leaders from the NAJC and communities across Canada.

For more information about the conference or young leader initiatives, please contact Lisa Schoenhofer at [l.schoenhofer@najc.ca](mailto:l.schoenhofer@najc.ca). Also, visit the website: [www.jcyoungleaders.najc.ca](http://www.jcyoungleaders.najc.ca).



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## CANADIAN RACE RELATIONS FOUNDATION REPORT

**By: Art Miki**

**NAJC Representative to the Board**

For the next three years a major initiative for the Canadian Race Relations Foundation is the **Our Canada project, funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada**, to heighten awareness, understanding and respect for Canadian values and traditions. It will culminate in the historic opportunity to celebrate these values and traditions as part of Canada's Sesquicentennial in 2017. This will be an opportunity for the CRRF to pay tribute to, and celebrate, our collective pride in our diversity, and our multicultural and democratic principles. **Our Canada** will effectually construct a national framework for dialogue on Canadian values and promote a deeper sense of identity for all Canadians.

The initiatives being designed under the project include:

- *Canada 150*, a collection of unique stories, released once a week for 150 weeks, that celebrate and promote Canadian values. Sid Ikeda of Toronto is one of the 150 people whose lives and contributions will be highlighted in their stories.
- Cross-Canada symposia held in nine major cities to discuss and promote Canadian values.
- Cross-Canada workshops for diversity and inclusion leaders to increase awareness of acknowledging faith in the workplace.
- Youth Canada cafés across the country designed to engage youth in the conversation about Canadian values.
- A national video competition for youth that will engage schools across the country in the conversation.

Activities:

1. The release of the CRRF's *Report on Canadian Values*, which includes a national survey, expert interviews and research conducted on currently existing studies on values.
2. The CRRF Roundtable Series will continue in six cities across Canada in 2015 with the theme "The Urban Agenda: Race Relations and Multiculturalism in Canadian Cities". The cities as hubs of diversity and models of inclusion are celebrated, while exploring issues that remain unresolved and identifying emerging challenges.
3. To capture the state of race relations in Canada, the CRRF in co-operation with the **Association for Canadian Studies** conducts an annual survey. In 2014 the focus was on religious diversity, racism and attitudes to intergroup relations. The results of the report confirmed the Foundation's current focus,



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and added significance to its programs highlighting the concept of a shared Canadian identity, building bridges among the various groups in our country, and encouraging citizenship based on equality, mutual respect and civility. In 2015 they will continue to research issues related to inter-group relations, attitudes toward various vulnerable groups, religious diversity, immigration and Canadian identity.

4. The CRRF will hold 24 full-day Cross-Canada Workshops for senior executives, human resources professionals, and trainers and facilitators who work primarily within multicultural settings. It is designed to build knowledge about faith-related situations in their workplace or community, and increase their ability to manage situations arising out of conflicting religious practices and cultural values. Workshops are open at no cost to qualified participants.

These are some of the major initiatives. CRRF is continuing to upgrade their website by adding resources, reports and press releases and is an invaluable source of information for organizations and researchers.

Members of the Board for 2015-2016 are:

Albert Lo, Chairperson, Vancouver BC

Toni Silverman, Vice Chair, Toronto ON

Ashraf Ghanem, Fredericton, NB

Paul Attia, Schomberg, ON

Christine Douglass-Williams, Ancaster ON

Rubin Friedman, Ottawa ON

Kandy Samsundar, Ajax ON

Jayashree Thatte Bhat, Calgary AB

Dr. Aslam Daud, Maple ON

Art Miki, NAJC Representative and Board Secretary, Winnipeg MB



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## **NETWORKING WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES REPORT**

**By: Terumi Kuwada**

**President 2008-2010**

NAJC's commitment to social justice and human rights is reflected in various ways. It has been a privilege for me to be involved in different activities in Winnipeg related to networking with diverse communities on common issues of human rights and racial discrimination.

For the past 6 years, I have been working closely with the Muslim community. In the spring of 2014, I was asked to join the board of the Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA), together with two other individuals from other cultural/faith communities. At that time, ISSA made a decision to develop a pilot project to serve families who were in need of service, related to a variety of social challenges, including vulnerable youth who have been impacted by the islamophobia that is reminiscent of the experience of Japanese Canadians during WWII. It has been a very busy year of negotiations with different funders including the province of Manitoba. The project has just been launched with the assistance of generous funders. Issa has hosted many events that have engaged other communities in Winnipeg, including the multicultural tea fest, Ramadan events that encourage giving to others, workshops related to increased awareness of the Muslim faith, press releases expressing outrage related to terrorist activities.

I continue to be involved in an ad hoc committee "standing together" related to social justice issues. This past year, MacLean's magazine wrote an article about Winnipeg being the most racist city in Canada. Our group has responded to the collective call to join together with other groups to change the culture of the city, to a more inclusive and gentle society.

My involvement with the Hiroshima peace day continues together with two other peace organizations. This year was a bit of a challenge with the weather, but as many commented, the weather added to the significance of the event. Kana Nemoto, a member of the JCAM board and a group of students from Japan sang the song of the phoenix tree that a 7 year old child from Japan had written in Japan in 2000. The message of that song is to stop war, peace in the world.

This spring, I was appointed to the Canadian Japanese Mennonite scholarship committee. Together with Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin and representatives from the Mennonite community, we are charged with reviewing applications from post graduate students who wish to pursue studies in social justice/human rights.

Some closing thoughts,

"we don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to  
participate in the process of change.

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people,  
can transform the world."

*~ Howard Zinn (historian)*



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NAJC AGM Membership Organization Report 2015

Name of Organization	JCAY (Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon)		
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization		
Address	c/o Fumi Torigai, 531 Grove Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5J8		
E-Mail Address	jcayukon@gmail.com		
Phone Number(s)	867-393-2588		
Fax Number(s)	As above (Phone first to be ready)		
Contact Person	Fumi Torigai, President		
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 Keiko Fujise Mie Hayashida Chiaki Kang Yoshiko Atkins Natsushi Morimoto		President Vice president Secretary Treasurer Members at large
Date of AGM	April 26, 2015		
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$5,000 to \$18,000 including special events that are funded by various grants. Varies year to year.		
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>
	Regular Associate	\$10 \$5	56 21





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	irregular	email	n/a	yes	no
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>		
	N/A				
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>		
	none				

<p><b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)</p> <p>The purpose of the Association is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote, preserve &amp; increase understanding of Japanese culture and language</li> <li>2. Organize social and recreational activities for the Japanese Canadian community and friends</li> <li>3. Provide information and support to Japanese Canadians, in particular to Japanese newcomers/visitors in Yukon</li> <li>4. Highlight the history and contributions of Japanese in Yukon</li> <li>5. Address issues concerning the well being of the Japanese Canadian community</li> <li>6. Connect with other Japanese groups across Canada</li> </ol> <p>(taken from our constitution)</p>	
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### Highlights of 2014-15:

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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	2014- -04-09	Legal Workshop – Wills, Power of Attorney, etc. Offered by the Yukon Public Legal Education Assoc.			X		X		X		X	X
2	-04-12	JCAY AGM followed by a Bowling Party for members			X				X			X
3	Ongoing	JCAY Board Meetings – monthly		X								
4	Ongoing	Japanese Conversation Class – Beginner Level I	X			X			X		X	
5	Ongoing	JCAY Tea Ceremony Group	X						X		X	X
6	Ongoing	PlayCare for children of JCAY members	X		X				X		X	X
7	05-31	Garbage Pick up followed by a BBQ party			X	X				X	X	
8	07-06	Canoeing at Chudburn Lake			X				X			
9	08-14	Obon ceremony			X				X			X
10	09-02&04	Kimono Kitsuke workshops	X		X						X	
11	09-27	Participating in the Culture Day at the Old Fire Hall			X					X	X	X
12	10-26	Mochi-Tsuki Party			X							X
13	11-23	Japanese Film Festival: "Ramen God" & "Tsunagu"			X				X	X	X	X
14	11-27	Origami Table at the Festival of Trees event			X					X	X	X
15	2015 01-23	New Year Party			X							X
16	03-07	Cooking Workshop – Indian curry	X		X							X
17	03-14	Film Festival of Japanese Canadian History "Kiri's Piano" & "Vancouver Asahi"			X		X		X	X		X
18	04-06	Potluck Party										X
19	04-26	AGM followed by a Light Bulb Session			X				X			X



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<b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To establish a JCAY Japanese Language School for Children</li><li>• To develop a JCAY Taiko group</li><li>• To encourage the parents' group to get more involved with the children's programs.</li><li>• To increase the involvement of imin members as participants and as volunteers</li><li>• To develop young leaders within our executive.</li></ul>
<b>Major Local Issues:</b>
<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>
<b>C. Other:</b>
<b>Additional Comments:</b> (if applicable)



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### NAJC AGM Member/Associate Organization Report 2015

<b>Name of Organization</b>	Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society		
<b>NAJC Membership Type</b> (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization		
<b>Address</b>	c/o 19-1705 Feltham Road Victoria BC		
<b>E-Mail Address</b>	info@vnccs.ca		
<b>Phone Number(s)</b>	c/o 250-721-4432		
<b>Fax Number(s)</b>			
<b>Contact Person</b>	Michael Abe - President		
<b>Report Completed by</b>	Michael Abe		
<b>Board of Directors</b> (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	
	Michael Abe	President	
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	Ken Watai	Treasurer	
	Toni Burton	Secretary	
	Debbie Ibaraki	Director	
	Amy Kawano	Director	
	Patti Ayukawa	Director	
	Yukari Peerless	Director	
	Craig Mercer	Director	
	Kana Mercer	Director	
	Karen Kobayashi	Director	
	Kyla Fitzgerald	Director	
<b>Date of AGM</b>	February 1, 2015		
<b>Estimated Yearly Operating Budget</b>	15-20K		



## National Association of Japanese Canadians

Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
	Individual Family	\$10 \$15	150 families and individuals	Uminari Taiko Furusato Dancers Sakura Fujinkai Ikebana	
Newsletter Title: Victoria Nikkei Forum	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	Bimonthly	Approx. 200	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner	Reason For Partnership			
	Inter-Cultural Association of Victoria	Long time membership which allows us to be part of the multicultural community in Victoria.			
	NAJC	Fifth year of membership.			
	Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society	They assist in the settlement and adjustment of immigrants and refugees in Canada, and to provide services designed to increase the newcomer's participation in Canadian society, by assisting the newcomer to overcome barriers. Many Japanese newcomers or people enquiring about moving to Victoria contact us through our website.			



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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
	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

<p><b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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### Highlights of 2014-15:

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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Jan. 25, 2015	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. 9, 2015	Obon Ceremony and Matsuri Cleaning and honouring 152 graves of Japanese descent in Ross Bay Cemetery followed by Obon festival, light refreshments, dancing and other entertainment.		X	X			X				
3	Oct. 24, 2015	Cultural Fall Fair - planned Annual cultural event, main fundraiser for VNCS, includes Japanese food, entertainment, exhibits, demonstrations, etc.		X	X	X		X		X		
4	Feb. 1, 2015	VNCS AGM –Screening of Kiri's Piano with guest director France Benoit		X	X						X	
5	Feb. 8, 2015	Nori Tori Seaweed picking event			X			X				
6	July 5, 2015	Tanabata Festival Inaugural event. Picnic and tanabata activities.		X	X			X				
7	Feb. 27, 2015	Noh performance –Tsunao Yamai with guest jazz pianist Kentaro Kihara		X	X			X		X		
8	July 11, 2015	Jazz pianist concert - Kentaro Kihara		X	X			X		X		
9	Sept. 9, 2015	Shamisen concert – Hiroshi Yamaguchi		X	X			X		X		



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<p><b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b> Constitution is cultural awareness in the community.</p>
<p><b>Major Local Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maintaining and getting enough volunteers as we increase our profile in the community</li> <li>-Getting more requests to participate in events but have to choose based on volunteer support. Focusing on major annual events and assisting smaller requests with our grant program.</li> <li>-Aging of community leaders and members. Need to recruit younger generation to continue events and planning.</li> <li>-Lack of a physical permanent community space, not a priority but something to consider in the future if all groups are interested in participating.</li> </ul>
<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<p><b>A. Questions your organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b></p>
<p><b>B. Question/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b> How do you work with the Shinijusha group (new immigrants) in your community? How are you encouraging youth to become more involved? Do you have an Obon ceremony/matsuri?</p>
<p><b>C. Other:</b></p>

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)

Our Society is very active in holding events that address our mandate of promoting Japanese culture. As many societies struggle with, there is a need to nurture and recruit the younger generation to continue our society's work. Our Mochi Tsuki Shinnen Kai brings together many families and youth. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Obon Matsuri was another success with many young families involved and over 90 people attending the Matsuri. Several members of the VNCS joined Reverend Grant Ikuta and some of his family on the Vancouver Island portion.





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NAJC AGM Membership Organization Report 2015

Name of Organization	Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA)	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	249 - 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC , V5E 4M7	
E-Mail Address	gvjcca@gmail.com	
Phone Number(s)	604 777 5222	
Fax Number(s)	none	
Contact Person	Lorene Oikawa lorene.oikawa@gmail.com	
Report Completed by	Lorene Oikawa	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Chika Buston Judy Hanazawa Angela Kruger Greg Masuda Gary Matson Yuji Matson Jack Matsushita Rachael Nakamura Lorene Oikawa Rutsu Shikano April Shimizu Kathy Shimizu Susanne Tabata Grace Eiko Thomson	Secretary Director Director Director Past President Director Treasurer Director President Director Vice President Vice President Director Director
Date of AGM	March 14, 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$125,000	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee (per year):	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:
	Regular (no Bulletin)			
	Regular + subscription			
	Regular (Canadian, US or International) + e-subscription			
	Seniors			
	(65+)/Students + e-subscription			
	Seniors/Students + subscription (delivery in Canada only)			
	US + subscription International + subscription			
Newsletter (magazine) <b>Title: The Bulletin / Geppo</b>	Monthly	Free at locations throughout the Lower Mainland, and mailed to paid subscribers across Canada, to the US and Japan (members of the GVJCCA and the Toronto Chapter of the NAJC)	Yes	Yes



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Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>	<b>Reason For Partnership</b>
	Tonari Gumi (Japanese Community Volunteers Association)	Co-owners of 42 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue building, Vancouver; Jointly host Golf Tournament Fundraiser other fundraising activities. Tonari Gumi is a community advertising partner with <i>The Bulletin / Geppo</i>
	Nikkei National Museum	Hastings Park Signage Project; Assistance with archiving of GVJCCA historically important documents
	Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall, Powell Street Festival Society, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, Nikkei Foundation, Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society, Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre	<i>The Bulletin / Geppo</i> ; Shinnen-kai; annual fundraiser Bowl-a-thon; Annual Asahi Tribute Baseball Game; human rights and heritage work in the Powell Street Area (in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside)
	Vancouver Buddhist Temple, Nikkei Place	Obon
	Revitalizing Japantown? Project – led by Jeff Masuda and Research Team includes Audrey Kobayashi, Beth Carter, and Greg Masuda.	Downtown Eastside Vancouver Revitalizing Japantown?: A Unifying Exploration of Human Rights, Branding, and Place <a href="http://www.revitalizingjapantown.ca/about-us/">http://www.revitalizingjapantown.ca/about-us/</a>
	Asian Heritage Month Society	Just started working with them to plan for 2016 Asian Heritage Month which will focus on the Japanese Canadian community in Metro Vancouver
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>
	Please see previous list submitted. Note: we are continuing our work to develop a resource section on our website: <a href="http://jccabulletin-geppo.ca/community-directory/">http://jccabulletin-geppo.ca/community-directory/</a>	



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### **Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) From the GVI/JCCA Constitution (1999)

1. To protect and promote the past, present, and future rights and democratic freedoms of all persons regardless of race, religion, colour, age, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, and marital, family or economic status;
2. To educate all citizens of Canada as to the duties and responsibilities inherent in Canadian citizenship
3. To promote the enjoyment, appreciation, and study of the arts and culture Japanese Canadians through the organization of community and cultural programs, and hosting and / or co-hosting of community and cultural events;
4. To educate the Canadian public about and to preserve the history and cultural heritage of Japanese Canadians;
5. To develop and maintain a communications network with multicultural societies in Canada and the world;
6. To support the cultural identity, continuing social development and well-being of Japanese Canadians at the individual, family and community levels;
7. To publish a journal as a forum for issues significant to its members, persons with Japanese ancestry, and interested others

### **Highlights of 2014-15:**

(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	Sept 27, 2015	<b>What are we? Hapapalooza</b> Symposium at Nikkei Place. Members of the HRC attended.			X							
2	Sept 29 – Oct 10, 2014	World premiere of <b>The Vancouver Asahi</b> at the Vancouver International Film Festival. Members of the board, HRC, and JCYL attended screenings.			X							
3	Oct 25, 2014	<b>JCCA office moved from room 200 to 249</b>										X
4	Oct 26, 2014	<b>Diwali</b> celebration. Member of the board attended.			X			X				

Category: Please indicate with an "X"



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5	Nov 11, 2014	<b>Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Japanese Canadian Cenotaph</b> in Stanley Park. Members of the board and HRC attended and laid a wreath.			X				X				
6	Nov 18, 2014	<b>Dialogue with George Takei.</b> Member of the board spoke and brought greetings from GVJCCA.			X				X				
7	Dec 13, 2014	<b>Nikkei Place Christmas Social.</b> Members of the board attended.			X								
8	Jan 10, 2015	<b>Shinnen-kai</b> New Year's Celebration at Nikkei Place.			X								
9	Jan 17, 2015	Host the annual <b>Keirokai</b> (Annual celebration and lunch event for seniors)			X								
10	Jan 21 & 25, 2015	Members of the board and HRC attended opening of <b>ćəsnaʔəm: the city before the city, exhibits about Musqueam peoples</b> , at the Museum of Vancouver and Museum of Anthropology.			X			X					
11	Feb 14, 2015	Members of the board and HRC attended <b>25<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Memorial March</b> in the Downtown Eastside Vancouver			X			X					
12	Feb 22, 2015	<b>First Annual GVJCCA Bowl-a-thon</b> in Vancouver			X			X					
13	March 10, 2015	New GVJCCA Japanese Canadian Young Leaders of Vancouver committee proposed at board meeting.	X										
14	March 14, 2015	<b>AGM</b> New President: Lorene Oikawa Five new board members to replace five not returning.			X								X
15	March 21, 2015	President addressed a rally/march commemorating the <b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</b>			X			X					
16	March 28, 2015	President attended <b>Tonari Gumi AGM</b> and brought greetings from the GVJCCA			X				X				



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26	May 10, 2015	Tomoko McGaughey, <b>new chair of the GJVCCA Human Rights Committee (HRC)</b>		X					X								X
27	May 14, 2015	<b>Asian Heritage Month event.</b> President on panel speaking about JC internment and relevance today, e.g. Bill C51. Members of board, HRC, and JCYLV attended.			X				X					X			
28	May 23, 2015	<b>Komagata Maru Commemorative event marking the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Komagata Maru.</b> President attended.			X				X								
29	May 29, 2015	<b>Hired 2 Summer Students</b> Archival Assistant who assisted the organization with the transfer of historically important documents and items to the NNM; and Event Coordinator, who coordinated the logistics of the Salmon BBQ at Powell Street Festival and the Obon at Nikkei Place.														X	X
30	May 29, 2015	<b>Asian Heritage Month – explorASIAN Recognition Gala.</b> President and member of the board attended.			X												
31	May 29-31, 2015	<b>NAJC NEB meeting, Asian Canadian Elder Care Summit</b> organized by NAJC, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and UBC, NAJC HRC meeting. President attends.			X				X								
32	June 5, 2015	<b>Opening of Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Society Building,</b> dedicated to telling the story of Japanese Canadians in Steveston. President and member of JCYLV attended.			X				X								
33	June 14, 2015	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tonari Gumi JCCA Golf Tournament.</b> Members of the board participated.							X					X			
34	June 15, 2015	<b>Anglican Church Apology</b> to all members of the Japanese Community affected by abuse perpetrated by the late Goichi Gordon Nakayama. Members of the JC Community Working Group participated. Not a GJVCCA event.			X												





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35	June 17, 2015	<b>Simon Fraser University Round Table Dialogue on Cultural Translation.</b> President participated.			X		X		X					
36	July 9, 2015	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner with City of Burnaby, and mayor and councilors from Kushiro, Japan,</b> Burnaby's sister city. President and HRC Chair attended.			X									
37	July 10, 2015	<b>Re-opening of Ofuro exhibit, JCCA Centennial Project, at Burnaby Village Museum.</b> President participated in ribbon cutting. NAJC Vice President attended.			X		X		X					
38	July 23, 2015	<b>101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Departure of the Komagata Maru.</b> President addressed the gathering and brought greetings from the GVJCCA.			X		X		X					
39	July 26, 2015	<b>Tribute dinner for retiring MP Libby Davies.</b> President attended and brought greetings from GVJCCA.			X									
40	August 1, 2015	<b>Labour Landscapes Walk at Powell Street Festival.</b> President was one of the speakers and shared the story of the 1907 Anti-Asian riots and the attack on the Japanese Canadian community on Powell Street.			X		X		X					
41	August 1 & 2, 2015	<b>JCCA Wild Salmon Barbeque and Community Booth at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Powell Street Festival.</b> Members of the Board, HRC, and JCYL V participated.			X		X		X					
42	August 10, 2015	<b>BC Sports Hall of Fame medal ceremony for family members of Asahi baseball players.</b> President's grandfather is a recipient. Members of board, HRC, and JCYL V attended.			X		X		X					
43	August 12, 2015	Annual GVJCCA Obon with the Vancouver Buddhist Temple at Nikkei Place. Members of the board attended.			X									
44	August 15, 2015	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Asahi Tribute Baseball Game</b> at the former Powell Grounds. JCYL V have taken on the role as lead organizers of the game. Members of the board and JCYL V participated.			X		X		X					





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

Increasing engagement and interest in the GVJCCA. Strengthening connections between JC community groups. Creating more accessibility (online subscription, better access on mobile devices) to *The Bulletin / Geppo* and building upon its success. Developing more outreach opportunities and communications (including social media) to inform, educate, and promote the work of the GVJCCA.

### **Major Local Issues:**

Nikkei and other organizations are being stretched, and there are greater demands and scarce resources. Donations and volunteerism is trending down. With NAJC support, the GVJCCA can take a leadership role by encouraging greater collaboration and communication with Nikkei organizations across the Lower Mainland and BC.

As we build our internal capacities, we are finding a greater need for the work to ensure the stories and history of Japanese Canadians are not left out of our curriculum and communities. We must be vigilant, and ensure we have an active role in the presentation of our stories to ensure the authenticity and to stop misinformation and the appropriation of our culture.

We are supporting our new Japanese Canadian Young Leaders of Vancouver committee, and they are taking an active role in connecting with other young leaders and encouraging their participation with the GVJCCA.

We are continuing our work on human rights, and are finding that when our stories and our history is forgotten, the mistakes of the past are being repeated. We were pleased to have the NAJC speak out on Bill C51, and we echo the concerns. We are planning a workshop on the topic and also hoping to have another workshop featuring the movie, *The Vancouver Asahi*.

We are also concerned about the upcoming federal election and some issues such as C-23 and the changes to the Elections Act which may discourage people from voting. The current federal government has changed the rules on identification, i.e., you can no longer use the voter information card, and by gagging the Chief Electoral Officer on what he is able to talk about.



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QUESTIONS	
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>	
What are the upcoming priorities of the NAJC and what do you see is the role of the member organizations in supporting those priorities? How will the NAJC support member organizations to strengthen their capacity? What are the NAJC's communication goals for the year?	
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>	
What Japanese Canadian history is covered in the K-12 curriculum in your province/territory? What materials/resources do you have available?	
<b>C. Other:</b>	

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	160 Vernon Ave Kamloops B.C. V2B 1L6	
E-Mail Address	najc@telus.net	
Phone Number(s)	(250) 376-9620	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	George Uyeda	
Report Completed by	George Uyeda	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Tim Araki	President
	Morgan Elander	Vice President
	Brenda Sawada	Secretary
	Donna Tabata	Treasurer
	Peggy Heath	Director
	Anne Kishiyama	Director
	Cathie Lebin	Director
	Mary Ann Mochizuki	Director
	Mervin Mochizuki	Director
	Mayumi Paravantes	Director
	Wendy Reddeman	Director
	Nicola Tabata	Director
	Willie Takeshita	Director
Date of AGM	Second Thursday in January	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$70,000	



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<b>Membership Structure</b> (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>  Single Adult Couple or family (Includes Children 0-18) Student (19+) Single Senior (born 1949 and earlier) Senior Couple (both born 1949 and earlier)	<b>Fee:</b>  \$15 \$25 \$10 \$10 \$15	<b>Total Membership:</b>	<b>Groups Within Membership:</b>
<b>Newsletter Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b> Monthly	<b>Distribution:</b> Email Hard Copy	<b>Paid Advertising:</b> Yes	<b>Digital Copy:</b> 140
<b>Partnerships (if applicable)</b>	<b>Reason For Partnership</b>			
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)</b>	<b>Name of Organization</b> Kamloops Buddhist Church	<b>Main Purpose</b>		
<b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) Mission: To strengthen and promote Japanese Canadian Culture and Heritage in the community of Kamloops  Vision: A unified global community where multiculturalism is embraced				



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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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
Please see Additional Comments below.												

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

To strengthen relationships with our community and other centres and the NAJC

### Major Local Issues:

Little information coming from the NAJC, need better communication with the NEB, do not know what is going on with the current NAJC Board

### QUESTIONS

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

What can the NAJC/NEB do to help centres, other than human rights.

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

We like the newsletter from other centres providing information from different centres.

#### C. Other:

We think the National could do a better job with promoting themselves, would like to see more regional events.



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

We would like to thank Shelley Uyeda for looking after the KJCA newsletter for the past 6 years.

With the help of our present board of directors the KJCA once again has had a busy and eventful year. Our success as the KJCA has been possible with the support and co-operation working with the city of Kamloops; our Sister City, Uji, Japan; the Buddhist Church; Kamloops Multicultural Society; members of the KJCA; and the community of Kamloops.

Thanks to the Community Development Fund we were able to celebrate our 20 year of our centre and the 10 year of Raiden Taiko. We were able to celebrate the events with a delegate from Uji, Japan. Also Thanks to the fund for helping send a youth to the AGM. As for help in funding for our youth events.

### **Workshops and Displays**

1. Girls Day
2. Boys Day
3. Sushi Workshop
4. Taiko Workshop
5. Ikebana Workshop
6. Origami Workshop
7. International Food Tasting
8. Shichi-Go San Festival
9. Tanabata Festival Pot Luck Supper
10. KJCA Food Safe Course



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### **Museums & Archives**

1. Oral interviews
2. Weekly visits to our museum
3. Museum display
  - a. Sports
  - b. Japanese fashion

### **NAJC**

1. Attend AGM
2. Youth Conference

### **Social Activities**

1. Children Xmas Party
2. Children Day
3. Keirokai
4. Youth Games Night
5. Bus Tour to Tulalip Resort Casino
6. Asian Heritage Month May
  - a. School visits (5 in May)
  - b. Heritage Fair School District #73 (about 150 students came to the centre)
  - c. Udon lunch
7. Visit from our Sister City, Uji, Japan, help celebrate
  - a. 20 year of our centre
  - b. 10 year of Raiden Taiko
8. Pancake breakfast in February to meet new KJCA board
9. Seniors lunch
10. Mochi tasting
11. Senior hockey game (Seniors team from Tokyo, Japan)





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### Fundraising Events

1. Things Japanese sale
2. Fun casino
3. Annual sushi dinner
4. Monthly udon & sushi sale
5. Folkest
6. Monthly CN lunches
7. Sale of books & KJCA cookbooks
8. Generous donations
9. Membership
10. Centre rentals
11. Rummage sale
12. Extra food till tapes rebates (\$500)
13. KJCA craft sale
14. Other catering
  - a. Senior wind up Xmas banquet
  - b. Seniors hockey team from Japan (120 people)
  - c. KMS Xmas party
  - d. 2 other lunches



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NAJC AGM Membership Organization Report 2015

Name of Organization	Vernon Japanese Cultural Society				
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization				
Address	4895 Bella Vista Road. Mailing Address: Box 566, Vernon, BC, V1T6M4				
E-Mail Address	vjcsannouncement@gmail.com				
Phone Number(s)	250-545-4162				
Fax Number(s)					
Contact Person	Rick Ogasawara				
Report Completed by	Aubrey Comley				
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>				<b>Position:</b>
	Rick Ogasawara				President
	Janie Crockett				Secretary
	Darrell Oshiro				Treasurer
	Aubrey Comley				VP
Date of AGM	April 12, 2015				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	20K				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	<b>Type:</b>		<b>Fee:</b>		<b>Total Membership:</b>
	Family: Individual:		\$20/annual \$10	120	Buddhist Temple, Fujinkai/Womens Group, Judo Club, Japanese School, Japanese Dance,
<b>Newsletter Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>		<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>
	Quarterly		Email and online, limited mailing	\$30/4 submissions	<a href="http://vjcs.org">http://vjcs.org</a>
					<b>Hard Copy:</b>



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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)

To foster fellowship amongst its members, to assist in community activities that will be for the benefit and welfare of the community, to assist and take part in philanthropic, charitable and other useful projects, to participate in the furtherance of the Japanese heritage through cultural, education, artistic and sporting activities, to operate as a charitable organization and to receive charitable donations of every nature and description towards the objects of the society.

### **Highlights of 2014-15:**

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

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

No.	Timelines Start date On-going Complete date	Description Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	6/15 & 8/15	Golf Social			X							
2	6/7/2015	Keirokai / Respect for Community Elders			X							
3	5/3/2015	Haru Matsuri / Spring Festival			X	X						
4	12/14/2014	Christmas Party			X							
5	10/18/2014	Autumn Bazaar			X	X						
6	9/14-5/15	Judo	X		X				X			
7	9/14-6/15	Japanese School	X		X				X			
8	9/14-7/15	Buddhist Temple	X		X				X		X	X
9	9/14-6/15	Japanese Dance	X		X				X			



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<b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b>
<b>Major Local Issues:</b> Aging membership. Renovations to hall and maintenance on parking lot.
<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b> What can we do to promote youth activities and networking.
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>
<b>C. Other:</b>

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Edmonton Japanese Community Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	6750-88 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 5H6	
E-Mail Address	office@ejca.org	
Phone Number(s)	(780) 466-8166	
Fax Number(s)	(780) 465-0376	
Contact Person	David Mitsui	
Report Completed by	Sanae Ohki	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	David Mitsui	President
	Sanae Ohki	Vice-President
	Yoko Azumaya	Secretary
	Emma St. Laurent	Treasurer
	David Mueller	Director
	Andrew Beattie	Director
Date of AGM	October 18, 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$97,000	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Total number	Family membership (couple with or without children)			
	463	99	\$35.00 per annum	719	245 people
	230	37	\$20.00 per annum	230	67 people
	13	Free	Free	24 people	
	69	\$20.00 per annum	Free	69 people	
	15	Free	Free	15 people	
Newsletter Title: <b>Moshi Moshi</b>	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	6 times a year	Email and mail	Approx. \$700	Available at <a href="http://www.ejca.org">www.ejca.org</a>	180 copies
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.		



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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
	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.

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

### VISION STATEMENT:

The Edmonton Japanese Community Association is a community of members whose vision is to create a shared experience of culture while increasing the awareness of Japanese culture.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Edmonton Japanese Community Association builds a supportive community to explore Japanese culture by providing place and programs, as well as creating partnerships for EJCA members and people in the greater Edmonton area.

### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Sept 2013 - march 2016	<b>EJCA History Project Phase 2</b> was concluded on July 31, 2014 by publishing a history report. The Project continued the <b>Phase 3</b> activities with an expected completion date as march 2016. The key activity of the Phase 3 is to survey and summarize the Edmonton area's Japanese Canadians snap shop as of 2013.		X								
2	July 26, 2014	<b>Training day for the Japan Pavilion, Edmonton Heritage Festival.</b>			X							



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12	Jan. 10, 2015	<b>Annual O-shogatsu Pot Luck.</b> All enjoyed new year's food. 120 members joined the event.																	
13	March 8, 2015	<b>Hina Matsuri and Tea Ceremony Afternoon.</b>								X									
14	April 11, 2015	<b>Izakaya Evening</b> This was a new event. 12 different Izakaya dishes, Sake and Japanese beer were served. 100 members and friends attended and enjoyed the event.								X								X	
15	May 9, 2015	<b>Cooking workshop</b> Chirashi-sushi, Buta-jiru and Daifuku workshops.	X															X	
16	May 3, 2015	<b>Kodomo No Hi (Children's Day)</b> at the Kurimoto Gardens (Devonian Gardens). EJCA participation in activities for children.																	X
17	June 13, 2015	<b>EJCA Cleaning Bee.</b> Representatives from most EJCA affiliated clubs spent a half day cleaning the Centre from top to bottom in appreciation of the discounted rental fees.																	X
18	June 7, 2013	<b>Spring Festival – Kurimoto Gardens.</b> Participation of EJCA-affiliated clubs in providing demonstrations and performances.																	X
19	June 23, 30 2015	<b>Craft Workshops - to prepare display and sale items for the Edmonton Heritage Festival.</b>															X		
20	Fall 2014 Winter & Spring 2015	<b>Japanese Language Classes.</b> Japanese lessons were offered again to the EJCA members in three levels.	X																



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<p><b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b> Organize workshops and events to provide a gathering venue for Japanese, Japanese Canadians, Canadians and other nationalities to share Japanese culture.</p>
<p><b>Major Local Issues:</b> While we have been successful sharing Japanese culture with the non-Japanese population through workshops and events, it has been difficult to reach out to newly immigrated Japanese, and younger Japanese Canadians like 3-sei and 4-sei</p>
<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p>
<p><b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b> 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 and engagement from these groups. Are there any plans to increase more regular interaction with the NEB?</p>
<p><b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b> How are you attracting, maintaining the interest, and encouraging the active involvement of young members—20-30; 30-50 year olds?</p>
<p><b>C. Other:</b></p>
<p><b>Additional Comments:</b> (if applicable)</p>



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Name of Organization	Calgary Japanese Community Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	2236 – 29 <sup>th</sup> Street SW, Calgary, AB T2K 3E3	
E-Mail Address	cjcmain@shaw.ca	
Phone Number(s)	403-242-4143	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	Mari Sasaki - Administrator	
Report Completed by	Joanne Terakita Planidin	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b> Joanne Terakita Planidin Cindy Nagata-McMillan Ted Nakatsu Shirley Shigematsu Alifa Raman Russ Hironaka Taeko Nagao Tomoko Button Pat Jette Tom Nawata Kevin Okabe Allan Okabe	<b>Position:</b> President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director Director Director Newsletter Editor Ex-Officio NAJC Director – Ex-Officio Ex-Officio
Date of AGM	April 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$165,000 - \$180,000	



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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>	
	Family		\$30.00		400 +/-			
	Single/Individual		\$15.00					
<b>Newsletter Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>		<b>Distribution:</b>		<b>Paid Advertising:</b>		<b>Digital Copy:</b>	
	Quarterly						400 +/-	
<b>Partnerships (if applicable)</b>	<b>Name of Partner</b>							
	Consul General of Japan							
	Asian Heritage Foundation							
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community</b> (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Main Purpose</b>							
	Senior's Organization New Immigrants Youth Group (under 21) Language School Odori Group Japanese Curriculum (language school outside of Japan)							
<b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) Mission Statement: currently in review Goals: To promote the Japanese culture in Calgary and the surrounding area. To maintain a facility as a central hub of activities for all aspects of the Canadian Japanese community.								



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### Highlights of 2014-15:

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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	July 2015	Annual Stampede Breakfast			X					X		
2	July 2015	Summer Kid's Camp							X			
3	Aug 2015	5th Annual Omatsuri Festival		X	X							
4	Sept 2015 on-going	Japanese Culture for Kids	X						X			
5	Sept 2015 on-going	Nihongo Time (Japanese Conversation Class)	X						X			
6	On-going	Nikkei Centre Library									X	
7	On-going	Karaoke Club							X			
8	On-going	Renshinkan Karate Club	X						X			
9	On-going	Kaede – Odori Classes	X									
10	On-going	Shogetsu Ikebana	X									
11	On-going	Line Dance Club							X			
12	On-going	Zumba Classes	X									
13	Oct 2014	Volunteer Appreciation								X		
14	Nov 2014	Casino				X						
15	Dec 2014	Mochi Party			X							
16	Dec 2014	Kid's Xmas Party			X							
17	Jan 2015	Annual New Year's Party			X							
18	April 2015	Annual AGM			X							
19	April 2015	Visual Artist Registry									X	
20	June 2015	Asian Heritage Gala Dinner								X		



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### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Providing relevant programs, activities and events to provide value to our membership. Increasing awareness for the Canadian Japanese community and the further promotion of the Japanese culture.

### Major Local Issues:

Membership value proposition.  
Youth involvement.

### QUESTIONS

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

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

Many years ago there was an Ijusha Conference held in conjunction with the National AGM in Toronto. This has merit as a future endeavor to reconnect with the new immigrant population.

#### C. Other:

### Additional Comments: (if applicable)

#### Pilot Project – Webinars (repeat from last year)

It was our pleasure to work with Director Bev to host the first ever Webinar – **Mochi Making 101**. Unfortunately there was an issue with the video archiving aspect of the webinar, but this is still to be resolved by myself and CJCA before the end of this year – 2014.

The concept is sound, just a few kinks to work out with the software. I believe that it was well received and was hopefully enjoyed by those who participated.

I think that this is a very worthwhile program to further refine and continue in the future.

**Update 2015:** In the process of editing the video section for this webinar which was shot at a later date. Should be ready to send to the National office in the next short while.

Would really like to continue with this concept and find other areas of interest that could also be shared via webinar



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Name of Organization	CJCA Community and Seniors' Foundation						
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization						
Address	2236 – 29 <sup>th</sup> Street SW, Calgary, AB						
E-Mail Address							
Phone Number(s)							
Fax Number(s)							
Contact Person	Shirley Shigematsu						
Report Completed by	Joanne Terakita Planidin						
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>			<b>Position:</b>			
	Joanne Terakita Planidin			President			
	Cindy Nagata-McMillan			Secretary			
	Shirley Shigematsu			Treasurer			
	Russel Hironaka			Director			
Date of AGM	April 2014						
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$15,000						
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>	
	CJCA Membership	Included in CJCA membership fee		400 +/-		CJCA	
Newsletter <b>Title:</b>	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>		<b>Digital Copy:</b>		<b>Hard Copy:</b>
	N/A						
Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>			<b>Reason For Partnership</b>			



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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
	Calgary Japanese Community Association	

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)  
Charitable foundation focused on supporting activities for both the Japanese community and in particular senior's.

### Highlights of 2013-14:

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

Category: Please indicate with an "X"

No.	Timelines	Description	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
	Start date On-going Complete date	Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes										

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Japanese community and seniors activities.

### Major Local Issues:

### QUESTIONS

A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:

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

C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)





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Name of Organization	Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	P.O. Box 721, Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Z6	
E-Mail Address	david@albrio.com	
Phone Number(s)	403-330-1540	
Fax Number(s)	n/a	
Contact Person	David Tanaka	
Report Completed by	David Tanaka	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	David Tanaka George Takashima Pat Sassa Tim Koba Roy Sassa Betty Tanaka Hisae Price Deanna Oye Michel Carbonneau Sumie Tsukishima Yuki Nagoya	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member
Date of AGM	March 1 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$15,000	



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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>	
	Family Individual		\$20 \$10					
	<b>Frequency:</b> Quarterly	<b>Distribution:</b> electronic	<b>Paid Advertising:</b> no	<b>Digital Copy:</b> yes	<b>Hard Copy:</b> Limited to requests			
<b>NCS Bulletin</b>								
<b>Partnerships (if applicable)</b>								
<b>Name of Partner</b>								
<b>Name of Organization</b>								
Bunka Society Southern Alberta New Japanese Immigrants Association								
<b>Main Purpose</b> Classical Arts and Crafts Social and support for new immigrants								

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)  
 As stated on the Alberta Societies Act Registration:  
 We are a non-political organization whose mission is to assist in the promotion and awareness of Japanese Canadian Culture through education and coordination of cultural activities in the community



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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	Jan 17 2014	New Years Banquet			X							
2	May 17-18 2014	Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission Casino operation				X						
3	Aug 4, 2014	Heritage Day (AB) – participation in cultural showcase (Japanese dancing, Taiko drumming, handicraft demo)			X			X		X		
4	Ongoing	Taiko Class – youth and adult programme	X								X	
5	Ongoing	Minyo Dance – classes in traditional Japanese folk dancing	X								X	
6	Various dates	Minyo dance performances as part of community outreach, several events each year						X		X		

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Youth involvement

Capture stories from aging Nissei

### Major Local Issues:

### QUESTIONS

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

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

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	180 McPhillips St. Winnipeg, MB R3E 2J9	
E-Mail Address	m.jccc@shaw.ca	
Phone Number(s)	(204) 774-5909	
Fax Number(s)	(204) 775-6029	
Contact Person	Art Miki	
Report Completed by	Art Miki	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Art Miki	President
	Lucy Yamashita	First vice President
	Ken Teramura	Second vice president
	Yuhito Adachi	Treasurer
	Kana Nemoto	Secretary
	Janet Hirose	Director
	MacKenzie Sato	Director
	Joy Letkemann	Director
	Sandra Shibata	Director
	Karynne Nekwinda	Director
	Wanda Yamamoto	Director
	Grant Voakes	Director
	Kristen Matsumoto	Director
	Cassidy Nekwinda	Youth rep.
Date of AGM	June 14, 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$220,000	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:		Groups Within Membership:	
	Individual	Family	\$15 \$25	714		Individual 180 Family 156	
Newsletter Title:	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:		
	4 times annually	To members	some	Most digital	40 copies mailed to who cannot pick it up		
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership				
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose				
	Manitoba Buddhist Church		Religious				

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)  
 Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba Inc. (JCAM) is dedicated to the preservation and facilitation of activities and services which advance the education of Japanese and Japanese Canadian art, music, culture, heritage and history that are beneficial to the community as a whole. The Association organizes and conducts social, recreational, historical and cultural programs. More importantly the Association supports the Horizon group and programs for the senior members of the community. The activities are held at the Cultural Centre that the Association owns and maintains. All members of the community are welcome to participate and may apply for membership.



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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Feb. /15	Receive dining license				X					X	
2	Nov./14	Gala dinner		X	X	X						
3	Oct-June	School program	X							X		X
4.	Nov./14	Nikkei Heritage Day workshop with Jeff Chiba Stearns			X		X					
5	Sept-June	Japanese Language classes	X						X			
6	Dec – July	Community events- Kiddie's party, New Year's party, Keirokai, Picnic		X	X						X	
7	August	Folklorama		X	X	X				X		

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Addition of a vestibule to the existing building with estimated cost of \$160,000

Establish a five year strategic plan to increase membership and programs

Develop a historical projects such as History Display area and MJCCA Recognition display in the new addition

Update the JCAM website

### Major Local Issues:

Planning for a major fund raising campaign for the addition and future building repairs and renovations



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QUESTIONS	
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>	
What are the roles of the various members of NEB? Could there be an outline of the projects they are involved in? What is the relationship and role differentiation of NEB with the Executive Director?	
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>	
What is biggest concern related to the future of the local member organizations? Where do these organizations see themselves 10 to 15 years from now	
<b>C. Other:</b>	
We should be discussing the future of NAJC as a national organization. Where are we going as a human rights organization? Will the NAJC be necessary 10 to 15 years from now?	

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	915 Edward St S, Thunder Bay ON P7E 6R2	
E-Mail Address	c/o eddington@shaw.ca	
Phone Number(s)	c/o 807 577-2030	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	Jane Eddington	
Report Completed by	Jane Eddington	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Jane Eddington	President
	Jim Squier	Vice President
	Steven Seller	Past President
	Earl Mcivor	Treasurer
	Sue Taniwa	Secretary
	Sharon Young	Seniors' Rep
	Brian Hicks	Youth Rep
	Doug Eddington	Director
	Kristi Judge	Director
Date of AGM	January 25/15	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$4000.00	





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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:		Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Single	\$15.00	108 people	Odori Taiko 55+ Group Youth Group	
	Single Senior	\$8.00			
	Single Youth	\$8.00			
	Family	\$30.00			
	Family Senior	\$15.00			
Newsletter Title:	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	Quarterly	200 approx	No	Yes	Yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	West Thunder Community Ctr		LJCA as a founding member of the xcentre has an appointed seat on this board		
	Thunder Bay Multicultural Association		Long time member of this board whose members represent various ethnic communities		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose		

<b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus) The aims and objectives of the association is to further the well being of the Japanese Canadian community in the thunder bay area by catering to its social and cultural needs on a non-profit basis and shall include the following: 1) To foster and preserve Japanese culture, traditions and values 2) To promote and sponsor programs or projects which would enable Japanese Canadians to contribute towards the multicultural quality of Canadian society 3) To co-operate with other organizations whose educational, cultural, social and recreational activities foster the multicultural makeup of Canadian society
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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Odori participate in community activities	X		X			X				
2	Ongoing	Taiko – trip to japan with some performances	X		X			X				
3	Sept 15/15	“preserving our history in nw ont”			X							
4	July 9/14	Ringing of the peace bell in support of our sister city in japan			X							
5	Oct/14	Sushi workshop	X			X		X				
6	Nov/14	Mochi making									X	
7	Apr/14	Keiro kai			X							
8	Nov/14	Children’s xmas party			X							
9	May/14	Folklore festival – odori & taiko performances			X							

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Fundraising

### Major Local Issues:

Dwindling membership, income not covering expenses

### QUESTIONS

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

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

**C. Other:**

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC				
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization				
Address	6 Garamond Court, Front desk, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Z5				
E-Mail Address	torontonajc@gmail.com				
Phone Number(s)	647 932-1296				
Fax Number(s)	---				
Contact Person	David Fujino				
Report Completed by	David Fujino				
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>			
	David Fujino	President			
	Bruce Tatemichi	VP			
	Randy Sakauye	Treasurer			
	Kim Uyede-Kai	Director			
	Bob Tanaka	Director			
	Toke Suyama	Director			
	Yosh Inouye	Director			
	Ken Galloway	Director			
Date of AGM	September 26-27, 2015				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$38,000.00				
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>	
	Membership Seniors	\$30.00	136		
Newsletter <b>Title: The Bulletin</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>
		5,000			



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Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>	<b>Reason For Partnership</b>
	The Fisher Library (U of T)	Archiving of Toronto NAJC files
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Nikkei Heritage Centre (JCCC)	Archiving of Toronto NAJC files
	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Main Purpose</b>
	Japanese Social Services	Monetary support

<p><b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)</p> <p>To promote co-operation among Nikkei organizations and Nikkei towards achieving a better Canada and a world free from racism, poverty, inequality and war.</p> <p>To promote and encourage Japanese Canadians to participate in cultural, educational, social and recreational activities conducive to better citizenship.</p>
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### Highlights of 2014-15:

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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	May 11, 2014	Book Launch and talks for Dr. Oikawa's book, "Cartographies of Violence"										
2	Dec. 21, 2014	Roy Miya Concert at Castleview Wychwood Towers										
3	Ongoing	Hide (Hyodo) Shimizu Scholarship in conjunction with Hastings Park foundation for rights and freedoms. Deadline: June 2015										
4		Nikkei Manga Gatari trilogy – Book two funded by Chapter										
5		Book launch and reading for Terry Watada's "The game of 100 Ghosts"										
6		Media sponsor for Artsu Matsuri, July 2 to 19, 2015										
7		Media sponsor for Japanese Canadian Artists Symposium, <b>April 1 &amp; 2, 2016</b>										



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<b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b> 1. Financial sustainability 2. Youth initiatives 3. Social networking 4. Membership 5. Community outreach 6. Operation of 'virtual office' after the May 3/15 closure of the Toronto Chapter office.	
<b>Major Local Issues:</b> 1. Resource consolidation to eliminate duplication 2. Inertia	
<b>QUESTIONS</b>	
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>  1. What progress has been made in returning the NAJC to its roots in human rights? 2. Do you feel a Chapter's amalgamation with a JC cultural centre strengthens or weakens their association with the NAJC?	
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>	
<b>C. Other:</b>	
<b>Additional Comments:</b> (if applicable)	



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Name of Organization	Ottawa Japanese Community Association	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member Organization	
Address	2285 St. Laurent Blvd., Unit B16, Ottawa, ON, K1G 4Z5	
E-Mail Address	<a href="mailto:ojcc@yahoo.ca">ojcc.ojcc@yahoo.ca</a>	
Phone Number(s)	613-731-7939	
Fax Number(s)	613-731-1367	
Contact Person	Sachiko Okuda ( <a href="mailto:sachiko_okuda@sympatico.ca">sachiko_okuda@sympatico.ca</a> )	
Report Completed by	Sachiko Okuda, President	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Sachiko Okuda Naomi Katsumi Karen Shigeishi-Waite Takashi Toyooka Jennifer Matsunaga Lisa Schoenhofer Yumi Schoenhofer Lily Chen Matt Miwa Brian Yamashita Tak Terada Yvonne Terada October 4, 2015 [To follow]	President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary/Website Past-President/Human Rights NAJC Liaison Community Relations Youth/Facebook Youth/Human Rights Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre (OJCC) President/OJCC Liaison Membership coordinator/E-mail blasts Membership coordinator/E-mail blasts
Date of AGM	October 4, 2015	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	[To follow]	



The OJCA shares a common membership base with the OJCC, but pre-dates the OJCC by about 20 years. (The OJCA was established in the early 1970s; the OJCC in the early 1990s).

The OJCA partners on an ad hoc basis with JETAA Ottawa and with the Embassy of Japan Information and Cultural Section, on activities and events that benefit from synergies and an expanded volunteer- and participant-base.





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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
	NOTE: most of the organizations described here do not limit their membership to persons of Japanese origin.	
	Asian Hockey Classic (AHC)	AHC is an annual hockey tournament (men's rec, men's competitive, women's, children) during Asian Heritage month.
	Canada-Japan Society of Ottawa <a href="http://www.cjsjso-ottawa.com">http://www.cjsjso-ottawa.com</a>	CJSO is a not-for-profit group that organizes cultural and social events for its members.
	Carleton University Japanese Association (CUJA)	(may be inactive in 2015)
	Contact: Japan	Contact: Japan is the community TV show on Rogers. For more than 30 years, Contact: Japan has been sharing the many points of contact between Ottawa and Japan with local viewers. The current OJCA President is one of the producers.
	Embassy of Japan in Canada <a href="http://www.ca.emb-japan.go.jp">http://www.ca.emb-japan.go.jp</a>	The Embassy of Japan is actively involved in strengthening and maintaining Japan-Canada diplomatic, economic and trade relations. The Embassy provides information on official Japanese scholarship-, award-, and exchange programs, and has an active cultural events program. The Embassy also administers the annual Japanese-Canadian invitation program for leaders (annual 10-day hosted visit to Japan for a five-member delegation of Japanese Canadians), the purpose of which is to support and enable networking with and amongst Nikkei who are making contributions to Canada, and to Japan-Canada relations.



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	Ikebana International, Ottawa Centennial Chapter <a href="http://ikebanaottawa.ca">http://ikebanaottawa.ca</a>	One of several ikebana organizations and schools in Ottawa, Ikebana International promotes “understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries through ikebana”. The chapter organizes workshops and public events, including shows at the Embassy of Japan and the Canadian Museum of Nature.  JETAA Ottawa organizes cultural and social events, and
	JET Alumni Association (JETAA) Ottawa <a href="http://www.jetaaottawa.ca">http://www.jetaaottawa.ca</a>	Japanese-language classes for former participants in the government of Japan’s JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program. JETAA Ottawa also organizes an annual public event at City Hall and each year assists the Embassy of Japan in the pre-departure orientation of new JET participants.
	JOttawa <a href="http://www.jottawa.com/index.html">http://www.jottawa.com/index.html</a>	JOttawa is a web-based platform for sharing information in Japanese about events and resources.
	Otowa Taiko and Dagaku	Otowa Taiko and Dagaku are, respectively, adult and children’s taiko groups, with learners’ and performance ensembles.
	Ottawa Bonsai Society <a href="http://www.ottawabonsai.org">http://www.ottawabonsai.org</a>	Ottawa Bonsai Society is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting interest and understanding in the art form of bonsai.
	Ottawa Hoshuko <a href="http://www.ottawahoshuko.ca">http://www.ottawahoshuko.ca</a>	Ottawa Hoshuko is a school that follows a Japanese curriculum.



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	Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre (OJCC)	OJCC is a community meeting place/event venue/rehearsal space. Primary users are the OJCC member groups and clubs (dance, tea, Japanese-language playgroup, crafts, cooking, etc.) and the OJCA board. The OJCC also hosts an annual spring fundraiser in this space, and is a hub for requests from outside groups for performers. Membership to the OJCA includes membership to the OJCC.
	Ottawa Japanese Language Meet-up <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Nihongo-Ottawa/">http://www.meetup.com/Nihongo-Ottawa/</a>	Ottawa Japanese Language Meet-up has over 450 members who network to practice conversational Japanese and English.
	Ottawa Japanese Language School (OJLS) <a href="http://ojls.ca">http://ojls.ca</a>	OJLS is the community-based language school for “students of all skill levels, from beginners through to advanced, and all ages, from kindergarten students through to adults.”

**Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:** (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)  
 The mission of the Ottawa Japanese Community Association (OJCA) is to foster and strengthen the Japanese and Japanese-Canadian community in Ottawa and in Canada, and to advance the principles of friendship, partnership, education and justice.

### Highlights of 2013-14:

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

(Summarize your events, initiatives, updates, and activities that reflect and/or support your operations)												
No. Add as needed	Timelines		Description									
	Start date	Name/Title/Designation Details Actions taken Outcomes	Classes	Committee	Event	Fund-raising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	October 4, 2014	OJCA OJCC AGM										X
2	December 7, 2014	Annual OJCA OJCC mochitsuki			X							



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3	January 24, 2015	Tomonokai Shinnenkai												
4	January 2015 (ongoing)	Presentations to school groups on the Japanese-Canadian internment (3 presentations in January at two different schools)												
5	February 6, 2015	"Winter in Hokkaido", major Winterlude event organized by the Ottawa Art Gallery, with significant OJCA/OJCC input (advice, planning, networking, performances)												
6	May 2015	With OJCC and the Embassy of Japan, provision of cultural programming for the Asian Heritage Society of Ottawa's annual month-long festival (film showing; musical ensemble performance)												
7	May 31, 2015	"Walk for Reconciliation", participation by two board members												
8	June 27, 2015	Shikoku Island All-Stars baseball game, hosted by the Can-Am League Ottawa Champions, with significant OJCA/OJCC input (advice, planning, networking, performances)												
9	July 25, 2015	OJCA OJCC annual community-appreciation picnic												
10	July 31, 2015	Carleton University community radio feature interview on the Japanese-Canadian community (23 minutes)												

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Once the renewed mission statement is ratified, the OJCA priorities are

- growing our membership, with particular emphasis on households in the Outaouais region of Quebec and on newcomers to Ottawa
- improving our services for Japanese-speaking members and for seniors
- improving our web- and social-media presence
- creating opportunities for youth engagement and leadership
- developing our educational and social-justice programming, with a particular emphasis on Japanese-Canadian history and the legacy of the Japanese-Canadian redress movement



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<b>Major Local Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• renewing and communicating the OJCA's identity and purpose</li><li>• creating opportunities for youth engagement and leadership</li><li>• improving our services for Japanese-speaking members and for seniors</li><li>• membership recruitment and retention</li></ul>
<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please describe the collaboration between the NAJC and "Landscapes of Injustice".</li><li>• Please provide a status report on the implementation of the NAJC's strategic plan.</li><li>• What is the NAJC's position on the archiving of significant historical documents, photos, and artifacts? Does the NAJC recommend the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre? Other centres? National or provincial museums? University archives (and if so, which ones?)</li><li>• Is there active collaboration between the NAJC and the Japanese American Citizens League and if so, on what issues?</li></ul>
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- your successes in youth recruitment, engagement and leadership development</li><li>- your successes in developing programs that appeal to post-1967 immigrants and their descendants, as well as to pre-war immigrants and their descendants</li><li>- your successes in delivering programming and services in both languages (English and Japanese)</li><li>- your successes in developing programming related to Japanese-Canadian history, its communication, and preservation of documentary evidence and artifacts</li><li>- your successes in fundraising</li></ul>
<b>C. Other:</b>

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Hamilton Chapter NAJC				
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Member organization				
Address	45 Hempstead Drive Hamilton, ON L8W 2Y6				
E-Mail Address	<a href="mailto:hamiltonnajc@gmail.com">hamiltonnajc@gmail.com</a>				
Phone Number(s)					
Fax Number(s)					
Contact Person	Patricia Simpson				
Report Completed by	Patricia Simpson				
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>				<b>Position:</b>
	Patricia Simpson Douglas Ikeda Takeshi Yano Marlene Frazer Joyce Hirasawa Ed Itakura				President Treasurer Social CJCC liason
Date of AGM	March 1, 2015				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$ 1400.00				
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>	
	Regular member	\$ 20.00	10		
	Seniors	\$ 10.00	6		
Newsletter <b>Title: CJCC newsletter- NAJC column</b>	<b>Frequency:</b> Quarterly	<b>Distribution:</b> CJCC membership	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b> yes	<b>Hard Copy:</b> Yes



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Partnerships (if applicable)	<b>Name of Partner</b>	<b>Reason For Partnership</b>
	CJCC	We collaborate on two events: Keirokai and Community Picnic. We established agreements regarding Keirokai and Picnic at the time the CJCC was established.
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>
	CJCC	Cultural classes, martial arts, social clubs
	Momiji Health	Community senior support
	Taiko (Do Kon Taiko)	Cultural
	Hamilton Japanese United church	Religious
	Hamilton Buddhist Temple	Religious
	Koyu-kai	Senior's social club

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

**Mission Statement:** To promote and develop a strong Japanese Canadian identity and thereby strengthen local communities and the national organization, and, To strive for equal rights and liberties for all persons-in particular, the rights of racial and ethnic minorities





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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	August 9	Community picnic at T.B. McQuesten Park, Hamilton			X			X				
2	April 19	Keirokai			X			X				
3	July 10	Tanabata festival at Macassa Lodge in collaboration with Momiji Health, HJUC and Macassa Lodge volunteers			X			X				
4	August 6	Hiroshima Day in collaboration with Mundialization Committee of Hamilton			X		X	X				

### Chapter/Association Priorities:

Maintain our membership and community presence.

### Major Local Issues:

Membership growth

Encourage young members to join

### QUESTIONS

A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:

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

C. Other:

### Additional Comments: (if applicable)

It is important to keep our organization visible in the community.

We try to keep books about redress available in our office for purchase by members.

We are attempting to reduce our costs as we don't have many donations.

Membership is always an issue. It is difficult to maintain our separate identity from the cultural centre when we work on the same events with the same membership.

We are a member of Hamilton Mundialization Committee





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Name of Organization	Nikkei National Museum	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Supporting Member	
Address	6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC V5E 4M7	
E-Mail Address	skajiware@nikkeiplace.org	
Phone Number(s)	604.777.7000 ext 112	
Fax Number(s)	604.777.7001	
Contact Person	Sherri Kajiware, Director Curator	
Report Completed by	Sherri Kajiware	
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
	Cathy Makihara Ross Saito Frank Kamiya Carrie Okano Ian Miki Mitsuo Hayashi Justin Ault, Robert Banno, Ruth Coles, Akiko Gomyo, Naoto Horita, Gary Kawaguchi, Ronald Kruschen, Joey Oikawa, Masako Moriyama, Craig Natsuhara, Roy Sakata, Dennis Shikaze, Leslie Wada, Fred Yada, Ryan Yada, and Sam Yamamoto	President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Chairman Directors
Date of AGM	April (usually mid month)	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	Approx \$1.3million	



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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, Senior, non-profit, family		\$36.75, \$26.25, \$52.25, \$47.25		Approximately 800			
	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>			
<b>Newsletter</b> <b>Title: Nikkei Network E-news</b>	3x/year monthly		Membership Just over 1000		No No		Yes Yes	
	<b>Name of Partner</b>		<b>Reason For Partnership</b>					
	Landscapes of Injustice project		7 year SHHRC funded research project, we head a cluster					
<b>Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community</b> (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Steveston Museum		Japanese Canadian Fishermen's Benevolent Society building historical interpretive centre					
	Revitalizing Japantown? Project		4 year SHHRC funded research project, we are hosting a finale exhibition in winter 2015					
	<b>Name of Organization</b>		<b>Main Purpose</b>					
	JCCA		Bulletin and human rights projects (community support)					
	PSF		Participation in annual festival (community support & outreach)					
	VPLS		Open Doors project (historical education)					
	Hastings Park Project community group		Interpretive signage for Hastings Park and educational website development (historical content)					
	Tashme Historical Project committee		Assistance for website development (historical content)					
	JCCC		We are their collections management hub (community engagement)					
	NMIC		We are mentoring their Manager, and are their collections management hub (outreach)					



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

Our mission is to honour, preserve, and share Japanese Canadian history and culture for a better Canada.

Our mandate is to promote a better understanding and appreciation by all Canadians of Japanese Canadian culture and heritage; and awareness by all Canadians of the contribution of Japanese Canadians to Canadian society, through public programs, exhibits, services, publications, public use of the facilities and special events.

### **Highlights of 2014-15:**

(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	Sept 13, 2014 – Jan 4, 2015	Kip Fulbeck: part asian 100%hapa exhibition which included a What are We? Symposium where we invited Nikkei arts & culture professionals from across Canada and from JANM in the US. Record attendance. Good connections and the start of possible collaborations. One immediate outcome is a banner project with PSF which will launch at the festival in Aug 2015			X		X	X	X			
2	Jan 17 – April 5, 2015	Magic Hour by Instant Coffee. The Instant Coffee Artist Collective takes an unexpected and innovative look at the gems from our permanent collection. Magic Hour is the name of that time just after sunrise or just before sunset, and we are excited to tease out the magic in our archives. The 'closing' included our annual Bloom art auction/fundraising event where we were able to meet our fundraising goals of \$10,000.			X	X		X	X			



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3	April 11 – June 7, 2015	Registered. The Japanese Canadian Experience During World War II. Photographs by Leslie Hossack explore the experience of Japanese Canadians during World War II when they were registered, rounded up and removed. REGISTERED includes newspaper clippings from the 1940s, authentic registration cards, and interpretive photographs of buildings where the story unfolded. This exhibition, which looks at the people, the places and the press, has recently shown at the Shenkman Arts Centre in Ottawa. This exhibition was accepted as part of the city-wide Capture Photography Festival in Vancouver.			X		X	X	X			
4	June 20 – Oct 11, 2015	Mingei: Japan's Enduring Folk Arts. Mingei refers to "hand-crafted art of ordinary people." It celebrates the beauty and quiet humility in everyday, ordinary and utilitarian objects created by often unknown craftsmen. This exhibit consists of over 100 works from throughout Japan: charming items of daily use made of wood, bamboo, paper, straw, shell, lacquers, clay, metal, stone and other materials. Presented in collaboration with the Canadian Society for Asian Arts.			X		X	X	X			
5	October 24 – Jan 31, 2016	Revitalizing Japantown? A Right to Remain Exhibition A creative repossession of the human rights legacies of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). This multi-layered exhibition looks at the contradictions, co-optation, commemoration, heritage, and redress that have shaped the DTES as unearthed by a three-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)-funded research project.			X		X	X	X			



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<b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b>
<b>Major Local Issues:</b>
<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<p><b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>          Our primary focus is to communicate Nikkei history, arts, and culture nationally. How can we qualify for more museum project support? Currently we compete for limited endowment funds and because of our membership status which is the only level we can currently sustainably afford, we are only eligible for max. \$1,000 in community development funds. We do many worthwhile historically significant, cross-generational, human rights related exhibits or museum projects like the Tashme Historical Project or the Hastings Park signage project. As the only national museum representing Japanese Canadians, is there any way we can work more closely with the NAJC to ensure that Nikkei stories are preserved and told in a meaningful way?</p>
<p><b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>          How can we be of better service given our national scope? How can we encourage donations for our permanent archives/collections of historically important ephemera, photos, and objects from the Nikkei community? How can we better communicate what we are doing and encourage input?</p>
<p><b>C. Other:</b>          Could we partner with other member organizations on innovative arts &amp; cultural projects? We have several traveling exhibits. Is there a way to let other Nikkei groups across the country know more effectively than we've been able to through just our website and social media?</p>

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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Name of Organization	Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc.				
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or supporting member)	Supporting Member				
Address	3346 Tanager Cres.				
E-Mail Address	<a href="mailto:RJcc.info@gmail.com">RJcc.info@gmail.com</a>				
Phone Number(s)	(306)352-1986				
Fax Number(s)	(306)352-1986				
Contact Person	Andre Boutin-Maloney				
Report Completed by	Andre Boutin-Maloney				
Board of Directors (name and position)	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>			
	Andre Boutin-Maloney	President			
	Ron Okumura	Vice president			
	Linda and Toshi Shinmura	Administrative Secretaries			
	Hana Kanayama	Treasurer			
	Carrie Green	Communications			
Date of AGM	Biannual General Meetings on May 17, 2015 & November 15, 2015				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	~ \$1500.00				
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>	
	Single	\$10	~80	0	
	Couple	\$20			
Newsletter <b>Title:</b> N/A	<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>Paid Advertising:</b>	<b>Digital Copy:</b>	<b>Hard Copy:</b>



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Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner	Reason For Partnership
	No formal partnerships but we maintain informal partnership with the other organizations listed below.	
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	<b>Name of Organization - Main Purpose</b>	
	University of Regina Japanese Culture Club – Promotion & celebration of Japanese culture on campus	
	Queen City Japanese School – Japanese language school for elementary school children	
	Saskatchewan Prairie Yokohama Student Exchange & Fujioka Exchange Programs - International exchange programs for High school and Middle school children.	

<p><b>Mission Statement or Goals of the Organization:</b> (e.g. cultural, social, human rights, and/or services focus)</p> <p>Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc. (RJCC) is an organization that promotes the cultural and social well-being of the Japanese Community in Regina and its surrounding area. The RJCC organizes a variety of activities in order to support the continuance of Japanese heritage and culture for its members.</p>
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### Highlights of 2014-15:

(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	Fundraising	Human Rights	Outreach	Programs	Public Relations	Services	Other
1	January 2014	New Year's Party - we had a potluck party, listened to traditional Japanese music, the Children made mochi together as an activity, and all school children received gift-card otoshidama from the club.			x				x			
2	February 2014	Library Resources – worked with the Saskatchewan Information and Library Services consortium to create a linked database to all Japanese language resources across the province.							x	x	x	
3	February 2014	Dinobouncers - organized a fun afternoon at Dinobouncers for our younger children to meet and play together.		x	x							
4	March 2014	This is our Community: A Celebration of Cultures - presented about Japanese culture to approximately 300 visitors.		x	x			x		x		
5	April 2014	Japanese Story Time - arranged to have a Japanese Story Time activity for 3-5 year olds at the Glen Elm Public Library. The event was organized by Akiko Shibuya with the assistance of her class from the Queen City Japanese School. Guests enjoyed interactive performance of the traditional Japanese story "Okinakabu" (Big Turnip), songs, games, and origami crafts. The event was well attended and the Glen Elm branch is already looking forward to doing it again in the fall.			x			x		x		
6	April 2014	Taiko Workshops, Presentation, & Spring Potluck - RJCC and University of Regina's Japanese Culture Club (JCC) partnered to bring this exciting experience to Regina. Living Sky Taiko travelled from Saskatoon and delivered two exciting workshops for the RJCC and JCC participants. The workshops were a lot of fun and afterwards there was a lot of discussion about the possibility of starting a group here. During the performance we were treated to a variety of Taiko pieces – from classic to modern - from those born literally half a world away to a first ever performance of Living Sky Taiko's own piece. Each group of workshop participants took that stage to share each of the unique pieces that they learned earlier in the day. James Bykowsky did a wonderful job explaining the history of Taiko and			x				x	x	x	



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		explaining each of the performance pieces. We were incredibly impressed by the combination of visual and auditory performances by Living Sky Taiko – it truly was spectacular. Living Sky Taiko recently acquired some new Taiko drums and informed us that they would be using the proceeds of their performance to purchase protective cases. The evening continued with our Spring Potluck. Michi Japanese Restaurant and Enso each made a generous donation the potluck, and with all the contributions from the participants, there was more than enough delicious food to go around. We rounded off the evening with the presentation of some cultural displays, a raffle by the JCC. It was great partnering with Living Sky Taiko, and the JCC to bring our communities together and celebrate Japanese culture.											
7	April 2014	Japanese Language Resource Donation to Provincial Library and Literacy Office - 2 boxes of Japanese Language Resources were collected during the Spring Potluck and donated to the PLLO. We now include a link on our website to all the Japanese resources across the provinces that are available for loan from the public library.											
8	May 2014	General Meeting - review of events and operations, etc.											
9	June 2014	Summer Picnic - Picnic was moved to the Broadway United Church due to rain but was still a great success thanks to a "Soran Bushi" dance performance by the Japanese students from the ESL Department.											
10	June 2014	Golf Tournament - Texas scramble golf tournament, and steak supper											
11	August 2014	Ohakamairi/Obon celebrations - we visited the graveyards to pay respect to our ancestors and cleaned up the graves. We had a small ceremony to remember members who have passed away. Recorded the GPS coordinates of the graves and upload them into a Google map.											
12	September 2014	Keirokai - we had a nice turnout to honour our seniors. We were treated to a performance of "Momoji" by a group of the women, as well as a piano solo, "Taiso" exercise routine, and "Te-asobi" song by the children.											



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17	January 2015	New Year's Party - potluck party, listened to traditional Japanese music, the club made mochi together as an activity, all elementary school children received gift-card otoshidama from the club, watched "January in Japan" and collected omikuji fortunes.								X				
18	February 2015	Tire Taiko Workshop - participants created a practice Taiko drum from an old tire and packing tape. Most materials were donated. The \$5 fee charged to each participant covered the cost of purchasing wooden doweling to make a pair of bachi sticks for each participant. Tomoko Isa did a short workshop/demo with the group on their new drums.								X				
19	February 2015	ESL Homestay Presentation – there is a large group of Japanese students coming in for the Short Term ESL program this summer. RJCC was invited to the University of Regina to present about Canadian / Japanese cultural differences to the group of host families who will be taking care of the students. We had fun sharing our experience with the group and it was well received by the families and U of R administration.									X			
20	March 2015 - Ongoing	Taiko Project - thanks to a successful grant application to SaskLotteries, and the Saskatchewan Arts Board, RJCC received \$4,855 in grant funding to send a group of 10 members to Taiko training with Living Sky Taiko. They attended a 6 hour training session in Saskatoon, and are currently participating in monthly training and practice sessions.	X								X	X		
21	March 2015	Japanese Story Time – organized by Akiko Shibuya with help from the Queen City Japanese School students held a Japanese story time at the Glen Elm Public Library. Participants listened to and watched a traditional Japanese story read and acted out, and took part in song and origami craft activities.							X					
22	April 2015	Spring Potluck – potluck party, samurai hat making activity for the kids, and wonderful entertainment provided by our fledgling taiko group and the Regina Kendo Club.							X					
23	April 2015	Saskatchewan Archives Donation - donation of historical minutes, correspondence, and photographs to the Provincial archives										X	X	X
24	May 2015	General Meeting - review of events and operations, etc.							X				X	



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25	June 2015	Summer Picnic – the weather smiled on us this year for our annual picnic BBQ in Wascana park. There were a variety of kids games, parents vs. kids tug-a-war, and some practicing of the ancient Japanese art of “Suikawari.”															
26	July 2015	Golf Tournament - Texas scramble golf tournament, and steak supper							x								
27	August 2015	Ohakamairi/Obon celebrations - we visited the graveyards to pay respect to our ancestors and cleaned up the graves. We had a small ceremony to remember members who have passed away and then had brunch together.											x				x
28	September 2015	Keirokai - an event to celebrate our elder members. Details TBA							x								
29	October 2015	Experience Japan Cultural Dinner – fundraising event for the Fujioka Exchange Program. R/JCC is helping with entertainment and cultural displays.							x							x	
30	November 2015	General Meeting - review of events and operations, etc.							x							x	
31	January 2015	New Year's Party – details TBA							x							x	
32	April 2015	Spring Potluck – details TBA							x								
33	May 2015	General Meeting - review of events and operations, etc.							x							x	



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<b>Chapter/Association Priorities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote the cultural and social well-being of the Japanese Community</li> <li>- Strengthen ties to other Japanese related organizations</li> <li>- Provide relevant &amp; worthwhile programming for our membership</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Local Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small membership base</li> <li>- Diverse group of 1<sup>st</sup> generation immigrants and 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Japanese Canadians with differing needs &amp; wants</li> </ul>	
<b>QUESTIONS</b>	
<b>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</b>	
<b>B. Questions/issues you would like input from other Member Organizations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ideas for cultural games/activities for children</li> </ul>
<b>C. Other:</b>	

**Additional Comments:** (if applicable)



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## **Section Six: Resolutions**

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The following motions have been submitted by the membership for consideration at the NAJC Annual General Meeting on September 26-27, 2015. There will be no further motions from the floor.

### **Motion (1):**

We, the undersigned, move to nominate David Fujino as a candidate for a position on the Endowment Fund Committee.

Moved by Bruce Tatemichi, Vice President, Toronto NAJC

Seconded by Yosh Inouye, Board Director, Toronto NAJC

### **Motion (2):**

To nominate Ken Teramura as a candidate to serve on the NAJC Endowment Fund Committee.

Moved by Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by Joy Letkemann, Director, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

### **Motion (3) –Amended:**

Whereas the NAJC has accumulated significant monies through wise investment by the money managers beyond the NAJC operating costs, and

Whereas many Japanese Canadian cultural/community centres are vitally necessary to provide the programs and community development but have refurbishing, retrofitting and renovation needs, and

Whereas many of the buildings are aging and deteriorating and the costs of improving these facilities have accumulated over the years,

Be it Resolved that the NAJC provide a one-time grant to the NAJC member organization cultural/community centres of \$24,000 or to Supporting members of \$4000 for refurbishing, retrofitting or renovation of the building or in cases where no centre exists the money be used as down payment to purchase a facility or payment of rent for whatever time the grant will provide.

The Community Development Committee can be responsible for drafting the application form and administering the projects.

Moved by Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by Lorene Oikawa, President, Greater Vancouver JCCA

### **Motion (4)**

To amend the By-Laws of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, as identified in the document "Proposed By-Law Amendments – September 2015".

Moved by Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association





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AMENDMENT 2015-1

**2. Definitions**

**Add the following paragraphs:**

"Act" means the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*, S.C. 2009, c. 23, as may be amended from time to time.

"Articles" means the Articles of Continuance of the NAJC as may be amended from time to time, and any reference to "Articles of Continuance" means the "Articles".

"Emergency Motion" is defined as involving only matters that are urgent and/or unforeseen and affecting the integrity, health and/or welfare of the NAJC or membership as a whole.

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AMENDMENT 2015-2

**2. Definitions**

**Change the following paragraph:**

*Original:*

"Membership" means

- (a) Individuals and Organizations as defined by Section 4; and the Executive Board as defined by Section 10.1
- (b) all of whom are collectively referred to as "the Membership"

*Revised:*

"Membership" means:

- (a) Individuals and Organizations as defined by Section 7; and,
- (b) the National Executive Board

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AMENDMENT 2015-3

**2. Definitions**

**Change the following paragraph:**

*Original:*

"Member" means an Individual or Organization which is recognized by the Membership as a member in-good-standing in accordance with Section 4.

"Member in-good-standing" means:

- (a) a member whose dues are paid up-to-date, and
- (b) a member who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the NAJC and who has not been removed from membership pursuant to Bylaw 4.3

*Revised:*

"Member in good standing" means:

- (a) a member whose dues are paid up-to-date; and,
- (b) a member who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the NAJC and who has not been removed from membership.



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AMENDMENT 2015-4

**2. Definitions**

**Change the following paragraph:**

*Original:*

"Officers" means the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected in accordance with Section 5 of the NAJC Bylaws.

*Revised:*

"Officers" means the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer elected in accordance with the by-laws.

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AMENDMENT 2015-6

**2. Definitions**

**Change the following paragraph:**

*Original:*

"Executive Board" means the executive board of directors constituted in accordance with Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

*Revised:*

"National Executive Board" means the board of directors of the NAJC, including officers, constituted in accordance with the by-laws.

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AMENDMENT 2015-7

**2. Definitions**

**Change the following paragraph:**

*Original:*

"Term" means a period of two (2) years.

*Revised:*

"Term" means a period of two (2) years unless otherwise specified herein.

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AMENDMENT 2015-8

**3. Head Office**

*Original:*

3.2 The location of the head office may be changed by an amendment to the Bylaws in accordance with Section 23.

*Revised:*

3.2 The location of the Head Office may be changed by an amendment to the by-laws in accordance with section 26 of the by-laws. If the province in which the Head Office is located is changed, the Articles must be amended.

3.3 DELETED A copy of the bylaw certificate under the seal of the NAJC shall be filed with the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and a notice of the bylaw shall be forthwith published in the Canada Gazette.



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AMENDMENT 2015-9

**Add the following Paragraph:**

**4. Banking Arrangements**

The banking business of the NAJC shall be transacted at such bank, trust company, or other firm or corporation carrying on a banking business in Canada or elsewhere as the Executive Board may designate from time to time by resolution. The banking business or any part of it shall be transacted by the Treasurer, or such other person(s) as the Executive Board may by resolution from time to time designate.

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AMENDMENT 2015-10

**Add the following Paragraph:**

**5. Borrowing Powers**

The Executive Board may, without authorization from the Membership:

- i) Borrow money on the credit of the NAJC;
- ii) Issue, reissue, sell, pledge or hypothecate debt obligations of the NAJC;
- iii) Give a guarantee on behalf of the NAJC;
- iv) Mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the NAJC, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligations of the NAJC.

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AMENDMENT 2015-11

**Add the following Paragraph:**

**6. Financial Statements**

The NAJC shall send to its members a copy of the annual financial statements and other documents referred to in subsection 172(1) of the Act (the "Financial Statements") not less than 21 days but not more than 60 days before the day on which the Annual General Meeting is held. Alternatively, instead of sending the Financial Statements, the NAJC may send a summary to each member along with a notice informing the member of the procedure for obtaining a copy of the Financial Statements free of charge. The Corporation is not required to send the Financial Statements to a member who declines in writing to receive such documents.

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AMENDMENT 2015-12

**Delete the following Paragraph 4.1.1.3 (a) due to duplication of wording**

4.1.1.3 (a) to have full voting rights;

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AMENDMENT 2015-13

Existing paragraph 4.1.2.2

New Paragraph 7.1.2.2

4.1.2.2 Supporting Member Organizations shall have the following rights:

- (b) To have two (2) votes at the NAJC AGM and for all association related votes.



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AMENDMENT 2015-14

- 4.2.2 Individuals shall have the following rights:
- (c) to have one (1) vote at the NAJC AGM and for all Association related votes;

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AMENDMENT 2015-15

**ADD 7.3.1 Removal of membership will occur when:**

- (a) an Individual Member dies or delivers a written resignation to the Secretary in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation or the date of delivery, whichever is later;
- (b) It is established that a member violated their membership requirements as set forth in the bylaws; or,
- (c) the member fails to pay his/her/its membership fees pursuant to section 7.5 of the by-laws;
- (d) the Member Organization or Supporting Organization is dissolved or otherwise ceases to exist;
- (e) the NAJC is liquidated and dissolved under the Act.

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AMENDMENT 2015-16

**Change the following paragraph:**

4.3.2 When it is established that an Individual or Organizational Member violates their membership requirements in accordance with Sections 4.1 and 4.2, the Executive Board will present the violations to the Membership at a General Membership meeting.

7.3.2 When it is established that a member violates their membership requirements, the Executive Board will present the violations to the Membership at a General Membership Meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2015-17

**Change the following paragraph:**

4.3.3 The offending Individual or Organization will be provided an opportunity to refute the claims against them at the General Membership meeting.

7.3.3 The offending member will be provided an opportunity to refute the claims against them at the General Membership Meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2015-18

**Change the following paragraph:**

4.3.4 Revoking an Individual or Organizational Member requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the existing Membership.

7.3.4 Revoking a member requires a two-third majority vote of the Membership.



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AMENDMENT 2015-19

**Change the following paragraph:**

- 4.3.5 Reinstatement will occur only at a General Membership meeting after the removed party proves that all the violations have been corrected and the General Membership votes a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the existing Membership in favour of reinstatement.
- 7.3.5 Reinstatement will occur only at a General Membership meeting after the removed member proves that all the violations have been corrected and there is a two-third majority vote of the Membership in favour of reinstatement.

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AMENDMENT 2015-20

**Add the following Paragraph**

- 7.3.6 Subject to the Articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the NAJC, automatically cease to exist.

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AMENDMENT 2015-21

**Add the following Paragraph**

- 7.4 Membership Transferability
- A membership may only be transferred to the NAJC. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to add, change or delete this section of the by-laws.

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AMENDMENT 2015-22

**Change the following paragraph:**

- 4.4 Membership Fees
- Membership fees shall be determined by the Membership at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting
- 7.5 Membership Fees
- Membership fees shall be determined by the Membership at an AGM or Special General Meeting. Members shall be notified in writing of the membership dues at any time payable to them, and if any are not paid within one (1) calendar month of the membership renewal date, the members in default shall automatically cease to be members.

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AMENDMENT 2015-23

**ADD the following paragraph**

- 7.6 Amendments to Membership Rights and/or Conditions
- Pursuant to subsection 197(1) of the Act, a special resolution of members is required to make any amendments of the by-laws which affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).



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AMENDMENT 2015-24

**Change the following paragraph:**

Paragraph 5.1.2--> 8.1.2

5.1.2 Only two (2) persons from one (1) Member Organization are eligible to stand for election and if there are more than two (2) persons from one (1) organization wishing to run for a position, the organization must select two (2) persons to stand for election.

8.1.2 Only two (2) persons from one (1) Member Organization are eligible for election and if there are more than two (2) persons from one (1) Member Organization wishing to run for a position, the Member Organization must select two (2) persons to stand for election.

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AMENDMENT 2015-25

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 change to 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 – changes highlighted below**

9. Appointed National Executive Board Members will be selected to address:

- (a) Skill base enhancement;
- (b) Demographic weakness in elected National Executive Board composition (including but not limited to age, gender and region).

9.1 The appointed National Executive Board Members shall serve:

- (a) A prescribed period established by the elected National Executive Board for a specific purpose; or
- (b) for a period at the pleasure of the elected National Executive Board
- (c) for a maximum term that corresponds with the Term of the then current National Executive Board.

9.2 Appointed National Executive Board Members may be removed from office for cause by a vote of a majority of the National Executive Board.

9.3 The appointed National Executive Board Members shall serve:

- (b) for a period at the pleasure of the elected Executive Board
  - (c) for a maximum term that corresponds with the Term of the then current National Executive Board.
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AMENDMENT 2015-26

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 8.2 --> 11.2**

8. Election Structure

- 8.2 All elections for positions on the Executive Board and Endowment Fund Committee will be conducted by the first-past-the-post system (FPPS).

Note: The FPPS electoral system determines the winner of any vote as the individual who has the most number of votes at the end of an election. The FPPS could create a winner that has less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast.

- 11.2 All elections for positions on the National Executive Board and Endowment Fund Committee will be conducted by the first-past-the-post system ("FPPS"). The FPPS electoral system determines the winner of any vote as the individual who has the most number of votes at the end of an election. The FPPS could create a winner that has less than fifty (50%) percent of the votes cast.

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AMENDMENT 2015-27

**Change the following paragraphs: (Paragraph 9. --> 12.)**

9. Terms

Each elected position will be held for two-years to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

12. Terms

Each elected position will be for a term of two years. An officer will serve no more than 2 terms in the same office and a maximum of three consecutive terms in total on the National Executive Board.

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AMENDMENT 2015-28

**Change the following paragraphs: (Par 10, 10.1. --> Par 13., 13.1)**

10. Executive Board

- 10.1 To be eligible for election to the Executive Board, a member must:

13. National Executive Board

- 13.1 To be eligible for election to the National Executive Board, a members must:

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AMENDMENT 2015-29

**Change the following paragraphs: Par 10.1a) --> Par. 13.1a**

- (a) be of Japanese descent, partially of Japanese descent, or a spouse or child of a person of Japanese descent;
- (a) be a member in good standing;



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AMENDMENT 2015-30

**Change the following paragraphs: Par 10.1b) --> Par. 13.1b)**

- (a) be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident within the meaning of the Immigration Act, 1976, as amended from time to time;
- (a) be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident within the meaning of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, as amended from time to time;

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AMENDMENT 2015-31

**Delete the following paragraph: Paragraph 10.1d)**

- d) demonstrate basic qualities of honest, integrity, justice and sound moral character;

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AMENDMENT 2015-32

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.1h) --> 13.1g)**

- 10.1h) objectively and professionally protect the confidential nature of information discussed at Board meetings.
- 13.1g) protect the confidential nature of information discussed at National Executive Board meetings.

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AMENDMENT 2015-33

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.2 --> 13.2)**

- 10.2 The Association's new executive will be comprised of the following table officers with their respective portfolios:
- 13.2 The National Executive Board will be comprised of the following:

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AMENDMENT 2015-34

**Delete the following paragraph: Par 10.3**

- 10.3 The executive will be referred to as the Executive Board (EB).

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AMENDMENT 2015-35

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.4 --> 13.3**

- 10.4 The office of the Executive Board and/or officer shall be automatically vacated:
- 13.3 The office of the National Executive Board and/or officer shall be automatically vacated if:





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AMENDMENT 2015-36

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.4a)--> 13.3a)**

- (a) if a person resigns his or her office by delivering written resignation to the Membership;
- (a) a person resigns his or her office by delivering written resignation to the Secretary;

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AMENDMENT 2015-37

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.4d)--> 13.3d)**

- (d) if the Membership passes a resolution by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Membership that he or she be removed from office; or
- (d) the Membership passes a resolution by two-thirds majority vote that he/she be removed from office;

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AMENDMENT 2015-38

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.5--> 13.4**

- 10.5 In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the Executive Board can appoint a replacement Executive Board Member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. No more than two (2) replacement Executive Board Members can be appointed per year. If a replacement Executive Board Member is appointed during a non-election year, then their position must be re-appointed at the next Annual General Meeting.
  - 13.4 In the event of a vacancy on the National Executive Board, the National Executive Board can appoint a replacement National Executive Board Member to serve until the next AGM. No more than two (2) replacement National Executive Board Members can be appointed per year. If a replacement National Executive Board Member is appointed during a non-election year, then their position must be re-appointed at the next AGM.
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AMENDMENT 2015-39

**Change "Executive Board" to "National Executive Board" 10.5 to 10.8 renumbered 13.5 to 13.8**

- 13.5 The members of the National Executive Board shall remain in office until the next election.
- 13.6 The members of the National Executive Board shall not have the right to vote on motions and shall only vote as Individual Members in elections.
- 13.7 In the case where the entire National Executive Board is removed from office, a committee of trustees comprised of five (5) members appointed by the Membership at the meeting of Membership where the National Executive Board was removed will stand for the purpose of conducting elections for a new National Executive Board in accordance with sections 8-11 of the by-laws. All financial activity will be suspended except that which applies to normal operations and the election process.
- 13.8 Any elected officer or National Executive Board Member or appointed National Executive Board Member may be removed on notice and by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Membership. A motion to remove may be made by any National Executive Board Member of any member of the NAJC. Any appointed National Executive Board Member may be removed for cause by vote of a majority of the National Executive Board. Motion to remove may be made by any National Executive Board Member. For purposes of this paragraph, cause shall include, but not be limited to:
- (a) disability from carrying on the usual and ordinary duties of an National Executive Board Member;
  - (b) an inability or unwillingness to assist the President in carrying out his/her official responsibilities as defined herein;
  - (c) failure to attend regular and duly called meetings of the National Executive Board, unless excused.

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AMENDMENT 2015-40

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 10.6.1--> 13.5.1**

- 10.6.1 The Past President shall remain in office for at least one term or as long as the term(s) of the current President, if so desired.
- 13.5.1 The Past-president shall remain in office for one year.

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AMENDMENT 2015-41

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 11--> 14**

11. Meetings of the Executive Board
14. Meetings of the National Executive Board
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AMENDMENT 2015-42

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 11.1--> 14.1**

- 11.1 Meetings of the Executive Board may be held at any time and place to be determined by the members of the Executive Board provided that seven clear days written notice of such meeting shall be given, other than by mail, to each member. Notice by mail shall be sent at least 14 days prior to the meeting. There shall be at least one meeting every three months of the Executive Board.
- 14.1 Meetings of the National Executive Board may be held at any time and place to be determined by the National Executive Board, provided that seven full days' notice of such meeting shall be given to each member. Notice shall not be necessary if all of the National Executive Board members are present, and none objects to the holding of the meeting, or if those absent have waived notice of or have otherwise signified their consent to the holding of such meeting. Notice of an adjourned meeting is not required if the time and place of the adjourned meeting is announced at the original meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2015-43

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 14.2**

- 14.2 There shall be at least one meeting of the National Executive Board every three months.

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AMENDMENT 2015-44

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 14.3**

- 14.3 Notice of National Executive Board Meetings need not specify the purpose of the business to be transacted at the meeting unless the meeting:
- Involves a matter that requires member approval;
  - Fills the vacancy of a director or public accountant;
  - Appoints additional directors;
  - Issues debt obligations;
  - Approves financial statements;
  - Adopts, amends or repeals by-laws; or,
  - Establishes members' contributions or dues.



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AMENDMENT 2015-45

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 11.2--> 14.4**

- 11.2 No error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the Executive Board or any adjourned meeting of the Executive Board shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member of the Executive Board may at any time waive notice of such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceeding taken or had thereat.
- 14.4 No error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the National Executive Board or any adjourned meeting shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member of the National Executive Board may at any time waive notice of such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

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AMENDMENT 2015-46

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 14.6.3**

- 14.6.3 At all meetings of the National Executive Board, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting in addition to an original vote shall have a second or casting vote.

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AMENDMENT 2015-47

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 11.4.3-> 14.6.4**

- 11.4.3 In the event that an election is not held within three (3) months of the expiration of the two (2) year term of members of the Executive Board, the Officers shall appoint a Nomination Committee of at least three (3) members of the Membership within three (3) months of its appointment.
- 14.6.4 In the event that an election is not held within three (3) months of the expiration of the Term of members of the National Executive Board, the Officers shall appoint a Nomination Committee of at least three (3) members of the Membership within three (3) months of its appointment.

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AMENDMENT 2015-48

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12--> 15**

12. Administration and Responsibilities
15. Administration and Responsibilities of the National Executive Board
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AMENDMENT 2015-49

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.1--> 15.1**

- 12.1 The Executive Board shall be responsible for the coordination of the work of the NAJC and for carrying out the policies and directives of the NAJC as determined by the Membership.
- 15.1 The National Executive Board or its designate shall be responsible for the coordination of the work of the NAJC and for carrying out the policies and directives of the NAJC as determined by the Membership.

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AMENDMENT 2015-50

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.2--> 15.2**

- 12.2 The Executive Board may administer the affairs of the NAJC in all things and make or cause to be made for the NAJC, in its name, any kind of contract into which the NAJC may lawfully enter except as hereinafter provided, and generally, may exercise all such other powers and so all such other acts and things as the NAJC is by its charter and constitution or otherwise authorized to exercise or do.
- 15.2 The National Executive Board or its designate may administer the affairs of the NAJC in all things and make or cause to be made for the NAJC, in its name, any kind of contract into which the NAJC may lawfully enter, except as hereinafter provided, and generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the NAJC is by its Articles of Continuance and Constitution or other otherwise authorized to exercise or do.

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AMENDMENT 2015-51

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.3--> 15.3**

- 12.3 The Executive Board shall have power:  
to authorize expenditures as delegated by the Membership on behalf of the NAJC from time to time;
  - 15.3 The National Executive Board or its designate shall have the power:
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AMENDMENT 2015-52

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.3d)--> 15.3d)**

- (d) to enter into a trust arrangement with a trust company for the purpose of creating a trust fund in which the capital and interest may be made available for the benefit of promoting the interests of the NAJC in accordance with such terms as the Executive Board may prescribe.
- (d) to enter into a trust arrangement with a trust company for the purpose of creating a trust fund in which the capital and interest may be made available for the benefit of promoting the interests of the NAJC in accordance with such terms as the National Executive Board may prescribe;

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AMENDMENT 2015-53

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.4--> 15.4**

- 12.4 The Executive Board shall take such steps as it deem requisite to enable the NAJC to acquire, accept, solicit or receive legacies, gifts, grants, settlements, bequests, endowments and donations of any kind whatsoever for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the NAJC.
- 15.4 The National Executive Board shall take such steps as it deems requisite to enable the NAJC to acquire, accept, solicit or receive legacies, gifts, grants, settlements, bequests, endowments and donations of any kind whatsoever for the purposes of furthering the objectives of the NAJC.

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AMENDMENT 2015-54

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.5--> 15.5**

- 12.5 The Executive Board may appoint such agents and engage such employees as it shall deem necessary from time to time and such persons shall have such authority and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Executive Board at the time of such appointment.
  - 15.5 The National Executive Board may appoint such agents and engage such employees as it shall deem necessary from time to time and such persons shall have such authority and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Executive Board.
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AMENDMENT 2015-55

**Delete the following paragraphs: Paragraph 12.6--> 15.6**

- 12.6 The acts of an Executive Board Member or of an officer are valid notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in his or her appointment or qualification.
- 15.6 The acts of a National Executive Board Member are valid notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in his or her appointment or qualification.

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AMENDMENT 2015-56

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13--> 16**

13. Duties of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President
16. Duties of Officers

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AMENDMENT 2015-57

**Add the following paragraph: Paragraph 16**

Unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board (which may, subject to the Act, modify, restrict or supplement such duties and powers), the offices of the NAJC shall have the following duties and powers associated with their positions.

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AMENDMENT 2015-58

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.1.1--> 16.1.1** 13.1.1 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the NAJC.

- 16.1.1 The President or designate shall be the chief executive officer and chair of the NAJC.

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AMENDMENT 2015-59

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.1.3--> 16.1.3**

- 13.1.3 The President shall have general and active management of the affairs of the NAJC.
- 16.1.3 The President or designate shall have general and active management of the affairs of the NAJC.
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AMENDMENT 2015-60

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.1.4--> 16.1.4**

13.1.4 The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board and the Membership are carried into effect.

16.1.4 The President or designate shall see that all orders and resolutions of the National Executive Board and the Membership are carried into effect.

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AMENDMENT 2015-61

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.2.1--> 16.2.1**

13.2.1 The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon him or her by the Executive Board or the Membership.

16.2.1 The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon him/her by the National Executive Board or the Membership.

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AMENDMENT 2015-62

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.2.2--> 16.2.2**

13.2.2 The Vice-President shall be the Chair of the Human Rights Committee.

16.2.2 The Vice-President shall be the vice-chair of the NAJC and Chair of the Human Rights Committee.

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AMENDMENT 2015-63

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.4.2--> 16.4.2**

13.4.2 The Secretary shall act as clerk thereof and ensure that all votes and minutes of all proceedings are recorded in the books to be kept for that purpose.

16.4.2 The Secretary shall ensure that all votes and minutes of all proceedings are recorded in the books to be kept for that purpose.

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AMENDMENT 2015-64

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.4.3--> 16.4.3**

13.4.3 The Secretary shall ensure that notice of all meetings of the Membership and the Executive Board are given.

16.4.3 The Secretary shall ensure that notice of all meetings of the Membership and the National Executive Board are given.

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AMENDMENT 2015-65

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.4.4--> 16.4.4**

13.4.4 The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal of the NAJC which he or she shall deliver only when authorized by a resolution of the Executive Board or the Membership to do so and to such persons or persons as may be named in the resolution.

16.4.4 The Secretary or designate shall be the custodian of the seal of the NAJC which he/she shall deliver only when authorized by a resolution of the National Executive Board.

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AMENDMENT 2015-66

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 13.5.1-- 16.5.1**

13.5.1 The Past President should provide advice and support to the Executive Board, regarding past practices and other matters to assist the Board in governing the Association.

16.5.1 The Past-president should provide advice and support to the National Executive Board regarding past practices and other matters to assist the Board in governing the NAJC.

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AMENDMENT 2015-67

**Change "Executive Board" to "National Executive Board" in 17.1, to 17.4 and 18.1**

17.1 Members of the National Executive Board, as such, shall not receive any stated remuneration for their services, but, by resolution of the National Executive Board, expenses of their attendance may be allowed for their attendance at each regular or special meeting of the National Executive Board.

17.2 No member of the National Executive Board shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his/her position as such; provided that a member of the National Executive Board may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties.

17.3 Any member of the National Executive Board who is engaged in or is a member of a firm engaged in any business or professional may act in and be paid the usual professional costs and charges for any professional business required to be done in connection with the administration of the affairs of the NAJC.

17.4 The remuneration of all agents, employees, and members of a committee formed or appointed by the Membership, shall be fixed by the National Executive Board by resolution.

**18. Indemnities to Members of the National Executive Board and Others**

18.1 Every member of the National Executive Board or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the NAJC and their heirs, beneficiaries, executors, and administrators shall from time to time and at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the NAJC, from and against:

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AMENDMENT 2015-68

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 15a)-- 18.1 a)**

- a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such member of the Executive Board, or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her, or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done, or permitted by him or her, in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office in respect of any such liability;
  - a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such member of the National Executive Board, or their heirs, beneficiaries, executors or administrators sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her, or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done, or permitted by him or her, in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office in respect of any such liability;
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AMENDMENT 2015-69

**Change "Executive Board" to "National Executive Board" : Paragraph 16.1, 16.3, 16.4 -- 19.1, 19.3, 19.4**

19.1 Contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the NAJC shall be signed by any two of the individuals named in a resolution of the National Executive Board.

19.3 The National Executive Board shall have the power from time to time by resolution to appoint an individual or individuals on behalf of the NAJC to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

19.4 The seal of the NAJC when required may be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or by an individual or individuals appointed by resolution of the National Executive Board.

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AMENDMENT 2015-70

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.1.1-- 20.1.1**

17.1.1 A General Meeting of the NAJC shall be held at some date not later than eighteen months after the incorporation of the NAJC and subsequently at least once every calendar year and not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding General Meeting.

20.1.1 A General Meeting of the NAJC shall be held at least once every calendar year and not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding General Meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2015-71

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.1.2-- 20.1.2**

17.1.2 The location of the Annual General meeting shall not be in the same province in successive years.

20.1.2 Meetings of the members may be held at any place within Canada as determined by the National Executive Board.

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AMENDMENT 2015-72

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.2-- 20.2**

17.2 A General Meeting may be convened by the Executive Board or by a resolution supported by two thirds of the total votes of the Membership.

20.2 A General Meeting may be convened by the National Executive Board or by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the total votes of the Membership.

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AMENDMENT 2015-73

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.4-- 20.4**

- 17.4 One month's prior written notice shall be given to each member of the Membership of any General Meeting or meetings of the Membership.
- 20.4 Thirty days' prior written notice shall be given to each member of any General Meeting or meetings of the Membership.

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AMENDMENT 2015-74

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.5-- 20.5**

- 17.5 Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted should contain sufficient information to permit members of the Membership to form a reasoned judgement on the decision to be taken.
- 20.5 Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted should contain sufficient information to permit members to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken and state the text of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting. All business transacted at a special meeting of members and all business transacted at an annual meeting of members, except consideration of the financial statements, public accountant's report, election of directors and reappointment of the incumbent public accountant, is special business.

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AMENDMENT 2015-75

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.6-- 20.6**

- 17.6 A meeting of the Membership:  
(a) may be called by the President; or  
(b) shall be called by the Executive Board forthwith upon receipt of a petition representing at least one-half of the total votes of the Membership.
- 20.6 A special meeting of the Membership:  
a) may be called by the President; or,  
b) shall be called by the National Executive Board forthwith upon a receipt of a written requisition representing at least fifty (50%) percent of the total votes of the Membership. If the National Executive Board does not call a meeting within twenty-one days of receiving the requisition, any member who signed it may call the meeting. Unless the members otherwise resolve at such meeting, the NAJC shall reimburse the members for the expenses reasonably incurred by them in requisitioning, calling and holding the meeting.
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AMENDMENT 2015-76

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.8-- 20.8**

- 17.8 The quorum at a meeting of the Membership shall represent a majority of the total votes of the Membership.
- 20.8 The quorum at a meeting of the Membership shall represent a majority of the votes of the Membership (unless a greater number of members are required to be present by the Act). If a quorum is present at the beginning of a meeting, the members present may proceed with the business of the meeting even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2015-77

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.9-- 20.9**

- 17.9 No error or omission in giving notice of any General Meeting or any adjourned meeting of the NAJC, to an individual member, member organization or member of the Executive Board, shall invalidate such a meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member of the Membership may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.
- 20.9 No error or omission in giving notice of any AGM or any adjourned meeting of the NAJC to an Individual Member, Organization Member or National Executive Board member, shall invalidate such a meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

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AMENDMENT 2015-78

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.10-- 20.10**

- 17.10 For the purpose of sending notice to any Member of the Organization or Member of the Executive Board for any meeting or otherwise, the address of the Member of the Organization or Member of the Executive Board shall be its or his or her last address recorded on the book of the NAJC.
- 20.10 For the purpose of sending notice to any member or member of the National Executive Board for any meeting or otherwise, the address of the member shall be his/hers/its last address recorded on the book of the NAJC. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) of the Act, a special resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to the by-laws of the NAJC to change the manner of giving notice of the members entitled to vote at a meeting of members.



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AMENDMENT 2015-79

17.12.1 Call for motions are sent out from the National Office at least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the NAJC AGM.

20.12.1 Call for motions are sent out from the National Office at least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the AGM.

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AMENDMENT 2015-80

17.12.2 Motions are to be returned to the National Office at least ninety (90) days before the NAJC AGM.

20.12.2 Motions are to be returned to the National Office at least ninety (90) days before the AGM.

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AMENDMENT 2015-81

17.12.3 To be verified and approved, Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting motions shall require:

- (a) one (1) Individual or Member Organization mover;
- (b) one (1) Individual or Member Organization seconder; and
- (c) approval by the NAJC Constitution and Resolutions Committee in accordance with Bylaw 21.8.

20.12.3 To be verified and approved, Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting motions shall require:

- (a) One (1) Individual or Member Organization mover;
  - (b) One (1) Individual or Member Organization seconder; and,
  - (c) Approval by the NAJC Constitution and Resolutions Committee in accordance with section 24.7 of the by-laws.
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AMENDMENT 2015-82

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 17.13.2-- 20.13.2**

- 17.13.2 Emergency Motions must meet the minimum prescribed tests as set out below:
- (a) must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for urgent consideration by the membership;
  - (b) must not revive a motion previously taken up in the same session pursuant to this rule;
  - (c) cannot raise any question which, according to the NAJC Constitution and Bylaws, can only be debated on a distinct motion under notice (Article VI and Bylaw 23); and
  - (d) cannot raise matters which form, in substance, a question of privilege.
- 20.13.2 Emergency Motions must meet the minimum prescribed tests as set out below:
- (a) Must relate to a genuine emergency, calling for urgent consideration by the membership;
  - (b) Must not revive a motion previously taken up in the same session pursuant to this rule; and,
  - (c) Cannot raise any question which, according to the NAJC Articles, Constitution and by-laws, can only be debated on a distinct motion under notice (section 9 and 26 of the by-laws).

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AMENDMENT 2015-83

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.1**

- 21.1 At any meeting of members every question shall, unless otherwise provided by the Articles, by-laws or the Act, be determined by a majority of votes cast on the questions. In case of an equality of votes either on a show of hands or on a ballot, the chair of the meeting in addition to an original vote shall have a second or casting vote.

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AMENDMENT 2015-84

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.4**

- 21.4 Each Supporting Member Organization shall have two (2) votes, such votes shall not be split and one ballot shall be cast and counted as two (2) votes.
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AMENDMENT 2015-85

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 18.3- 21.5**

18.3 The Executive Board elected in accordance with Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 , shall not be entitled to vote on motions and shall vote as an Individual Member at elections and shall attend all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

21.5 The National Executive Board elected in accordance with sections 8-11 of the by-laws shall not be entitled to vote on motions and shall vote as an Individual Member at elections and shall attend all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

AMENDMENT 2015-86

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 18.5- 21.7**

18.5 There shall be no mail-in ballots allowed for voting on motions.

21.7 There shall be no absentee voting allowed for voting on motions. Participation at meetings of members may not be by telephonic, electronic, or other communication facility.

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AMENDMENT 2015-87

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 18.6- 21.8**

18.6 Voting for elections shall be conducted anonymously and shall follow a process whereby the authenticity of ballots shall be verified and checked to ensure that Members cast their votes as permitted. Mail-in ballots shall be accepted only for elections pursuant to Section 7 dealing with mail-in ballots for elections.

21.8 Voting for elections shall be conducted anonymously and shall follow a process whereby the authenticity of ballots shall be verified and checked to ensure that members cast their votes as permitted. Mail-in ballots shall be accepted only for elections pursuant to section 10 of the by-laws.

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AMENDMENT 2015-88

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 18.7- 21.9**

18.7 Membership Organizations and Individual Members must be a member-in-good standing (pursuant to Section 4) for more than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting to qualify to vote.

21.9 Membership Organizations and Individual Members must be a member in good standing for more than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting to qualify to vote.

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AMENDMENT 2015-89

**Add the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.10**

21.10 Pursuant to subsection 197(1) of the Act, a special resolution of members is required to make any amendment to the by-laws to change this method of voting by members not in attendance at a meeting of members.

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AMENDMENT 2015-90

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 20.5 - 23.5**

20.5 The Membership shall, at its first General Meeting, appoint one or more auditors to hold office until the close of the next General Meeting and, if the Membership fails to do so, the Executive Board shall forthwith make such appointment.

23.5 At each AGM, the Membership shall appoint one or more auditors to hold office until the close of the next AGM, and if the Membership fails to do so, the National Executive Board shall forthwith make such appointment.

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AMENDMENT 2015-91

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.5 - 24.1**

21.1 The Executive Board may appoint a Committee to assist and advise them in the carrying out of their duties.

24.1 The National Executive Board may from time to time appoint one or more committees to assist and advise them in the carrying out of their duties.

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AMENDMENT 2015-92

**MOVE from Human Rights Committee 21.6.9 (a) to (e) to 24.2.7**

24.2.7 Committees are responsible for the following:

- (a) Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing an annual and long-term program plan;
- (b) Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing annual and long-term budgets;
- (c) Identifying current and developing issues;
- (d) Working with the National Executive Board to research and develop positions in determining priority issues;
- (e) On behalf of the National Executive Board and the Membership, delivering the annual work plan.



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AMENDMENT 2015-93

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.3.5 - 24.3.5**

- 21.3.5     The Endowment Fund program provides a pure community service without controversy, service as an important publicity vehicle for the NAJC.
- 24.3.5     The Endowment Fund program provides a pure community service without controversy and serves as an important publicity vehicles for the NAJC.

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AMENDMENT 2015-94

- 21.4     The NAJC National Development Portfolio
- 21.4.1     The National Development Fund is chaired by the NAJC Treasurer.
- 21.4.2     The National Executive Board is responsible for administering the uses of the National Development Fund.

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AMENDMENT 2015-95

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.5 - 24.4**

- 21.5     The Community Development Portfolio
- 24.5     The Community Development Committee

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AMENDMENT 2015-96

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.5.3 - 24.5.3**

- 21.5.3     The Community Development committee is responsible for providing direction to the Executive Board on the needs of the Japanese Canadian community in the following areas:
- links to the Cultural Centres and the Community in Canada;
  - resource for community and arts groups;
  - youth resources; and
  - facilitates network opportunities.
- 24.5.3     The Community Development Committee is responsible for providing direction to the National Executive Board on the needs of the Japanese Canadian community in the following areas:
- Links to the cultural centres and the community in Canada;
  - Resources for community and arts groups;
  - Youth resources;
  - Facilitates network opportunities.
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AMENDMENT 2015-97

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.6 - 24.6**

21.6 The Human Rights Portfolio

24.6 The Human Rights Committee

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AMENDMENT 2015-98

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.6.9 - 24.6.9**

21.6.9 The Human Rights Committee is directly responsible for:

- (a) coordinating their work with the Executive Board and National Development Committee in developing an annual and long term program plan;
- (b) coordinating their work with the Executive Board and the National Development committee in developing annual and long term budgets;
- (c) identify current and developing issues;
- (d) work with the Executive Board to research and develop positions in determining priority issues;
- (e) on behalf of the Executive Board and the Membership, deliver the annual work plan; and
- (f) media relations and community relations on human rights issues.

24.6.9 The Human Rights Committee is directly responsible for advising on media relations and community relations on human rights issues.

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AMENDMENT 2015-99

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.7.1 - 24.7.1**

21.7.1 A member of the Executive Board shall be the chair of the standing committee for membership.

24.7.1 A member of the National Executive Board shall be the chair of the Membership Committee.

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AMENDMENT 2015-100

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.7.3d) - 24.7.3d)**

21.7.3 The Membership Committee shall be responsible for:

- (d) reviewing new applicants for suitability to the NAJC in accordance with the Constitution.

24.7.3 The Membership Committee shall be responsible for:

- (d) Reviewing new applicants for suitability to the NAJC in accordance with the Articles, Constitution and by-laws.



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AMENDMENT 2015-101

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.8.3a)) - > 24.8.3a)**  
**And change Paragraph 24.8.3b) -> 21.8.3b)**

- 21.8.3 The Constitution and Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for:
- (a) ensuring that motions for the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings are valid within the confines of the Constitution and Bylaws;
  - (b) reviewing the NAJC Constitution and Bylaws as advised by the National Executive Board or the membership through the National Executive Board;
- 24.8.3 The Constitution and Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for:
- (a) Ensuring that motions for the AGM and Special General Meetings are valid within the confines of the Articles, Constitution and by-laws;
  - (b) Reviewing the NAJC Articles, Constitution and by-laws as advised by the National Executive Board or the membership through the National Executive Board;

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AMENDMENT 2015-102

**Delete the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.8.3c) and 21.8.3d) and replace with 24.8.3(c)**

- 21.8.3 The Constitution and Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for:
- (c) providing solutions discovered in review through recommendations to the National Executive Board or membership through the National Executive Board; and
  - (d) forwarding those recommendations to the National Executive Board or to the membership through the National Executive Board.

**Add Paragraph 24.8.3 c)**

- 24.8.3 The Constitution and Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for:
- (c) Upon review of the NAJC Articles, Constitution and by-laws, provide recommendations to the National Executive Board for presentation to the Membership.

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AMENDMENT 2015-103

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.9 - > 24.9)**

- 21.9 The Heritage Portfolio
- 24.8 The Heritage Committee
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AMENDMENT 2015-104

**Add Paragraph 24.9.3 c)**

- 24.9.3 The Heritage Committee shall be responsible for:
- (c) Encouraging and supporting the development of educational activities and resources on Japanese Canadian history and heritage; and,

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AMENDMENT 2015-105

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.9c) - > 24.9d)**

- 21.9.3 The Heritage Committee shall be responsible for:
- (c) proposing recommendations regarding (a) and (b) above to the National Executive Board and/or the membership through the National Executive Board.

24.9.3 The Heritage Committee shall be responsible for:

- d) Proposing recommendations regarding the foregoing to the National Executive Board and/or the Membership through the National Executive Board.

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AMENDMENT 2015-106

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 21.10.1 - > 24.10.1**

21.10.1 The Immediate Past President shall be the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

24.9.1 The National Executive Board will appoint a Chair of the Nominations Committee from past and former presidents.

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AMENDMENT 2015-107

**Add the following Section 24.11**

24.11. The Young Leaders Committee

- 24.11.1 A member of the National Executive Board shall be the chair of the Young Leaders Committee.
- 24.11.2 The Young Leaders Committee shall be comprised of appointed members with geographical representation, where there will be a maximum of two representatives per city.
- 24.11.3 The Young Leaders Committee shall be responsible for:
  - (a) Acting as the national voice of young people in Japanese Canadian communities;
  - (b) Engaging and connecting young people in Japanese Canadian communities across Canada;
  - (c) Proposing recommendations to the National Executive Board on programming, events, and annual budget.



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AMENDMENT 2015-108

**Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 22 to Paragraph 25**

**22. Books and Records**

- 22.1 The President shall ensure that minutes of General Meetings of the Membership, and meetings of the Executive Board are kept at the head office.
- 22.2 The NAJC shall keep books at its head office which include:
- (a) a copy of the letter patent, all bylaws of the NAJC and any supplementary letters patent;
  - (b) the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are and have been members of the Membership;
  - (c) the address and calling of every such person, while such member, as far as can be ascertained;
  - (d) the names, addresses and callings of all persons who are or have been Executive Board members of the NAJC with the several dates at which each became or ceased to be an Executive Board member.
- 22.3 The NAJC shall keep at its head office, proper accounting records with respect to all financial and other transactions of the NAJC, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall keep records of:
- (a) all sums of money received and disbursed by the NAJC and the matters in respect of which receipt and disbursement take place;
  - (b) all sales and purchase by the NAJC;
  - (c) all assets and liabilities of the NAJC;
  - (d) all other transactions affecting the financial position of the NAJC.
  - (e) all assets and liabilities of the NAJC;

**25. Books and Records**

- 25.1 The President shall ensure that minutes of the General Meetings of the Membership and meetings of the National Executive Board are kept at the National Office.
- 25.2 The NAJC shall keep books at its National Office which include:
- (a) A copy of the Articles of Continuance, by-laws and any amendments to the contacting documents;
  - (b) Minutes of meetings of members and committees of members;
  - (c) Resolutions of members and committees of members;
  - (d) Minutes of meetings and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and committees of the Executive Board;
  - (e) If any debt obligations are issued by the NAJC, a debt obligations register showing the name and residential or business address of each debt obligation holder; an e-mail address, if the debt obligation holder has consented to receiving information or documents electronically; the date on which each person named in the register became a debt obligation holder; the date on which each person named in the register ceased to be a debt obligation holder; and the principal amount of each of the outstanding debt obligations of each debt obligation holder;



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- (f) A Directors Register showing the name and residential address of each director; an e-mail address, if the director has consented to receiving information or documents electronically; the date on which each person named in the register became a director; and the date on which each person named in the register ceased to be a director;
- (g) An Officers Register showing the name and residential address of each officer; an e-mail address, if the officer has consented to receiving information or documents electronically; the date on which each person named in the register became an officer; and the date on which each person named in the register ceased to be an officer;
- (h) A Members Register showing the name and residential address of each member; an e-mail address, if the member has consented to receiving information or documents electronically; the date on which each person named in the register became a member; the date on which each person named in the register ceased to be a member; and the class or group of membership of each member.

25.3 The NAJC shall keep at its National Office proper accounting records with respect to all financial and other transactions of the NAJC, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall keep records of:

- (a) All sums of money received and disbursed by the NAJC and the matters in respect of which receipt and disbursement take place;
- (b) All sales and purchases by the NAJC;
- (c) All assets and liabilities of the NAJC;
- (d) All other transactions affecting the financial position of the NAJC.

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#### AMENDMENT 2015-109

#### **Change the following paragraphs: Paragraph 23 to Paragraph 26**

### **23. Amendments of Bylaws**

Following a consultative process with the Membership, the Bylaws may be amended at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Membership, provided that ninety (90) days written notice of the proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws and the time and location of the AGM or Special General Meeting has been given to the Membership. Any amendment to the Bylaws shall not be enforced or acted upon until the approval of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has been obtained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set out hands at the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba on the 18th day of May, 1986.

### **26. Amendment of By-laws**

26.1 The by-laws may be amended at an AGM or Special General Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Membership, provided that 90 days' written notice of the proposed amendment(s) and the time and location of the AGM or Special General Meeting has been given to the Membership.



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## **ENDOWMENT FUND RECIPIENTS – 2015**

**By: Bev Ohashi**

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

#### **Chuck Tasaka - Restoration of Ohairi Park**

Location: Nanaimo, BC

Ohairi Park is designated Japanese Park, but is obscure. The proposed restoration will make this park more visible to the public. The goal is to convert the gazebo into a teahouse, with the help of a Japanese landscaper to create a rock garden. In addition, a Torii will be built. Greenwood was the first internment camp and the first 'city' to accept the Japanese. Therefore it is felt there is a responsibility to give back the community and say Thank you.

Allocation: \$3,500

#### **Elena Kusaka - Historical Project on Dr. Shuichi Kusaka (documentary film)**

Location: Burnaby, BC

The proposed project is a historical research project on a fascinating Japanese-Canadian, Dr. Shuichi Kusaka. As a PhD student, of J. Robert Oppenheimer, Shuichi worked with world-renowned physicists during time of great scientific discovery. He tragically died while swimming near New Jersey in 1947.

The goal is to conduct in-depth research on Dr. Kusaka, by accessing archives and filming interviews in the United States, Canada, Israel, and possibly Japan. Dr. Kusaka's unique position as a Japanese who was devoted to J. Robert Oppenheimer, a man known as a "father of the atomic bomb," deserves further study.

Allocation: \$2,700

#### **Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island - Charcoal Pit Kilns Restoration**

Location: Salt Spring Island, BC

The Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island (JGSSSI) established to honour the memories of Japanese Canadian Pioneers and their contribution to Salt Spring Island (SSI) is sponsoring the restoration of charcoal pit kilns in partnership with Capital Regional District SSI Park and Recreation Commission (CRD/PARC).

The two charcoal pit kilns, located on land now called Mouat Park, were built in the early 1920's by Isaburo Tasaka. The pits were used to make charcoal, which was sold mainly to the canneries for the process of soldering cans, for the cannery.

Allocation: \$2,000



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### **Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba - Preserving Family Histories**

Location: Winnipeg, MB

This proposed project is entitled "Preserving Family Histories" that will assist interested individuals in teaching them various ways to preserving their family stories and contributes to the understanding of Japanese Canadian experiences in Canada. The purpose is to bring in resource professionals to teach participants how to use existing photos and stories to meaningfully create family resources that can be passed down to the next generation. We want to draw in younger people who have technological skills to assist participants in using available electronic means to capture the stories.

Allocation: \$3,350

### **Kagan Goh - Documentary Film "Breaking the Silence"**

Location: Vancouver, BC

The project is to do research and write the screenplay for the proposed documentary film "Breaking the Silence." The film is about a Japanese Canadian man named Akihide John Otsuji who was unjustly imprisoned from coming back to his hometown Vancouver, after the Second World War and Japanese Canadian Internment. Due to a racist policy of Dispersal (whereby the Japanese Canadian were given the choice to either repatriate to Japan or move east of the Rockies). Aki was imprisoned and labelled a criminal by the Canadian government - his only crime was being Japanese Canadian and coming back to the west coast. His sister Mary Seki considers him to be a hero because it took courage to singlehandedly defy an unjust racist law. The film is about his sister Mary Seki's quest to clear her brother's name and redress the wrongs of the past.

Allocation: \$3,500

### **Mark Kunji Ikeda – Theatre Project - "Sansei: The Storyteller"**

Location: Calgary, AB

To develop this work "Sansei: The Storyteller", through a two-week professional workshop development process in Calgary, and then take the performance on tour to Japanese community centres across Western Canada en route to a performance as part of 2015 Powell Street Festival.

Allocation: \$3,000

### **Powell Street Festival Society - Asahi Tribute Project**

Location: Vancouver, BC

The Asahi Tribute Project aims to establish a permanent commemoration of the legendary Asahi Baseball team with the creation of the Asahi Baseball Pitch game for use at Powell Street Festival and other community events, and to reinvigorate the Asahi Tribute Game at Oppenheimer Park.

Allocation: \$1,500



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### **Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc. - Taiko Group**

Location: Regina, SK

The proposed project envisions to support the creation of a new cultural entity - a Regina based taiko troupe. It is hoped that the initial training and equipment provided through this partnership will provide the catalyst for the creation of a self-sufficient and sustainable taiko troupe that can perform and actively share Japanese culture within the context of the larger multi-cultural community.

Allocation: \$2,500

### **Tetsuro Shigematsu – Theatre Show - “Empire of the Son”**

Location: Vancouver, BC

“Empire of the Son” is a new autobiographical one-person show that chronicles the multigenerational immigrant experience through the complex relationship between a Nisei playwright and his Issei father.

Rather than employing a conventional linear narrative, Empire of the Son leaps forwards and backwards in time: from the playwright's samurai ancestry in the 18th century, the Canadian present, to multiple imagined futures. With stories performed by the playwright, inventive sound technologies, and live electronic music performance, Empire of the Son will be an interdisciplinary exploration of one Japanese Canadian family's iridescent history.

Allocation: \$3,500

### **Vivian Wakabayashi Rygnestad - Book on Pidgeon English**

Location: Richmond, BC

The intention of this project is to record the language of and to honour the Issei/Nissei and their early years in Canada; it is part of our Japanese Canadian history. Many of these words continue to be in use today, sprinkled throughout mainly English conversations wherever Japanese Canadians gather.

The intention is also to generate interest among younger generations - for their understanding, and use. As a benefit, the use of and the understanding of these words promotes and constitutes a strong cultural tie for our Japanese Canadian community.

Allocation: \$3,500



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**SPORTS EDUCATION ARTS DEVELOPMENT (SEAD)**

**Jennifer Matsunaga - Archival Research -Japanese Canadian Research Secretariat and Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat.**

Location: Ottawa, ON

The project will involve archival research and interviews with selected individuals who worked for the Japanese Canadian Redress Secretariat and the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat. The research is about truth-telling in Canada and how it relates to reconciliation and reparations generally.

Allocation: \$2,500

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June 11, 2015

Matthew Quesnel  
347 Morley Avenue  
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Dear Mr Matthew Quesnel:

This is to inform you that you have been awarded the 2015 Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Congratulations!

It has been our practice to request a copy of the completed work undertaken by the award recipient. We hope you might make this available to our library when the project is completed.

When you have confirmed your registration in the fall, please send us certification of your registration as a full-time student as well as your social insurance number. In fall, and after receipt of this, we will send you the scholarship by cheque.

We would also like to issue a media release announcing the awarding of the scholarship in fall. Would you be open to sending a recent photograph for this purpose (either good quality print via mail or high resolution digital via email to [corysawatskypeters@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:corysawatskypeters@mennonitecc.ca))? If there are local, professional, or university groups that you would like to see carry the media release we would welcome receiving the names and addresses of these.

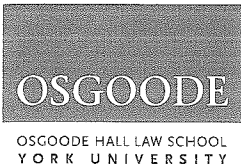
Best wishes for a good summer and success in your studies in the fall.

Sincerely,



Pam Peters-Pries  
Associate Program Director  
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cc: National Association of Japanese Canadians



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July 13, 2015

The National Administrator  
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Re: Osgoode Hall Law School Prizes

Dear National Administrator,

On behalf of Osgoode Hall Law School, I am pleased to inform you that the student recipients of the following prize are:

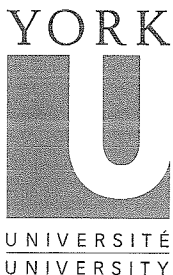
Kimberley Byers and Rodney Kort for the National Association of Japanese Canadians & Roger Sachio Obata C.M. Prize in International Human Rights Law for the student who obtains the highest standing in the course International Human Rights.

We are very grateful for your generous support of Osgoode's prize program. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Christine Hunter, Manager of Admissions and Student Financial Services at (416) 736-2100 ext.33243, or by e-mail at [chunter@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:chunter@osgoode.yorku.ca).

Yours truly,

Lorne Sossin  
Dean

cc: Ms. Susan Obata  
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## **SPONSORSHIPS FOR NAJC SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAM**

To build the NAJC scholarships and awards offered to Japanese Canadians to further their growth and learning as well as acknowledging their contributions to the Japanese Canadian Communities, corporate sponsors have joined to support this vital program. The goal is to expand our partnerships as we continue to develop the importance of recognizing the Japanese Canadian heritage through individual achievements.

Runchey, Miyazawa Abbott  
Auditor

